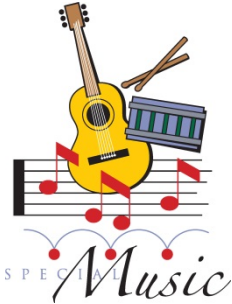




HILLTOP HERALD-JULY 2023 MONONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



SPECIAL MUSIC IN WORSHIP

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

WORSHIP VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

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

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

BASHFORD WELCOME CELEBRATION

Join us on **Sunday July 23** at our 10am Worship service and for fellowship after the service as we welcome our new friends joining from Bashford United Methodist Church.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 15-17, 6-8pm

We continue to plan for a summer Vacation Bible School and would love to see other volunteers join us. If you are interest in helping in any way, please contact the church office. We need volunteers of all ages and skills. Our next meeting is **Sunday July 9** after worship.



SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR VBS

We are looking for a few items for our Vacation Bible School. If you have items that we can borrow, please bring them to the church office:

- 2 rectangle laundry baskets
- 2 adult sized aprons
- 4 foam pool noodles
- 2 inflatable beach balls

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Monona UMC Receives a \$15,000 Grant

On Sunday, June 25, I shared the exciting news that the Madison Community Foundation has awarded the Monona United Methodist Church a \$15,000 grant to start a free, monthly community meal program. We are one of twenty-one faith communities in Dane County eligible for this Madison Community Foundation Ecumenical Housing Corporation Fund.

Forty-four years ago, the Reverend William Koehler, pastor of Lake Edge United Church of Christ, had a concern about the availability of low-cost housing options for senior citizens. He shared his apprehension with six local churches at an informational meeting. This group of local churches grew (including Monona United Methodist Church) and they were incorporated as Ecumenical Housing Corporation (EHC) on January 18, 1980.

Until 2014, EHC continued to serve its member churches and residents according to their Mission Statement: "We are a non-profit ministry of faith communities dedicated to provide quality, affordable housing and other related services to individuals fifty-five years of age and better, as well as non-age restricted individuals and families."

On August 25, 2014, EHC dissolved. They created a permanent endowment fund at the Madison Community Foundation, which distributes funding annually to twenty-one designated faith communities.

This is the second grant that we have received from the EHC fund. The first grant helped us start the backpack food program at Nuestro Mundo Community School.

With this \$15,000 grant, we intend to offer a free monthly meal and bring people together. It has been well documented that food insecurity is a significant issue facing many Wisconsinites. In addition to that concern, the United States Surgeon General recently issued a warning on the growing health and social risks of loneliness and isolation.

If you are interested in working on the planning team for this new ministry outreach, please let me know.

Help us reach out to our community!

Pastor Paul

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 Narthex. Feel free to take one. If you would like one mailed to you, please contact the church office.

BIBLE PASSAGES & THEMES 10:00AM SERVICE

July 2 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Outdoor Worship

“Rewards?”

Pastor Paul will preach on Matthew 10:40-42. Do we get rewards for following Jesus? Communion will be served.

July 9 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

“Come and Rest”

Pastor Paul will preach on Matthew 11:28-30.

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

July 16 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

“A sower went out to sow...”

Pastor Paul will preach on Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.

July 23 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

“Weeds in the Field”

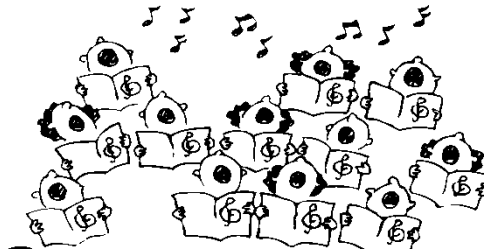
Pastor Paul will preach on Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43.

“...but while everyone was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat...”

July 30 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

AJ Feucht will preach and share his call story.



MULTI-GENERATIONAL MUSIC

Shirley Robinson will direct a multi-generational choir who will provide special music on **Sunday, July 9**. Practice will be held at 9:15am that Sunday. Children and adults, as well as members and non-members, are welcome to join the group. The group will sing Hymn #352, “It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord.”



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Life, at times, can be filled with disappointments or difficult decisions, or challenging situations that leave us feeling overwhelmed. We need not face these tough times alone. A Stephen Minister is ready to walk along with you. To find out more or to request a Stephen Minister, speak with Pastor Paul or Mark Buffat (608) 335-5063.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Ronald McDonald House of Madison

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Madison (RMHC-Madison) is dedicated to advancing the well-being and health of children. The programs are grassroots-driven to enable the Charity to offer help where children need it most - right in their own communities. RMHC-Madison makes an immediate, positive impact on children's lives through two core programs: the Ronald McDonald House and the Ronald McDonald Care-Mobile.

