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Giving Thanks for It All



God encourages life in community because we are wired to thrive in this setting.

As a pastor, my roll is to teach as I am able, pray as I am called and lead by example. If I want change in our communal life, I have to be willing to be that change right along with each of you. I think our hearts beat stronger when we're working, singing, playing and praying side by side, wouldn't you agree?! My mind, body and spirit feel joyful when there's a lot going on in our communal life together. My spirit is lifted when I anticipate our worship time each week and recognize the importance of this regular expression of my faith with yours for my life journey. I know that I have more energy and more hope when I'm with you non stop than laid up on the sofa with a slipped disc. And, I am learning that I will be better able to sustain this connectional life if I pause more often to give thanks for it all.

"Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what

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"Are You Hurting? Pray!"



Those words were part of the James reading I used recently to talk about our need to care for one another through our prayers and presence. In the midst of that message I suggested that I would soon begin offering a monthly service of healing and anointing. Our first one will be Sunday, October 28th at 6:00 p.m. We will gather in our sanctuary for a time of prayerful sharing along with an invitation for anointing.

I first experienced a service of this type while visiting another United Methodist church in Kansas City. I found it to be deeply moving and upon coming home began offering it at my previous church and I am thrilled to now offer it here.

It is however important to understand what I mean by the word "healing" and especially in the context of this type of service. Healing is not magic, but underlying it is the great mystery of God's love. God does not promise us that we shall be spared from suffering but God does promise to be with us in the midst of our suffering. Trusting that promise, we are enabled to recognize God's sustaining presence in pain, sickness, injury and estrangement.

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happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

One of the things that I love most about the God who loves us is that we are always given a choice. God gives us free will so that in every situation we can choose our response. Even in the most dire of scenarios, characters in scripture show us that an attitude of gratitude brings peace amidst suffering and fear. Likewise, in the every day living we do, how much more contented would we be if our mental, emotional and spiritual framing was based in gratitude?

“A grateful heart recognizes that all of life is a gift.” Rev. Adam Hamilton

As our secular calendar brings us into the holiday season we celebrate Thanksgiving first.

It’s a time when our worldview of scarcity or abundance is elevated and we can easily slip into habits that reinforce these mindsets in ways that prevent us from being grateful or even gracious. As I am aware of these tensions and realities, I want to choose differently this holiday season. I am praying to live as gratefully as I feel in my heart. I am working through my own deep problems within, I am initiating changes in my habits that will more adequately reflect my thankful heart and I am hoping to give into what makes me content so that my life will be more balanced and joyful as it becomes more simple and generous.

I am grateful for each of you, my family of faith. I am thankful for the generosity of many who join me in ministry and who have helped me in times of personal need. I so appreciate the diversity of our paths and the way they converge in this place upon the rock of trust that we share in Jesus Christ. We are blessed, friends, with the unconditional love of God on which to rely as we journey together, communicate and I give thanks for it all.

Gratefully yours,

~Pastor Kelly

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All healing is of God. The church’s healing ministry in no way detracts from the gifts God gives us through medicine and psychotherapy. It is no substitute for either medicine or the proper care of one’s health. Rather it adds to our total resources for wholeness.

So a service of healing is not necessarily a service of curing, but it provides an atmosphere in which healing can take place. The greatest healing of all is the reunion or reconciliation of a human being with God. For the Christian the basic purpose of spiritual healing is to renew and strengthen one’s relationship with the living Christ. When this happens, physical healing can sometimes occur, mental and emotional balance is often restored, spiritual health is enhanced and relationships can be healed.

So come, “come to me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.”

Shalom,

~ Pastor Andy

WCC 2012 Annual Meeting

with Parker Palmer

Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit

Are you concerned about our polarized politics in Wisconsin? Come and hear noted author Parker Palmer offer a more life-giving vision for the way to engage each other in the public square, rooted in the values of faith.



The WCC Annual Meeting will be held Monday, December 10, 2012 from 9 am – 3 pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Waunakee WI, just north of Madison.

