



HILLTOP HERALD-SEPTEMBER 2023 MONONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ADULT CHOIR



It's time to fire up the Adult Choir! First rehearsal is **Sunday, September 10 at 8:45am** and first Sunday anthem is September 24. This is a wonderful "family" who enjoys music, is super friendly and a lot of fun! We are always ready to welcome more people who simply delight in singing and supporting our Worship. Please consider joining us!

GAME DAY

Join us on **Friday September 1** at 10am in Fellowship Hall for some fun and games. All are welcome.

"FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE"

An opportunity to learn about the conflict between Israel and Palestine from Adam Manasra

Hosted by First United Methodist Church

Welcome Adam Manasra to Wisconsin as he provides an on-the-ground update from the village of Wadi Foquin located in the Bethlehem District of the West Bank of Palestine. Adam will share about his experience growing up under Israel military occupation, and about the loss of land and resulting economic suffering due to the policy decisions and actions of the Government of Israel.

Sunday, September 17, 4:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

203 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison

Free and open to the public

Donations for a new community development project in the village to build a Guest House will be gratefully accepted. This project is a creative use of land as well as an expression of resistance.

Sponsored by the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church

For further information, contact Mallory Yanchus at myanchus@fumc.org, or 608-338-1288.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

“Welcome to Fall!”

Where has the summer gone?

It seems like just last week when we celebrated Memorial Day weekend with worship on the Patio. This Sunday will celebrate Labor Day Sunday, marking the unofficial end of summer.

Most vacations and family reunions have been completed. The outdoor pools will close for the season. Students and teachers head back to school. We look forward to a colorful Wisconsin fall.

Before we rush into the busyness of a new season and new schedules, I invite us to pause and give thanks to God.

To help us, I offer this traditional Native American prayer.

O Great Spirit, whose breath gives life to the world, and whose voice is heard in the soft breeze; We need your strength and wisdom. Cause us to walk in beauty. Give us the eyes ever to behold the red and purple sunset. Make us wise so that we may understand what you have taught us. Help us learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. Make us always ready to come to you with clean hands and steady eyes, so when life fades, like the fading sunset, our hearts come to you without shame. Amen.

Have a great end to summer and an even better fall!

Sincerely,

Pastor Paul



BIBLE PASSAGES & THEMES 10:00AM SERVICE

September 3 – 14th Sunday after Pentecost, Indoor Worship (due to heat advisory)

“Take Up the Cross” Matthew 16:21-28

(Jesus challenges us to take up the cross and follow him.)

Communion will be served.

September 10 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost

“Getting Along” Matthew 18:15-20

(Jesus offers some practical guidance on how to get along with each other in the church.)

September 17 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost

“The Challenge of Forgiveness” Matthew 18:21-35

(Jesus tells the parable of the unforgiving servant.)

September 24– 17th Sunday after Pentecost

“A Generous Boss” Matthew 20:1-16

(Jesus tells the parable of the laborers in the vineyard.)

MISSION OF THE MONTH

The Crossing Ministry Worship Meals

The Mission of the Month for September will support The Crossing Campus Ministry with funds for meals during their worship service. The Crossing is a progressive, multi-faith ministry at the UW Madison. You can find more information about The Crossing on their website: thecrossinguw.org.

Their Worship service is on Wednesday evenings. The meal is actually part of the Worship service (which they call Dinner+ Worship) in the Spirit of Jesus who often dined with people as part of his ministry. We are invited to help make this service a place of hospitality where students can feel that same Spirit of Jesus -- inclusivity and love -- and for those students who are food insecure, an opportunity to have a good meal.

In the past they've had church groups of all types, women's groups, men's groups, young adult groups, friends, including churches bringing high school youth or confirmation groups, so they can do a service activity and learn about campus ministry.

Please mark your check, envelope, or electronic giving through Monona United Methodist Church with "The Crossing Meals" on the memo line.

