



# HILLTOP HERALD-NOVEMBER 2019

## MONONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH & IGLESIA METODISTA UNIDA EL LIBERTADOR



### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Remember to change your clocks the evening before **November 3**. "Fall back" one hour.

### ALL SAINTS DAY TO BE OBSERVED

**Sunday, November 3** is All Saints Day, the day the church sets aside to remember those who have died during this past year, especially those from our fellowship and families. Persons are invited to bring to worship, the names of people who have been a part of their life, who have died since last November. During the prayer time, people will be invited to share those names. Or if you prefer, there will be a basket in the Narthex, to submit names before the service, so they can be read aloud.

### LIVE SIMPLY STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Thank you so much for your support of the 2020 Stewardship Campaign. Our pledges so far have totaled \$185,800 or 74% of proposed budgeted revenue. Your giving makes it possible for the ministries of Monona United Methodist Church to continue to live simply in our community and beyond. Please return your estimate of giving card as soon as possible. If you cannot commit to a set amount for 2020, know that any gift that you can share with the church is much appreciated!

Your Stewardship Team

### HOLIDAY BAZAAR

**Saturday, November 23**, 9 am to 3 pm, Fellowship Hall

Proceeds benefit the General Fund!

Local craft & vendor tables

Equal Exchange & Monona UMC Craft Tables

BBQ sandwiches, chili, and cornbread served from 11am to 1:30pm

Hot Chocolate, tea, cider, and coffee served throughout the day.

Food & craft donations needed!

Volunteers needed to serve food, drinks, and staff the MUMC craft table.

Please contact Mark Buffat!

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Friends,

This is the month when we celebrate Thanksgiving, and I love the Peanuts comic strip that came out many years ago just a few days before the holiday. Lucy's feeling sorry for herself and she laments, "My life is a drag. I'm completely fed up. I've never felt so low in my life."

Her little brother Linus tries to console her and he says, "Lucy, when you're in a mood like this, you should try to think of things you have to be thankful for; in other words, count your blessings."

To that, Lucy says, "Ha! That's a good one! I could count my blessings on one finger! I've never had anything and I never will have anything. I don't get half the breaks that other people do. Nothing ever goes right for me! And you talk about counting blessings! You talk about being thankful! What do I have to be thankful for?"

Linus says, "Well, for one thing, you have a little brother who loves you."

With that, Lucy runs and hugs little brother Linus as she cries tears of joy, and while she's hugging him tightly, Linus says, "Every now and then, I say the right thing."

Friends, we have a God who loves us, and if that doesn't make us sing the song of thanksgiving, I don't know what would.

In a book I'm reading, Henri Nouwen claims that God says the same thing to each of us that God said to Jesus at his baptism: "You are my beloved." Nouwen urges us to listen with great inner attentiveness to the voice that says,

"I have called you by name, from the very beginning. You are mine and I am yours. You are my Beloved, on you my favor rests. I have molded you in the depths of the earth and knitted you together in your mother's womb. I have carved you in the palms of my hands and hidden you in the shadow of my embrace. I look at you with infinite tenderness and care for you with a care more intimate than that of a mother for her child. I have counted every hair on your head and guided you at every step. Wherever you go, I go with you, and wherever you rest, I keep watch. I will give you food that will satisfy all your hunger and drink that will quench all your thirst. I will not hide my face from you. You know me as your own and I know you as my own. You belong to me. I am your father, your mother, your brother, your sister, your lover, and your spouse. Yes, even your child. Wherever you are I will be. Nothing will ever separate us. We are one."

Hearing these words spoken to me somehow makes it easier for me to give thanks, especially when I'm in a Lucy mood!

A blessed Thanksgiving to you,

*Pastor Brad*

## BIBLE PASSAGES & SERMON THEMES 10:00AM SERVICE

**November 3** – Matthew 14:22-31

All Saints Sunday

Habits of the Heart: “The Spiritual Habit of Trusting”

**November 10** – Mark 9:17-24

Habits of the Heart: “The Spiritual Habit of Questioning”

**November 17** – Mark 2:1-12

Habits of the Heart: “The Spiritual Habit of Engaging”

**November 24** – Luke 23:33-43

Rev. Katya Ouchakof is our guest preacher



## 2019 CHURCH CONFERENCE

Our yearly Church Conference meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 14, at 6:30pm at Marshall UMC** (318 William St, Marshall). Each year, every United Methodist Church holds a meeting to review their ministries (past and future), endorse ministry candidates, and set budgets. We will continue with the Circuit format and the Chili-Cook-off and Fundraiser. We will celebrate the ministries of the churches in the circuit and have a time of learning presented by our District Superintendent, Scott Carlson.

