Accompanist Needed
The search continues. Suamico United Methodist Church is looking to hire an accompanist/pianist. This is a paid position. Please spread the word and if you know of someone, or a group, that might be interested, please give them our church contact information.

SUMC service opportunities
- Media Team is in need of "clickers" and "developers". Clickers turn on the computer and click through the slides during Sunday service. Developers put the presentation of the slides together, using information shared on Google.

- Worship team is looking for a person (or perhaps a couple of people?) to join the Worship Team as decorators for Lent and Advent seasons of worship. This person(s) would get to decorate, and undecorate, the sanctuary during the holiday seasons of Lent and Advent. We have some materials here in storage just waiting for you to accept this creative position.

- Music in Worship – have you got a need to be a part of worship music? We’ve got Praise team, Choir and handbells! If you don’t read music, we still have room for you to make music for the Lord!

    Praise practice Tues. 6-7:00pm ~ Choir practice Tues. 7-8:00pm ~ Handbells Wedn. 5:30-6:30pm

- Faith Finders 4-6th grade classroom is in need of an additional teacher for the classroom.

    If you find yourself interested in any of these opportunities, or need more information, please call the church office (920) 434-1168.
Stewardship hours

Thank you, again and again, to our wonderful congregation for giving of your time during 2017! Our collaborative service hours goal for 2017 was 5,500 hours. However, when the final tallies for December were accounted for, 2017 SUMC service hours total was 7,157… that’s a whopping 1,657 hours above and beyond our goal. That being said, and celebrated, our goal for 2018 is 6,000 hours.

New Member Welcomes and New Member Information Nights

Please greet and welcome our newest church members Ruth Leiburn and Michelle (and daughter Lauren) Weed. As of 2018 they’ve transferred their memberships to SUMC! Welcome to all three of you, we hope you have found warm smiles and fellowship within our congregation.

Pastor Eric hosts New Member Information Nights, on the second Sunday of each month, from 6:30 - 7:30 at church. This is an opportunity to get questions answered about the United Methodist church and membership within this Suamico congregation. You can R.S.V.P. to attend the Sunday morning of the event. The next night on February 11th.

Book Club

Welcome readers one and all (even if you haven’t read the book.)

We’re meeting on February 11th, 6:00 pm at Julie’s Café on Velp to discuss “The Chilbury Ladies Choir” by Jennifer Ryan. The book explores how a village can endure the onslaught of World War II, how monumental history affects small lives and how survival is as much about friendship as it is about courage. Come join us for discussion and fellowship. Contact the office (920) 434-1168 for more info.

Education

Join us Sunday mornings for Faith Finders. Classes are for ages 4yr old-Adult. Class times are 9:15-10:15. All are welcome, no prior registration required. There is adult supervised nursery care during this time slot.

Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent. Each Sunday of Lent is a “Little Easter”. Check out the Education Hallway to see our Lent 101 information. You might find out something you didn’t know before!

This year our Faith Finders students are collecting offerings for UNICEF please keep this important organization in your thoughts and prayers.

Adult Fellowship Dinner

The next Adult Fellowship Dinner is Thursday, February 22nd at Townline on Lineville in Suamico.

Adult Fellowship gathers the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm in local restaurants. With a group of about 20-25 adults, you will find food, fun and fellowship. To R.S.V.P. please contact the office at (920) 434-1168.

The Winter into Spring schedule is March 22 at Legends (their Howard west side location), April 26 at Mackinaws (eastsdie Green Bay) and May 24 at Hotel Seymour in Seymour.

Also, a word of thanks to the Adult Fellowship group for their Christmas Jar collections. With this collection, we were able to purchase additional bibles in the pews. They also used their Christmas Jar collections to purchase the green song books in the pews.
**Financial Report**

Finance Committee Fun Facts (December 2017)

1. General Income received = $17,829 (December) $173,402 (Year-to-Date)
2. Income needed for Expenses = $14,862 (December) $171,846 (Year-to-Date)
3. Income outpaced expenses for 2017, and apportionments were paid in full.
4. Expenses were held under the budgeted amount for 2017 displaying fiscal responsibility from all members.
5. Any debt owed to the Building fund from the General Fund has been repaid in full!

6. The Finance Committee is looking for an individual or team of members with an accounting background to perform the audit of SUMC’s 3 accounts (Checking, Money Market & Building Fund). It is anticipated that the audit will take approximately 5 hours and is due to district in mid-April.

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### 2018 January Financial Report

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**Booyah Sunday**

The next booyah is **Sunday March 4th**

~ See ya real soon.

