



HILLTOP HERALD-JUNE 2022 MONONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE EVOLVING CHURCH

We have resumed worshipping in our sanctuary. We will continue to be cautious including wearing masks and social distancing. We encourage anyone with health issues or safety concerns to remain home and join in our virtual worship. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

If you wish to schedule a group or event at the church, inside or outside, please contact Kay for the updated building use guidelines and forms. The office is open and staffed 9am-2pm, Monday through Friday. Pastor Paul and Mark are available for pastoral care both virtually and in-person.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 1 thru 3, 6:00-8:00pm

We are still looking for volunteers for our summer Vacation Bible School. If you are interest in helping in any way, please contact the church office. We need volunteers of all ages and skills, so don't be shy! **Our next meeting is Sunday, June 5** after worship.

SUMMER CAMPS

WIUMCamps is pleased to announce that Summer Camp 2022 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. Also Monona UMC provides a camp scholarship for families.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE - JUNE 10-13

Conference Vision:

Radical Inclusion and Racial Justice

Theme: "Discerning God's Will for All" - Romans 12:1-2

Monona UMC will be represented this year by Pastor Paul, Patsy McDonald and LeeAnn Sinclair, our Lay Members to Annual Conference. Please pray for our delegates and our whole Annual Conference as they make decisions for our Conference for the upcoming year.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

“Worshipping Outside!”

Throughout this summer, we will have several opportunities to worship outside in our patio area. We will sing and pray in the beauty of God’s creation. As much as we value our sanctuary and the wonderful music of our organ and piano, outdoor worship refreshes us—at least as long as the weather cooperates.

Our 10 am outdoor worship schedule includes this Sunday, Memorial Day Weekend, May 29; July 4th Weekend, July 3; and Labor Day weekend, September 4th.

Outside worship comes with additional challenges. We need to set up the sound system along with tables and chairs. When we are done, we will put everything back.

There will also be additional distractions as birds circle above and we hear the sounds of our neighborhood including the sirens of fire engines and ambulances.

My first worship experience with this congregation was out on the patio last July. We were thrilled to be together sharing that time and space. I met many of you and cherish that memory.

For those who have been reluctant to come back inside for worship, this is an opportunity to come together, connect and stay safe.

I hope we will take advantage of these outside worship opportunities. What would happen if we were to invite our family and friends to join us? And who knows, perhaps our neighbors will be so curious, they will come too.

I hope to see you in church—outside—this Sunday!

Pastor Paul

BIBLE PASSAGES & THEMES 10:00AM SERVICE

June 5 – Pentecost Sunday

“The Holy Spirit Comes to Us”

Pastor Paul will preach on Acts 2:1-12. Communion will be served.

June 12 – Trinity Sunday

“The Holy Spirit Guides Us”

Pastor Paul will preach on John 16:12-15.

June 19 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Father’s Day

“Jesus Sets Us Free”

Pastor Paul will preach on Luke 8:26-39.

June 26 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Graduation Sunday

“The Urgency of Our Time”

Pastor Paul will preach on Luke 9:51-62.



Join Us for
WORSHIP



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Monona UMC is a Stephen Ministry church. You can find out more by calling Mark Buffat or Pastor Paul.

MISSION OF THE MONTH 2022 Annual Conference Ingathering

Each year at our Annual Conference gathering churches are asked to donate items for people in need or people suffering from disasters. This year the conference Mission Motivation committee is working with Midwest Distribution Center to collect items for the Personal Dignity Kits and Home Care Kits.

Midwest Distribution Center distributes the kits locally, nationally and internationally to those in need during times of crisis. All supplies are given free of charge regardless of gender, race or religion.

Midwest Mission is one of eight cooperating depots in the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Supply Network. Midwest Mission distributes UMCOR supplies in response to disasters within the United States.

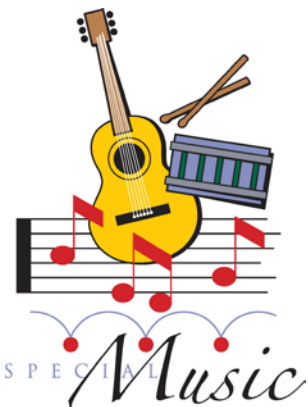
We will only collect funds for these kits so please mark your checks or on-line donations "Ingathering". Thank you for your generous support of this mission.

The Mission Team

SPECIAL MUSIC IN WORSHIP

As we enter summer, our regular music ensembles take a well-deserved break. We welcome and encourage your ideas/plans for providing special music to enhance our services. We have a process in place to assure music appropriateness, schedule availability, and supportive logistics are in place. Please submit your ideas via a form that is available in the church office and our Committee will take it from that point. We will use this process year around as there are always times when our regular ensembles are not available. Thank you again for your ideas to enhance the music ministry of MUMC.