All the churches in our circuit will meet at Marshall UMC at 5:30pm for a chili cook-off and fundraiser. Bring your money to vote for your favorite.

If you would like to carpool to the Marshall UMC, we will meet in our church parking lot at 4:45pm. Please let the church office know if you would like a ride or are willing to drive. Let's work together to support our Circuit Church Conference.

## CARING COORDINATOR COLUMN

One aspect of my position as Caring Coordinator is to assist Pastor Brad with calling, visiting and supporting hospitalized, convalescing, and homebound church members and friends. As I reflect upon the friendships developed and the profound personal connections made, at this time of the year, I can't help but ponder and deeply miss those who are no longer with us, who have passed on to dwell in and with the Eternal. As I think of them, I grieve. And I celebrate having known them. And I am filled with gratitude for what they have taught me about life, love, and faith. And then I am led to a place of contemplation and prayer for their dear family members and loved ones, who are in their own very personal and individual stages of mourning, reflection, and gratitude.

Caring and Coordinating,

Mark Buffat

## MISSION OF THE MONTH

### **Agrace Hospicecare**

Agrace is a nonprofit hospice and palliative care organization. They serve more than 900 patients every day in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. People trust Agrace to care for them in very difficult times—while they are facing a serious illness or the end of life.

Agrace was founded in 1978 by volunteers who believed in the revolutionary idea that comfort, dignity, and even hope and joy, were possible for those facing a life-limiting illness. Then known as “HospiceCare Inc.,” they grew steadily in south central Wisconsin for decades. In 2011, they added “Agrace” to their name to make it more distinctive.

For more than 40 years, Agrace has been an innovator and leader in both caring for patients and their families, and in educating others about death, dying and grief. They are the largest hospice provider in Wisconsin and expanded services into northern Illinois in 2016. For more information, go to [AGRACE.org](http://AGRACE.org).

To support this mission, please mark your envelope or check with "Agrace."

Thank you, The Mission Team

## NEW UPPER ROOMS ARE HERE

*The Upper Room* is a great little devotional book to center on a Bible verse and read a short meditation and prayer. The new November / December issue has arrived, and is in the narthex information center.

## 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 at 4:00 pm for a 6:00 pm game and are usually leave a half hour after the game ends. We could operate a stand for most of the season. If we operated a stand for 10 games we would net \$5,500. Look for more information on Sundays and a chance to indicate your interest in this opportunity.

## MUMC MEN'S GROUP

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

## CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

Same URL/address with a new look! [www.mononaunitedmethodistchurch.org](http://www.mononaunitedmethodistchurch.org)  
We now have a Giving tab to make a credit card donation. The site is a work in progress so if you see something that should be changed, please let us know.



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

- ❖ Many of life's struggles need to be dealt with alone.
- ❖ No one can make my decisions for me.
- ❖ I cry my own tears.
- ❖ My issues are mine to deal with.

But a Stephen Minister can help hold me together! I can receive comfort from a caring church member. I can be reassured by a caring listener. I can be cheered on by a confidential church friend.

Call Mark Buffat (608-335-5063) or Frank Gaylord (608-443-6361) for more information or to talk about receiving care from one of our Stephen Ministers.

## BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Our next Blood Pressure Screening will be **Sunday, November 10**, 9:30-10:00 am in Pastor Brad's office. These screenings are staffed by medical volunteers from the congregation. Keep Healthy - have your blood pressure checked!!

## HILLTOPPERS

The Hilltoppers group will be meeting on **Monday November 11** at 11 AM at the Monona Garden restaurant. Those that wish can stay for lunch and order off the menu. The program will be presented by Steve Elmore, Program Director with the Wis. DNR. Steve will talk about how the DNR protects the quality and quantity of drinking water in Wisconsin. From protecting against arsenic, nitrates, or lead and managing through drought or flood, Steve will cover it all. It is the Year of Clean Drinking Water in Wisconsin. Come find out what is happening with the water coming out of your tap!

