

The Meeting House

Washington United Methodist Church

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"If you make disciples, you always get the church. But if you make a church, you rarely get disciples." (Mike Breen, Building a Discipling Culture, 5)

This line serves as a reminder to me of what I am here for and what Jesus ultimately wants to do through my life. Particularly, this helps me continue to stay in the tasks that we as the church are supposed to do in times of difficulties. As you might know, we have been facing a financial shortfall since early this year. Fortunately, our finance committee along with Ad council works very hard to turn it around. Ad Council assigned the tasks to find a solution to solve the problem. Ad council created a steering committee under the leadership of Bob Helscher, chair of Finance Committee and he works hard with several of the excellent leaders in this church. As a pastoral leader of this church, I pray to God to help us find the right direction God wants us to head to and challenge all of us to dive into a stream of change. I believe we should turn a steering wheel from making a church to making disciples of Jesus which is the main reason we are here as a church.

What would you say is the ultimate purpose of Jesus' work on earth? We can find a good answer, if we go to the gospel and read what Jesus did on earth. What is the first thing Jesus did in his public life? He found people and equipped them as his disciples, and sent them to the world: find, equip, and send. Do you know what the Great Commission Jesus entrusted to his disciples/us to do: to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20): "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

Jesus started his work with finding people, equipping them as his disciples, and sending them to the world to make Jesus' disciples. Jesus apprenticed his disciples for three years. He trained them by showing who he is, what he is supposed to do, and what He was heading for. Jesus did not call us to build his church. Rather, he called us to make disciples.

In late September, I want to deliver a special message series about making disciples: In those messages, we can revisit our current ministries in the light of making disciples and challenge all of us to pray together and discern together how to reorient the direction toward a disciple making church. We are all called to be here in WUMC as Jesus' disciples and work together to make disciples through what we are doing. We have resources and talented people. Most of all, we have passion for making disciples and love for people in this community. If we continue to make disciples, we will get the church.

God's Blessing and Loving Care to All
Kwang



Mission Minutes

The Mission-Outreach committee thanks all who helped with our Camp REECE evening, Wednesday, July 31st. The weather was ideal this year and the following people sat with the campers as Andrew Zuelke led everyone in singing: Lori Bauer, Barbara Zehr, Beth Evanovich, Judy and Bill Frederick, Pastor Kwang and Yune Song and Shirley Pfeifer. Cookies were donated by Karen McCreedy, Linda Birney, Dana Rembold, Yune Song and Saturday Kitchen.

UMW News

It has been 150 years since the Women’s Foreign Missionary Society was founded by a group of women in Boston to help the lives of women, children and youth. The Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign was launched in 2014 to ensure that this work continues as the needs are as great as ever. Our local unit has given \$170 to the Legacy Fund as proceeds from cookbook sales in memory of lone Burham and \$400 from our birthday party to make a total of \$570. We support our local mission through member’s pledges. UMW does not have “dues” but asks for a pledge because each person knows what she can give. A pledge can be paid annually, monthly or weekly. The United Methodist Women is an independent organization. We have an association with the United Methodist Church but have our own finances, our own mission projects and our own missionaries. Anyone is welcome to join, regardless of any church affiliation.



Quilters

Anyone who enjoys sewing is welcome to join the quilters group. They meet on the first and third Monday of every month, starting **Sept. 16th**, 9am-12pm, Fellowship Hall. Quilts are donated to those in need, some go to the annual Thanksgiving Ingathering and others go to retirement homes.



The Upper Room

The **September/October** issue of the Upper Room is available at all of the entrances to the sanctuary. Please take one for yourself and another for a friend.

Year-to-date Financials

General Fund	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	
This month	10,542	10,050	
Year to Date	177,688	186,128	

As you may recall my earlier articles in The Meeting House, we were concerned that we would not be able to meet our financial responsibilities. For the first time in recent memory, we have had to postpone our share of our annual conference apportionments because we are running short of funds. I'm writing today to call your attention to these circumstances, which we all have known were coming, but now find have arrived. We must ask you to prayerfully consider your own situation and reconsider our commitment to our budget.

Not all my news is bad news; we actually have some very positive things to consider when we look at our current position:

1. We have been blessed with a talented and responsible series of members on our Board of Trustees who have taken their responsibilities very seriously and, because of their hard work, we find ourselves with a building in remarkably good condition for a 107-year-old structure.
2. We are also incredibly blessed with friends and parents and grandparents who had enough love and foresight to endow our Church with many generous financial gifts. These gifts are held and managed under the stewardship of our Endowment Committee.

However, in virtually all circumstances like this, we have to consider a few things before we go too far congratulating ourselves on our good fortune:

Most of the Endowment funds were given to us with some restrictions and instructions on how we were to use those funds. The Endowment Committee takes the responsibility of the stewardship of these funds very seriously, and we must require a prudent use of these funds and satisfy ourselves that we are keeping faith with our benefactors. **This means that, while we cannot use these funds directly for annual budget items, we can use Endowment funds for startup programs and new ministries to help grow our congregation and Church to increase our membership.**

Also, the United Methodist Book of Discipline limits our access to funds such as these by requiring that the Endowment Committee not use funds for routine expenses that would normally be considered the responsibility of the Church's ongoing annual budget but would not include new ministries or programs. Also, we are limited to use only the income generated by the fund's principal and we must, except in very specific circumstances, leave the principal intact.

Finally, these gifts were given to us to use, and we must honor their wishes and use them to continue the work and ministry of our Congregation. On the other hand, we have these funds here now to use on new ministries and programs to use because of the care and prudence with which they have been used in the past.

