



HILLTOP HERALD-JULY 2021 MONONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE CHURCH EMERGENT

For the short-term, we will continue to worship virtually and place limits on in-person gatherings. If you wish to schedule a group or event at the church, inside or outside, please contact Kay for the updated building use guidelines and forms. Masks and distancing will apply to all gatherings.

The office is open and staffed 9am-2pm, Monday through Friday. Pastor Paul and Mark Buffat are available for pastoral care both virtually and in-person for vaccinated individuals. We have cloth face masks available in our entryway to pick up if you are in need of one.

TRANSITION TIME

As June draws to a close, Pastor Laura will be concluding her time as our Interim Pastor. These six months have flown by. We are very grateful for her leadership, energy, new ideas and guidance in these difficult pandemic days. Please join us on-line as we worship on **Sunday, June 27** when Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) offers our gratitude to her. We will have Fellowship time on the patio from 11am-12pm.

And Pastor Paul Johnsen will become our pastor in July. He is eager to begin ministry here in our faith community and he wants to begin to get to know each of us. To enable the getting acquainted process, SPRC has planned with Pastor Paul, a series of "Getting to Know You" small group gatherings.

We invite you to be a part of one of those small groups late in July and early August. All will be held at the church either in Fellowship Hall, on the patio or under a tree on the lawn. Weather will dictate that. Each session will be for about an hour and a half. Because we hope each session will be 12-15 people, we ask that you make a reservation for the time which is best for you. Meetings are scheduled as follows:

Sunday, July 25 at 6:30pm
Monday, July 26 at 6:30pm
Thursday, July 29 at 2:00pm
Tuesday August 3 at 6:30pm
Wednesday, August 4 at 2:00pm
Sunday August 8 at 6:30pm
Tuesday, August 10 at 6:30pm
Wednesday, August 18 at 2:00pm

To reserve your spot, phone Frank Gaylord at (608)443-6361 or drop him an email at frgaylord@charter.net. When you make your reservation, please indicate the number and names of persons who will be attending. Check your calendar now and reserve a spot today.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Members and Friends of the Monona United Methodist Church:

As your soon-to-be (but not-yet) pastor, I look forward to our time together. I grew up in Madison and have been familiar with your ministry. You have been served by a long line of faithful pastoral leaders. Following Brad's retirement, Laura Crow shared her creativity, pastoral care and insight.

Right now, I am enjoying a month-long vacation! During these days, I have helped care for our twin granddaughters; completed some DIY home improvement projects; played golf; watched baseball and enjoyed some fun reading. This time away from the church has been a restorative gift.

It is my hope that we will be able to gather in-person on my first Sunday, July 11. As we find our way out of this pandemic and beyond, I will continue to provide an online worship option. My first day in the office will be Tuesday, July 6.

I will share with you the gifts that God has given to me. I am counting on you to do the same. I invite us to do our best to follow Jesus and grow in God's love and grace.

Sincerely,

Pastor Paul Johnsen

BIBLE PASSAGES & THEMES 10:00AM ONLINE SERVICE

July 4 - Ezra 1:1-7, Mark 6:7-13

“Radical Inclusion & Racial Justice: Reflections from Annual Conference”

Recorded Service

July 11 - Mark 1:16-20; “Jesus Calls”

July 18 – Mark 6:30-34, 53-56; “Healing of the Sick & Needy”

July 25 – John 6:1-21; “Feeding the 5000”



4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

Join the 4th of July fun! The Monona Community Festival (Saturday & Sunday, July 3 & 4) is back! And so is MUMC'S annual July 4th community service and engagement fundraiser event. Freewill donations collected at the event will benefit the school weekend backpack nutrition program at Nuestro Mundo. Volunteers still needed on the 4th of July! Activities include set-up & clean-up, monitoring the church grounds, greeting cars at the entrance and directing traffic in our parking lot, making and serving fresh popcorn, making lemonade, and serving in paper cups to families and kids as they make their way past the church in route to Winnequah Park for the fireworks and 4th festivities. As always, our north-facing hill will be a popular viewing spot for families with younger children. If you would like to join the fun and lend a hand, please contact Mark Buffat at (608) 335-5063 or markbmumc@gmail.com

OUR WEBSITE

Check out our improving website: www.mononaunitedmethodistchurch.org

- Join us for virtual Worship services on Sunday mornings at 10am by clicking the link on the front page of our website.
- We have a **Giving** tab on our website to make a donation with your credit card or through your checking account.

COVID SURVEY RESULTS

It is incredible how rapidly the COVID landscape has changed since we put out the survey to the congregation at the end of May! The Dane County metrics are looking very good – single digits of new cases for the last 14 days which is fantastic! Thank you to all who took the time to fill out the survey. We are sharing the results with you in this newsletter. A more detailed communication will be coming after our Covid team meets on June 25th.

