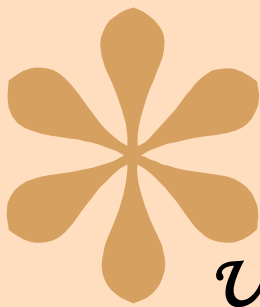


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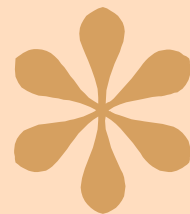


Upcoming Special Sundays

February 21 Scout Sunday

*March 14 One Service Sunday
Actor-Alan Atwood
Luncheon to Follow*

March 21 Youth Worship Service



From the Corner Office

It Happened When We Weren't Looking

A friend of mine recently passed along a book to me that I've found to be fascinating reading. The book is entitled, "The Connecting Church," written by Randy Frazee, the senior pastor at the Pantego Bible Church in Arlington, Texas.

In his book, Frazee makes the case that the flip side of the benefits to suburban life is that it's helped to create an individualism that has bred, "the most intense isolation since the day Adam spent alone on the sixth day of creation."

The result of this intense isolation, Frazee says, is the loss of community that once was an integral part of American life. Fifty years ago, he points out, neighborhoods were busy, bustling "villages" where life was routinely shared with neighbors and friends. Nowadays, he says, just the opposite is true; it's the exception and not the rule to know your neighbors and share common experiences.

One of the most destructive side effects of this isolation, Frazee says, has been the growing belief in the principle of "*rights over responsibility*." In this principle, Frazee says,

"the pursuit and protection of one's rights always wins out over one's responsibility to his or her neighbor. When community life is strong, everyone looks out for each other. We are our 'brother's keeper.' When individualism reigns as the predominant way of life, there is no one to look out for you. You must take on this role for yourself, and it is a full-time job."

It's sad to say but Frazee is right on the money. Ask a child on a playground to "play nice" and he or she will quickly let you know that you're infringing on his or her rights. That's, of course, just the "tip of the iceberg." It's reached the point where it seems like no one is willing to take responsibility for anything anymore.

The antidote is to start rebuilding our sense of community, Frazee says, and he offers some practical ideas. In the summer sit out front instead of out back on your patio or deck. Don't be surprised, he says, to soon find yourself having conversations with your neighbors. He also suggests baking a plate of cookies to take to your neighbors once a month for the next six months and see what happens. Or spontaneously, invite friends or neighbors over and then order out for pizza.

Church life is no different, Frazee also points out. Church is the last place you should feel alone in a crowd but it happens even in the friendliest of churches. How do we then make sure we're building community in our church? Here's a few ideas:

- Take time to "visit" before and after church. Come 15 minutes early and stay 15 minutes after worship.
- Be intentional. Don't always talk with old friends. Strike up a conversation with someone you don't know.
- Introduce old friends to someone you just met.
- Go out for brunch after church and invite old and new friends to go with you.
- Join one of our fellowship groups.
- Bring someone to a non-worship event.
- Sing in one of the choirs.
- Be a "Bethany Friend" and be a care-giver to one of our shut-in's.
- Have a spontaneous pizza night and invite church friends. If it doesn't work the first time don't be discouraged. Remember those you invite have just as busy schedules as you.

American life has changed dramatically since the days when neighbors were truly neighborly and it was commonplace for friends to drop by on the spur of the moment. The sense of community that was once an integral part of American life has gone the way of black and white TV's and manual typewriters. But if we miss it, as Randy Frazee says, there's also something we can do about it. We can start building a better sense of community in our neighborhood, with our friends and even here at church. But like with so much of life, if something is going to happen, it has to start with you and me.

Words of Kindness

Congratulations to **Terri Vivoda** and **John Strange** who were married at Bethany on February 3, 2010.

Congratulations to **Danielle Goulette** who skied for Madison Memorial in the State High School Ski Meet last weekend in LaCrosse.

Adult Fellowship

Come to Adult Fellowship Club potluck at noon on Friday, February 26 in Room 228. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share; the Olsons will provide beverages.

For the program at about 1:00 pm Vaughan James will share photos of his beautiful yard and explain why the various varieties of flowers were selected.

All are most welcome to enjoy all or part of this time of fellowship.

