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SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

1990-2020 - Celebrating 30 Years

On **Sunday, February 2**, millions of Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. Drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship on **February 2**. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$135 million has gone to help people in need. Funds collected will be sent directly to our local food pantry (St. Stephen's). Join the movement transforming Super Bowl weekend in the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

JUST BAKERY

Just Bakery (a Madison-area Urban Ministry Program) will sell bakery items **Sunday, February 2**.

SEEDS OF PEACE BLOOD DRIVE

Snow storms and frigid weather has affected donations, causing over 2,300 blood and platelet donations to go uncollected this month due to blood drive cancellations. Subfreezing temperatures have also forced many donors to delay donations. **There is an urgent need for donations of all blood types.** Please schedule an appointment to donate at our upcoming blood drive at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (4011 Major Ave, Madison) on **Monday, February 3** from 1-6pm. If you already have an appointment, please recruit friends and family to also donate. Go to redcrossblood.org to register.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT VALENTINE'S DAY!

Adult & teen volunteers will be babysitting your children for free on **Friday, February 14**, from 6:00 to 8:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall & Nursery so you can enjoy a special night out or just have time to do some uninterrupted chores (doubtful, but possible!).

Children 1 year of age and older welcome.

Pizza, ice cream, snacks, drinks, games, crafts, and videos provided!

Signup in Fellowship Hall or email Kay in the church office (secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net).

Contact the church office if you are able to volunteer.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Friends,

It is February of the year 2020 (I am still getting used to that date), and I'm happy to say that the news about our finances is better than what I shared with you in December.

Because of greater than expected giving at the end of the year —thanks to your generosity— our end-of-year deficit was much smaller than we anticipated. Specifically, the \$40,000 deficit we were projecting turned out to be considerably lower at \$13,125. This was only slightly higher than the \$8,750 deficit for which we budgeted. And with the estimates of giving that you and I have made for 2020, plus the cuts made to the 2020 budget, the Finance Committee feels confident we will be able to minimize deficits again this year.

There is other good news, too. Our estimates of giving, or pledges, for 2020 total \$224,308. This is 90% of the amount of contributions we budgeted for. Not only is this an unusually high percentage, but it gives us reason to be optimistic that our pledges, together with unpledged giving and the cuts made for the 2020 budget, will minimize our deficits again this year.

On another topic, I want you to know there has been some more discussion about the payment of our church apportionments (our fair share of supporting the wider mission of the United Methodist Church).

Last spring the UMC's General Conference passed legislation that prevents those of our number who are LGBTQ from becoming pastors or being married by UMC pastors. In response, our church made the decision to continue paying our apportionments to our Wisconsin Conference and the North Central Jurisdiction to which we belong, but to begin withholding (and to place in escrow for later payment) the part of our apportionments that goes to the General Church (at the international level). We made this decision in protest of the General Conference legislation.

The issue of withholding part of our apportionments resurfaced recently when news broke in January that new legislation that would better include our LGBTQ members—legislation called the "Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace through Separation"—would be brought to the General Conference in May with a good chance of passing. In fact, some news headlines already declared that the UMC will now separate. This caused our leadership to wonder if it is time to reconsider our earlier apportionment decision.

Then we learned that the Protocol legislation would be only one of 13 pieces of legislation brought to General Conference to be worked through, and that the legislative process there is multi-layered and very complex. This tempered our church leadership's optimism about the Protocol legislation (though we remain hopeful about its passage).

After discussion at its January meeting, our Finance Committee decided *not* to recommend to the Administrative Council any change in our apportionment policy. This means that funds would continue to be withheld and placed in escrow. The Administrative Council met to discuss the issue at the end of January, and decided to make no change to our current practice of withholding the small percentage of our apportionment payments that goes to the General Church. Before changing this practice, we would like to have greater assurance that the UMC is going to change its policy towards the LGBTQ community to align with our own (the inclusive position of Monona UMC which is stated on the front of the weekly worship bulletin).

I just wanted to update you on these two important items while the year is still young. Please pray for a healthy and gracious resolution of the UMC's woes at the General Conference in May. And thank you for your generosity and faithful management of the resources with which God has entrusted you!

