

# *The Grapevine*

*"I am the vine, you are the branches.*

*Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit"* John 15:5a

A newsletter for the family and friends of the United Methodist Churches of  
**Coloma-Calvary and Westfield-Faith**

**AUGUST 2018**



## Pastor's Column

A few of you have heard me mention the special continuing education adventure which I will go on at the end of August. It's been in the works since February. That's when I first heard about these silent retreats from a clergy friend of mine, who went on one last summer. The retreat, which is officially called a Directed Retreat, is offered at the Jesuit Retreat House in Oshkosh. Judging from the pictures, the location, right on the shore of Lake Winnebago, is beautiful and will provide many occasions to commune with nature.

The retreat I'm participating in will last 7 days. It begins with an evening orientation, continues with 5 days of silence, and ends with a breakfast debriefing. Except for a one hour daily verbal session with a spiritual director and times of evening worship, the retreats are completely silent. There's no phone calls, no table talk at meals, and no conversations.

From the first, the thought of 5 days of silence was extremely appealing to me. Which I thought was a little strange, since I live by myself with all kinds of opportunities for silence. Then I realized that my attraction wasn't actually to the silence, but was more to the dedication of time and energy to communicating with God. How often does an opportunity like that come up? Never, in my experience.

"Wait a minute!" you may be saying. "Don't you ever pray?" Well yes, I do pray – frequently, at length, and in many different forms. In fact, I am joining the rest of you at Calvary UMC and Faith UMC in the Breakthrough Prayer Initiative (please read the article on the Breakthrough Prayer Initiative elsewhere in this newsletter). However, I don't very often have time to dedicate a day, much less five days and nights, to communing with my Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. This Directed Retreat will provide that time.

So, I'm asking that you keep me in your prayers from Wednesday, August 22 through Tuesday, August 28, as I travel to the Jesuit Retreat House, experience the Directed Retreat, and return home. Be assured that you will especially be in my prayers during those days and nights.

Pastor Joan

**Pastor Joan’s phone numbers are: office 608-296- 2739; home 608-296- 7023.** Pastor Joan is usually in the office from 9:00am-noon Monday through Thursday. She will make appointments at other times.

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**About our new D.S.**

*TsuKer Yang (pronounced Ju Char Young) came to the United States 40 years ago. He is married to Tabatha Yang, and a father of five children: Emmanuel, Cherubim, Seraphim, Israel and Sinai. He grew up in a Christian family where his parents were influential of his faith journey.*

*ChristWay UMC (formerly Hmong Christian Community UMC) is where he began his candidacy and went on to ordination. Tsuker received his undergraduate degree from Cincinnati Christian University and his Master of Divinity from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. He was ordained deacon in 1991 and elder in 1994. He has served churches in Wisconsin and Minnesota.*

*He is passionate about mission and has gone to Laos, Vietnam and Cambodia several times, including teaching Course of Study. He is also served as the coordinator and a faculty for Hmong Course of Study at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, and president of National Hmong Caucus of the United Methodist Church and a board member of the National Federation of Asian American United Methodists, which represents Asian United Methodists at the national level.*

*He has just moved to Plover and hopes to get acquainted with all our churches and pastors of the North Central District.*





**Do You Love Kids !?!**

The Westfield Faith congregation is blessed to include ten beautiful children (so far!). Sunday School will be starting again in a few weeks and we are in need of a teacher or assistant. We have been using one-room curriculum in the recent years, however, as age difference in our students grows, our readers need more Bible study. If this opportunity to work (and play) with these great kids calls to you, you could choose the age group you would like to teach. Patty and I would love to have you join us!

Please call with any questions.

Thanks and God Bless

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**Faith UMC's Sunday Morning in the Park**

Worship, guitar music, good food, games, and fellowship! That's what's in store for the members and friends of Faith UMC on Sunday, August 12 as we gather in Pioneer Park. Come for worship at 10:30am and stay for a potluck picnic, followed by games for all ages. Wear your comfortable clothes (fair warning, some games are wet and/or messy). Bring a dish to pass (plates, silverware, etc. will be provided). Be ready to have fun!



### **Our Breakthrough Prayer Initiative**

**A couple of weeks ago, our churches began our Breakthrough Prayer Initiative. We walked through our churches, looking around with the purpose of finding things about which the Lord was leading us to pray. When we found something, we prayed about it, and marked it with a Post-It note. Those notes stayed around our churches, helping us to remember to pray about those things, and to also remind us that together, all of us praying for our churches—well, that’s a LOT of prayers!**

**It is a good point to review (or learn—that’s good, too) about a Breakthrough Prayer initiative. The author Sue Nilson Kibbey, in her book “Flood Gates—Holy Momentum for a Fearless Church” defines it this way: “It is not just a prayer class, prayer committee, prayer meeting, or sermon series. It’s when God’s people join together in an intentional prayer movement across all ages to simply and repeatedly pray—either silently or aloud—asking God to break through in new and miraculous ways:**

