

# Suamico United Methodist Church

## April 2009 Newsletter

### United Methodist Women

U M W Events coming up include the Nicolet/Winnebago Districts Spiritual Growth Retreat on Fri. evening May 1st-Sat. May 2nd. It will be held at Camp Byron, just south of Fond du Lac, and we invite you to join a group of us who will be going. Contact Kay Waugh for more details. You can go just for Saturday, or for the overnight.

Our regular May meeting will be on Tues. May 12th at 10:00 am. The program presented by Kay Waugh will highlight several of our mission projects explored in Response Magazine. Donna Schneider is the hostess.

Our June 9th event is an 11:30 Potluck Picnic out at Joyce Fuller's Joyful Acres Campground.

A district mission trip is planned in late June to the Milwaukee Hmong House of Hope, a new mission project that ministers to elderly women who are in great need.

Annual Women's Ecumenical Brunch Tuesday, April 7th at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall.

The UMW is hosting a brunch for all the Ladies of our church, their friends, and women's groups from neighboring churches. Our Guest Speaker is Betsy Johnson, of Green Bay Bethany, who just returned from travels to Israel in January. Please join us and kindly RSVP with the number attending to Millie @ 434-1168

### Book Club

Book club read for March  
Drums, Girls & Dangerous Pie  
by: Jordan Sonnenblick

Due to one of the many snowstorms we missed our March meeting and will discuss this book at our April 5, at 6:00 pm.

Please, come join us! And perhaps we shall eat pie

### Education News

Spring is finally here. That means summer is coming soon too. Last summer we had a very successful Family Fun Night. Is there anyone who would like to organize the event for this summer? We have curriculum for the children which could be used or maybe you would like to try something different. We would plan for this event to take place the second week of August. Anyone interested in helping in anyway please contact Connie Cross or Jean Johnson or the church office. Thank you

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday

### WISCONSIN UNITED METHODIST CAMP & RETREAT MINISTRIES

Did you know that there are beautiful Methodist camps in Wisconsin? They offer family camping, grandparent/grandchild camping, mother/daughter weekend, marriage encounter weekends, special needs camps, wilderness challenge camps & horse camps just to name a few.

Lake Lucerne Family Camp dates are July 5-10, Mother/daughter weekend is July 17-19,

Rugby/Lacrosse Camp (grades 8-12) is June 29-July 3.

For more information [www.wiumcamps.org](http://www.wiumcamps.org), email [camping@wisconsinumc.org](mailto:camping@wisconsinumc.org), Phone toll free 1-877-947-2267 or 608-837-3388 Fax: 608-837-8547 Mailing Address: Camping Office P.O. Box 620 Sun Prairie, WI 53590. There are registration forms and information by the church office in the education wing. If you need scholarship information please contact Pastor Dee. Health forms will also be available at the church office. If you have any questions please call Jean Johnson or the church office.

### Looking Ahead

Can you believe it's almost time to congratulate our graduates? We want to make sure our list is complete-If you know of someone graduating from high school, college or tech school that we missed. Please contact the church office. Please also let us know what their future plans are.

## Adult Fellowship

Monday April 13, 2009 at Townline Pub  
Gather at 6:00 order off the menu at 6:30. RSVP to Jane Deuster 434-1168 by April 8

## Seasoned Seniors

Join us April 2 as we "Celebrate Spring"  
The Menu will include Shredded Beef and Pulled Pork on Croissants, Pasta Salad, Fruit Salad, Cole Slaw, Applesauce, Sugar Free Pudding and Jello, Coffee and Iced Tea.

This will be our last meeting until Fall.

