

Suamico United Methodist Church

December Newsletter

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Office Hours

Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Christmas Worship Services

December 24th 5:00 pm Family Service
9:00 pm Traditional Service which will include Holy Communion
December 25th 9:00 am
January 1st 9:00 am

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

December 6, 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

ALL are invited and encouraged to attend

WHAT IS A CHURCH CONFERENCE OR CHARGE CONFERENCE?

It is the annual meeting of the basic administrative unit of the local church in the United Methodist system. The voting membership of the Church/Charge Conference is comprised of the members of the Church Council and all clergy affiliated with the local church. The Church/Charge Conference is the official connecting link between the local church and the general Church.

It is the responsibility of the Church/Charge Conference to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports from the pastor, staff and church leaders, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the Church Council that are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church (2008 Book of Discipline, paragraphs 246-246).

All are welcome to attend, celebrate our church's ministry, and hear plans for our continuing mission.

The difference between a church or charge conference is:

1. The charge conference is the basic governing body of each United Methodist local church and is composed of all members of the church council (or administrative board or leadership team).
2. A church conference invites broader participation of the members of the congregation beyond just the church council members in that all members of a local United Methodist church are invited to attend and are extended the privilege of vote.

All members of the charge or church conference must be members of the local church

Adult Fellowship

Look for information in January

Book Club

Book club will meet the first Sunday of the month at 7pm in Fellowship Hall for the month of December

Next meeting:

Sunday December 4th

We will discuss the book; Not My Daughter by Barbara Delinsky.

Annual Youth Group Cookie sale

Let the Youth Group do your Christmas baking for you.

Christmas cookies will be available on December 4, 11, & 18
after each worship service. \$5/dozen

Booyah

Workers are needed Saturday morning (Dec 3) for "prep" work between 5 and 8 AM.

Booyah Sundays will be:

December 4th

January 15th (Includes Book Sale)

February 26th (Includes Book Sale)

March 25th

May 6th (Includes Plant Sale)

Worship Music

Choir

Choir rehearsal is on Wed at 6:45 pm.

Praise Team

Praise Team Rehearsal is on Wed. at 5:45 pm.

Praise Team will sing every fourth Sunday.

Our Church Family

Thank you to all who participated and donated food or time for the Annual Fall Harvest Dinner. Proceeds of \$2,300 were raised for debt retirement. Our mortgage balance is now down to \$11,000.

The September Pig Roast raised \$600 for our three Mission Projects - EPH, Kairos Prison Ministry, and Senegal. \$540 was used to complete our commitment to Senegal for 2011 (\$900), with the remaining proceeds being split between Ecumenical Partnership for Housing (EPH) and Kairos. Additional money from the 5th Sunday collections was also sent to EPH and to the Kairos Prison Ministry.

Thank you to everyone who helped with these mission efforts.

Missions Corner

Senegal Mission Initiative

The Senegal Mission is an international mission that has close ties to our church. Rev. Tony Fuller, who works on the Senegal Mission, grew up in our church. Our church is supporting Tony and this mission through our financial gifts which go towards pastor salaries, leadership development, Sunday school, church ministries, and repairs. Programs that we support with our gifts are the feeding of children, teaching of community health workers, and skill centers for women. Pastor Dee has spoken with Tony about the Senegal mission and her interest in the project grew. For our church, this mission is very important. It is a way for us to reach out and make a difference internationally and it is a way to support fellow church members who are making those differences through God's guidance and our financial gifts.

EPH - Ecumenical Partnership for Housing

The Mission of EPH is: "As faith calls us to minister with our neighbors in need, Ecumenical Partnership for Housing seeks through partnership with religious organizations and social services agencies to provide transitional housing and support services for homeless families". The Vision is "Through transitional housing, extensive case management and support services, families achieve the knowledge, skills, and "Wholeness" for a self-sufficient future." Dennis and I didn't know a lot about EPH or the homeless in the area when Pastor Dee asked us to consider becoming SUMC's Unit Co-coordinators for the Isaiah House. We felt we could help SUMC assist this unique worthy mission in the Green Bay area as there are so many families in need of housing assistance and the waiting list keeps growing. As the home is cleaned and stocked to welcome a hurting family into a safe, secure, hope-filled dwelling, we hope to fulfill the commandment to love others, to share our gifts with those in need and to make a positive impact on the clients' lives today and that it will continue for generations. The congregation has been very supportive in assisting with cleaning and painting chores, yard work, and donating supplies and food for each of our families--together we are making a difference in people's lives and our community!

Usher/Acolyte/Liturgist

8:15 am Worship service

Dec 4 Booyah

Usher Farr Family

Acolyte Nolan Farr

Liturgist Jim Byrnes

Dec 11 Packers @ 12:00

Usher Orv & Diane Goddard

Acolyte Abigail Gonnering

Liturgist Diane Goddard

Dec 18

Usher Dean & Holly Kugler

Liturgist Holly Kugler

Acolyte Abigail Gonnering

December 24th Worship Services

5:00 pm Service

Usher Hahn Family

Acolyte Trae Fischer

Liturgist Jay Hahn

Dec 25 ONE SERVICE 9:00 am

Usher Volunteer needed

Acolyte Volunteer needed

Liturgist Volunteer needed

Thank you for serving.

