

JANUARY 2024

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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Epiphany



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Pastor's Thoughts

Greetings,

So, did you make any New Year's resolutions? How many of us have broken this year's New Year's resolutions already? I don't know exactly why we humans feel the need to set up these annual exercises in futility. I realize that most resolutions stem from positive desires/motivations. We want to be healthier/happier/more well-rounded and so we set goals to try to accomplish whatever it is that we desire to improve.

It should be all well and good. The problem is that far too often we prove what incredible creatures of habit we are and those goals, however noble, go out the window. Often times we get down on ourselves for failing to live up to our resolutions. I want to encourage you not to get too down on yourself if and when you fall through on one of those resolutions. You see, in the big scheme of things the trials and frustrations of this world are but a temporary thing. We have a God who loves and cares for us as we are and there isn't anything that we can do to make God love us more. If you feel called to make positive changes in your life, that is a great thing, just don't beat yourself up over failures. Life is too short to beat ourselves up!

Until next time,

Pastor Stanton



Church Ministries



The next meeting of **Ladies Breakfast** will take place on January 27th at 9:00 a.m. at Pine Street Café in Burlington. No reservation is required.



Crocheting with Bev will resume Tuesday, January 9th at 1:30 p.m. in the library. Regular meeting days will be weekly on Tuesday.

Questions? Please contact Bev Scott at 262.210.8636.

Make It with Myrt (Sewing with Myrt) will resume meeting on Wednesday, January 24th from 1-3 p.m. Please enter at the rear entrance of the church. The plan is to start with fidget mats. We will also discuss other potential projects for the year. Regular meeting days will continue to be the 1st and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Consider joining us for an afternoon of fun. All supplies have been generously donated so we need some help in making wise use of them. If you have any questions, contact Myrt Lovrine at 262.763.9954.



BUMC's 8th Annual Soup Sale begins Saturday January 27th and Sunday January 28th. Soup is sold after each service.

Please contact Donna Reesman at 262.492.2419

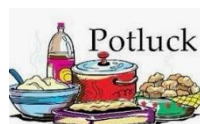
if you are interested in making soup. As always, soup can be dropped off on Saturdays between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. We ask that soup NOT be made before Friday.

The Jesse Tree this year will be sponsoring TLC (Transitional Living Center), Love, Inc., Life Choices, and the Veterans in Union Grove. Feel free to take as many of the ornament tags as you wish. Please leave your item(s) in a bag, with the tag attached and **PLACE UNDER TABLE** in the Gathering Area. Deadline for items is Sunday, January 21st.

Angels Attic – The total profit for three sales in 2023 is \$4,239.60. Great job ladies!! Thank you to all the people who donated, worked, and purchased items. We are looking forward to another successful season in 2024!

NEXT MISSIONS MEETING: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Cooks Night Out



Wednesday, January 17th–
5:30 p.m.

Please bring a dish to pass. Beverages and table service will be provided.

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



Prayers for the following people in our church family:

Marilou Hensen, Kelly Sizer, Jane Allen, Maxine Kubath, Lina Schaal, Naomi Hensen, The Families of Pat Hahn and Shirley Kinsey

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.

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 c/o Creamery Creek Assisted Living, 1049 Chicago Avenue, Viroqua, WI 54665

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

Marilou Hensen 2023 Gillen Street, Racine, WI 53403

Naomi Hensen c/o Pine Brook Point, 1001 S. Pine Street #3, Burlington, WI 53105

5 – Leslie Sheard

7 – Tony Hernandez

17 – Tom Jung

18 – Rick Koceja

27 – Nancy Koceja

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

10 – Mike & Erna Payne

Finance Committee Update

Income	Year-To-Date	Budgeted Amount
2023 General Fund Offering	\$103,820.37	\$144,000.00
2023 Apportionment Fund Offering	\$6,663.39	\$ 24,000.00 (This equates to approximately \$17 per member per month.)
2023 Prayerful Preservation Building Maintenance & Upkeep Fund	Year-To-Date \$9,360.00 New Balance \$13,868.58	N/A

Church Family Celebrations

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 – Charles Schopp, Sarah Smith

Trustee Committee Update

The following items have recently been addressed:

- Two sewer grinders have been replaced.
- Bathroom floors have been replaced in the parsonage. We are grateful the cost of this repair was donated.
- The parking lot light by the rear entrance was replaced, along with a light in the sanctuary.
- The arm on the automatic door was replaced. No more noise when opening! 😊
- Winter check-up on eight furnaces has been completed.

The following items are on the agenda for the January 15th committee meeting:

- Repair and/or replacement of air-conditioning units.
- Repair of kitchen tiles.
- Painting of our marquee sign.
- Power washing of the north end of building.