AGAPE

On Wednesday, March 10, at 6:30 pm Agape will hold its monthly meeting. There will be a light supper, and afterwards Tom Popp, a Bethany staff member, will present the program.

In 2005 Tom helped to organize and find funding for a project for orphans in Karonga, Malawi, where he had served as a Peace Corps Volunteer 40 years earlier. The pandemic of AIDS, combined with the effects of malaria, tuberculosis, and other diseases has caused over one million Malawian children to lose one or both of their parents. This project, which is now on-going, provides caring support for about 350 of those children in 6 villages in the Karonga District.

Tom will show slides of his trips to Karonga, and he will discuss how the project is helping these orphans to meet their basic needs, to prevent disease, to get an education, and to live a better life.

Contact Kathy Nelson at nelsonkathy533@gmail.com with questions or 233-1146. All are welcome.

Prime Timers

It's a BIRTHDAY BASH! We're celebrating everyone's birthday, even yours! We'll meet in Adams Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 20 at 6:00 pm as usual, and have a special birthday party afterwards.

Please bring:

- ☺ wife, husband, friend(s)
- ☺ a wrapped, white elephant gift
- ☺ your own plate and silverware
- ☺ something for the potluck

Do Not Bring: DESSERT...that will be provided.

Call Marge or Dave Lyford, 233-5930 or Kathy Nelson, 233-1146 if you have any questions.

Reflections Book Study

Our March selection is *Faith and Politics* by John C. Danforth. A former U.S. Senator, U.S. Ambassador to the UN, and ordained Episcopal priest, Danforth discusses some societal issues and concludes his book with a chapter that uses Romans 12 as the basis for describing how a Christian might approach politics. Please join our discussion at Bethany on March 15 at 2:30 pm.

This group normally meets on the third Monday afternoon of each month. Copies of books are available on loan from the regional library system or copies (new and used) could be purchased from local and/or online sources. Contact Phil Cox, 835-6559 if you have questions, have difficulty locating a copy of a book, and/or wish to be put on the group email list.

2010 Bethany Directory

The February edition of the Bethany Directory is now available. Copies are available in the Narthex on the stand by the phone. (look for the beige cover). Please check your directory listing for errors. Contact the church office 238-6381 if there are any changes.



Finance

Bethany's Financial Picture at the End of December 2009

by Rod McKenzie, Lay Leader

Bethany UMC finished the 2009 financial year in very good shape. Nationally, and perhaps globally, we closed out the year with cautious optimism that the recession has bottomed out and that we can expect the economy to start growing steadily over the next year or so. Talk of recovery is more reasonable although unemployment remains high. The conditions we faced at the outset of the year gave us genuine concern, so we were quite careful to hold spending in check, and had to be ready to make adjustments if necessary. Still, we want to maintain the ministries that have been a hallmark of Bethany as we look forward. Our members have proven to be very faithful to a future of outreach, growth, fellowship, and good stewardship.

The budget for contributions and other income for the year was \$506,612, and at the end of December we had received \$510,534, or 100.8% of our budget. Most of that amount (\$330,216) was the pledged giving of our members. In addition to the pledges, we received un-pledged offerings of \$52,485, and apportionment gifts of \$15,093. It is worth noting that the un-pledged offering total was almost \$14,000 more than in 2008.

Our programs and ministry comprised the majority of our expenses, as we used those sources of funds this year. The overall expense budget was \$516,615, and we came in with actual spending at \$504,547 or 97.7%. The budget at the end of December for the staff salaries, and other related expenses was \$321,624. The actual amount spent was \$311,828 or 96.7%. The budget that the Trustees use to maintain the facility and meet the costs of heat, light, insurance, and the like was \$79,200. This category had actual spending by the end of December of \$79,200, or 100%.

The actual expenses were less than actual income by \$5,987.

The Finance Committee would like to thank all who supported Bethany UMC through their tithes and offerings for 2009. With your gifts and contributions, both pledged and un-pledged, our ministry is stronger because you have given generously. Your support throughout the year has made 2009 a success for Bethany, both financially and spiritually and we look forward to your continued support in 2010.

Church Women United

Church Women United met on February 5 at Dale Heights Presbyterian Church. After a delicious breakfast, Ann Sowaske, president, conducted a short business session.

