



**United Methodist Church - Columbus**  
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**Monday - Thursday**  
**9am - 3pm**

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### Note from Pastor Liz

During the time between Christmas and Lent, we are focusing our sermons on the uncommon stories of Jesus. We look at Jesus making the laws harder, casting demons into pigs, leaving weeds among the flowers, bleeding and death, and hating family. We have and will continue to see how these stories speak to us about God.

For this note though, I want to talk about one of the more known stories. While Jesus was traveling and teaching, he chose to take a break from the people and use a boat to travel to the other side of the lake (Mark 4:35:41). During their boat ride from one side to the other, the disciples got quite scared when a storm suddenly came upon them. But as they feared for their lives, Jesus slept in the lower deck. In the end, Jesus awoke and calmed the storm.

Historical and present experts have shared that the sea that Jesus and his disciples traveled on that day encountered storms with 6-10 ft waves. Something like that would be truly terrifying in the boat that they had, a 27-ft wooden boat. I never could have understood some of the feelings of the disciples until just a little bit ago.

On Shane's birthday and during our vacation, Shane and I along with my parents pooled Christmas money to go deep sea fishing. It was something that Shane and I were very excited about. We had started to get worried about it as the day grew closer because there was a small craft warning and there was a possibility for rain that day. We were reassured by our captain that everything would be fine. The day came and we had a few rain sprinkles along with some wind. We started out on the intracoastal waterways in a 45 ft fiberglass boat and soon found ourselves making our way out into the ocean.

It didn't take long until we found ourselves in 10 ft waves and were told that we would need to make our way out of a storm (rain) but would soon be ok. Soon unfortunately was not soon enough. I spent the next 45 minutes with my eyes closed and my stomach emptying into a 5-gallon bucket. No amount of motion-sickness medication or tactics could have saved me. Shane made the executive decision, since 3 of us had needed to use buckets, that we needed to stop being in the ocean, probably not even on the boat. I may not have found the waves to be scary, but I definitely prayed that the waves would stop.

Sometimes we experience waves in our lives, whether they be literal or metaphorical. It may seem like the waves of physical pain, mental pain, heart ache, sadness, or anything else that life throws at us never stops, but the promise that we have in Jesus brings hope. Jesus calms the storms in our lives, all we have to do is ask.

With God's love,

*Pastor Liz*

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# Come WORSHIP WITH US!

**In-Person Worship**  
*Please join us in person on Sundays  
in the Sanctuary for our 10:00 am service.*

**Child Care for infants through Kindergarten age children is available during the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service from 9:30am–11:15am.**

## Communion

We serve communion on the first Sunday of the month.

Due to the continuation of rising numbers in COVID cases in our area, we have a new communion protocol. We ask that you stay masked until receiving communion and maintain a distance of 6 feet from the person in front of you.



## Masks Are Welcome & Strongly Encouraged



With keeping a close eye on the continued pandemic in our area, the church council and our conference have decided to strongly encourage our family and friends to wear masks when in our building. We hope that you will also consider social distancing to be part of our practice as well.

We ask for continued prayers for our country and world as our leaders determine what is best to keep us safe.

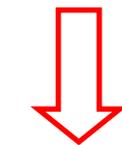
## Children's Praise Bags

God put the wiggle in children,  
so please don't feel the need to suppress it in God's house.

We want children to be engaged!

Praise Bags are filled with good 'kid' stuff and located at the back of the worship space in the basket. Please make sure items are put back in the bags at the end of the service, should something be broken or needs a refilling just let the office know.

Let us all be about loving our children into faith.



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## Ways To Join Us In Worship

The United Methodist Church of Columbus, Wisconsin invites you to join us  
Sundays in person in the Sanctuary for our 10:00 am service,  
or online worship through Facebook or YouTube  
or on the Local Cable channels.



[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

ColumbusUnitedMethodistChurch

(Each week's service will be posted on Sunday after in-person worship)



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYqd4tZ4uPz1AY5OjeaUnqA>

Or go to YouTube and search for Columbus WI United Methodist Church

Hit the SUBSCRIBE BUTTON to be added to the YouTube channel and  
you will get instant notifications when we add new services each week.  
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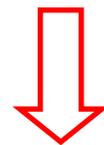
Local **Cable**

Weekly Sunday services are broadcast daily on local cable channel 98 or 980 (digital)  
Monday through Friday at 5:00 pm.