Together in Christ,

Pastor Brad

BIBLE PASSAGES & SERMON THEMES 10:00AM SERVICE

February 2 – Micah 6:1-8; Matthew 5:1-12
Guest Preacher: Rev. Chris Bethke

February 9 – Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20
Who Are You?: “Living with Integrity”

February 16 – Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Matthew 5:21-37
Who Are You?: “Creating Right Relationships”

February 23 – Exodus 24:12-18; Matthew 17:1-9
Who Are You?: “Proclaiming Transformation”



FEBRUARY MISSION PROJECT -

St. Stephen's Food Pantry

Families throughout Monona and the greater Madison area rely on the food provided by the St. Stephen's Food Pantry. The pantry provides a four-day supply of food to about two dozen households each Monday to Thursday. Clients may visit the pantry once every two weeks. St. Stephen's offers a 'choice' pantry, which means that clients do their own shopping, selecting only the items they will use. Choice honors our clients' dignity and eliminates the waste of unused items.

Frequently, the Pantry needs egg cartons, plastic and paper grocery bags, and clean, clear-colored thicker soda or water bottles (used to package detergent.) Please drop them off in the grocery cart in Fellowship Hall.

Monetary donations are needed to supplement donated items. To support this mission, please mark your checks or envelopes with "St. Stephen's Food Pantry".

Thank you for your generous support of this mission.

The Missions Committee

CARING COORDINATOR COLUMN

This month's column highlights a few local organizations that are doing great work by providing essential help to our neighbors in need throughout the Madison area.

St. Vincent de Paul of Madison, (608) 442-7200, <https://svdpmadison.org>

Consider giving gently used clothes, household goods, or a vehicle. They do home pickups as well! Your generosity to St. Vincent supports their work of helping people in Dane County who are poor, suffering or forgotten. Revenues from sales of donated goods at their local stores fund some of the services they offer. They also rely on financial gifts from caring people who support their mission.

Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender or creed, St. Vincent of Madison provides help in many ways: food at their busy customer-choice Food Pantry; free prescription medicine at their Charitable Pharmacy; vouchers for furniture, clothing and household items provided through their stores; and housing programs for men and for women and children leaving homelessness.

Friends of the State Street Family, strives to meet the basic survival needs of homeless individuals one at a time. They work to develop trust and foster relationships with each individual so they can help them get permanent, supportive housing, or support for sobriety, trauma counseling, medical or mental health care. They are also there to help during the severe winter events. For more information or to donate go to <https://www.friendsofthestatestreetfamily.org/>

Porchlight strives to reduce homelessness in Dane County by collaborating with the community to provide shelter, affordable housing, and support services. They run and manage the overnight emergency shelters at Grace Episcopal Church on W. Washington and St. John's Lutheran Church on E. Washington. Food, laundry, employment services and counseling are also provided at these facilities. For more information or to donate go to <http://porchlightinc.org/>

Caring & Coordinating, Mark Buffat

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

There will be Blood Pressure Screening on **Sunday, February 9** at 9:30-10:00am in the Cry Room. These screenings are staffed by medical volunteers from the congregation.

READ 'EM & MEET BOOK CLUB

The Read 'Em and Meet Book Club will meet at the home of Jan Zadra on **Sunday, February 9** at 2pm. *Good and Mad* by Rebecca Traister will be discussed.

HILLTOPPERS

The Hilltoppers group will be meeting on **Monday, February 10** at 11am at Monona Garden restaurant at the corner of Bridge Rd. and Broadway in Monona. The program will be presented by Mark Buffet who will tell us all about their trip to Spain last fall. It will be an entertaining experience. Those that wish can stay after the meeting for lunch by ordering off the menu.

OUR SYMPATHY

Goes to the family of Shirley Dalton, who passed away December 24.

MUMC MEN'S GROUP

Monona United Methodist Church's Men's Group will meet for breakfast and fellowship at Monona Gardens Family Restaurant, at the corner of Broadway and Bridge Rd, on **Saturday, February 15** at 9am. All men are welcome.

