



# The Banner

Every person feels, knows and shares God's love

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## Holy Week and Easter at Bethany

### Palm Sunday (April 10th)

The Children's Palm Parade will lead off our 10:00 am worship in celebration of Christ's entry into Jerusalem.



### Maundy Thursday (April 14th)

Join us in the Sanctuary at 6:00 pm for a traditional Holy Thursday service with communion. Note: there will be no meal this year. Lights will be darkened for the reading of the crucifixion and closing hymn.

### Good Friday (April 15th)

The Sanctuary will be open from noon until 3 pm for people to come and go as they wish for quiet devotional time using a guide provided by Pastor Greg. Meditative music will be playing throughout the vigil.

### Easter Sunday (April 17th)

Easter Sunday is almost here! (Even though it may not seem like it). We've been busy planning the Easter Cantata, which will follow a similar format to the Advent Cantata: a mix of pieces from our library and some new ones sprinkled in! When we started to make decisions about the Easter Cantata, we were in the midst of the Omicron surge, and we decided to stay away from a large number of instruments. This Easter Cantata will have plenty of singing (for the choirs and for the congregation!), scripture, art, and a joyful sharing of the Easter story. We hope you will join us at 10:00 am!



Note: Each service will be broadcast on Zoom



# PASTOR'S COLUMN



## Giving Thankfulness for the Faithfulness of Faith

Soon after we arrived at Bethany in 2012, Kerry and I were invited to a 90th birthday celebration for Faith Bauman. Along with several other members from Bethany, we gathered in the home of Faith's son Mark, and enjoyed a truly remarkable evening. The menu included several of Faith's favorite dishes from India – it was a feast!



Over the course of the evening, she regaled us with stories from the 35+ years that she and her husband served as missionaries in India. She had encountered tragic events that are hard for us even to imagine – locust plagues, mass starvation, epidemics, and more. But mostly she spoke about joyful experiences with the wonderful people there. She had the privilege of raising up multiple generations of church leaders in that country.

Just a week or two after that 90th birthday celebration, our whole congregation had the opportunity to hear Faith's witness. On United Methodist Women (UMW) Sunday, she not only preached at three worship services, but also spoke for 45 minutes at a Forum on that same morning. Let me remind you, she was 90 years old when she did that! She was a "force of nature."

In the nearly ten years that followed, I was repeatedly amazed by

her energy and insightfulness and passion. She was a regular attendee of the Pastor's Bible Study, always enriching our discussions. She was an active member of both the Outreach Team and the Peace Fellowship, often challenging our congregation to get engaged in social justice. She was a leader on the UMW Executive Team, a group that was dear to her. In fact, when she had some heart problems and I saw her in the hospital, she was determined to get discharged from the hospital early so that she wouldn't miss the next UMW meeting. (She didn't miss it.)



Faith was quite simply an inspiring example to us all. We are grateful for the gift of her life, and I pray that we can all carry forward her loving witness!

Blessings in Christ,  
Pastor Greg

P.S. – We will have a memorial service for Faith later this spring. You can read more about her fascinating life here: <https://www.ryanfuneralservice.com/obituary/Faith-Bauman>

## Men's Retreat to Pine Lake

After a two-year hiatus, the Men's Retreat is returning the weekend of April 22-24 at Pine Lake United Methodist Camp. All men, and their sons, are invited — whether a Bethany member or not. The theme for our talks and discussions will be, *Impact of Isolation*. We will explore and discuss the effect of isolation has had on us over the past two years — as individuals and families. In addition to the talks there will, as always, be lots of time for games and exploring the variety of activities that Pine Lake offers.

The one thing that will be different is our meals. Instead of meals being prepared by the Pine Lake kitchen staff, we are renting the Oakwood Center (across from the Rader Center lodging), which has complete kitchen and dining facilities and do our own cooking. We are still working on menu options but we believe this will be a good route to go and provide even more opportunities for a flexible schedule.



Lodging will be at the Rader Center (think motel-like accommodations). The cost for a shared room will be \$40 per person per night. A private room will be \$80 per person per night. You are welcome to come up Friday evening to enjoy an evening of games and Saturday morning exploration. Or, come up Saturday morning in time for the first session at 10:30 am.

