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GERMAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR TO PERFORM AT MONONA UMC

“Chorisma”, a choral group from Germany, will give a concert in our sanctuary, **Monday evening, October 30 at 7:00pm**. Join us for this wonderful gift of music.

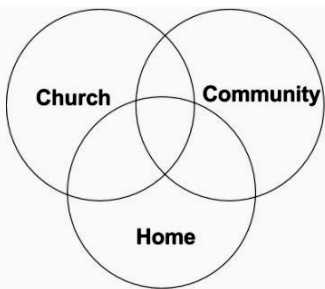


DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Remember to change your clocks the evening of **November 4**. “Fall back” one hour.

ALL SAINTS DAY TO BE OBSERVED

Sunday, November 5 is All Saints Day, the day the church sets aside to remember those who have died during this past year, especially those from our fellowship and families. Persons are invited to bring to worship, the names of people who have been a part of their life, who have died since last November. During the prayer time, people will be invited to share those names. Or if you prefer, there will be a basket in the entryway of the church, to submit names before the service, so they can be read aloud.



“CHURCH IS A VERB” STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

*The church is not a building;
the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place;
the church is a people.
I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!*

Our stewardship campaign began on **October 8th** with a focus on ways we live our faith at church. The next week, we focused on living our faith at home, and the final week focusing on living our faith in our communities. We named ways we use church as a verb in the respective locations and watched our “Church is a Verb” bowl grow each week.

On October 29th we will present and dedicate our estimate of giving cards during the worship service, and then celebrate together with a good old-fashioned Methodist potluck dinner.

Thank you so much for your support of the 2018 Stewardship Campaign. Your giving makes it possible for the ministries of Monona United Methodist Church to continue to be a light in our community and beyond.

Your Stewardship Team

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite Peanuts comic strips is the one that came out some years ago just a few days before Thanksgiving. Lucy's feeling sorry for herself and she laments, "My life is a drag. I'm completely fed up. I've never felt so low in my life."

Her little brother Linus tries to console her and he says, "Lucy, when you're in a mood like this, you should try to think of things you have to be thankful for; in other words, count your blessings."

To that, Lucy says, "Ha! That's a good one! I could count my blessings on one finger! I've never had anything and I never will have anything. I don't get half the breaks that other people do. Nothing ever goes right for me! And you talk about counting blessings! You talk about being thankful! What do I have to be thankful for?"

Linus says, "Well, for one thing, you have a little brother who loves you."

With that, Lucy runs and hugs little brother Linus as she cries tears of joy, and while she's hugging him tightly, Linus says, "Every now and then, I say the right thing."

Friends, we have a God who loves us deeply. This is such wonderful good news that it's a little hard to believe sometimes. The early church father John Chrysostom wrote, "And why is it so hard to learn that God loves us? Beloved, it is extremely hard. Let us strive therefore to understand it." In his striving Clarence Jordan translated 2 Corinthians 5:17 as "God was in Christ hugging the world to Himself," and if that doesn't make us sing a song of thanksgiving, I don't know what will.

November is the month for counting our blessings, for singing "Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home." Among my many blessings, I am thankful for you and your partnership in the gospel. As you've been hearing at the end of each sermon on the fruit of the spirit, "By the grace of Jesus Christ, God's Spirit is at work, both within us and among us, and some of the fruit of that Spirit is love and joy and peace, but also patience and kindness and generosity / goodness, as well as faithfulness and gentleness and self-control. In fact, our life together is the fruit of God's Spirit, and I couldn't be more thankful.

So this month when you wonder, "What do I have to be thankful for?" may you remember God's hug in Christ, and hear the reply, "Well, for one thing, you have a God who loves you!"