Our special speaker was Dr. Carmen Porco, who is the chief executive officer of Housing Ministries of American Baptists in Wisconsin. With his true perspective based on his Christian faith, he presented the need for the kind of low-income housing and community development in which the local residents have a voice. He pointed out that when the local residents participate in community development schools become effective channels in reducing poverty and students do well in their studies. He commended Church Women United for its participation in such community issues.

Faith Bauman

Bethany on Madison.com

Madison.com is a free community website where Bethany has a presence and where Bethany can advertise activities and events. If you have a special event that is coming up, let Tom Popp know as far in advance as possible. E-mail him at BethanyChurchLife@WisconsinUMC.org. Here's a free way to invite everyone to what's happening at Bethany. Let's use it!

Brewer Baseball

Brewer Baseball

Here we are again, a new baseball season! Are you ready to make your plans for Brewer Baseball with Bethany United Methodist Church?

We are trying something new for this year that was not available last year—FRIDAY NIGHT GAMES with bonus pricing! Everyone seems to like the idea of no work the next day, so we're taking advantage of that.

We are planning TWO trips, so mark your calendars, and make your plans with friends:

May 14 (vs. Philadelphia Phillies) Seats located in Section 110, Rows 15-19

August 27 (vs. Pittsburgh Pirates) Seats located in Section 110, Rows 11-14

The bus will leave from church at 4:15 pm and will stop at the Dutch Mill Park and Ride at 4:40 pm. (Games start this year at 7:10 pm)

Another difference for 2010—we are ordering 20 additional tickets in the hope that people who have friends or relatives in the Milwaukee area may ask them to join our group at Miller Park at bonus night pricing, otherwise not available to them. Remember, it is imperative that we reach 50 or more tickets to guarantee our bonus pricing, so the extra ticket sales may make a big difference.

Tickets to the game, including bus transportation, will be \$44. We must have a minimum of 40 (with room for 50) to guarantee all costs related to busing are covered.

Until at least 40 tickets are sold for the bus, people interested in getting extra tickets only for friends near Milwaukee will be on hold, with priority given to earliest requests. Tickets to the game without the bus, will be \$27 each. We need to commit to our exact number of tickets 30 days prior to the actual game date and the tickets you reserved are yours.

Place your reservation as early as possible with me by phone (608-661-0583) or email gkramer40@gmail.com or simply mail to: **Glenn Kramer, 2 South Blackhawk Ave., Madison 53705-3317**. As in previous years, no money will be deposited until the final order for tickets is placed. Separate checks for each game date, please.

Reminder: No alcoholic beverages allowed on the bus, but may be purchased at the park.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Glenn Kramer. Thanks for your interest, past participation, and, I hope, your participation in one or both games for 2010.

The Ministry of Softball

Temperatures are rising, the snow is melting and "Bethany Flames Co-Ed Softball" is just around the corner. We are looking forward to another fun season this summer. Sign-up cards are available from Ric Johnson and at the church.

The season begins May 5. Several preseason practices will be held as weather permits on Sunday afternoons. Games will be played on Friday evenings. The team application and participant forms need to be submitted by March 27, so please sign up early. For questions, please contact Ric at 663-4910, cell phone (608-320-5877) or by email at ejohnson2171@gmail.com.

There is no way of predicting team results, but we promise good fun, great camaraderie, and "Cookies." Get your ball gloves out, do your stretches, play catch with your kids and "Sign-Up" now.