## Stay Connected With The Voice

- ⇒ Monthly newsletters are located in the realtor boxes  
located at the front of the church and at the side door.
- ⇒ Located on our Website (<https://columbusumc.org/>)
  - ⇒ Emailed to you directly by request



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# Looking Ahead At Lent

## *Ash Wednesday*

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

at Faith Lutheran Church

120 Faith Dr. Columbus, WI

Pastor Liz Preaching

“Give Up Something Bad for Lent”

Times: 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

## *Ecumenical Worship Services*

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Date	Preacher	Church	Topic
3/9	Pastor Teresa Baker	Olivet UCC 313 W Prairie	“Give Up Pettiness for Lent”
3/16	Pastor Jane Crawford	Nazarene 753 Waterloo St.	“Give Up the Enemies Within for Lent”
3/23	Pastor Ruth Bradshaw	Presbyterian 157 N Spring St.	“Give up a Bad Habit for Lent”
3/30	Pastor Chris Baker	UMC- Columbus	“Give up Running Away for Lent”
4/6	Ellie Kluetzman	UMC-Fall River 150 South St.	“Give Up Harsh, Condemning Judgements for Lent”

## COVID Update

As we all know, the omicron variant cases of COVID are currently in a surge as well as nasty influenzas and other respiratory illnesses are spreading quickly especially this year. Because we want to ensure the safety of our people and the people of our community, and because we have been greatly urged by the Wisconsin Council of Churches and the Wisconsin (UMC) Conference Covid Task Team to take a short in-person hiatus, the Administrative Council has voted to worship online for 3 weeks.



This means January 23<sup>rd</sup>-February 6<sup>th</sup>, we will not be having in-person worship, but will be offering worship through YouTube, Facebook, our website, and Local Cable.

The Administrative Council will reconvene on February 7<sup>th</sup> to further discuss and re-evaluate the safety of worshipping together in-person.

We appreciate your understanding and grace in this time, and pray that you will continue to do your part to stop the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses.

## Church Roof: Tiles for Miles Announcement

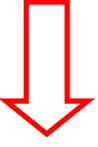


As we continue to do ministry in our community and in the world, we have recognized that we are in need of a new church roof in 2022. Our rough estimate calls for about \$125,000, and we are looking to raise \$80,000 before the summer! We will be hosting fundraisers as well as asking congregation members to pledge towards the new roof throughout these first few months. Join us in making sure that sustaining our building through roof tiles will allow us to continue our ministry for miles!

## Choir Practice Postponed

We will be starting our practices after returning back to worship.  
Please stay tuned!  
(Pun intended.)



  
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## SERVICE TO THE LORD

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We are grateful for your help to serve our congregation for the Sunday morning 10:00 a.m. service as well as the other special services. If you are interested in helping, please fill out the sign-up sheets on the table in the hallway outside Fellowship Hall.

### Ushers

Sunday, February 6	—Virtual Service Today —
Sunday, February 13	<i>Needed</i>
Sunday, February 20	<i>Needed</i>
Sunday, February 27	<i>Needed</i>



### Scripture Reading

Sunday, February 6	Mary Baker
Sunday, February 13	Eileen Bennett
Sunday, February 20	Tim Hoffman
Sunday, February 27	<i>Needed</i>



### Fellowship

*Fellowship Time will be postponed until the Covid surge calms down. Thank you for understanding.*

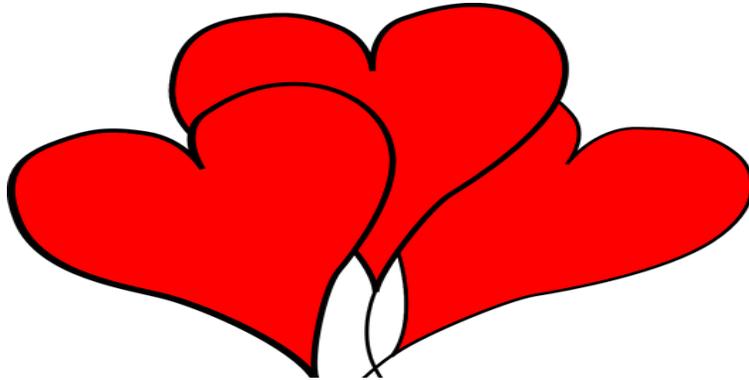


### Counters

Sunday, February 6	Carroll Swain	Lon Elske
Sunday, February 13	Eileen Bennett	Tammy Wylesky
Sunday, February 20	Wanda Kilian	Shirley Felland
Sunday, February 27	Carroll Swain	Lon Elske



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## **Mission Offering for February**

Our Mission Offering for February will go to Columbus Club House. Columbus Club House has been meeting the needs of working families in the Columbus area since 1989. The project was founded by Kiwanis and United Methodist Women.

Club House currently serves families on school days before and after school. Numbers average 20 due to COVID space limitations. Club House also offers a full day program at Columbus UMC on days when school is not in session.

Club House faces many challenges, including staffing shortages and low attendance on some days due to COVID. Club House will need financial help, as well as volunteers, to operate their summer program this year. Due to COVID, they will not be able to have their traditional fundraiser dinner in February, so any financial help we can give them is desperately needed.

