

THE PARISH CONNECTION

June 2023

A Community of Faith, Inspired by Christ, Gathered to Grow, Empowered to Serve.

June Lectionary Readings

**JUNE 04 | Trinity Sunday;
Peace with Justice Sunday (White or Gold)**

Gen 1:1-2:4a; Ps 8 (UMH 743);
2 Cor 13:11-13; Matt 28:16-20

JUNE 11 | 2nd Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

Gen 12:1-9; Ps 33:1-12 (UMH 767);
Rom 4:13-25; Matt 9:9-13, 18-26

**JUNE 18 | 3rd Sunday after Pentecost;
Father's Day (Green)**

Gen 18:1-15, (21:1-7); Ps 116:1-2, 12-19;
Rom 5:1-8; Matt 9:35-10:8, (9-23)

JUNE 25 | 4th Sunday After Pentecost (Green)

Gen 21:8-21; Ps 86:1-10, 16-17 (UMH 749);
Rom 6:1b-11; Matt 10:24-39

IN OUR PRAYERS

Joys— combined worship, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, graduations, spring, new life

Concerns— Sudan, Greene's family, Todd Petersen, mental health, addiction, recovery, Joyce, Gwen

Remembering—Family and friends of fallen officer, Irma Johnson, and Don Weber



UMC Special Sundays: Listed below are the remaining special Sundays for 2023. Please watch for pew cards describing the upcoming special Sunday in the worship bulletin a week before each special Sunday. Donation envelopes will be at the back of the churches.

- Peace with Justice Sunday-June 4
- World Communion Sunday-October 1
- UM Student Day Sunday-November 26

Zoom: Please use the following information to join us on Sundays for worship at 9:45 a.m.



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88613652777?pwd=Ulp aSVhGN0g1Qnc3VDV5T0Jhci83UT09>

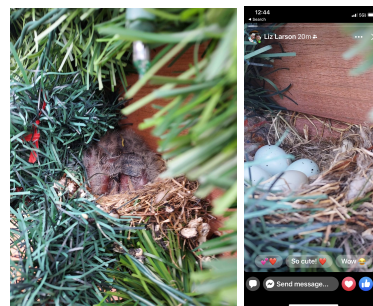
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Save the Dates

June 9-12	Annual Conference @ Green Bay
June 22-25	Clear Lake Days
August 13-16	Vacation Bible School

PET OF THE MONTH:



Romans 1:20 "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."

Cultural Immersion and Education Learning Experience—India; January 12-22, 2024: The purpose is to have practical exposure to Religions, Cultures, and Social Interactions with People of India in Tamil Nadu. **Total: 110hrs**
Continuing Education Credit: 2 CEUs
Total cost per person: \$2,800.00.



Clear Lake Community VBS
Sunday, August 13th-Wednesday, August 16th
6-8 pm evenings
Please put this on your calendars
Attend, donate, work a night or two
Sign up sheets in back of CL Church

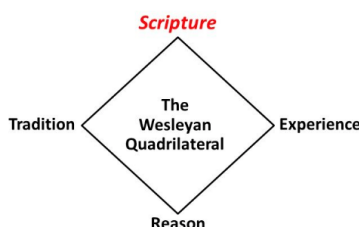
Congratulations DS Barb Certa Warner on her new position as Assistant to the Bishop. We had a great party on Saturday thanking her for her service and wishing her well for her future.

WRP YOUTH GROUP

Youth met at Blanchards for grilled supper and game and study on their Identity with God. How much more God sees in us than we see in ourselves.



The "Wesleyan Quadrilateral"*



* - Term coined by **Albert C. Outler**, a 20th Century American Methodist Scholar, 1964, 1985

Bible Study Lessons have us talking about making sense of the bible. Check out this Wesleyan Quadrilateral. The book we are reading is "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. We meet via zoom on Wednesday at 6:00pm. All are welcome!

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 14 at 6pm. @ Faith Family Church.

Watch for 2023 Church Camp info at your church!