Church Council

January Church Council Meeting Highlights

Church Council met January 27 for the first 2010 meeting. The meeting's agenda included the following business: 1) Fifty-three members attended the **Ministry Team Training** on January 23. One of the purposes of the training session was to provide an opportunity for team members to assess 2009 team goals and begin establishing 2010 goals. 2) We discussed ways the 2010 Major Emphasis Goals for all Ministry Teams could be incorporated into Team Action Plans. We need to make Bethany visible in the community. 3) Because Bethany does not have a publicity person, each team needs to give attention to publicity. Tom Popp is compiling resources on publicity. Team publicity persons can contact him for this resource. 4) Representatives from each of the **Program Ministries Teams**: Children and Youth Enrichment, Church Life, Membership, and Outreach reported on team progress. **Guiding Ministries Teams**: Finance, Trustees, Staff Parish Relations, and Church Council provided updates. The **Membership Team** is working on ways to invite new members. Madison.com is a website we can use for publicity. The website task force (a Membership Team responsibility) is meeting. There was a gathering with Vivosity for the discovery phase of website development on February 13 and another is planned for February 20 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The **Outreach Team** goals for 2010 include a focus on food security, seeking a balance between works of mercy and works of justice, and a continued refinement of goals. **The Church Life Team** is forming sub-teams for various tasks in 2010. The **Children and Youth Enrichment Team** reported that the Middle School group planned to conduct a book/music sale on February 14 with the proceeds going to Haitian relief. **The Finance Team** reported that we finished 2009 in the black. Organ reconditioning fundraising is being planned. Pledges are up slightly for 2010. **Trustees** reported there is a project underway to videotape building contents for insurance documentation. The Council approved the motion of the **Staff Parish Relations Team** to increase the Youth Director position to fifteen hours per week. **Boy Scouts** reported there is a new Eagle Scout, Prteek Chhetri. The next Church Council meeting will be Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Submitted by,
Ric and Cathie Johnson
Church Council Co-Chairs

Let's Become a Greener Church!

Computer printer used ink cartridges – Don't throw them out. They can be refilled at many places, e.g. Walgreens for \$10 each or donate them to the church where they will be recycled at Office Depot for \$3 each (funds going for church supplies). The Cartridge Recycle Box is in the church office.

Have questions about becoming greener? Or ideas/suggestions for greener church actions?
Put a note in the Green Box in the church office and we'll get back to you if you leave a name and contact information.

Simple Gifts for February 2010 will benefit Madison Area Food Pantry Gardens.

Fresh vegetables are often not an item found at local food pantries. Using land the Food Pantry Gardens Project is allowed to use rent-free, vegetables are grown and delivered for use by local food pantries. All work is done by volunteers and the annual expenses of about \$7,000 are funded by donations. Your Simple Gifts donations in February will be used to help purchase seeds, plants, and supplies needed for the four plus acres that will be planted this summer. Details on volunteer work opportunities will be announced later this spring.

More information is available on the web site (www.foodpantrygardens.org). To contribute put loose coins in the collection plate or put a check or currency in a Missions envelope. Write Food Pantry Gardens on the outside of the envelope. Make checks payable to Bethany UMC.

The Road Home

Bethany Volunteers Needed for Next Rotation for The Road Home Shelter Program

During December Bethany hosted families from The Road Home shelter program for a Christmas dinner and shopping experience. In March our congregation has the opportunity to be part of the ongoing volunteer program of the shelter program when we "buddy" with Temple Beth El and Blessed Sacrament to host the families for a week. **From Sunday, March 21 through Sunday, March 28** up to 14 homeless children and their parents will stay at Temple Beth El. As a buddy congregation, we're responsible for helping Temple Beth El and Blessed Sacrament congregation members feed and spend time with these 14 people. Temple Beth El is just off Monroe Street (behind Michael's Frozen Custard).

We need volunteers for almost all shifts, all days. Please take a look at your calendars and the brief descriptions below and see how you and your family might like to participate. YES, you can bring your children! In fact, it's a great way for an entire family to be in ministry together! If you haven't volunteered before, we will pair you with veterans. Also, there are **training sessions scheduled at the Road Home office on Wednesday, March 3 at 5:30 pm or Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm**. The training sessions are a great way of learning about programs at The Road Home and the ways they support the homeless families throughout Madison as they move into permanent shelter.

Please feel free to contact Kristi Baker at 608-692-9423 or kristi.baker@sbcglobal.net if you have questions or would like to be added to the volunteer list. Most of the correspondence for volunteers is conducted via email, so please provide an email address if you are interested in helping.

Available Volunteer Roles

Sunday only - Set Up

Unpack the van on Sunday, March 21 at 11:00 am and move the families' items into their rooms. *Time commitment: 1 hour*

Sunday only - Take Down

Pack the van at 7:00 am on Sunday, March 28 and clean up the living space at Temple Beth-El. *Time commitment: 1 hour*

Volunteers are needed for each shift listed below from Sunday, September 21 - Saturday, September 27

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Arrive at 5:00 pm and make sure evening is set up for a buffet or family style dinner. Eat with the families and help with clean up after dinner.