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**Church Nursery**

Our church nursery is in need of a sturdy changing table. Do you have a new or gently used one that you might be willing to donate? If so, please contact the church office (920) 434-1168. Thank you very much!

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**Parsonage maintenance and upkeep**

Everyone who owns a home knows that repairs and upgrades are always needed. The 10-year old wash machine at the parsonage has failed and will require replacement. We have savings to cover this in the Capital Improvement fund. If you would like to contribute to help maintain the fund for the “next need”, please make a donation and memo the check “capital improvement fund”.

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Let’s shop with SUMC $crip

We have “on-hand” cards for purchase at worship services to the following:

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THANK YOU to all who buy Scrip Cards! The Scrip Program turned over a profit of $3,000 to the Building Fund in December. With the small % we make on each card sold, this requires a lot of activity on the part of many of you. Donna Schneider and Kay Waugh are program coordinators and stock 20+ stores that many of you patronize regularly. It’s a simple way to make “free money” for our building fund. No monetary cost to you, just the bit of effort and planning to get the cards and use them. We order once a month and will get you any of over 700+ retailers on the long list at www.shopwithscrip.com, or we have printed lists in the church. Just let us know what you want.

Kohl's is one store that we can buy their scrip cards and use them to pay a Kohl's credit card bill at that store. This is uncommon, but useful in volume for our program.

For more information, please contact the office at (920) 434-1168.

Missions

Patricia Project

Our next meeting is at church at 9 - 3 on February 6. We will work on raggy quilts and washable hygiene pads. A potluck lunch is shared at noon, so bring a tasty something to share. You can bring a portable sewing machine with neutral thread if you have one. There are many tasks that do not require a sewing machine. If you haven't been able to join us before, you are sure to have fun, make friends and eat well. No special skills are required for this service outing.

P.A.C.E. Pulaski Pantry

The Pulaski pantry is kindly asking for donations of canned soups and canned meats (such as tuna, chicken, salmon, stew, and hash). When you’re at the grocery store, please consider purchasing a can or two for our pantry donation basket. It can be found on the shelves in the hallway by the church offices.

EPH – Ecumenical Partnership for Housing

What does “HOME” mean to you? Ecumenical Partnership for Housing (EPH) is providing over 40 formerly homeless families a place they can call home. We ask some of these families the same question, “What does home mean to you?” Here are a few of their answers.

Vera: “A place of comfort. A place where I can be myself. A place where the future begins”.

Jacki: “Safe, loving and stability. The feeling of comfort and happiness”

Corrie: “Home means having place for your family and kids to find their roots. It’s warmth, love, respect, and memories.”

Tiffany: “Home to me & my family is ‘us’. We have never really had a home of our own before here, so home means where our family is together.”

Your support for EPH provides the safety and stability of home for these families.
**WOMEN’S RETREAT**

Choosing Forgiveness Women’s 2-part Retreat - February 9-10, 2018

Friday night 6:00 pm we’ll meet Pastor Dawn Volpe and join in supper, song & fellowship.

Saturday 8:30 am for morning registration, coffee and pastries at Suamico United Methodist Church (3266 Lakeview Drive, Suamico). Lunch is included during the workshop this day.

The cost is $30. We welcome our SUMC members, friends and guests to please come join and enjoy. If you would like more information, please contact the office at (920) 434-1168.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE**

We have been working steadily through the winter toward our goal of a new sanctuary, having successfully completed our stewardship drive in raising the funds that could allow us to move forward with this building project. Our next steps are to finalize on our plan that we will present to the District Committee on Building and Location for approval. After that, we will again have a Church Conference, when you the congregation will vote on our decision to actually build a new sanctuary. If approved, we will move into a final bidding process and ultimately construction of the building. We are still in need of your continued prayers and financial support.

Scout Sunday is February 4th

The Scouts will be preparing a breakfast of pancakes and porkies between services on Scout Sunday, February 4th.

We hope you’ll come, eat hardy and celebrate scouting with food and fellowship.

Seasoned Seniors

Are you ready to eatza lotza pizza? On Thursday, February 8th from 11:30 - 2:00 it’s going to be all about pizza. Whether you like traditional pizza, veggie pizza or fruit pizza – we're going to have them all. Did you know, pizza is the #2 most popular fast food in America?! Lunch will also include tossed lettuce salad and bread sticks, as well as our usual desserts and beverages.

~ If there’s a baker in you, you are always welcome to bring a dessert to share at our buffet.

A few wise words from Henry Van Dyke’s *The Footpath to Peace*

~ be glad of life because it gives you the chance to love, to work, to play, and to look up at the stars

~ think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ

~ spend as much time as you can, with body and with spirit, in God’s out of doors
**United Methodist Women (UMW)**

UMW collects the General Mills “Box Tops for Education”. Please drop your box-tops in the basket on the donation shelves in the hallway by the church offices.