The Ronald McDonald House provides a "home away from home" for families whose children are undergoing treatment at Madison area health care facilities. The House is located on Madison's west side, and allows families to stay together during a very difficult time.

The Ronald McDonald Care-Mobile provides free dental services in south central Wisconsin and free medical and dental services in northern Illinois. Over the past four years the Care-Mobile has served more than 5,000 children who had no access to medical and dental services.

To support this mission, please mark your checks or offering envelopes with "Ronald McDonald House."

MUMC MEN'S GROUP

All men of the church are invited to the Men's Club breakfast that will take place on **Saturday, July 8** at 9:00 am at Denny's on Broadway. Come and enjoy great food and fellowship.

BABY SHOWER ON SATURDAY JULY 1 AT CHURCH, 1-5pm

Sabrina Jacobus is throwing a baby shower for her coworker Rachel. She is having a boy. You are all invited to attend and bring diapers for diaper raffle. Please let Sabrina know if you're coming so she can plan on food. sgsgurl2001@yahoo.com.

JULY GAME DAY CANCELED

Enjoy the fireworks and holiday! See you **August 4** at 10am.

HILLTOPPERS



The Hilltoppers group will be meeting on **Monday, July 10** at 11 AM in fellowship hall at the church. This month will be strictly entertainment as the program will be presented by Russ Loniello. He has been entertaining since he was 18 yrs. old. He primarily sings but also has audience involvement and tells a few jokes. If one was listening to him sing with your eyes closed, one would think they were listening to Dean Martin singing.

He puts on an entertaining program that all will enjoy.

READ 'EM & MEET

The book club list for next year is in the Narthex information center. We will begin on **Sunday July 16** at 1:00pm with the book, *Once There Were Wolves* by Charlotte McConaghy at the home of Mary Neuman. Bring drink and food to share. Visitors and new members are always welcome to attend.



LET'S POLISH THE HANDBELLS

Polish
the
Bells



Due to the efforts of Carol Jacobson we have received a wonderful gift of 5 octaves of handbells from the Bashford congregation. I would like to find a willing group of 5 or 6 adults who would like to help polish them as I understand that has not been done in a while. You do not have to be a musician to do this. No experience necessary, just patience, a gentle touch and an hour or so to polish. We will do this the 2nd week of July. Date to be determined based on volunteer availability. Please volunteer by calling the church office or sign up on the clipboard at church and note times available. ---Kay

Cowing

ADULT CHOIR

Our Adult Choir will host a "meet and greet" for anyone interested in choir on **Sunday July 23** at 9 AM in the sanctuary. We'll have a chance to start getting to know each other, sing an easier song, then sing for service. All are welcome!

ALTAR FLOWERS

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



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

The Adult Sunday School class will take a break and start again in September.

FALL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Keep on crafting for our annual Bazaar event in November. We will still have the bake sale, wonderful chili and vendors to be planned for later.

Suggestions for art and crafting:

- Make items that you buy or see people buying at shows. Strive for price points of \$15 or less on most items.
- Make multiple colors or styles of the same item so buyers have choices. Work together with others to do this if you like.
- Focus on popular hobbies if possible: gifts or items for the pet lover, gardener, quilter, foodie, birder, reader, camper, biker, sports fan (but don't violate trademark), or other areas of popular interest.
- Fun, creative gifts for children. Maybe a couple of simple doll beds?
- Any woodworking items. Team up to make or paint decorative or usable items.
- Mosaic or stained glass items.
- Seasonal decorative items.
- "Up-cycled" items.

Please keep the Bazaar in mind and let's see what we can do together! If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

SEWING PROJECT IDEA FOR THE BAZAAR

Many Yoga and fitness classes require participants to bring mats. Carrying these rolled up mats is made easy by a strap harness with velcro closures. Anyone interested in exploring a "design and experimental sewing session" is invited to sign up on the clipboard at church. We have a lot of fabric to work with. Quilters or other home sewers' input would be welcome. The goal is to design a prototype and pattern if we determine it will work. Date to be determined.--Kay Cowing

OUR WEBSITE

Check out our improving website: www.mononaunitedmethodistchurch.org

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

WEEDS IN THE PATIO

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



MONONA UNITED METHODIST WOMEN INFORMATION

FAITH CIRCLE SUMMER GATHERING

Faith Circle is having a summer fellowship meeting on **Thursday July 27** at 10:00 AM at the home of Shirley Robinson, 5202 Winnequah Rd, Monona. Shirley will provide coffee and a morning treat. We would like to especially invite any and all of the new Bashford women to join us. Questions: Call Jan Wanek at 608-395-2433.