Worship Committee



MUMC MEN'S GROUP

All men of the church are invited to the Men's Club breakfast that will take place on **Saturday, June 11** at 9:00 am at Monona Garden Restaurant 6501 Broadway. Come and enjoy great food and fellowship.

THANK YOU

--A Huge Thank You to all the Donors and Volunteers, along with the Red Cross staff for our successful Seeds of Peace Blood Drive in May. The need is great and on-going! To help with this, there will be another Seeds of Peace Blood Drive on **Tuesday August 16**. Watch the future newsletters for more information.

-- Thank You to everyone that supported me by donating to this year's Walk 4 NF fund raising event. With a bit of an 11th hour push, I reached my goal of \$1000 with \$38 to spare. If anyone would still like to make a donation; my donation page is still open and accepting more donations.

Thanks, Tim Eberle

<https://nfmidwest.rallybound.org/walk4nfmadison/TimEberle>

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Please join us on **Sunday, June 26** to say "Congratulations!" to our high school seniors. We will honor the graduates and celebrate with cake after our service. We will also recognize our scholarship recipients.



Congratulations to our high school graduates this year who will be recognized in worship on June 26:

- Dayna Bailey
- Laura Billmann
- Shelby Ferrell
- Mara Freeman
- Justin Grady
- Oliver Huston
- Emily Schoenbrodt
- Alyssa Stewart
- Jason Zadra

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

The Adult Sunday School class will take a break and start again in September. Watch for information on an informal gathering during the summer.

HILLTOPPERS

The Hilltoppers group will be meeting on **Monday, June 13** at 11 AM at the Monona Garden restaurant on Broadway. Our speaker will come from Jewish Social Services who will tell us about their work in Madison. They have been especially active with the refugees from Afghanistan in resettling them in Wisconsin. Those that want can stay for lunch at Monona Garden. It will be an interesting meeting.

WEEDS IN THE PATIO

If you are looking for a reason to go outside and enjoy the weather, stop by the church and pick some weeds that are already growing in the sidewalk and patio cracks. Rest on the bench or gather with a few friends at the tables. Take a walk through the garden to see what's growing.

OUR SYMPATHY GOES TO

- The family of Bonnie Monson, who passed away April 28.
- Kay & Dan DeBaal and their family, upon the death of Kay's dad on April 13.
- Jerry & Karen Kleinert and their family, upon the death of Jerry's sister.
- Mark & Sally Buffat and their family, upon the death of Mark's aunt, Rosemary.



ALTAR FLOWERS

We welcome donations of flowers for our altar on Sundays. If you would like to give flowers on a particular Sunday, please contact the church office or use the volunteer Sign Up Genius link found in this newsletter. Flowers may be dropped off on Fridays during office hours, 9am-2pm or on Sunday mornings. Thanks for brightening up our worship space.

CASSEROLE MINISTRY

There is nothing quite like a hot homemade casserole to warm the home and soul during these chilly overcast days. Please reach out to me if you know of a need within our church family or in your community. Also, it is time to restock our freezer with casseroles. While preparing a meal at home please consider making extra food. Place the meal in nonreturnable containers (tin or plasticware) and mark each container "Casserole Ministry" along with a note describing the meal, the date made, and any special cooking instructions. You can drop them off at church during office hours, placing them in the kitchen freezer. Or contact me if you'd prefer to be on a standby contact list for making meals as needs arise.

Mark Buffat, Caring Coordinator, 608-222-1633

JULY 4TH COMMUNITY OUTREACH - SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars as we make plans for our July 4th community engagement and fundraising event. Details are still being worked out though volunteers are needed! The more the merrier! To volunteer contact Mark Buffat at markbmumc@gmail.com or call 608-335-5063 or see him in person!

SUBSTITUTE OFFICE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

We are looking for additional volunteers to substitute in the church office. It could be as simple as answering the phone and being a welcoming presence for visitors, or include more secretarial duties, like helping to prepare and print bulletins. It is all up to you and what you would like to learn. Please let Kay know if this is something that you would like to do (secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net, 222-1633).



UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH (UMW) INFORMATION

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Adapted from the EX Website

Equal Exchange's chocolate supply chain coordinator, Laura Bechard, grew up in the pie business and from an early age was rolling out pie dough, crimping crusts, and piping whipped cream at her family's restaurant. The Norske Nook is a quaint family-style restaurant with several locations in Wisconsin.

The Norske Nook began using Equal Exchange's Organic Baking Cocoa because restaurant owner Jerry Bechard noticed that it adds a richness and depth to their chocolate pies that couldn't be tasted with conventional cocoa powder.

