

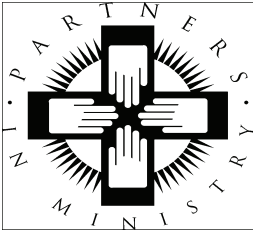


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The Voice

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Our purpose is to: Follow Jesus Together

We do this by:

- ✚ Opening our hearts to people and to Christ in worship and fellowship, so that we know God and each other more fully,
- ✚ Opening our minds to deepen our Christian faith, understand our heritage, and think together to solve common problems, and
- ✚ Opening our doors in welcome and hospitality, even as we go out of those doors to invite people into God's church and be in service to all of our neighbors everywhere.

Help Somebody

There's a song called "Help Somebody," written by Kip Raines and Jeffrey Steele that is performed by Country singers Donnie & Johnny Van Zant. As in many Country songs, there's some wisdom hidden in the midst of a story; something thoughtful in the midst of bold color.

The phrase from this song that was recently quoted to me is: "If you wanna hear God laugh, tell Him your plans."

It's a good quote. I'm not saying that we shouldn't plan — no, I think it's important to plan. If you don't aim at a target, you certainly won't hit it. But if we think our plans are a sure thing, or if we think we're in charge, we are mistaken.

I doubt that God laughs at us; but that God laughs at our plans rings true. When we decide we know just how to do something, especially if it involves other people, we're often in for a surprise.

So, keep planning, but be flexible, because God may have something greater in the works. As Dwight D. Eisenhower said in 1957: *Plans are worthless, but planning is everything.* There is a very great distinction because when you are planning for an emergency you must start with this one thing: the very definition of 'emergency' is that it is unexpected, therefore it is not going to happen the way you are planning.

The song, "Help Somebody," ends with a little more homespun wisdom:

Fight your fights, find a grace,
And all the things that you can change,
And help somebody if you can."

It's good advice.

~~Jim

Through Friday, August 27th, the church office will be open **Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** The church office will be **closed on Mondays.**



Check Out Our Web Site!

Go to cbusumc.com. New items will be added monthly.



Fellowship Time Schedule - August Volunteers

- August 1st: Rita Jordan
- August 8th: Eileen Bennett
- August 15th: Dave & Judy Stricker
- August 22nd: **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
- August 29th: The Plantenberg Family

The Voice is the monthly newsletter of the Columbus United Methodist Church.

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August Usher Schedule

- August 1: Orville & Beverly Karow and Dan & Beth Burnard
- August 8th: Stuart & Lois Smith and 1 **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
- August 15th: Tim & Julie Jensen and Louise Elske
- August 22nd: George & Rita Jordan and 1 **OR 2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
- August 29th: Audrey & Jamie Kasmiski and 1 **OR 2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Happy August Birthdays!



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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Brian Hamilton | 16 Philip Heiniger |
| Susan Williams | Richard Sheard |
| 3 Genese Brisky | 17 Shirley Felland |
| 4 Julie Jensen | 18 Jennifer Derr |
| Anna Stover | 19 Heather Hauge |
| 5 Roger Meyer | 22 Audrey Kasmiski |
| 9 Larry Baker | 23 Mary Carpenter |
| Kara Premo-Rake | Troy Wusterbarth |
| 12 Jack Basten | 24 Jasmine Rake |
| Dorothy Harris | 25 Debbie Braund |
| Robert Kluetzman | Kelsey Hoffman |
| 13 Alex Salinas | 31 Mildred Henke |
| 15 Dawn Ban | |
| Nicole Groh | |
| Barbara Mielke | |



Help Needed for Annual Pork Chop Dinner

The Missions Committee is looking for a volunteer to take charge of the Pork Chop Dinner. This dinner is to raise funds for our missionary, Paul Webster. The dinner is normally held sometime in September. We will have plenty of people willing to help with the dinner, but we need a talented, dedicated person who would be willing to oversee everything. If you are that person, please contact the church office, Eileen Bennett, or Beth Burnard. Thank you!

If you are interested in an updated directory, please call the church office at 623-3625 and one will be prepared for you!

Upcoming Sermon Topics

- Sunday, August 1st:** Holy, Communion, "Scriptures to Live By: Sowing and Reaping", 2 Corinthians 9:1-15
- Sunday, August 8th:** "Scriptures to Live By: Faith and Works", James 2:14-26
- Sunday, August 15th:** Patsy Roe Preaches
- Sunday, August 22nd:** A conversation about our church's mission
- Sunday, August 29th:** Worship with Prayers for Healing, "How Does Prayer Work?", 2 Kings 20:1-7, Mark 11:22-26

**Family-Friendly Friday
Night Film, August 13th—
7 p.m.**



The August film will be focused on themes that fit our emphasis for Vacation Bible School. We will be "Going Green" this summer and helping the children learn more about caring for the wonderful world God has given us.

