



HILLTOP HERALD-JANUARY 2020 MONONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & IGLESIA METODISTA UNIDA EL LIBERTADOR

JANUARY MISSION

DANE COUNTY IMMIGRANT ASSISTANCE FUND

The Dane County Immigrant Assistance Fund was created in 2017 by Dane County Executive Joe Parisi and the Dane County Board of Supervisors with additional support from the city of Madison. The Fund, along with a grant from the Vera Institute for Justice, is part of an effort to protect the well-being of local residents by providing legal representation to immigrants facing deportation hearings and family separation.

Donations to the Fund are immediately available to support the Immigration Collaborative of Dane County, seven local organizations serving residents impacted by these issues: Catholic Multicultural Center, Centro Hispano of Dane County, Community Immigration Law Center (CILC), Jewish Social Services (JSS), Literacy Network, Rise Law Center, and UW Immigrant Justice Clinic.

Please consider supporting this Social Justice organization. Please mark your giving envelope or check "Dane County Immigrant Assistance Fund".

Thank you, The Mission Team

FLOWER CALENDAR

The new 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 signup sheet.

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>

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Sunday January 19

Your generous gift supports neighborhood outreach and advocacy through Community Developers and UM Voluntary Services, both related to the General Board of Global Ministries, and at-risk teens through Youth Offender Rehabilitation, General Board of Church & Society. This is one of the special offerings of the United Methodist Church.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope your Christmas holidays were bright. I hope you sensed the love of God that comes to us in Jesus' birth, and that you were able to spend quality time with family and friends.

A couple of years ago our District Superintendent, Rev. Scott Carlson, shared a reading from a devotional book he was using at the time for his daily devotions. It was a statement by Macrina Wiederkehr from "A Tree Full of Angels."

I appreciated this statement so much that I hung on to it. And now I have it to share with you. It is about dealing with our imperfections.

"All too often we bemoan our imperfections rather than embrace them as part of the process in which we are brought to God. Cherished emptiness gives God space in which to work. We are pure capacity for God. Let us not, then, take our littleness lightly. It is a wonderful grace. It is a gift to receive. At the same time, let us not get trapped in the confines of our littleness, but keep pushing to claim our greatness. Remind yourself often, 'I am pure capacity for God; I can be more.'"

I like that. Instead of bemoaning my imperfections, I can think of them as "cherished emptiness [that] gives God space in which to work." My imperfection or 'littleness' is a gift because it provides space for God to work in my life. In that sense, "I am pure capacity for God; I can be more."

This would make a good resolution for the new year. Resolved: to look at my imperfections as part of the process that is bringing me closer to God, and to think of myself as pure capacity for God.

Thanks, Marcina Wiederkehr, for this helpful thought. And thanks, District Superintendent Carlson, for passing it along.

Blessings to you in the New Year,

Pastor Brad

NEW UPPER ROOMS ARE HERE

The Upper Room is a great little devotional book that you can use for daily reading. The January/February issue has arrived and is in the Narthex Information Center. Feel free to take one home.

BIBLE PASSAGES & SERMON THEMES 10:00AM SERVICE

“Who Are You?” - Epiphany Sermon Series

“The Lord God called me before I was born, while I was in my mother’s womb God named me.” – Isaiah 49:1

The beginning of a new calendar year is a time when we often reassess direction and ask questions yet again about who we are and where we are going in life. We make resolutions, we sign up at the gym (again), we vow to be better people. This year we will take a deep journey into the question, “Who Are You?” We will discover that “who we are” is indelibly linked to “Whose we are.” What amazing things could happen if we lived into our best, most passionate, loving selves? Let’s find out what transformations can happen in just 8 weeks!