- In my personal life**
- In the individual lives of those in our congregation**
- In our churches collectively**
- To use me, and to use us together for unimagined new purposes on behalf of Christ**
- To break through anything that might hold us back, including resistant thinking and negative attitudes**

**The emphasis here is on the power of BREAKTHROUGH! You have had breakthroughs in your life before—that moment when the light “goes on”—when you can see something in a way you had not imagined before. That is the kind of prayer outcome our Initiative envisions!**

**What if, instead of praying for specific outcomes, we prayed for God to show us possibilities we have not imagined? What if our prayer was like this: “God, we lift**

**this to you with our prayers. Please do what we cannot do ourselves. Change what we cannot change ourselves, including you changing us—without limits!”**

**In praying this way, we surrender our present reality—without reservation—plus, ourselves, our current perspectives, and our attitudes. We put them all on God’s table, available for Him to transform into His preferred future.**

**We don’t have to be a mega-church to make a Mega difference in our community. We do need to pray—actively, continually, and together—for God to break through our limitations.**



Flat Jesus

August 1, 2018

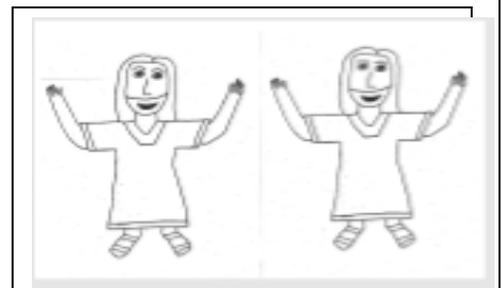
**Dear members and friends,**

As August begins, I am aware of several families, couples, and individuals who will be taking trips of one sort or another this month. Some of us are traveling to unusual locations and meeting new people, while some of us are visiting family and friends in familiar sites. We will be traveling for a day or two or a week or two. I'm asking you to take Jesus with you.

“Pastor,” you may ask, “isn't Jesus always with us?” Yes, he is. However, I'm specifically asking you to take “Flat Jesus” with you. You'll find the drawing of “Flat Jesus” in this newsletter. Please take photos of “Flat Jesus” as he travels with you. Then, bring them in and show them to me. I'd love to see pictures of you and “Flat Jesus” on your August adventures.

Yours in travel,

Pastor Joan



# Money & Your Ministry

2018 Stewardship Retreat  
@ Pine Lake Camp August 10 & 11

**SESSION 1:**  
LEADERSHIP & STEWARDSHIP  
**SESSION 2:**  
MONEY & YOUR FAMILY STORY  
**SESSION 3:**  
GOD, MONEY & YOU



Rev. Margaret Marcuson  
Keynote Speaker

**Register Today!**  
**WIUMCamps.org/Retreats**

This stewardship retreat will help clergy and laity learn how to incorporate “best practices” of stewardship into their churches and fulfill several requirements of the Stewardship Challenge Grant 2.0. Workshops will be offered on creating a 3-5 year stewardship plan, year-round stewardship activities, annual stewardship campaigns, narrative budgets, church financial practices, asking for money and more! Bring yourself or your team for a weekend of food, fellowship, fun, and learning!

### **Full Retreat: Friday & Saturday, August 10-11**

Double Occupancy (Rader Retreat Center)     \$100  
Single Occupancy (Rader Retreat Center)     \$150

**Drive-in Day:** Friday 10am - 5pm only     \$40

For a full list of workshops, see the Foundation website:  
**www.WUMF.org**



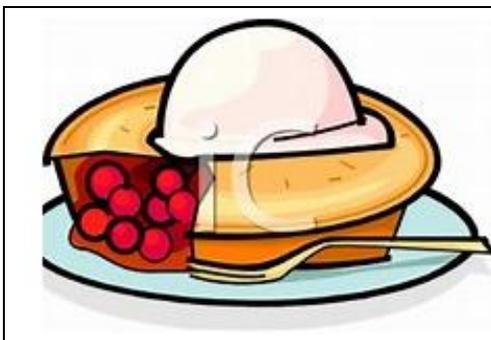
*For additional information contact*

**Jim Wells**  
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**608-837-9582**



Campfire

Do you like roasting hot dogs and marshmallows? Do you like singing songs? Do you like to have a good time? Then have we got an opportunity for you! Come to Calvary UMC on Tuesday, August 14 at 6:30pm for the last campfire of the season. We'll roast hot dogs and marshmallows and sing campfire songs. A good time is guaranteed for all!



Final Ice Cream and Pie Social of the Summer

Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> is the date for the season's final Coloma Calvary UMC Ice Cream and Pie Social. It will be held at the Anna Follett Community Center from 4:30-6:30pm. BBQ, Hot Dogs, Homemade Pies, Ice Cream, and Beverages will be available for purchase.

