

Welcome to our church family! Experience the warmth of our fellowship, the joy of worship, and the spirit of service with us. Children interested in attending Sunday School can join their teachers in Classroom 3 following the Children's Message.

Gratitude

- Thank you to all the dedicated workers who contributed to making this year's sale a huge success! We earned over \$3,400, despite enduring a week of extremely hot and humid days.
- Thank you for your continued support toward the outreach program, Food of Faith. Last Sunday we served 75 meals. It could not be done without the volunteers!

Celebrations

- Join us in the church fellowship hall after today's worship service to celebrate Jim and Donna Merrill's 70th wedding anniversary.
- Come and help celebrate the 60th anniversary of Eugene and Joye Kramer on Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Through the month of August, the Missions work area will be collecting snack items for our young neighbors at Bush Elementary School. Individually wrapped packages of granola bars, fruit snacks, animal crackers, etc. can be left on the Mission table near the main entrance. Many thanks.

The Adult Study on "John Wesley's Life and Theology," led by Rev. Bill Sanders, will continue to meet every Thursday in August from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

If you'd like to assist with the beautification of the Memorial Garden, the team will be gathering on August 21 at 10 a.m. Please bring your own tools and gloves, although some tools are available in the barn. For questions, see Karla Morgan.

Help us create a warm and welcoming atmosphere at Fellowship Time! We're looking for gracious volunteers to sign up on the bulletin board and host this cherished gathering. By providing snacks, coffee, and a variety of beverages, you can help make our post-Worship Service fellowship a delightful experience for all. If you haven't done this before, there are several people available to help explain what's needed.

Looking ahead

August 13

10:30 am Needleworkers

August 14

6:30pm Needleworkers

August 15

6:30 pm Adult Study "John Wesley's Life and Theology" led by Rev. Bill Sanders

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

August 17

9:00 am United Methodist Men Breakfast @ Krzysiak's

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

August 19

6:00 pm [UW in Faith] Executive Officer's Meeting

August 20

10:30 am Needleworkers

August 22

6:30 pm Adult Study "John Wesley's Life and Theology" led by Rev. Bill Sanders

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

August 24

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

August 25

9:30 am Worship Service with Recognition Sunday (3rd Grade Bibles)

August 26

6:30 pm Governance Board Meeting

August 27

10:30 am Needleworkers

5:30 pm Brownie Troop 50560

August 28

6:30 Needleworkers

August 29

6:30 pm Adult Study "John Wesley's Life and Theology" led by Rev. Bill Sanders

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

August 31

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

September 2

12:00 pm Golden Friends (to be determined)

September 3

10:30 am Needleworkers

September 5

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

September 7

9:00 am United Methodist Men @ Krzysiak's

7:00 am Narcotics Anonymous

September 8

9:30 am Sermon by Rev. John Kasper, superintendent of Central Bay UMC District

Blessing of the Pillowcase Mission

Sunday School Kick-off

1:00-4:00 pm [Fellowship Hall] Reserved for Kramer's 60th Anniversary

September 10

10:30 am Needleworkers

5:30 pm Brownie Troop 50560

September 11

6:30 pm Needleworkers

September 12

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

September 14

9:30a-12:30p [Reserved] Fellowship Hall & Esther's Parlor

10:00 am [UW in Faith] Gathering

7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous

September 15

11:00 am BYOB Potluck (Build your own Burger)

September 17

10:30 am Needleworkers

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ORGAN FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

On Sunday August 11, 2024 we are kicking off a fundraising campaign to replace our 34-year-old failing organ. The Governance Board approved the purchase of a modest new Allen Organ. The purchase will require a Church bridge. Our goal is to raise the \$72,000 approved by the Board for the Organ.

We considered looking for a used organ, but they are in high demand, hard to find and generally come without a warranty. A new Allen Organ comes with 10-year parts and 5-year labor warranties. We have a unique opportunity through negotiations by organist/consultant Leon Beaudin to obtain a new Allen Organ valued at \$118,000 for \$72,000, a 39% savings! This is accomplished by Leon's long-standing relationship with the dealer, sheparding the dual purchases for Grace West UMC and St. Lukes UMC for identical organs, being frugal with features and getting chosen options at a lesser price. Additionally, St. Lukes is benefiting by having \$2100 in existing organ repairs forgiven, receiving \$10,000 trade-in for our existing organ which is approximately double the value of such an organ in pristine condition, and paying no consulting or commission fees. Leon is an amazing negotiator!!

There is a downside It will take 4-6 months for the new Organ to be built and installed, and as part of the trade-in deal, we have agreed to allow the dealer to take our organ early if needed by another Church as a fill in organ before receiving their new one. So, we may be without an organ for some period.

It is important that we act Now to take advantage of negotiated savings and use Church bridge funds that will be needed to go forward next year with a priority Church parking lot project. And we are off to a good start with \$12,900 from the Church Organ Fund, a generous donation from the Pierce Family in memory of Marilyn, and others who appreciate the music and excitement Leon has brought to worship! We envision an active campaign that all can invest in their Church and the music of worship. We will keep you posted on Campaign financial progress and seek your help with any needed fundraisers.

WE CAN DO THIS! BE AN ORGAN DONOR!!

Dan Morgan & Mary Lewis, Campaign Chairs
Leon Beaudin, Consultant & Organ Guru