Death By Chocolate Pie

FOR CRUST:

2 cups (or about one package) chocolate sandwich cookies, crushed fine
¼ cup butter, melted

FOR CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE LAYER:

8 oz. cream cheese
1 cup sugar
3 eggs
1 tsp vanilla extract
¼ cup Equal Exchange Organic Baking Cocoa
½ cup Equal Exchange Organic Bittersweet 70% Chocolate Chips

FOR CHOCOLATE PUDDING LAYER:

1 cup (one large package) stovetop chocolate pudding mix
3 cups milk

FOR TOPPING AND GARNISH:

3+ cups whipped cream or whipped topping
Equal Exchange Organic Very Dark 71% chocolate, shaved
Chocolate syrup, optional

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Mix crumbs and butter together and press into an 11" pie tin
- Preheat oven to 290
- In a large bowl, beat cream cheese until smooth
- Add sugar, cocoa, and vanilla extract
- Mix until blended. Mixture will be thick. Add one egg at a time. Stir in chocolate chips
- Pour into the chocolate cookie crust you prepared. Leave about one inch of space. If your pie tin is smaller than 11", you may have filling left over!
- Put in the oven and bake until golden brown, about 20-25 minutes

Let cool completely before putting the pie together

- Put the chocolate pudding mix and milk in a saucepan and cook over medium high heat, stirring continuously until pudding is thick and boils in the middle
- Pour into a container and refrigerate until cooled and set

- When everything is cool, layer the pie! Mound chocolate pudding on top of crust and top with whipped cream or topping, piping it around the edge
- Drizzle chocolate in straight lines in the middle of pie, if desired

Thank you all for your continued support of this mission!! Together we are helping soooo many people!! 😊

Jackie Hull 608-576-7837
Karelyn Hopkins 608-577-3185
Co- coordinators MUMW EX Fair Trade Mission
Questions or suggestions always welcome!

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

We have created an online Volunteer Sign Up Genius listing with the volunteer jobs needed for worship each week. We would especially like to fill the ushers position. Please check your schedules and sign on using the link below. You can also send an email to the church office with your requested dates.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094DA8AE22AB9-volunteer>

OUR WEBSITE

Check out our improving website: www.mononaunitedmethodistchurch.org

- We have the recorded mini-service available for an online Worship experience as well as our in-person worship. Check our website for more information.
- We have a **Giving** tab on our website to make a donation with your credit card or through your checking account.

READ 'EM & MEET

Watch for the book club list for next year in the Narthex information center. Please pick up a list and begin your reading. We will begin on **Sunday August 7** at 2:00pm with the book, *A History of the World in Six Glasses* by Tom Standage at the home of Jan Zadra. Bring a plate of finger food to share. Visitors and new members are always welcome to attend.

RIVER FOOD PANTRY

The River is currently getting most of the eggs already in cartons and only need egg cartons on a limited basis. Monona UMC is still collecting all sizes, as we still have a few alternatives to take them.

Paper grocery bags are always in high demand for The River as are plastic grocery bags. They also will take any non-perishable and shelf stable goods. Some other highly requested items for The River include:

- 100% juice products
- low sugar cereals
- Tuna Helper and tuna
- disposable diapers all sizes, (including adult sizes)

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

...test out a Pesto Cavatappi recipe...

INGREDIENTS

- 1 tablespoon Salt
- 1 lb cavatappi pasta or other small pasta

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 4 medium sized tomatoes cored and diced
- 8 ounces mushrooms sliced
- 8 ounces kale, chopped

- 1/4 cup vegetable broth (plus more as needed)
- 1/4 cup dry white wine (may omit)
- 1/2 cup half & half cream
- 1 cup pesto
- 1 cup shredded Parmesan cheese (or less)

DIRECTIONS for 8 servings

1. In a large saucepan, bring 4 quarts of water and salt to a boil. Add pasta and cook until al dente, about 10 to 12 minutes. Drain well.
2. Meanwhile, heat oil in a large skillet on medium-high heat until shimmering. Add tomatoes and mushrooms and cook for about 5 minutes, until some of the liquid has been released and the tomatoes are heated through. Add kale and stir until wilted. (Can substitute kale with other cut up greens, string beans, or Brussel sprouts).
3. Stir in the broth, wine, and cream and bring to a boil; reduce heat to medium and cook until the sauce has thickened slightly, about 2 minutes.
4. Add pesto and stir until heated through, about 2 minutes. Add pasta and toss until uniformly coated in the sauce. Transfer to a serving dish or individual plates and garnish with Parmesan cheese. *CH&SOC, Siv Goulding*

\$ Financial Report \$

Cash Flow
April 30, 2022

General Fund	Month	Year to Date
Income	\$ 22,219	\$ 94,350
General Operating Expenses	22,534	91,924
Net Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ (315)	\$ 2,426

STEWARDSHIP - GOOD

To be a follower of Jesus means to be willing to sacrifice ourselves for the good of all. It means to be willing to deny ourselves for the benefit of all of humanity.