## UM STUDENT DAY, NOVEMBER 24

Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have had the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

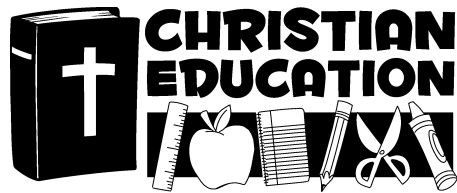
What no one person or congregation can do alone, we're doing together.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**There are so many different ways that you can serve Monona United Methodist Church. Please contact the church office if you can help.**

Check out the signup sheet on the table in fellowship hall to find other openings. **We especially need Fellowship Hosts.**

- The new **fall liturgists** schedule is also online. Use the link to signup:  
<http://bit.ly/2Z3D7mx>
- The January -May 2020 **altar flower signup** is online so check that out too.  
<http://bit.ly/2Z6fxFS>



## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children runs from 9:00am until 9:50am. We are starting to think about our Christmas program and would love to have you join our team of helpers. Please contact Kay in the church office at 222-1633 or [secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested or have any questions. The program will be held on **Sunday, December 8** during the worship service.

## ADULT CLASSES

- **An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith**, Sunday morning 8:30-9:30am in the Library
- **The Jesus I Never Knew**, Sunday morning 9:00-9:50am in the Cry Room.

## THE GIVING TREE

We will put the Giving Tree up in November in the Fellowship Hall with each child's wish attached to an ornament. Simply choose a card, fill in your information, leaving half the card in the box provided, and return your unwrapped gift to church.

We also need additional funds to provide at least \$25 towards a meal for each family. To donate money toward the cost of the food, please write "Giving Tree Food" in the memo of your check. Thank you for your generosity!

## READ 'EM & MEET

The book club will be held at the home of Betty Kruska on **Sunday, November 17** at 2pm. The book to be discussed is *The Girl with Seven Names*, by Hyeonseo Lee and David John. Dessert will be provided by Mary Neuman. Visitors and new members are always welcome to attend.



## THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Lake Edge Lutheran Church (4032 Monona Dr) is hosting a service of Thanksgiving celebration on **Sunday evening, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**

## LOOKING AHEAD TO CHRISTMAS

We would like to invite your family to help our congregation prepare for Advent by lighting the **Advent wreath** during of the Sunday services. We will provide you the reading and instructions. Please email the church at [secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net) and let Kay know which date you are available or signup on the sheet in front of the office.

We are also looking for children who would like to share special music at the **5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Service**. Please let the church office know that you would like to play an instrument or sing. Thanks for sharing your talents!

## WE NEED A LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Would you consider being Monona UMC's Lay Member to Annual Conference on **June 5-8, 2020**? You will join Pastor Brad and Patsy McDonald in representing our church in Green Bay during the Wisconsin Annual Conference. Please contact the church office with any questions.



Thank you to all who helped with our Stewardship Work Week at church. The windows are starting to sparkle! There are some more projects that need our attention, so contact the church office if you can help.

--To my Monona United Methodist Church family; Thank you so very much for all of the calls, cards, good wishes and visits during my stay at Oakwood Village after my fall. I continue to make progress but will be here several more weeks.

Sincerely, Bea Hayden

## BLOOD DRIVE

Sign up for a Seeds of Peace blood drive to be held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (5700 Pheasant Hill Rd, Monona) on **Tuesday, November 26** from 1-6pm. Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to register. Blood donations are always needed, especially near the holidays.



--Goes to Shirley Dalton and her family, upon the death of her son, Ron, on October 12.  
--Goes to Ron Lenzendorf and his family, upon the death of his aunt, Mary.

## LOST AND FOUND

Please check out the lost and found in the coat room. There are lots of coats, a stroller, water bottles, a couple games, some scarves. Anything left will be donated on **November 15**.