January 5 – Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12
“Following Our Star”

January 12 – Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17
“Connecting with Our Belovedness”

January 19 – Isaiah 49:1-7; John 1:29-42
“Knowing Our Name”

January 26 – Isaiah 9:1-4; Matthew 4:12-23
“Claiming Our Vocation”

CARING COORDINATOR COLUMN

With the coldest months of the year upon us, men’s clothes are greatly needed. Consider collecting and donating new or gently used long underwear, socks, sweaters, hats, gloves, and jeans. Those who go without shelter in Madison’s city center rely on the winter day resource and warming center at Bethel Lutheran Church. Bag and bring items to church and place them in the cloakroom and I’ll make sure they get to Bethel.

Also, affordable housing continues to be a serious issue in our area. During these coldest months, far too many single-parent families with young children are at risk. Please consider giving a little extra to our Human Welfare Fund. We regularly work with area agencies like YWCA Housing, Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS), Wingra Resource Navigation Program, and others to assist at-risk families.

Never hesitate to contact me with caring needs that you know of within our church family or our surrounding neighborhoods and communities. I can be reached at 608-335-5063 or markbmumc@gmail.com or see me in person!

May the peace and glory of Christ’s birth fill your hearts and homes this Christmas season!

Caring & Coordinating, Mark Buffat

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 sign-up sheet in fellowship for you to indicate your interest in this opportunity.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

There will be Blood Pressure Screening on **Sunday, January 12** at 9:30am in the Cry Room. 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 & Meet" book club will meet at Lake Edge Lutheran Church on **Sunday, January 12**, at 2:00 pm. The group will discuss the book *Mining for Justice*, by Kathleen Ernst.

CASSEROLE MINISTRY

Willing to make an extra dish? Know of someone in our church family who needs food support? Contact Mark Buffat at markbmumc@gmail.com or 335-5063.

GIVING TREE

This year's Giving Tree program supplied gifts and food for 64 children in 25 families! Our church contributed generously along with the Winnequah school community. We also gathered and sorted gifts for an additional 55 children who were part of the high school program. Our church building provided a warm, conveniently located place to distribute the gifts. Thank you so much for helping our community. A special thanks to all for generously donating extra funds so we could provide a gift card for the families to have a special dinner.

HILLTOPPERS

The Hilltoppers group will meet on **Monday, January 13** at the Monona Garden restaurant at 11am. Those that would like can stay and order a meal off the menu. Our program has not been finalized as of now, but keep watching the Sunday bulletins for updates.

MUMC MEN'S GROUP

We encourage the men of our church to join our Men's Group for breakfast at Monona Gardens 9:00am, **Saturday, January 18**.

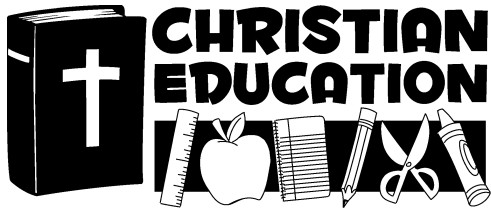
PREP & PAINTING WORK PARTY

Bathrooms off Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 18; 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

Join members of the Men's Breakfast Group. All are welcome!

Contact Mark Buffat if you're willing to help, markbmumc@gmail.com or 335-5063.



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Thank you to the children, Sunday school teachers, and parents who helped with our program! A special thank you to Forrest & Kara Evans, our directors and Dianne Totten, our accompanist. *Well done everyone!*

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our morning children's Sunday school will resume on **Sunday, January 5** at 9am.

ADULT CLASS

Christ in Crisis: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus By Jim Wallis

The new adult Sunday school study is starting January 5, 2020 and ending March 15, 2020. The cost is \$16.00. Please sign-up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall.

"Writing in response to our current "constitutional crisis," *New York Times* bestselling author and Christian activist Jim Wallis urges America to return to the tenets of Jesus once again as the means to save us from the polarizing bitterness and anger of our tribal nation.

