



# HILLTOP HERALD-MARCH 2018 MONONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & IGLESIA METODISTA UNIDA EL LIBERTADOR



## SPRING FORWARD

On **Sunday, March 11**, Daylight Saving Time begins. Please set your clocks ahead 1 hour.

## RECORDING SECRETARY NEEDED

Can you take notes while listening to discussion during the monthly Ad Council meetings? We are looking for someone to join Ad Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm to be the Recording Secretary to take notes and then type them up. If that sounds like one of your God-given gifts, please contact the church office ([secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net), 222-1633).

## LITURGIST SIGNUP

We are looking for additional liturgists for Sunday morning worship. Why don't you give it a try? We have an online signup so you can compare your calendar to the available dates and follow the link below. Contact the church office if you have questions.  
<http://bit.ly/2BSSkqN>

## NEW UPPER ROOMS ARE HERE

The *Upper Room* is a great little devotional book that you can use for daily reading. The new March-April issue has arrived and is in the Narthex information center. Feel free to take one home.

## UMCOR SUNDAY

### (One Great Hour of Sharing)

**March 11, 2018** is UMCOR Sunday. When we give on UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing), we empower the United Methodist Committee on Relief to act as the arms and legs of Christ's church. Our giving lays the foundation to help the most vulnerable in their darkest days. We believe that all people have God-given worth and dignity — without regard to race, religion or gender. Your support makes it possible for UMCOR to direct 100 percent of all other contributions to the projects our donors specify, instead of using this money on administrative or fundraising costs.

UMCOR's specialized ministries - responding in disaster, fighting hunger, alleviating poverty, providing relief supplies around the world, and offering hospitality to immigrants and refugees - all bring hope, support and aid to people who need to be surrounded by the love of Christ.

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

A couple of housekeeping items before I get to a story I want to share. First, we're so pleased about our new effort to send Nuestro Mundo Community School children home with a nutritious meal on Fridays. Thanks to Caring Coordinator Mark Buffat for the planning and organizing of this, and to him and LeeAnn Sinclair for the grant proposal for the \$14,000 we received for this new endeavor. This is a Seeds of Peace program patterned after other churches in our partnership and started with seed money from them.

Second, thank you to our Strategy Planning Team that continues meeting regularly and making plans to present to us in the near future. This is an encouraging sign for us as we look at ourselves with fresh eyes and look to our future.

Last month I preached at Lake Edge Lutheran Church as part of a pulpit exchange among the Seeds of Peace churches to which our church belongs. At the end of the service the congregation sang a spirited rendition of "This Little Light of Mine." It reminded me of the true story about a man who was piloting a small single-engine plane one evening just about dusk. He was headed toward a small country airport. Night fell more quickly than he anticipated, however, and by the time he reached the airport, it was impossible for him to distinguish the paved landing strip in the darkness. His little plane was not equipped with navigational instruments and no one seemed to be around the airport to turn on the runway lights. He could not see the ground and he couldn't chance hitting a house in the darkness. He started circling the airport. For two hours he circled around in the darkness burning off fuel so that when he fell from the sky, he would not explode on impact and further increase the risk to others.

What happened next must have been an answer to prayer. Someone on the ground heard the plane circling the airport and guessed what the problem was. Immediately he jumped into his car and headed for the airport. Not knowing how to switch on any of the airport's lights, he settled for driving his car up and down the runway with his lights on high beam showing the pilot the dimensions of the runway. Then he pulled his car off to one end of the runway with his headlights still beaming. The pilot followed those two little lights and made a safe landing.

There are some days we don't feel as if our one little light will help anyone very much. One light is so small, and the world is so big and dark by comparison! But in the right circumstance your little light and my little light may be just enough to bring someone in before they run out of fuel and faith, and crash and burn. I think there are sputtering engines and eyes searching for light all around us. When you think of it this way, Jesus' words become very relevant, "You are the light of the world.....let your light so shine that people may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16). We never know who may be out there in the dark hoping and praying for a little light. We all have a little light. Hold yours up and let it shine.