This is a good time to remind ourselves that as members of the United Methodist Church, we pledge to support our Missions with our prayers, our gifts, and our service.



## **The Columbus Club House**

**After School Child Care . . . That Cares!**

Columbus Middle School

400 S Dickason Blvd

(920) 350-3505

## SOUTH WEST DISTRICT DAY OF ENRICHMENT

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# South West District Day of Enrichment

South West District Day of Enrichment was held at Viola United Methodist Church on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Our theme was *Mission Giving: Turning Faith, Hope, and Love into Action*. Our keynote speaker was Pastor Erika Martinez-Flores of Viroqua UMC. The day also included Unit Sharing, Reading Program reports by Laura Pfeffer and myself, and Communion.



We received very positive feedback about all parts of the program, especially the keynote. We also appreciated the great hospitality by Viola UMW and the delicious lunch. A YouTube channel has been created for South West District. It includes a PowerPoint presentation with pictures of the event. There is also a Playlist which includes the music videos from our program.

The channel is located here:

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCCgDIgSToqcpjYQw39LolHQ>

Many of you asked for copies of the script and other information from our South West District Annual Gathering. Slideshows from that event are also posted on YouTube. If you would like anything mailed or emailed to you, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Bennett  
South West District UMW Vice President

## SUPER SUNDAYS!!

### February 2022 News & Notes Coordinator of Children & Youth Programming

# SUPER SUNDAYS!!

Games!  
Bring A Friend!!  
Bible Stories!



Music!  
Arts & Crafts!  
Community Circle Time

### — January 30 & February 6 —

Students will be treated to special DRIVEWAY DELIVERIES.  
The church Administrative Council will be meeting on February 7th to determine if we remain virtual or resume in-person worship/meetings & CYC.

**Hope the delivery method works for families! I am glad to stay connected in this way.**

I will record the weekly lesson on YouTube and send the link to all families. I know it takes a bit of time. Now is the time we need the reassurances and hope found in the Bible. Children benefit greatly from seeing that God's word is part of the daily routine. Thank you all for your kindnesses and understanding. Resources include ideas for games etc... Have fun!! 😊

Our Scriptures for these weeks (1/30 & 2/6) will be Luke 4:21-30 & Luke 5:1-11

February 6th will include a Valentine Making envelope with multiple supplies to create a special one!! I will ask again for volunteers to create Valentines for Shut Ins and At Home Again. I will connect with you next week. Of course there will be a craft, and usual assorted resources.

### — February 13, 20 & 27 —

Information will be sent to you following the decision on February 7th.

February 13th will include A GREAT TREAT — (Driveway or In-Person.) Don't miss it! I will be texting families prior to deliveries regarding some "connecting" ideas for students (children & youth). It will involve some fun filled things they can do to make the weekly lesson something to anticipate and enjoy. \*\*\* Valentines made by volunteers will be collected on this Sunday for delivery immediately following pick up.

**Please note: WHEN WE RETURN TO IN PERSON ...**  
**Child Care for infants through Kindergarten children WILL BE available during the 10 a.m. Worship Service. (available 9:30 a.m. –11:15 a.m.)**

May February be filled with love and kindness! I pray that God will surround us with inspiration, motivation, and guidance as we journey through all the changes and challenges we face. God has blessed us with so much and each month brings new ways to reach out and share the Good news of Jesus and his love to everyone we meet.

Blessings and love to you all.  
Mary B.



United Methodist Women  
News and Notes  
February 2022



## “A Call To Prayer & Self Denial”

**This beautiful program will be done virtually this year.**

**The reading materials, brochures, prayer cards and offering envelopes will be in packets placed in the Realtor Boxes outside the front entry doors.**

**I will record the program on YouTube and send you the link by e-mail and/or cell phone. Video and packets will be released on February 10th.**

**\*\*Please see notes below.....**

## You Are Invited!

Every year, women are invited to gather in their local units and communities for “A Call to Prayer & Self Denial,” a faith filled time to assemble with hearts and hands before our Creator God. (Although we will be virtual rather than in-person, the spiritual connection will be there. ♥) Organized by United Methodist Women, the sisterhood observance welcomes all to join in a celebration of selfless giving and spiritual communion with God. Our 2022 theme, “Love, Justice and Service: Answering the Call,” honors deaconesses and home missionaries who have said yes to the call God has placed on their lives. You are heartily welcomed into this holy moment as we come together as one in spirit and in faith, on behalf of women, children and youth across the globe.

In 2020 UMW raised \$434,844 for programs that promote transformation of communities. 100% of the dollars given through “A Call to Prayer & Self Denial” goes directly to the work it is designated for that year.

\*\* If you do not have access to Facebook or computer connections please let me know.

I can set up a device for you. Call me at 920-210-4048  
or at the church office 920-623-3625. I will be glad to help you!

