

# September 2023

## SIGNS OF LIFE

**The Burlington United Methodist Church is an inclusive Christian Community, dedicated to growth in Jesus Christ through worship, teaching and service.**



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# Pastor's Thoughts

Greetings,

Sometimes truth comes to us from the most unexpected of places. Recently I came across a posting on Facebook that read, "Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always." It made me immediately stop what I was doing and think for a moment about the enormous truth that the words convey.

The fact of the matter is that we all have things that we have to deal with in our lives. Some of these are enjoyable, fun even (the excitement of trying something or doing something you've never done before but are nervous to do). Others are not fun at all, and some are downright terrible. Often, we do not share or are not public about the struggles that we have in life, but that doesn't change the fact that they are there. The same is true for every person that you come across whether it is in school, on the street, or even at home. You may never know what is going on in a person's life, but you can choose to be kind. Even when it is hard. Even when the person you are being kind to isn't kind to you. Even when the person that you are struggling to be kind to is

a fellow driver who, in your estimation, is driving like a menace to society (ok, maybe that's just my deal). It might just be that they are battling something huge and a kind face or understanding voice is something that will improve their day.

Choose kindness. "Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about. Be kind. Always."

Until next time,

**Pastor Stanton**



CHOOSE  
kindness



# Administrative Council News

*The Administrative Council has been working the past several months on the following "Interest Indicator". Please watch for announcements as to when this will be presented at our services for discussion. At that time you will be given the opportunity to identify areas where you believe God has blessed you with the gifts to serve your church family. In the meantime, please prayerfully consider how you may help. Completed forms may be returned to the church office.*

## BURLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH INTEREST INDICATOR 2023

### *Our Vision Statement:*

*The Burlington United Methodist Church, is an inclusive Christian community, dedicated to growth in Jesus Christ through worship, teaching, and service.*

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Date/Month) \_\_\_\_\_

Which worship service do you "**usually**" attend?

\_\_\_ 5:00 p.m. Sat. \_\_\_ 10:30 a.m. Sun.

What are your preferences for involvement (check all that apply)

\_\_\_ One-time opportunities

\_\_\_ One-year Commitment

\_\_\_ Short-term opportunities

\_\_\_ Unable to serve this year

\_\_\_ Ongoing

\_\_\_ As needed basis

Do you prefer working:

\_\_\_ Alone

\_\_\_ With one or two persons

\_\_\_ With a group

Comment: \_\_\_\_\_

In general, what are some of your Hobbies/Interests/Passions?

What is or was your general field of employment?

Do you have Allergies that would affect church attendance? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

If so, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

**Some Specific Areas of Service/Interest**

Please check off all those areas where you might have an interest

Fellowship & Other Interests

- Refreshments after Worship
- Out to Eat group (monthly)
- Cooks Night Out Group
- Church Picnic helper
- Family Fellowship Activities
- Going to Plays/Theater/Events/Movies
- Sewing Group
- Decorating (Seasonal)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Worship

- Worship Committee (Once a quarter)
- New Member Welcome
- Lesson Leader
- Greeters
- Usher
- Provide Special Music [vocal]
- Provide Special Music [instrumental]
- Candle Lighter (Acolyte)
- Lay Person
- Communion Server
- Communion set up/clean-up
- Provide bread for Communion
- Sound System helper/PowerPoint
- Help pick Hymns
- Water Plants/Flowers
- Change Paraments
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Property

- Lawn Mowing
- Flowers and Weeding
- Bush/Tree Trimming
- Planting
- Cleaning committee (Vacuuming, Dusting, etc.)
- Help with one of the "Trades" if needed
- Which one(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Administration/Office

- Assist with Newsletter mailing
- Letter Coordinator for Outdoor Sign
- Sign Keeper Sub
- Office volunteer/Sub
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Health and Wellness and Missiona

- Deliver clothes to local "needy" agencies
- Deliver food to local "needy" agencies
- Visit Homebound
- Provide transportation to church
- Provide transportation to appointments
- Provide meals to members in need
- Perform monthly Blood Pressure checks
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Based on your selections above, In which area(s) do you generally find yourself most comfortable volunteering (check all that apply):

- Outreach
- Health and Wellness
- Worship
- Property Management
- Education and Faith Development
- Support: Time & Financial
- Office Help
- Fellowship
- Fundraisers



Income	Year-To-Date	Budgeted Amount
2023 General Fund Offering	\$73,057.27 (As of 8/15/2023)	\$144,000.00
2023 Apportionment Fund Offering	\$5,191.89	\$ 24,000.00 <i>(This equates to approximately \$17 per member per month.)</i>
2023 Prayerful Preservation Building Maintenance & Upkeep Fund	Year-To-Date \$3,691.51 New Balance \$30,899.12	N/A



Our church family is growing! Jeff and Gail Bixler have officially joined our church. We are blessed to have you!

