

2026
April 19

Children and families are welcome in the Grace Space at the front, during worship.

Children will be called forward during service for Young Disciples time then head to Children's Chapel, with our youngest (3 and under) escorted to the Nursery.

*Indicates to stand as you are able.

Words in bold invite a community response.

Listening devices and large print hymnals are available. An usher will happily assist you.



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COMMUNITY
- UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949

Gathering Music

It Is Well with My Soul

Philip P. Bliss, arr. Cindy Berry

Welcome and Greeting

***Call to Worship**

On our journey of life,

Christ walks with us side by side.

While we gather here for worship,

May our lives be focused with praise and care.

As we open our eyes and hearts in this time,

May God's Spirit deep within us come alive.

And may this time of worship,

Be for us a constant guide.

Now let us sing with joy and spirit,

As we serve and live and share God's amazing grace and love.

***Hymn**

We Walk by Faith

TFWS #2196, vs. 1-4

Opening Prayer:

We come to worship to meet you here, O Jesus.

Let us meet you in our prayers and songs.

Let us meet you in our neighbors.

Let us meet you in the Word.

Let us meet you in the children and those in need.

Let us even meet you in those we disagree with.

Let us meet you and know you, in all places and people, today and everyday. Amen.

Scripture Lesson:

1 Peter 1: 17-23

Sheryl Cavan

Special Music

Rondeau Fanfare

Jean-Joseph Mouret

Clarion Bells

Scripture Lesson:

Luke 24: 13-16; 28-31; 36-39

Pastor Tim O'Brien

Young Disciples

Message

Seeing in a New Way

*Hymn

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH #454, vs. 1, 3

Prayers of the People

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

TFWS #2200

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O

Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.

Special Music

Thy Presence My Light
Clarion Bells

Sandra Eithun

Ministry Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

It Is Well with My Soul
Jubilate Chimes

arr. John Behnke

*Offering Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of grace, we bring these gifts to you today with new eyes seeing them as seeds of hope, tools for healing, and ways of making your love real. With these faithful gifts may we be witnesses to your love in our world as we dedicate our offerings to building community, bringing grace, and being a blessing to those in need throughout our community and beyond. In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.

***Hymn**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

TFWS #2158

***Blessing & Sending Forth**

We arrived today with eyes fixed on the path beneath our feet, weary from the road.

But our hearts have been stirred; a fire of faith kindled within us.

We often look but do not see, blinded by our own assumptions and expectations.

Open our eyes, Lord, to recognize you in the strangers we meet.

As we leave this place, look not at what is visible, but at what is eternal.

We will seek the sacred in the ordinary and work for healing in what is broken.

Let us go with a transformed vision, for the Risen Christ walks beside us all.

We go to join Jesus already at work in our world.

Amen.

Amen

***Blessing Response** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

UMH #302, vs. 1

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

***Postlude**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. Faye Lopez

(inspired by Scarlatti's "Sonata in E Major")

You are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments at The Connection.



Jungle Crew Workday

Help Us Build the Rainforest

Hey friends—it's that time already! Our first Jungle Crew Workday is happening Sunday, April 26, right after worship. Head to the Revelation Room and help us kick off VBS prep by cutting out what feels like *hundreds* of leaves (because... it is). No experience needed—just a willingness to jump in (and if you've got scissors, bring them—we'll have extras too). Does this mean you're signing up for VBS? Maybe... maybe not. No pressure—everyone is welcome to help for the day. We're also starting to collect items to bring our rainforest to life:

- Brown packing paper (Amazon boxes = blessings 🙏)
- Stuffed animals (jungle-themed friends you're willing to part with or loan)
- Artificial greenery (ferns, tropical plants, anything jungle-ish)
 - Tiki or tropical décor

Items can be dropped off by the church office—just look for VBS Central!

Community UMC is taking a field trip! Join us for a special morning of worship on Sunday, May 3 at 10:30 AM at First United Methodist Church in West Allis. There will be no service at the CUMC campus that morning—we'll all gather in West Allis to share in worship and communion.