In Christ,

Pastor Brad

BIBLE PASSAGES & SERMON THEMES 10:00AM SERVICE

November 5 – All Saints Remembrance

Guest preacher: Bishop E.D. Yesurathnam of The Methodist Church of India

November 12 – Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:12; Matthew 11:28-29

Fruit of the Spirit, Growth of the Heart “The Fruit of the Spirit is ...Gentleness”

November 19 – Reconciling Ministries

Guest Speakers from PFLAG

November 26 – 2 Peter 1:3-7; 1 Corinthians 9:24-25; 2 Timothy 1:7

Fruit of the Spirit, Growth of the Heart “The Fruit of the Spirit is ...Self-Control”



Join Us for
WORSHIP

FALL NEW MEMBER GATHERING

Are you interested in becoming a member of Monona United Methodist Church? If so, you are invited to an orientation session on **Sunday, November 12 at 11:15am**-in the church Cry Room. If you would like to talk to Pastor Brad before you make your decision, please call him at the church (222-1633). Please let us know of your interest. We look forward to welcoming new members.

CARING COORDINATOR

Lately, once again, I find myself reflecting on Micah 6:8 “...what does the Lord require of me but to do justice, to love mercy and kindness and to walk humbly with God.” The YWCA Racial Justice Summit I attended in early October embodied the spirit of this scripture passage in its tenor and messaging. This year’s gathering was entitled *Living our Racial Justice Values: Building Collective Liberation*. And that set the stage for an ambitious agenda of speakers and breakout sessions. The summit far exceeded my expectations and there is not enough space here to cover the whole experience. In nutshell, the summit was a call to action. A call to do justice, and to engage in a radical kind of love. In a talk entitled *The Ethics of Love in Times of Crises*, Malachi Garza challenged us to become a bold love, a revolutionary love, a “disruptive love!” that fights to eliminate racism and empower those who are marginalized and underrepresented. I couldn’t help but think of Jesus as he spoke.

As a white male, I was a minority at this gathering of well over seven hundred participants. Most were women, roughly eighty percent. Women and men of color were also well represented. The subject of systemic white privilege and implicit bias was another thread woven through speeches and teased out in small group breakout sessions. Those of us who experience white male privilege, a distinct minority at the summit, were not singled out. Rather all were challenged and called to do justice in the name of love, to be forces of change in our social and political spheres, in our places of work, in our communities and neighborhoods, and in our homes. Throughout the summit, I was reminded of the powerful source of justice in action and radical love I have in Jesus of Nazareth.

Caring and coordinating,
Mark Buffat

2017 CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our yearly Church Conference meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 16, at 6:30pm at Columbus UMC** (222 S Dickason Blvd, Columbus). Each year, every United Methodist Church holds a meeting to review their ministries (past and future), endorse ministry candidates, and set budgets. We will continue with the format started last year, and we are adding a Chili-Cook-off and Fundraiser to the evening. We will celebrate the ministries of the churches in the circuit and have a time of learning presented by our District Superintendent, Scott Carlson.

You are invited to join with other members of the churches in our circuit at Columbus UMC at 6:00pm for a chili cook-off and fundraiser for Hurricane Relief through UMCOR. Bring your money to vote for your favorite.

If you would like to carpool to the Columbus UMC, we will meet in our church parking lot at 5pm. Please let the church office know if you would like a ride or are willing to drive. Let's work together to support our Church Conference.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Our next Blood Pressure Screening will be **Sunday, November 12**, 9:30-10:00 am in Pastor Brad's office. These screenings are staffed by medical volunteers from the congregation. Keep Healthy - have your blood pressure checked!!

OPEN HOUSE FOR CAROL WAUGH

There will be an open house for Carol Waugh's 80th birthday on Saturday afternoon, **November 11** from 1 to 4 PM in fellowship hall here at the church. Please stop by and greet her on this occasion.



HILLTOPPERS

The Hilltoppers group will meet on **Monday, November 13** at 11 AM at the Monona Garden restaurant. The program will last for an hour and those that would like can stay and order lunch off the restaurant menu. The program will be presented by Becky Halstead who took a trip to the Holy Land early in 2017 with the Worldwide Episcopal Secretaries group. She has a Power Point presentation of places where they visited including the Temple, the Dead Sea, the Garden of Gethsemane and many others. They visited both Palestine and Israel and had discussions about the current conflict between the 2 governments and the reality of living there today. It will be a very interesting program.

