



The Chimes

May 2015

MARATHON, NOT SPRINTING

Friends,

In athletic, sprinting race is like storming to the goal in a lightning speed. Here only one athlete will be the winner who receives the prize. Sprints are short distances races—typically a game of reaching out to target in a flash of time. Runners in such game cannot maintain the race for more than 30–35 seconds due to the depletion of muscle strength.

Marathon is a different story. Perseverance and endurance are the critical factors play in it. It is not the level of speed that matters most; maintaining steady pace and completing the race is critical in it. Athletes know that the race would be long but it is worthwhile to be on the race for everyone who persevere till the end will receive the honor.

Bible compares our life to a marathon. Christian life is not about the speed or how dashing we are at going past another competitor and be the winner. Instead, it is about steadiness, firmness, determination, endurance, perseverance and focusing on the goal. It includes resisting distractions or temptations on the way to give up the race.

In Hebrews 12:1-2: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Christian marathon is not as simple as it seems. People start with a lot of enthusiasm and get very involved in many spiritual activities, particularly, in church activities or serving the community. But many end up like sprints; they run too fast in the beginning, lose energy on the way and so give up. They are distracted and so entangled of sin because of which they slow them down and eventually quit. How about we persevere toward the end by staying in a marathon?

Blessings,

Harsha

EDUCATION WORK AREA

The youth will be performing in church on May 17th. Please put the dates on your calendar.

If you are interested in teaching an occasional Sunday School class, please advise the education committee.

Vacation Bible School will be held from July 26-30 from 5:00 –7:45 PM. Please tell your neighbors and friends to bring their kids for this educational and social yearly tradition.

If you enjoy trampolines and rock climbing please join us at **Helium on Saturday, May 30 from 2-4.**

Last day of Sunday school will be May 17th.

Youth Group

Please bring in your aluminum cans for recycling. Proceeds from your donations benefit our youth. Please rinse out the cans and make sure they are emptied before you bring them to the church. Thank you!

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MEMORIAL DAY

Is it enough to think today
Of all our brave, then put away
The thought until a year has sped?
Is this full honor for our dead?

Is it enough to sing a song
And deck a grave; and all year long
Forget the brave who died that we
Might keep our great land proud and free?

Full service needs a greater toll,
That we who live give heart and soul
To keep the land they died to save,
And be ourselves, in turn, the brave!
-Annette Wynne

MISSIONS WORK AREA

Pancake Breakfast

May 17, 2015

Hope you are hungry for pancakes already, because there will be another one May 17th. Same menu – same price! There won't be another until fall.

South Milwaukee Human Concerns

Will be the May project. Your past generosity is greatly appreciated by the less fortunate. *They are now in need of baked beans and Hamburger Helper.*

In-Gathering for the 2015 Annual Conference

This year we have chosen to provide Health Kits for the 2015 In-Gathering. The kits should include:

- 1 hand towel (no kitchen or cleaning or microfiber towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (sturdy, 8 inch only)
- 1 metal nail file OR fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bar of soap (3oz. or larger)
- 1 adult-sized toothbrush in original wrapper
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages (3/4-1" size, wrapped in rubber band)

All items should be new and unused. Place them in a new, one gallon plastic zip bag. Also includes \$1 for toothpaste.

There is a sample in the narthex. If you would prefer that we shop for you, the cost of a complete kit is \$10. Feel free to contribute whatever any amount you can, if you wish to.

They will be taken to Annual Conference in June. The pennies from the Penny Drive (container in rear of the sanctuary) will also be delivered then.



Women Fellowship and Friendship meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m at the Market Place restaurant. Just call Cathy Andrew at 414-762-8638 or Jan Schafer at 414-764-4353 so they can make the reservation. All are welcome.

Deaths

Graveside services were held at Forest Hill Memorial Park on April 8th for Gene Stark with Pastor Harsha officiating. Gene died on March 31, 2015. Gene was a long time member of our church. Our sympathy to the family.