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Arrive at Temple at 7:00 pm. Play with the kids, do projects, go to Wingra Park if weather permits (with parent's permission). Parents often have workshops and classes during this time. It is a great volunteer opportunity for teenagers who like kids.

9:00 pm - 7:00 am Overnight

Arrive at Temple at 9:00 pm and make sure all the families are winding down and getting ready to return to their own rooms. Sleep over and wake the families up for their 7:00 am pick-up. NOTE: Pick up on Saturday morning the 27th is at 9:00 am.

Dinner Drop Off

The dinner coordinators will call you and ask you to bring a designated amount of food (eg. tacos for 20, brownies for 10 etc.) that would be dropped off at Temple by 5:00 pm (or the day before), ready to be served for the 5:00-7:00 pm shift.

Groceries

Buy a requested amount of staple grocery items to be used by the families during the week at Temple. The groceries would be dropped off Saturday the 20th or Sunday the 21st.

FYI - Next Rotations are as follows:

Week of June 27 - July 3

Week of August 22 - 28

Week of December 12 - 18

Youth Ministries

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High School

Sunday, February 21—Youth Group—11:30 am—1:00 pm in the Youth Room

Saturday, February 27—Youth Group—10:45 am

Meet at church to prepare and serve lunch for Habitat for Humanity work day

Sunday, February 28—Mission Trip Parent and Youth Informational Meeting—10:00 am in the Youth Room

Sunday, February 28—Youth Group—11:30 am—1:00 pm in the Youth Room

Middle School

Sunday, February 21—Youth Group

3:30 to 5:00 pm in the Youth Room

Sunday, February 28—Mission Trip Parent and Youth Informational Meeting for 8th graders attending the Youth Mission Trip—10:00 am in the Youth Room

Youth Group—3:30 to 5:00 pm in the Youth Room

Looking Ahead—Some future dates to get on your calendar:

Sunday, March 14—Rehearsal for Youth Worship Service

Sunday, March 21—Youth Worship Service

**Please note: this date has been changed from March 14 to accommodate church scheduling issues.

Saturday, April 24—Spring Rent-A-Youth in lieu of the Rummage Sale

Sunday, May 9—Mother’s Day Cookie Sale Fundraiser

Mission Trip Meeting Dates

Sunday, February 28: 10:00 to 10:45 am Parent and Youth Mission Trip General Info and Forms Meeting

You will be receiving the forms, which you are welcome to fill out on the spot. You will also receive packing info, dress, and other Youthworks policy info.

Sunday, April 18: 6:00 to 7:30 pm *Preparation Meeting*

You must complete and return all forms to Becky by this date.

Sunday, June 20: 11:00 am to 1:00 pm *Final Prep Meeting*

We will have lunch, get wound up about the trip and discuss final details.



2010 Confirmation Class:

- Matthew Thomas Goulette
- Ian Christopher Hindle
- Nicholas Ryan Kimball
- Samuel Thomas Kimball
- Bailey Ann Leighton
- Emily Marie O’Malley
- Madelon Mae Peterson
- Jared Daniel Wilson
- Katelyn Rose Zutter

Children Ministries

Sunday School News

February Calendar

Sunday, February 21—Unified
Cinema Sunday

Sunday, February 28—Regular
Sunday School



Contact Info:

If you have any questions or comments,
I can be reached at: kschaller@mhtc.net or 437-1159
Office Hours: Sundays 8:00-12:00
Kara Schaller— Director of Children’s Ministries

HospiceCare Question-and-Answer Seminar: “Making the Hospice Choice”

Learn what hospice is and who is eligible at HospiceCare’s next question-and-answer seminar, “Making the Hospice Choice.” Participants will learn about the many hospice services and programs and how choosing hospice means choosing a higher quality of life. This free seminar will be held on Tuesday, March 9, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center, 5395 E. Cheryl Parkway, Madison. Pre-registration is requested; please call Carrie Glantz, HospiceCare public affairs, at (608) 327-7202.

