the VINE

I am the vine, you are the branches... John 15:5

June-July 2019

New Service Time Begins June 2: 10 am year-round

JUNE WORSHIP

June 2	"Onward and Upward" Ascension Sunday
June 9	"Diversity: A Means of Grace" Pentecost
June 16	Guest speaker: Kelly Lemens, director of "A Place to Be" spirituality center in Port Washington (Pastor Janet will be at Annual Conference in Green Bay)
June 23	"Embodying Love in a Broken World"
June 30	Guest speaker: Glen Van Fossen, Lay Speaker from Mequon UMC

JULY WORSHIP

New sermon series begins: ***Faith in Golden Oldies***

July 7	"Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" (1942)
July 14	"God Bless the Child" (1940)
July 21	Guest speaker TBA
July 28	"I Walk the Line" (1956)

Sermon titles subject to change.

GRAND AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Janet L. Hartzell

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SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship	**10:00 am**
Adult Sunday Class June 2, 9, & 23	8:45 am

Music Coordinator	Joshua Wicinski joshuawicinski@gmail.com
Pianist/Organist	Brenda Stallbaum
Admin/Prgm Asst	Vicky Schafman office-gaumc@wi.twcbc.com
Bishop	Rev. Hee-Soo Jung
District Superintendent	Rev. Forrest Wells

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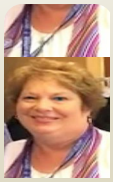
WORSHIP BY THE WATER

This summer, the pastors of Grand Avenue UMC, Christ the King/Living Hope Lutheran and Parkside Community UCC are working together with "A Place to Be" spirituality center to provide "Worship by the Water" on three Saturdays. These short services are especially designed to give boaters and other visitors a casual worship experience, but anyone is welcome to attend.

Services will be on June 29, July 27 and August 24. Watch worship bulletins for details, including time (probably 5 pm) and location, or call the church office for information as the dates get closer.

FROM THE PASTOR



On May 26, I preached about how hard it is sometimes for us to follow the fourth commandment: "Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy." While this instruction was given to the people of Israel through Moses while they were in exile, this and the other commandments were observed by Jesus and are expected of us today. As I said in worship, keeping Sabbath means we abstain from our normal patterns of activity and interaction for a time, so we can discover that our strength and well-being come from God alone. To make this a habit, it helps to intentionally schedule times to rest and listen for God's voice.

If you were in worship that day and heard my message, I wonder how Sabbath keeping is going for you? Have you been able to take time to say to yourself "Be Still ... Rest ... Shalom"? Even Jesus took time to retreat from the crowds and the demands upon him, and in this (as in so many things) we do well to follow Jesus' example. You can start as slowly as you need to, designating even as little as 15 minutes each week and increase your Sabbath time as you get more into the habit and discover what a blessing it is. God's transforming love will surely reach us as we rest!

I admit I am preaching to myself when I encourage Sabbath-keeping. I know from experience that it's hard for someone whose schedule is full to make time for one more thing ... and in June, my schedule is indeed full! From June 14-16, while you are in town enjoying the first weekend of the church rummage sale, I will be at Annual Conference with our congregation's lay delegate, Sue Killey. This year it's being held at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay. It is sure to be an "interesting" conference, for lack of a better word. Among the major agenda items will be the election of lay and clergy delegates to the next General Conference, to be held in May 2020 in Minneapolis; approval of the conference budget; numerous times of worship; and I'm sure many conversations about the outcome of the special 2019 conference that made stronger and more exclusive the current United Methodist policies regarding ordination of LGBTQI+ persons and gay marriage. Please pray for Sue and me, for all delegates, and for Bishop Jung and other conference leaders, especially during Conference weekend. On Monday, June 17, a "learning day" will be held for any interested clergy or lay people (you don't have to be a conference delegate to attend). If you might be interested in driving up to Green Bay for a workshop or two, speak to me and I'll share details, or go to www.wisconsinumc.org. and see for yourself what is being offered.

Finally, let me gently remind you that the work of the church goes on even if you are away in the summer. Bills and salaries must be paid and many ministries continue. If you will be gone for an extended time, please consider paying your pledge or offering prior to leaving town, or mail your offering in while you are gone. And whether you are in town or out of town, please notify the church office or call me directly if you should have some kind of pastoral emergency.

I am praying that we all soon will be enjoying more summer-like weather, and I look forward to seeing you in church whenever you're in town.

God bless you,
Pastor Janet

Thank You

Dear Church Members,

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and hugs I received when my daughter, Teri, passed away. Thanks too for the prayer shawl.

My family and I have been very sad, but your many acts of kindness have helped to ease our sorrow.

