

the newsletter of
Community
United Methodist Church

February 2014

Glorify God

*Encourage
One
Another*

Share Jesus

Can Hearts See?

– Pastor Markus

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

We sang this song as one of our opening songs in worship on the second Sunday of the year. What a powerful request to put out to God: To ask him for help to see him.

What does it mean to you to see God with the eyes of your heart? The song lyrics continue to say:

To see You high and lifted up
Shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy, holy, holy

To see the greatness of God with the eyes of our heart – with our full believing understanding that is – means making it through this life in a different way. I handle the obstacles and the blessings of my life differently when I approach them with God's greatness on my mind and on my heart.

In March of this year we will be invited to participate in a 6-week program of prayer and faith sharing called "Unbinding Your Heart." I invite you to discern your willingness to participate in this study. It is my great wish and hope that as we unbind our hearts we'll see the greatness of God just a little bit better.

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints. - Ephesians 1:18

Chili Supper



Saturday February 15th
4 - 7:00 PM

Roll Back Pricing!

\$4.99

Children 6 and under Free!
Dine in or Carry out.

Sponsored and prepared by the Men of Community UMC

Pies Needed!

Homemade pies are needed
to serve for dessert
at the Chili Supper.

If you would like to donate pies
to this event
please bring them to the kitchen
prior to 4:00 PM if possible
so they can be cut in advance.

Thank you!



nursery request

Our little ones in the nursery have a request...

"Can we play pretend and dress up in the nursery?"

Of course we can! This is where you can help!

Would you kindly bring in any gently used costumes/
princess dresses/any dress up clothes that our little
munchkins can explore their creativity with?

I know they will appreciate your generosity!

If Pastor Markus will allow we could always parade
thru one of his worship services :)

Thank you!



Grief Share

Grief Recovery Support Group



Your journey from mourning to joy!

New class in 2014!

Tuesday evenings

January 14 - April 8

6-8:00 PM

in the Fellowship Hall

Grief Share is a weekly seminar/support group for
people grieving the death of someone close.

It is a place where you can be around people who
understand how you feel and the pain of your loss.
At Grief Share, you'll learn valuable information
that will help you through this difficult time in
your life.

You are welcome to join this group anytime.

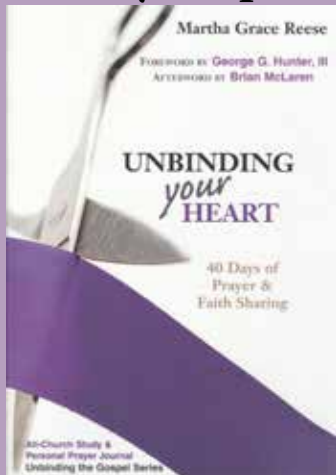
We know it hurts, and we want to help!

\$15 workbook is required for the class

Register with Cindi Schweitzer

at Integrity Funeral Services 262-514-4600

A Risky Leap of Faith and Some Cups of Tea...



This is what it looks like; the book that will guide our church through a 6-week program of prayer and faith sharing. In a leap of faith copies of this handbook were ordered last year already and are now patiently waiting in my basement in East Troy to find a new owner. Here's the story:

My father in law, Larry Kreps, pastor of a large church in Ohio did the program with his congregation two years ago. While a great majority of their congregation participated in the program they had a lot of copies left. One day as I was talking to him on the phone he mentioned to me that he was getting ready to sell them under price to other churches in Ohio. He asked me if I'd be interested in them since he knew that our church was looking into this program as well. So there I was: in need of making a quick decision; not exactly my cup of tea, but with a burst of courage from the Holy Spirit I did it anyway and I said it: "I'll take 'em."

So now I have 'em! Instead of charging you the regular price of \$19.99 or the Amazon prize of \$16.51 CUMC can offer them for \$12. Yes, I may not get them all sold but it's a beautiful risk to take – and honestly: the risk I invite you to take is a greater one than my risk. I invite you to boldly sign up for participating in a small group that studies "Unbinding your Heart". This may not be your cup of tea especially if you've never been part of a small group before but I'll ask you anyway: Will you drink it?