HospiceCare Grief Support Groups for March

In March, HospiceCare Inc. will begin three grief support group series and offer two recurring support groups for those grieving the death of a loved one. HospiceCare will also offer an informational seminar for caregivers. All groups are open to the public, free of charge, held at the Don & Marilyn Anderson HospiceCare Center and require pre-registration unless otherwise noted. **Bridges Weekly Support Group** is held every Wednesday, from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Pre-registration is not required. **Journey Through Grief** will be held Tuesdays, March 16 – April 27, from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. **Mother Loss Grief Support Group** will be held Wednesdays, March 24 – April 21, from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. **Powerful Tools for Caregivers** will be held Tuesdays, March 9 – April 20, from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm at GHC -Hatchery Hill, 3051 Cahill Main in Fitchburg. There is a \$10 fee to attend. **Managing Self-Care** will be held Tuesdays, starting March 16, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm. This seminar is for those caring for someone with a progressive or terminal illness. To get more information or register for any of these groups, call HospiceCare at (608) 276-4660 and ask to speak with a grief counselor.

Simple Gifts for Easter Sunday

Simple Gifts for the Easter Sunday offerings will go to support Porchlight, which provides emergency shelter and low cost housing in Dane County. Their mission statement indicates that “Porchlight strives to decrease the Dane County homeless population by providing shelter, housing, supportive services and a sense of community in ways that empower residents and program participants to positively shape their lives.” Porchlight is the largest supplier of low cost housing in Dane County and comprises an emergency shelter for men, Safe Haven (housing and intensive services for men and women suffering from serious mental illness), 172 room or efficiency units and 55 family units.

Each year roughly 3,500 Madison residents experience homelessness. According to the most recent census data more than 38% of renters are under stress because they must pay over 30% of their income as rent. To pay at that percentage in Madison would require a full-time job that pays \$14.46 an hour. For many in Madison this is simply out of reach. Personal difficulties such as job loss, divorce, and mental or physical illness increase vulnerability to homelessness but do not come close to accounting for the number of people living in homelessness today.

Peace Corner

For a great many years, Bob and June Sanks were faithful members of Bethany, despite the fact that their home is in Columbus and to come to church meant a long commute for them. Now, they are both nearly 90 years old and driving has become more difficult. For that reason, they have transferred their membership to Columbus UMC. Throughout the years, Bob and June were actively involved in peace and justice issues. The following statements inspire their everyday involvement in peacemaking.

From an 18th Century Cleric:

Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
In all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
At all the times you can, to all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

John Wesley

From a 21st Century Buddhist Monk:

May I become at all times
A protector for those without protection
A guide for those who have lost their way
A bridge for those with rivers to cross
A lamp for those without light
A sanctuary for those in danger
A place of refuge for those without shelter.

The Dalai Lama

Allied Partner Update

Eleven years ago this month, Bethany joined the Allied Partner coalition of churches in its mission to assist our neighbors in the Allied-Dunn's Marsh area.

Throughout the years, we have provided generous support of the Allied Partner projects, with the aim of helping people cope with the many serious problems associated with living in poverty. The neighborhood has changed during the years. The city has built some attractive low rent housing, but poverty remains as well as many social, emotional, and spiritual problems. For a time, drug dealers were forced out and crime and violence decreased. However, drug use remains a problem. Following is an update on the three major Allied Partner projects:

The Allied Food Pantry—The pantry is staffed by congregational and neighborhood volunteers. An average of 160 families were served each month during 2009. Bethany contributed \$1,600 last year and a great many grocery bags of food items!

The Eviction Prevention Project—During 2009, \$15,319 in eviction prevention funds were disbursed to a total of 83 neighborhood families. Bethany contributed \$2,681 during the year for this project which assists families in keeping their home when the family income is disrupted by sudden emergencies such as sickness, unemployment, or an unexpected expenditure. Those involved in administering the project are considering changes in how the funds are distributed, for example, increasing the amounts given to a family, and focusing more on case management for that family, so it will more likely be successful. The county social worker will be working with the Allied Partner organization in making any changes in policy.

The Allied Wellness Center—During 2009, Bethany supported this program with a contribution of \$1,500. The Center, directed by Community Parish Nurse, Susan Corrado, promotes holistic health and wellness through education, support groups, and advocacy; improving access to health and social services; building a greater sense of community among residents; and working collaboratively with neighborhood services and groups. Susan plans to resign in June after six amazing years of service. The Wellness Center will be undergoing a transformation to a social cooperative model, where those receiving services would need to be a member of the cooperative and required to participate in any of a variety of ways.