In *Christ in Crisis* Jim Wallis provides a path of spiritual healing and solidarity to help us heal the divide separating Americans today. Building on "Reclaiming Jesus"—the declaration he and other church leaders wrote in May 2018 to address America's current crisis—Wallis argues that Christians have become disconnected from Jesus and need to revisit their spiritual foundations. By pointing to eight questions Jesus asked or is asked, Wallis provides a means to measure whether we are truly aligned with the moral and spiritual foundations of our Christian faith.

"Christians have often remembered, re-discovered, and returned to their obedient discipleship of Jesus Christ—both personal and public—in times of trouble. It's called coming home," Wallis reminds us. While he addresses the dividing lines and dangers facing our nation, the religious and cultural commentator's focus isn't politics; it's faith.

As he has done throughout his career, Wallis offers comfort, empathy, and a practical roadmap. *Christ in Crisis* is a constructive field guide for all those involved in resistance and renewal initiatives in faith communities in the post-2016 political context. " (Amazon)

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

--Goes to Lynn Hovey & Joan Hagedorn, and their families, upon the death of their birth father.

--Goes to LeeAnn Sinclair and her family, upon the death of her aunt



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Quilters – Mondays at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall. Newcomers are warmly invited to participate.

Executive Committee – will meet on **Monday, January 13** at 1:30pm in the church library.

Yarncrafters – Meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1pm (**January 14 & 28**) as well as with the RSVP group “Monona Knit ‘N Stitch” on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, **January 15**, from 10:00 until 11:30. All are welcome.

Friendship Circle - will not be meeting in January.

Faith Circle – will not meet in January.

Reading Circle – will meet on **Thursday, January 23**, 1:30pm. The selection for January is *Storming the Wall: Climate Change, Migration, and Homeland Security* by Todd Miller. Watch for information on the location.

JAVA JIVE

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

To all supporters of the Authentic Fair Trade Mission and the dedicated team members:

The \$'s are not all in for sale on the 8th as writing this on the 9th of December, as leaving town.

But a recap of November was \$1200. This includes the \$330 sold at Bazaar/craft event. Will have yearly stats in February.

We have huge impact on small farmer democratically run coops when we join with other interdenominational congregations.

Thanks for investing yourselves in this mission of Justice, Equality and Sustainability for God's people and planet. Products will be sold **January 12**.

Kay Mackie, an AFT team coordinator- this is a UMW Mission, not a fund raiser, EEx sells to us at wholesale prices and we pass that on to you.

P.S. In what country did coffee originate?

We have that coffee as one of our coffee products.

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.**

JUST BAKERY

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

SEEDS OF PEACE BLOOD DRIVE

Please mark your calendars for a local blood drive to be held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (4011 Major Ave, Madison) on **Monday, February 3** from 1-6pm. Go to redcrossblood.org to register.

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.

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE - GIVING - Closing the Gap

¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. (2 Corinthians 8:12)

This year, join me in taking care of the problematic and typical shortfalls in our local church budgets. Many stewardship books propose **a step of 1% of income** per year as you grow toward tithing. In Wisconsin, if the roughly 34,000 giving households increased their giving by an average of 1% of income in 2020, **our churches would receive \$18 million more in 2020 than in 2019**. Overall, we would increase our giving from 3% to 4% of our collective income.

If you make the median income in Wisconsin, then one percent is about \$600. That is \$11.54 per week in 2020. Coming up with another \$12 per week for the church may take some effort and sacrifice, but you can see that for most families earning the median, this would be doable.

If your household earns \$100,000 per year, one percent is \$1,000, or about \$19 per week. If your household earns \$25,000 per year, one percent is \$250 or just under \$5 per week.

Generosity is not a big check; rather, it is these weekly increments that today you will resolve to give to God in 2020. If you have already pledged, tell them you want to change it, or just starting giving the additional \$5 or \$12 or \$19 or whatever is 1% of your income over and above your giving last year.

If most giving units increased their giving in this way, **your church would close the budget gap** that people have been worrying about. Apportionments would be paid and delayed maintenance would be done. More importantly, your congregation would be able to feed the hungry, help the poor, send youth on mission trips, sponsor missionaries any do good in many other ways. **Isn't this why you are a church?**

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation 888-903-9863

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD'S CREATION

...consider becoming part of a MUMC Climate Action Group...