HILLTOPPERS

The Hilltoppers will be meeting on **Monday, July 12 at 11 AM** in fellowship hall at church. Our program will be a "get acquainted" meeting with our new incoming pastor, Paul Johnsen. A good chance to meet the new pastor, get to know him, and tell him about themselves.

Social guidelines will be observed such as social distancing and masks. There will be no food at this meeting.

NEW UPPER ROOMS ARE HERE

The *Upper Room* is a great little devotional book that you can use for daily reading. The new July – August issue has arrived and is in the entryway. Feel free to take one. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact the church office.

BOOKS IN THE ENTRY

We have some books from our library and previous Adult Sunday School classes that you are welcome to take, read and return. The UMW book shelf is also available to check out a book.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



The subtle (and at times not so subtle) malaise of COVID-19 stress, fear, anxiety, fatigue, and isolation continue to affect so many of us. Are you or someone you know experiencing feelings of mental or emotional exhaustion? Other life stressors? During these challenging times, we all are facing stress in new and varied ways. Please know you do not have to go through it alone! If you or someone you know would like to have a compassionate, listening ear to talk about it and think together about coping mechanisms, please contact me. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide care for you or anyone in our church or community who may benefit from someone caring for them and listening to their concerns, anxiety, or stressors. Telephone care and video connecting are available. If you have any questions or think this might be a good idea for you or someone you know, please contact me at (608)335-5063 or markbmumc@gmail.com.

JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Reconciling Ministries Network

The Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN) was started in 1984 as a faith-based response to institutionalized homophobia braided into the fabric of the United Methodist Church. Now, over 30 years later, the Reconciling Movement spans four continents, 1,000+ churches, 40,000+ individuals and still growing.

As preparations began in 2020 for the General Conference, which was to be held in Minneapolis, the global pandemic hit. Simultaneously, awareness of white supremacy increased as anti-Black violence erupted and demonstrations took place around the world. As justice seekers, we were reminded of our call to be the church in new and reimagined ways.

RMN exists to serve the church and individuals. A campaign titled “Rooted and Rising” was launched in September 2020. In a sense, “Rooted and Rising” takes us back to our grass roots and emphasizes an intentional focus on intersectional justice. The term intersectionality is defined on the RMN website as follows: “In a nutshell intersectionality is a framework by which we understand that different kinds of identities may overlap and create different kinds of experiences including different kinds of oppression. For example, LGBTQ middle-class individuals have a different experience from LGBTQ people experiencing poverty. Similarly, LGBTQ people of color have different experiences from white LGBTQ white people.”

We are called to seek justice – The RMN provides resources which our church has used. We have had speakers – most recently for our April 18 Reconciling Sunday On-Line Service. There are videos, articles, books and podcasts available for our use. With our July Mission of The Month offering we help support this very important organization and resource for justice. Our offering will help maintain the staff of RMN and resources, all of which are available to us as we continue our understanding and growth.

Please consider supporting this fund to help the most vulnerable members of our community receive the resources they need during this challenging time. Please mark your check, or electronic giving “Reconciling Ministries Network”.

Updated information is available on the RMN website: <http://www.rmnetwork.org>

Thank you for your generous support of this mission.

The MUMC Mission Team and Jean Van Dreel, Reconciling Ministries Committee Team

OUR SYMPATHY

--Goes to Susan Katenmeyer and her family, upon the death of her brother, Lavern Krueger, on April 5.

--Goes to Karelyn Hopkins and her family, upon the death of her father, Gary, on May 4.

--Goes to Leslie Grenzow and her family, upon the death of her mother, Theora Proctor, on June 1.

JAVA JIVE
A Farmer-Led Future for Tea
Potong Tea Garden, Darjeeling, India

The Roots of the Tea Trade

Did you know that tea is the second most popular drink in the world—second only to water?

Most of Equal Exchange's tea partners are small farmers: they own just a few hectares of land and cultivate a mix of tea and other commercial crops like spices for export, as well as crops for their own kitchen. Through their democratic organizations, farmers can pool their resources and their harvests to trade at a viable scale.

The top four tea producing countries today are China, India, Kenya, and Sri Lanka respectively.

While Equal Exchange's purchases of tea are important to our partners, our relationships with them goes far beyond commercial trade. Over the years, Equal Exchange has contributed funding to help Potong Tea Garden in their tea bush replanting efforts, replacing many of the bushes originally planted in the 1800s. And in 2017, Equal Exchange, together with our supporters, raised funds to help Potong through a challenging time. That year, Potong lost about 70% of their annual harvest during a 104-day shutdown stemming from political unrest in the region. Equal Exchange's support helped farmers make ends meet despite the lost income.

Through good times and bad times, our futures as consumers are intertwined with the futures of small farmers. We are proud to celebrate 35 years of changing trade and more than 20 years of solidarity with tea farmers in India and Sri Lanka.

Thank you for your support as we continue to build a market for small farmers and work for positive change in the tea industry, together.