FUNDRAISER PLANNING

On **Saturday, February 29**, we have the opportunity to have a fundraiser by supplying and selling portable snack items for a business group holding a vendor event from 10am until 3pm. (See article later in newsletter.) We would like help to plan this day. Please leave your name in the church office if you can help plan or are available that day to help serve. This is a great way to make some money by sharing our church building with community members.

THANK YOU

Thank you, Choir!!

Linda and I have been thoroughly enjoying our wonderful Christmas bags of gifts; although their contents may have already been consumed (yummy treats) and used by (beautiful candle), the cards with your heartfelt messages will always be saved!

Thanks again for your kindness and for the opportunity to share music with you!

Dianne & Linda

To: The Members of Monona UMC

The Mission Team is very thankful for your extravagant generosity in supporting our Missions last year. Our vision for this year is to support local agencies that feed, house, and clothe those in our community who are in need. We are prayerful there will be continued support for these missions.

Again, thank you,

The Mission Team

Dear Friends of Madison Area Jail Ministry

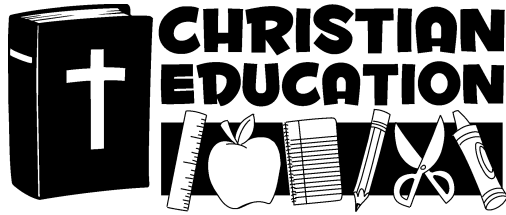
I once read that "gratitude is the memory of the heart." How grateful we are at MAJM, and how we will remember your generosity in the coming years.

We made our budget balance this year due to the diligence of so many volunteers, parish communities who supported us in their giving, grants, fundraisers, and contributions from committed individuals – all of you who gave and all who helped raise funds will "remember in our hearts" and in remembering we will be grateful.

Our Chaplain, Todd Marcotte, along with the volunteer chaplains, tutors and other committed volunteers are looking forward to a 2020 filled with continued outreach to those on the margins of our society.

May you be blessed this year as you have blessed us. We are grateful. We will remember you...always...

Rev. Jeff Vanden Heuvel, Treasurer



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The discussion of Christ in Crisis: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus by Jim Wallis at 8:30am on Sunday mornings, through March 15.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our morning children's Sunday school starts at 9am and goes until 9:50am. There are classes for preschool through Confirmation age children and youth. We also have a time for music instruction for the elementary grades.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Czerepinski Scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior of a local high school who is a member of Monona UMC. The Price scholarship gives preference to graduating seniors and members of Monona UMC, although others continuing their education may be considered. All applicants will be evaluated on the basis of academics (40%), community service (20%), service to the church (20%) and moral character (20%). The awards are to help with tuition, books and supplies.

The Czerepinski fund was established by the estate of Henry Czerepinski, a member of this congregation. The Price endowed scholarship was established by long-time members, Alton and Roma Price.

Applications, with instructions, can be picked up at the church office. The applications are due back in the church office by **Sunday, March 31**.

SUMMER CAMPS

WIUMCamps is pleased to announce that Summer Camp 2020 is open for registration! Summer camp can be a powerful place...our youth and families develop life-long friends, enjoy outdoor adventures, all while having time to reflect, renew and find their true identity in Christ. Invite a friend. Our camps are open to all. Register online at www.WIUMCamps.org/summer-camps. Also Monona UMC provides a camp scholarship for families.

RESCUE CRAFT DAY

Seamstresses and Crafters wanted

On **Saturday, February 15, (1-4pm)**, we are gathering in Fellowship Hall to create joey and wallaby pouches. They are in high demand in Australia for the animal victims of the wildfires. Everyone is invited regardless of skill level. We need people to trace, cut, and sew. Supplies and sewing machines are provided. You are more than welcome to bring your own. We also would welcome flannelette, flannel, light cotton, jersey, and strong sturdy fabrics. No wool, please. Hope to see many of you there. We are also accepting donations for shipping and handling. Please contact the church office with questions.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

Same URL/address with a new look! www.mononaunitedmethodistchurch.org
We now have a **Giving** tab to make a donation with your credit card. The site is a work in progress so if you see something that should be changed, please let us know.