Everywhere we turn these days we hear about climate change. Our earth is getting warmer, as evidenced by record high temperatures all around the world, causing unbearable heat waves and severe drought in vital agricultural areas. The wildfire seasons are getting longer. Climate change is affecting wild life, causing loss of habitat, messing up migration patterns and seasons. Wild life extinctions are increasing. A warmer climate is affecting ocean temperatures, damaging coral reefs, threatening marine ecosystems, and disrupting global fisheries. Air temperature over the oceans is increasing, feeding heavy precipitation events and acting as fuel for destructive tropical cyclones and hurricanes. The Greenland glaciers and Antarctic sea shelves are melting faster than ever before, starting to have an effect on global sea levels. Snow cover is reduced in mountain ranges around the world, where people depend on glacial meltwater to replenish their aquifers. The permafrost in the northern arctic areas, storing massive amounts of methane and carbon dioxide from thousands of years ago, is thawing, slowly, but threatening to add significantly to the already fast-growing layers of greenhouse gases surrounding our globe. And there is more...

It is not an encouraging picture to consider at the beginning of a new year. BUT CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD ARE BEGGING ADULTS TO DO SOMETHING. And grandparents in many countries are taking up the challenge. The Church and Society Work Area is inviting those of you at MUMC who worry about the future of our younger generations to join together to do something. There are many examples of actions that can be undertaken by individuals and groups from returning to a simpler life, well-known to those of us who date a few generations back, to raising awareness on the many facets of climate issues, to advocating for policy changes to protect our mother earth from further destruction.

But you may say, what can a few persons do that would make a difference? In the book, *Almost Christmas*, that our adult Sunday school class has discussed lately, a quote by Dorothy Day gives us hope that even the smallest of actions are worth pursuing. "...people say, what good can one person do? What is the sense of our small effort? They [people] cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time; we can be responsible only for the one action of the present moment. But **we can beg for an increase of love in our hearts that will vitalize and transform all our individual actions, and know that God will take them and multiply them as Jesus multiplied the loaves and the fishes.**" No one person or one group is going to solve the problem of climate change. But when a few people hear the call and take up the challenge hope spreads like ripples on the water.

So, 2020 is the year when the Church and Society work area will invite you to become part of a MUMC Climate Action Group. Stay tuned, and consider how you could express your love for God's Creation in the new year.

Church & Society, Siv Goulding

\$ Financial Report \$

Cash Flow November 30, 2019

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$ 21,440	\$ 227,541
General Operating Expenses	25,009	265,543
Net Surplus (Shortfall)	<u><u>\$ (3,569)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (38,002)</u></u>

2020 Committee on Lay Leadership Report

Please take a look at this report, to see if we have listed you in the correct spot. If not, call the church office at 222-1633. The blank lines indicate that we are still looking for volunteers. **If you could fill a vacant position, please contact the office.**

As this newsletter goes to press, there have been some meetings already established for January. There may be other committees which will be meeting, but the dates aren't all set yet. If you are on a committee, please watch your email for a meeting notice, or check the calendar in the weekly bulletin. Please save this report for reference during the year.

Administrative Council:

Ad Council Chair - *Oversees the leaders of the church in decision making processes that affect the vision, policies, and budget of the local church; encouraged to attend Annual Conference.*

Carrie Dillon (2020)

Lay Members to Annual Conference - *Serves as delegate for Monona UMC at Annual Conference sharing our beliefs, and works with others in the Conference.*

Patsy McDonald, Kay Cowing (June 5-8, 2020)