If you cannot serve on the Sunday you are scheduled please let me know. Also Ushers, Acolyte and Liturgist are need for December 25th and January 1st Service at 9:00am. Call the church office to volunteer or contact me at 434-1168.

Blessings,

Merrilee

Education News

An Advent Study entitled *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break* will be offered Nov 27, Dec 4, Dec 11, and Dec 18 at 9:15 am to all ages. It promises to be an educational, entertaining journey for all.

The Children's Christmas program based on the Advent study *Christmas Gifts That Won't Break* will be presented Sunday December 18th during the 10:30 worship service.

We would like to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a New Year with Good Health and Happiness.

Jean & Jane

Looking Ahead: There will be NO Sunday School Dec. 25 or Jan 1st. Classes will resume Jan 8th.

10:30 am Worship service

Dec 4 Booyah

Usher Petit Family

Acolyte Lucien Petit

Liturgist Dom Petit

Dec 11 Packers @ 12:00

Usher Longsine Family

Acolyte Jennifer Longsine

Liturgist Tyler Longsine

Dec 18 Children's Christmas Pageant

Usher Suddick Family

Acolyte Madison Suddick

Liturgist Kevin Suddick

9:00 pm Service

Usher Hess Family

Acolyte Jonathan Hess

Liturgist Colin Hess

Jan 1 ONE SERVICE Packers @ 12:00

Usher Volunteer needed

Acolyte Volunteer needed

Liturgist Volunteer needed

Seasoned Seniors

Thursday December 8th 11:00 am

Seasoned Seniors are invited to Fellowship Hall to visit with friends & do activities.

Lunch will be served between 11:30 and 12:00.

After lunch, Seasoned Seniors are welcome to spend time together visiting with one another or listening to a program.

Plan to join other Seasoned Seniors, bring a friend, and become a part of it.

Questions? Call Ruth Ann Voelz: 920-434-1168

LUNCH MENU

Beef and Cheese Ravioli with Marinara Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Cole Slaw, Bread Sticks, Mandarin Oranges, Sugar Free Pudding, Sugar Free Jell-O, Coffee and Ice Tea

*****If you would like to bring a dessert to share with others, please do so.**

Suggested Donation: \$3 per Person

United Methodist Women

Welcome to the Women's Christmas Party

All the women & Girls in our church family are invited to a Christmas Dinner on **Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 5:30 pm, in Fellowship Hall.** Enjoy an evening of carols, fellowship and sharing sponsored by our UMW group. You can count on a delicious candlelight dinner prepared by 'Chef Donna' There are no exchange gifts this year. Bring a non-perishable food item or an offering for one of our local food pantries.

Come join in the fun! Please let us know you are planning to come by calling Donna or Kay at 434-1168 by Sunday Dec. 11.

Booyah Bake Sale will be Dec. 4th. Donna's mittens, hats, headbands etc. will be on sale, with all proceeds going to support our missions. They make wonderful gifts!!

Our 2012 Planning meeting will be on Tuesday January 10th at 10:00 am.

Youth Group

December 7th - December Mission Trip - Shopping for the Giving Tree

(Meet at SUMC at 6:15 PM, Depart at 6:30 - Approximate Time of Return is 8:15 PM)

December 14th - Curriculum - The Skit Guys (In the SUMC Youth Room from 6:30 PM until 8:00 PM)

December 21st - December Field Trip – Caroling (Time TBD)

December 28th - To Be Announced

Christmas Gifts for the Children of the Hispanic Church

Please bring the gifts to church by **Sunday December 11th**. Reminder only ONE gift per child.

Thank you for your generosity!

December 2011

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Fri

Sat

Sunday Worship Services 8:15 am & 10:30 am Sunday School 9:15 am Child care is available during Sunday School and the 10:30 am Worship Service				1	2 Bake and Serve at The Inn	3 5am– 8am Booyah prep
4 Booyah 7pm Book Club	5	6 6:30 pm Annual Church Conference	7 5:45 pm Praise Team 6:30pm Youth Group 6:45 pm Choir	8 11am Seasoned Seniors	9	10
11	12	13 5:30 pm United Methodist Women Christmas Party	14 5:45 pm Praise Team 6:30pm Youth Group 6:45 pm Choir	15	16	17
18 10:30 am Children's Christmas Program	19	20	21 5:45 pm Praise Team 6:30pm Youth Group 6:45 pm Choir	22	23	24 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm Christmas Eve Services
25 9am Worship Service	26	27	28 5:45 pm Praise Team 6:30pm Youth Group 6:45 pm Choir	29	30	31