ONLINE NEWSLETTER

Our church website has a copy of the current month's newsletter. If you misplace your paper copy, you can go there to read it: www.mononaunitedmethodistchurch.org

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

MUMC has a fundraising opportunity in operating one of the concessions at the Kohl Center or at Camp Randal Stadium. Potential proceeds would be \$1,400 per football game or \$550 per game at the Kohl Center. Camp Randal stands require 10 to 15 people. Kohl Center stands require 5 to 6 people, usually weeknights. Volunteers would need to arrive a couple hours before the game and are usually leave a half hour after the game ends. There is a signup sheet in fellowship for you to indicate your interest in this opportunity.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

“When that pink slip appeared on my desk, I had no idea what I could possibly do. That was the only job I ever had. I had been in that position 27 years! There had been rumors of down-sizing but I thought I was safe. At my age, could I ever get another job?” Those are words spoken by a woman trying to pick up the pieces of her life as she spoke to her friend from church.

Her friend listened, brewed a pot of tea, and was not at all sure what to do or say. Then she remembered the things she had read in the church newsletter about Stephen Ministry. She suggested her friend call the church or one of the Stephen Leaders and see if one of them could help. She did just that. It was arranged for a Stephen Minister to call on her.

One of the first things the Stephen Minister said after arriving at her home was that whatever was shared would remain strictly confidential. She also explained they could continue to meet in her home, or if she preferred, they could meet at church. They could meet for an hour each week but if she needed to talk more often it could be arranged. The Stephen Minister shared her phone number and offered to talk on the phone in between meetings. The other thing that was so obvious was that the Stephen Minister was so caring and such a good listener. As they talked over the next few weeks and sorted out the possibilities, made some of the contacts they thought about together, hope began to come and with it confidence and strength to go on. The Stephen Minister always offered a prayer while they were together. It was truly Christian care she was receiving!

Would you, or someone you know benefit from a trusting Stephen Minister walk through tough times with you? If so, please speak with Mark Buffat, Pastor Brad or Frank Gaylord. Help is on the way!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN INFORMATION

Quilters - Meet **Mondays** at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall. We also meet on **Monday February 17 at 10:30am** with the Monona Quilters. New members are always welcome!

Friendship Circle - **Tuesday, February 4** at 6:45pm at church.

Executive Meeting - **Wednesday, February 12** at 1:30pm in the church library.

Yarncrafters - Meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1pm (**February 11 & 25**) as well as with the RSVP group "Monona Knit 'N Stitch" on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, **February 19**, from 10:00 until 11:30. All are welcome.

Faith Circle- **Thursday, February 13** at 1pm. at the home of Gail Poser.

Reading Circle - **Thursday, February 27** at 1:30pm at the home of Kay Mackie. The book is *So, You Want to Talk about Race* by Ljeoma Oluo. All are welcome. Even if you have not read this book, come and bring your friends for discussion of an African American Woman author's experiences and advice to her white readers. Learn about "privilege" and what each of us can do to help change our racist society.

UMW VALENTINE BAKE SALE

On **Sunday, February 9** you can treat yourself or someone you love to homemade goodies. The UMW will hold a bake sale after the service. A "Love Offering" container will be on the table for you to donate the amount you wish; the items will not be priced. Proceeds from the bake sale will go to missions worldwide.

VALENTINE BAKE SALE NEWS

Attention all UMW members, baked goods/candy for the Valentine bake sale may be brought to church on **Sunday morning, February 9**. Please have items packaged to sell and labeled with contents, i.e. Brownies with nuts.

JAVA JIVE- STATS FOR 2019

1- We are starting our 16th year of this UMW Authentic Fair Trade Mission. In November and December \$1800 of products we sold. For the year \$7300 of fair trade products were sold. Thanks for your continued support of this mission for Justice, Equality & Sustainability, for small farmer coops, locally and globally.

2- The General Conference of the UMC partnered with EEx in their interfaith division in 2004. EEx sends 15 cents of every pound sold to UMCOR for their small farmer mission. Equal Exchange sent \$9000 to UMCOR last year. This is from the 90 UM churches in the U.S. who participate in this mission. We are #4 in sales of the 90 UM churches. Equal Exchange sells to us at wholesale prices & we pass this on to you. This is not a fundraiser.