SEED OF PEACE MADISON

Seeds of Peace Madison is a coalition of progressive eastside faith communities who have joined together to help alleviate suffering, injustice, and poverty on Madison's east side. Seed's programs serve the most vulnerable people in our community, from providing passports for children of families who live in fear of deportation to school food programs that provide a weekend take-home backpack meals for children in need. We also work with and support area food pantries, Habitat for Humanity, The Road Home, American Red Cross Blood drives and Dane Sanctuary Coalition. Faith communities in this group include Monona United Methodist Church, Lakeview Moravian, Zion Faith Community, Lake Edge UCC, St. Luke's Episcopal, Plymouth UCC, St. Stephan's Lutheran and Lake Edge Lutheran. If you would like to learn more about this ecumenical collaboration, see Mark Buffat and/or visit the Seeds of Peace Madison Facebook page.



BLOOD DRIVE

Sign up for a Seeds of Peace blood drive to be held at Lakeview Moravian Church (3565 Tulane Ave, Madison) on **Tuesday, November 14** from 12-4pm. Go to redcrossblood.org to register. Blood donations are always needed, especially near the holidays.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Porchlight provides emergency shelter, food, employment services, counseling, and affordable transitional and permanent housing to homeless people in the Dane County area. Porchlight's services are designed to foster independence and the transition into permanent housing and employment.

Porchlight is the largest supplier of low-cost housing in Dane County and is comprised of an emergency shelter for men, housing and services for men and women suffering from serious mental illnesses, veterans, adults in recovery from alcohol and/or drug addictions, and low-income women, men and children with more than 100,000 nights of shelters. To find out more, please go to their web site (www.porchlightinc.org).

Volunteers are an essential part of Porchlight. They work closely with the residents, support the programs, and raise awareness and funds in the Madison community. Whether you are looking to help out on your own or as part of a group, Porchlight has a number of meaningful one-time and ongoing opportunities. To support Porchlight financially, simply mark your check "Porchlight" or specify this on your offering envelope.

A helping hand, not a hand out. A second chance. A warm bed. Hope. Opportunity.



VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

Liturgists, Ushers, Fellowship hosts, Acolytes, Greeters and Dishwashers are needed every Sunday to make everyone feel welcome at Monona United Methodist Church. Please sign up on the sheet in front of the office.

MUMC MEN'S GROUP

We encourage the men of our church to join our Men's Group for breakfast at Monona Garden Restaurant at 8:00am **Saturday, November 18.**

FLOWERS FOR ALTAR

If you can provide flowers for our altar on **Sunday, November 19** please sign up on the flower calendar on a kiosk in the Fellowship Hall or on the Volunteer Sign-Up Sheet in front of the office. Thanks for your help in filling our sanctuary weekly with flowers during this year.



THE ROAD HOME

MUMC members volunteer with The Road Home four times yearly at Lake Edge United Church of Christ (4200 Buckeye Rd.). Our next volunteer date is **Friday, November 24 (Note change in date)**. We are responsible for the evening meal, doing activities with the children from 7:00 to 8:30pm, staying overnight and preparing breakfast on Saturday morning.

The Road Home Dane County serves homeless families with children in collaboration with local faith communities. They are committed to the empowerment and long-term success of families, to serving each family with dignity and respect and to achieving results in helping families improve their lives. They welcome the entire community, in all its diversity, to participate in the pursuit of safe, affordable housing for all. Please contact Karelyn at 577-3185 to help out with this mission.

RECONCILING MINISTRY SUNDAY

Join us **Sunday, November 19**, for a service focusing on the work of the Reconciling Ministry Network and our status as a Reconciling congregation. As Reconciling United Methodists, we recognize and affirm the value of all people, including LGBTQIA people, in the life of the church. We will have two guest speakers that morning from the Madison chapter of PFLAG.

PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning persons, their families and friends through:

- Support, to cope with an adverse society
- Education, to enlighten an ill-informed public
- Advocacy, to end discrimination and to secure equal civil rights

PFLAG provides opportunity for dialogue about sexual orientation, and acts to create a society that is healthy and respectful of human diversity.

Laura Schmid-Dolan is the current president of PFLAG and has been involved with the organization for 7 years.

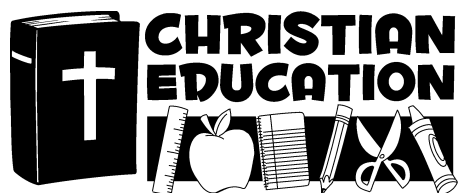
Casey Garhart is a past board member and has been involved with PFLAG for 15 years. Casey has also been a member of the Straight Spouse Network.

For more information about PFLAG, go to www.pflag-madison.org.



JAZZ THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL WORSHIP

Join the congregations of St. Stephen's and Lake Edge Lutheran on **Sunday evening, November 19th at 6:00 pm** for a service of Thanksgiving celebration! It is hosted by St. Stephen's Lutheran Church this year (*5700 Pheasant Hill Rd. Monona*). There will be ample opportunities to offer thanksgiving for all that God has provided, as well as lively music provided by the combined choirs and accompanied by the Janesville-based jazz band, the JJs. Offerings in support of the Food Pantry will be collected, including donations of non-perishable items. **Want to join the Festival Choir for this service and sing with the big band?** Rehearsals are on Wednesday, November 8 and 15 from 7:00 to 8:30 at St. Stephen's to lift every voice and sing!



VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Do you enjoy music and kids? Well, we would like to find a volunteer to lead the kids in a few simple songs and help teach the songs (hymns) for the Christmas Program. Please contact the church office for more information and to say "I can help!"

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children runs from 9:00am until 9:50am. We are thinking about our Christmas program and would love to have you join our team of helpers. Please contact John & Linnea at linneaphillips@gmail.com if you are interested or have any questions. The program will be held on **Sunday, December 10** during the worship service.



ADULT CLASS - WENDELL BERRY AND THE GIVEN LIFE

The book study meets in the church library on Sunday mornings, 8:30-9:30 am, through **December 17 (no class on November 26).**

THE GIVING TREE

For many years the Giving Tree project has provided gifts and a holiday dinner for needy families in our community. In November, a Christmas tree will be put in the Fellowship Hall with each child's wish list attached to an ornament. Simply choose a card, fill in your information, leaving half the card in the box provided, and return your unwrapped gift to church.

We also need additional funds to provide \$25 towards a meal for each family. To donate money toward the cost of the food, please write "Giving Tree Food" in the memo of your check. Thank you for your generosity!





NEW BABIES

- Marshall Bancroft, son of Leah & Mark Bancroft, was born on July 4, 2017. Tristan & Connor are his big brothers.
- Izola Irene Stertz, daughter of Chuck & Sara Stertz, was born on September 28. She is the newest grandchild of Phyllis & Joe Stertz.
- Wyatt Wiswell, son of Jeffery & Alicia Wiswell was born on October 13. Jeff & Tammy Wiswell are the proud grandparents.



LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS

We would like to invite your family to help our congregation prepare for Advent by lighting the **Advent wreath** during of the Sunday services. We will provide you the reading and instructions. Please email the church at secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net and let Kay know which date/service you are available or signup on the sheet in front of the office.

We are also looking for children who would like to share special music at the **5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Service**. Please let the church office know that you would like to play an instrument or sing. Thanks for sharing your talents!

FOOD PANTRY

Next time you are shopping, add a couple things to your cart for the St. Stephen's Food Pantry. Donations of food, personal items, paper products, and diapers (larger sizes) are all gratefully received. Please be sure to check the expiration date on the food. **Also bring in your extra paper grocery bags for St Stephen's.**

NEW UPPER ROOMS ARE HERE

The Upper Room is a devotional book that many people use for daily reading of a Bible verse, a short meditation and a prayer. The new issue has arrived and is in the Narthex information center.

