

BETHEL-BETHANY
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

OPEN & AFFIRMING,
MULTICULTURAL-MULTIRACIAL
ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

Celebrating & Sharing
God's Love ~
since 1911

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Church Leaders

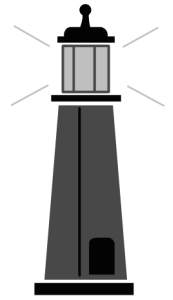
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Our Mission:

“To celebrate and share
God's Love through
dynamic worship
experiences, meaningful
spiritual programs, and
nurturing leadership
opportunities as an
inclusive Christian church
serving the urban and
global community.”

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May 2016



Fare Thee Well, Joya!!

I have always liked the sound of that old English phrase. It's good to be able to wish someone well as they continue on the journey of life. This summer, Joya will be engaged in ministry with our UCC church in Middleton, Wisconsin, and we pray that it will be a time when she will learn and grow, as that congregation learns and grows with her. What a blessing Joya has been to our church community. We look forward to her return in September, as we continue our journey in mission and ministry together. And broadly and openly, may we continue to seek each others well being and the well being of anyone who joins us on the journey.

Fare Thee Well to All, Pastor Tim

Dear Friends –

Greetings during this Easter season, I pray that you have been a witness to 'new life' all around you. It's hard to believe that today marks almost exactly three months since I began serving as a Ministry Associate at Bethel-Bethany, and what an amazing three months it has been! I have been spiritually fed by worshiping and fellowshiping with everyone each Sunday. I have been blessed by the prayerful atmosphere of the Wednesday Bible Study, and challenged by their insightful interpretations of scripture. I have been inspired by the passion of the Kid's Club volunteers who gather each Wednesday afternoon to bring the 'good news' through games, cooking, and crafts projects. And I am forever indebted to Pastor Tim for his unwavering support and mentorship.

BB's mission to be an inclusive, multi-cultural, and radically welcoming spiritual community reminds me of my home church, The Riverside Church, in New York City. Both are places that seek to foster a spirit of belonging – not just for some, but for ALL God's children. This is a critical mission for times such as these - for Milwaukee, the wider United Church of Christ, and the world.

It is bittersweet to announce that, with Tim's encouragement, I have accepted an offer to serve as a Sabbatical Interim Pastor at Middleton Community Church UCC in Middleton, WI. My last Sunday at BB was on April 24th. On that day, the congregation blessed me with a generous gift—a portable communion box. Now serving communion will always remind me of the warm, generous and loving spirit of Bethel-Bethany. This is an exciting (three month) opportunity for me to grow and develop as a pastor and worship leader. I enter into this role with a great deal of humility and excitement. Although it will be sad to step away temporarily from BB, I plan to stay connected in various ways. Moreover, I will plan to resume my role as a Ministry Associate again in the fall. I wish you all a safe and happy summer. I look forward to continuing to walk this journey with you soon.

Blessings and peace, Joya

Kids' Rock in May

Kid's Rock concludes the school year of Whirt! on Pentecost.

5/8: Paul and Silas

5/15: Filled with the Holy Spirit

Stay tuned for Kids' Rock lessons the rest of May!

Lynne Woehrle and Scott Bennett will be teaching class in May.

If you have any questions about our programs or wish to volunteer in any way, please contact Christian Ed. Superintendent, Scott Bennett at (414) 861-5497.

Adult Faith Formation

Wed. Morning Bible Study

Join us on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday mornings from 9:00—10:30 at the Parish House. We start a new series in May—all materials will be provided.

Spirituality Group (May 19 only)

The Spirituality Group will meet on Thursday, May 19 to discuss the focus of our meetings for the coming months. Join us if you are interested in exploring Spirituality

Soup's on at 5:45. Dinner and discussion from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Kid's Club News

Kids' Club will be meeting until the end of the school year on Wednesdays from 4 to 6pm. Stay tuned for information about the summer session.

Thanks to our active leaders: Pastor Tim, Val Sauve', Larry Huber, Patricia Klabunde, Thomas MacAlister, and Larell Mitchell



Men's Breakfast: Faith, Food & Fellowship

8:00am – Saturday, May 21st

at El Greco Restaurant (91st St. & Appleton Ave.).

EPiC Walk of Faith

a confirmation class of the EPiC Churches

May 1 - Work on Individual Projects

Confirmation is scheduled for Pentecost—May 15th. All classes are at Spirit of Peace Lutheran Church. We have been blessed with great leaders from three of our EPiC partners. Please see Pastor Tim for more details.

