



HILLTOP HERALD-JULY 2024 MONONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE JUNE ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

On July 14, the ALB will welcome our new Pastor Yohan Hong after our worship service in fellowship hall. The focal point will be a festive cookie table featuring cookies baked by members of our congregation.

On July 14, Pastor Hong's first service will include communion.

Recommendations for action:

- Invite donations to the cookie table on July 14
- Revise, update, and clarify ALB and church ministries relationships
- Clarify policies and practices for communication through our social media platforms
- Initiating a new ministry of cards to shut-ins

Action items completed:

- Church office and pastor's office have been painted
- Order will be placed for new commercial chef's work tables for the kitchen
- ALB authorized the removal of tree limbs and debris from recent storms

Guest worship services for June/July:

- Mike Moser on transitioning to a new pastor on June 30;
- J. Feucht on "volunteering" in our local congregation on July 7.

Wisconsin Annual Conference updates were shared during our June 23 worship service by A. J. Feucht, our congregation's certified lay minister, who was our lay delegate to Annual Conference.

For a complete summary of this year's Wisconsin Annual Conference go to www.wisconsinumc.org/annual-conference

Accountable Leadership Board Members

Louise Belk, Kay Cowing, A. J. Feucht, John Huston, Carol Jacobson, Deb Munroe, Dorilee Miller, LeeAnn Sinclair, and Phyllis Stertz

JULY GAME DAY

All are invited to join the Game Day fun on **Friday, July 5** from 10 a.m. to noon. We gather in the Fellowship Hall and there are even light snacks! We play easy, fun games with lots of good fellowship. Take a break from everyday life and join us if you can!

LET THEM EAT BEAUTIFUL COOKIES

The Accountable Leadership Board recently heard of a newer tradition that began at weddings in Pittsburgh, PA and has begun to spread to other parts of the country. To celebrate the happy couple, rather than ordering a cake, family and friends contributed to a cookie table where guests brought two dozen of their favorite, festive cookies to display and enjoy at the reception.

We would like to suggest that we create a 'cookie table' on **Sunday, July 14** to welcome our new pastor, Pastor Yohan Hong, to Monona UMC. We will enjoy these sweet treats in fellowship hall after the service.

If baking is one of your gifts, please choose one of your favorite cookie or bar recipes and bake up two dozen of them to grace this table. (Some folks have mentioned that this idea reminds them of an English tea party.) We know that Methodists excel at lovely and delicious food.

If you are able to bring these treats, please contact LeeAnn Sinclair at 260 602-3750. (Yes, you can give me an old-fashioned phone call or send me a text message.)

Please deliver the cookies/bars to the church by 9:00 AM on Sunday morning July 14. (Never having done this before, it may take some time for us to arrange the table.) You can also drop off baked goods earlier in the week at the church kitchen no later than 1:45 in the afternoons. Be sure that they are carefully covered so that they can be stored on the counter, or refrigerated, or frozen, depending upon when you deliver them.

Thank you for being willing to try out a new idea. Perhaps a cookie table will become a 'special occasion' tradition for us.

LeeAnn Sinclair
Accountable Leadership Board

BIBLE PASSAGES & THEMES 10:00AM SERVICE

July 7 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

AJ Feucht, our own Certified Lay Minister will preach.
NO COMMUNION JULY 7

July 14 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 6:14-29, with Communion

July 21 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 28 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost

John 6:1-21



MISSION OF THE MONTH

Goodman Community Center Household/Personal Hygiene drive

Goodman Community Center is in need of general household items for families who stop by to get food. They have been using all their funds to supply the food needed for the many that come to the Center. There are no extra funds to acquire household and personal care items for those in need.

For the month of October, we will collect household and personal hygiene products. Large packages will be divided up so everyone can get some. To support this mission with funds, please mark your offering envelope or check, "Goodman Center".

Household Items

- toilet paper
- all-purpose cleaners
- cleaning wipes
- dish soap
- dishwasher detergent
- laundry soap/fabric softener
- garbage bags
- kleenix
- liquid hand soap
- paper towels
- plastic wrap
- rubber gloves
- toilet bowl cleaner
- hand sanitizer
- band-aids

Personal Hygiene

- shampoo, including baby/conditioner
- body soap
- body lotion, including baby
- baby wipes
- diapers, including adult
- deodorant
- toothpaste/toothbrush/dental floss
- tampons/sanitary pads

Thank you for your generous support of this mission. The Mission Team



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 Mark Buffat (608) 335-5063.