3- There are 7,000 interdenominational congregations who participate in this social justice mission. Together we help small farmers stay on their land and farm with sustainable methods that do not increase climate change. These small farmers do not have a marketplace at big food corporations, so we provide a marketplace for them.

4- EEx coop demonstrates an equitable democratic model for business and is a for profit coop. The ratio of EEx top to bottom pay is 4 to 1. The ratio of CEO pay in about 300 large corporations is 300 to 1.

5- Thanks to the folks who keep this mission running smoothly:

- Jackie Hull for coordinating the Saturday set up and her crew, Peggy Traver, Sally Weidemann, Sally Buffat, Deb Munroe, Gail Poser and Karelyn Hopkins .
- Polly Brandes for “putting away” products after sales.
- Alternate coordinators: Karelyn Hopkins and Jean Van Dreel.
- Many sales people for selling at the fair trade table: Linda Jackson, Marilyn Hearden, Jan Wanek, Barb Helsel, and Sally Buffat.
- Joy Newman, our UMW treasurer, for "keeping the books".
- Kay DeBraal for her excellent administrative help.

6- Fair trade products will be sold on **February 23**. Suggestions, questions and volunteers always welcome. Kay Mackie- UMW AFT team coordinator

In January the Java Jive question was “In what country did coffee originate?”

Answer: Ethiopia (we carry this coffee)

UMW MUG AND MUFFIN

Saturday, March 7, 10am

Save the date for the UMW Mug & Muffin on Saturday March 7. The program will be provided by Joy Schmidt from the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Madison. Bring your favorite mug and join us (no reservation needed).

FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2020 flower calendar is on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to give flowers on a particular Sunday, please sign up on the calendar. You can also sign up on the clip board in the fellowship hall or use the link found below.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are so many different ways that you can serve Monona UMC. Check out the signup sheet on the table in fellowship hall to find openings.

- The **January-May 2020 liturgist** schedule is online:
<http://bit.ly/33JYrfA>
- The **January-May 2020 altar flower signup** is online also.
<http://bit.ly/2Z6fxFS>

DOES SERVING FELLOWSHIP INTIMIDATE YOU?

Please just give it a try. It can be simple: make coffee in our Bunn coffee maker, purchase juice or use the lemonade in the cupboard, and purchase or make cookies. The kitchen has labels identifying where everything is stored. Lots of people know how to make coffee so ask someone. Try it with a friend so you can share the fun. Please contact Kay if you have questions.

YOU ARE INVITED

I'm pleased to announce that my women's business organization, Wisconsin Women Entrepreneurs (WWE), will be renting our facility for their upcoming Expo on February 29. Besides the facility fee, our church will be providing the food service for some additional revenue plus I purchased booth space for our coffee sales. Our own Sabrina Jacobus will be one of the vendors with her amazing Pampered Chef items. It's free to attend and shop! Below are the rest of the details.

Wisconsin Women Entrepreneurs Inaugural Expo!
Saturday, February 29, 2020
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Monona United Methodist Church –
606 Nichols Road, Monona

The theme for the Expo is LEAP – Leading-Empowering-Advancing-Promoting – and will showcase a Vendor Fair, Educational Workshops, and Face Painting for kids. Food will also be available for purchase.

Proceeds from the Expo will go to the YWCA Madison and their programs aimed at employment education & training for women, as well as Girls' Biz, a WWE program that empowers middle school girls to start and run their own business.

Linda Jackson

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME

February 15- March 22

Watch for the Girl Scouts from our congregation selling cookies during fellowship hour in February/March to earn money for their troops and the Badgerland Council.

If your girl scout would like to sell cookies, please contact the church office.



AGRACE HOSPICECARE

Agrace Seeks Volunteers across Dane County to visit with hospice patients or in roles without patient contact. A volunteer orientation is scheduled at Agrace's Madison campus **February 11, from 9 - 11 a.m.** Pre-registration is required. Call 327-7163 or visit agrace.org/volunteer to fill out an application.