The contributions made by Bethany...financial support, groceries, caps and mittens, etc...are sincerely appreciated by a great many people!

Weeks Ahead at Bethany

Attendance

Friday, February 19

Women's AA 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 20

Website Planning Session 9:00 am

Madison Song Masters 9:00 am

UMW Arts & Crafts 9:00 am

Prime Timers 6:00 pm

Sunday, February 21

Worship 8, 9, & 10:45 am

Unified Cinema Sunday 9:15 am

Faithlink 9:15 am

Children & Youth Tm Mtg 10:30 am

High School Youth 11:30 am

Middle School Youth 3:30 pm

Cub Scout Blue and Gold 5:00 pm

Madison Chamber Choir 6:00 pm

Monday, February 22

WI Children's Choir 5:00 pm

Tuesday, February 23

Yoga 9:45 am

3 Simple Rules Bible Study 5:45 pm

Uppity Women of the Bible 6:00 pm

Cambrian Welsh Singers 6:45 pm

Martial Arts 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 24

Overeaters Anonymous Noon

UW Preschool 1:00 pm

Proud Theater 5:30 pm

Church Life 6:00 pm

Church Council 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 25

Angelus Bells 5:00 pm

Yoga 5:20 pm

Carillons 6:15 pm

Praise Song 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir 7:30 pm

Friday, February 26

CWU Board 9:30 am

Adult Fellowship Noon

Ecumenical Choir Noon

Women's AA 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 27

Madison Song Masters 9:00 am

Bethany Friends 10:00 am

Sunday, February 28

Worship 8, 9, 10:45 am

Sunday School 9:15 am

Faithlink 9:15 am

Mission Trip Info Mtg 10:00 am

High School Youth 11:30 pm

Peace Fellowship Noon

Middle School Youth 3:30 pm

Madison Chamber Choir 6:00 pm

Monday, March 1

AARP Drivers Safety 9:00 am

WI Children's Choir 5:00 pm

Madison Interfaith Group 6:45 pm

Tuesday, March 2

Yoga 9:45 am

3-Simple Rules Bible Study 5:45 pm

Uppity Women of the Bible 6:00 pm

Martial Arts 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 3

Overeaters Anonymous Noon

Susanna Circle 1:00 pm

Proud Theater 5:30 pm

Carillons 6:15 pm

Outreach 7:00 pm

UMW 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 4

Yoga 5:20 pm

UW Preschool 5:30 pm

Praise Song 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir 7:30 pm

A look at our faithfulness

February 7, 2010

8:00 am worship	19
9:00 am worship	60
10:45 am worship	94

Total 173

February 14, 2010

8:00 am worship	15
9:00 am worship	93
10:45 am worship	79

Total 187

Worship Volunteers 2/21

Worship Volunteers 2/28

Altar Flowers donated by: Wilma E. Meyer
in memory of John B. Meyer

Greeters:

9:00 Scouts
10:45 Scouts

Ushers:

8:00 Bob Reese
9:00 Cub Scouts of Pack 120
10:45 Veteran Scouters

Liturgists:

8:00 Clarence Olson
10:45 Clarence Olson

Count Offering:

11:45 Shirley Anderson
Paul Simenstad

Pianist: Nan Becknell

Coffee: Kathy Doran
Nancy Stilwell

Greeters:

9:00 John Zurovitch
Kristin Zurovitch
Lauren Zurovitch

10:45 Faith Bauman
Barbara Kramer

Ushers:

8:00 Bob Reese
9:00 Lynne Keppler
Michelle Leighton

10:45 Phil Cox
Marge Lyford

Liturgists:

8:00 Jan Lorentz
10:45 Faith Bauman


Count Offering:

10:00 Bob Frint
11:45 Bob Frint
Rod McKenzie

Pianist: Helen Thayer

Coffee: Kathy Doran
Nancy Stilwell

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Traditional Worship	8:00 a.m.
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Traditional Worship	10:45 a.m.
Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Adult Education	9:15 a.m.
High School Youth Group	11:30 a.m.
Middle School Youth Group	3:30 p.m.

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