# Church Ministries & Missions



## ANGELS ATTIC SALE

October 14, 2023

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Mark your calendars and start saving your treasures! Donations are needed. Please place your marked donations in the coat closet in the Gathering Area. Thank you!



The **BURLINGTON SENIOR CENTER** is having a Halloween cookie, cupcake, hot cocoa bomb sale on October 28<sup>th</sup>. If anyone

is interested in baking pumpkin cut outs (10 dozen total), please contact Judy Bratz (ESUMC) at [judybratz@yahoo.com](mailto:judybratz@yahoo.com). Thank you!



**MAKE IT WITH MYRT** (Sewing with Myrt) will continue to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. We make a

variety of items for mission projects. Please use the rear entrance of the building and consider joining us for a little creative fun. Call or text 262.763.9954 with any questions.

**CROCHETING WITH BEV** will take place every **TUESDAY** at BUMC beginning September 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. Beginners, experienced, all are welcome! No experience is

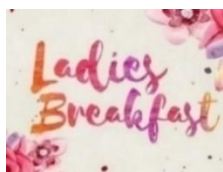
necessary. Please bring size “J” hook and 4-ply yarn or bring a project you would enjoy working on! Come, learn, exchange ideas, and enjoy the fellowship!



Hi Folks! Bet you are surprised to see and hear from me now. Usually, I show up the beginning of

November. But as you can see, I have been enjoying this beautiful Wisconsin summer and certainly hope you all have been doing the same. A lot of sitting on the deck watching what seems like hundreds of dogs being walked by their humans, some of course stop because they know my mom has dog biscuits out here and then we all get to visit. There's the occasional gathering on our “roof mates” deck which always leads to interesting conversations. And all on the cheap. No Motel Six having to keep the lights on for me. I got it all in my little corner of the world! But in spite of all this I am always thinking cookies (no biscuits for me) and that can only mean Christmas can't be far away. So, this is to announce that this year's **COOKIE DRIVE THRU (# 3)** will be held on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from 9:00 till noon or until we sell out. So, bakers get those recipes out and start pondering what you will bake this year. We had a fantastic sale last year and again a hard-working bunch of elves helping! So, elves let's get set to rumble again

in 2023! I CAN'T WAIT!!! See you in November for the big kick off. 🍷🍷



The next meeting of “**LADIES BREAKFAST**” will take place on September 30th at 9:00 a.m. at Pine Street Café in Burlington. No reservation is required.



“**KARCHER KUPBOARD**” is continually in need of our support.

Copies of the list of requested items is in the Gathering Area.

### KARCHER CUPBOARD WISH LIST

#### GIRLS:

Sports Bras - Small, Medium, or Large  
Underwear - Small, Medium, or Large  
Black Leggings - Small, Medium, or Large  
Women's Socks  
Hair Elastics, Ties, etc.

#### BOYS

Underwear - Small, Medium, or Large  
Men's Socks - White Athletic

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Hairbrushes  
Dry Shampoo  
Shampoo & Conditioner  
Deodorant (Men's and Women's)  
Dish Detergent  
Healthy Bar Snacks  
Healthy Treats  
Microwavable Kraft Macaroni & Cheese (Easy Mac)  
Microwavable Instant Oatmeal Packets  
Single Serve Goldfish Pouches

#### BOYS & GIRLS

Teen Appropriate Tennis Shoes  
Boys: Men's Size 7 to 10

Girls: Women's Size 6 to 9

Cash donations accepted for outstanding lunches charged.

For additional information, please contact Tom or Linda Gianoni at 860.736.4347.

The collection of items for the **CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX** project (through Samaritans Purse) is underway. This will be our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of providing 100 children between the ages of 4 and 14 in the USA and other countries with a shoebox full of items for Christmas. ESUMC and BUMC ship (50) shoeboxes each. The deadline for donations is October 15<sup>th</sup>. Lists of suggested items will be provided. In the past we have been able to pack 25-31 items in each shoebox. Prayerfully, we can continue to provide!