Grief Support Groups - at the new Agrace Grief Support Center, 2906 Marketplace Drive, Fitchburg. For details, fees or to register, visit agrace.org/griefgroups or call (608) 327-7118.

- **Bridges Grief Support Group** for adults meets Wednesdays, alternating by week between morning and evening sessions. No pre-registration is needed.
- **Family Grief Support Program** is for families with children aged 5 to 18. Meets every other week (dates vary), from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; dinner is included. Call 327-7135 for details.

...FOR THE LOVE OF GOD'S CREATION...

...consider joining our MUMC Climate Justice Group...

...join our Table Talk on February 16 in Fellowship Hall...

When children speak up it might be worth listening. All over the world, for the first time in the history of mankind, young people are taking to the streets. They want to be heard. They want to be taken seriously. **Their very lives depend on it. Their concern is climate justice.** They are not just screaming, “do something.” Rather, they are challenging the world’s adults to examine our values and become accountable for the damage we are doing to our only home in the universe. They call us to kindness towards them and towards all of God’s creation. For them, it does not work to be selective in your kindness. Said one six-year-old child, “If you are not kind to everyone, then you are not kind.” For children coexistence becomes an embodiment of a set of behaviors, actions and values that are rooted in the ideas of fairness, equality, and empathy, the building blocks of social justice and democracy.

Children across all countries feel marginalized because their voices are not being heard nor their opinions considered. Many children and young people are already living with the effects of global climate change such as forced migration, food scarcity, drought, rising sea levels, extreme weather events and toxic contamination of water sources.

Children recognize that there is a troubling disconnect between what adults say and what they do. They see through political debates about climate change in the Western World including Australia that manipulate environmental facts, values and concerns and spread messages denying the scientific evidence for climate change, and challenging attempts to address it on moral, religious as well as political grounds.

Doctors are now seeing serious effects of climate change on children’s health. A new concept has cropped up: Eco-anxiety. And, not only are children at risk of mental health issues such as depression and anxiety fearing their future or due to natural disasters caused by climate change, the overall physical health in children is also declining and there is an increase in global child deaths.

Our Church and Society group is inviting those of you, adults and children alike, whose hearts are bleeding for the suffering that is already resulting from climate change, to join efforts in responding. The ways to respond are as endless as there are individuals who volunteer. Participating does not have to take big chunks of time, although once you get going you might find the pursuit so meaningful that time does not matter.

We are planning a Table-Talk on Sunday February 16 after the service in Fellowship Hall to discuss these concerns. Come and consider the opportunity to, in some way, address what is meaningful to you about the plight of climate change expressed by the young people in our world.

Church & Society, Siv Goulding

\$ Financial Report \$

Cash Flow
December 31, 2019

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$ 46,351	\$ 273,892
General Operating Expenses	21,474	287,017
Net Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ 24,877	\$ (13,125)

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Giving: Concentrating on Our Need for God

³...they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints. (2 Corinthians 8:3b-4)

Self-denial helps us to concentrate on our need for God. It is one thing to say that God provides all the food we need, but is quite another to go without food. It is one thing to say that God provides us with income to provide for our needs, but it is quite another to give 10% of that income back to God to provide for the needs of others.

Fasting and tithing are forms of sacrifice, a Latin word that comes from combining “to make” and “holy or sacred”. Over time, sacrifice has become synonymous with giving something up that is dear to us (self-denial) in order to serve a greater good, like the Kingdom of God.

Lent is a good time to remember that self-denial draws us closer to God. Lenten fasting should not be pro forma as in giving up chocolate, for example. It should be real self-denial accompanied by prayer, repentance and soul-searching.

Sacrificial giving is a fast from spending on yourself and is equally appropriate for Lent, especially if accompanied by prayer, repentance and soul-searching. We are called to sacrificial giving year-round, but at Lent we can especially remember Who and what our sacrifice is for.

Several years ago, I was part of a Disciple Bible Study group that decided during Lent to fast by skipping food between breakfast and dinner. We saved the money we would normally spend on lunch, snacks and coffee and brought this to the class each week. In the end, we were able to donate over \$2,200 to a local feeding program for the homeless and poor.