Services were held at Molthen-Bell funeral home on March 5th for James Stark with Pastor Harsha officiating. James died on February 27th. He was a brother of Gene and also a member of our church. Our sympathy to the family.

Memorial service was held on April 11, 2015 at the Delevan United Methodist Church for Rev. James Harrington. Jim died on April 6th. He was pastor of South Milwaukee United Methodist Church for several years. Our sympathy to Katie and family.

Word has been received of the death of Rev. Clarence Wildes on April 25, 2015. He served our church from 1972-1975. Condolences may be directed to his spouse, Deetje Wildes, 3117 South Lexington Blvd. Eau Claire, WI 54701



Thanks to all who contributed to the Rummage Sale in any way. With everyone's help it was a great success once again. We had lots of help setting up and we thank all who contributed by bringing in items to sell. Our profit was \$1,552.86 and the left-over items will be going to Salvation Army. Thanks for all your help. See you in the fall when we have our next one.

Advice for Grads

The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Dear South Milw. United Methodist Church:

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$250 donated this quarter through the UMC Advance to support the Child Rescue Centre.

In Sierra Leone, only 40 percent of boys and 33 percent of girls attend school past the primary level. Many families living in poverty believe they have no choice but to send their children to work instead of to school. Your gift is helping to change those circumstances for many children and their families. The programs of the Child Rescue Centre support more than 400 children; paying for their education, medical care, enabling them to thrive and achieve their God-given potential and breaking the vicious cycle of poverty and illiteracy.

Our other program in Sierra Leone, Mercy Hospital, provides excellent medical care to the children in our programs, as well as the larger community of Bo, through in-hospital programs and community outreach. The hospital is tackling the tough problems of childhood malnutrition, malaria, HIV/AIDS and maternal mortality through prevention, education and treatment.

Children are often the hardest hit by poverty. Your generosity will help these young persons overcome the obstacles of extreme poverty and become leaders in their community and their nation. Thank you and God bless you.

Warm regards,
Ginny Wagner
Executive Director

Recipe for the month

Large chocolate cake mix
1 egg

12 oz. diet Black Cherry soda

Mix together. Bake in 9x13 pan at 350 degrees for 30 – 35 minutes.

Cool. Top with lite cherry pie filling. Top this with Cool Whip.

Options: White cake mix with orange soda, and drained mandarin oranges.

White cake mix with blueberry soda and lite blueberry pie filling.

White cake mix with peach soda and peach pie filling.

Submitted by Annette Cizmowski

Birthdays

May 31st will be our Birthday Celebration Day. Plan to attend (immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Service) for birthday cake, beverage, conversation and fellowship with other birthday people.

5/1	Mavis Nayana	5/14	Tyler Orthmann	5/26	Troy Orthmann
5/3	Barbara Mueller	5/16	Jennifer Gentil		Jennifer Literski
5/5	Thomas Kasper	5/17	Jerry Goudy	5/28	Michelle Haslam
5/8	Eric Risch	5/19	Tim Essig	5/29	Betsy Moore
5/9	Steve Smith	5/21	Joy Gale		Eileen McFadden
5/10	Raymond Brunlinger	5/25	Norma Schmidt	5/31	Jeff Plale
5/13	Korrine Borck		Timmy Smith		

Scripture Readings for May, 2015

May 3

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8

May 10

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 17

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47
Ephesians 1:15-25
Luke 24:44-53

May 24

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:22-27
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 31

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

MAY 3, 2015

2 new confirmands will be joining the church on May 3rd. Hollie Smith and Aryanah Visintailer have completed their studies of confirmation class. We welcome them both as members of South Milwaukee United Methodist Church. Congratulations!

Dates to Remember

Confirmation Sunday, May 3
National Day of Prayer, May 7
Mother's Day, May 10
Armed Forces Day, May 16
Pancake Breakfast, May 17
Pentecost, May 24
Memorial Day, May 25
Trinity Sunday, May 31

HOBO DINNER

The Hobo Dinner date has been changed to the fall this year. Watch for more information in the next Chimes.