A blessed Lent,

*Pastor Brad*

## **SCRIPTURES & SERMON THEMES 10:00AM SERVICE**

Series for Lent - *"Listen: Hearing that Still Small Voice and Finding Your Own"*

**March 4** – Proverbs 1:20-23

"Finding a Word: Listening to the Texts"

**March 11** – Mark 5:24-34

"Finding Your Power: Listening for Healing"

**March 18**– Romans 12:2-12

"Finding Your Mystic: Listening Beyond the Voices"

**March 25**– Matthew 26:36-46

"Finding Your Purpose: Listening to Your Heart"

**March 29, Maundy Thursday**

John 17:6-9a

"Hearing that Still Small Voice and Finding Your Own"

## **CARING COORDINATOR COLUMN**

Because of your efforts and support, 45 children from 40 different families at Nuestro Mundo Elementary School are now receiving extra nutritional support each weekend. From homelessness to inadequate wages and inconsistent work opportunities, food insecurities are a profound reality for many families these days. Each backpack food bag you help provide for these students on Friday afternoons include 2 breakfast, 2 lunch, 2 snack and 2 drink items. Thank you to the eastside Hy-Vee store for their free weekly delivery to the church and for the 10% discount on all the food items!

Good news! For our efforts on behalf of the Nuestro Mundo backpack meal program, we were recently awarded a \$14,000 grant from the Ecumenical Housing Corporation Fund for Faith Communities through the Madison Community Foundation. This money coupled with future fundraising efforts will help secure program funding for at least the next two years! A big debt of gratitude to LeeAnn Sinclair for her invaluable help in writing the grant proposal!

On Friday evening, February 2, several sets of parents enjoyed a night out on us! Three adults and three confirmation students provided pizza, snacks, drinks, childcare, games, and activities in fellowship hall, the nursery and upstairs games rooms. A big thank you to Dani, Mara, and Daniel for their good work with the 16 children we had participating!

Caring & Coordinating,

Mark Buffat

## MARCH MISSION OFFERINGS

### Heifer International

Heifer International empowers families to turn hunger and poverty into hope and prosperity-- but the approach is more than just giving a handout. Heifer links communities and helps bring sustainable agriculture and commerce to areas with a long history of poverty. Animals provide partners with both food and reliable income as agricultural products such as milk, eggs and honey can be traded or sold.

When many families gain this new sustainable income, it brings new opportunities for building schools, creating agricultural cooperatives, forming community savings and funding small businesses.

Here at MUMC with enthusiastic assistance from our Sunday School children, we'll be sharing stories of how Heifer International works, how you can become involved and how, together, we can turn poverty into hope.

If you would like to contribute, please indicate "Heifer International" on your check in the memo. And, thank you so much for making a difference in so many people's lives.

The MUMC Missions Committee

## AUDITOR WANTED

Monona UMC Finance Committee is looking for one or two individuals to perform an audit of the church's financial statements for 2017. Previous experience would be helpful. Please contact the church office if you can help.

## FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2018 flower calendar is on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall. You can also sign up on the volunteer signup sheet in front of the office.



## TRIVIA CHALLENGE!

Enjoy a free, fun, fellowship, fundraiser event on **Saturday, March 10**, 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Lake Edge United Church of Christ (4200 Buckeye Rd) fellowship hall. Trivia provided by Premier Trivia. Come as a single, couple or group. Trivia teams will be assigned and rotated throughout the event! Snack food and drink provided! Join Seeds of Peace Madison churches as we gather to get to know one other better and raise money for the Personal Essentials Pantry-Atwood (PEP-A) at Plymouth UCC on Atwood Ave. Cash and personal hygiene product donations will be accepted. For more information about PEP-A see: [pepartnership.net](http://pepartnership.net)

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

You are an important part of our Sunday mornings! Share your gift for speaking, welcoming others, or baking. Check out the signup sheet on the table in front of the office to find the openings. **We are especially in need of fellowship hosts and liturgists, so please check out the signup sheet.**



## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Our next Blood Pressure Screening will be **Sunday, March 11**, 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!!

## READ 'EM & MEET BOOK CLUB



The Read 'Em and Meet Book Club will meet on **Sunday, March 11** at 2pm, at the home of Betty Kruska. We will discuss, *The Cather in the Rye*, by J.D. Salinger. Visitors and new members are always welcome to attend.



Souper Bowl of Caring: On Sunday, February 4, we collected \$97 for St. Stephen's Food Pantry. Thank you for your generosity. The grocery cart is also available for your regular donations.