Any questions or suggestions: call Jackie Hull @ 608-576-7837 (C) or Karelyn Hopkins @ 608-577-3185 (C), Coordinators of MUMW AFT Mission

GERRYMANDERING

The Wisconsin Voter Engagement Campaign recently sponsored a webinar on partisan gerrymandering – what it is, how it works, why it dilutes your vote, and what you can do to take action. You can watch the webinar here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W-r8Pi0IiZQ&t=2593s>.

There are currently two bills before our state legislature on gerrymandering.

Assembly Bill 395/Senate Bill 389 sets out standards and procedures for redistricting that are non-partisan, that protect voters from discriminatory redistricting, and that ensure an open and impartial process. The Senate Committee on Government Operations, Legal Review and Consumer Protection, and the Assembly Committee on Campaigns and Elections have not yet scheduled a public hearing on these bipartisan bills.

Assembly Bill 369/Senate Bill 385 would delay redistricting until 2023, thereby keeping in place our current map through the 2022 midterm and Gubernatorial elections. This bill has already passed the Assembly and is likely to come to the floor of the Senate this week.

TAKING A FAITHFUL STANCE FOR EQUITY - JULY 19 WEBINAR

This past year has exposed deep divisions and inequities that have long been present in our society. As people of faith, we have a role and a responsibility to be a force for change in the public square.

Racism and white supremacy can only flourish if people of good will stay silent. People of faith care about racism and we care about equity. Still, when the time comes to speak up in a public forum, we feel ill-prepared, unsure of what to say, or simply do not know when an issue we care about is coming before our school board or Common Council or how to testify.

Please join us for this important training on how to be an effective advocate for racial equity and justice in your local community. Together we can stand for the truth and for the dignity of all people.

DATE: **Monday July 19** TIME: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

WHERE: Zoom

REGISTER: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtc-Cupj8sHtcZpWbImWAYLd6jUt1MwtFO>

Training led by Lisa Jones, Director of MICAHA in Milwaukee and David Liners, State Director of WISDOM.

Co-sponsors as of June 21, 2021:

MICAHA

Wisconsin Council of Churches

Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice

WISDOM

PLEASE HELP OUR NEW RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Due to the critical need for blood, Monona United Methodist Church will host the August Seeds of Peace blood drive on **Tuesday, August 17, 1:00-6:00pm**. Blood donors and volunteers are needed. Please contact the church office for more information. We are also looking for some extra fans to help move the sanctuary air conditioning into Fellowship Hall. If you have one that you could lend the church, please contact the office.

Please know that The Red Cross has implemented additional precautions to ensure the safety of all, including:

- Checking temperatures of all.
- Providing hand sanitizer/Following social distancing.
- Increasing enhanced disinfecting of surfaces and equipment.
- Donations are only with appointments and no guests allowed (e.g. children).
- **Donors are asked to wear their own face mask.**

Volunteers Needed:

- 2 volunteers at 11:30am to help unload
- 3 volunteers, per shift 12:30 – 6:30pm to help with registration and in refreshment area

General Donor Information:

- Height/weight requirements
- General good health
- Rapid Pass saves 15 minutes
- Bring donor card or government ID
- Questions on eligibility 1-866-236-3276

THE BAIL SYSTEM

The primary purpose of bail is to allow the arrested person to remain free until convicted of a crime and at the same time ensure his or her return to court.

In Wisconsin bail consists of two parts: the amount of money that needs to be posted and the rules that need to be followed while out on bail. The court commissioner sets an amount of bail and conditions of bail known as bond conditions.

The amount of bail for a non-violent crime is normally \$500 per charge. The amount of bail can be either cash or signature bond. When a person signs a signature bond it states that he is promising to pay the \$500 if he or she violates the conditions of bail. If bail is set at \$500 cash the arrested person, family, or friend must post \$500 in cash to get the person out of jail.

The judge can also set the bail of \$500 per charge. For instance, if a person is arrested for drunken driving and is resisting arrest he would be charged for the OWI and also for an obstruction charge which would put the bail at \$1000. Any money posted for bail will be returned to the person who posted it in about 2 weeks after the case is over. However, the court will likely take out the court costs.

Bail reform is a part of a larger discussion on criminal justice reform taking place in Wisconsin and nationwide. There are growing calls to end our unjust cash bail system release program. We need legislative efforts that provide judges with the most robust, equitable, and evidence based approach to systemic pretrial reform at the local level.

Marilyn Hearden, Church & Society

PAMPERED CHEF FUNDRAISER

Sabrina Jacobus is hosting a Pampered Chef catalog fundraiser for the America Cancer Society in honor of her friend Mel, who is struggling with cancer. You can place an order **through June 27** to support this “Help Whip Cancer” fundraiser. Please click the link below.

<http://www.pamperedchef.com/party/hwcformel>

YARD SIGNS

You can still get a yard signs that say Together Online to display in your yard. They cost \$13. Please contact the church office.