Meals to be prepared and served will include Lunch and Dinner on Saturday and Breakfast and Lunch on Sunday. The retreat will formally end after Sunday's lunch. Costs for meals are still being worked out but should not exceed \$40 per person for the four meals.

Reservations should be made to the Church Office no later than Friday, April 15th.

## Simple Gifts for April — “Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice”

Simple Gift offerings made during April are going to support *Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice*, an interfaith education and advocacy organization dedicated to creating a more just and equitable society for all.

The organization draws on the wisdom, courage and strength of a range of faith traditions to advance the common good. *Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice* crosses religious, cultural and political boundaries to bring about awareness and educate and advocate for systemic changes that address the root causes of poverty, racial inequities and social injustice in our state.

The organization first launched as *Concerned Religious Leaders of Wisconsin* in 2011 and became *Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice* in 2012 and received its own status as a nonprofit organization in 2017.

The *Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice* website notes: “As progressive people of faith, we believe it is our duty to ensure the state upholds human dignity and meets the needs of ALL who live here.”

It accomplishes these goals as a coalition that depends on moral, logistical, and financial support from the wider community. Donations allow Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice to lift the voices of those who are underserved and marginalized through advocacy, education and partnership.

Simple gifts are made by placing loose coins in the offering plates, or by putting cash or a check in mission envelopes. Gifts can also be made online by visiting [BethanyMadison.org](http://BethanyMadison.org) (click on We Serve and, from the drop-down menu, select Giving Financially).

Please consider giving generously, as your support will make a difference in real and relevant ways.

To learn much more about the range of ways Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice is making a difference, visit the organization’s website: <https://www.wisconsinfaithvoicesforjustice.org/>

Up next: Simple Gifts for May go to support The Playing Field



### Special Easter Sunder Offering



On Easter Sunday there will be a special collection for the Good Samaritan Fund.

This fund, which is administered by Pastor Greg, helps people in our community and within our church family who are in immediate need of support. These needs can range from bus fare and food, to help with paying a medical or electric bill, and more.

### Native American Ministries Sunday



Over the course of each year, Bethany participates in several special offering Sundays sponsored by the broader United Methodist Church. On May 1st is a collection for Native American Ministries Sunday, which nurtures mission with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians.



# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



## ZOOM LINKS

Zoom links for all classes and groups are listed on the Bethany website on the Upcoming Events page. From the home page, click on the "Upcoming Events" box in the lower right of the page. Links are listed by the day of the week on which they occur.

### SUSANNA CIRCLE

The next meeting of the United Women in Faith's Susanna Circle is Wednesday, April 6, at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Members should wear a mask when not actively eating. Our speaker is Pastor Claire (Mather) Douglas and our hostess is Ann Sowaske. Please let Ann know if you will attend: 608-203-5392. All Bethany women are welcome.

### LYDIA FELLOWSHIP

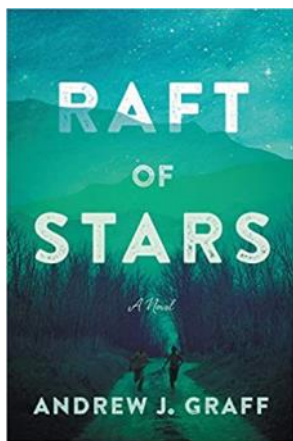
The April meeting for Lydia Fellowship is Monday, April 11, at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall at Bethany. Kathy Doran, who is a fantastic knitter, is the hostess. She will be using her spinning wheel to give us a hand spinning demonstration. Anyone is welcome to attend. Let Kathy know if you will attend: ginger2kd@gmail.com or 608-271-0560.

### AGAPE

The Agape meeting for April will be held on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30pm via Zoom. The program will be a viewing of *Taking Action for Climate Change* by Tam Mayeshiba. Tam presented this program at a Bethany forum on January 16, 2022. We thought it was well worth repeating!