Thank you for your generous support, The Mission Team

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>

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 September / October issue has arrived, and is in a door in the Narthex cupboard. 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, September 9** at 9:00 am at Denny's on Broadway. Come and enjoy great food and fellowship.

EXTRA PRODUCE TO SHARE?

When gardens start providing abundance, our gardeners have a tradition of bringing extra produce to share on Sunday mornings. We place our extra on the first table in the Fellowship Hall. All kinds of produce are welcome. Don't be shy about taking if you can use some.

OUR SYMPATHY

--Goes to the Carol Jacobson and her family, upon the death of her husband, John, on July 30.

--Goes to the family and friends of Rev. Edward Johnson, who passed away on August 29.

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.



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.

HILLTOPPERS

The Hilltoppers will be meeting on **Monday, September 11**, at 11 AM in fellowship hall at Monona United Methodist church.

Our program will be presented by Cara Erickson, Communication and Marketing Manager for Aldo Leopold Nature Center. The organization was formed in 1994 and is a non-profit organization providing year round environmental education to tens of thousands of children and families annually.

Their mission is to “engage and educate current and future generations, empowering them to respect, protect, and enjoy the natural world.”

Ultimately, their long range goal is to address what they believe are the two greatest inextricably-connected challenges in today's world: the health of our children and the health of our planet.

They survive on support from individuals, corporations, foundations, and service organizations. They do not receive support from Federal, State, Municipal, or United Way sources. Their most recent year of operation had income of just a bit over \$2 million so are conscious about programs they can afford.

CARING COORDINATOR COLUMN

The caring connection network within our congregation is strong, effective, and constantly at work! A heartfelt "Thank You!" from MUMC staff to all of you who are so faithful in connecting with and caring for those in our congregation and in our neighborhoods. To ensure that no one is falling between the cracks, please contact me (cell 608-335-5063 or markbmumc@gmail.com) if you know of someone who could use a little extra care, a visit, or simply a call from me or Pastor Paul.

There is nothing quite like a homemade casserole to warm the home and soul during times of stress or challenges. Please reach out to me if you know of a need within our church family or community. Also, it is time once again to restock our freezer with casseroles. Please consider making an extra meal or two. Place them in nonreturnable containers (tin or plastic) and mark each container "Casserole Ministry" along with a note describing the meal, the date made, and any special cooking instructions. You can drop them off at church during office hours, placing them in the kitchen freezer.

Peace and Blessings,
Caring & Coordinating, Mark Buffat

WEEDS IN THE PATIO

Thank you to all who have been pulling weeds in our patio area. Gather a couple friends to continue this and then take a walk through the garden to see what veggies and flowers are growing.

READ 'EM & MEET

The book club list for next year is in the Narthex information center. Please pick up a list and begin your reading. We will gather next on **Sunday, September 17** at 2:00pm with the book, *Midnight at the Blackbird Cafe* by Heather Webber at the home of Doreen Peterson. Visitors and new members are always welcome to attend.

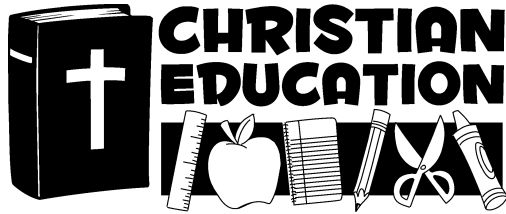
PAPER MOON DRAMA GROUP

Paper Moon Drama group is starting up their fall session and we need to have a church member hang out at church when they are using our building. Our Bishop and the United Methodist Church is requiring Methodist Churches to only host groups that have 2 adult leaders in attendance when there are children in the group. Monona UMC has hosted the Paper Moon Drama Group for several years and in order for them to continue their after school activities, they need an additional adult in our church building.

Are you available from 3pm - 5:30pm to hang out at church on the days listed below? You will not be expected to participate in the activities and may be able to get some reading or hand-crafts done while you are here. We will also be asking our volunteers to do a background check with our Trak-1 company.