UMW’s next meeting is **Tuesday, March 13th**. We’ll see you then.

Remember when we had the blessing for the blankets, mittens, hats, etc. in the sanctuary prior to distribution? These items were appreciated! Please stop by the “thank you wall” in the office hallway, and see the kind thank you card we received for the warm gifts.

**United Methodist Women Assembly** is an awesome, inspirational, and empowering assembly that meets this year May 18-20 in Columbus, Ohio. This is an open opportunity for all women. Want to know more? For more information, please contact the office at (920) 434-1168.

**Medicine bottles**

We have 878 bottles cleaned, inside and out, ready for the Bread of Healing-Free Clinic on N. 16th Street in Milwaukee. We so much appreciate those of you who bring clean bottles in! A new tip I’ve just heard about is putting water into the plastic bottle, almost to the top and heating it in the microwave for about 12 seconds. This heats the plastic and glue so that you can peel off the label and the glue. It also helps in cleaning the inside of medicine residue, which has to be wiped out. The bottles we send are much appreciated and the cleaning of them is what makes ours so special. Consider also the recycling aspect! We are saving the environment for our kids, each in our own little corner of the world.

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**February 4th**

**National Home Made Soup Day**

**White Chicken Chili**

Serves 8 - 10 / Prep time 20 minutes / Cooking time 1½ – 2 hours

- ½ cup water
- 1 ½ - 2 lbs. boneless chicken (cooked and shredded)
- 48 oz. Great Northern beans
- 16 oz. jar of salsa
- 10 oz. pepper jack cheese (cut into 1/2” cubes)

Add all the ingredients, including the liquid from the beans, into a large crockpot and cook on high, stirring occasionally, until hot and cheese has melted through.

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**Youth Group**

**Come join the fun on Wednesday nights 6:00pm!**

Youth Group falls on Valentine’s Day this year and the youth are cooking dinner for their parents and chaperones.

It’s almost here! February 23 - 25 the youth will be heading out for their annual Winter Retreat at Camp Uni. Keep us in your prayers for safe travels and great fun.

The Youth Group is now accepting donations for their summer rummage sale. You can drop off your items on Sundays, or Wednesday nights, and put it in the old kitchen area of the church basement. No electronics are accepted, but all other items are appreciated.

We received a grant for $1800 through the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. The 30 Hour Famine will be April 20-21.
What’s up with other area UM churches

St. Paul’s UMC at 341 Wilson Avenue in Green Bay is hosting a Lumberjack Dinner Saturday, February 17th from 4:00 – 7:00
Adults: $10, kids 5-10: $5, 4 & under: Free
Your meal will begin with great entertainment, then awesome service, a family style meal and fellowship.
Menu items for the evening include roast beef, ham, potatoes, rutabagas, peas, baked beans, cheese, pickles, bread, pumpkin & apple pie, molasses cookies, coffee & milk

Pastor’s Pencil

Lent begins on Wednesday, February with an Ash Wednesday service. Ash Wednesday focuses on our sinfulness and our mortality - we’re not perfect, and we’re not immortal, both of which are part of being human. Ashes are a traditional sign of this.

Ash Wednesday is also the beginning of Lent. This is an explanation of Lent from umc.org, the official website of the United Methodist Church:

“Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.”

We can best prepare ourselves for Lent by making a commitment to a concrete spiritual practice. Here are some examples:
1. Practice the presence of God in your everyday life. This is what prayer is. Tell God what’s on your mind. Seek his help, and expect to receive it. Say short prayers throughout the day, such as “Help me”, “I thank you”, “forgive me”.
2. Give up something for Lent. Typically this is something pleasurable but not helpful. Examples might be alcoholic beverages or some unhealthy food. The point is not that these are sinful things. Rather, giving them up reminds us that Jesus gave up his life for us. The focus is on sacrifice.
3. Add something for Lent. Have a time of grace at mealtime if this is not part of your devotional life. Spend more time with family. Reach out to the poor in some concrete way through giving or volunteering
4. Fast. Pick a meal to give up once a week. Use the time to pray.
5. Read a gospel passage every day. The gospel of John is a great book to read during the week because of its personal focus on our relationship with God.
6. Attend church every week, including the special services of Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday - as you are able.

Any of these practice will help us grow closer to God. The message series during Lent will focus on building our relationship with God. I invite you to participate by committing yourself to Lenten practices and attending weekly worship.

See you in church,
Pastor Eric
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