(All classes are 12-1:30pm and include lunch).

Camp Registration

Summer camp registrations for Pilgrim Center and Moon Beach UCC Camps are open.

There are camps for all ages, kids and families. Class schedules and pricing are online at www.ucci.org. Scholarships available—please talk with Pastor Tim.



Feed Your Spirit

The UCC has several different online ways for you to connect with the word every day.

Go to: http://www.ucc.org/feed_your_spirit and you will find

YESTERDAY TODAY TOMORROW
EVERYDAY
start your day with the stillspeaking daily devotional

stillspeaking Daily Devotionals—delivered to your email or your phone,

Congregations Weekly—stories from real congregations about real connections

And **Weekly Seeds**—



A bible study that can be used by anyone, anywhere based on the coming week's lectionary readings.



Silent Auction

SOLD

“SILENT AUCTION OF GIFTS & TALENTS”
starts May 8—Mother’s Day!

Please consider a donation of items or services to the **Annual Silent Auction!** Auction items can include:

- Useful things, new or gently used
- Art Objects
- Handmade Crafts
- Gift Certificates
- Hosting a Gathering
- Special Talent or service you can provide (cooking, baking, cleaning, gardening or any service that might help someone).

Please fill out the donation forms (located at the back of the church or downstairs in Fellowship Hall) return to **Mark Plumb (414) 530-0934** email: plumb@wi.rr.com or **Chris Chance**.

Auction ends of Father’s Day—June 19.

Common Ground University

Thursday May 12 and 19

4:45-9pm.

Interested in learning more about organizing & how to create change? Registration forms are due May 6. Forms are at church or in the MailChimp email.



Milwaukee Neighborhoods Now



Come help us move the campaign forward to improve neighborhoods like Sherman Park.

Monday, May 9

7-8:30 pm

Unitarian Universalist
Church West

13001 W North Avenue, Brookfield

Please see Dave Redemann or Lynne Woehrle for more info.

Growing Hope in Palestine

Guest Speaker - Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb

Sunday May 22

6:00pm Lecture and Reception

at **Ascension Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

1236 South Layton Blvd (27th Street)

For more information, go online to: <https://milwaukee-synod.org> and scroll down to the “Growing Hope in Palestine” box



Bethel-Bethany is collecting for the Undy500 again this year. Your donations help restore the dignity in the guests living at the Guest House.

Bring in: new men’s undershirts, socks, and underwear—sizes Adult Small—4XL

When : May 1—May 22 (Memorial Day)

Help take our donations to Guest House on Thur. May 26 for the Finish Line Event to enjoy treats, take a fun photo with our team, and help Guest House sort and store the items collected!



National Alliance on Mental Illness Benefit Concert

Thursday May 5th 6:30pm

Tickets: Donation to NAMI appreciated
Refreshments available by Donation

Sherman Perk Coffee Shop
4924 W. Roosevelt Dr. Milwaukee, WI
www.ShermanPerkCoffeeShop.com

Recent Prayers

Prayers of healing for:

Brian Klabunde, Erich Cincotta, Chris Chance, Cindy Krause, Linda Chesky's daughter, Mary Williams, Steve Coleman, Roxanne Dunkleberger Sanchez, Jules(friend of Kevin Wolf), **Charlie Sexton, Cindy Reed, Tanada** (Ta'tanisha Ducksworth's friend), **Darlene Kasta, Diane Warner's husband, Dave and Shirley Klumb's nephew John, Norm Hanson's grandson Drew** and friend **Sandy**.

Condolences to the family of Barbara Klabunde on the recent passing of her brother-in-law Ken Klabunde.

Ongoing Prayers

Members: Holger Foersterling, Flo Holland, Mike Thurk, Shirley Klumb, Lucinda Gordon, Trinaka Jamison-Finger, & Yolanda Coleman.

Evelyn Grunewald Memorial Service

11:00 am on Saturday, May 21, 2016
At Bethel-Bethany UCC

Congratulations

Congratulations to David and Caryn Redemann and sister Maggie on the announcement of **Joe Redemann's** engagement to Anastasia Miller in April.

Congratulations to Dean Klabunde and Rachel on their wedding on May 28, 2016. Pastor Tim will be officiating Dean and Rachel's wedding in Ohio.