## 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](http://www.mononaunitedmethodistchurch.org).

## UMW MEETINGS



**Quilters** – Will meet **Mondays**, at 1pm in Fellowship Hall. New members are always welcome.

**Friendship Circle – Tuesday, November 5** at 6:45pm at the home of Peggy Traver. Visitors are warmly welcomed.

**Executive Committee Meeting - Monday, November 11** at 1:30pm in the church Library.

**Yarncrafters** – Meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 1pm, **November 12 and 26** as well as with the RSVP group “Monona Knit ‘N Stitch” on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, **November 20**, from 10:00 until 11:30am. All are welcome. For more information contact Polly Brandes (222-6709) or Marjorie Kaukl (222-4243).

**Faith Circle – Thursday, November 14** at 1pm in the Fellowship Hall at church.

**Reading Circle - Thursday, November 21** at 1:30pm at the home of Gwen Feit. The book is *Public Faith in Action: How to Think Carefully, Engage Wisely, and Vote with Integrity*.

## FALL BAKE SALE - THANKS!

Heartfelt thanks to our bakers, takers & buyers for supporting the UMW Fall Bake Sale in a generous way. We earned \$272 toward our pledge to Mission projects worldwide.

## JAVA JIVE

We here at MUMC make a mega difference in the lives of small farmer co-ops in US and Globally. The Sustained, Fair, Trusting and Reliable relationship the farmers have with Equal Exchange (EEx) allows them to stay on their farms and not have to sell out or migrate. We, along with thousands of other church denominations, provide a market place for the farmers through our wholesale purchases of Authentic Fair Trade (AFT) Organic products with EEx. We pass those prices on to you; this is not a fund raiser. The UMC is affiliated with EEx through our mission arm UMCOR.

The Holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas are soon approaching, you may wish to purchase Sustainable AFT products for a hostess gift or a “thankful gift” for someone- - - And at Christmas time will provide you with Christmas baskets to fill and wrapped if you wish or you may bring your own basket and The Farmer Elves will assist you.

AND- -a NEW PRODUCT we are offering is an  
AFT GIFT CERTIFICATE  
Available All year!!



The church is having a “Holiday Vendor and Craft Bazaar” on Saturday, November 23, 9 am-3pm. We have been asked to have a table of AFT products and will gladly do so and will leave table set up for sales on Sunday, November 24.

THANK YOU for being part of building a wonderful church community mission of Justice, Equality and Sustainability. The Prophets of old and Jesus said if you want PEACE work for JUSTICE.

AFT products will be sold- **November 10, November 24 and December 8.**

Kay Mackie- A Team coordinator for UMW Mission Project

P.S. If there is a product you have seen and is not at the table now, let us know and will see if we can accommodate your request. Suggestions always welcome.



## AND A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM . . .

In the Church and Society article of last month, author LeeAnn Sinclair, is alarmed “that children ... [are] telling adults that we ... [are] neither protecting them, nor taking care of our planet... [and that] “What we ... [are] choosing to bequeath them could lead to their desolation and death.” Thoughts like these have become a wakeup call for many around the world, and groups are forming in a number of countries aiming to counteract the neglect of those in power to address the crucial issues that threaten the future of our children.

One such group is the British **Grandparents for a Safe Earth**

(<https://network23.org/gfase>), a non-sectarian, non-partisan political organization, open to any elder who pledges to work for a life-sustaining Earth for all future generations.

Objectives for this group include raising awareness about climate breakdown, working to reduce personal and collective fossil fuel use, advocating for an economy which respects the finite nature of the resources of the earth, seeking dialogue with businesses and governments regarding climate breakdown and where this is not forthcoming, using non-violent direct actions, including civil disobedience, to draw attention to these issues.

**Gray Is Green** ([grayisgreen.org](http://grayisgreen.org)) is an American “online gathering of older adult Americans aspiring to create a green legacy for the future. As an environmentally conscious group of elders, [they] ... respond to a generational call to co-create a future of economic justice, ecological sustainability and social justice. ... to live beyond consumerism and ageism... They offer a periodic newsletter, a speaker’s bureau, online resources, a Facebook page for relevant updates... In partnership with congenial organizations, Gray is Green serves as a central clearinghouse of ideas and communications for older adults interested in greening their lives, learning about sustainability, advocating for sound public policy, being creative stewards or grandparents, emerging as elders, and mentoring young people.”