JUNE WORSHIP MINISTRIES

Clear Lake

June 4th Reader: John Koerper
 Acolyte/PwrPt: Lily Avery
 Brunch: Camilla

June 11th Reader: Alison Blanchard
 Acolyte/PwrPt: Ben Avery
 Coffee: Roger & Carla

June 18th Reader: Andrea Jilek
 Acolyte/PwrPt: Jordan Blanchard
 Coffee: Ryan Blanchard family

June 25th Reader: Debi Ahrens
 Acolyte/PwrPt: Oliver Wood
 Coffee: Joan

Counters for June: Linda & Betty

Faith Family

June 4th Paul Webster
 June 11th Heather Greene
 June 18th Penny Warner
 June 25th Cindy Warner

June Birthdays

Laurie Moore	6/2
Lucas Olson	6/3
Greg Wilson	6/4
Chris Larson	6/5
Wyatt Reindahl	6/11
Arlene Althoff	6/16
Mandy Sharpe	6/18
Debbie Frank	6/21
Roger La Blanc	6/30

June Anniversaries

Dave & Becky Reindahl	6/6
Allen & Ardys Warner	6/12
Robert & Rachel Zimmer	6/12
Stan & Sue Larson	6/16
Shawn & Amanda Millermom	6/21
George & Nancy Stutter	6/25

Deadline for July Newsletter
is June 26th.

Ruby's Pantry distributes food at Pop-Up Pantry locations across MN & WI. There is no income or residency requirement and for a \$25 bundle donation you will receive an abundance of groceries. One food distribution will take place **June 10th** in the **SMC LTD** parking lot at 9000 Griffin Street E in Amery. This is a drive-thru distribution from **7:30 am to 9:00 am**. Volunteers are greatly appreciated and should arrive at **6:45 am**. If you would like to volunteer or if you would like more information, please contact 715-268-7390 or email office.ameryucc@gmail.com. Another Ruby's Pantry location is: 1245 County Highway CC, New Richmond, Wisconsin 54017, which distributes on the 3rd Thursday of the Month. Registration begins at 5:00 PM. Food bundles available 5:00-7:00 PM. Hosted by: Faith Community Church. Check out their website www.rubyspantry.org to find a location and time that works for you.

Willow River Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/Willow-River-Parish-103076225619623/>. Please send any information you would like posted to Heather Greene mr.mrs.greene5@gmail.com or Gail Kuhl kuhlg@cltcomm.net

Ingathering at Annual Conference 2023

Each year at our Annual Conference, churches are asked to donate items for people in need or people suffering from disasters. This year the conference Mission Motivation Committee is again working with Midwest Mission Distribution Center to collect items for the Personal Dignity Kits and Home Care Kits. Midwest Mission distributes the kits locally, nationally and internationally to those in need during times of crisis. All supplies are given free of charge regardless of gender, race or religion.

Kits and items that make up those kits, should be brought to Annual Conference at the KI Center in Green Bay. The Midwest Mission truck will be there for collection on June 9th & 10th. If you are not able to make it to Green Bay this year you can bring donations to one of the [Ingathering 2023 drop off sites](#). Monetary donations can be brought to Annual Conference or mailed to The Wisconsin Conference, 750 Windsor Street, Suite 104, Sun Prairie, WI 53590 - please note Ingathering 2023 in the memo. To process donations efficiently and get them where needed quickly, we ask for a list of the items donated. You can help the person who delivers the items -and save everyone some time- by filling out the [Donation Form](#) ahead of time. All items should be NEW – and all kits

should have only the items requested. Thanks!
[View kit details](#)

Volunteers are needed to check in and load donations at Annual Conference in Green Bay anytime during our drop off hours: Friday, June 9th 10am-4pm and Saturday, June 10th 8am-2pm. Contact bonnieclement05@gmail.com to help. Here is the link to the many things that they need: <https://www.midwestmission.org/kits>

Birthing Kit	Tornado Kit	Feminine Hygiene Kit
Layette Kit	Student Kit	Personal Dignity Kit
Bed Pack	Home Care Kit	
UMCORE Cleaning Kit	UMCOR Hygiene Kit	
Umcorm Feminine Hygiene Kit		

Urgent needs include the following:

- Shampoo (in bulk), 12-19 oz.
 - 100-150 oz. EMPTY liquid laundry detergent containers. We can use containers of any size up to 150 oz. (we are collecting full or empty liquid laundry detergent containers)
 - Sewing machines, electric and treadles (they don't have to be new; we *accept sewing machines that need a little tuning up; we cannot accept the computerized ones.*
 - Medical equipment -folding walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walking boots, slings
 - Blankets- new or gently used for disaster response
 - Non electric tools specifically shovels, brooms, rakes
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Deer Park UMC News:

Greetings from Deer Park!

Here we are in June already, the month of weddings, picnics, fishing, and Father's Day. We wish all the dads and granddads a wonderful and memorable day.