### REFLECTIONS BOOK STUDY

Reflections Book Study will meet Monday, April 25 at 1:00 pm via Zoom. The book for April is *Raft of Stars* by Andrew Graff.



It's the summer of 1994 in Claypot, Wisconsin, and the lives of ten-year-old Fischer "Fish" Branson and "Bread" Breadwin are shaped by the two fathers they don't talk about. One night, tired of seeing his best friend bruised and terrorized by his no-good dad, Fish takes action. A gunshot rings out and the two boys flee the scene, believing themselves murderers. They head for the woods, where they find their way onto a raft. Whether you have read the book or not, you are welcome!

### MEMORIAL GIFTS FOR FEBRUARY

For Nancy Jewison: Sue Coats, Karen Dischler

For Cathie Johnson: Dennis and Gail Steinhorst, Bill and Betsy Tishler, Rod and Paula McKenzie, Beverly Schrag, Karen Dischler, Winnie Boyar, Jan Schewe, Dennis and Lynn Christensen

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN IS NOW UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH!

This move is part of a "refreshing" of the organization that includes a new logo and an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women.



This name change and new programs are the results of research conducted over the past 5 years with more than 24,000 United Methodists and women of other Christian traditions.

The changes are designed to address the different needs and life stages of current members and new women and expand options for membership and engagement. The new name also aims to welcome current members whose local churches may choose to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church as well as women of other faith traditions. The legal name of our organization will remain United Methodist Women but we will operate as United Women in Faith.

In the 150+ years of this organization we have had over 25 names. We've been "Ladies", "Woman's", and then "Women's" societies, associations, guilds and circles. There has been Wesleyan Service Guild (for working women) and Women's Society of Christian Service. The name became UMW in 1972.

There is a new mission statement for our organization:

United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.

(adapted from UMF press release 3/7/22 and March/April 2022 Response magazine.)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## New Books for the UWF Reading Program

To receive a certificate for the program, read at least one book from each of the five categories plus *Response Magazine*, which is available in the Church Library. Because some of this year's titles are ones many of you have already read, it will be easy for you to qualify for the program. You can also read books from the previous five years (those on the cart) in the library. The deadline is September 1, 2022.

### Education for Mission

- Finding Jesus at the Border*, by Julia Lambert Fogg.
- Gum Moon, A Novel of San Francisco Chinatown*, by Jeffrey L. Staley.
- How To Be an Antiracist*, by Ibram X. Kendi.
- When Others Shuddered: Eight Women Who Refused to Give Up*, by Jamie Janosz.

### Leadership Development

- Becoming*, by Michelle Obama.
- Hidden Figures*, by Margot Lee Shetterly.
- Moment of Lift*, by Melinda Gates.

### Nurturing for Community

- Before We Were Yours (A Novel)*, by Lisa Wingate.
- Dangling: I May Have Cancer, but Cancer Doesn't Have Me!* By Amy Carr.
- Women United for Change: 150 Years in Mission*, by Ellen Blue. (Bonus Book)

### Social Action

- The Girl with Seven Names: A North Korean Defector's Story*, by Hyeonseo Lee.
- The Leavers (A Novel)*, by Lisa Ko.
- Small Great Things (A Novel)*, by Jodi Picoult.

### Spiritual Growth

- Glimpses of Heaven*, by Roela Victoria Rivera.
- The Journey Between Us: My Faith Walk*, by Lisa McGrath.
- Sleep, Pray, Heal: A Path to Wholeness and Well-Being*, by Donna Fado Ivery.

The books are located on the shelf under the windows in the library. There is also an annotated list of these books as well as other books that may be read for credit. Any questions, ask Vada Mayfield.

## Taking Action for Climate Justice

On January 16th, at a Climate Justice Forum for Bethany UMC, Tam Mayeshiba gave a presentation called Taking Action for Climate Justice. It was so well received and gave such good information that Agape Circle, and United Women in Faith, as a whole, wanted to view the presentation again.

We felt that many others in the congregation would like to revisit this program. Tam has graciously allowed her presentation to be placed on Bethany's YouTube channel. The link to the video is: <https://youtu.be/UTH340d4LF4>. Listen and take action!