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>



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-HERO HOTLINE

AUGUST 5-7, 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 21** after worship.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends:

After forty-one years of ministry, I am fortunate that I had three years in Monona. You have an amazing congregation. You care for each other. You welcome all. You reach out to your neighbors near and far.

Thank you for the wonderful party on June 2nd. I am glad that my entire family was able to share in that experience. I appreciated the various gifts and generous cash gift—including two golf gift certificates.

Charlotte and Harper will treasure their quilts, especially during the colder months. You have made God's love real for them. They will remember that they were baptized in Monona.

As you welcome Pastor Yohan, Jenny and their daughter, Esther, I know that God will continue to do good things through the Monona United Methodist Church.

Thanks again for sharing your life with me.

Sincerely, Paul Johnsen

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for supporting me over the years. This gift will help me further pursue my education at Northern Michigan University.

Thank you, Rylee

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.

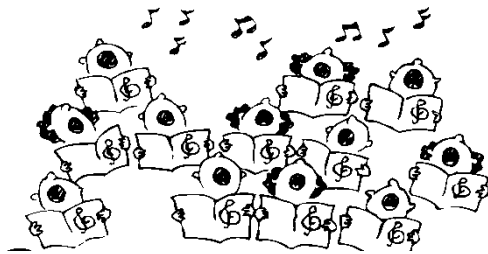
MUMC MEN'S GROUP

All men of the church are invited to the Men's Club breakfast that will take place on **Saturday, July 13** at 9:00 am at Tully's II on corner of Monona Drive and Broadway. Come and enjoy great food and fellowship.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

----The Memorial Service for Sam Buffat, Mark's dad, will be held on **Wednesday July 3**. Visitation will be from 10-11:00 am at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4100 Nakoma Rd, Madison, WI 53711 with a service to follow at 11:00 am. Refreshments and a light lunch will be served immediately following the service.

----The Memorial Service for previous member, Carroll Holtz, brother-in-law of Harvey Schewpe, will be held at Monona United Methodist Church on **Monday July 22**. The time is being determined but could be late afternoon.



MULTI-GENERATIONAL MUSIC

Shirley Robinson will direct a multi-generational choir who will provide special music on **Sunday, July 14**. 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 #558, "We Are the Church," as the anthem and Hymn #3148 "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" for the introit.

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



READ 'EM & MEET

The Read 'Em & Meet book club will gather on **Sunday, July 14** at 1:00pm at the home of Jeanette Williams. We will choose books and hosts for the upcoming year.



HILLTOPPERS

Paul Dearlove of the Clean Lakes Alliance will speak to Hilltoppers at our next meeting on **Monday, July 8th** at 11 AM.

Clean Lakes Alliance is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization dedicated to the improvement and protection of the lakes, streams, and wetlands in the Yahara River Watershed. Through community support, advocacy, and education, we are working to restore and protect our lakes.

Clean Lakes goal is to raise community awareness of the issues facing the watershed, advocate for the welfare of our lakes, and help procure the necessary funding to clean and protect these waterways. They work closely with state, county, local government agencies, waterway user groups, businesses, and community nonprofits to serve as both a positive voice for the promotion of our cherished lakes and a fundraising vehicle for achieving these ends.

Come enjoy this very informative meeting. Bring a friend.



Community Meal

COMMUNITY - WIDE PICNIC

Our next Community Meal is on **Thursday, July 25 at 5:30 p.m.** on the patio or in Fellowship Hall, if the weather doesn't cooperate. We will have Chipotle or Qdoba Catering with salad, fruit and dessert. We encourage our regular participants to attend. All are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR COMMUNITY PICNIC

If you are available to help with setup, serving or cleanup for our Community Meal, please call or text Frank Gaylord at 608-443-6361.



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 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 date this month is: July 20.

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

JAVA JIVE

Discover The Art Of Coffee Cupping

At Equal Exchange, we “cup” coffee for a variety of reasons. The most common are:

Pre-Shipment Cupping: When evaluating a coffee sample from a farmer group, to determine if we will purchase it, and if so, in what quantity.

Arrival Cupping: When we receive the shipment of coffee that we purchased from a farmer co-op, to confirm that the coffee we received matches the Pre-Shipment Sample, and that nothing compromised the quality of the coffee while it was in transit across the ocean.

Production Cupping: Immediately after roasting a coffee to be packaged and sold to our customers, we evaluate it to make sure that it tastes exactly as it should, to get our thumbs-up to go out the door to you.