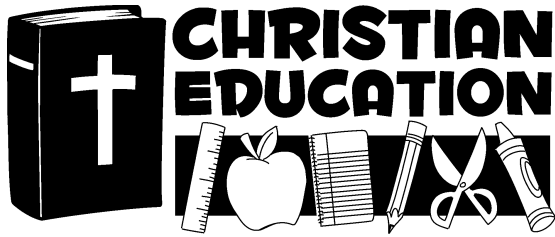


## HILLTOPPERS

The Hilltoppers will be meeting on **Monday, March 12** at 11am at Monona Garden restaurant at the corner of Bridge Rd. and Broadway in Monona. Our program will be presented by Becky Halstead entitled "Why Water Matters" which was sponsored by the Minnesota Annual Conference and included leaders from Native American communities, environmental scientists, and activists focusing on the importance of advocating for and protecting water. It was an amazing time of sharing, learning, and becoming aware of the urgency to make changes in our use and respect of our gift of water. This will be a very interesting and important meeting.

## 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 March 17** at 8am. All men are welcome.



## CONTINUING ADULT STUDIES

- 8:30-9:30am **Sundays** *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem*
- 11:15am **Sundays, March 11 and 25** Lent Discussion: *A Way Other Than Our Own*

## CHURCH & SOCIETY BOOK READ/DISCUSSION

The Church and Society team is hosting an all-church read for Lent, featuring the book, *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult. Amazon has this to say about the book:

*"Jodi Picoult's Small Great Things is about racism, choice, fear, and hope. The novel is based on the true story of a labor and delivery nurse who was prohibited from caring for a newborn because the father requested that no African-American nurses tend to his baby. In the fictional version, Ruth, the African-American nurse in question, finds herself on trial for events related to the same request made by a white supremacist father. Using the narratives of Ruth, the baby's father, and the female public defender who takes Ruth's case, Picoult examines multiple facets of racism. The topic of race in America is difficult to talk about, but in an honest and revealing way Picoult allows readers to draw their own conclusions about how we see ourselves and others in the world. Small Great Things is an important and thought-provoking novel about power and prejudice that deserves to be read, digested, and shared with others."--Seira Wilson, The Amazon Book Review*

Find your own copy of the book and sign up on the sheet in front of the office to join in the book discussion on **Sunday, April 8** at 11:15am. **Note the change in date.** Lunch will be just a "bring your own brown bag lunch."

## GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME!

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

## SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp means fun for youth and adults of all ages with memories to last a lifetime. From family camp to horse camp, canoeing to stargazing, sports to praise... we have plenty of outdoor fun for everyone. God is with us wherever we are!

Don't forget Monona UMC provides a scholarship for each family that attends camp. For information, contact Scott Schmitt or the United Methodist Camping Office at 877-947-2267 or visit the website at [www.WIUMcamps.org](http://www.WIUMcamps.org).

## THANKS FOR MISSION OFFERINGS DURING 2017

### **SPECIAL UNITED METHODIST OFFERINGS:**

Human Relations Day	\$	268
One Great Hour of Sharing		648
Golden Cross Sunday		170
Peace with Justice-UMCOR Water Project		244
Native American Ministries		279
World Communion Sunday		189
UM Student Day		99

### **MUMC MISSION GIVING:**

El Libertador-homeless meals		742
Road Home		465
Heifer International		717
Ingathering		193
UM Hospital Ministry		131
Agrace Hospicecare		145
Second Harvest		528
Ronald McDonald House		138
Habitat for Humanity		330
Human Welfare Fund		703
Porchlight		300
UMCOR Migratiuon Relief		445
Souper Bowl Sunday-St Stephen's		172
CROP Walk		20
UNICEF		120
Giving Tree		580
UMCOR-Hurricane Relief		2,355
Society of St Andrew		137
Imagine No Malaria		100
Backpack Ministry		430
Children's Home		427
Pine Lake Roof		10



- Rick Siferd and his family, upon the death of his father on January 11.
- Shirley Robinson and her family, upon the death of her brother on January 12.
- Goes to the Sue Eberle and her family, upon the death of her aunt.
- Goes to Carrie Dillon and her family, upon the death of her grandmother.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

It is time to think about the annual scholarships available through our church. 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, April 1**.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FROM THE WI UM FOUNDATION**

The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation is pleased to announce that scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors and current undergraduate students attending vocational/technical, two-year, or four-year higher education programs. Numerous scholarships are available for general studies, as well as seminary and ministry careers.

Scholarships are granted each year from endowment funds established through generous gifts from individuals and families. All applicants must be a member of a Wisconsin United Methodist Church. Recipients are selected based upon academics, leadership and involvement in church, school, and community life.

Additional information can be found at **WUMF.org** or contact the Foundation at 888-903-9863. The deadline for application for the majority of these scholarships is April 1.





## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN INFORMATION

**Quilters** - Meet **Mondays** at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall. New members are always welcome!