### "I Want to Help, but How?"

By Melody Panek, for the Peace Fellowship

Have you been looking for a responsible and ethical way to help the people of Ukraine? Many of us wonder what we can do after seeing the destruction and ruin on the evening news or reading about the suffering in the newspaper. Although we may want to do something to help alleviate the misery of the men, women and children there, it is difficult to grasp the magnitude of the situation or even begin to understand how to make a meaningful difference. Gratefully, there is a reliable and trustworthy way to take a crucial step for people in Ukraine right now! It is by donating to the United Methodist Committee on Relief - called UMCOR for short!



UMCOR is the global humanitarian aid and development organization of the United Methodist Church (UMC). It is a wonderful group that is currently engaged in assisting people in Ukraine itself, as well as Ukrainian refugees who have fled to neighboring countries. UMCOR provides food, water, hygiene products and shelter to these people in an effort to offer help as well as HOPE.

UMCOR's mission is such that 100% of your contribution goes directly to the cause which you have designated it for. Not one cent will go to administrative costs or other expenses. In fact, Charity Navigator gives UMCOR an exceptional rating with four out of four stars, so you may give to UMCOR with confidence.

Gifts to support the people of Ukraine can be made in the following ways:

- By check made out to Bethany with "UMCOR Ukraine" written on the memo line.
- By online gift at [www.bethanymadison.org](http://www.bethanymadison.org). Click on "We Serve," then "Giving Financially," then "Contribute Online." In the "Fund" line, select "Other" then enter "UMCOR Ukraine" in the memo line.



## FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Family Game night will return on Saturday, April 2nd at 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Families of all ages and sizes are welcome to participate in a potluck style dinner followed by games and crafts. Bethany Youth will provide the main course for the dinner, and anyone is welcome to bring a side dish to pass if you want. Come and enjoy dinner and games.

## BETHANY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Application Forms will be available online for eligible high school seniors beginning April 1st. On the Bethany website, click on We Connect and Bethany Forms to find the Scholarship Application link. Applications will be considered until May 15th.

## STUDENT JOBS AVAILABLE

Oakwood Village (6205 Mineral Point Rd.) is hiring students ages 14+ to be Food Servers part-time after school and on weekends. You will be serving, cleaning dishes and work areas, and prepping food for delivery. No experience is needed. Flexible scheduling around your school activities. Call 608-575-5838, or on the Oakwood website, Food Server - West Madison, <https://www.oakwoodvillage.net/careers>.

## BACK TO SCHOOL WITH PASTOR BRAD

Pastor Brad's class is currently tackling *The Real History of Secret Societies*. The course, taught by Dr. Richard B. Spence from the University of Idaho, explores the origin, mission and methods of secret societies found throughout history. In his 30-minute lectures, Dr. Spence will introduce us to the inner works of secret societies such as "The Knight's Templar," "The Mafia," and "The Illuminati." To learn more, go to The Great Courses website. Class begins at 10:00 am (and attendance is never taken!).

## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Our April 1st forum has been changed to Friday April 8th at 9:30 am because of our speaker's schedule. John Nichols, associate editor of Capital Times, will be talking about our state's voting situation (the Zoom link is on our website: ChurchWomenUnited-Madison.net). John is the national affairs correspondent for *The Nation* magazine. John is also author or co-author of more than a dozen books and regularly appears on the BBC, MPR and other radio networks.