Leadership Training

Talking in Triangles

Creating Patterns of Good Communication

Guest Speaker

Carrie Kreps - Wegenast

Leadership training event for all church leaders

February 16th

12:00 - 2:30 PM

Lunch will be provided! Please contact the office by Thursday, February 13th to let us know you *will* attend!

WiReD Youth

The month of LOVE!

It's that time of year again when WiReD will dedicate the entire month to talking about love, sex, opposite sex relationships and friendship. For many of us parents sex is a scary topic to talk with our teens and tweens about. However, in this information age where all the answers are at our students fingertips it's important to make sure that they are getting Godly information that is based on biblical truths. To start a conversation with your student, I recommend watching The Story Of Sex by Dan Stevers on YouTube. It paints an accurate picture of what God intended and what we've turned it into. Use this video to open up a dialogue with your student, and be ready to answer their questions openly and honestly, and of course with love.

NEW FOR THIS YEAR! I have purchased curriculum and will have copies of lesson plans available for parents to take a peek at. This way you'll know exactly what your child is learning.

One of my biggest fears as a parent of teenagers is that I'll become a grandmother long before I'm ready! Since statistics have shown that teens who have conversations about sex, love, emotions and health at home are less likely contract a sexually transmitted infection, or teen pregnancy. I would like to partner with you to get these conversations started. For each lesson there will be several questions for you to begin talking with your student at home. It's not too early for you to start talking! Copies of lessons will be available in the office.

Youth Service
February 2, 2014

There will be a collection of items needed for Mission Trips and Emergency Response:
2-5 gallon buckets, steel wool, work gloves, goggles, rubber gloves, rags, paper towels, paint brushes, rollers, scrapers and pans, garbage bags, cleaners, baby wipes, sponges, scrub brushes, bandaids, bottled water, spray bottles, duct tape and painters tape.



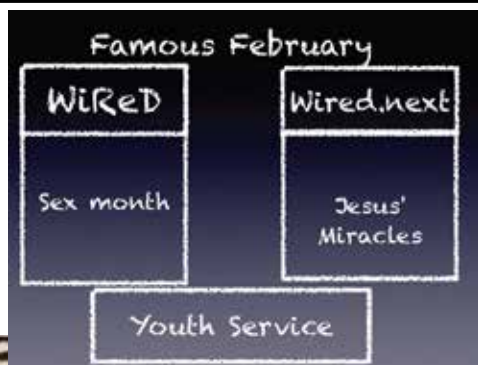
DARE 2 SHARE PRESENTS
REVERSE

At the Sears Center
April 11-13
\$90 for the weekend

Breakfast will be provided each morning at our host church, you will be responsible for dinner on Friday as well as lunch and dinner on Saturday. You may want to bring extra spending money for snacks and merchandise.

We will be leaving CUMC Friday at 3:30 and will be home before noon on Sunday.

Contact Krystal to sign up
262.210.0181
cumcyouth@hotmail.com



Sign Up For WiReD Text Notifications!
Text
@wired
to
(858) 914-4324



CHECK OUT THE CONCESSION STAND!
Everything is .50 to \$1
Open Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings

His Kids

Sundays
Wednesdays
Summers
Special Events

Time Out...

step away from the rush and feed your family, yourself and your spirit.

Four Jesus Reasons to consider if God is calling you into Children's Ministry!

