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Our Mission: To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world
Our Vision: Renew: Body, Mind, Soul

THIS FALL - PREPARE FOR DISASTER & BEASTS



For the last couple of months in worship we've been working through the earliest days of the church through the opening chapters of Acts of the Apostles. It might take a year to preach Acts, but I probably wouldn't enjoy that year very much. Don't get me wrong; I love Acts. But there's more to the Bible!

I've spent the year thinking (and discussing with a few people) that this is an election year. This Fall, we will likely need to balance being a launching pad into our mission field with being a sanctuary from the division in our world. We'll all need a safe, politics-free, Christ-centered zone where our brains and hearts can rest.

With those things in mind, I'd pleased to announced our two Fall sermon series. First, we'll look toward the end of Acts, the 27th chapter, and learn about Paul's extraordinary shipwreck story. We'll take the story bit by bit, diving into the leadership and discipleship lessons we can learn from Paul's harrowing and accidental journey to Malta. On the last Sunday of that series, we'll discuss Paul's snakebite, which will help us pivot into the next series - Wild Word: Animals of the Bible.

Through October and November, I will be preaching about animal stories of the Bible. From the most domesticated to the most exotic, we'll be covering some of the interesting animal stories of the Bible. With footage from the zoo and a little bit of help from you, we'll be able to learn more about the Bible, God's good creation, and the interplay of science and the Bible during the seven week series. We'll talk about why the Hebrew Scriptures often mentions horses dying with their riders, an animal that made Biblical translators scratch their heads, and why being called a cow from a certain town was the worst insult.

You can help this series by bringing/sending in photos of your dogs to the office. We'd love to have a great montage of our canine companions for the Sunday we discuss a story of Jesus that involves domesticated dogs.

As always, I look forward to the next few months with you as we take a break from the world to focus on worship and equip each other for service to the world God so loves.

Kim



Twelve men met on August 6th, for some very tasty pork ribs prepared by Curt and Mary Jane Mottesheard. Pat's devotional "Do You Believe in Miracles" showed how God sometimes works in our lives and was a good segue to Bruce Bradley, Curt Mottesheard and Paul Jones testimonies about their spiritual walks with God. It is so important to realize that our actions can speak louder than words and can lead someone to Christ! Each of these men had a heartfelt story to tell and made us all think of how God has been active in our lives.

The next meeting for the United Methodist Men will be September 9th, at 5:30 PM at The ARK. This meeting was moved back one week due to the 1st being on Labor Day. Dinner will be provided by Curt and Dena Weaver and the program will be a continuation of our spiritual walks with other members of this group. Please come and enjoy some great food and fellowship.

Pat Blinzler

SEPTEMBER 29
Liturgist: Carol DeLatte
Livestream Host:
Ushers: Tommy & Ann Owen
Greeters: Cathie Page & Joann Warman
J.A.M.:

SEPTEMBER 1
Liturgist: Amanda Ragsdale
Livestream Host: Becky Choate
Ushers: Cara & Maggie Melvin
Greeters: Sherry Bowers & Jenn Smith
J.A.M.: Family Sunday - NO J.A.M.
WEBCO: Devotion - Mary Gilmore
Prayer - Becky Bell

SEPTEMBER 8
Liturgist: Ken Thompson
Livestream Host: Gail Barnekow
Ushers: Curt & Mary Jane Mottesheard
Greeters: Joann Warman & Linda Hyde
J.A.M.:

SEPTEMBER 15
Liturgist: Rex Newcomb
Livestream Host: Damon Cansler
Ushers:
Greeters: Dawn Corbin-Deutsch & Joann Warman
Communion Servers: Jenn Smith & Susan Newcomb
J.A.M.:

SEPTEMBER 22
Liturgist:
Livestream Host:
Ushers: Joann Warman & Cara Melvin
Greeters: Noel & Sharon Day
J.A.M.:

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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KIDS FIRST EVENTS

6,393 Legos, 200 water balloons, 15 pizzas, and 1 bounce house later...we wrapped up our final Kids-First event of the summer. And it was a blast! I am already excited to start planning for next summer's events.

September 1st is Family Sunday. We will be making a back to school craft in the Fellowship Hall after church. We hope to see you there!

Maggie Melvin

YOUTH Schedule

The MUMC Youth meet at 6:00 on Wednesdays at The ARK. Youth Schedule for the month of September:

- September 4th Regular Meeting
- September 11th Regular Meeting
- September 18th No Meeting
- September 22nd Activity
- September 25th Regular Meeting

Marshfield UMC,
I want to thank you very much for supporting my academic journey by honoring me with scholarships. I am extremely grateful to know that the family I have in all of you is supporting me on my walk of life! Although I do not know what, I know the Lord has great things planned for me. Your aid will greatly benefit me in trying to figure these things out, and I am extremely grateful for that :).

Sincerely,
Jackson Gardner



WOMENS BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to join Jan Robertson on Tuesday, September 10th at 11:00 for pizza and to watch the movie "The War Room" (prequel movie to the Bible study).

On Tuesday, September 17th, at 11:45 the group will start a five-week Bible study titled "The Forge". Following the Bible study, the group will go see the movie "The Forge".

Please contact Jan Robertson with any questions.

TEMPLE ISRAEL



Last Friday evening a group from our church, by invitation, celebrated Shabbat with the congregation of Temple Israel. The gracious hospitality of our hosts began when we were welcomed at the door and given an explanation of the worship service we were about to experience. In the sanctuary, surrounded by the stained glass shared heroes of our faiths, the ancient Jewish ritual, perhaps the very same words heard and spoken by Jesus, was recited, sung, chanted, and read in unison. A highlight for many of us was the opening of the ark and the removal of one of the huge scrolls of the Torah, protected in its beautiful cloth sheath. A lay person carried the Torah around the congregation, where no one turned their back to the scriptures, and a lay person read from Deuteronomy and taught her interpretation of the verses. Following the worship service, the congregation extended to us even more hospitality with a time of fellowship and refreshment. We truly experienced Shabbat Shalom.



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LOGOS: NEXTGEN MINISTRIES, MINISTRY ARCHITECTS, RURAL POLICEMEN CONNECTION

Stephanie Caro, lead consultant and small church specialist at Ministry Architects, will serve as your guide. She has over 15 years of experience working with church leaders to build their children's and youth ministries. Anyone from MUMC interested in attending may attend for FREE, but you must let Maggie know you plan to attend so she can get you registered.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING PHOTO DIRECTORY DAY - SEPTEMBER 15TH



MEMO DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF EACH MONTH

If you have information that needs to be in the MEMO it needs to be submitted by the end of business on the 15th of each month. You can submit information by email: marshfieldumchurch@gmail.com AND carajmelvin@gmail.com or in person during regular church office hours 8:00-12:00 M-F. Thank you for helping keep things running smoothly.

MUMC TO HOST EVENT

Marshfield UMC will host churches from around the Conference for a NextGen Ministries event on Sunday, September 22 from 2:00-6:30 PM. This one-day training provides leaders of small-sized, medium-sized and rural churches with the tools to build a children's or youth ministry that lasts beyond the initial burst of excitement. Teams will leave with a list of next steps to take for reinvigorating or starting a young people's ministry at their church.

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