I recently read about a man named Thomas Cannon who did this in a truly remarkable way. He was a postal worker in Richmond, Virginia, who lived much of his life on the edge of poverty so that he could give to those in need. Describing himself as “a poor man’s philanthropist,” he gave away more than \$150,000 to people who were experiencing hard times, or who had been unusually kind or brave. He gave these gifts over the last 33 years of his life, mostly in the form of \$1,000 checks.

He traced his inspiration to his time in the Navy. While he was away at signal school, there was a shipboard explosion at the Port of Chicago and many of his shipmates were killed. He concluded that he was spared for a reason — to help others, to be a role model, to inspire people to see what he called “the oneness of it all.”

Cannon gave to people of all ages, races, nationalities, and incomes. He gave to a low-income woman who started a youth center in her apartment complex . . . to a retired postal worker who was a regular volunteer at an elementary school . . . to a woman and a man who wanted to return to Vietnam to visit their hometown . . . to an advocate for the victims of crime . . . and to a teenager who had been abandoned as an infant but grew up to be named Virginia’s Youth of the Year.

This generosity didn’t come without sacrifice. Cannon supported his wife, his two sons, and himself and his charitable efforts on a salary that never exceeded \$20,000 a year. When he retired from the postal service in 1983, he and his wife lived near the poverty line on his pension. “We lived simply,” he said before his death in 2005, “so we could give money away.”

He wasn’t unhappy about these sacrifices. In fact, he had a great sense of humor, one that he kept even after being diagnosed with terminal cancer. As his health was failing, he told the Richmond newspaper, “A Baptist deacon who owed me \$200 died recently. First thing I’m going to do when I get to the other side is run him down.”

Thomas Cannon didn’t want a foundation to be set up to continue his work after his death. He feared that a foundation would require a bureaucracy, and tons of paperwork. He didn’t even want his name attached to anything. He just left one simple request: “Help somebody.”

Rev. Jason Mahnke,
Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, 888-903-9863 or www.wumf.org

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

June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Newsletter Deadline June 26 Information arriving after the above date may not be in the July newsletter. Remember, you can FAX your article to 608-222-2395 or email to secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net						
			1 2-4pm Caregivr Support 6:30-8:00 El Libertador Bible Study-upstairs	2 1:00 Zoom Church / Society 6:30 Trustees-on Zoom	3 Pastor's Day Off	4 6-7:30am E.L. Prayer Vg
5 <u>See schedule below</u> Pentecost 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 11:15 VBS Meeting	6	7 1:00 Staff Mtg	8 6:30-8:00 El Libertador Bible Study-upstairs	9 6:30 SPRC-Zoom	10 Annual Conference thru June 13	11 6-7:30am E.L. Prayer Vg 9am Men's Grp Breakfast-Monona Garden 9am-12pm Church-wide Work Day
12 <u>See schedule below</u>	13 11am Hilltoppers	14 9:30-12:15 NewBridge Foot Clinic F.H. 7:00 Stephen Ministry	15 10-11am RSVP Knit/Stitch-hall 6:30-8:00 El Libertador Bible Study-upstairs	16 1:00 Zoom Church / Society	17 Pastor's Day Off	18 6-7:30am E.L. Prayer Vg
19 Father's Day	20	21 9:30-12:15 NewBridge Foot Clinic F.H. 1:00 Staff Mtg 6:30 Finance-Zoom	22 6:30-8:00 El Libertador Bible Study-upstairs	23	24 Pastor's Day Off	25 6-7:30am E.L. Prayer Vg
26 Newsletter Deadline Graduation Sunday	27 10am-3pm Monona Quilters-F.H. 7:00 Stephen Ministry	28 9:30-12:15 NewBridge Foot Clinic F.H. 1:00 Staff Mtg 6:30 Ad Council-Zoom	29	30		
<u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 1:00 El Libertador Worship in Spanish						
						

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Worship 10:00am

JUNE 2022

CHURCH-WIDE WORK DAY
SATURDAY JUNE 11
9:00am until 12 Noon

All are needed and invited to join in sprucing up the inside of our church building on **Saturday June 11** at 9am.

There will a variety of tasks to complete, including

- washing windows
- dusting
- vacuuming
- touch up painting



Please let John Huston (john@hustondesign.com) know if you will be able to help out.
Many hands make light work!