Join me this Lent in focusing on our need for God.

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

www.wumf.org or Facebook/wumf.org, call 888-903-9863

The Life and Ministry of God's People In Monona United Methodist Church

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 5:00 El Libertador - Worship in Spanish						1 Pastor Brad Vacation Thru February 6 6-7:30am El Libertador Prayer Vg 10am Paint bathrooms
2 <u>See schedule above</u> Just Bakery Sale "Souper" Bowl of Caring 8:30 Adults – Christ in Crisis Guest Preacher 11:15 Church & Society	3 1:00 Quilters 1:00-6:00 Blood Drive-St Luke's Episcopal 4-8pm Music lessons-Cry Room	4 6:45 Friendship Circle at church	5 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 9:30am Kitchen cleaning 2-4pm Library/use	6 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 Trustees 7:30 Adult Choir	7	8 6-7:30am El Libertador Prayer Vg 10am-3pm Breakthrough Prayer-Verona
9 <u>See schedule above</u> UMW Valentine Bake Sale 8:30 Adults – Christ in Crisis 9:30-10 Blood Pressure Screen 11:15 Planning Committee 2:00 Read 'Em & Meet	10 Pastors' Day Off 11am Hilltoppers at Monona Garden 1:00 Quilters 4-8pm Music lessons-Cry Room 6:30 Girl Scouts-Hall 6:30 Stephen Ministry -library	11 9:30 Staff Meeting 1pm Yarncrafters 2:30pm Lay Leadership	12 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 1:30 UMW Exec. Committee 7-8pm Confirmation & Mentors	13 1:00 Faith Circle 6:00 SPRC 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	14 8:30-10am Hall in use 9am-4pm Pastor Brad-workshop 6-8:30 Parent's Night Out-Fellowship Hall	15 6-7:30am El Libertador Prayer Vg 9am Men's Group-Breakfast 1-4pm Craft Work Day-Fellowship Hall
16 <u>See schedule above</u> 8:30 Adults – Christ in Crisis 11:15 Table Talk- Climate Concerns	17 Pastor Brad to Pine Lake-BOOM thru February 21 10:30 Quilters & Monona Quilters 4-8pm Music lessons-Cry Room	18	19 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 10-11:30am Knit 'N Stitch-Hall 1-3:30 NewBridge Foot clinic Hall	20 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	21	22 6-7:30am El Libertador Prayer Vg
23 <u>See schedule above</u> Newsletter Deadline Coffee Sales 8:30 Adults – Christ in Crisis 11:15 Caring Ministry-Cry Room	24 Pastors' Day Off 1:00 Quilters 4-8pm Music lessons-Cry Room 6:30 Girl Scouts-Hall 6:30 Stephen Ministry -library	25 9:30 Staff Meeting 1pm Yarncrafters 6:30 Ad Council	26 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 12pm Worship-Lake Edge UCC 1-3:30 NewBridge Foot clinic Hall 7:00 Worship-Monona UMC	27 8:30 Newsletter Helpers 1:30 Reading Cr 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	28 3-4pm Setup hall for Saturday	29 6-7:30am El Libertador Prayer Vg 10am-3pm WWE Expo/Fundraiser-Fellowship Hall

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Newsletter Deadline is February 23. Information arriving after the above date may not be in the March newsletter. Remember you can FAX your article to 222-2395 or email to secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net.

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FEBRUARY 2020

EASTER FLOWERS

Flowers on the altar Easter Sunday add to the beauty of the day. We have a variety of flowers available for you to purchase. You may take your plant home after the worship service on Easter Sunday, April 12.



Please return this form with a check for your total flowers ordered to the church office by **Sunday, March 22**. You may choose the color of certain flowers. If you have questions call the church office (222-1633).

Lilies \$15.00ea

Azaleas \$30.00ea
 pink, purple, white

Mums/Daisy \$15.00ea
 yellow, white, lavender

Hydrangeas \$35.00ea
 pink, blue

Tulips \$15.00ea
 red, yellow, pink, white

Daffodils \$15.00ea

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