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Bethany United Methodist Church

Pastor Robbservations

*And [Jesus] said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.'
Matthew 4:19, NRSV*

Lately I've been thinking about the first time my wife Ulla came with me to the small string of lakes in Minnesota where I spent many of my childhood summer vacations learning to fish.

It was August of 1997 and I had really hyped-up the lakes to my newlywed. I think she was skeptical but on the second day of fishing we were trolling along a weed bed and Ulla hooked a four or five pound northern pike! She got it up to the boat as I grabbed for the landing net and got it in the water just in time to see the fish flip off of the line and swim back into the deep.

It was so close! We had the fish right up to the boat and then lost it again. I kept re-thinking what had happened, wondering if I had just gotten the net in the right place, maybe we would have got him. But re-living the moment won't get that fish in the boat.

The next couple of days we were driven with excitement as we would head back out looking for that big fish once again. Ulla didn't let the discouragement of losing the fish get her down. Instead we went back out with new enthusiasm.

In our walk with Jesus and our efforts of disciple-making we have all known big fish that have gotten away from us. Perhaps we think of those people that we invited to church and it looked as though they were in the boat with us, but left to sink back into the deep. When this happens we have a choice. Either we can be discouraged and give up on fishing for people, or we can find new enthusiasm to try again (*and again, and again, and again...*)

As summer winds down and we head back into the school season soon, now is a perfect time to go fishing together with Jesus. Let's learn to be confident, courageous, and creative in inviting others to come and see what we have found at Bethany. Let's grow in our willingness to share our experiences as we go and tell others what difference God has made in our lives. Let's pray for God to lead us into situations where we can show God's love to someone and begin each day and each opportunity like you were heading out on the water for a big catch!

Join me at Bethany for "Catch," a 6-part teaching series beginning on Aug. 12 about reaching others for Jesus Christ. Remember that our mission is to go fishin.' See you on Sunday.

Yours in Mission,
Pastor Robb

Wisconsin Annual Conference

Highlights 2018

Learning from inspirational guest speakers

Guest speakers included Bishop Modesto Mamani of the Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia; Bishop Eduard Khegay of the United Methodist Eurasia Episcopal Area; retired Bishop Linda Lee; retired Bishop Donald Ott; Thomas Kemper, top executive of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries; and the Rev. Howard Hintzman.

Mamani delivered an inspirational sermon during opening worship. He reminded us of Genesis 32:30 when Jacob said, "I saw God face to face, and my soul was saved." He urged, "We need to get those encounters back: see the eyes of God face to face." He continued, "God always wants to be with you. Jesus wants to be with you so you can be with the other... Jesus Christ promotes encounters of sincerity, encounters of humility, encounters face-to-face. These are only possible in his name."

Celebrating 50 years together

On Saturday evening, the Commission on Archives and History hosted the "50 Years Together" Banquet to

celebrate the 50th anniversary of the union between the Methodist Church and The Evangelical United Brethren Church to form The United Methodist Church at the historic Uniting Conference in Dallas, Texas in 1968.

Launch Out! Fundraising Campaign approved

Allie Scott and Steve Scott presented the Launch Out! fundraising campaign on Saturday, and the resolution to approve the campaign was voted on Sunday. Launch Out! is a \$6.8 million campaign to fund "a dream for the future" of the conference.

Listening to ideas from youth

On Saturday evening, 14 youth from the annual conference presented a panel discussion focused on Generation Z, and what they have to say to the church. Several themes emerged from the youth. Several said that Gen Z youth share more in common with youth around the world, than with older adults in their own

countries. Despite the differences among people of different ages that youth feel exist within their congregations, they expressed a strong desire for intergenerational relationships.

State of the Church: Bishop calls for unity and peace

In his State of the Church Address, Jung read from Ephesians 4:1-6, and said, "This is a powerful witness: to be in Christ means to be united in Christ. In our baptism, as in our Holy Communion sharing, we become ONE in Christ, ONE with each other, and ONE in ministry to all the world... It is time to set aside our own opinion of what the church should be, and together, prayerfully, discern what is the will of God for our church. We cannot achieve this alone, but only together."

Submitted by our Lay Leader, Sharon Banning. You may pick up a full copy of Sharon's report in the Church Lobby.