The **NEXT MISSIONS MEETING** is Wednesday, September 20th, at 3:00 p.m.

*Donna Reesman at 262.492.2419 or [mission@burlingtonumc.org](mailto:mission@burlingtonumc.org).*

### **COOKS NIGHT OUT**



Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Please bring a dish to pass.

As always, beverages and table service are provided.

Judy Vande Sande at 262.227.8679 is available to answer any questions.



# Church Prayers

Prayers for the following people in our church family:



*Marilou Hensen*

*Kelly Sizer*

*Donna McKusker*

*Jane Allen*

*Maxine Kubath*

*Lina Schaal*

*The Family of Ethel Ranker*

Hospitalized? Please let Pastor Stanton know if you or someone you know from the congregation is in the hospital and would like a visit from Pastor Stanton. Would you like a home visit? If so, please contact Pastor Stanton to set up a time. Church Office: (262)763-2288. Pastor Stanton Bockwoldt: (312)636-4427, Deanna Barels: (262)763-9713. Please check with Pat Hahn for prison ministries at (262)763-0894. Letters are so appreciated by those who are not able to enjoy freedom.

People of our church who are in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living Homes and Homebound need your prayers, cards, letters and visits. Below are the names of our shut-ins:

*Bill & Ginger Campbell* c/o Brookdale 429 Yellowstone Dr., Apt. 226, Madison, WI 53719  
Phone 608.467.2163

*Sally Rubach* c/o Hales Corners Care Center, 9449 W. Forest Home Ave. Hales Corners, WI 53130  
Phone: 414.529.6888.

*Marge Geddes* **New address as of 8/29/2023.** c/o Creamery Creek Assisted Living, 1049 Chicago Avenue, Viroqua, WI 54665.

*Shirley Kinsey* c/o Hamilton House, W76N629 Wauwatosa Road, #210, Cedarburg, WI 53012  
Phone: 262.421.8152

*Ed & Barb Johnson* c/o Pine Brook Point, 1001 S. Pine Street #52, Burlington, WI 53105



## Church Family Celebrations

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 7 - Joe Zuleger
- 10 - Molly Ellingstad, Jim Kubath
- 12 - Mark Caliva
- 13 - Nancy Zuleger
- 16 - John Koceja
- 24 - Joyce Dreis

### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 - Russ & Pam Chelf
- 10 - Jim & Maxine Kubath
- 18 - Fritz & Deanna Barels
- 20 - Bob & Marge Albrecht
- 25 - Michael & Jill Rozell

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <u>Praise Service with Holy Communion</u> 5:00 pm
3 <u>Traditional Service with Holy Communion</u> 10:30 am	4	5 <u>Crocheting with Bev</u> 1:30 pm	6 <u>Make It with Myrt</u> 1:00-3:00 pm	7 <u>Praise &amp; Worship Team Practice</u> 3:30-5:00 pm	8	9 <u>Praise Service</u> 5:00 pm
10 <u>Traditional Service</u> 10:30 am	11 <u>Jubilate Choir Practice</u> 7:00 pm-8:45 pm	12 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am-11:30 am <u>Crocheting with Bev</u> 1:30 pm	13	14 <u>Praise &amp; Worship Team Practice</u> 3:30-5:00 pm	15	16 <u>Praise Service</u> 5:00 pm
17 <u>Traditional Service</u> 10:30 am	18 <u>Jubilate Choir Practice</u> 7:00 pm-8:45 pm	19 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am-11:30 am <u>Crocheting with Bev</u> 1:30 pm <u>Ad Council Meeting</u> 6:00 pm	20 <u>Missions Meeting</u> 3:00 pm <u>Cooks Night Out</u> 5:30 p.m.  <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	21 <u>Praise &amp; Worship Team Practice</u> 3:30-5:00 pm	22	23 <u>Praise Service</u> 5:00 pm
24 <u>Traditional Service</u> 10:30 am	25 <u>Jubilate Choir Practice</u> 7:00 pm-8:45 pm	26 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am-11:30 am <u>Crocheting with Bev</u> 1:30 pm	27 <u>Make It with Myrt</u> 1:00-3:00 pm	28 <u>Praise &amp; Worship Team Practice</u> 3:30-5:00 pm	29	30 <u>Praise Service</u> 5:00 pm <u>Ladies Breakfast</u> 9:00 am Pine Street Café