**Friendship Circle** – **Tuesday, March 6** at 6:45pm at church.

**Yarncrafters** – Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 1pm (**March 13 & 27**) as well as with the RSVP group “Monona Knit ‘N Stitch” on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month,

**March 21**, from 9:30 until noon. All are welcome. For more information contact Polly Brandes (222-6709) or Marjorie Kaukl (222-4243).

**Executive Meeting** - No meeting in March.

**Faith Circle- Thursday, March 8** at 1pm at the home of Shirley Dalton.

**Reading Circle** – **Thursday, March 22** at 1:30pm at the home of Siv Goulding. The book to be discussed is *Kind of Kin* by Rilla Askew. We welcome new women to our circle!

### UMW MUG AND MUFFIN-MARCH 3

Hot coffee/tea and fresh muffins will be served at the “Mug and Muffin” event, **Saturday, March 3** starting at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to bring your favorite mug and join in fellowship followed by a program by Carol Chapman and Bill Lauer of the Friends of Recovery Mission about sober housing. There is no charge for this event but a free will offering will be taken to support Friends of Recovery Mission. An item for the food pantry cart would be appreciated too.

### JAVA JIVE - OUR CACAO FARMERS



We are featuring our Cacao Farmers this month. Our farmers are in Dominican Republic, Panama, Peru and Ecuador. We know money does not grow on trees -- but-- chocolate does.

It grows on the Cacao Tree. These small farmers join with many other small farmers into their democratically formed co-op. These small co-ops do not have a place at the table of large food industry corporations. So thru EEx, an alternative trade organization, they have a partnership that treats them Justly and Equally in long term business relationships. And as a result they are not destined to a life of poverty. These farmers use sustainable methods which do not contribute to Climate Change but are very affected by it.

Soooo the chocolate tree is the cacao tree and it grows large pods on the trunk of the tree, Inside the pod is about 20 -40 beans.

After a long process the beans become cocoa and chocolate. A tree produces about 40-60 pods a year and those beans produce about 2 # chocolate. There is no child labor in the labor of EEx chocolate as is still the case with some multinational corporations in Africa.

The cacao pod is in the coffee display area. Check it out, and pick up chocolate info and share and have fun with it. And if you have a chocolate bar, look on the inside wrapper and meet another farmer.

Thanks be to God for these men and women cacao farmers and for their delicious chocolate. And--- Thanks be to God that we can provide a market place for their quality chocolate bars, chocolate chips and cocoa, so they can stay on their farms and make a living for their families and thru their co-op they choose with their extra AFT \$ how to invest it, sometimes for clean water, education or health in their communities.

Thank you for your continued support in this UMW Mission project with UMCOR. This is not a fund raiser. Suggestions always welcome.

AFT products will be sold **March 18.**

Kay Mackie, a team coordinator of AFT

## **THANK YOU BAKERS AND BUYERS!**

The people at MUMC are generous indeed! UMW realized \$227 from the bake sale on Sunday February 11. We are very grateful for all those that baked and those that purchased goods. You might already know that our United Methodist Women's group supports mission projects worldwide with an annual pledge of \$1850. Proceeds from our fundraisers and members' pledges allow us to make that contribution to the District. Thank you very much for your generosity.

## **LOOKING AHEAD TO HOLY WEEK**

### **Maundy Thursday, March 29, 7:00pm**

Communion Service: *"Hearing the Still, Small Voice: Finding Your Own"*

The "Appointment with God" we have experienced each week in our Lent worship will be expanded for an evening of being with God, with ourselves and with each other. We start with the sacred meal, remembering the last time Jesus ate with his disciples. Then we will "go to the Garden" with Jesus to pray, hear music, and be silent together. We will hear the Scripture account of Good Friday and then go out into the night to wait for....the rest of the story.

### **Good Friday, March 30**

You are invited to the Ecumenical Worship Service at 12 noon at Lake Edge United Church of Christ (4200 Buckeye Rd).

### **Easter Sunday Services, April 1**

10:00am- Worship Service with the Adult Choir and Handbell Choir  
John 20:1-18, "If Easter Is a Verb"

5:00pm – El Libertador Servicios en Español

### **Easter Breakfast, April 1, 8:30-10am**

The menu includes: hash brown casseroles, fruit salad, coffeecakes, juice, milk, coffee. The cost will be a free will donation toward the church's capital improvement fund. You can help by bringing something (a casserole, fruit salad, coffee cake, or juice/milk) **and** helping setup, serve or clean up. Let's join together to make this breakfast a fun time of fellowship, rejoicing in the risen Christ.

## RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monona United Methodist Church will host our second blood drive on **Tuesday, May 15, 1:00-6:00pm**. Blood donors and volunteers are needed. Please contact the church office for more information.

### Volunteers Needed:

- 2 volunteers at 11:30am to help unload
- 3 volunteers, per shift 12:30 – 6:30pm to help with registration, escort donors and in refreshment area
- 2 volunteers at 6:30pm to help reload
- Homemade baked goods are always welcome

### General Donor Information:

- At least 17 years old (16 with parental permission)
- Height/weight requirements (at least 110 lbs. based on height)
- General good health
- Plan for about an hour
- Rapid Pass on the day of donation saves 15 minutes
- Bring donor card or government ID
- Power Red donation: type O, B- and A-
- Questions on eligibility 1-866-236-3276

## JUST BAKERY

Just Bakery (a Madison-area Urban Ministry Program) will not sell in April since our regular date falls on Easter Sunday. **The next date will be June 3.**

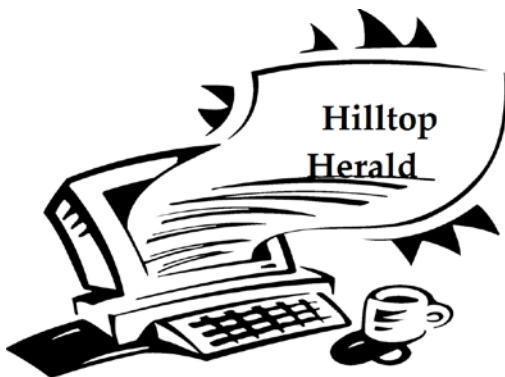
## ADVANCED LAY SERVANT CLASS - LEADING WORSHIP

**Saturday: March 17 & 24, 9:00 -2:30**

Place: Westby United Methodist Church, 202 E State Street

Teacher/Facilitator: Pastor Jim Aniol

This course focuses on the ministry of the lay servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship and we will learn the basics of United Methodist worship. Deadline to register is March 9. More information can be found on the kiosk in Fellowship Hall.



## ONLINE NEWSLETTER

Our church website has a copy of the current month's newsletter. [www.mononaunitedmethodistchurch.org](http://www.mononaunitedmethodistchurch.org).

## AGRACE HOSPICECARE

### New Volunteer Orientation

Agrace Hospice & Palliative Care is seeking local volunteers. You can brighten the lives of people with serious illnesses by volunteering. New-volunteer orientation sessions will be held **Thursday, March 1, from 5 - 9 p.m. and Tuesday, March 13, from 8 a.m. to noon**, at Agrace's Madison campus. Before they attend orientation, prospective volunteers will complete an application and interview about their skills and interests. Call (608) 327-7163 with questions, or to register for orientation.

### Grief Support Groups

In March, two grief support groups will be offered at the Agrace Grief Support Center, 2906 Marketplace Drive, Fitchburg. There is no cost for these groups for people whose family member had hospice care in the past 12 months. Fees can be lowered or waived for others, if needed.

- **Bridges Grief Support Group** is for adults who are grieving a death. No pre-registration is needed. Meets **Wednesdays**, from 9:30-11 am OR from 6 - 7:30 p.m. Contact Jody at 327-7118 or visit [agrace.org/griefgroups](http://agrace.org/griefgroups).
- **Family Grief Support Program** is for families with children aged 5 to 18. **Meets every other Tuesday**, from 5:30 -7 pm; dinner is included. Pre-registration is required. Contact Jessie at 327-7135 or visit [agrace.org/griefgroups](http://agrace.org/griefgroups).

# \$ Financial Report \$

## Cash Flow January 31, 2018

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$ 26,824	\$ 26,824
General Operating Expenses	27,418	27,418
<b>Net Surplus (Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$ (594)</b>	<b>\$ (594)</b>

## A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

### Giving: Leaving a Legacy

*We recently shared with Stewardship leaders, this service of the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. Now we share it with you.*

By preparing a will, you can extend your Christian stewardship beyond your lifetime. In addition to providing for your family's needs, your will can direct how your assets will continue to support the missions and ministries you have supported in life.