Thanks so much!
Muriel Ford

Dear Grand Ave Congregation,
Thank you so much for hosting the Friendship Club to a delicious dinner served in a nicely decorated dining room. The lasagna was a new addition to the menu and it was delicious. Members of the Friendship Club look forward to the dinner each year and have never been disappointed. You're a wonderful, sharing congregation and it's an honor to be a recipient of your generosity.

Sincerely from the Friendship Club Members and all volunteers

Joe Groh

Dear Friends of Grand Ave UM Church,
Thank you so much for your support of Advocates of Ozaukee. Your gift of $220.00 will be very well used to support victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Each year Advocates talk with over 1,560 individuals, women, children, and men who are being hurt by the person in their life who is supposed to be safe and loving.

Thank you from all of the people we serve, from our staff and from our board. We couldn't do it without you.

Sincerely,
Barb Fischer, Executive Director

Dear Friends,
The dear people you helped with your financial gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be - *Thank <u>you</u>* !

And through your support, <u>you are serving</u> within a vital network of interactive relationships in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need.

May we continue to reveal the love of God and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.

Grace and Peace,
Thomas Kemper, General Secretary
Roland Fernandes, COO and General Treasurer

Dear Church,
Thank you so much for supporting the Ozaukee County Jail Literacy Program during your "noisy collection." With the help of friends like you, OCJLP continues to be able to provide educational opportunities to inmates in Ozaukee County.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,
Linda King, Board Member
Terri Haas, Treasurer

To Grand Avenue UMC,
Nearly 18 million people in our nation suffer from food insecurity – not knowing where their next meal will come from or needing to choose to pay rent or buy food. Because of your gift, we can help lessen that concern for many in our own community. We thank you for being a part of the solution; in making a difference, one person at a time.

We appreciate your generosity.

Mark Gierach, Executive Director

June 16th Noisy Collection will support the costs of our team going to Wildfire Youth Mission and Ministry

In July, our Lighthouse Youth Ministry team (Isaiah Bagley, Jackson Foster, Logan Hill, Nolan Hill, Will Kissinger, Aubrey Nelson, Ashaya Platek, Tanner Stacey, Kelly Nieman Anderson, and Dan Benning) will be headed out to the Superior, WI / Duluth, MN area for a week of mission work. We will be working with a variety of causes which may include a soup kitchen, the YMCA camp, a day care center, a women's shelter, and a food pantry. The team will also participate in a number of worship, sharing, and fun experiences. The youth will be involved in a hands-on mission experience that makes a real difference in the lives of real people. We want to help spread the love of God like wildfire!

The Noisy Collection will be used to offset the team's travel expenses. **Collect your change and bring it for the June 16 Noisy Collection** and let's make a really loud and joyful noise to the Lord. Of course, quiet contributions are also appreciated and celebrated.

JULY NOISY COLLECTION … Congregational Meals ☺ … watch for details.

Questions? Contact Vicky Schafman or Margaret Lueptow

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- Pay online with PrestoPay™ or by check
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- Add money to your Scrip reloadable card

Paper order forms with payment are accepted at church on the 1st Sunday of each month.

Ecumenical VBS

June 15 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Christ the King Church
(with fun activities also at Kolbach Park)

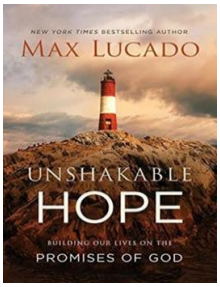
Registration for GAUMC families: *pre-register by Friday, June 7* and our church will cover the registration costs using our VBS fund.

General Registration will be held on Saturday, June 15 from 8:30 am - 8:45 am $10/child

Contact Emily Betker if you want to:
emilyb1215@gmail.com
920-980-4182

- Pre-register your child/children
- Help with the "Saddle-up Sports" Station
- Have questions

FAITH AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

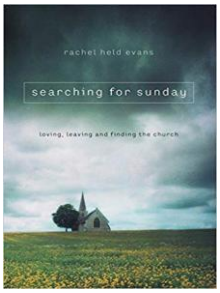


Adult Education Class Continues

Sundays through June at 8:45 am (no class on 6/16)
Video Study: *Unshakable Hope* by Max Lucado

Coffee Talk with Pastor Janet

On Wednesdays: June12 & 19 and July 3 & 10, Pastor Janet will be at Smith Brothers Coffee House between 10-11 am, and would love to sit and talk or pray with anyone who'd like to drop in. Please come for coffee and a chat. Watch for other dates throughout the summer.

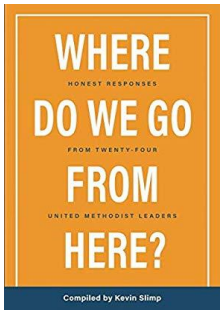


Summer Book Study – Beginning July 1

SEARCHING FOR SUNDAY is about overcoming cynicism to find hope in and for the Church. It is a heartfelt ode to the past and hopeful gaze into the future of what it means to be a part of the Church.