## SUMC Youth Groupers

- We need volunteers for Palm Sunday Brunch. This includes parents. If you can help out, please contact the Amy & Andy Hess.
- SUMC Youth Group is hosting a 30-hour famine lock in at our church on Friday, April 24 at 7pm until Saturday, April 25 at 6pm. We will be raising money for World Vision to help fight hunger. This is a circuit event, but since we are hosts, I am hoping we have a great turnout. Please prayerfully consider attending this event.
- Bowling with the circuit on Friday, May 8th at Ashwaubenon Bowling Alley. Cost is \$11 and includes bowling for two hours, shoes, pizza and soda. Meet at the church at 6:30 and we will return at 9:30.
- April 15 Parent/Youth Grouper Meeting Please attend to learn more about the Mission Trip and other needs of the youth.

## Church Family News

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Martha Appelget, Verna Ostrenga, Lois Rehn, Zerlina Valentine, Nels & Edna Hansen, Gordon Olson, Our college students (Lindsay Deuster, Stephanie Hahn, Danielle Johnson, Alex Johnson, Tim Klossner, Tyler Longsine, Lucas Molina, Aaron Rusch, Sarah Wengerter, Adam Wright)

### Health Concerns

Martha Appelget, Ray Bramschrieber, Judy Longsine, Lois Rehn

### Nursing Home Residents

Ione Poljack, Phyllis Lewis,

Those who are Traveling

## Booyah Sunday

We deposited \$813 for the Booyah Sales March 29th. We have about 5 gallons in 1 quart (\$6) and 2 quart (\$12) containers in the freezer. If you missed it or would like more pick one up and place your check or money in the offering plate marked booyah.

Facts about Booyah Sundays . . . . .

- The main reason for having Booyah Sundays is to raise money to go towards the debt reduction on the new building.
- We are now cooking three kettles of booyah and raise \$900 - \$1000 per Booyah Sunday.
- Booyah Sunday profits also have paid for the outdoor Booyah signs.
- Booyah Sunday keeps the kitchen supplied with coffee, filters, sugar, creamer, dish soap, and garbage bags.
- Booyah Sunday provides plates, bowls, cups, and napkins that are used for various events at the church.
- The only expense to our church for a Booyah Sunday is for utilities.
- About 50 non-member people are called the day before a Booyah Sunday to remind them about our booyah sale.
- Many non-church people from the area come Booyah Sunday into the Fellowship Hall to purchase booyah and desserts.
- UMW is able to raise money for local, area, conference, national, or international mission projects.
- Booyah Sunday provides a gathering place for our church families to have lunch together.
- Booyah Sunday is a time of fellowship for all who come.
- **Our next Booyah Sunday is May 3rd!**

## Parish Corner

The mystery of transformation never fails to captivate my attention. For example, every spring on a warm dry day, my husband wedges the garden tiller out from the garage and spends an hour or so turning over the hard, flattened-down garden soil. Then, he painstakingly prepares it further by hauling wheelbarrow loads of the nastiest looking pile of winterized compost and carefully working it into the dirt. He does all this in an effort to "enrich" the soil, to produce better fruit, vegetables, and flowers. It's not unlike what farmers have done for millennia. But take a moment and think about this further. Consider how this serves as an analogy for our lives and our relationships with others. From the grit and remnants of what appears to be something less than beautiful and valuable, springs forth the most delicious, fresh garden salads for our summer meals, home canned tomato sauce for the Italian dinner shared with friends, and the most beautiful bouquet of blooms to brighten up our dwelling and to share with others. It's transformation, facilitated by grit.

Now, I love flowers and fresh fruits and vegetables, arguably much more than what is considered average. However, I think we, as a culture, tend to spend an inordinate amount of time admiring the blooms in our lives and appreciating the salad, that we under-appreciate and under-value the gritty soil from which they came and that facilitated their growth. Each one of us has trials or "grit" in our life, and each one of us has successes or "blooms". As we dig the soil this spring, may we all remember to appreciate the grit and value its presence in our lives.  
Submitted by Bonnie Paradies

In an effort to better know each other, we would like to add a new column to the newsletter. Please submit your thoughts, ideas, poetry, pictures, artwork, etc and we'll include it in the Parish Corner.

## Missions

Focus in April is to help the Sunday School Children raise money to purchase animals from Heifer International. In the past the children have purchased.