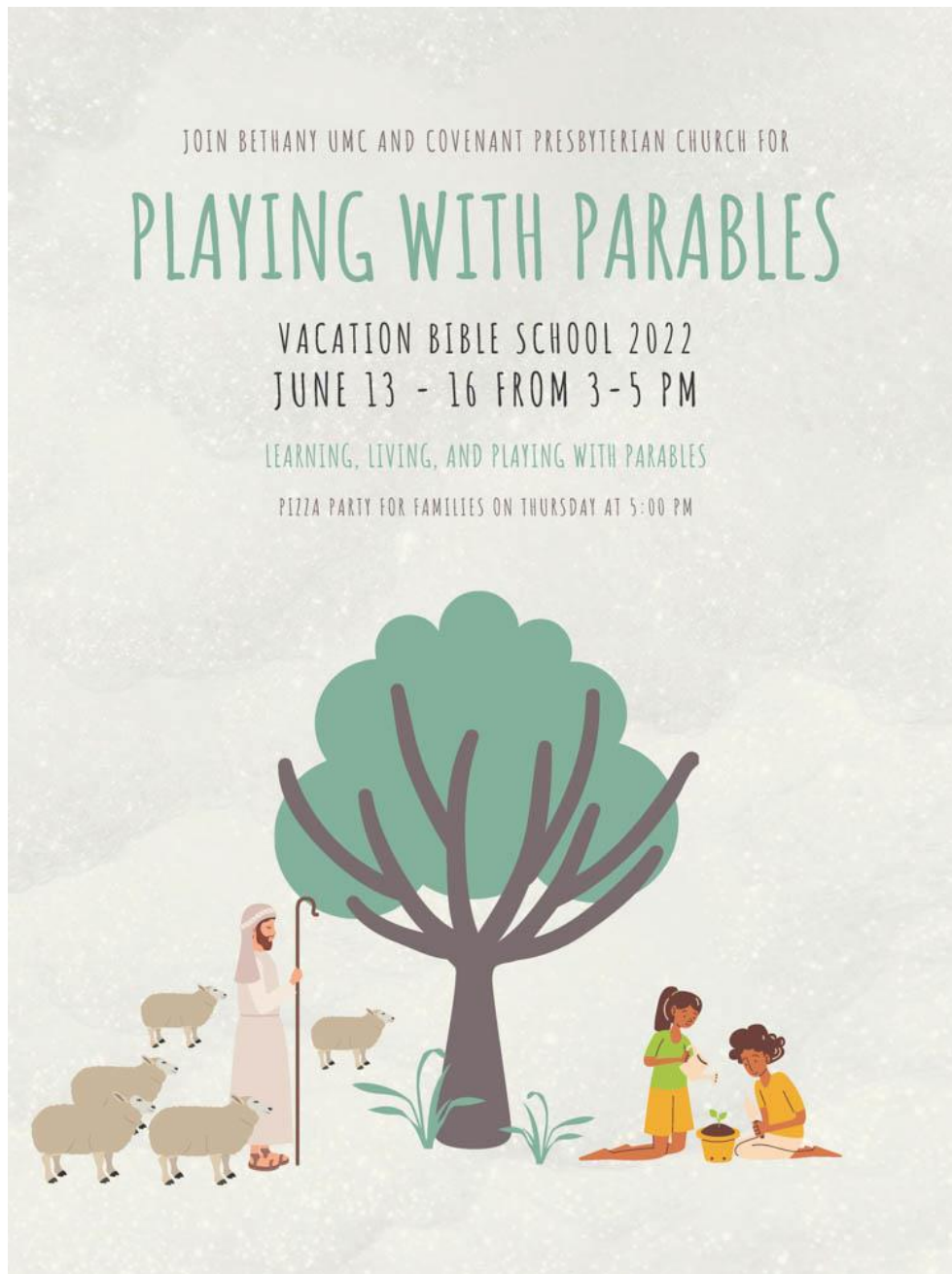
# VACATION SUNDAY SCHOOL



## Save-the-date: Vacation Bible School June 13-16

Lisa Weaver (of Bethany UMC) and Jo Wiersema (of Covenant Presbyterian) are planning Vacation Bible School for the children of our congregations to enjoy together. The program will be held Monday to Thursday (June 13-16) from 3:00 – 5:00 pm, at Bethany Church. The program will conclude with a pizza supper for kids and families on Thursday at 5:00 pm on the church lawn (or Fellowship Hall, depending on weather). Children from preschool through 5th grade are invited to experience storytelling, music, nature activities and art projects centered around the parables of Jesus. Details and registration materials will be coming in late April and early May, but mark your calendars now! Adult volunteers from both congregations will be needed, so please talk to Lisa if you are interested.