The meeting will be organized in a workshop format for appointed delegates and visitors and will include a keynote address by Parker Palmer along with feedback discussion with participants, workshops, worship, and a brief business meeting for WCC delegates.

Registration Fee: \$65 (\$75 after November 15), which includes lunch and all materials.

Flyer, Materials and Sign up Available on The Cube

Keynote Speaker Parker Palmer

Parker J. Palmer is a writer, speaker, and activist who focuses on issues in education, community, leadership, spirituality and social change. His work speaks to people in many walks of life, including public and higher education, healthcare, religion, business, philanthropy, community organizing, and grass-roots social change. He has published a dozen poems, some 200 essays, and nine books, including several best-selling and award-winning titles.

Dr. Palmer is founder and Senior Partner of the national Center for Courage & Renewal, which oversees “Courage to Teach” and “Courage to Lead” programs for people in the serving professions, including teachers, administrators, physicians, counselors, clergy, and non-profit leaders.

He holds a Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California at Berkeley, as well as ten honorary doctorates, two Distinguished Achievement Awards from the National Educational Press Association, an Award of Excellence from the Associated Church Press, and major grants from the Danforth Foundation and the Lilly Endowment.

A member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quaker), Dr. Palmer lives in Madison, Wisconsin.

If you would like to make Chrismon ornaments for the sanctuary Christmas tree, please contact Kitty Schaefer for details.

So What Is All Included In Our Church Budget?

As you all know, we're in the midst of our annual stewardship campaign so we thought it would be helpful to take a quick journey through the various categories of our church budget. Last year almost 65% of our budget went to staffing our church. This includes not only Pastor Kelly and Pastor Andy but also our office administrator, our custodian, our nursery supervisors as well as all of our music leadership (Kathleen, Becky, Linda and Mark). These salaries give us so much more than our Sunday morning services and the wonderful music we all enjoy so much. Important caring for church families with hospital and nursing home visits, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and religious training for our children and youth, and so much more.

The second largest category is for Trustees (16%). This covers all the maintenance of our buildings as well as making sure we have heat, lights, water, etc. Our church home is not only important to all of us, but to the community around us. This facility is used for Grief Share, Bread and Jam, Small Group Fellowship, AA Meetings, Pre-School, and an Alternative High School, to name a few.

Third on our list are our apportionments (12%). This is what we send on to the greater church to support our United Methodist ministry here in Wisconsin and around the globe. Without Apportionments our United Methodist Global Missions, Disaster Relief, and so many important programs could not exist. We would not have the camps to hold Retreats or Summer and Winter camps which are so important for family and church fellowship. We would not be part of the Greater United Methodist Church, and could not accomplish all the amazing things we can do together.

Office expenses are next at just under 5%. Most of this is for our copier but also paper, pens, pencils, tape, etc. We have six other categories, all accounting for less than 1% of the overall budget but each important in their own right; Worship supplies, Sunday School curriculum, Advertising, Finance, Youth Ministry and Stewardship.

Together these make up the financial needs of our church. We do our best to keep all of these at the bare minimum but it they do reflect what is necessary for us to continue to be a vibrant, warm and welcoming community of faith. Our hope is that all of you can find a way to help us meet this budget in the coming year.

Judy Banta
Stewardship Chair

*Are your cookie
recipes ready?*



The sixth annual Cookie Walk will be Sunday, December 9th from 9am until 4pm. Please sign up to bake. It will take a lot of bakers who are willing to contribute 9-10 dozen of Christmassy Cookies! Keep an eye on The Cube for details.

It's Not Too Early to Start Thinking about Winter Camp!

Every January since I can remember our church has enjoyed a winter camp weekend at Camp Lucerne, one of our two United Methodist camps here in Wisconsin. Camp Lucerne (near Wautoma) and Pine Lake Camp (near Westfield) are both beautiful and are available to us year round through a variety of opportunities for both children and adults. This year we'll be there the weekend of January 18-20, 2013. It's a great time for families and individuals with lots of opportunity for sledding, ice skating, cross-country skiing or, if you prefer...jigsaw puzzles! Watch for more information in next month's Connection and on The Cube.