JAVA JIVE

Adapted from the Equal Exchange website.

Since day one, 37 years ago, it has been important for us to know and work directly with the farmers who produce our products. We partner with farmer cooperatives who are democratically organized and that share community resources, like trainings, among their members.

COMSA is one such group based in Marcala, La Paz, Honduras that proposes economic, social, and environmental strategies to reduce poverty and to promote sustainable development. They started out in 2001 with 7000 lempiras (\$300 US) of social capital and sixty producers (12 women and 48 men) who were looking to directly export their coffee to buyers. COMSA has since grown to have more than 1200 farmer members and a robust model farm with educational resources for members.

Successful farming requires the 5 M's

A lesson from COMSA's model coffee farm at Fortaleza del Valle. For healthy soil 🌱 you'll need:

"Material"

Organic material or compost such as manure, decomposing leaves, coffee pulp, organic household waste

"Micro-organisms"

Micro-organisms to convert compost into rich, living humus

"Minerals"

Minerals sourced from pulverized rock & sands

"Molecules"

Living Molecules of bio-rich high-intensity fertilizer: proteins, hormones, vitamins, enzymes and microflora

"(Gray) Matter"

It takes your brain to put it all together!

Supporting groups like COMSA is at the core of our mission to build alternative trade networks that put power back in the hands of farmers and consumers, like you. We couldn't do it without you.

Jackie Hull 608-576-7837 cell
Karelyn Hopkins 608-577-3185 cell

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 SueHasey to provide foot care for older adults 60+. The cost is \$25 and we ask that you bring two towels. Appointments are required by calling (608) 512-0000.

NewBridge is also looking for **Foot Clinic volunteers to help with their foot clinics**. Please contact the church office for more information.

ADULT AND PEDIATRIC CPR, AED AND FIRST AID CLASSES

Monona UMC is hosting CPR, AED and First Aid classes and you are invited to attend a class for free. Please contact the church office if you are interested. There will be portion completed on your computer and an in-person portion. The dates included are: July 15, 22 and 29.

AGRACE HOSPICECARE

Volunteers Needed 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 18. **Pre-registration is required**. Call (608) 327-7163 or visit agrace.org/volunteer.

Grief Support Group Options

In July, Agrace grief support specialists are offering in-person and virtual group grief support options:

- **Bridges** meets July 5 and 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Agrace Grief Support Center.
- **Bridges (virtual)** meets online July 12 and 26, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., via Zoom.
- **Young Adult** meets July 13, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Agrace Grief Support Center.

Pre-registration is required for all groups. For details, fees or to register, email griefsupport@agrace.org or call (608) 327-7110.

Get Expert Customized Grief Support—by Text

Agrace now offers thoughtful, customized text messages from a service called Help Texts. It's free and you can sign up even if you are also receiving grief support individually or in a group. To sign up or learn more, visit HelpTexts.com/Agrace.

In-home Support from Age at Home Can Boost Well-being

Do you care for or know an older adult who could benefit from non-medical in-home care services? Social interaction, like a daily visit from an Age at Home companion, can boost a senior's well-being and also ensure that they safely shower, dress, take medications and eat well. If you think the support of an Age at Home companion could help someone you love, call (608) 327-7456 or visit AgeatHome.org.

RIVER FOOD PANTRY

Monona UMC is still collecting egg cartons of all sizes.

Paper grocery bags are always in high demand for The River, as are plastic grocery bags. They also will take any non-perishable and shelf stable goods.

Some other highly requested items for The River include:

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

FOR THE LOVE OF GOD'S CREATION
...think before you drink...

WATER IS LIFE

but, does it need to come from a plastic bottle?



Church & Society



Family Vacation Bible School 2023

Invite a Friend!

*Ready to cook up some fun!
Join us for stories, games, crafts and music.*

August 15-17, Tuesday – Thursday, 6 – 8pm
(includes a family dinner)

Jesus taught us to pray in Matthew 6:11:
“Give us this day our daily bread.”