WEEDS

If you are looking for a reason to go outside and enjoy the summer weather, stop by the church and pick some weeds that are growing in the sidewalk and patio cracks. Rest on the bench for a while and check out the beautiful daisies blooming in the garden. Take a walk through the garden and see what is growing.

UMC SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

Do you ever wonder how to respond to the many social justice issues that are swirling around in the world these days? What guidelines could you utilize to help you get an idea on how to focus? As a person of faith, you might say that the Bible provides all the guideline you need. While the Bible helps us get a picture of what God's Kingdom on Earth would look like, getting from where we are today to where God really had in mind for us to end up, is no easy task. To help out, religious communities have tried to develop specific principles for guidance.

“The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church is a lengthy document that details the UMC stand on social issues. It is comprehensive, addressing issues as diverse as marriage, the church's interaction with governments, discrimination, to taking care of the planet.” More specifically, the Social Principles consist of a number of different sections, divided into units focusing on the natural as well as the nurturing world and the social, economic, political, and world communities. It outlines in detail the United Methodist current stand on a range of issues, many of which are controversial in our world today.

Like policies explaining how to interpret and implement political laws are challenged and updated as time goes along, the UMC Social Principles are prayerfully and thoughtfully scrutinized and revised by the governing body of the church, every so often as well. These principles are an important resource that can help United Methodists in determining the individual positions we could take as well on various issues in our lives, our communities, our countries and in our world.

Please take a look at the **newly updated version of 2020**. Each section offers valuable insight and much food for thoughts. See: <https://www.umcjustice.org/documents/124>
Church & Society, Siv Goulding

ALTAR FLOWERS

We welcome donations of flowers for our altar on Sundays. If you would like to give flowers on a particular Sunday, please contact the church office. They may be dropped off on Fridays during office hours, 9am-2pm. Thanks for brightening up our worship space.

FOOT CLINICS/VOLUNTEERS

Did you know that Monona UMC is hosting the NewBridge Foot Clinic in our Fellowship Hall three Tuesdays a month? NewBridge is partnered with Registered Nurse Gail Owens and Nail Technician Susan Hasey to provide foot care for older adults 60+. The cost is \$20 and we ask that you bring two towels. Appointments are required by calling (608) 512-0000.

NewBridge is also looking for a Foot Clinic volunteers to help with their foot clinics. Please contact Joe at NewBridge 608-512-0000- Ext. 2000 for more information.

RIVER FOOD PANTRY

The River is currently accepting 18-count egg cartons until further notice. Also, The River is NOT accepting clothing or household items. If you have items to donate, please check with either Agrace or Boomerang. You are welcome to drop off egg cartons, paper bags, non-perishable food, or personal hygiene items at church daily from 9am until 2pm.

MONONA MUNCHIES

Through July 16

Monona Munchies is a free weekday summer lunch program for anyone (children, students, adults, families) who wants a free lunch. They will now be working from Monona Grove High School (4400 Monona Dr.) as their home base. Lunches can be picked up in the Commons (lunchroom) of MG High School 11:45am to 12:15pm Monday through Friday.

If you would like to donate:

- *For monetary donations*, please make a check out to *Monona Munchies* and drop it off at any Monona Bank location.
- *For food donations*, please bring them to Monona Grove High School between 11 AM – 12:15 PM, Monday through Friday.

Sign up to volunteer on the Sign-Up Genius account at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080548ABAF2BA57-monona4>

AGRACE HOSPICECARE

Agrace Offers Virtual Grief Support

In July, grief support specialists from Agrace are offering three virtual (accessible with a tablet, computer or smartphone) grief support groups for adults:

- **Bridges Support Group** meets **July 7 and July 21**, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- **COVID-19 Loss Group** meets every other Wednesday. In July, meetings are **July 14 and 28**, from 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- **LGBTQ+ Spouse/Partner Loss Group** is a six-week series that meets **Tuesdays, July 20 to August 24**, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Pre-registration is required for all groups. For details, fees or to register, visit Agrace.org/GriefGroups or call (608) 327-7118.

Agrace Seeks Volunteers in Dane County

Agrace is seeking volunteers across Dane County to visit with hospice patients or support its Madison-area thrift stores. Volunteer orientation will take place at Agrace's Madison campus **July 15**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or **July 26**, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. **Pre-registration is required for either session.** Call (608) 327-7163 or visit Agrace.org/Volunteer to fill out an application.

\$ Financial Report \$

Cash Flow May 31, 2021

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$ 15,009	\$ 110,684
General Operating Expenses	17,787	97,039
Net Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ (2,778)	\$ 13,645

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE – STORYTIME: YOUR MINISTRY STORY

“Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to God’s power that is at work within us.” Ephesians 3:20

I took my kids fishing for the first-time last month. You can imagine the excitement of 5-year-olds with a fishing rod! Besides fishing, they had fun throwing things into the lake. They enjoyed seeing how far they could throw sticks and rocks and see the ripples they create. That was a great teaching moment. “Do you know your words and actions are like these sticks? You do one thing, but it has a reaction much larger.”