Coffee cupping is happening continuously at Equal Exchange. Coffee crops are harvested at different times in different countries that we buy from, and each lot of coffee goes through the 3 cupping processes above, although the process starts at a different moment for each unique lot of coffee.

Our Quality Control team participates in every cupping, and their knowledge serves as an important through-line across coffees and across time. We believe that the coworkers who roast the coffee should also have a direct connection to the products that they create.

Coffee beans change over time, and a knowledgeable roaster can adapt their roasting technique to respond to dynamic factors, including the coffee's age and size, as well as to more external factors like weather and humidity.

Coffee quality is a complex concept, and high-quality coffee is a result of many thoughtful steps from farm to final brew technique. Cupping is one essential tool that we use to actively engage in producing high-quality organic, fair trade coffee at our roastery.

THANK YOU AGAIN for your continued support of Equal Exchange Fair Trade Products!!

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

SAVE THE DATE FOR BISHOP JUNG'S FAREWELL CELEBRATION!

Saturday, July 27 & Sunday, July 28

Please mark your calendars for Bishop Jung's Farewell Celebration. Following twelve years of dedicated service to the Wisconsin Conference, Bishop Jung will soon begin a new chapter, extending his ministry to another Conference. The dates are **Saturday, July 27 from 1-4PM at Stevens Point: St. Paul's UMC and Sunday, July 28 from 1-4PM at Sun Prairie UMC**. More information is coming soon.

OUR WEBSITE

Check out our website: www.mononaunitedmethodistchurch.org

- We are changing our online worship experience so check our website or newsletter for more information as we figure it all out.
- We have a **Giving** tab on our website to make a donation with your credit card or checking account. To make donating easier, use our QR Code.



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.

RIVER FOOD PANTRY

Monona UMC is still collecting egg cartons of all sizes and we have various places to take them. **Paper grocery bags** are always in high demand for The River. They also will take any non-perishable and shelf stable goods. Some other highly requested items for The River include:

- *Tuna Helper & tuna
- *Low-sugar cereals
- *Low-sodium canned vegetables
- *No sugar-added canned fruit
- *100% juice products;
- *Pasta, Rice
- *Personal hygiene items, including disposable diapers all sizes, (including adult sizes)

SUMMER PATIO DISCUSSIONS: NATIVE AMERICAN PEOPLES

Hope you had a chance to see the international woodcarvers who came to the Monona festival honoring Harry Whitehorse. What amazing work they created in the rainy, stormy week they were here in Wisconsin. Although the woodcarvers were not necessarily Native Americans, their subject matter had native themes.



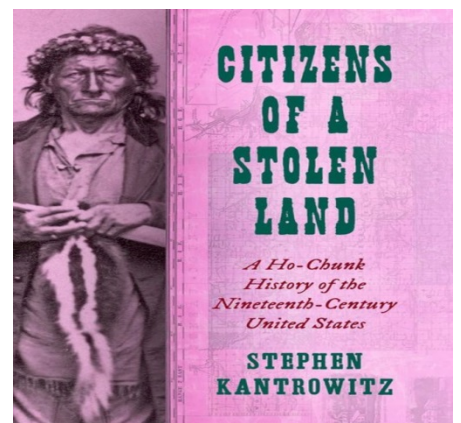
During the next two months, we will continue our discussions of books and documentaries that describe the history and mistreatment of indigenous people in our country.

In July we will consider information from documentaries about native peoples. Please view any that appeal to you and come on **Wednesday July 24 at 1:30pm** ready to share and respond to what you learned. We may look at a film in fellowship hall before adjourning to our pleasant patio (weather permitting) for our discussion.

There are several series of CBS and PBS documentaries about Native Peoples that have been produced in recent years including *Native America*, *The West*, *The American Buffalo*, *First Peoples*, *The Warrior Tradition* and many more. You can access these films on your computer or on your cell phone. Check PBS Guide or PBS Passport (a paid service through your PBS donation).

On August 22, we will revisit chapters 3 and 4 of Stephen Kantrowitz's book "Citizens of a Stolen Land" which examines the history of Native Peoples, specifically the Ho-chunk tribe, in Wisconsin. Dr. Kantrowitz, who spoke at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church last spring, has done in-depth research about the resourcefulness of the Ho-Chunk people as they attempted to retain their lands here. Again, weather permitting, we will gather on the patio for this discussion, but if it is too hot or raining, we will meet in fellowship hall.

LeeAnn Sinclair, Church & Society





Family Vacation Bible School 2024

Invite a Friend!