If this is something that you would be willing to do, please email the church office (secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net). Below are the dates that they need to use the church:

Tuesday 9/5 Wednesday 9/6
Tuesday 9/12 Wednesday 9/13
Tuesday 9/26 Wednesday 10/4
Monday 10/9 Wednesday 10/18
Tuesday 10/24 -



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Children's Sunday School program begins on **Sunday, September 10 at 9:00am until 9:50am.**

Thank you to Sabrina & Brian Jacobus and Jason Mittag for being our dedicated teachers. We would love to have additional teachers in order to provide flexibility for all. Prep work for lessons will be minimal. Please contact the church office (secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net) if you are interested or have any questions.

CONFIRMATION 2023/2024

Pastor Paul is offering a Confirmation class for eighth and ninth graders on Sunday mornings (during the Sunday School hour) from 9:00 to 9:30.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact him at Pjohnsen58@gmail.com or call at (920) 246-2855.

Our parent-confirmation meeting will be on **Sunday, September 10** at 9:00 a.m. in Pastor Paul's office.

We look forward to Confirmation and learning together!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THANK YOU

Thank you to all who attended our VBS. Thank you to the Leaders who shared the Food Truck Party, as we learned about ways the God has provided for us. We couldn't have done it without all of you!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Watch for an update on the next class for Adult Sunday School. They typically meet on Sunday mornings after worship.

SPECIAL MUSIC IN WORSHIP



We continue to welcome and encourage your ideas/plans for providing special music to enhance our services when our choir isn't singing. 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. Thank you again for your ideas to enhance the music ministry of MUMC. Worship Committee

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. To make donating easier, use our QR Code.



FALL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Our bake sale at the Bazaar in November has been very popular. We always sell out (and that's good) but with a little specific organizing it might be even better.

Is there someone (or a team of two or three) who might step into the role of Bake Sale Organizer?

- No long term commitment
- Ask members to bring baked goods
- Coach on most saleable items if asked so we have a good variety
- Coach on packaging items if asked
- Price and display items at the Bazaar
- Welcome to stay and help sell baked goods and other items on Bazaar Saturday but not required

If this sounds like fun, please volunteer in the church office.

9TH ANNUAL DIAPER DASH



Babies & Beyond is *Going the Distance* to #EndDiaperNeed. The 9th annual DiaperDash is Saturday morning, **September 23** at McKee Farms Park.

Run the 5k or walk the 2 mile loop; join in the Kids dash, enjoy face painting, police cruiser, raffle baskets and more! Prizes will be awarded for top fundraising and diaper donations. The cost is \$30 for an individual registration, and \$75 for family registration, or make a donation. Diapers donations can also be dropped off at the park that morning 8-10am or at the Sharing Center during Open Hours. Join us in raising funds for our Diaper Bank that

provides free diapers to families in need.

You can register, donate and learn more about the event at:

<https://babiesandbeyondwi.org/diaperdash/>



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) INFORMATION

FALL GATHERING

The United Methodist Women-Faith Circle will be hosting the UMW Fall Potluck on **Tuesday September 12** starting at 5pm. Bring a dish to share. Beverages and table serve are provided. All are welcome to come and share in a time of fellowship.

Friendship Circle - Wednesday, September 13, meet at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall at church.

Faith Circle will meet on **Thursday, September 14** at 1pm at the home of Patsy McDonald. New members are always welcome! Call Jan Wanek at 608-395-2433 with any questions.

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Adapted from the Equal Exchange Website

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) wants United Methodists to participate in the relief agency's coffee project with Equal Exchange because their purchases help UMCOR earn money to benefit an even larger number of small farmers.

Fair trade is one of the many ways United Methodists can engage in using our consumerism in a socially just way,"

UMCOR has been encouraging churches to buy fair trade since 2000. The agency has partnered with Equal Exchange, which specializes in fairly traded coffees, teas, chocolates and cocoa, olive oil and almonds.