Christmas Cookie Sale Update

Well fellow Methodists, we did it again! Another Cookie Drive-Thru Sale success. Thanks to a lot of good help, 35 posters were distributed mostly in Burlington, but also Lyons, Rochester, and Waterford. Ads in the paper, on Facebook, letters sent to many,

many other congregations. We had 22 bakers, 6 frosters, 9 packers/labeling people. Besides our resident Gingerbread person, traffic directors and runners outside, inside were 5 helpers on Saturday who did the bagging of containers and our money ladies! After expenses we had a grand total of \$2,434.48 that will be placed in the Kitchen Fund for new appliances! Thank you also to those who made monetary donations! With some leftover food from Thursday and Friday we were able to serve leftovers on Saturday for lunch!

Instead of loafs of bread and fish (as in the Bible) it was pizza and Jimmy Johns, close enough. Thank you to Pastor Stanton for his blessing before the sale and his help, along with Gail, on Saturday! There's a famous quote from a movie, "I'll be back" and I will say "we'll be back" next December 2024!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you, to everyone from the Cookie Committee - Judy, Sheila, and Claudia. We wish you all a great 2024 😊😊😊

P.S. Keep an eye on the bulletins. There just may be a "pop up cookie sale". In house only!



VIPS in the Pew

This month, we thank **Adela Ecker** for sharing her life with us. GOD'S BLESSINGS!

Hello, my name is Adela Ecker. I was born in West Allis, Wisconsin. I go to Greendale High School, and I am in 10th grade. My favorite subject is English because I truly enjoy reading and writing stories. My lease favorite subject is Social Studies because it can be difficult for me to pay attention to the teaching and there can be a lot of work in those classes. I like to swim and that is why I am on my high school's girls swim team. I also like to play the trumpet which is why I am in my Greendale Marching Band. I also like to read. My favorite book is *The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak. However, my favorite genre of books is romance novels. Reading is a very important life skill, and very useful in jobs. If I had to decide today what job I would like to do, I might choose to be a screenwriter, however, I am not sure as to what I want to have as my job.

One of my favorite things to do is listen to music. I listened to music a lot this summer. Once was when I went to Daytona Beach, Florida this summer for a youth conference. I had a lot of fun swimming, worshipping God, and spending time with people. I love God very much, and He has helped me to do the best thing I ever chose to do. That was to join my Youth Group. We have lots of fun praising God together, and spending time in each other's presence. It is very special to me because I get to spend time with my favorite people, including Jesus. The Youth Group started up again once school started. So, in

that way I am partially glad school started again. I also get to swim, do band, and spend time with friends since school started. However, I am very tired and enjoy breaks from schoolwork. Due to school, I have less time to watch TV. This makes me partially sad because I am less able to watch my favorite show, *Bluey*. Even though it is a show meant for kids, it is sweet and teaches life lessons while being hilarious and sentimental. My pets don't usually watch it with me though, which makes me sad.

I have three pets. Cairo, a gray domestic shorthair cat, Phineas, an orange tabby cat, and Thor, a black and brown cocker spaniel. My cats are my favorite, but I also have a lot of other favorites. I love mayonnaise, the color blue, and dolphins. The favorite part of coming to church however is seeing the people I care about deeply.

To change subjects, I think it's really weird that adults don't spend time listening to music and dancing. I also think it's weird that some adults drink black coffee because it is boring and does not taste any good.

To change the subject once again, my favorite holiday is Christmas. I love the music, gingerbread, the smells, the colors, the lights, the coziness, the movies, spending time with those we love, and I love to worship my savior, Jesus. I especially love going to church Christmas Eve night because it feels magical, warm, and full of love.

The best present I ever got I learned about on Christmas Day. It was a trip to London and France. The memories created on that trip were some of the eBay things I could ever receive because there was so much excitement, love, joy, and discovery on that trip. That gift will last a lifetime.

To change the subject one last time, if I had the power to make our world a better place, I would help everyone to know and create a relationship with Jesus. So many parts of our world are wrong because of the enemy, however if everyone loved Jesus and truly knew Him and had a relationship with Him, they would know what to do right, and how to love our world truly. Jesus is always with us, our world just needs to turn to Him, for He is our savior.



Burlington United Methodist Church Church Officers for 2024

Church Council:

Chair	<i>Dave Newman</i>
Pastor	<i>Stanton Bockwoldt</i>
Co-Lay Leaders	<i>Myrt Lovrine</i>
Recording Secretary	<i>Lyann Jung</i>
Lay Members of Annual Conference	<i>TBD</i>
Alternate Lay Member	<i>Jane Allen</i>
Trustees Chair (Elected by Trustees)	<i>Tom Jung</i>
Finance Committee Chair	<i>TBD</i>
Treasurer	<i>Wendy Barnard</i>
Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair,	<i>Marge Albrecht</i>
Education Chairs	<i>TBD</i>
Missions & Social Concerns Chair	<i>Donna Reesman</i>
Health and Welfare Ministries Chair	<i>Nancy Kocuja</i>
Worship & Spiritual Formation Chair	<i>Ann Newman</i>
Small Groups & Open Circles	
Members-at-Large:	<i>Lisa Hernandez</i>

Trustees:

2024: *Tom Jung, Dave Newman, Mark Caliva, Mark Lovrine, Tony Allen*

2025: *Tom Gianoni, Cindy Shanebrook*

2026: 2023: *Sheila Naus, Christopher Repass, Tony Hernandez*

Ex Officio: *Bob Baldscheit/ESUMC*

Staff-Parish Relations Committee:

2024: *Ann Newman, Judy Vande Sande*

2025: *Tom Werth, Janice Piper, Marge Albrecht*

2026: *Donna McKusker, Sally Stoflet*

Ex Officio: *Myrt Lovrine (Lay Leader)*

Ex Officio: *(Lay Members of Annual Conference)*

Finance Committee:

Chairperson: *TBD*

Pastor: *Stanton Bockwoldt*

Treasurer/Business Manager: *Wendy Barnard*

Assistant Treasurers: *Ed Johnson, Karen Caliva, Bob Albrecht*

Lay Members of Annual Conference *TBD*

Church Council Chairperson *Dave Newman*

Staff-Parish Relations Chairperson *Marge Albrecht*

Volunteer Business Mgr. *Wendy Barnard*

Lay Leaders: *Myrt Lovrine*

Financial Secretary *Lyann Jung*

Counting Committee: *Deanna Barel, Dora Reese,*

Judy Vande Sande, Sue Sturdy, Cindy Shanebrook, Gail

Fisher, Sheila Naus

Scholarship Committee: *Eric Burling, Pam Cass*

Committee on Nominations & Leadership Development:

Chairperson: *Pastor Stanton Bockwoldt*

2024: *Cindy Shanebrook*

2025: *Molly Ellingstad, Gail Fisher*

2026: *Karen Caliva, Pam Cass*

Lay Leader: *Myrt Lovrine*

Memorial Committee: *Nancy Kocuja, Penny Werth, Karen Caliva, Wendy Barnard*

Health Wellness & Welfare Ministries

Nancy Kocuja, Chair; Pam Cass, Donna Reesman, Gail Fisher, Molly Ellingstad

Deanna Barel, Prayer Chains Coordinator

Worship & Spiritual Formation Committee

Ann Newman, Chair: Penny Werth, Marge Albrecht,

Pastor Stanton, Barb Friend, Lisa Hernandez, Lina

Schaal, Sheila Naus, Tom Gianoni, Linda Gianoni

Education & Nurture

Jill Schaefer, Pastor Stanton, Sheila Naus

Missions & Outreach

Donna Reesman, Chair; Molly Ellingstad, Dick

Ellingstad, Jill Schaefer, Judy Schaefer, Penny Werth,

Pastor Stanton, Dora Reese, Judy Vande Sande, Tony

Allen, Jane Allen, Sheila Naus, Lisa Hernandez, Gail

Fisher

TLC Sunday Meal Coordinator: *Lisa Hernandez*

Soul Food Coordinator: *Missions Committee*

Love Inc. Meal Coordinator: *Lisa Hernandez*

Angels Attic Coordinator – *Gail Fisher*

Small Groups and Open Circles

Judy Vande Sande - Cook's Night Out

Myrt Lovrine - Make It with Myrt

Bev Scott - Crocheting with Bev

Others Church Offices:

Audit Committee *Judy Kerkhoff*

Caring Ministry *Karen Caliva*

Church Administrator *Lyann Jung*

Church Historian *TBD*

Communion Stewards *Tom & Linda Gianoni,*

Sheila Naus, Claudia Williamson

Sign Keeper *TBD*

Fellowship Time Coordinator *Barb Friend*

S: Church Officers, Attendance/Church Officers 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2024	1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> 	2	3	4	5 <i>Twelfth Night</i>	6 <u>Praise Service with Holy Communion</u> 5:00 pm
	7 <u>Traditional Service with Holy Communion</u> 10:30 am <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	8	9 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am-11:30 am <u>Crocheting with Bev</u> 1:30 pm	10 	11 <u>Praise & Worship Team Practice</u> 3:30-5:00 pm <u>Worship Committee Mtg.</u> 6:00 pm <i>Human Trafficking Awareness Day</i>	12
14 <u>Traditional Service</u> 10:30 am 	15 <u>Jubilate Choir Practice</u> 7:00 pm-8:45 pm <u>Trustees Mtg.</u> 6:00 pm <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	16 <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	17 <u>Missions Mtg.</u> 3:00 pm <u>Cooks Night Out</u> 5:30 pm	18 <u>Praise & Worship Team Practice</u> 3:30-5:00 pm <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	19 Newsletter Deadline	20 <u>Praise Service</u> 5:00 pm
21 <u>Traditional Service</u> 10:30 am <i>Ecumenical Sunday</i>	22 <u>Jubilate Choir Practice</u> 7:00 pm-8:45 pm 	23 <u>Bible Study</u> 10:00 am-11:30 am <u>Crocheting with Bev</u> 1:30 pm	24 <u>Make It with Myrt</u> 1:00-3:00 pm	25 <u>Praise & Worship Team Practice</u> 3:30-5:00 pm	26	27 <u>Praise Service</u> 5:00 pm
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