For the full report from the Annual Conference, visit the Wisconsin United Methodist Website @ www.wisconsinumc.org





our family

August 5

Holy Communion
Boy Scout Can Collection

**Sunday School
Rally Day
September 9**

Noisy Coin
July 29th raised \$232
for our July Mission
Project: Ash Cares

Baptism (daughter of Mark & Erika Anderson)
Adalyn Grace Anderson was baptized on 7/15/18

Wedding (daughter of Shelly & Sreve Reschke)
Katie Ann Reschke married Scott William
Gundersen on 7/6/18

Funeral (father of Sue Collins)
Robert McFarlane passed away on July 16, 2018

Birthdays

- 2 Diana Butz, Jeffrey Gross, Betty Tilton
- 3 Elise Puls
- 5 Sara Newkirk, Nancy Vanderkelen,
Jess Wiinamaki
- 7 Mark Anderson, Robert Dickie, Tim Evans,
Tom Evans, Justin McFaul, Jackson Nellis
- 8 Erika Anderson
- 9 Andy Brandt, Heather Seifert
- 10 Finnegan Gross, Debra Mason, Allyson Waskosky
Joshua Wall
- 12 Bart Collins
- 13 Nicolas Arias, Brady Felmer, Dayton Hoffmann,
Karissa McCorison
- 15 Lynne Baumann
- 19 Neal Sannes
- 20 Barbara Lauscher
- 21 Rev. Dan Nault, Katie Witthuhn
- 22 Paul Long
- 23 Kevin Crack
- 24 Ron Vinger
- 25 Dana Beining, Aaron Rebman, Rhys Fox
- 26 Margaret Martell
- 27 Richard Bickel, Paula Demeuse, Maribeth Felmer
- 28 Beau Felmer
- 29 Kate Beyler
- 30 Kallie Newkirk

Prayer Chain and Prayer Requests

If you would like to place your Prayer Request (Joys & Concerns) on the Bethany E-mail Prayer Chain, please contact the church office at bethanyumcgb@outlook.com

If you would like to receive Bethany Prayer Requests, by e-mail, please contact the church office.

TEACHING SERIES

"I am a Church Member"

Sunday, August 5

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-9
1 Corinthians 12:27-28

Pledge 6: Gratitude for the Gift

"Catch!"



Sunday, August 12

Scripture: Mark 1:14-20

Catch! – pt. 1 – When We Were Caught

Sunday, August 19

Scripture: Acts 3:1-10, Acts 4:1-12

Catch! – pt. 2 – Why Catch?

Sunday, August 26

Scripture: Acts 4:1-31

Catch! – pt. 3 – Catching Courage



Saturday, August 4 2:00-6:00pm

Free Event at Bethany

Hot Dogs Crafts Games Volleyball
Corn Hole Twister Ladder Ball Parachute
Games Kubb Football Bounce House

Free parking for

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY



September 9, 2018

9:15 am in the sanctuary

CONFIRMATION 2018

If you are an in-coming 8th grader -- we have confirmation for you! Questions?? Please contact the church office or your Confirmation Teacher - Stephanie Dutkowski at sdutkowski@new.rr.com

FAITH LEADERS NEEDED

Opportunities open! Do you recall special people in your church family as you were growing up... who remain in your memory for the person they were and the ways they shared faith with you? As a church, we make a promise as we baptize little ones that we will support and nurture them in a life of faith. Being involved in some way in any face of Christian education for infants through graduation of your offers an opportunity to be that person for someone else. It is a big gift. It can last a lifetime. Should you get a call or feel a nudge to sign up consider it an invitation and a compliment for an opportunity that means a great deal! And, for the teachers who serve in this way, we are most grateful.

Make the decision to join us this year. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Zona Akbari at zona.akbari@att.net or 920-662-0671.

Enjoy your summer and we will see you in September!

Packer Family Night

Missions

New News

FAQs

Pastor Robb McClintock
494-8801
greenbaypastor@yahoo.com

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:00 Worship Service
9:15 Friends & Food
Fellowship Hall
10:30 Worship Service

Church Office 494-8801
Hours Monday–Thursday
9:30–2:30pm

Newsletter Items Due by Third
Sunday

**For Visits (Home or Hospital)
or for Prayer Requests**
Contact the church office @
494.8801

Bethany UMC Email
bethanyumcgb@outlook.com

Bethany UMC Website
BethanyGreenBay.org

August Mission Project Kingdom Come Food Pantry

Kingdom Come is the largest food pantry in Oconto County – giving out food weekly, while most other pantries are limited to once or twice a month. While they have a few major contributors, they also have a lot more little ones giving \$5 or \$10 a month. Every little bit helps!

We deliver the food items that are collected at Bethany UMC to Kingdom Come. We are also dedicating our special mission offerings for the month of August to support the food pantry.

To give to Kingdom Come Food Pantry, mark the Mission section on your offering envelope or if not using an envelope - in the memo portion of your check, please write either “August Mission or Kingdom Come Food Pantry”. Thank you.

Mission Outreach

NEW Community Shelter

We cook & serve lunch on the second Saturday of every month. It is a simple lunch consisting of a grilled cheese sandwich, bowl of soup, chips, fruit and a dessert.

Sign-up sheet is in the Lobby
Time: 10:00 meet at the shelter
Location: 301 Mather Street
We also need desert donations and 7-8 people each time we serve.