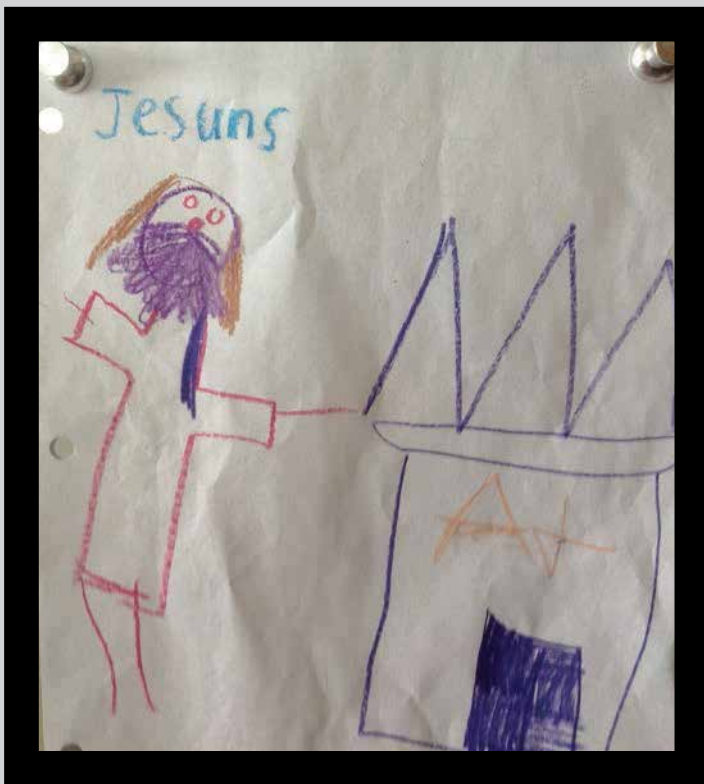
"Suppose someone gives even a cup of cold water to a little one who follows me. What I'm about to tell you is true. That one will certainly be rewarded." Jesus, Matthew 10:42

"At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father. You are Lord of heaven and earth. You have hidden these things from the wise and educated. But you have shown them to little children." Matthew 11:25

Jesus said, "What I'm about to tell you is true. You need to change and become like little children. If you don't, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Anyone who becomes as free of pride as this child is the most important in the kingdom of heaven. Anyone who welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. Matthew 18:3-5

Someone small and loved by God might give you awesome devotional artwork for your refrigerator!

Getting a God nudge?
Call Shari Langusch at 534-2313



Three more Wednesdays!

!! February 5 through February 19

Dinner: 5:45 pm

Activities/ Groups: 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Childcare for age 3 and under

Four Adult Time-Out classes to choose from in February including:

Christianity & World Religions

Living as a Christian in a diverse world.

1st, 2nd & 3rd John

God's love in black & white: reading the letters of John.

The Next Christians

Sharing Jesus in a 21st-century culture.

The Christian Atheist

Young adult discussion group. Living out a faith that changes your life as much as your belief.

Unbinding Your Heart

Training class for anyone interested in leading a small group in March/April. Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm starting January 15 or Sundays 9:30-10:30 starting January 19.

PLUS

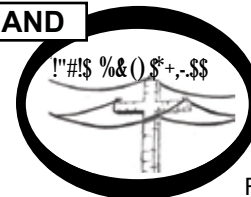
His Kids

3 more weeks of sharing Jesus

Time Out... "At the ZOO!"

for kids age four through Grade Six

AND



Wired

Grades 7-8 & 9-12

Wired Next

For high-schoolers ready to take things deeper.

Taking a Look at Some Numb3rs...

During our "Fear Not" message series in January we were confronted with some scary numbers, the numbers of our 2014 budget. At a Finance Committee meeting in 2013 we talked about how it would be good to pass on some of this information. Here is a breakdown with explanations of our 2014 budget:

Staff: \$ 222,266

Pays for 14 church employees, one being full time, others anywhere between 2 and 32 hours per week. This does not include our 4 pre-school teachers who are directly paid for through preschool tuition.

Building: \$ 88,960

A big junk of this budget is electricity (especially in the summer), gas, snow removal, insurance and major repairs.

Programs: \$ 38,817

Our largest program areas are kids & youth ministries, worship, adult education and missions*.