Mondays Noon – 1:15 pm July 1, 8, 15, 29 and August 5, 12, 19
Books: $10.00 (also available on Amazon)

Bring a bag lunch if desired and a lawn chair if possible, so we can sit outside, weather permitting. Sign up on the bulletin board. A minimum of five participants is needed for this class to be held.



Book Discussion – Sunday, July 14

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? - *Honest Responses From Twenty-Four United Methodist Leaders* brings together writings by bishops, pastors, lay-persons, campus ministers, students, general board directors and others who share their honest viewpoints about where their church is and what its future might be. Within the group are those who would identify as traditional, centrist and progressive. Several authors revised their material to include last-minute information concerning the Judicial Council rulings in late April.

Pastor Janet will lead a one-time gathering to discuss this book on **Sunday, July 14**, for all who are interested. Several copies of the book are for sale in the church office (please purchase by June 2 so unwanted copies can be returned); it also is available on Amazon.com. Cost: $15.00.

Reaching Out Through Music

Jon Meins reports: "On Sunday, July 28th the Grand Ave Singers will join the Summerfield Choir for their worship service. It should be a fun experience. We will have a pianist, violinist, cellist, and I'll be playing drums. This is something I've been talking about with the music coordinator from Summerfield for awhile. I hope it will show unity in the Methodist Church!"

JUNE IS RUMMAGE MONTH !!

Calling all men and women…..

- **Bring** your gently used, clean stuff to the stage in the fellowship hall through June 7.
- **Help** us get ready – sort, organize and price.

Week of June 3:	Mon, Thu, Fri	9:00 am – 4:00 pm
	Tue, Wed	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
	Sat	9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Week of June 10:	Mon, Tue, Wed	9:00 am – 5:00 pm

- **Volunteer** during sale days: June 14, 15, 16 and ½ price sale days: June 20, 21, 22
- **Sign up** on the bulletin board!

Rummage Sale Coordinators:	Gwen Freier	262-692-6408
	Mary Kae Geittmann	262-284-5924
	Netta Freeland	262-284-9315

Fish Day Parking

July 20

Watch for information and sign-up for a few hours to help park cars in our church parking lot during Port Washington's Fish Day Festival.

An invitation from our friends at Living Hope

Mid-Week Ecumenical Worship

Join us for a casual worship, with communion, Wednesdays at 6:30pm. We gather around a campfire for discussions and songs. Family friendly worship! Be sure to bring your lawn chairs. We will meet every Wednesday starting May 29th through August 28th.

We will not be meeting on July 3rd

Questions? Call 262-284-7177

Living Hope Lutheran Church
851 W Dekora Street (Hwy 33) Saukville

HELP NEEDED – Early July

If you could spend an hour or two putting Grand Ave UMC labels on water bottles, your help would be appreciated. Call the office to let us know when you can come and we'll be set up and ready for you in the church kitchen. These water bottles will be given out to people who park in our lot on Fish Day and at other events this summer. Thank you.

Meals for the Homeless

Summerfield UMC

Thanks to everyone who donated food, tableware, and served at the Summerfield Homeless Meal on May 25: to Jon Meins for providing & preparing the delicious meal and to members, friends, and guests of Grand Ave who volunteered to serve: Judy Maechtle, Merton Lueptow, Valerie Johnson, Gwen Freier, Brenda Stallbaum, John & Cheryl Wozniak, Rama Bharadwaj, Mark & Sandy Grams, Sue Killey, Mary Downing, Brian Carlson, Neal Traxel and Joe Delucia.

Please take time to visit with one of them to hear about the rewarding and eye-opening experience they had. We served an estimated 130 people of all ages.

And the good news is, we have 3 more opportunities to serve at Summerfield's Meal Ministry program.

The next date is **July 27**. The signup sheet is on the bulletin board. If you aren't able to serve in person you can volunteer by donating the following paper products: disposable salad bowls, dessert size plates, plastic silverware, napkins, hot and cold paper cups. These items can be left in the green bin in the mission corner (next to Food Pantry bin). Also desserts and fresh fruit will be needed the day of. Carpool drivers will be needed too.

Questions, please contact Jon Meins, Sandy Grams, or Rama Bharadwaj.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40-45

PORT WASHINGTON FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

April Info

Families Served	256, 4 new families
Food & Items Distributed	6,648 lbs
Redeemed Piggly Wiggly Milk Certificates	101 ($206.39)
Redeemed Piggly Wiggly Food Coupons	$3,994.15
Received Food Donations	3,363 lbs
of which Grand Ave donated	40.91 lbs (44 items)
Received Cash Donations	$4,117.16
Expenses for March	$9,879

God bless,
Chris Flint, Food Pantry Director

Our Grand Ave Food Pantry Representative is Cathy Smith.

