

NORTHERN DOOR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Calvary & Zion *Circuit Rider –January 2021*

Dear Members and Friends,

We will still not have in person worship until at least the end of January. Door County is doing better in terms of active cases, yet we must see what Christmas visiting has done to the active number of cases.



January Worship Themes

January 3rd

Theme: Epiphany

Bible: Isaiah 60:1-6, John 1:1-18

Message: The Light shined in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it

January 10th

Theme: Jesus's early days

Bible: Mark 1:4-11

Message: The witness of John

January 17th

Theme: Jesus's early days

Bible: John 1:43-51,

Message: What is wrong with Nazareth?

January 24th

Theme: Jesus's early days

Bible: Mark 1:14-20, Jonah 3.1-15

Message: Preaching

January 31th

Theme: Jesus's early days

Bible: Mark 1:21-28

Message: The Unclean Spirit

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A NOTE FROM PASTOR

Dear Members and Friends,

Jolene and I are grateful to you for your generous gift to us. We have felt cared for and appreciated by both congregations.

We pray and hope that we can soon be together in worship and not socially distant. Our relationship to you all has been precious to us.

- Pastor Michael and Jolene

Emergency Pastoral Care

920-421-1968

***Pastor Michael's e-mail!**

michaelbmorris100@gmail.com

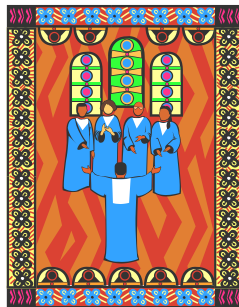
E-mail Updates*

Please notify the office of any e-mail changes and birthdays.

If you know of e-mail updates of members and friends,

please feel free to send along this newsletter.

Thanks so much!



Choir Canceled Until Further Notice

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AN UPDATE FROM BECKI IN OFFICE

I am still out of the office and working from home. I am doing much better but continue to have a compromised immune system. You can still reach me via the church email. I can do most everything from home. I can be reached at my home phone at 868-1362 or via my cell which you can also text at 920-737-9114. **From home I am working my regular hours of Tues. Weds. Thurs 9-2.** I will check emails often and keep in touch with Pastor. Michael should be available in the church office during the regular hours, subject to him have other commitments and pastoral needs. We will continue to keep you notified and in direct communication, do not hesitate to reach out.

REPORT ON 2020 VIRTUAL WISCONSIN ANNUAL UMC CONFERENCE

Pastor Michael and I attended the virtual Wisconsin Annual UMC Conference on Saturday, Oct. 24. The opening ceremony began with a song written and sung by Pastor Jane Sommers, followed by short devotionals by people from different ethnic groups.

Because the conference was condensed from the usual three-day in-person meeting into seven hours, it did not include all the speakers and presentations that are usually offered. Reports and videos that were not part of the Oct. 24 program can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/2020WACConferenceMaterials>.

Many weeks before the conference, all participants received a 41-page booklet with all the items we would be voting on. During three 90-minute plenary sessions, each of the items was presented by a person who moved its adoption. After seconding, there was time for discussion, then the 515 attendees voted virtually.

Major action items discussed were:

- 1. Joint board resolution related to clergy compensation:** A recommendation that all clergy receive a raise of at least 1.72% was approved by 97.2%.
- 2. Disaffiliation agreement pursuant to the Book of Discipline:** A UMC church that wishes to disaffiliate from the Wisconsin Conference must follow all the rules established in the current Book of Discipline. Any money returned to the conference will be placed in the Pastors' Retirement Fund. Approved by 86.5%.
- 3. Resolutions confirming the discontinuance/closing of local churches:** Emerald UMC, St. Croix County; UMC of Alma, Alma, WI; Brandon UMC, Brandon, WI. Approved by 99.6%
- 4. Proposed Conference Budget for 2021:** This item was presented In the morning session, with no discussion. It was the last item to be voted on at the end of the conference. Surprisingly to me, there was very little discussion before approving the \$6,308,190 budget total by 97.1%. The 2020 budget was \$6,376,523.

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While the votes were being counted, we saw short, informational videos covering a variety of UMC-funded activities. Zion member Emmett Moroney was part of the group pictured at Pine Lake Camp.

Another interesting video featured the 22 new churches established this year throughout the Wisconsin Conference.

Pastors' years of service, ranging from 25 to 76, were recognized. Rev. Don Fenner, father of Zion members Rev. Bruce Fenner and Caroline Fenner Polster, was honored for 71 years of service.

Abbreviated reports were presented by three task forces that were appointed at the 2019 Conference and have met regularly during the past year. The first task force is working on a vision for the future of the United Methodist Church in Wisconsin.

The second task force is developing recommendations on how the Wisconsin Conference may respond to whatever decisions on the full acceptance of LGBTQ pastors, members, etc., that come out of the next General Conference. This worldwide meeting was scheduled for 2020 in Minneapolis. It was, of course, postponed because of the pandemic, and no new date has been set.

The third task force is working on anti-racism. All of the task forces were to present final reports at the Oct. 24 conference, but because of the pandemic have been given extra time to work on them.