There is a church in our conference that received an estate gift in the mid-1990s for youth. The gift was \$5,000 and was invested here at the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. That gift has grown and continued to be used for ministry. In the last 25 years, over \$6,500 has been used for youth ministry! There is still almost \$7,000 in that fund today!

Isn’t it wonderful what a modest gift can do for the ministry of a church even after we have died! Isn’t it wonderful how one gift can affect youth for years! Isn’t it wonderful that one gift is a much larger action than the original giver could have ever known?

How are you giving to the church with your time, talents, and treasures? What ripple effect will it have now and in the future?

Rev. Krystal Goodger,
Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, 888-903-9863 or wumf@wumf.org

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Virtual Worship 10:00am

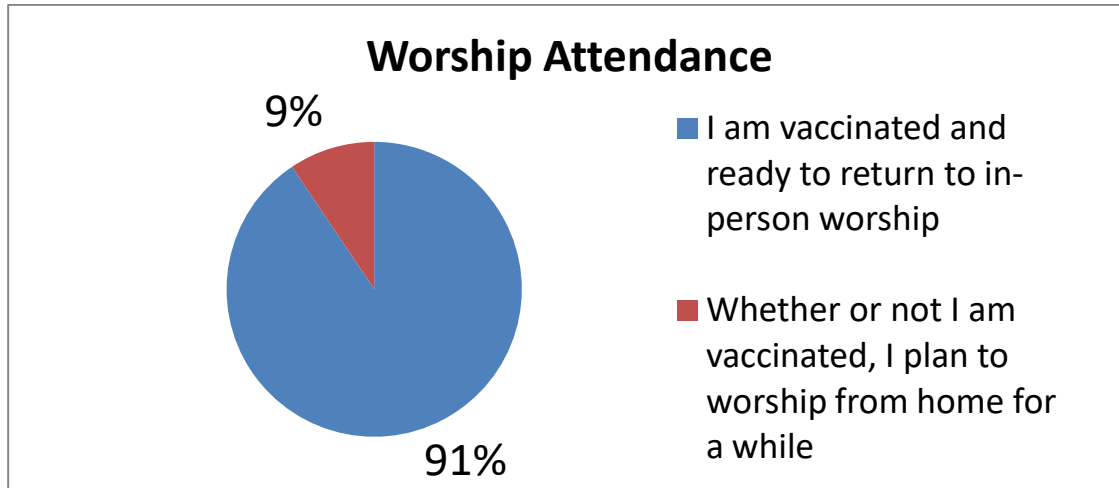
Covid Congregational Survey Results

Survey Open from May 27 – June 14

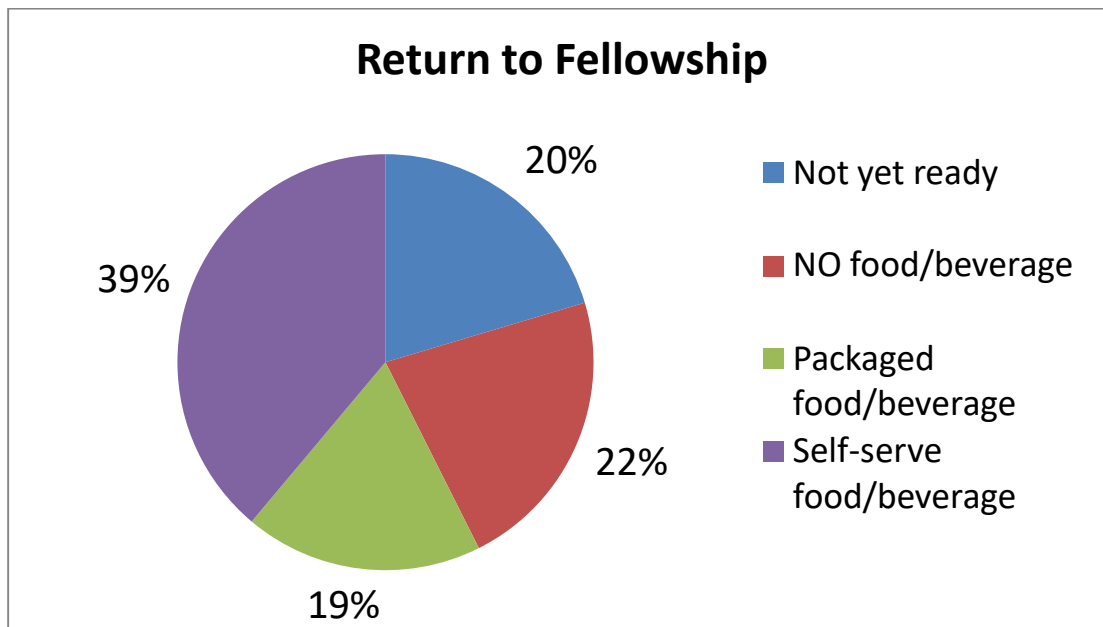
Q1 – Name

53 total responses, 2 anonymous

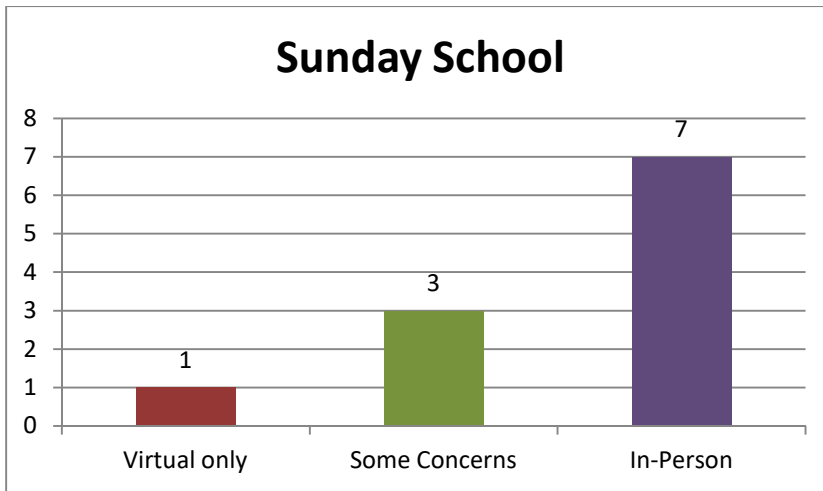
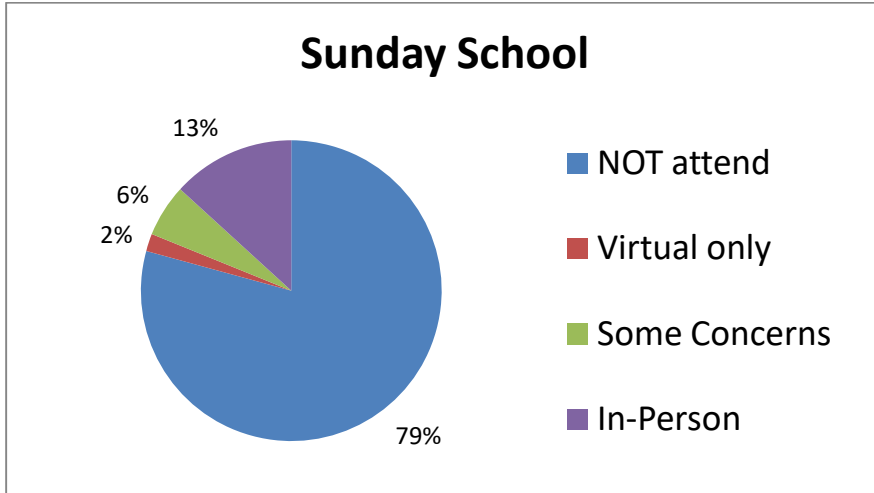
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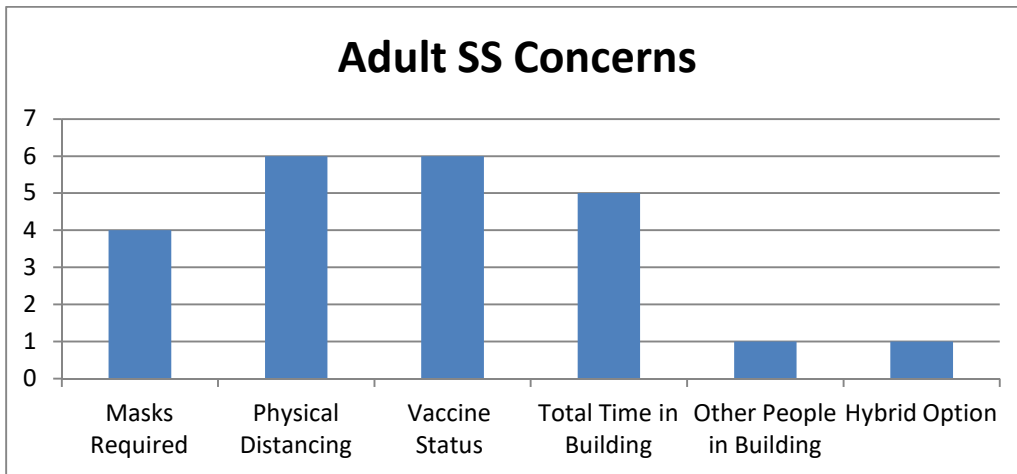
Q3 – Fellowship Attendance