➤ 182 were served in July

Kingdom Come Food Pantry- Oconto Falls

We are only collecting non-perishable food. Items needed include: peanut butter, jelly, jam, Nutella, honey, mayonnaise, sandwich bags, and paper lunch bags. Drop off in the basket near our entry doors.

Egg Cartons: 1 dozen size only
& foam cartons only

Collecting Used Eye-Glasses & Pop Tops

Containers are located in
Fellowship Hall.

Boy Scouts

Aluminum Can Collection Sunday, August 5

All proceeds go to Bethany's
Troop 1563





Happenings



Chancel Choir

1st Rehearsal
Wednesday, August 29th
6:30pm

All Church Picnic

Sunday, August 26th
Bay Beach Shelter 4
Noon – 4pm

Bethany Bowling League

Bowling begins in September

For more info contact
Heidi Gertz @ 336-5634.

FIVE TOP REASONS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER JOINING BETHANY'S CHANCEL CHOIR

1. It's fun and it's free! (Great reason but don't stop here--read on!)
2. After Pastor's recent series, if you're considering an opportunity to become more involved in the life of Bethany, look no more!
3. Studies have proven that community choral singing provides a better quality of life for those who participate.
4. We need you---especially you sopranos out there.
5. Lastly, word on the street is that they have a great choir director! Come and find out for yourself.

If you are considering joining up, please speak with any of our current choir members or Gretchen Ehrfurth. We'd be very happy to share more about this opportunity.

Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, August 29th promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. With a few exceptions, the choir sings the 8 a.m. service on the first and second Sundays of the month and the 10:30 a.m. service on the fourth Sunday. Hope to see you there.....

Blessings for Bethany

An anonymous blessing has been received "in honor of Brandon Demeuse for volunteering his time & effort in preparing and running the AV for our worship services."

All Church Picnic

Sunday, Aug. 26, at Bay Beach Park from 12-4 p.m. in Shelter #4. Meat, beverages and tableware will be provided, but all are asked to bring a dish to pass. If you are able to attend, please sign up in the Lobby so we know how to plan.



Adult Mission Trip to MMDC
**Tuesday February 12th through Saturday
 February 16th, 2019.**

(Tuesday and Saturday are driving days.
 Approx. 6-7hours each day)

\$250.00 per person, and includes:

Sleeping accommodations for 4 nights, Tuesday through Friday; Meals, Tuesday night dinner through Saturday breakfast. Volunteering at the Distribution center 3 full days. LOVE GOD; Meeting new people, getting to know your Bethany family. LOVE OTHERS; Making a difference for people we will never meet. SERVE THE WORLD

Sign-up sheet is in the Lobby. On August 15th, an invitation will go out to the circuit churches, to see if others would like to join us. We have 13 Bethany members already signed up, and have room for a total of 16 people, "more" if you are willing to sleep on a top bunk." There is also the possibility of staying at a nearby hotel at a reduced rate. Please mark the connection card, and the sign- up sheet. Summer got way to busy! the informational meeting for the trip is tentatively scheduled Sunday September 23, 11:45AM, with "light lunch" (Packers play away) Partial payment of \$125 due by October 15th.
(checks payable to Bethany UMC; memo-MMDC Mission Trip 2019) Consider joining us in February, a good time is guarantee! Thank You, Team Leader Mary Vinger

Visit MMDC online. www.midwestmission.org

LOVE GOD – LOVE OTHERS – SERVE THE WORLD

Our New Refrigerator



A New "French door" refrigerator/freezer was recently donated for our kitchen. We thank our anonymous giver. They wanted to share this scripture.....

Matthew 6:1: " Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. Matthew 6:4: so that your giving may be in secret."



Church softball for Bethany concluded on Sunday July 22nd. We finished the regular season 4-3; in fifth place out of 14 churches in Division 2. We played two playoff games; lost the first one by 1 run and in the consolation game we lost by 7. The season went quick! Thanks to everyone who came out to play or cheer on the team. I hope everyone has a good safe rest of the summer as Packer season is just around the corner! Mike Gardner, Team Captain



WORSHIP DESIGN TEAM

- Have you enjoyed all the visual aids for our worship services and the decorations in fellowship hall?
- Have you thought about where they come from?
- Do you have some free time and were wondering how you can use your talents to serve the Lord and grow in your walk with Christ?
- Are you creative or do you have some great ideas to grow our worship ministry?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we would like to invite you to join the "WORSHIP DESIGN TEAM."

We need great ideas for up coming series, fundraisers, and decorations. All talents will be greatly appreciated and welcomed to create a warm inviting environment at Bethany United Methodist Church.