Here's what Mackenzie and Noah Moebius had to say about their camp experiences:

"In summer camp, I loved meeting new people that I became good friends with. I keep in touch with them through e-mail, texting and Facebook. I also got to learn new games and more about God. I had the time of my life, even though camp was only a few weeks of my summer. I learned things and made friendships that will last a lifetime" - Mackenzie (attended YoMiCa at Pine Lake and Classic Camp at Lake Lucerne.)

"I loved learning new games and going to "class". In "class" we learned stories about God. I enjoyed meeting new people and really liked my counselor and I even learned a few jokes!" - Noah (attended YoMiCa at Pine Lake.)

From the Finance Team

FINANCE REPORT FOR ENVELOPE GIVING as of September 30, 2012

Monthly Pledged	\$12,838.00
Received from Pledges	\$13,445.00
Difference	\$607.00
Total Pledged (January - Sept)	\$115,542.00
Total Received (January - Sept)	\$116,339.00
Difference	\$797.00
<i>Please Give Generously</i>	
YTD Apportionments	(\$9,588.00)

Don't Forget!



**...to set your
clock back an hour on
November 4th!**

Loving Start Preschool News

The apples are ripe, the leaves are falling and the pumpkins are coming...

The Preschoolers love to take advantage of our location and we take a few walking field trips each year. We walked to Outpost Natural Foods to see the autumn produce. We walked through the store and was many familiar and unfamiliar items. We purchased different apples for a taste test back at school. we also made applesauce, taking turns with the food mill. Some of liked it!

Leaves are everywhere in the lower level - we used watercolor paint to make our own leaves to hang from the classroom trees. You'd be surprised to see what color our students make autumn leaves.

We're starting to think about Halloween. Pumpkins are waiting to be carved. Don't be frightened if you come by October 30th or 31st - we may be dressed in costumes having a little fun!

Miss Martha, Miss Mary, Miss Joan, Miss Dawn



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



3rd

Travis Drow

4th

Katrina Schultz

6th

Gary Aubry

10th

Marie Kumbier

11th

Kenneth Becker
John Marki

13th

Kelly Fowler
Mark Humphrey

14th

Stephanie Collins

16th

Lisa Case
Douglas Romfoe

19th

Gladys Mattson

22nd

Sharon Hanstad
Sebastian Marki

25th

Patty Thompson

26th

Mary Lou Rice

28th

Madelyn Collins

29th

Kelsie Petrie

November 2012 Calendar

KEY:

LSP: Loving Start Preschool
 Outpost: Alternative High School
 SECA: South East Clergy Association
 SPR: Staff Parish Relations
 Wesleyan: Wesleyan Bells
 WF AA: Women's Freedom AA
 YAH: Young At Hearts
 NA: Narcotics Anonymous

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 8:30am Outpost BHS 8:45am LSP 12:15am LSP 6pm Praise Band 6:30pm Faith Singers 7pm Keystone AA 7:30pm Wesleyan Bells	2 8:30am Outpost BHS 8:45am LSP 7pm NA Mtg	3 10am Grief Share 10:30am WF AA Daylight Saving Time Ends
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Parents Gathering Sunday Mornings

Parents with children at all ages and stages are invited to come together in the Den (just down the steps off the Pryor Ave. entrance) for conversation, support and fellowship. As the group finds its "legs" we may explore specific topics or choose a resource for study and conversation. Please join us in the Den from 9:15am - 10:15am! This is a drop in group. Our goal is to communicate to create community around this specific life experience. However, anyone is welcome to share in our time together.

FALL HOURS

8:15am Worship
9:15am Sunday School
& Coffee Hour
10:45am Worship



Please Recycle

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday
Thursday, Friday
8:30am - 2:00pm

Wednesday

8:30am - 1:30pm