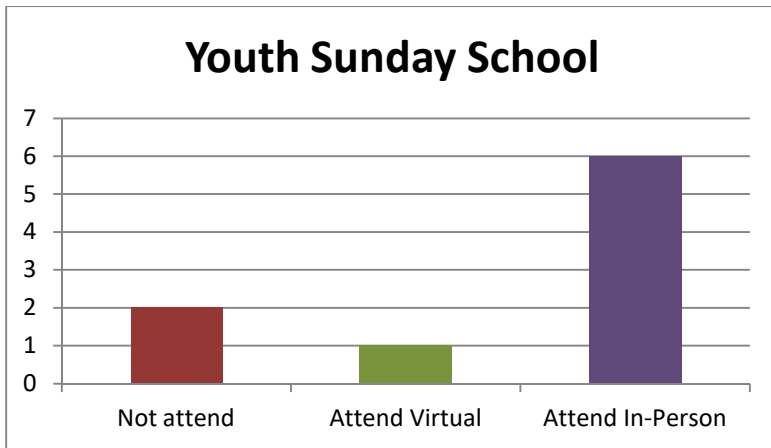
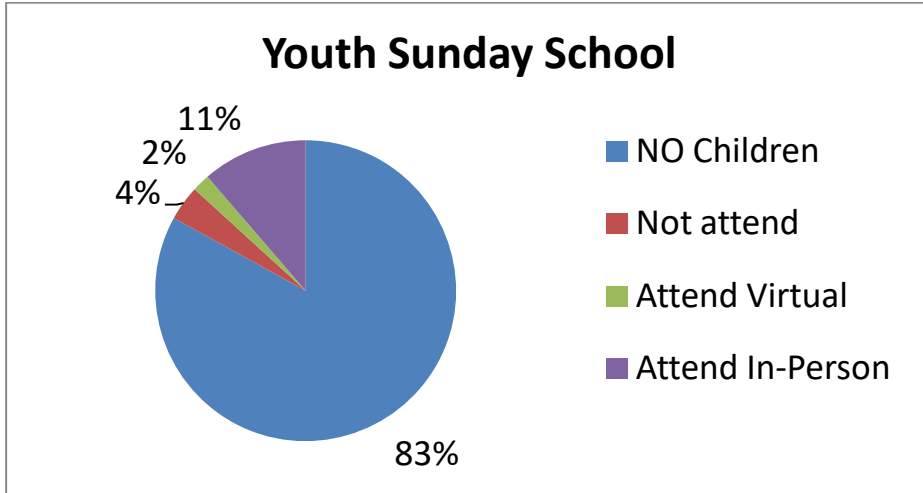
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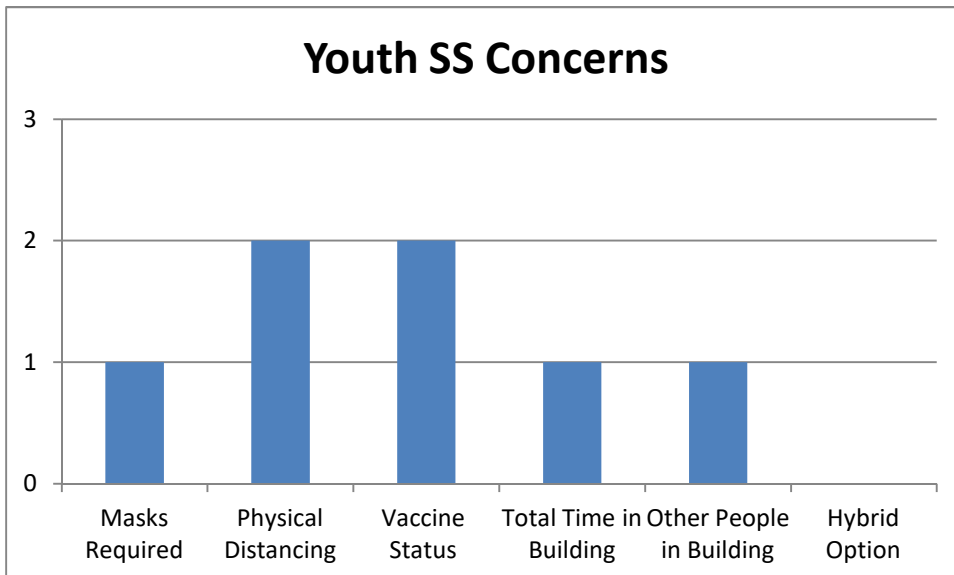
Q5 – Adult SS Concerns