In 1939, as a Midwestern farmer and church worker named Das West ladled out rations of milk to refugees of the Spanish Civil War, he realized that simple relief aid would never be enough. That's when it hit him. "These children don't need a cup, they need a cow." After returning to the United States, West formed what is now Heifer International, an organization dedicated to ending hunger permanently. Five years later, on June 18, 1944 the first shipment of 17 heifers left York, Pennsylvania, for Puerto Rico, in what would become a campaign that would save the lives of millions.

The mission of Heifer International is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the Earth. By providing gifts of livestock and training in their care, Heifer gives families in need a source of food and income. But the key is the idea of Passing on the Gift, in which recipients agree to share one or more of their animals' offspring to others in need, so that the gift of food is never-ending. Passing on the Gift remains at the heart of Heifer International's sustainable community development philosophy. This unique approach that has been a part of Heifer's work since that first shipment of heifers in 1944. It is an idea that created a ripple effect that transforms lives and communities so that a gift to Heifer becomes a gift that keeps on giving.

Cost to purchase animals is

|                 |       |                        |      |
|-----------------|-------|------------------------|------|
| Heifer          | \$500 | Share of Heifer        | \$50 |
| Water Buffalo   | 250   | Share of Water Buffalo | 25   |
| Llama           | 150   | Share of Llama         | 20   |
| Goat            | 120   | Share of Goat          | 10   |
| Sheep           | 120   | Share of Sheep         | 10   |
| Pig             | 120   | Share of Pig           | 10   |
| Trio of Rabbits | 60    | Share of Rabbits       | 10   |
| Honey Bees      | 30    |                        |      |
| Flock of Chicks | 20    |                        |      |

## Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Church

**Annual Conference 2009**

**Live Enthusiastically**

**June 14-17**

**Radisson Paper Valley Hotel in Appleton**

June 14 Clergy/Laity Session, Ordination/Worship  
June 15 Conference Session, Mission Day, Mission Celebration Cookout,  
Opening Worship Service  
June 16 Constitutional Amendments, Memorial Worship Service, Conference  
Session, Retiree Recognition, Commissioning Worship Service  
June 17 Conference Session

Lay member to annual Conference is Needed. If you like would like to attend and be involved in the business and decision making process of the Wisconsin Conference please contact Pastor Dee.

# April 2009

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu                                     | Fri                          | Sat                                 |
|---|--|---|---|---|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sunday Worship Services 8:15 & 10:30<br>Sunday School 9:15<br>Child Care available during Sunday School and 10:30 service |  |   | 1<br>6:00 Praise Team<br>6:30 Y G & Club 56<br>7:00 Choir               | 2 11:00<br>Seasoned Seniors             | 3<br>Bake & Serve at the Inn | 4                                   |
| 5<br>Palm Sunday Brunch<br>6:00 Book Club   | 6  | 7<br>10:30 UMW Brunch<br>5:30 Yoga          | 8<br>6:00 Praise Team<br>Y. G. Parent Meeting<br>6:30 Y G<br>7:00 Choir | 9<br>6:00 Potato Bake & Worship Service | 10                           | 11                                  |
| 12<br>Easter<br>7:30 Sunrise<br>9:00 & 10:30<br>Worship Service No Sunday   | 13<br>6:00 Adult Fellowship @ Townline Pub | 14<br>5:30 Yoga<br>7:00 Stewardship Meeting | 15<br>6:00 Praise Team<br>6:30 Y G<br>7:00 Choir                        | 16                                      | 17                           | 18                                  |
| 19  | 20   | 21  | 22<br>6:00 Praise Team<br>6:30 Y G<br>7:00 Choir                        | 23                                      | 24<br>30 Hour                | 25<br>Famine<br>9:00 Ladies Day Out |
| 26  | 27   | 28  | 29<br>6:00 Praise Team<br>6:30 Y G 7:00 Choir                           | 30                                      |                              |                                     |