Administrative: \$ 16,725

Pays for office supplies (including lease on copy machine), computer and other electronics, kitchen supplies and our annual audit.

Conference mission: \$ 40,548

A little under 10% of our budget goes as a tithe to support United Methodist ministries in the state, the nation and the world.

Accessible funds: \$ 4,080

This is where we try to set money aside to accumulate for specific future projects like building updates or mission projects.

All these numbers are leading up to a total of \$ 411,396. Every year when I consider the financial aspect of our spiritual ministry I have to be careful not to worry. This only works when I put my trust not in the receiving and careful giving of bank notes but when I put my trust in God who enables us to give freely for the building of his kingdom.

When these numbers were presented in church it was especially meaningful to remember the yearly Bible verse that Jeff Swan, our Church Council chair, drew for us as a church the Sunday prior:

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self control." - 2 Timothy 1:7

* Some of you make special additional contributions to our missions committee. Those are given in addition to the comparatively small amount our budget allocates and is not considered in the above numbers. This helps our mission committee be an effective advocate for God's mission in the world and locally.

Register Now!

For the famous CUMC Pork Chop Dinner!

Thursday, February 28th at Noon.

Everyone is welcome- please call to let us know you are coming.

Ann Dirks: 262-210-7495 or the church office 2962-534-2313

Overnight Bus Trip to Creation Museum

April 25-26, 2014

- Delux Motorcoach Transportation
- Dinner Friday Evening
- Hotel Accommodatins
- Reception and Snacks at Hotel Friday Evening
- Breakfast Saturday Morning
- Museum Ticket, Including Planetarium Show
- Snacks on the Bus

All Children ages 5-12 receive a \$10 discount off of the prices listed below.

All Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult, and at least 5 years of age. A \$10 non refundable deposit is required to reserve space.

If you have questions, or to reserve your seat please contact
Latitudes Travel of Waterford
at 414-433-4873 or Burt@LatitudesWI.com,
www.LatitudesWI.com

Trip Cost

Double Occupancy \$180 Per Person

Triple Occupancy \$165 Per Person

Quad Occupancy \$158 Per Person

Single Occupancy \$225

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Restore Communicatiön - Renew Commitment - Rekindle Romance

February 14-16, 2014

Country Inn & Suites, Kenosha, WI

Reservation Fee: \$50 each (tax-deductable, non-refundable)

Additional payment is done by
sealed confidential envelope at the event.

Register on line at www.encounter.org or call 866-633-3862.

Registration deadline: January 31, 2014

Questions? Call Ron & Sharon Morshita at 262-554-0369
or w1marriage@gmail.com

Engaged Encounter Weekend

A Wedding is a Day...A Marriage is a Lifetime

April 25-26 2014

Whitefish Bay UMC, Whitefish Bay, WI

For more information contact John and Rosie Mitchell at
920-894-7177 or email jdmitche@frontier.com
or www.encounter.org, 866-633-3862

Focus on the Marriage not the Wedding!

- Learn and practice good communicatin and decision making techniques to create a solid foundation for married life.
- Learn about conflice resolution and self acceptance.
- Address human sexuality, finances, family and priorities.



Open House and Fall Registration for 2014
Thursday February 20 from 4:30 - 6:00pm
Friday February 21 from 9:00am- 12:00pm

All families with preschool age children are encouraged to attend.

Preschool has become an important component of school readiness. It is important for children to have many social and emotional skills developed before they reach Kindergarten age.

Social and emotional skills; such as following directions, self-regulation, negotiating, building attention spans, sharing with peers, sharing adult attention and separating from family, will help children to be ready for their formal school years. Children that can acclimate to their Kindergarten classroom will be ready to learn and teachers will be able to teach rather than regulate their classroom.

The Way To Grow Preschool prides itself on knowing child development and before we focus on academics we believe we have to focus on social and emotional skills.