For every purchase United Methodists make through UMCOR's partners, UMCOR receives a contribution that goes toward its sustainable agriculture and development program, which supports small farmers.

Be an ambassador for organically grown, ethically sourced and fairly traded products. Whether through the tradition of fellowship coffee hour after services, from display table sales, or simply sharing your favorite goods with friends, you are part of our powerful interfaith solidarity network making a difference for small farming communities around the world and helping to build a more just food system.

Thank you to All who purchase Fair Trade products! Your support is invaluable!

Jackie Hull Coordinator 608-576-7837 (c)

Karelyn Hopkins Coordinator 608-577-3185 (c)

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: September 9, 16, 23 and 30.

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 Sue Hasey 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

The River is currently getting most of the eggs already in cartons and only need egg cartons on a limited basis. Monona UMC is still collecting all sizes, as we still have a few alternatives to take them.

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)

AGRACE

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 September 20. **Pre-registration is required**. Call (608) 327-7163 or visit agrace.org/volunteer.

Grief Support Group Options

Grief support specialists are offering in-person and virtual group grief support

- **Bridges** meets September 6 and 20, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., at the Agrace Grief Support Center.
- **Bridges (virtual)** meets September 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., via Zoom.
- **Young Adult** meets September 14, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Agrace Grief Support Center.
- **LGBTQ+ Spouse/Partner Loss** meets Tuesdays, September 5 to October 24, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 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 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 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.

WHAT IS A RAIN GARDEN? & WHY SHOULD WE AT MUMC CARE?

When it rains, it pours off the roofs of our church property, and lots of runoff floods down our parking lot, out into the street and into storm drains. Such unmanaged storm water can create two major issues: one related to the volume and timing of runoff, flooding, and the other related to potential contaminants the water is carrying, pollution.

In natural landscapes, such as forests, soil absorbs much of the storm water. Plants in the forest also capture water as it rains on them and take up water through their roots. Storm water is an important resource, the basis for the fresh water that all of life on earth must have. Storm water harvesting techniques and purification could potentially make some urban environments self-sustaining in terms of water.

Rain gardens are a type of water harvesting that helps slow and absorb runoff from storms. In a nutshell, rain gardens capture rainwater, filter out pollutants, and recharge our groundwater. In the process, they reduce pollution and prevent flooding.

Church & Society is considering constructing a rain garden on the church property, where huge eave spouts discharge storm water from the south side of our building.



More specifically, a rain garden is a shallow depression filled with a mixture of sand, topsoil and compost that filters water and is planted with a variety of native flowers, shrubs and grasses, even small trees that love water but also can manage sun and drier summer weather.

How exactly would it work?

When it rains, storm water picks up pollutants as it drains off the roofs. Without a rain garden water would carry the contaminants into storm drains that discharge these into nearby water ways, lakes, streams, and wetlands.

In a rain garden, water would collect in the depressed garden bed. The plants and soil would absorb the water, suck up the nutrients they need, and filter the pollutants found in the storm water runoff. This allows clean water to slowly soak back into the ground replenishing ground water supplies. Plants grow, providing beauty and habitat in the yard, attract and provide food for birds, butterflies and other pollinators.

Keep your eyes open for more news about our up-coming rain garden project.

Church & Society; Siv Goulding

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY AND NAME TAGS

We are in the process of creating a new church directory with phone/address listing as well as providing new name tags. Please update your information with this form. Copy this sheet as needed, print the information on the form and return to the office.

Full Name _____

First/Last Name for Name Tag: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Business phone _____

Email _____

Gender _____ Date of birth _____

My occupation _____

Employer _____

I have the following expertise

Spouse Full Name _____

First/Last Name for Name Tag: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Business phone _____

Email _____

Gender _____ Date of birth _____

Wedding date _____

My occupation _____

Employer _____

I have the following expertise

Children:

First name	last name	date of birth	Baptized?	lives with you?
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\$ Financial Report \$

Cash Flow July 31, 2023

<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$ 24,218	\$ 163,574
General Operating Expenses	18,932	159,320
Net Surplus (Shortfall)	\$ 5,286	\$ 4,254

STEWARDSHIP - PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

In the last six minutes of the University of Kentucky's 1996 national semifinal men's basketball victory over the top-ranked University of Massachusetts, Mark Pope – Rhodes scholar candidate and senior – calmly sank all six of his free throws. Twice he stepped to the line with Kentucky clinging to a three-point lead. Pope did not miss.