June Needs

Manwich
Scalloped Potatoes
Spaghetti Sauce
Tomato Paste/Sauce
Hash
Rice
Canned Chicken
Beef Stew
Meals for One
Mayo
Ketchup
Mustard
Soup
Pretzels
Graham Crackers
Apple Sauce
Canned Fruit
Brownie Mix
Muffin Mix
Cereal
Cookies
Clorox Wipes
Toilet Paper
Shampoo
Dish Soap

Please put items in our church's Food Pantry Bin

Survey Says ...

This anonymous survey will help gauge interest and potential participation in future Adult Education Classes (referred to as "study"). Please answer each question thoughtfully and honestly. If you have additional feedback, please attach a separate paper to this survey with your comments. Thank you!

- On a scale of 1-5, where 1 is not at all & 5 is very much, how interested are you in participating in an Adult Education Class or a Bible Study Group? 1 2 3 4 5
- What type of study do you prefer?
  ____ Specific authors/books _____Books of the Bible _____ the Bible in general
- Do you prefer a ____short-term study (4-8weeks) or ____ long-term study (8-12 weeks)?
- Please rate which time frame is best for you to attend a study. 1-not likely, 2-possibly, 3- very likely
  ____ Morning 10am-12 noon _____ Afternoon 2-4pm _____ Evening 6-8pm
- Which day(s) of the week is best for you to attend a study? _____
- What would you say is a deterrent when deciding whether or not to participate in a study?
  _____
- Please circle your age group. 30-40 41-50 51-60 61-70 71+

Please place your completed survey in the survey box on the Information Counter.

Thank you for participating in this survey, your feedback is important!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June		July		July	
Vickie Meins	1	Brandon Straughn	3	Mark Breuer	24
Vicki Szpara	3	Stacy Zwicker	3	Connie Schmitz	27
Jill Eernisse	6	Melanie Strand	4	Kelly Weltin	27
Cathy Walters	6	Gwen Freier	7	Tracy Schueller	28
Anne Marie Olson	7	Steve Freier	8	Mary Kae Geittmann	29
Bill Foster	8	Bentley Paulson	10	Mardy McGarry	29
Sue Hamann	15	John Benkley	11	Erin Foster	30
Kayla Killey	15	Darleen Reichardt	11	Dianne Hansen	30
Netta Freeland	17	Patricia Strand	11		
Rachal Guse	17	Cassidy Penkivech	19		
Joshua Hansen	17	Keith Betker	21		
Jason Kissinger	20	Susan Merrill	21		
Pat Craig	28				
Natalie Benning	30				

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June		July	
Jake & Netta Freeland	3	Phill Bruno & Mary Kae Geittmann	3
Jerry & Emmy Miller	4	Mark & Sandy Grams	3
Mark & Laura Flack	6	Steve & Grace Prom	12
Tracy & Jerry Schueller	6	Charles & Lin Lohr	17
Dan & Kelly Weltin	11	Steve & Cathy Walters	17
Scott & Stacy Zwicker	12	Todd & Dianne Hansen	31
Keith & Emily Betker	14		
Jon & Mikala Pleitner	14		
Rob & Vicky Schafman	20		
Paul & Edna Koskamp	22		
Jeff & Sue Killey	24		
Jan & Mary Young	24		
David & Laura Didier	30		

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office so we can update our records.

PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CHURCH DIRECTORY: Dan Benning, new email: bennida01@att.net

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Pastor Janet's Vacation Days: *June* 6, 24-30 (Annual Conference: June 14-17) and *July* 17-25

SUNDAY MINISTRIES:

JUNE	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist	Projector	Soundboard
2……..	Peter & Vicki Szpara	Team 4- T. Bloedow	Dan Weltin*	Dan Benning	Peter Schmidt
9……	Brian & Mardy McGarry	Team 1- M. Grams	Ardelle Dionne	Scott Penkivech	Dan Benning
16……	Mary Downing	Team 2- L. Maechtle	Kay Hamann	Mike Vernon	Steve Walters
23……	Jon & Vickie Meins	Team 3- J. Griesmeyer	Sue Killey	Steve Walters	Jon Pleitner
30…..	Mark & Beth Breuer	Team 4- T. Bloedow	Sandy Grams	Dan Benning	Scott Penkivech
JULY					
7……..	***any volunteers?***	Team 1- M. Grams	Mary Downing*	Steve Walters	Peter Schmidt
14……	Jake & Netta Freeland	Team 2- L. Maechtle	Lin Lohr	Vicky Schafman	Jon Pleitner
21……	Rama Bharadwaj	Team 3- J. Griesmeyer	Cheryl Wozniak	Scott Penkivech	Steve Walters
28……	Todd & Dianne Hansen	Team 4- T. Bloedow	Jon Pleitner	Dan Benning	Scott Penkivech

* Liturgist on the 1st Sunday also helps serve communion.