Thank You

--Thank you to all those who helped with the sanctuary ceiling repair, whether it was providing needed funding, organizing the repair, or helping to clean up. Your commitment to maintaining our church building and grounds is wonderful.

--Thank you to all who participated in the CROP Walk and those who donated funds to support them.

--Thank you to everyone who provided food for the students at the UW Crossing ministry and to those who spent time delivering the food and sharing in the worship.

Your spirit of mission is inspirational.



--Goes to Beth Olson and her family, upon the death of her mother, Edna Ahrensmeyer, on October 11.

--Goes to the family of Don Fine, who passed away on October 22.

U.M. STUDENT DAY OFFERING

Sunday, November 26, will be a time we receive a special United Methodist Student Day Offering. There will be envelopes in our bulletin for us to give to one of the yearly offering from our denomination. This particular offering supports scholarships and loans for United Methodist students, within our nation.

JUST BAKERY

Just Bakery (a Madison-area Urban Ministry Program) will sell bakery items **Sunday, December 3**. The Just Bakery program provides classroom and hands on vocational training for formerly incarcerated individuals who are interested in food service careers. By purchasing their delicious baked goods, we are financially supporting their endeavors to be successful active working members of our community.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MEETINGS

Quilters and Yarncrafters – Will meet **Mondays**, at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. New members are always welcome.

Friendship Circle – **Tuesday, November 7** at 6:45pm at the home of Kay DeBraal. Visitors are warmly welcomed.

Faith Circle – **Thursday, November 9** at 1pm at the home of Anna Mae Wilen.

Executive Committee Meeting - **Monday, November 13** at 1:30pm in the church Library.

Reading Circle - **Thursday, November 16** at 1:30pm at the home of Vicki Ford. We will discuss the book, *When Christians Get It Wrong* by Adam Hamilton. New members always welcome!

JAVA JIVE AUTHENTIC FAIR TRADE--?

Some folks have asked why do we say Authentic Fair Trade [AFT] instead of just Fair Trade [FT]. Good question, will do my best to try to answer it. Needs a little history.

EEx was founded 30 years ago by a couple young men who wanted to build a more Just Food System for small farmer co-ops worldwide and us, the consumers. They wanted to give small farmer co-ops a seat at the market table. It would be a good system for consumers to know where their "foods" are coming from. So --the beginning of FT. The Policy would be 100% produced by small farmer co-ops. Organically grown.

Fifteen years ago the UMC General Conference recognized the importance of this FT business model for small farmers worldwide to have a more equitable and just way to sell their products. They could stay on their farms, make a living, support families, engage in community and not be destined to a life of poverty. So they voted to partner with EEx and UMCOR.

Fair trade was becoming popular with consumers and large food corps wanted to have FT on their products. It sounded good, FT for all!! But as their marketing and heavy lobbying continued, true FT began to erode and continues to be watered down today.

Policy changes were made, they did not have to be 100% from small farmer co-ops, could be 40% from small farmers and 60% from large corporate owned plantations. EEx and other FT organizations worked diligently to oppose new policy to keep FT name if not 100% FT but to no avail. This is deceptive to consumers. So that is why we say AFT as all of EEx products are from 40 small farmer co-ops in 16 countries, including US in CA, WI and WA.

EEx mission states they will continue to work toward a Just, Equitable and Sustainable World. As I reflected on their statement I thought these words of Justice and Equality have been echoed by the prophets of old and Jesus.

May we continue to echo them.

Thanks for your continued support in this UMW Mission. This is not a fund raiser.

AFT products will be sold **November 19**. You may wish to pick up coffee, tea, chocolate for a Thanksgiving hostess gift. Also may be start thinking of who may be on our Christmas gift list that would enjoy some AFT products.

In Mission together, Kay Mackie, AFT team coordinator for UMW

FALL UMW BAKE SALE - THANKS!

Heartfelt thanks to our bakers, takers & buyers for supporting the UMW Fall Bake Sale in such a generous way. We earned a \$267 toward our pledge to Mission projects worldwide for 2017/18.