A simple, cost-effective way to do it is to insert this text in your wills: ***"After all my bills are paid, I want [x] percent of my estate to go to the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, Inc., to be used for such exempt purposes of the Foundation as are provided in a specific written instrument."***

Then you provide the Foundation with a letter of instruction that says, ***"In accordance with the will I have prepared, I have designated that [x] percent of my estate will be given to charity. The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, Inc. has been designated to receive this bequest. I request the Foundation to distribute this bequest as follows:"***

You may then specify percentages to be given to a specific United Methodist church, Wisconsin UM health or welfare ministry, UM college or seminary, specific missionary or local community outreach organization. In fact any religious or not-for-profit organization.

You may want to spend some time praying and thinking about the kinds of ministries that you have a calling to support. UM Global Ministries has a browsable, searchable list of mission projects by category, region, focus area, population served, etc. My wife, Pastor Barbara Wells, and I recently added this provision to our will to remember the causes we support.

If you need assistance with preparing your letter of instruction or wish to know more about leaving a gift to your favorite church or charitable organization, contact the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation tollfree at 888-903-9863 or email us at [wumf@wumf.org](mailto:wumf@wumf.org).

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

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

## March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u></b> 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 4:00 El Libertador-Bible Study in Spanish 5:00 El Libertador - Worship in Spanish				<b>1</b> Pastor Brad – to Pine Lake thru Mar.2 Clyde vacation thru March 4 6:00 Caring Min. 6:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Trustees 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>2</b> 9-4 Bishop meet with Clergy-Oregon UMC  6:30 Bishop meet with Laity-Oregon UMC	<b>3</b> 10am English 10am UMW Mug & Muffin 2-8pm Fellowship Hall in use
<b>4</b> <u>See schedule above</u> Girl Scout cookies 8:30 Last Week 11:15 Church & Society	<b>5</b> Pastors' Day Off 10am-12pm Library in Use  1:00 Quilters	<b>6</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting  6:45 Friendship Circle-church	<b>7</b> 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 1-4 Mah Jongg-2-4pm Library/use 4:30-8:00 El Libertador 7-8pm Confirm.	<b>8</b> 1:00 Faith Circle  6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 SPRC 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 10am English 9-11:30 Respite Care Team Training-library 4-7 Seeds of Peace Trivia-Lake Edge UCC
<b>11</b> <u>See schedule above</u> Daylight Saving Time Begins Girl Scout cookies UIMCOR Sunday 8:30 Last Week 9:30-10 Blood Pressure Screen 11:15 A Way Other Than Our Own discussion 2:00 Read 'Em & Meet	<b>12</b> Pastors' Day Off  11am Hilltoppers Monona Garden 1:00 Quilters	<b>13</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting  1pm Yarncrafters  6:45 Strategic Planning Task Force	<b>14</b> 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 1-4 Mah Jongg-upstairs 4:30-8:00 El Libertador 7-8pm Confirm with Mentor.	<b>15</b>  6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  8am Men's Group-Breakfast 9-11:30 Respite Care Team Training-library 10am English
<b>18</b> <u>See schedule above</u> Coffee Sales 8:30 Last Week 11:00 Adult Choir	<b>19</b> Pastors' Day Off 1:00 Quilters	<b>20</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting  6pm Pastor Brad to Conference for meeting	<b>21</b> 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 9:30am -12 Knit 'N Stitch-Hall 1-2:30pm Circuit-Sun Prairie UMC 1-4 Mah Jongg-4:30-8:00 El Libertador 7-8pm Confirm	<b>22</b> 1:30 Reading Cr  6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  10am English
<b>25 Palm Sunday</b> <u>See schedule above</u> <b>Newsletter dln</b> 8:30 Last Week 9:00 Adult Choir 11:15 A Way Other Than Our Own discussion	<b>26</b> Pastors' Day Off 1:00 Quilters	<b>27</b> 9:30 Staff Meeting  1pm Yarncrafters 6:30 Ad Council	<b>28</b> 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 1-4 Mah Jongg-upstairs 4:30-8:00 El Libertador	<b>29 Maundy Thursday</b>  8:30 Newsletter Helpers  7:00 Worship	<b>30 Good Friday</b>  12:00 Ecumenical Worship service Lake Edge UCC	<b>31</b> 10am Breakfast Setup 10am English



### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Newsletter Deadline is March 25. Information arriving after the above date may not be in the April newsletter. Remember you can FAX your article to 222-2395 or email

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**4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, March 10**

**Lake Edge United Church of Christ  
Fellowship Hall  
4200 Buckeye Rd., Madison, WI**

*This is a fundraiser to benefit the  
Atwood Personal Essentials Pantry  
Donations of cash and personal  
hygiene products will be collected*