Families of all ages are welcome. No drop off of children.

Monona United Methodist Church, 606 Nichols Road, Monona
608-222-1633, secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net

Please return this form to the Monona United Methodist Church office by Sunday, August 6. If you have any questions, feel free to email the church at secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net.

____ Yes, I can assist with activities: _____ Adult/Student Helper's Name

Child's Name Age & Grade in Fall

Child's Name Age & Grade in Fall

Child's Name Age & Grade in Fall

Parents: _____
Phone Number Cell Phone Number

Address : _____

E-mail address: _____

Allergies or other medical concerns:

\$ Financial Report \$

Cash Flow May 31, 2023

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$ 17,762	\$ 117,597
General Operating Expenses	25,467	118,854
Net Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ (7,705)	\$ (1,257)

STEWARDSHIP -PERSPECTIVE

Some things are simply a matter of perspective. We can be reminded often how words can be used to skew the truth. For instance, an interoffice softball game was held every year between the marketing department and support staff of one company. The day of the game, as hard as the marketers tried, the support staff whipped the marketing department soundly.

In its best tradition, the marketing department decided to find the best “spin” they could on the dismal result. They showed how they earn their keep by posting this memo on the bulletin board after the game: “The marketing department is pleased to announce that for the recently completed softball season, we came in second place, having lost but one game all year. The support department, however, had a rather dismal season, as they won only one game all year.”

On the other hand, hidden beauty can also be found by looking at a situation in a different way. A little girl named Lauren (age 5) reports, “I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.”

I think Lauren is on to something. Our entire lives can be shaped by perspective. How would I approach money, “stuff,” and giving if I knew that God had already given me everything I need, rather than seeing all of the things I “need” in the store windows? How would I treat others if I focused on the ways I could serve, rather than making sure everyone respected my rights? How would my marriage change if it were based on being one another’s servant rather than a struggle for power? What would my attitude be toward work be if I saw it as my God-given vocation rather than someplace I had to go to earn a paycheck? What if I saw Sunday as a true Sabbath . . . a time for connecting with God and family and rest . . . rather than a day to run the kids to more activities and the day I must get things done at home before I go to work?

Sometimes we need God to help us see the world differently before we can live differently in it.

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

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

July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Newsletter Deadline July 23 Information arriving after this date may not be in the August newsletter. Remember, you can FAX your article to 608-222-2395 or email to secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net						1 1-5pm Baby Shower hosted by Sabrina Jacobus
2 <u>See schedule below</u> Outdoor Worship	3 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use	4 Office Closed 6pm July 4 th Outreach	5 10am Upstairs Narthex in Use 2-4pm Caregivr Support	6	7 Pastor's Day Off 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use	8 9am Men's Grp Breakfast-Denny's
9 <u>See schedule below</u> 9:15am Practice for Multi-Generational Choir rehearsal	10 11am Hilltoppers 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use	11 9:30-12:15 NewBridge Foot Clinic F.H. 1:00 Staff Mtg	12 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use	13	14 Pastor's Day Off 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use 1-3pm Mah Jongg-Cry Room	15 8:30am-3pm Revive CPR class-fellowship hall
16 <u>See schedule below</u> 1:00pm Read 'Em & Meet	17 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use	18 9:30-12:15 NewBridge Foot Clinic F.H. 1:00 Staff Mtg	19 10-11am RSVP Knit/Stitch-hall 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use	20	21 Pastor's Day Off 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use	22 8:30am-3pm Revive CPR class-fellowship hall
23 <u>See schedule below</u> Newsletter Deadline 9:00am Adult Choir Rehearsal	24 Pastor Paul vacation through July 30 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use	25 9:30-12:15 NewBridge Foot Clinic F.H. 1:00 Staff Mtg	26 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use	27 10am Faith Circle at Shirley R.'s home	28 Pastor's Day Off 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use 1-3pm Mah Jongg-Cry Room	29 8:30am-3pm Revive CPR class-fellowship hall Youth Group stay overnight
30 <u>See schedule below</u>	31 10am-2pm Monona Quilters-F.H 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use					
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <p>10:00 Worship</p> <p>11:00 Fellowship</p> <p>1:00 El Libertador Worship in Spanish</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> </div>						

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Worship 10:00am

JULY 2023

4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

Join the 4th of July fun! The Monona Community Festival (Sunday thru Tuesday, July 2 - 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 and serving lemonade

Let's connect with 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