If you'd like to head out as a group, meet in the Community UMC parking lot for coffee, donuts, and a chance to connect—and to carpool together. If you're hoping to catch a ride, please call the church office ahead of time so we can make sure there's space for everyone.

The choirs of both churches will come together to present a meaningful joint music service featuring beloved anthems from each congregation. Together, we'll put our hope for a more connected, loving world into practice by connecting with our neighbors.



Join us to “cut for a cause”! Sew Together is back on Thursday, April 30 at 1:00 PM in the Disciple Room—no sewing skills needed. We’ll be cutting and assembling book bag kits for Book Ahead, so just bring scissors or a rotary cutter if you have one. Come for the good work, stay for the great company—we’d love to have you!

Community Food Pantry



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WASHINGTON PARK

APRIL NEEDS

HYGIENE ITEMS:

- TOILET PAPER, DEODORANT, BAR SOAP, TOOTH PASTE, INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED TOOTHBRUSHES

FOOD:

- LUNCH: CANNED SOUP, PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY/JAM
- DINNER: CANNED MEAT (CHICKEN, TUNA, SALMON) AND PASTA SAUCE
- EXTRAS: FLOUR, SUGAR, COOKING OIL, CONDIMENTS AND SNACKS



SOPHIA

A Member of WISDOM

Mission Partner

SOPHIA IS A NETWORK OF FAITH COMMUNITIES CALLED TO ADVOCATE FOR JUSTICE, EQUITY, AND DIGNITY FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF WAUKESHA COUNTY.

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

We envision a compassionate and just community where every person—regardless of faith, race, immigration status, economic circumstance, or background—has the opportunity to thrive and participate fully in community life. We see a future where diverse faith communities, organizations, and individuals stand together as powerful voices for justice, equity, and systemic change. Our vision is a society where public policies reflect respect for human dignity, where housing is affordable and accessible, the criminal justice system is fair and humane, and immigrant families can live in safety and security. We strive to build communities where relationships are nurtured, leadership is developed, and collective action transforms the structures that marginalize or exclude. United in faith and purpose, we work toward a world where justice truly is for all.



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Save the Date!

Thursday - May 7th!
5pm-7pm



Volunteers, Baked Goods, and Monetary
Donations Needed!



LIFE NAVIGATORS
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Monday – April 20th

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – 4:00pm – Choir Room
- Intergen Meeting – 5:00pm
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – April 21st

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellness Center

Wednesday – April 22nd

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Clarion Bells Rehearsal – 6:15pm – Harmony Room
- Festival Choir – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – April 23rd

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Floor Yoga – 10:00am – Wellness Center
- Tai Chi – 10:00am – Fellowship Hall
- UWF Luncheon - 12:00pm – Disciple Room
- Jubilate Chimes – 6:00pm – Harmony Room
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – April 24th

- Children's Choir – 4:30pm – Choir Room

Sunday – April 26th

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
 - Children's Chapel – 9:45am
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation Room

**Quarterly Mission Partner/Loose Coin Offering:
SOPHIA**

Hospitality Team for Next Sunday - 04.26.26

Front Door: Tom Curl

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Lynda Curl

Ushers: Tom Raley, Marianne Ludwick, Joni McDevitt, Anne Harberg

Connection: Sheryl Cavan

Liturgist: Siane Bodalski

Children's Chapel: Chriss Stump, Sara Ziesemer

IN MEMORY

*Today's alter
flowers are given by
the Retherford
Family in memory
of Shawn
Retherford.*

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tom Twinem; Dean Johnson;
Christian Fuller; Sheryl Cavan;
Candace Kral; Tom Raley
Jeff Turmel; Tom Connor

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Timothy O'Brien
Chriss Stump – Office Manager
Danielle Bridges – Director of Music
Tyler Walters – Praise Team Director
Sarah Kwon - Organist/Pianist
Jim Ausprung - Maintenance
Tracey Magyar – MDO Director
Amanda Glassman – MDO Asst Director

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Friday: 8:00am 2:00pm

Community United Methodist
Church is building a community
of people who love God and
neighbor through a focus on
Intergenerational Community
Service and Overall Health and
Wellbeing