We will feature "FernGully", an animated feature produced by 20th Century Fox and released on April 10, 1992. It is a film with an environmentalist theme about fairies living in FernGully, an area of Australian rainforest that is threatened by loggers. Zak, voiced by Jonathan Ward, works for a lumber company cutting down trees in FernGully, the home of a community of fairies. He unknowingly marks a tree to be cut down that imprisons a dark force, Hexxus (Tim Curry), that seeks to destroy FernGully and everything natural and beautiful in the world. Chrysta (Samantha Mathis) is a young faerie learning from the wisewoman of the fairies to be a healer of nature but she is too preoccupied by adventure to stick too long to her studies. She encounters Zak and shrinks him to faerie size by accident. While they are trying to find a solution to Zak's size problem he learns valuable lessons in the preservation of nature and the cruelty of mankind's pollution of the environment.

As always, volunteers for "ushers", food servers, set up and clean up are always needed. Come and join this growing family ministry!

Summertime

A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken. ~James Dent

In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle-light.
In summer quite the other way
I have to go to bed by day.
~Robert Louis Stevenson

There shall be eternal summer in the grateful heart. ~Celia Thaxter

The summer night is like a perfection of thought. ~Wallace Stevens

A life without love is like a year without summer. ~Swedish Proverb

Being a child at home alone in the summer is a high-risk occupation. If you call your mother at work thirteen times an hour, she can hurt you. ~Erma Bombeck

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time. ~John Lubbock

Love is to the heart what the summer is to the farmer's year - it brings to harvest all the loveliest flowers of the soul. ~Author Unknown

The love of Christ does for us what we could never do for ourselves.



The Wills & Gifts Committee of our church is pleased to present you this Wish List. If there are any additional items you believe should be on this list, please contact the Chairperson, Lyle Elske, or call the church office at 623-3625. These are opportunities for special giving.

Columbus United Methodist Church Wills & Gifts Wish List

Bulletin Sponsor	\$15.00 per week
VOICE Sponsor	\$50.00 per month
Gift Bibles for 1st & 3rd Graders	\$13.00 each
Child care for Praise Band Rehearsals	\$15.00 per week
7 Confirmation Picture Frames & Matting (each frame holds six pictures)	\$230.00 each frame (or sponsor one picture at \$40.00)
Seasonal silk flower arrangement for Sanctuary	\$35.00 to \$40.00 each
Easter/Wedding Altar Cloth and Pulpit & Lectern Paraments	\$2800.00
Wellness Fund—Counseling	Various Amounts
Wireless hand-held microphone and receiver	\$600.00



TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM WELCOME BASKETS

The CUMC Missions Committee will be collecting donations throughout the summer for United Methodist Children's Services Transitional Living Program. United Methodist Children's Services is a comprehensive, multi-faceted social service agency serving the Milwaukee community. The Transitional Living Program provides safe, affordable housing, on-site social services, and childcare. It is a comprehensive program which enables low-income, single parent families to become self-sufficient. This program has a great need for Welcome Baskets filled with cleaning supplies for the residents.

Here is the list of items that are needed:

- Laundry basket
- Laundry detergent
- Dish detergent
- Sponge mop
- Kitchen broom
- Dust pan
- Kitchen towels and washcloths
- Hand soap
- Shower liner and rings
- Toilet tissue
- Facial tissue
- Household cleaner
- Paper towel
- Non-abrasive tub cleaner
- Toilet cleaner
- Toilet bowl brush
- Twin and Queen sheets
- Kitchen wastebasket
- Kitchen size waste basket liners
- Alarm clock

Monetary donations are also welcome. Please indicate "TLP Welcome Basket" in the check memo, or if donating cash, please place in a Mission envelope and write "TLP Welcome Basket" on the envelope. Donations should be placed in the collection plate.

Community Outreach



On Sunday, July 4th, our Praise Team performed a concert under our canopy for anyone interested in stopping by.



Flyers inviting people to worship with us on Sundays were handed out as well as fresh popcorn.



It was a wonderful, uplifting experience for all!



Mission Offering for August



Mission Needs

Our Mission Offering for August will go to support UMCOR Disaster Relief programs in the United States. Your gift will make a real difference in the lives of people dealing with the aftermath of the Tennessee floods, and will also help the people of western Ohio piece their lives back together after the recent tornadoes.

Remember, we are also collecting items throughout the summer for Welcome Kits for families in the Transitional Living program. The box is located in the entryway.

~~Your Missions Committee

Church Custodian Position

After many years of faithful service, Wesley Karow will be retiring as our church custodian at the end of August. We are hoping to hire someone who will follow in Wes' footsteps, seeing the work as a labor of love for our church home.

The work would be approximately eight hours per week, with lawn & garden maintenance paid additionally on an hourly basis, for approximately 40 hours per month. There is an extra stipend for weddings and funerals. The custodian would be expected to keep tabs on the heating & cooling system, and do other basic maintenance. The custodian will clean the building after each use, dispose of trash and recycling, and check on the building before worship on Sunday. A more detailed list is available on request.