BOOK YOUR SITE 25th Annual BB Campout August 5-6, 2016

Reserve sites between 806 and 823 (or close by).

Questions? Please contact

Bonnie Andrews at andrews.bj@gmail.com
or (414) 442-0548.

*** To check for campsite availability, call Reservations America @ 1-888-947-2757.**



Memory Keepers

Memory Keepers meets on second Saturdays—come and join us! Meet us at Fran Hadley's home (8834 W. Palmetto Ave), Sat., May 14, 9am -1pm. Questions? Call Cindy Krause at 414-466-4896

Jim Schleif's Ecclesiastical Council

Saturday May 7, 2016

2:00 pm at Grace UCC

2801 Garfield Street, Two Rivers, WI

Copies of his ordination paper and the invite are on the back table in the BB Sanctuary.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Becky Cincotta	1	Shirley Klumb	19
Lorie Koehler	1	Linda Oleson	20
Julia Psichulis	2	Rosemary Psichulis	20
Cindy Reed	2	Carolyn Miles	25
Fran Hadley	5	Kathleen Kunkel	29
Diana Pine	5	Fernando Calderon	31
Lynne Woehrle	6		
Antonio Jarvis	7		
Ryan Reichard	11		
Mark Plumb	13		
Lauren Klabunde	14		
Robin Silha (Brown)	15		

If we've missed your birthday, please contact the Church Office so we can update our Database.

New Admin Office hours

Our Administrative Assistant, Lisa Quinn, starts a new job in May, which will alter her weekly hours at BB. Starting the week of May 9, Lisa will be in on Thursdays all day and Friday afternoons (usually).

GRADUATION NEWS?

Are you or a member of your family graduating from high school or college or a specialized program? We would like to celebrate the accomplishments of our church members in the June Beacon. Please send information to Lisa at the office or by e-mail at bethelbethanyucc@gmail.com



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Th	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am Worship, Communion, Nursery 11:30 Fellowship START UNDY500!	2 Office closed	3 5:30pm Community of Practice	4 9:00am Bible Study 4-6 pm Kid's Club	5 7:00 Choir 6:30 Celia Concert at Sherman Perk	6 CG University sign up due	7 2pm Jim Schleif's Ecclesiastical Council
8 Mother's Day Auction Starts Today 10:00am Worship, Kid's Rock Nursery 11:30 Fellowship 4:30 Labyrinth Walk at Calvary	9 Office closed	10 6:30pm Council	11 4-6 pm Kid's Club	12 7:00 Choir 5-9 CG University at Mount Mary	13	14 9-1 Scrapbooking
15 PENTECOST 10:00am Worship, Confirmation Nursery, Kids' Rock 11:30 Fellowship 	16 Office closed	17	18 9am Bible Study 4-6 pm Kid's Club	19 5:45 Spirituality Group 7:00 Choir 5-9 CG University at Mount Mary	20	21 8am Men's Bkfst 11:00am Memorial service for Evelyn Grunewald 6:30 Cathedral Center
22 10:00am Worship—Nursery, Kids' Rock 11:30 Fellowship 4:30 Labyrinth Walk at Calvary 6:00 Growing Hope in Palestine Lecture and Reception UNDY500! FINISH	23 Office closed	24	25 4-6 pm Kid's Club 6 pm Community Dinner	26 Deliver Undy 500 donations 7:00 Choir	27	28 Dean Klabunde's wedding—in Ohio
29 Memorial Day 10:00am Worship—Nursery, Kids' Rock 11:30 Fellowship 	30 Office closed	31	1 June 4-6 pm Kid's Club	2 7:00 Choir	3	4

THE
CATHEDRAL
CENTER



Cathedral Center

Saturday May 21

Our next night to serve dinner at Cathedral Center is Saturday, May 21. We arrive by 6:30 and serve dinner at 7:00 pm. If you would like to donate food, volunteer or just want more information, please contact Fran Hadley @ 414-405-0747 or fhadley@wi.rr.com.



Community Dinner

Wednesday, May 25

6-8 pm in BB's Fellowship Hall

CommunityDinner Enjoy a great meal, and partner with neighbors & leaders to improve our great neighborhood. (Free-Will Offering.) Desserts are always welcome. Brought to you by: Tri-Block Neighborhood Association & BB's Evangelism Committee.



May 15, 2016

Confirmation on Pentecost

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