For more information on the work of the task forces, see the computer link in paragraph 2.

Howard Williamson
Zion Delegate



Mission of the Month

January 2021

Red Bird Mission

Our mission for January is to help support the Red Bird Mission in southeastern Kentucky, where 25% of the people in the area are disabled, 38% live in poverty and 10% are unemployed. The elderly are especially in need. Since 1921, the mission has given hope to thousands of people in this rural, mountainous area by providing Christian-based education, health and wellness care, housing improvement services and emergency assistance. We are humbled by Red Bird Mission's commitment to improving the lives of so many in the heart of Appalachia and are grateful that we can offer financial support. This video will give you a brief overview of the services the mission provides. <https://youtu.be/e3KjStII3Dk>



Please give generously.

Checks can be made out to Calvary or Zion with "Red Bird Mission" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

FULL 2021 MISSION OF THE MONTH LIST

January: Red Bird Mission

February: Easter Food Cards for the Northern Door Children's Center

March: Door County Covid Needs

Easter: UMCOR

April: Midwest Mission- Personal Dignity Kits or wherever needed

May: Salvation Army of Door County

June: Boys and Girls Club of Door County

July: Christmas Food Cards for the Northern Door Children's Center

August: Thanksgiving Food Cards for the Northern Door Children's Center

September: Society of St. Andrew

October: UMCOR

November: HELP of Door County

December: DC Veterans

Christmas: Salvation Army of Door County

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MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Christ taught us to pray and encourages us to pray unceasingly. Let us continually pray for our loved ones, our friends, our world. Michelle Reinhard is our Prayer Chain leader. You may contact her by email: teachers@gate.net using "Prayer Chain" in the subject line. For those without email, please call her cell phone 727-480-4409 year-round or locally at 920-839-9911 (Easter thru October). Michelle would like to start a phone prayer chain so people who do not have email can participate. The information would be the same, but you would receive a call. If you are interested in joining the email prayer chain or being included in the phone chain, please let Michelle know so you can be added to this "link of faith".

CALENDAR ITEMS

If you have some news or a date you would like to pass along email the office the information and I will get it out in either an up coming newsletter or in an email which ever one time allows. Deadline for February's newsletter is the 18th. We will post detail/updates online and through email.

ZION NEWS

A Note from Myrtle

We continue to do Church at home. Zion has been available Wednesday afternoon for meditation while music is softly playing. The Advent Wreath is lighted by battery candles as appropriate for the week. The church is open on Sundays. Also, Christmas Eve afternoon with candles available to take home with a service guide. The chancel is adorned with poinsettias. We need to take time to experience this service through preparation in this more intimate setting. Christ will come wherever or whenever we seek this deeper experience.

As the New Year comes, we seek to put the problems of the old year to rest and look forward to new challenges. May each of you be blessed as you take on the new experiences waiting for you, with the courage and strength, love, and hope, that the Babe of Bethlehem, as the Christ, offers freely.

God bless you in your endeavors to live as serving the Lord.

Have a happy and rewarding New Year!
Myrtle Clark 12/16/20

COST FREE MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

There are several ways in which you can help support missions that don't cost you anything.

Econo Foods grocery receipts can be turned in at the church. We get cash back for all of your purchases.

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CURRENT EVENTS @ CALVARY

Current Events is on Tuesdays at 9 am, at Calvary hosted by Joan Vahey. Please check the online calendar for information for changes or call the office.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thank you to all who contributed to the Mission of the Month for December: Heating Assistance.

United Methodist Women received thanks you notes from:

Bellin School of Nursing
Door County Veterans Service Council
Feed My Starving Children
UMCOR
Northern Door Children's Center

Zion received notes from

UMCOR
Sunshine House
St. Andrews Society
HELP of Door County
Northern Door Children's Center

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Dear Members and Friends,

We will continue to publish a brief financial report. You will notice what our year-to-date offerings have been compared to our expenses. After looking at the report, if you have any questions please ask me.

In Christ, Michael B. Morris, Pastor

Year to date through November 30 , 2020

Calvary

Income: \$ 85,813
Expenses: \$ 93,797*
Net Income: \$ -7,984

Zion

Income: \$ 63,089
Expense: \$ 43,572*
Net Income: \$ 19,517

*Includes Shared Expenses

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4. Bob Bricker
- 6. Dottie Mirkes-Lopez
- 11. Arlene Pfeiffer
 Bill Rix
- 16. Frank Murphy
- 23. Carol Beausang
- 26. Sue Dietrich
- 28. Maggie Mae Moroney
- 29. Sueann Moroney
- 30. Pam Lang
- 31. Cindy Livingston



In Our Thoughts & Prayers

All suffering with illness
All recuperating from surgery
All awaiting test results
All lingering in the grief of loss
All struggling to make ends meet
All striving to bring healing in their families
All serving in the military and overseas

Members & Friends in Assisted Living

Evelyn Mueller
Sturgeon Bay Health Services, Sturgeon
Bay
Mary Ann Masson
Alexian Village, Milwaukee
Jeanne Desotelle
Cedar Grove Gardens II, Cedar Grove