Vacation Bible School will conclude with a pizza supper on Thursday, June 16, at 5:00 pm when all families are invited to join us for supper in Fellowship Hall. If the weather is nice, we will likely set up outside on the church lawn.





# TIPS FOR INSTALLING SOLAR PANELS



By Craig Jacobson

## Step 1. Determine your needs

Find your previous energy use: Compile at least one year of electric energy consumption. Track use (in kWh) on previous bills.

- ✓ Look up on Alliant's website: <https://www.alliantenergy.com/accountandbilling/billmeterrates/averageenergyuse>
- ✓ Look up on MGE's website: <https://www.mge.com/customer-service/for-homes/average-energy-use-and-cost>

Size the installation: Select a goal for the project.

- ✓ Are you trying to generate 100% of your electricity on an annual basis? Are you willing to pay for electricity in the winter? Are you OK with a smaller installation that only generates 50%?
- ✓ The US Department of Energy has a great website for estimating the size of a solar array that could fit on your roof and the energy production per year. Use this to test the feasibility of your goal: <https://pvwatts.nrel.gov/>

Decide if you want battery backups: Most solar photovoltaic installations do not include battery backups. These drastically increase the cost and generally only make sense for an off-the-grid installation or where there are concerns about grid reliability.

## Step 2. Get quotes

- ✓ Contact at least three reputable installers:
- ✓ RENEW Wisconsin has a list at <https://www.renewwisconsin.org/solar-installers/>
- ✓ Local installers are generally less expensive than nationwide installers
- ✓ I personally recommend the following:
  - ☞ Synergy Solar: <https://www.synergysolar.com/>
  - ☞ Midwest Solar: <https://www.mwsolarpower.com/>
  - ☞ Full Spectrum Solar: <https://fullspectrumssolar.com/>

## Step 3. Assess costs

Look at rebates:

- ✓ There is a federal government rebate for 22% of the cost of a solar photovoltaic system through the end of 2023: [https://www.energystar.gov/about/federal\\_tax\\_credits/renewable\\_energy\\_tax\\_credits](https://www.energystar.gov/about/federal_tax_credits/renewable_energy_tax_credits)
- ✓ There is a \$500 rebate for Wisconsin installations: <https://www.focusonenergy.com/residential#program-renewable-energy>

Calculate payback times:

- ✓ Most installers will calculate this, but check their math as some installers overstate their calculations.

- ✓ When I installed solar, the projected payback time was 10 to 11 years. The installation is guaranteed for 25 years, so after that, there will be a net savings.
- ✓ Rough prices for an installation are \$3/W, but this varies quite a bit based on installer and size.

## Step 4. Familiarize yourself with the billing

- ✓ Most installations use net metering. That means that the energy you use causes your electric meter to move up, and the energy that you generate causes your electric meter to move down. You are billed for the difference on a monthly basis.
- ✓ When producing less than you use on a monthly basis, you pay the difference at your normal electric rate (roughly \$0.12/kWh).
- ✓ When producing more than you use on a monthly basis, you are paid a smaller rate (roughly \$0.03/kWh).
- ✓ This means that you are disincentivized from overproducing, so it makes sense to have a properly sized array.
- ✓ You will likely overproduce in the summer and underproduce in the winter.

## Important notes

- ✓ A solar installation will not eliminate your utility bill.
  - ☞ You will still pay for natural gas, which is the dominant cost in the winter in Wisconsin.
  - ☞ You will still pay a monthly fee for having electric service.
- ✓ You may not generate much electricity in the winter.
  - ☞ If you have snow on your panels, you will generate almost nothing.
  - ☞ You might be able to get a special brush to remove snow from on the ground, but do not use a gutter shovel as that will scratch the panels.

## Alternatives

- ✓ If you decide not to pursue a solar panel installation, you can pay for renewable energy from your utility instead
- ✓ Alliant: <https://www.alliantenergy.com/cleanenergy/whatyoucando/communitysolar>
- ✓ MGE: Pay an extra \$0.01/kWh for renewable energy: <https://www.mge.com/our-environment/green-power/green-power-tomorrow>





# TAKING ACTION FOR CLIMATE JUSTICE



By Tam Mayeshiba

Thanks to the Peace Fellowship group for inviting me to write this follow-up article to the January Peace Sunday forum.