Our teachers take the time to build a relationship with each child so every child feels safe and accepted. These two feelings give a child confidence and a willingness to take risks and try new activities. Feeling safe and accepted allows a child to trust and trust leads to listening and obeying. Once there is trust then teachers have the ability to guide young children in getting along with their peers.

This all sounds so serious but honestly all this is accomplished through time, consistency and play. The Way To Grow Preschool is the place to learn through play.

We have one more reason to send your child to The Way To Grow Preschool. That reason is The Way; Jesus is The Way to Grow! Our daily curriculum is built on God's word; which makes learning so much more meaningful.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

This group meets here on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30-8 PM.

In room 14 on the lower level – with parking and entry from the back of the building for easy access.

The purpose of the group is to provide caregivers with updated information, emotional support, and problem solving as related to the challenges of giving care to those living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia.

This group is for caregivers only, not patients with dementia or Alzheimer's.

Questions about the group?

Call the church office at 262-534-2313.



February Noisy Can

Community UMC Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry serves more than 60 families twice each month.

The average cost each month is about \$800.

All of these costs are covered by donations.

Most of the food purchased through Feeding America is .19 per pound, so a lot can be purchased for a reasonably low cost.

Holiday weeks the goal is to have a complete meal for each family. Hams and all the trimmings will be purchased for Easter.

Your donations will be greatly appreciated.

January's Collection for HALO inc. was \$383.47. Thank you!



Prayer Sunday
February 2nd
9:00-9:30 AM &
12:00-12:30 PM

Do you know someone who needs prayer?

Invite them to prayer Sunday!

Teams of prayer warriors are ready and willing to pray for those who need it for many different concerns.

Bring your need before our Mighty God!

The Newsletter is available by email and on the website at

www.extremefaitth.org

If you would like to stop receiving the newsletter by mail contact the office at 262-534-2313 or office@extremefaitth.org to let us know.



The men will be attending the No Regrets Men's Conference on Saturday February 1st. The next Men's Breakfast will be **Saturday, March 1st at 8:00 AM.**

CELEBRATE
RECOVERY

A CHRIST-CENTERED RECOVERY PROGRAM

Meets every Tuesday evening
at 6:30 PM, in room 13 on the
lower level here at CUMC.

“My Grace is Sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness”
2 Corinthians 1:9

Electronic Giving is Available

Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. This service offers convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

If you are currently giving on a regular basis, you will no longer need to write all those checks each year! And, when circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. Authorization forms and a frequently asked questions flyer are available in the church office.

February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Men's No Regrets Conference
2 Prayer Sunday- following each service	3	4 6-8:00 PM Grief Share 6:30 PM Worship Committee Meeting 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery	5 4-5:45 PM Food Pantry 5:45 PM Time Out Dinner 6:30 PM His Kids, WiReD, Adult Groups	6 Praise Team Practice	7	8
9 10:45 Service Kids Church	10 6:30 PM Prayer Gathering	11 6-8:00 PM Grief Share 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery 7:00 PM Trustees Meeting	12 5:45 PM Time Out Dinner 6:30 PM His Kids, WiReD, Adult Groups	13 6-8:00 PM Alzheimer Caregiver Support Group Praise Team Practice	14	15 4-7:00 PM Chili Supper
16 12-2:30 PM Leadership Training	17	18 6-8:00 PM Grief Share 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery 6:30 PM SPRC Committee Meeting 7:00 PM Communications Meeting	19 4-5:45 PM Food Pantry 5:45 PM (Last Night) Time Out Dinner 6:30 PM His Kids, WiReD, Adult Groups	20 6:30 PM Finance Meeting Praise Team Practice	21	22
23 10:45 Service Kids Church Noisy Can Collection - for the Community UMC Food Pantry	24 6:30 PM Prayer Gathering	25 6-8:00 PM Grief Share 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery 6:30 PM Church Council Meeting	26 6:30 PM WiReD Youth	27 12:00 PM Pork Chop Dinner Praise Team Practice	28	

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