May God bless you as we learn to do things in new ways,  
strive to be kind and understanding in these difficult times,  
and share hope and love wherever and whenever we can.

Mary Baker  
UMW President

## Equal Exchange Products Now Available!



Columbus United Methodist Women are now selling Equal Exchange products in Fellowship Hall. The proceeds will benefit United Methodist Women and UMCOR.

For more details on varieties and prices, please see our display in Fellowship Hall. **New items have recently been added!**

Look for organic cocoa powder, pecans, flavored coffee, and much more!

THANK YOU for supporting farming families around the world. [equalexchange.coop](http://equalexchange.coop)

## Vanco Electronic Giving

Did you know that you are able to make your giving automatic and worry free by signing up through Vanco?

It is easy to sign up and you can schedule your giving to be one time only or recurring and you select the date on which you'd like to give. Please call Louise Sampson at 608.235.1048 if you are interested and she will send you the link to sign on and get started, or check out our secure website link at:  
<https://columbusumc.org/>



## Scrip Orders

***Scrip Cards will be available for purchase on Sundays after services.***

For complete list, go online to [www.shopwithscrip.com/brands](http://www.shopwithscrip.com/brands)



Gift cards can be used anytime.

Think about where you normally shop or as gifts!

Remember, our church receives a portion of every SCRIP card ordered. For every card ordered our church gets the percentage noted for each individual vendor, as a rebate.

## **February Food Pantry - St. Jerome Catholic Church**



If you are in need, please call Teresa at 920-623-3753 Ext. 242 to set up an appointment.

Monetary Donations may be sent to:  
Farmers & Merchants Union Bank.

Non-perishable food donations may be placed  
in the bin at Columbus Pick n Save.

## **Daily Prayer - Pray at 9:20 AM & 9:20 PM**

God, I pray for the Holy Spirit to breakthrough to renew and revive our churches, releasing new hopes, dreams and opportunities to do your will. Reveal to me your vision of the kingdom. Inspire me to use my gifts in ways that go beyond my imagination: with the courage to trust and act.

I pray for the spirit to transform and to use me boldly,  
without limits, to reach and make new disciples of  
Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Amen.



## **Prayer Requests**

Are you in need of a prayer or know someone who does?

Please feel free to reach out to Pastor Liz.

Call the office at 920.623.3625 or email Pastor Liz at:  
[pastor@columbusumc.org](mailto:pastor@columbusumc.org)

## **Prayer Chain**

If you have any prayer concerns,  
or if you want to join the Prayer Chain,  
please call Louise Sampson at 608-235-1048.



## **Does God Hear Me?**

We may face discouragement in our prayers and wonder, *Does God hear me?* But delay is not necessarily denial. It takes courage, faith, and continued hope to persevere in prayer. . . .

Perseverance and prayer go hand-in-hand.

We are wise to remember that prayer is not a monologue; it is a dialogue. It is a time of communion between us and God. Are we listening? Pause in your prayer time today and listen with your heart in quiet contemplation. Is what you desire God's desire as well? If it is, can you find rest in God's timing?



*Excerpt from reading in [The Upper Room Disciplines 2021: A Book of Daily Devotions](#), written by DeVonna R. Allison (Upper Room Books, 2020).*

## **February Birthdays**

Brie Sheard  
Brayden Perry  
Blake Perry  
Megan Lloyd  
John Plantenberg  
Evelyn Garrett  
Jim Fritchen



Danny Brisky  
Clara Goetsch  
Amanda Spangler  
Alyssa Slack  
Lon Elske  
MacKenzie Spangler  
Bailee Ban

## **February Anniversaries**



Fred & Della Dartt

## FEBRUARY CALENDAR



# FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Time Meeting at Forward Pharmacy	<b>2</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation Class Via Zoom	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> <b>Worship Online or Local Cable</b> <b>Super Sunday Online</b>	<b>7</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ad. Council Mtg Via Zoom	<b>8</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Time Meeting at Forward Pharmacy	<b>9</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation Class	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Worship In-Person Tentative <b>11:00 am - 12:15 pm</b> Super Sunday Tentative	<b>14</b> <i>Valentine's Day</i> <b>5:30 pm</b> Choir Practice Tentative <b>6:30 pm</b> Finance Mtg SPRC Mtg	<b>15</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Time Meeting at Forward Pharmacy	<b>16</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation Class	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>11:00 am - 12:15 pm</b> Super Sunday Tentative	<b>21</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> Choir Practice Tentative <b>6:30 pm</b> Ad. Council Mtg	<b>22</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Coffee Time Meeting at Forward Pharmacy	<b>23</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Confirmation Class	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Worship <b>11:00 am - 12:15 pm</b> Super Sunday Tentative	<b>28</b> <b>5:30 pm</b> Choir Practice Tentative					

  
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