UMC GIVING TUESDAY

Together, we can connect our passions with God's mission.

On **Tuesday, November 28**, United Methodists have the opportunity to extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season through gifts to The Advance. Visit www.umcmmission.org/Give to donate online and choose a ministry for your donation. Through The Advance, United Methodists can give to more than 300 missionaries. Donors also can provide support for more than 600 United Methodist-related projects worldwide. As always, 100 percent of gifts to The Advance goes directly to the designated project or mission.



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.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Bellringers Needed! Are you looking for an easy, fun and rewarding way to volunteer as a family this Christmas season? The Salvation Army of Dane County has an opportunity for you! By ringing bells for only two hours, you will raise over \$90 to help house the homeless, feed the hungry, and provide mentoring and education to at-risk children. The Christmas Red Kettle campaign runs **November 10 - December 24** with many locations and shifts available. Please go to ringbells.org to sign up or call 250-2235 for more information.

Top Ten Reasons to Volunteer:

1. To help those in need
2. To help others in Dane County
3. To feel good by volunteering
4. To learn about others
5. To get me out of the house
6. To show that I do care
7. To feel connected
8. To take a break from my job
9. To make new friends
10. To support my friends



AGRACE

Orientation for Prospective Volunteers

interested in volunteering to brighten the lives of people with serious illnesses. The orientation session is **Monday, November 27**, from 1 - 5 p.m., at Agrace's Madison campus. Before they attend orientation, prospective volunteers will complete an application and an interview process with Agrace's Volunteer Services staff to identify skills and interests. Call 327-7163 to register.

Grief Support Groups at Agrace Grief Support Center, 2906 Marketplace Drive, Fitchburg. Costs for these groups are waived for people whose family member received hospice care in the past 12 months, and can be lowered or waived for others, if needed.

For information about dates, registration or fees for any of the groups listed below, call Jody at (608) 327-7118 or send an online inquiry from agrace.org/griefgroups.

- **Bridges Grief Support Group** is for adults who are grieving a death. No pre-registration is needed. Bridges meets biweekly, **either Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings**. Cost is \$10 per session.
- **Family Grief Support Program** is for families with children aged 5 to 18. It meets **November 7, November 21 and every other Tuesday** thereafter, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Dinner is included, and pre-registration is required. Costs \$20 per session/family.
- **Spouse/Partner Loss Support Group** is a six-week grief support group series for adults who are grieving the death of a spouse or partner. It meets **Mondays, October 23 to November 17**, from 1 - 3 p.m. Cost is \$50 for the series.
- **Journey Through Grief Support Group** is a six-week grief support group series for adults who are grieving a death. Participants may register for a daytime session that meets **Wednesdays, November 1 to December 6**, from 1 - 3 p.m. **or** an evening session that meets **Thursdays, November 2 to December 14**, from 6 - 8 p.m. (no session on November 23). Cost is \$50 for the series.



**United Methodist Women Advent Brunch
Saturday, December 2, 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall**

Join us for brunch and fellowship followed by our program. The Rev. Ann Scott, the chaplain with the United Methodist Hospitals Ministry will be our speaker. Please join us to learn about the chaplaincy program.

Advent Brunch Reservations:

Name: _____

Put completed forms in the church office. For more information you may call Lynn @ 222-4717 or Kay in the church office @ 222-1633. All are welcome! There is no charge for the brunch but a goodwill offering will be taken to support ongoing Mission projects. Bring an item or two for the Food Pantry Cart.

\$ Financial Report \$

**Cash Flow
September 30, 2017**

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$ 18,256	\$ 202,437
General Operating Expenses	26,629	215,608
Net Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ (8,373)	\$ (13,171)

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Giving: Not One Member, But Many

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. (1 Corinthians 12:12-14)

A division of labor marks our occupations and social institutions in modern society: people perform highly specialized, but reciprocal and interdependent activities. This results both in greater benefits for the whole and greater dependence of individuals on one another.