**Climate Action Families** (<https://climateactionfamilies.org/>) is a Seattle based organization that “provides a way for the entire family to work together... to explore and become proficient in climate justice work... [Their] vision is a healthy planet, with clean air, water, and food for all... [They] help each other develop... [the] skills to make ... [them] better advocates, family members, and community members so... [they] can achieve ...[their] vision... and ensure the skills are passed on to future generations.” One of the exciting features of this organization is the Plant-For-The-Planet program, an international children’s initiative, planting trees in an effort to replace the 4 trillion trees lost in the global garden since industrialization to help with carbon sequestration and slow climate damage.

Maggie Kuhn, who launched the Gray Panthers, stated that “the old, having the benefit of life experience, the time to get things done and the least to lose by sticking their necks out, are in a perfect position to serve as advocates for the larger public good.” And it looks like that is exactly what is starting to happen in many places.

Our Church and Society group is proposing that we form a climate action group at MUMC to help answer LeeAnn’s question of what must we change in our world for our children to have a future? Starting with the knowledge that God is calling us as Christians to bring about his kingdom on earth, there are numerous ideas on the websites of various groups from which we, who care about our children, could pick to participate in to preserve God’s beautiful creation for generations to come.

Church and Society, Siv Goulding

## JUST BAKERY

Just Bakery (a Madison-area Urban Ministry Program) will sell bakery items **Sunday, December 1**. The Just Bakery program provides classroom and hands on vocational training for formerly incarcerated individuals who are interested in food service careers.

## STOUGHTON CHAMBER SINGERS

The Stoughton Chamber Singers, under the direction of John Beutel, will present their annual fall concert, "How Can I Keep From Singing," at **2:00 pm on Sunday, November 17** at Christ Lutheran Church (700 Co. Rd. B) in Stoughton. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available at the door.



## SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

Bellringers Needed! Are you looking for an easy, fun and rewarding way to volunteer as a family this Christmas season? The Salvation Army of Dane County has an opportunity for you! By ringing bells for only two hours, you will raise over \$90 to help house the homeless, feed the hungry, and provide mentoring and education to at-risk children. The Christmas Red Kettle campaign runs **November 8 - December 24** with many locations and shifts available. Please go to [ringbellsdane.org](http://ringbellsdane.org) to sign up or call 250-2235 for more information.

## WHO WILL WRITE OUR HISTORY

**Friday November 8** at 6pm St Stephen's Lutheran Church (5700 Pheasant Hill Rd) will sponsor the film *Who Will Write Our History*. The film will be followed by special speaker, Ronald Berger, PhD. See the flyer on a kiosk in fellowship hall.

## FALL AREA EVENTS

- Bethany UMC (3910 Mineral Point Rd) Fall Craft Fair, **November 2** from 9am 2pm
- Lake Edge Lutheran Church (4032 Monona Dr) Bake sale including Lefse, **November 16**, from 9am to 11am.

See the flyers on a kiosk in fellowship hall.

## AGRACE

### Orientation for Prospective Volunteers

Agrace HospiceCare is seeking volunteers across Dane County. Two volunteer trainings are scheduled at Agrace's Madison campus: **November 5, from noon to 4 p.m.** for those who want to work directly with hospice patients, and **November 7, from 5 - 7 p.m.**, for roles without patient contact. Pre-registration is required. Call (608) 327-7163 or visit [agrace.org/volunteer](http://agrace.org/volunteer) to fill out an application.

**Grief Support Groups at Agrace Grief Support Center**, 2906 Marketplace Drive, Fitchburg. For details, fees or to register, visit [agrace.org/griefgroups](http://agrace.org/griefgroups) or call (608) 327-7118.

- **Bridges Grief Support Group** for adults meets Wednesdays, alternating by week between morning and evening sessions. No pre-registration is needed.
- **Family Grief Support Program** is for families with children aged 5 to 18. Meets every other week, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.; dinner is included. Call (608) 327-7135 for details.

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### United Methodist Women Advent Brunch Saturday, December 7, 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall



Come and learn fun facts about the Arts of Advent presented by our UMW Circles. You may hear poems, see skits, and sing some hymns. Please come and enjoy good food, good fellowship and lots of fun.