Alternate: Mary Lou Byers, Mark Buffat

Recording Secretary: _____

Membership Secretary: Anna Skiles

Treasurer: Phyllis Stertz

Financial Secretary: Anna Skiles

SPRC Chair: AJ Feucht

Finance Chair: Dan DeBaal

Trustees Chair: Gail Poser, to be elected

Worship Chair: Barb Larson & Lori Stewart co-chairs

Lay Leader: Patsy McDonald

Church & Society: Lou Ann Van Fossen, LeeAnn Sinclair co-chairs

Hilltoppers: Elgin & Carol Waugh

UMW: Lynn Hovey

Children's Ministry: _____

Caring Ministry: Mark Buffat

Missions: Patsy McDonald

Media & Communications Team: _____

Reconciling Ministry: Jean Van Dreef

Strategic Planning Task Force: Kay Cowing

Stewardship: Mary Jane Smith

Youth Representative: _____

Teams by Ministry Area

Passionate Worship:

Passionate Worship Chair: Barb Larson and Lori Stewart
Liturgists Coordinator: Sally Buffat
Ushers Coordinator: Anna Mae Wilken
Communion Steward: Marcia Hansen
Acolytes Coordinator: Carol Johnson
Flower Calendar Coordinator: Sally Buffat
Sacristy Coordinator: Jeanette Williams
Marie Siferd (helper), Phyllis Stertz (on call), Rick Siferd (on call), Huston Family (weekends are best)

Wedding Coordinators: -Barb Larson -Julie Larson -Kay Cowing

Worship Team: (retooling, repurposing)

Shirley Robinson	Jeanette Williams	Debbie Munroe
Carol Johnson (acolyte trainer)	Linda Jackson	Kay Cowing
Barb Larson - co-chair	Lori Stewart - co-chair	

Intentional Faith Development:

Adult Education Team (*Dedicated to providing adults with opportunities for spiritual growth through learning, service and fellowship*):

Frank Gaylord (Resource)	Becky Halstead	Mark Buffat
Siv Goulding (as teacher infrequently)		Pastor Brad Van Fossen

Church and Society (*Concerned with contemporary ethical and social justice issues and how Christians can respond to them from the perspective of Christian faith*):

Siv Goulding	Marilyn Hearden	LeeAnn Sinclair-co-chair	Maribeth Witzel-Behl
Lou Ann Van Fossen-co-chair		Mark Buffat	

Native American CP Rep: Hillary Whitehorse

Hilltoppers: Elgin Waugh Carol Waugh

Camping Coordinator (*Promotes Wisconsin United Methodist Church Camps*):

UMW:

Lynn Hovey

Historians:

Carol Johnson Marilyn Rowin

Children's Ministry Team (*Plans and implements ministry with and for children and their families*) (*meet 4 times/yr to plan Sunday school semesters, Christmas Program and VBS*)

_____ - co-chair	_____ - co-chair	Jason Mittag	Jeanna Freeman
Maribeth Witzel-Behl	Jennifer Derke	Kay DeBaal	
Mark Buffat	Ed McDonald	Brian Jacobus	Sabrina Jacobus

Risk-Taking Mission:

Caring Ministries Team (*Creates and coordinates the opportunity to provide care, comfort and kindness to our congregational members and friends*):

Pat Jacobus Carolyn Taubenheim Mark Buffat Mary Jane Smith
(Blood Pressure Screenings)
Mary Jane Smith Jan Wanek Jean Van Dreel Peg McDonald Dorilee Miller

Missions (*Lifts up and interprets the mission outreach of the church on a local and global basis*):

Sheila Becker (2020) Dottie Rodger (2021) Anna Mae Wilken (2022)
Karen Kleinert (2020) Guy Rodgers (2021) Mary Seitz (2022)
Patsy McDonald-chair (2020) _____ (2021) _____ (2022)

Food Pantry Ministries (*Serves as a liaison between Monona UMC and St. Stephen's Food Pantry*):

Barb Helsel Jeanette Williams

UMW Fair Trade Equal Exchange Ministry (*Coordinates the Fair Trade coffee mission*)

