



Announcements & Upcoming Activities



March Forums

Forums are held in the chapel, located on the 3rd floor, following worship.

Midcontinent Railway Museum (March 17): Jeff Huttenburg will talk about his volunteer work at the Mid-Continent Railway Museum in North Freedom, WI.

WI Faith Voices (March 24): Rabbi Bonnie Margulis of Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice will talk about the rise of antisemitism and what we can do about it.

All Church Breakfast

All are welcome to come to Fellowship Hall for breakfast on March 17th following worship. Pancakes (with pecan sauce) and eggs will be on the menu.

Men's Retreat to Pine Lake

All men and their sons are invited to come to Pine Lake Camp the weekend of April 26-28. There will be discussions, sharing of meals, and plenty of time to enjoy all that Pine Lake has to offer. Details are on our website, BethanyMadison.org under Upcoming Events.

General Conference Information

General Conference is a meeting of The United Methodist Church that takes place every four years. The next session will take place at the end of April, 2024. General Conference is composed of United Methodist clergy and lay leaders who are elected from annual, missionary and provisional conferences around the world. This representative body is the only one that can set official policy and speak for the denomination.

On Tuesday, April 2 at 7pm Bethany and First UMC will co-host an information session with three of our Wisconsin delegation. Rev. Allie Scott, Rev. Krysta Dedee and Jessica Goebel will join us via zoom to share some information about General Conference. They will answer questions and have some questions for us as well. The meeting will take place at Bethany and First simultaneously. Bethany's meeting will take place in room 228.

Simple Gifts for March: Bolivia Project

Simple Gift collections during March are going to support Senior Adult Ministries in Bolivia. This project is designed to provide a new assisted living center for older, "orphaned parents."

Simple gifts can be made by placing loose coins in the offering plates, or by putting cash or a check in mission envelopes.

About Bethany

Refreshments: Enjoy coffee and refreshments in the lobby from 9:30 am until 10:00 am and following worship.

Keep in Touch

Church Office Hours: Weekdays, 8 am to 2:30 pm
Bethany UMC
3910 Mineral Point Rd.
Madison, WI 53705
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Childcare: Sunday morning childcare is offered in the church library from 9:00 - 9:45 am during music rehearsals. From 9:45 - 11:15 am, the nursery is open in Room 225 for children ages 5 and younger.

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Bethany

United Methodist Church



Sunday, March 17, 2024
10:00 am



Welcome

We are honored you chose to worship with us today.

To learn more about the life of the church, visit our website: BethanyMadison.org

Bethany's Vision for the World

Every person feels, knows, and shares God's love.

Gathering Music

Sue Pouquette, Organist

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

(arr. Robin Milford, 1903-59)

"Lord, I Want to Be A Christian in My Heart"

(arr. John Carter, b. 1930)

Welcome!

Pastor Julie

We believe all people are recipients of God's love and grace, and that God intends the church to be a community that embodies love, grace, and justice for all people. We celebrate God's gift of diversity and value the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, social status, and so much more. Everyone is welcome!

Breakthrough Prayer

Pastor Julie

God of all possibilities, we are listening.
Embolden us to recognize where love and hope are needed most. Amen

Call to Worship* *Deb Kuehl*

Leader: Why are you here?

People: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

Leader: I see it! You're in the right place! This is God's house. The door is open to you.

People: Why are you here?

Leader: I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind, with a fire burning in my bones.

People: We see that in you! You're in the right place. This is God's house. The door is open to you.

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!

Song #400 “Come Thou Fount” Red Hymnal
Evan Lange, Piano

Children's Message *Lisa Weaver*

Anthem *Chancel Choir*
“How Beautiful”
 Arr. Lloyd Anderon
 (Children are invited to walk to Sunday School following the song)

Prayer of Confession * *Deb Kuehl*

Holy God, we long to be lifelong learners. We long to approach you with curiosity and an open mind. Instead, we often live as if we know best. We forget that the disciples called you “Rabbi, Teacher.” Forgive us for the times when we fail to be curious. Forgive us for the times when we assume we know best. Forgive us for the moments when we imagine that our learning is done and that we have all the answers. Like Peter — who was brave enough to ask, “How many times should we forgive?” — make us brave. Spark a desire in us to learn, and may our curiosity carry our faith into deeper waters. With hope and humility we pray, Amen.

Scripture (Matthew 18:15-22) CEB

¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you’ve won over your brother or sister. ¹⁶ But if they won’t listen, take with you one or two others so that *every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses*. ¹⁷ But if they still won’t pay attention, report it to the church. If they won’t pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector. ¹⁸ I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I’m there with them.” ²¹ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?” ²² Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times.”

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

Message **“Teach Me”** *Pastor Julie*

Affirmation of Faith *

Leader: We believe that questions are a building block of faith.

People: “How many times should I forgive?” “Jesus, where are you going?” “What must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Leader: We believe that humble curiosity can open our eyes.

People: “Where does it hurt?” “What do you need?” “How can I help?”

Leader: We believe that God is a teacher.

People: “Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” “Here I am.” “Send me.”

Leader: We believe that faith invites our whole being to engage,

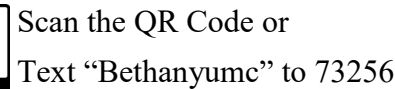
People: with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our strength.

Leader: We believe. Help our unbelief.

People: In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Song	“Love Your Neighbor and Forgive”	On Screen
		<i>Sue Poullette, Organ</i>

Offering *Pastor Julie*



Discipleship Moment *Pastor Julie*

Song	#2215 “Cares Chorus”	Faith We Sing <i>Evan Lange, Piano</i>
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Time of Prayer

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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Song	#2165 “Cry of My Heart”	Faith We Sing <i>Evan Lange, Piano</i>
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Final Blessing and Greeting One Another

Closing Music *Sue Pouquette, Organist*
“Come and Find the Quiet Corner”
(arr. Gordon Young, 1919-98)

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