The idea for this article is to try one thing to use less energy, use clean and renewable energy, and/or help others to do so. Even if later we find out that what we tried was not as helpful as we thought it would be, or maybe helped one way but hurt another, it's important to keep trying. Consider your current resources in time, money, and commitment energy. Start as small as you need to, and give yourself a pat on the back for anything you're already doing.

Also, while some suggestions seem minor, your choices and actions can help others take action, too. For example, grocery stores learn that people are interested in buying local produce and contract with local farmers, energy companies learn that people are interested in green power and add additional clean energy offerings, legislators realize their constituents care about clean energy, and people around you can see that good environmental choices are feasible.



## Small effort suggestions:

- ★ Follow energy saving suggestions from your utility company. For example, wash clothes in cold water using Tide cold water pods or other formulated detergents and use Energy Star rated appliances (<https://www.mge.com/saving-energy> , <https://www.alliantenergy.com/waystosave> )
- ★ Enroll in utility company green energy programs like MG&E's Green Power Tomorrow or Shared Solar (waitlist) or Alliant Energy' Community Solar (waitlist)
- ★ Vote in support of clean energy initiatives, climate justice initiatives, and clean energy research
- ★ Educate yourself through a nonpartisan group like Citizens' Climate Lobby <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/> or books like "Saving Us" by Katharine Hayhoe
- ★ Talk to people! Find out where differences and commonalities in approach and vision are, so that we can work together.
- ★ Encourage people in their work, studies, and general lives. Everyone can play a part in working towards a more comfortable climate future.

## Big effort suggestions:

- ★ Use energy efficient transportation when possible: walk, bike, ride the bus, or if you have the means, consider a hybrid or electric car for your next car purchase
- ★ See if any of the small scale suggestions can be applied to a larger program or organization you are part of, like your school, work, church, or community organization.
- ★ Install home solar power — see Craig's accompanying article on the facing page!






These are only a few suggestions, and through reading and talking with others, you may be able to come up with many more ideas. If you find something that works, great! If you try something and it's not working out for you, try something else!

For Children's Ministry information, contact Lisa Weaver, Director of Children's Ministries  
 Phone: (608) 238-6381 / Email: [Bethany.Madison.Children@Gmail.com](mailto:Bethany.Madison.Children@Gmail.com)

## Ideas for Families: LENT

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until Holy Week and Easter. Lent practices and traditions vary widely, but at a basic level you could say that Lent is a time to re-connect with God and reflect on the life of Jesus. This chart of simple ideas is one way that your family members could practice Lent at home this year. The ideas are divided into five categories, offering multiple ways to connect with others, with God, and with the beauty of creation. Perhaps you want to color in each square as you complete the activity, or mark the boxes with a star. You are welcome to send photos or messages to Ms. Lisa, sharing what you discovered or created.

## Ideas for LENT 2022 - Bethany UMC

				
Send a card or letter in the postal mail	Read Psalm 100	Attend a worship service at Bethany <small>(Zoom or in-person options available)</small>	Say a prayer in the morning	Listen for bird calls
Video-chat with someone who lives far away	Read 1st Letter of John 4:7-8	Donate canned goods, via the collection bins at Bethany	Say a prayer outside	Look for clouds in the sky
Draw a picture to give to a grandparent or neighbor	Read Matthew 5:14-16	Participate in a Sunday School class <small>(or ask Ms. Lisa for activity sheets to do at home)</small>	Say a prayer at a family meal	Walk by/near some water <small>(or draw a picture of your favorite place to hike)</small>
Send an encouraging email to a friend or family member	Read Luke 9:10-17	Check out a book from the Bethany Church library <small>(contact Ms. Lisa)</small>	Say a prayer at bedtime	Find or name signs of spring

Lisa Weaver, Director of Children's Ministries & Music

## Easter Sunday

Join us at Bethany to celebrate Easter! Ms. Lisa is planning an Easter Egg hunt for that morning (during the church-wide fellowship time) and will have simple Easter bags for families to take home. Children are invited to join Ms. Lisa to share the song "In the Bulb There is a Flower" during 10:00 am worship. Children will also help lead the chorus "Halle, Halle, Halle" at various points during the service, and participate in an art project. Contact Ms. Lisa if your family would enjoy links to music recordings of "In the Bulb" and "Halle" to listen to at home.