Advent Brunch Reservations:

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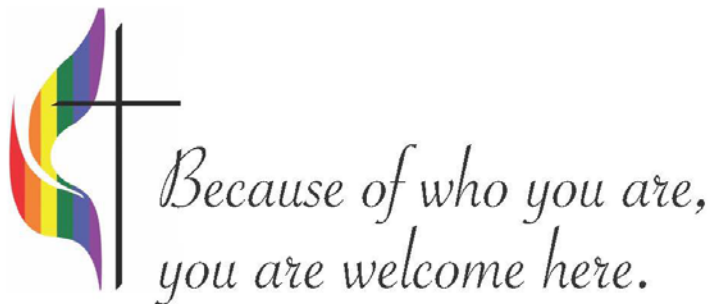
Put completed forms in the church office. For more information you may call Lynn @ 222-4717 or Kay in the church office @ 222-1633. All are welcome! There is no charge for the brunch but a goodwill offering will be taken to support ongoing Mission projects. Bring an item or two for the Food Pantry Cart.

## RECONCILING MINISTRY NEWS

Monona UMC, along with other Madison area UM churches, placed an ad this fall as a way to distinguish our churches from others who support the UM Traditional Plan legislation which excludes our LGBTQ+ siblings.

The ad (below) made it into the September/October issue of the LGBTQ+ publication Our Lives! Here is a link to the publication and our ad is on the top right of page 45:

<http://ourlivesmadison.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/OL74.pdf>



We welcome  
ALL and stand  
together for  
LGBTQ+ inclusion.

Our Global United Methodist Church recently chose not to fully embrace the gifts and lives of our LGBTQ+ members and friends.

We grieve this decision and

believe there are no limits to God's love.

The local United Methodist faith communities listed below proclaim God's love and grace are for ALL and extend a special welcome to our LGBTQ+ neighbors, allies and families:

**Bashford UMC** (Madison), **Bethany UMC** (Madison),  
**First UMC** (Madison), **Monona UMC**, **Mount Horeb UMC**,  
**People's UMC** (Oregon), **Stoughton UMC**,  
**Sun Prairie UMC**, and **Trinity UMC** (Madison).  
**Also standing with us, Reverend David Hart of  
Sherman Avenue UMC**

## FINANCE COMMITTEE NEWS

Three quarters of the year has passed and September brought MUMC another month of deficits. While the amount was smaller than previous months (\$1,992), we still continue to use up any savings we had when we entered this year. Year to date our deficit is \$32,469 and we anticipate it being between \$40,000 -\$45,000 by year end. We have started budgeting for 2020 and we are expecting to make cuts in a number of areas to avoid deficits like this year. We have just completed our Stewardship drive. For those that have pledged, our thanks. For those who have not, please do so. It helps with our budgeting, and planning our ministry for the coming year.

# \$ Financial Report \$

### Cash Flow September 30, 2019

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$ 21,611	\$ 187,066
General Operating Expenses	23,603	219,535
<b>Net Surplus (Shortfall)</b>	<b>\$ (1,992)</b>	<b>\$ (32,469)</b>

## A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

### Year-End Giving

*<sup>12</sup>For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper. <sup>13</sup>He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy. <sup>14</sup>From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight. (Psalm 72:12-14)*

In our charitable giving, we strive to assist our God in aiding the poor and in helping the oppressed. In doing this, we share a mission with other churches and many worthy nonprofits. Now, as the year is nearing its end, we will be receiving from them many appeals for yearend giving. You may be surprised to learn that nearly one-third of annual charitable giving occurs in December.

The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation urges you to plan your giving and remember the poor and needy during this season of giving thanks and sharing gifts. Your church and local agencies may have a number of opportunities such as giving trees and so forth.

The Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation has a year-end appeal for four charitable targets plus any you choose to designate:

- **Wisconsin United Methodist Health and Welfare Programs**
- **The Scholars Award Program**
- **UMCOR Disaster Relief**
- **The Bishop's Relief Fund**
- **Your Own Special Interest (you designate the recipient)**

You can find more information about each of these charitable targets and make an online donation at - [www.wumf.org/year-end-givingideas/](http://www.wumf.org/year-end-givingideas/). Remember, we can help with stock gifts.