Putting to rest the speculation that Kentucky would wilt in the national spotlight, Pope remarked after the game, "We go through those exact situations every day in practice. That gives us all confidence in ourselves because we have confidence in our preparation."

Just as Pope recognized that practice is the key to playing a good basketball game, we understand that the same is true in every aspect of our lives. Children are reminded to do their homework so they can do well on their tests. Youth learning to drive can practice for up to 12 months with a permit before they get their own driver's licenses and set out on their own. Speeches and presentations are reviewed and practiced, giving the deliverer the familiarity needed to speak confidently and clearly.

Christian discipleship is no different. Routine and practice are needed to give us the foundation we need to face the dilemmas we encounter in life. The habitats of worship, generosity, daily prayer, study, and the sacraments help us develop our relationship with God so that we don't find ourselves scrambling when hard times hit. While it is true that God will never abandon us in difficult times whether we have this foundation or not, it is easier to rely on our faith while the seas of life are calm instead of trying to anchor ourselves amid a storm.

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

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Newsletter Deadline September 24 Information arriving after the above date may not be in the October newsletter. Remember, you can email to secretarymumc@sbcglobal.net						
					1 Pastor's Day Off 10am Game Day	2
3 <u>See schedule below</u> 10am Worship Indoor due to heat advisory	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 11am Staff Mtg 3-5:30 Paper Moon-Hall	6 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use 2-4pm Caregivr Support 3-5:30 Paper Moon-Hall	7 10am HandBell rehearsal	8 Pastor's Day Off Kay Vacation 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use 1-3pm Mah Jongg-Cry Room	10 8:30am-3pm Revive CPR class- F. H. 9am Men's Grp Breakfast-
10 <u>See schedule below</u> 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9am Children's Sunday School 9am Parent/ Student Confirmation Meeting	11 10am HandBell rehearsal 11am Hilltoppers - MUMC- Fellowship Hall 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use	12 9:30-12:15 NewBridge Foot Clinic F.H. 11am Staff Mtg 3-5:30 Paper Moon-Upstairs 5pm UMW Fall Potluck	13 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use 1:30 Friendship Circle at church 3-5:30 Paper Moon-Hall	14 1:00 Faith Circle	15 Pastor's Day Off 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use	16 8:30am-3pm Revive CPR class- F. H.
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24 <u>See schedule below</u> Newsletter Deadline 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9am Children's Sunday School	25 10am-3pm Monona Quilters-F.H 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use	26 9:30-12:15 NewBridge Foot Clinic F.H. 11am Staff Mtg 3-5:30 Paper Moon-Hall	27 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use	28 5:30pm Picnic on the Patio	29 Pastor's Day Off 11am Upstairs Narthex in Use	30 8:30am-3pm CPR- upstairs 8:30-3pm Hispanic Caucus, FH sanctuary, kitchen 10am-12 pm Girl Scouts upstairs

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 Worship

11:00 Fellowship

1:00 El Libertador Worship in Spanish



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Worship 10:00am

SEPTEMBER 2023

PICNIC ON THE PATIO

As this newsletter is being published we are hosting our first Picnic on the Patio. Watch for more information as we plan for our next Picnic on the Patio to be scheduled for Thursday, **September 28 at 5:30 p.m.** (In Fellowship Hall in case of rain.)

We will grill some burgers and brats and provide a delicious meal. We want to give our neighbors an opportunity to spend time together and get to know each other. We encourage our regular participants to attend. We want to welcome all who come.