For Youth Ministry information, contact Brigit Parlow, Director of Youth Ministries  
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## In-person Youth Activities Starting Up

I am happy to announce that we will be starting up in-person youth activities again at the church!

To start, we will be combining some activities along with family events so that students can get acclimated to being back in church again. Family Game night will combine with Wing Night for the first Saturday of the month, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Families of all ages and sizes are welcome to participate in a potluck style dinner followed by games and crafts. Our first Family Game night back at church will be held Saturday, April 2 beginning at 4:30 pm. Bethany Youth will provide the a main course for the dinner, and anyone is welcome to bring a dish of their liking if they want – no obligation. Please feel free to come and just enjoy dinner and games! Questions? Email Lisa or Brigit, [Bethany.madison.children@gmail.com](mailto:Bethany.madison.children@gmail.com) or [Bethany.madison.youth@gmail.com](mailto:Bethany.madison.youth@gmail.com)

## Youth Mission Trip

The Mission trip with Appalachia Service Project 2022 is on! We will be traveling to West Virginia July 16-24 to complete a construction work mission trip with residents in rural Appalachia. Youth age 14+ or those who have completed 8th grade are eligible to go — Adults age 22 and older are also eligible. I would encourage anyone who would like to experience the life-changing work of Appalachia Service project to travel with us this summer! Students can also obtain 40 hours of volunteer work through serving with ASP, so there are many benefits alongside the work and life experience of helping those in need to make their homes warmer, safer, and drier.

Please contact me (Brigit) if you have any questions regarding the trip, requirements, or fees. We have scholarships available to help offset costs.

## Looking Ahead

### UMCOR Health Kits

Bethany Youth will be organizing and operating an assembly of Health/Hygiene kits for UMCOR disaster relief on May 22nd, 2022. Health kits include a hand towel, wash cloth, bar soap, toothbrush, nail clipper, band aids, and comb.

We will meet at 11 am after the service in the Fellowship Hall to assemble the kits and we will have a pizza lunch available afterward. If it's a nice day, we could even set up outside!

If you have questions or would like to donate money to the fund for purchasing items, please contact Brigit. Thank you!

### Youth Mission Trip Tool Training

Youth and Family ministries are combining for this upcoming event in June – date TBD. Youth will build wooden garden boxes to adorn the outdoor patio area at the entrance to the church, and families will be filling them with dirt and planting annuals to beautify our church grounds. The youth will get their tool and safety training done through building the boxes, and the families will contribute by planting lovely flowers for everyone to enjoy! More details are coming, so stay tuned!

### A LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS

Sunday, Feb. 27	Sunday, March 6	Sunday, March 13	Sunday, March 20	Sunday, March 27
Total ..... 113	Total..... 127	Total.....147	Total..... 123	Total ..... 140



We are a Reconciling Congregation,  
 welcoming all people to be a part of  
 our church family.

## Information

**Office Hours:** 8 am - 2:30 pm, Monday — Friday

**Church Office:** (608) 238-6381

**Email:** [Bethany.Madison.Office@Gmail.com](mailto:Bethany.Madison.Office@Gmail.com)

**Website:** [bethanymadison.org](http://bethanymadison.org)

## Sunday Morning Schedule

Early Bird Coffee Chat (Zoom)	8:30 am
Faithlink Adult Discussion Class	8:45 am
<b>Worship (in person and on Zoom)</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
After-Worship Fellowship (Zoom)	11:00 am

**Bulletin Deadline :** Tuesdays at Noon

**E-Banner Deadline:** Tuesdays at Noon

**Banner Deadline for the May Issue:** April 18th

## Staff

Lead Pastor.....	Greg Jewison
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