Therefore, we must be judicious and prudent on how we use these funds, but we do have funds available which can be incredibly useful and helpful if we use them well.

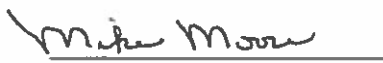
3. Finally, The Ad Council, working with the Finance Committee have commissioned a "Strategic Planning" Committee and charged them with the responsibility of analyzing our situation and developing plans for addressing this as well as other needs and reporting to the Ad Council and ultimately to the Congregation at this year's Charge Conference in the fall.

In the mean-time, we have to pay our bills and this means we must ask you, our congregation, for some patience and support.

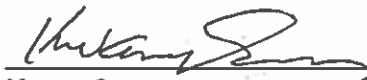
You have already been incredibly generous, and we ask for your patience to allow us to find our way through this situation.



Bob Helscher
Chair, Finance Committee



Mike Moore
Chair, Administrative Council



Kwang Song
Pastor



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Please advise the church office if you move, change or drop a landline or cell#, have a new email address or change your name. Do not hesitate to call or email to make sure the office has your correct information.

Vacationers and Snow birds!! - please let the office know what your departure and return dates are. The database can be programmed so that you will automatically continue to receive the Meeting House and any other mailings, without interruption, at your winter and/or summer locations. If you choose not to receive any mailings while you are away, please let the office know so that mailings can be stopped until you return.



"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

John 15:12



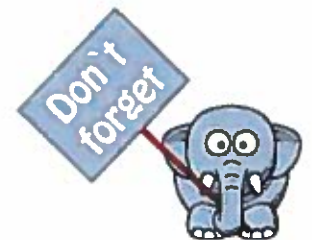
Stephen Ministers are lay people - Christian men and women - trained to provide one on one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life. A Stephen Minister begins a caring relationship when he or she is matched with a person experiencing a life crisis. The Stephen Minister then meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The relationship lasts as long as the person is in need of care.

A Stephen Minister receives 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care, and meets with his or her care receiver for about an hour each week, for as long as there's a need. Men are matched with male ministers, and women are matched with female ministers and it is completely confidential. All who serve become part of a team that helps people win life's toughest battles.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, or if you'd like to find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister yourself, go to stephenministries.org, or contact Jean Macenski at 319-653-6949.

Sunday Bulletin Announcements - Due in the church office no later than the preceding Wednesday afternoon.

Meeting House Articles - Due in the church office no later than the 15th of the month (for the following month), regardless of what day the 15th falls on.



All announcements and articles are subject to Pastor approval.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1</p> <p>8am & 10am Services 10am Children's Sunday School</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>HAPPY LABOR DAY</p> <p>Labor Day - Church office closed</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30am Prayer Grp 11:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Missions/ Outreach</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6pm Praise Team 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8am & 10am Services 10am Children's Sunday School</p> <p>2:30pm Halcyon House</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:30pm Worship Committee</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30am Prayer Grp 11:30am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>3pm-5pm Kidz Klub 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm SPRC 6:30pm YouthGroup 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:30am WAMA</p> <p>6:30pm Trustees</p>	<p>13</p> <p>12:00pm UMW</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8am & 10am Service 10am Children's Sunday School</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9am Quilters</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30am Prayer Grp 11:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Children's Ministry</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3pm-5pm Kidz Klub 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm SPRC 6:30pm YouthGroup 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30pm Finance 7:30pm Ad Council</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8am UMM</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8am & 10am Service 10am Children's Sunday School</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30am Prayer Grp 11:30am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>25</p> <p>3pm-5pm Kidz Klub 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm YouthGroup 6:30pm YouthGroup 7pm Chancel Choir</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>ALL MUSIC SUNDAY</p> <p>10am Services 10am Children's Sunday School</p>	<p>30</p>					

*Not every committee meets every month, your committee chair-person will advise you of scheduling.



Thank you for my 90th birthday rose. I would also like to thank my church family for coming to celebrate my birthday. It was a wonderful day. I also appreciated the many cards and well wishes.
Norma Turnipsead

September Birthdays!

1

Nancy Sutton
Quincy Van Winkle

2

Michael Liska
Jill Moore
Kathy Wells

3

Connie Eberline
Russell Parker

4

Dawson Guy
William Kaufman

5

Drew Hartzler
Mary Ann Knupp

7

Richard Bonar
Bruce Timmins
Evan Young
Edward Ziegrowsky

8

Heath Adrian
Mike Forinash
Nicole Peterson

11

Tina Thomas

12

Pat Hamil

13

Craig Stout

14

Noah Greiner
Amy Miller
Adisyn Protsman

15

Abby Charlier
Sara English
Kathy Wallace

16

Sally Beezley

17

Jim Blum
Michael Unternahrer
Kurt Venenga

18

Regan Enfield
David Horsey
Addison Shive

19

Jim Munn

20

Tammy Crull
Carolyn Dixon

22

Eric Manz
Barb Millward
Olivia Postl

23

Betty Eden

24

Lindsay Crawford



25

Joyce Bryan
Mark English
Dean Wilson

27

Kendall Hinrichsen
Lauren Hinrichsen

29

Margaret Dunn
Matthew Schneider

***Bold names
indicate
90+ birthdays!**



September Anniversaries!



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Kwang and Yune Song

24

Scott & Keely Brower

25

Jeff and Debra Lueck
Richard & Charlotte Magdefrau

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