Kay Mackie-team coordinator, Jackie Hull, Jean Van Dreel, Polly Brandes, Jan Wanek, Kathie Baxter, Karelyn Hopkins, Peggy Traver, Sally Buffat, Barb Helsel, Marilyn Hearnden, Gail Poser, Deb Munroe

Radical Hospitality:

Kitchen:

Jean Van Dreel (weekly organize) & Carol Johnson (Supplies) Peg McDonald (Refrigerator)
Marilyn Hearnden & Gail Poser (twice year Cleaning) Gail Poser (Stoves)
Barb Larson & Marie Siferd (Shopping) Mary Lou Byers (Towels)

Funeral Coordinators:

Peggy McDonald Anna Mae Wilken Jan Wanek Gail Poser

Hospitality:

Fellowship Hour Coordinator: _____

Greeters Coordinator: Polly Brandes

Dishwasher Coordinator: _____

Media & Communications Team: (retooling, relabeling, resources)

Anna Siferd Victoria Greer John Huston Mark Buffat Julie Larson
Kara Evans Forrest Evans

Trustees (*Responsible for the supervision, care, maintenance, and protection of the church and other buildings and all personal property contained therein*):

Gail Poser-chair (2020) Oscar Garcia (2021) Roger Becker (2022)
El Libertador (2020) Oscar Diaz (2021) Dick Hayden (2022)
Brian Jacobus (2020) _____ (2021) El Libertador (2022)
Clyde Drake, custodial advisor Pastor Brad Van Fossen Pastora Estrella Benitez

Reconciling Ministry (*Oversees the congregation's efforts toward being an inclusive church*):

Jean Van Dreel-chair Jeanna Freeman Anna Siferd Mark Miller

Community Garden Outreach (*Coordinates congregation's on-site community garden*):

Karelyn Hopkins-Plot-Assignments Frank Gaylord Rick Siferd John Huston (chair)
Pastor Estrella Benitez Mike Fritz/Cindy Bender (community reps)

Extravagant Generosity:

Stewardship (Assists the church in raising funds for ministry and mission and promotes ongoing stewardship through gifts of talent, time, service and prayer):

Mary Jane Smith (2020) Josh Dietsche (2021) LeeAnn Sinclair (2022)
Jeff Wiswell (2020) Leah Bancroft (2021) _____ (2022)
_____ (2020) _____ (2021) _____ (2022)

*ad hoc representative members from Finance for fall campaign

Resource Teams:

SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) (Acts as a liaison for the paid staff of Monona UMC with the congregation):

_____ (2020) Louise Belk (2021) Dorilee Miller (2022)
AJ Feucht (co-chair) (2020) Julie Whitehorse (2021) Jeff Moore (2022)
Winston Hopkins (2020) Chris Remington (2021) Frank Gaylord (2022)
Izzy Behl Youth rep.
Lay Member to Annual Conference: _____ Lay Leader: Patsy McDonald

Wills, Memorials and Estates:

Peg McDonald Polly Brandes Sally Buffat

Finance (Monitors church budget and cash flow throughout the year and provides guidance for spending and investing of church funds):

Dan DeBraal-chair (2020) Dan Medenblik (2021) Jim Jacobus (2022)
_____ (2020) Mark Miller- (2021) Barb Pearson (2022)
_____ (2020) Jason Mittag (2021) Edmond Throckmorton (2022)
Treasurer: Phyllis Stertz Financial Secretary: Anna Skiles
SPRC Rep: _____ Lay Leader: Patsy McDonald Ad Council Chair: Carrie Dillon
Trustee Rep: _____ C&S: LeeAnn Sinclair

Committee on Lay Leadership (Identifies, develops, deploys, evaluates, and monitors the Christian spiritual leadership of the congregation)

Tim Eberle (2020) Carol Waugh (2021) Mary Lou Byers (2022)
_____ (2020) Elgin Waugh (2021) Doreen Peterson (2022)
_____ (2020) Susan Katzenmeyer (2021) Mary Jane Smith (2022)
Brad Van Fossen (chair) Mark Buffat (Caring Ministries) Patsy McDonald (Lay Leader)