Paul the Apostle recognized both this benefit and this interdependence among the followers of Christ. He likened us Christians to body parts. We form a whole Paul calls the Body of Christ, and we are interdependent, “The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you.’” Stewardship is like that. Our gifts work together for the good.

Arthur Tappan Pierson summarized the lesson of 1 Corinthians 12:

- Every believer has some gift, therefore all should be encouraged.
- No one has all the gifts, therefore all should be humble.
- All gifts are for the Body, therefore all should be harmonious.
- All gifts are for the Lord, therefore all should be contented.
- All gifts are mutually helpful, therefore all should be faithful.
- All gifts promote the whole Body’s health, therefore none can be dispensed with.
- All gifts depend upon the Holy Spirit’s empowerment, therefore none should be out of fellowship with Him.

Stewardship strives to maximize the impact of our collective gifts.

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, 1-888-903-9863 or wumf@wumf.org

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

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9:00 Sunday School for children 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 4:00 El Libertador-Bible Study in Spanish 5:00 El Libertador - Worship in Spanish			1 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 2-4pm Library/use 4:30-8:00 El Libertador meal/program 7-8pm Confirm.	2 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 Trustees 7:30 Adult Choir	3 9am English 5:30 Wedding Rehearsal	4 1:30 Wedding
5 All Saints Day <u>See schedule below</u> 8:30 Adults – Wendell Berry 4pm Pastor Brad to Pine Lake thru 11/10	6 1:00 Quilters & Yarncrafters 5:30 Strategic Planning T/F	7 6:45 Friendship Circle	8 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 4:30-8:00 El Libertador meal/program	9 1:00 Faith Circle 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 SPRC 7:30 Adult Choir	10 9am English	11 1-4pm Open House for Carol Waugh Bday 4-6pm El Libertador Music practice
12 <u>See schedule below</u> Poinsettia orders due 8:30 Adults – Wendell Berry 9:30 Blood Pressure Screen 11:15 New Member Discuss. 11:15 Church/ Soc 2 Read 'Em/Meet	13 Pastors' Day Off 11:00 Hilltoppers Monona Garden 1:00 Quilters & Yarncrafters 1:30 UMW Executive Comm. Mtg.	14 9:30am Staff Meeting 12-4pm Blood Drive at Lakeview Moravian 6:30 Finance	15 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 10am Hall in Use 1-2:30 Circuit-SP UMC 4:30-8:00 El Libertador meal/program 7-8pm Confirm with Mentor	16 1:30 Reading Cr 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 Church Conference- Columbus UMC 7:30 Adult Choir	17 9am English	18 Pastor Brad vacation thru November 25 8am Men's Group-breakfast Monona Garden 4-6pm El Libertador Music practice-sanctuary
19 <u>See schedule below</u> Coffee Sales 8:30 Adults – Wendell Berry 11:15-12:15 Choir in Sanctuary 6pm Thanksgv Service at St Stephen's	20 Pastors' Day Off 1:00 Quilters & Yarncrafters	21	22 Office Closed 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 4:30-8:00 El Libertador meal/program	23 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed No Bells or Choir	24 Office Closed 5pm Road Home Volunteer Evening	25 4-6pm El Libertador Music practice-sanctuary
26 <u>See schedule right</u> Newsletter Deadline	27 Pastors' Day Off 1:00 Quilters & Yarncrafters	28 9:30am Staff Meeting 6:30 Ad Council	29 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 4:30-8:00 El Libertador meal/program 7-8pm Confirm.	30 8:30am Newsletter Helpers 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir		



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Deadline for the December Newsletter is **November 26**. Information arriving after the above date may not be in the newsletter. Remember, you can FAX your article to 222-2395 or email to secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net

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POINSETTIAS

You may purchase poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary during Advent and take them home after worship on Christmas Eve.

Please complete the form below and return it to the office by **November 12** with your check (\$14 for each plant) payable to Monona U.M.C.

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Or

In Memory of _____

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