For more information, talk to Tessie Sharrow 920-210-7775 or Pastor Jim Cotter 920-350-2625 or another member of the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

“Taking the War Out of Our Words” – October 1 & 2

Recently, my wife, Marianne went to a workshop led by Sharon Strand Ellison that helped people speak so that others would listen, and listen so that others would speak. She came back very excited by what she learned, and ready to put it into practice.

The principles were very simple. They were ways of asking questions and making statements. Despite their simplicity, these methods help make conversations more honest and increase mutual understanding. Sometimes, they can change attitudes completely.

In her book, Ellison talks about a time she was buying tires for her car. Whenever she would ask a question about the tires, the salesperson would say, “You don’t need to know about that.” She began to seethe inwardly, because she thought that he was treating her as though women didn’t need to know about tires. Instead of expressing anger, Ellison calmed down, and asked the salesman a question. With as little emotion as possible, she asked, “Do you really think I don’t need to know about the tires I’m buying?” The salesman was quite taken aback by her question, and explained that he had taught at the community college, where his students often needled him with silly questions, and he had come up with the response “you don’t need to know about that” to get the students off his back. Both Sharon Ellison and the salesman left that interchange much happier.

I hope you can come on October 1 & 2 to an event at our church, at which Sharon Strand Ellison will teach her principles. You can register at our church office, or ask us to send you a registration blank. The cost is \$150 for the two days, or \$75 for Friday only, but persons will not be turned away for lack of ability to pay. This price is much lower than Sharon Ellison would normally charge for two eight-hour days of instruction, coming all the way from California.

This event will be helpful for anyone, but especially parents or anyone else who has to deal with conflict on a regular basis. For more information, call the church office. The event is also being sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church, Olivet United Church of Christ and the Wisconsin Council of Churches.

~~Jim

August Anniversaries



8/4 Kris & Amber Caswell
 8/6 Rhonda Miller & Gary Lane
 8/10 Ben & Mildred Henke
 8/21 Gail McCoy & Ken Kicinski
 8/21 Dick & Beth Mortimer
 8/28 Kermit & Margaret Barnhart
 8/31 James & Marianne Cotter

Discussion in Worship

Many of you felt very positive about the process we used in talking about whether or not we should do a relational covenant. That conversation led to us putting the idea on hold indefinitely, but wanting to continue to explore how we relate to one another as Christians.

Some have expressed the desire to have other conversations in worship. If you have a topic you would like us to discuss, see Pastor Jim.

August News & Notes: Children and Youth Ministries

This is going to be a great month!! **Vacation Bible School is August 23, 24, and 25**



Our VBS this year is **ReNew: The Green VBS**. We will be using The Parable of the Sower as we journey through the scriptures and develop a sense of caring for the wonderful world God has given us. There will be storytelling, arts and crafts, music, skits and dramas, videos for Opening Worship, and delightful healthy snacks. These are just a very few of the myriad of components guaranteed to spark the interest of students and staff this year!! We will use recycled materials for our creations and will be planting seeds of faith and promise as well as seeds that grow yummy things!!

We will have an Adventure Afternoon program from noon to 6 pm for students who need full day care to attend. Last year this was a very successful component and provided a great opportunity to share God's love and share our facility with students who are not part of our church. This is how we plant seeds of God's love and live in Mission as Christ calls us to.

Registration forms are available at church on August 3rd. Call or more information, questions or concerns.

If you can help in any way with snacks, classes, decorating , designing sets, prepping art projects, providing food for lunch for all day students, or donating resources or money to cover any added costs not in our budget, call me at the church or my cell phone 920-210-4048. Sign up sheets will be passed during worship the first few weeks of August. There will be some visits from a certain "little girl "with some things to tell you and ask you about Bible School during worship services.

Summer Sunday school

- Our video and snacks have turned out to be far more!! Students come eager to also listen to the stories, create artwork based on the stories and to listen to how Gods word can brighten and uplift our life!
- Attendance has been steady and our faithful students are a blessing to teachers and helpers. You would be blessed to hear and see their enthusiasm as we share the love of Jesus with them.
- We can use additional volunteers for Sunday school now and in the school year. Please let me know if you would like to help.
- Fall Rotation Sunday School will continue the Theme of ReNew: The Green VBS and the Parable of the Sower. Our students are eager to and GROW!

God bless you and keep you surrounded in love and care. Pass it on !!

Mary Baker

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Upcoming events you might want to know about!

- ◆ Sunday, August 1st:
 - **9:00 a.m.—Traditional Worship/Communion**
 - **10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Time**
 - **10:30 a.m.—Sunday School**
 - **10:30 a.m.—Contemporary Worship/Communion**
- ◆ Friday, August 13th:
 - **Family-Friendly Friday Night Film—“Ferngully”**
- ◆ Sunday August 15th
 - **9:00 a.m.—Traditional Worship/Patsy Roe Preaching**
 - **10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Time**
 - **10:30 a.m.—Sunday School**
 - **10:30 a.m.—Contemporary Worship/True North**
- ◆ Monday, August 23rd—Wednesday, August 25th:
 - **9:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon—VBS (Vacation Bible School)**