June is also a time for emerging crops for the hard-working farmers. We all need to pray for much needed rain.

Thanks to Pete for taking care of our lawn for us, and the friends that lead the bible study, and everyone else that cares for the needs of our churches. Happy summer everyone!!

Send Offering to: Janice Thompson, 110 North Street E, Deer Park, WI 54007

2nd Quarter Noisy Can--Grace Place

Clear Lake UMC News

- Coffee after church
- Potluck-1st Sunday of each Month after church.
- Food shelf donations any Sunday
- Collecting for shelter residents staying in hotels at this time, canned goods w/pop tops or single serve items to cook in the microwave.

Send Offering to: Josy Wood, 260 40th Avenue, Clear Lake, WI 540045

Noisy Can: 2nd qtr. Backpack Program, 3rd qtr. Christmas for Children, 4th qtr. Food Pantry.

CL Midweek Church School: Midweek church school ended on Wed. May 10th. Kids had a fun time spending some of their mission money on the wish list of the Arnell Humane Shelter, delivering them and seeing the cats and dogs. They also picked out 1 pig, 1 goat, a flock of 20 chicks, 20 ducks and a hive of 10,000-20,000 bees. The exciting part was finding out that we sent our orders during a 10X match Heifer International had with their sponsors. They were able to send food, income and sharing of resources to many families! We spent our whole year on Moses and the Israelites ending with making our pieces and parts of the tabernacle then studying about having Jesus come and now we don't need to make sacrifices because Jesus sacrificed all for us. Then they sang with the whole church, I am Blessed, on Sunday, May 21st!



Clear Lake May Ad. Co. Highlights

Old Business:

1. Clear Lake Days - Will be serving Friday June 23 from 4:00 PM til sold out and Saturday June 24 from 10:00 AM til sold out. Will have seating in the basement and will also be serving curbside.

2. Music events at the bandstand - the church Bell Choir will be playing before the Indianhead Chorus, Thursday August 10. Will be serving some kind of food during the event. (unknown what we will be serving at this time - will decide later after seeing what other organizations serve.)
3. Roger Blanchard, Roger Lablanc and Justin Wood will get together to decide what needs to be done for the repairs on the Bell tower.

New Business:

1. Will be honoring our graduates Wyatt Reindahl (high school), Bailey Blanchard and Madison Zimmer (college) Sunday May 21, 2023.
2. The Dorcus Piecemakers are furnishing items for the backpack fundraiser at the Amery Fire Department and the CL EMT's elementary presentation.
3. Pastor Hakki is asking that we as parishioners volunteer to send Anitra (via email) the congregation's joys and concerns each week so they can be included in the bulletin for the following Sunday. We as parishioners will take turns.

Next meeting June 7th @ 4pm.

Shop with RaiseRight (formerly Scrip): If you want to place a Raise Right order, please contact Andrea Jilek 263-2575. Nilssen's gift cards can be ordered at any time, too.

Bell Choir: Our Community Bell Choir is taking a short break then will practice to play at the Bandstand 100th anniversary music night on Thursday, August 10th. We will be the first group at 6pm followed by the Indianhead Chorus. Please plan to attend these musical celebrations at the Bandstand this summer on Thursday evenings.

Dorcas Piecemakers : Our Circle group will be meeting the first and third Mondays of June from 1-3. We are putting together a few baby quilts for missions this summer. We can use lots of help to layer and tie them. Everyone can learn to tie them together. Please join us!

BackPack Bash Amery Firehall 4-8pm June 9th Hundreds of families in our communities struggle to provide food for their families. The backpack program helps feed hungry kids in Polk County and Clear Lake too. They are collecting baskets for silent auction and baked goods for bake sale.