Q6 – Youth Sunday School



Q7 – Youth SS Concerns

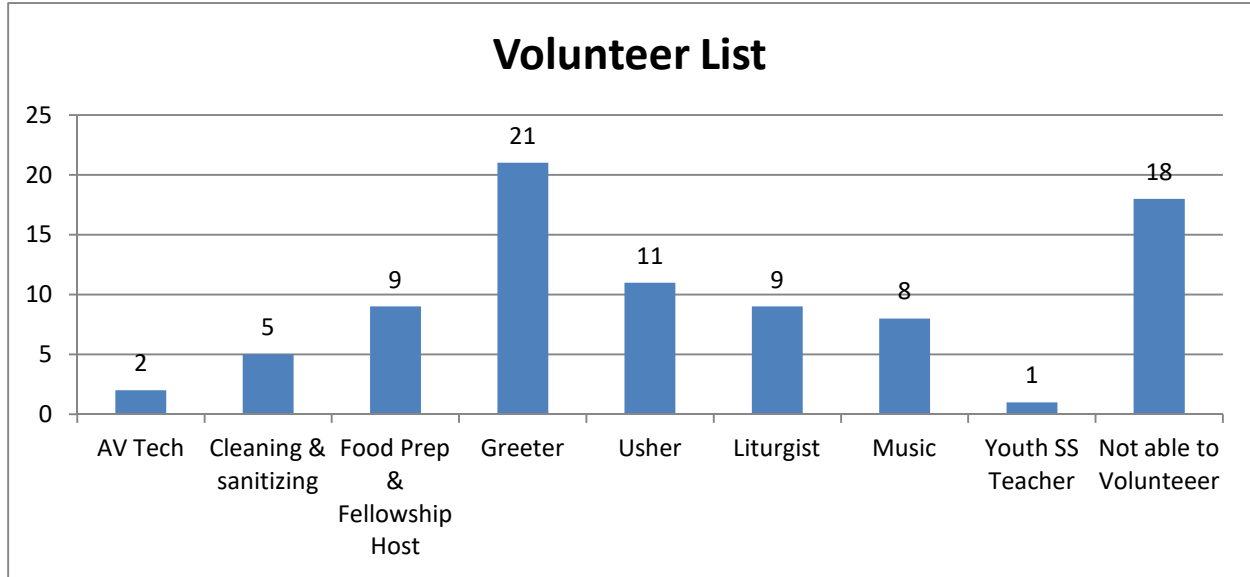


Q8 – Youth SS Names & Ages

6 students (from 5 families), age range 6-13 years

1 anonymous family, # and ages of child(ren) unknown

Q9 – Volunteers



Q10 - Comments

Although an unintended consequence the COVID has resulted in us developing an AV capacity. As a result, those that are shut in or for whom it is very difficult to travel are able to attend services remotely. This should be continued regardless of what I do. ALSO, its nice that Google Forms has spell check integrated in to the platform.

As time goes by since mask requirements have lifted, I'm more comfortable with gathering.

Also notes on questions above:

Fellowship - not sure, historically I did not stay for fellowship anyway

Adult Sunday School - "not attend" choice is not related to pandemic

Volunteer - cleaning and sanitizing "occasionally"

At this point I do not understand why the church cannot be open. Our attendance in the past does not fill the church.

How will you determine who is vaccinated and who isn't?

I am ready to attend church in person

I don't attend very often as I go to the Waterloo UMC with my daughter many Sundays. She is the organist. But we have been attending there, masks on, no singing, no food for a couple of months. It is a very small group so social distancing is practical.

I feel we should return to in person worship. I am not even sure masks should be required for fully vaccinated people

I have heard many members express frustration with the church not opening. Some have mentioned visiting other churches. We need to open to retain our membership. Dane County has opened.

I think it's important to offer hybrid services to give people options according to their personal feelings/circumstances. The online services have been positive for those unable to attend in person for whatever reason. I would hope that people who have not been vaccinated would continue to wear masks. I think we should get back to church as soon as possible. I'd be there this Sun. 6/6

I think you should wait to see how the number of cases changes as people who are and are not vaccinated go without masks, people go on vacations, children (who cannot be vaccinated yet) spend more time together outside of school settings where they were wearing masks and social distancing. We are in the very early stages of the vaccine and do not yet know how protected we are from the variants that are spreading around the globe and how often it will happen that a vaccinated person gets COVID, is asymptomatic, and manages to pass it to someone unvaccinated, like a child. I don't think there's a rush to return to what we had before. If being safe for a few more months saves some people's lives, I'm happy to do that.

I will be coming back but I will still be wearing a mask.

If number of worshipers has to be limited, I don't mind waiting until all are allowed to attend.

Looking forward to starting up regular church service

Love the virtual at home with my husband, John who is unable to attend Sunday service in person.

Perhaps just coffee and beverage at fellowship hour?

Re; Returning to church. If we still need to social distance and wear masks, I'm ok with that. I just really miss seeing everyone and being at church!

Re; Fellowship. I'm thinking each individual piece of food should be wrapped separately. And the coffee and juice are pretty much self serve anyway.

Re; greeter. This I could do, but no hand shaking and probably masked?

Re; Fellowship Host. This person should probably be masked. And again....each piece of food wrapped individually.

Singing is a big part of worship for me, and if we had to have no-music in-person worship, I'd prefer online worship where we can sing at home.

Would miss the singing during worship