Lay Leader (Functions as the primary representative of the laity of the church as a member of Ad Council, charge conference, finance, committee on lay leadership and SPRC; recommended to serve as Lay Member to Annual Conference):

Patsy McDonald (2019-2020)

Strategic Planning Task Force (SPTF)

Mark Buffat LeeAnn Sinclair Kay Cowing Becky Halstead
Patsy McDonald Jim Jacobus

Office Helpers:

Substitute Secretary: Donna Olson, Jean Van Dreel, Frank Gaylord; Bulletins: Shirley Dalton, Milly Pearson; Newsletters & On Call: Polly Brandes, Carol Johnson, Phyllis Stertz, Anna Mae Wilken, Marie Siferd, Barb Larson, Jan Wanek, Kathie Baxter

The Life and Ministry of God's People In Monona United Methodist Church January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed Pastor Brad Vacation	2 9:30 Staff Meeting 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 Trustees 7:30 Adult Choir	3	4 6-7:30am El Libertador Prayer Vg
5 <u>See schedule below</u> 8:30 Adults – Christ in Crisis 11:15 Strategic Planning T/F	6 Pastors' Day Off 1:00pm Quilters 4-8pm Music lessons-Cry Room /Sanctuary 6:30 Girl Scouts- hall	7 9:30 Staff Meeting	8 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 2-4 library in use 7-8pm Confirmation	9 1:00 Faith Cr. 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 SPRC 7:30 Adult Choir	10 8:30-10am Hall in use	11 6-7:30am El Libertador Prayer Vg
12 <u>See schedule below</u> Coffee Sales 8:30 Adults – Christ in Crisis 9:30 Blood Pressure Screen 11:15 Church & Society 11:15 Reconciling 2:00 Read 'Em & Meet-	13 Pastors' Day Off 11am Hilltoppers at Monona Garden 1:00pm Quilters 1:30 UMW Exec. Comm. Meeting 4-8pm Music lessons-Cry Room /Sanctuary 6:30 Stephen Ministers-library.	14 9:30 Staff Meeting 1:00 Yarncrafters 6:30 Finance	15 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 10am Monona Knit 'N Stitch 1-3:30 New Bridge Foot clinic Hall 1-2:30 Circuit- SP UMC 7-8pm Confirmation	16 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	17	18 6-7:30am El Libertador Prayer Vg 9am Men's Group-breakfast Monona Garden 9:30am-2:30pm Confirmation 12-1:30pm Mentors 10:30am-1:30pm Painting Bathrooms
19 <u>See schedule below</u> Human Relations Day 8:30 Adults – Christ in Crisis	20 Pastors' Day Off 1:00pm Quilters 4-8pm Music lessons-Cry Room /Sanctuary 6:30 Girl Scouts- hall	21 9:30 Staff Meeting	22 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 1-3:30 New Bridge Foot clinic Hall 7-8pm Confirmation	23 1:30 Reading Circle 6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	24	25 6-7:30am El Libertador Prayer Vg 8am-2pm Hall/Kitchen in use
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 Sunday School for children
10:00 Worship
11:00 Fellowship
5:00 El Libertador - Worship in Spanish



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

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STEPHEN MINISTRY

“...encourage one another and build up each other.”
– I Thessalonians 5:11

It can be a great encouragement to have the support of a caring Christian friend to listen to us and reflect about life’s meanings. One of our congregation’s Stephen Ministers is ready to provide that care for you or someone you know during times when encouragement is needed.

Speak to Mark Buffat or Frank Gaylord for more information. They can help you be referred to a Stephen Minister.

Or if you have been thinking about becoming a Stephen Minister yourself, this is the time to take action. A new 50 hour training module begins in January. Either Mark or Frank can get you an application form to be considered for this class.