UWF: 5/10/23 Minutes Ridgeview 2:00
Joan Lillie Pres. led the meeting. Mission
Statement read. Scriptures read with roll call. 10
present.
Sec. Min read, approved. Treasurer's report
\$234.93. Bill from Joan \$11 for a plant for Althoffs.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report on Spring Enrichment: great speakers, music, door prizes, books for sale, lunch. a small group there, we had 4 members attend.
2. Fall Gathering, River Falls Methodist Church, Sept 23.
3. Thrift Sale Profit, \$1,258.00. 10% goes to Kinship, \$126.00. Church School's profit is \$230. They chose to buy animals for Heifer International, they will match the amount 10 times.
4. Bingo Fun at Memory Care in Amery in April. Great visit to Althoffs.
5. Easter Cards sent to shut-ins by Joan.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. On 6-14 Golden Age Manor Bingo with prizes and serving strawberry shortcake. 2:00.
2. Ingathering items needed, Shampoo, empty or full laundry detergent, medical equipment, small blankets, non-electric tools. We will give 4 sewing machines, 2 bikes. Take to Barron Meth. Church by the end of May or the first of June.
3. Diane gave 2 book reports. Pachinko about South Koreans in Japan and how they were treated 1910-1970, "A Knock At Midnight" about the 80's War on Drugs.
4. UWF will clean the church last Wednesday of each month starting Wed. May 31. Start at 10:00. You may bring something to eat if you'd like.
5. Clear Lake Days Potato sale inside the church. Friday 4-till sold out. Sat 10 till sold out.

Joan Read from our Prayer Book also "Mother Says". Pot Luck

Submitted by Linda Jurisch

Clear Lake Heritage Days—June 22-25: The Clear Lake Church will be selling their Stuffed Baked Potatoes on Friday, June 23 from 4:00 PM til sold out and Saturday, June 24 from 10:00 AM til sold out. We will have seating in the basement and will also be serving curbside. We will need lots of help with prep, set up, serving, and cleaning up. Please set part of this day aside to help out, this is a big fundraiser for our church.

Pastor's Pen: It's a beautiful season. This season looks as if lush green grass and abundant green trees have covered the entire land. Whenever the wind blows, the trees in front of the parsonage sway as if dancing. Watching the trees sway and dance in the wind is one of my favorite times of the day.

When I see the trees swaying and dancing in the wind, I often remember the story of David who worshiped and danced before the Lord with all his might, opening his heart to God. In the books of Chronicles and Samuel, it describes how David danced before God in worship.

When the Box of the LORD's Agreement arrived at the City of David, Saul's daughter Michal looked through a window. When she saw King David dancing and playing... 1 Chronicles 15:29, Easy to Read Version

While the LORD's Holy Box was being carried into the city, David was jumping and dancing before the LORD. 2 Samuel 6:16, Easy to Read Version

Dancing happens when the heart is open. Take a moment to think about it. When do you all dance? Do you feel comfortable dancing in front of people you don't know? Or do you find yourself dancing unknowingly when enjoying a party with close family and friends? We start dancing when our hearts open up and we feel comfortable.

In the Bible, the one who opens our hearts is referred to as the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit opens our hearts, we can dance and worship wholeheartedly before God. David's dancing before the Lord signifies that the door of his heart was wide open by God, and he worshiped God wholeheartedly.

After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the promised Holy Spirit has come to us, that has touched our hearts, and that opened ours. Thus, our lives are filled with joy and grace. Those who have received the Holy Spirit, wouldn't you dance like David? I will dance, singing:

*When the Spirit of the Lord comes upon my heart
I will dance like David danced
When the Spirit of the Lord comes upon my heart
I will dance like David danced*

*I will dance, I will dance, I will dance like David danced
I will dance, I will dance, I will dance like David danced
I will dance, I will dance, I will dance like David danced*

Grace always, Pastor Hakki

Soul Food: Grace Dance

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung from Maputo, Mozambique

“Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength! We will sing and praise your power.” (Psalm 21:13)

As the president of the General Board of Global Ministries (GBGM), I recently travelled to Maputo, Mozambique, Africa to attend a three-day Mission Partnership Consultation. The African Bishops, conference leaders, the GBGM board of directors and missionaries sent from The United Methodist Church in Africa met, talked, shared, and responded to the works of the Holy Spirit with a moving heart.

It was an indescribable joy and spiritual blessing to participate in this mega-discourse on the kin(g)dom of God and God's work in the field of Africa. We focused on the call to mission, which is the fire that makes us apostles sent from the heart of God to the heart of the world. The Church is indeed the hope of the nations! How many souls, organizations, and human problems are faced with the Gospel and touched by mission work that brings healing and restoration?! Yes, The United Methodist Church is a tremendous witness and gift from God!

I remember a participant saying, “Africa is crying out loud for US churches. The United Methodist Church is God's living instrument – impacting the life of millions. So, raise your missionary commission and calling higher! Let's humbly pray for our partner, The United Methodist Church. We are deeply rooted like palm trees on the seashore, so don't worry about us! Stand strong in the work of the Holy Spirit and lead the vision and history of the church with courage.”