Please prayerfully consider your plans for charitable giving this holiday season and give generously to the charities of your choice.

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, 1-888-903-9863 or [wumf@wumf.org](mailto:wumf@wumf.org)

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

## November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 9:00 Sunday School for children 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship 5:00 El Libertador - Worship in Spanish					<b>1</b> Kay Vacation 12:45 Backpack Meals  1:00 Cry Room in Use	<b>2</b> 6-7:30am E.L. Prayer Vg 10am-12 Seeds of Peace at Monona UMC 11am English
<b>3 All Saints Day</b> <u>See schedule below</u> 8:30 Altar World 9:00 Jesus I Never Knew 11:15 Church & Society	<b>4</b> Pastors' Day Off 1:00 Quilters 4-8pm Music lessons-Cry Room  6:30 Ad Council	<b>5</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting 3-5:30pm Paper Moon 6:45 Friendship Circle 7:00 Media/Communications	<b>6</b> 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 2-4 library-use 3-5:30pm Paper Moon 7-8pm Confirmation & Mentors	<b>7</b> 6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 Trustees 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>8</b> 8:30-10am Hall in use 12:45 Backpack Meals	<b>9</b> 6-7:30am E.L. Prayer Vg 9am Men's Group-breakfast Monona Garden 11am English
<b>10</b> <u>See schedule below</u> <b>Poinsettia orders due</b> <b>Coffee Sales</b> 8:30 Altar World 9:00 Jesus I Never Knew 9:30 Blood Prs 11:15 Stewardship	<b>11</b> Pastors' Day Off 11:00 Hilltoppers Monona Garden 1:00 Quilters 1:30 UMW Executive Com 4-8pm Music lessons-Cry Room 6:30 Stephen Ministers-library.	<b>12</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting 1:00 Yarncrafters  6:30 Finance-	<b>13</b> 7:15-9:15am Hall in use	<b>14</b> 1:00 Faith Circle at church  <b>5:30 Church Conference-Marshall UMC</b>  6:00 Bell Choir 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>15</b> 12:45 Backpack Meals	<b>16</b> 6-7:30am E.L. Prayer Vg 9a-5p Learner Leader-wksp Pastor Brad, Mark & Patsy 11am English -
<b>17</b> <u>See schedule below</u> <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> 8:30 Altar World 9:00 Jesus I Never Knew 11:15 Children's Sunday School meeting 2 Read 'Em/Meet	<b>18</b> Pastors' Day Off  1:00 Quilters 4-8pm Music lessons-Cry Room	<b>19</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting 3-5:30pm Paper Moon 5:30-9pm set prep	<b>20</b> 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 10-11:30am Knit 'N Stitchl 1-2:30 Circuit-Sun Prairie UMC 1-4 New Bridge Foot clinic Hall 3-5:30pm Paper Moon 7-8pm Confirmation	<b>21</b> 8:30am Newsletter Helpers  1:30 Reading Cr  6:00 Bell Choir 6:30 SPRC 7:30 Adult Choir	<b>22</b> 12:45 Backpack Meals	<b>23</b> <b>Pastor Brad vacation thru November 30</b> 6-7:30am E.L. Prayer Vg 8am-bazaar setup 9-3 Holiday Craft Vendor Bazaar  11am English
<b>24</b> <u>See schedule right</u> 8:30 Altar World 9:00 Jesus I Never Knew 6pm Thanksgv Service at Lake Edge Lutheran	<b>25</b> 12pm Decorate Sanctuary 1:00 Quilters 4-8pm Music lessons-Cry Room 6:30 Stephen Ministers-library.	<b>26</b> 1:00 Yarncrafters 1-6pm Blood Dr St Stephen's	<b>27</b> 7:15-9:15am Hall in use 1-4 New Bridge Foot clinic Hall	<b>28</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> No Bells or Choir	<b>29</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>30</b> 6-7:30am E.L. Prayer Vg



### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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Please complete the form below and return it to the office by **November 10** with your check (\$16 for each plant) payable to Monona U.M.C.

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