**Coloma Calvary and Faith United Methodist Churches**

Church Service will be held at Camp Fairwood

September 9, 2018 at 10:30 am. It will be a church

Service, potluck picnic, games and lots of fun.

W7905 South Pleasant Road, Westfield

Everyone Welcome!



**Greetings!**

Can you believe the year is halfway through? It's a good time for us to pause, reflect on how the year is coming along, remind ourselves of our goals that we set for the year, and see if there is anything we can work on doing better in the second half as our finance committees support our church and its ministries. Have the monthly reports to the finance committee members been sent regularly? Is the church financially where you expected to be mid-year compared to budget? Was last year's local church audit completed and a copy sent to your District Office? Have you checked the [Apportionments](#) section of our Conference website to see where your church is on the [Percentage Paid Report](#)?

Just some questions to think about...If you have any finance-related questions or suggestions please email [TreasurerOffice@WisconsinUMC.org](mailto:TreasurerOffice@WisconsinUMC.org). We are here to serve!

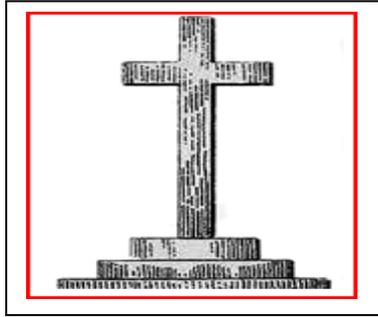
*Tamara Wins*  
Conference Treasurer & Director of Administration

**Funding for Ministry**



Our Council on Finance and Administration (CFA) has four tactics to achieve our goal of supporting local churches and getting every church to participate in Connectional Giving at 100% or more: (1) Educate Churches on Connectional Giving; (2) Provide Training to Local Church Finance Officers; (3) Identify New Funding Sources for Local Churches; and (4) Evaluate Current Apportionment Formula.

Focusing on tactic #3, we have started a section of our website where we will list grants. And you are welcome to email me if you have come across any that you would like to share.



**Our eyes on Calvary...**

**Our steps by Faith...**

*Those serving in the month of*  
**AUGUST 2018**

Ushers/Cleaners

Liturgists

Ushers

5<sup>th</sup> Luke & Katie Showen

12<sup>th</sup> Sam & Kayla Rugg

19<sup>th</sup> Don & Elaine Mevis

26<sup>th</sup> Paul & Leslie Schmidt

Litthurgists

5<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Lundquist

12<sup>th</sup> Joni Wilson

19<sup>th</sup> Donna Schmidt

26 Karen Alexander

**Please hold the following persons and ministries in thought and prayer.**



The family of Nancy Becker, Wally King, Donna Sims, Taylor Bustos, Robert Rosanske, Barb Ely, Adam Casper, Kathy Gray, Peggy Quinn, Pastor Joe & Pat Adkins. Victims of natural disasters, those who are unemployed, those who are separated from loved ones, particularly deployed military persons, people who need the

**Please contact Terry Johnson in the office if you wish to be on the prayer list or if you know someone who has a request. 608-296-2739**

CC – Coloma Calvary; WF – Westfield Faith; POP – Prince of Peace, Coloma NA – Narcotics  
Anonymous; Pastor Joan Frost Office Phone: 608-296-2739

Friday is Pastor's Day off

## August 2018

### **Sunday, August 5**

9:00am-CC Worship  
10:00am-CC Sunday School  
10:30am-WF Worship

### **Tuesday, August 7**

8:30am-CC Pastor Breakfast  
1:00pm-Pastor meets DS at Briggsville

### **Wednesday, August 8**

9:00am Clery Group

### **Thursday, August 9**

10:00am-CC UMW

### **Friday, August 10**

9:30 to 5:00 Stewardship Pine Lake Camp

### **Sunday, August 12**

9:00am-CC Worship  
10:00am-CC Sunday School  
10:30am-WF Worship at Park

### **Tuesday, August 14**

6:30pm-CC Campfire

### **Wednesday, August 15**

9:00am Clery Group

### **Thursday, August 16**

4:00-6:30pm CC Ice Cream & Pie social  
6:00pm-WF Ad Council

### **Sunday, August 19**

9:00am-CC Worship  
10:00am-CC Sunday School  
10:30am-WF Worship

### **Tuesday, August 21**

6:00pm-CC Trustees  
6:30pm CC Ad Council

### **Wednesday, August 22**

9:00am Clery Group

### **August 22<sup>nd</sup> thru August 28<sup>th</sup>**

Pastor in Oshkosh for continuing Education.

### **Sunday, August 26**

9:00am-CC Worship  
10:00am-CC Sunday School  
10:30am-WF Worship

### **Wednesday, August 29**

9:00am Clery Group

**Don't forget CC Rummage**

**Sale every Saturday.**

**WEB SITE:**

[www.westfieldfaithumc.com](http://www.westfieldfaithumc.com)

**Check it out**