I thank the Lord for this tremendous reality, in which I gain strength from the Africans' continuous encouragement and courage. The GBGM board meeting was a valuable meeting in which I visited the mission fields and sites of Mozambique and listened to and encouraged their dedication and impacts.

As Jesus walked, he encountered people. When he met people, he drew them near to him. When He talked with them, they felt his power. When he touched them, he brought healing and salvation. The Lord also comes right into our time of history - with its many scars (like wars and disasters) - and calls our church from the scene of wounds and pain. The level of conflicts and need is unfathomable! The ecosystem cries and warns us of the growing environmental crisis. In all this, The United Methodist Church must meet the Lord Jesus again in the field of missions. We must experience and respond to all that the Holy Spirit is doing and directing. The scale, pace, and intensity of mission activity around the globe demands radical departures from the status quo so we can re-venture within God's redemption plan and also achieve sustainability. Let us continue to support our connectional church, especially as it pivots to navigate significant cultural shifts. Let's embrace the call to re-think the growth, efficiency, and justice needed to radically transform our global neighborhoods.

I had a life-changing experience in Africa. In gratitude, I share this poetry with you:



Grace Dance

Because a blessed life
dance before the Lord,
Ride the mysterious wind
of the Holy Spirit,
dance with gratitude.
While drawing eternity,
life,
a delightful bounty-ness,
and seeking humble mind,
I continue to dance
while being content
with only Divine.

Faith Family Church News:

FAITH FAMILY AD. BOARD HIGHLIGHTS:

NEXT MEETING: June 15th, 2023: 6:00pm

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Stay tuned for more information:

- July 3rd Fireworks in the Park
- October Horsing Around Days
- Pancake Breakfast (TBA)

FUN DAY SCHOOL CORNER:

Fun Day School is on Wednesdays at 4:30pm. This month we visited, prayed at and cleaned up the park in Wilson, WI along with the Park in Emerald, WI. We also helped the Sunnyside Shamrocks Clean up Rustic Road 3. The Funday school kids voted to keep meeting this summer. Please continue to check our Facebook page to see where we will be next as the goal is to pray for our community and visit local parks this summer as we speak and walk like Jesus.



We are excited to be supporting Autism this Month with Noisy Cans and making church more accessible for our Neuro Diverse brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you for setting up the puzzle for those that need to be doing something while listening. We also have busy bags too.

Noisy Cans--2nd Quarter--Autism
Send Offering to: Terri Wilson, 3127 200th Ave,
Glenwood City, WI 54013

CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK:

[Faith Family Church | Facebook](#)

Anchor of Hope Recovery Ministry Recovery is for ALL and ALL are welcome. We all have things in our lives we have struggled with--grief, guilt, perfectionism, anxiety, depression, abilities, trauma, drugs/alcohol/food addictions, etc. We work

through these areas of our life by laying our burdens down and finding rest in Christ at Anchor of Hope. If you need to connect with someone from Anchor of Hope please reach out via our email, facebook, messenger, or call/text Heather Greene (This is a part-time position and also run by volunteers so if this is an emergency please call 911 or for a mental health crisis call 988).

ANCHOR OF HOPE JUNE PRAYER:

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Amen-Romans 15:13

Schedule of Events at Anchor of Hope:

Communion for all the first Monday of the month.

Bible App Study: Recovering Hope

Saturdays: Bible App Study 2pm on Facebook

Mondays in June: Bibles and Burgers @ Emerald Community Park @ 5:30pm (Join us for BBQ and to spend time in our Bibles)

Come celebrate Juneteenth on June 19th @ 5:30-8

Anchor of Hope Shepherding meeting: TBA

This month the Wisconsin United Methodist Church Institute of Congregational Development (ICD) is meeting in Beaver Dam to discuss the season of discipling. What season is our church in? During this class we have already discussed the Season of Discerning, visions, and gathering. If you would like to learn more, let me know and I can get you connected with a reading list. It would be great to get a group together from all of our churches and have a good discussion about what the church seasons look like and what church growth can and does look like. We are currently reading "Disciple Like Jesus" by Phil Maynard. -Thank you, Heather Greene



Our website can be found at

<https://anchorofhopeemerald.wixsite.com/my-site>

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Sunday Worship
8:30 a.m. – Clear Lake 9:45 a.m. – Faith Family (also Zoom)
11:00 a.m. – Deer Park

Church School @ Clear Lake and Faith Family
3:15 on Wednesdays @ CL
4:30 pm on Wednesdays @ FF