Our first meeting will be September 5th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in fellowship hall.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. Julie Lundkvist 277-7605

New Boy Scout Troop Trailer



Recently, Boy Scout Troop 1563 purchased a new troop trailer to use on trips to various Scout camps and outings. The troop's old trailer was nearing the end of its useful life and the troop received a generous anonymous donation that primarily funded the purchase of this new trailer, purchased from Mirsberger trailer in Chilton. The Troop created a sub-committee to study the trailer options and specifications. The new trailer is 6'x12' with 2' V- nose. The height is 72" which allows taller Scouts and adults to be able to stand inside easily. It is all aluminum construction with some steel and wood shelves added inside. It has 2990 pound carrying capacity. A feature added on the new trailer is LED lights inside powered by a 12 volt deep cycle battery with control switches at each door.

You may see the trailer around the church when the Troop is leaving for or returning from events. If you get a chance to see it please check it out.

The graphics clearly identify Bethany United Methodist Church as the sponsor of the troop. When not in use, church member, Bruce Enke provides a garage to store the trailer and gear.

Trustee Updates

Lower level landscaping: Concrete sidewalks were removed (going to 2nd exit) due to this section of concrete having heaved & cracked. 2nd exit is an emergency exit only. A 2-tired planting area (under the widow of the Adult Lounge) was completed the week of June 24th. Rectangular stones and plantings were replaced as this area had too steep a slope for mowing.

Lower lot replacement: A new concrete pad will be placed in front of the dumpster. The lot will be completed by August 4th.

Memorial Plaques: Plaques recognizing the donors for the stained glass in the lobby have been mounted on the wall.



Marriage Alive is a marriage growth experience designed to enhance a good marriage, bring insights to a struggling marriage and bring further rewards to a long standing marriage. All age groups are welcome.

Two Saturdays in October: 13th & 20th

12:30P.M. to 4:00P.M. at Bethany

Sign up by calling the church office before September 30th. Cost is \$5.00 for both days. A light snack is provided. Babysitting provided upon request. We ask that the couple attends both sessions. **NO GROUP SHARING IS REQUIRED!**

**Presenters are: Mike & Mary Paque
Bob & Bobbi Atkinson**

Together, the Paque's and Atkinson's have shared over 80 years of Marriage, as well as, over 70 years of Ministry in Marriage Enrichment.

Mike and Mary Paque have been married for over 30 years and have been involved in the Marriage Enrichment Ministry all of their married life. Mike and Mary have been on a team for 25 Marriage Enrichment Weekends. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Bethany United Methodist Church has been a part of their faith journey for 40 years.

Bob and Bobbi Atkinson have been married over 51 years, and have teamed over 40 Marriage Enrichment weekends. Bob and Bobbi have 2 adult children and 2 adult grandchildren. Bethany United Methodist Church has been part of their joint faith journey for over 15 years. Theirs was a mixed faith marriage before they found Bethany. Bob was a practicing Presbyterian and Bobbi was a practicing Roman Catholic. They are now both practicing Methodists.

Sat. Oct. 13th

1. More than a piece of paper - an introduction: given by B&B
2. Reflection in a mirror: given by M&M
3. The difference between thoughts and feelings: given by B&B
4. How the Parable of the Sower relates to Marriage: given by M&M

Sat. Oct. 20th

5. What is God's plan for Marriage: given by M&M
6. Marriage and it's Graces: given by B&B
7. Closing prayer service: given by B&B/M&M

Bethany United Methodist Church
August 2018 Mission Project: Kingdom Come Food Pantry

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00P Communion 6:30P Emmaus - AL	2 9:30A Men's Coffee	3	4 Family Fun Day 2-6PM Free Event
5 Communion 8:00 Worship 9:15 Friends & Food – FH 10:30 Worship	6	7 12:30P Prayer Shawl Ministry	8 6:00P Communion 6:30P Emmaus - AL	9 9:30A Men's Coffee 7P Home Packer Game	10	11 10:15A Serve lunch @ NEW Shelter
12 8:00 Worship 9:15 Friends & Food - FH 10:30 Worship	13	14 12:30P Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30P Worship Mtg 6:15P Education Mtg 6:30P Trustee Mtg	15 6:00P Communion 6:30P Emmaus - AL	16 9:30A Men's Coffee 7P Home Packer Game	17	18
19 8:00 Worship 9:15 Friends & Food - FH 10:30 Worship	20 10A Caring Ministry Mtg - Lobby	21 9A & 10A Worship @ Tender Hearts 12:30P Prayer Shawl Ministry 5:30P Finance Mtg 6:30P Ad Council	22 6:00P Communion 6:30P Emmaus - AL	23 9:30A Men's Coffee	24	25
26 All Church Picnic Noon – 4pm Bay Beach Shelter #4 8:00 Worship 9:15 Friends & Food - FH 10:30 Worship	27	28 12:30P Prayer Shawl Ministry	29 6:00P Communion 6:30P Chancel Choir	30 9:30A Men's Coffee 6:30P Emmaus - AL	31	Sept 1