*Called together to Serve God!
Join us for stories, games, crafts and music.*

August 5-7, Monday – Wednesday, 6 – 8pm
(includes a family dinner)

Hero Verse, Romans 14:19:
“So let’s strive for the things that bring peace and the things that build each other up.”

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, July 28.
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

Child’s Name Age & Grade in Fall

Parents Name: _____
Home Phone Number Cell Phone Number

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Allergies or other medical concerns: _____

\$ Financial Report \$

Cash Flow May 31, 2024

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$ 24,613	\$ 120,616
General Operating Expenses	32,926	130,857
Net Surplus (Shortfall)	<u>\$ (8,313)</u>	<u>\$ (10,241)</u>
General Fund Balance May 31 2024		<u>\$ 64,009</u>

STEWARDSHIP - "THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR"

In his short book titled *Life Together*, Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes about how to sing as a community of faith. In his instructions, he lists out some of the "destroyers of unison singing . . . that must be rigorously eliminated." In his list, he talks about people who try to be heard above everyone else and those who try not to be heard at all. In his thoughts, he then adds a third group. "There are the less dangerous foes of congregational singing, the 'unmusical,' who cannot sing, of whom there are far fewer than we are led to believe."

After many years of attempting to sing, I have learned that I am a part of Bonhoeffer's third group. Although I've tried different types of songs and different pitches, I just can't seem to get it right. What finally convinced me of the fact that I cannot sing was a comment by one youth early in my ministry. He was a reader for a service one Sunday morning and sat next to me behind the lectern. After the service was over and we were standing in the Narthex, he turned to me and said, "Jason, you should never join the choir." (If you need more evidence, check out the Foundation's video on Socially Responsible Investing. Both Foundation President Krystal Goodger and I have "singing" parts.)

In all reality, music is God's gift to humanity. Even for those of us who are lacking in musical talent or expertise, we are able to listen to and enjoy wonderful music, contributing through our silence.

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 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Newsletter Deadline July 21 Information arriving after this date may not be in the August newsletter. Remember, you can email to secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net</p>						
	<p>1 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use 1-4pm Paper Moon Drama</p>	<p>2 1-4pm Paper Moon Drama</p>	<p>3 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use 1-4pm Paper Moon Drama 2-4pm Caregiver Support</p>	<p>4 Office Closed 6pm July 4th Outreach</p>	<p>5 10am Game Day 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use 1-4pm Paper Moon Drama</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 <u>See schedule below</u></p>	<p>8 Pastor Yohan to retreat thru July 11 11am Hilltoppers 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use 1-4pm Paper Moon Drama</p>	<p>9 9:30-12:15 NewBridge Foot Clinic F.H. 1-4pm Paper Moon Drama</p>	<p>10 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use 1-4pm Paper Moon Drama 6pm Community Garden Meeting</p>	<p>11 1-4pm Paper Moon Drama</p>	<p>12 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use 1-3pm Mah Jongg-Cry Room 1-4pm Paper Moon Drama</p>	<p>13 9am Men's Grp Breakfast-Tully's II 12-5pm Paper Moon Drama Performance Sanctuary</p>
<p>14 <u>See schedule below</u> Kay Vacation Pastor Yohan's 1st Sunday. Communion too 9:15am Practice for Multi-Generational Choir rehearsal</p>	<p>15 Kay Vacation 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use</p>	<p>16 Kay Vacation 9:30-12:15 NewBridge Foot Clinic F.H.</p>	<p>17 10-11:30am RSVP Knit/Stitch-hall 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use</p>	<p>18 6:30pm Accountable Leadership Board</p>	<p>19 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use</p>	<p>20 8:30am-3pm Revive CPR class-fellowship hall</p>
<p>21 <u>See schedule below</u> Newsletter Deadline 11:00 Vacation Bible School Meeting</p>	<p>22 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use 4-8pm Sanctuary, Hall, Kitchen in use Carroll Holtz Memorial Service</p>	<p>23 9:30-12:15 NewBridge Foot Clinic F.H.</p>	<p>24 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use 1:30pm Video Discussion-PBS Native American Documentaries</p>	<p>25 5:30 Community Meal</p>	<p>26 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use 1-3pm Mah Jongg-Cry Room</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 <u>See schedule below</u></p>	<p>29 10am-2pm Monona Quilters-F.H 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use</p>			
<p><u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 1:00 El Libertador Worship in Spanish</p>						



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Worship 10:00am

JULY 2024

4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL

Join the 4th of July fun! The Monona Community Festival is Wednesday and Thursday, July 3 – 4. MUMC will host our annual July 4th community service and engagement fundraiser event before the fireworks. 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