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**Pastor's
Corner**



Dear Friends in Christ,

I can not believe it is February already. It seems that the first month of 2024 passed by in no time at all. So ... How are you doing with your 2024 goals? Do you remember that moment when you thought of writing down some goals for this year? I don't know about you but on the moment in which I write goals or make a resolution of any kind, there is almost always an acknowledgment that the living of the resolution will be harder than the making of it, and that I will not be faithful to those goals, if I rely only on my willpower, good intentions and strength. That is especially true, in our commitment to hear God's voice and follow his guide, every time we wake up. That is why it is so important we take time, every morning, to ask God, who has given you the will to do the things you promised, to give you the grace and the power to perform them in the living of your promises, whatever they are. It is paramount that you take time to pray, to remember your goals, not because you did not mean what you said the first time you said it, but that in the living of your promises, you gain a clearer understanding of what those promises entail. And we need to be reminded of what we said, and why and then pray, once again, for the grace and power we need to fulfill them.

I hope you take time this month to pray and also important, to reflect on the experience of living your promises and what it has been for

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you to journey on the path to which you have been called by God, and all their very twists and turns. I wonder if you might recall a time, perhaps you are in such a time now, when you seriously questioned whether you could stay on a given path, in part because it was nothing like what you would hoped or expected.

From Genesis to revelation, there are these moments upon which the arc of salvation rests. There is the exodus, God's liberation of the people from the bond in Egypt and the covenant God made with them in the wilderness and then follow the stories, story after story, of the people's failure to live up to their side of the covenant. All the times that they repent, they receive forgiveness and restoration again, repent again, restored again, and so on. More than once, we get the message, loud and clear, that God is disappointed with the Israelites and by extension, with us. But, what about the people? They were disappointed, too. This relationship with God was not what they had imagine, God did not conform to their expectations.

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And they were not the people they had imagine themselves to be and that they wanted to be. So, they had to learn through a long process of transformation, that they were being formed into the people God was calling them to be. It was in exile that the people of Israel learned that God does not abandon, despite sin and failing, which is a word for us to hang onto, whenever we feel in a place of exile ourselves, that we are not alone as Jesus followers. We can hold onto his words, that He will be with us to the end of the age. As the people in the Bible, our lives are marked by moments of hope and resolve, followed by messiness, the messiness of life and disappointment with other people, family members, and the institutions in which we work, and God knows, ourselves. But, what I dare to believe, and I dare say you do, too, the times of disorientation, disappointment and failure are as much part of the path to which we have been called as to the more joyful, clear ones, when we confidently said yes to our Savior and open our eyes to see His light guiding our path.

It is my prayer, my dear friends, that you pray for that guiding light to illumine your path every morning. That light that gives us reassurance, that when it feels as if we have lost our way and we can not see the path ahead of us as the road gets dark, as it sometimes does, the light never fades, we just need to open our eyes to see and trust.

May His light guide you in the living of your promises,

Pastor Shirley



Envelopes are in and additional numbers have been issued to those who requested them. Please find your box in the narthex. SPECIAL NOTE: extra boxes are available if you wish to request a box and use for this type of giving.

Plan While You Can: Funeral Pre- Planning Workshop

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"I want that hymn at my funeral service." Here is an opportunity to write it down for your pastor and loved ones. A beautiful gift you can give to your loved ones and yourself is an end-of-life plan. It offers clarity for your family members and friends, regarding a Funeral, Memorial and Committal Services and Memorial Gifts. On Sundays, February 25, March 3, 10, & 17, Pastor Shirley will lead, *Plan While You Can: Funeral Service Pre-planning* in Wesley Hall at 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Homemade soup and bread will be served. We will hear short presentations from local Funeral Directors as well as The Illinois Anatomical Gift Association.

During these sessions you will be able to plan your service, including your choice of hymns, readings, preacher, speakers, and



ushers as well as write your own *Prayer of Thanksgiving* for your Life and *Obituary* with the help of church volunteers.

Attendees will receive a booklet to guide them through *The United Methodist Service of Death and Resurrection*, burial options, and *Planned Giving/Memorial Gifts*. Please register at the church office so we can plan for lunch and workshop materials. Contact Pastor Shirley or Melissa if you have questions or would like additional information.

Please visit the umcnic.org website for more info on these and other upcoming events.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10th
9 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
BELVIDERE FIRST UMC –
610 BONUS AVE. BELVIDERE

Theme: Growing Together in Love: Learning to Have Courageous/Respectful Conversations
COST: \$15 per person -or- \$25 per person, with boxed lunch
Walk-ins welcome, but registration preferred. Lunches are being pre-ordered based on registration. Walk-ins are encouraged to bring a lunch and stay to enjoy longer conversations.

BISHOP'S DAYS ON THE DISTRICT

Please join Bishop Dan Schwerin reflection and conversation on your district.

Come gather to share the great things happening and learn about the Bishop's vision for our conference

Prairie Central
Laity Conversation
Tuesday, February 13



6:30 to 8 p.m.
Lombard: First UMC
155 S. Main St., Lombard, IL

You are encouraged to join in the gathering for your district, but should the one planned for you district not work for you, any gathering can be attended.

Find out more:
umcnic.org/calendar/2024-bishops-days-on-the-district



PRAIRIE CENTRAL SPRING 2024 LAY ACADEMY



5 Sundays 2 - 5 p.m.
Feb. 18 & 25, March 3, 10 & 17

All class times must be attended to receive course credit.

Plainfield UMC
15114 Illinois St., Plainfield IL

Cost \$40
Cost includes needed materials.

Class Options: (one course per academy)

- 1 Basic Course:** This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover personal spiritual gifts and to consider the importance of servant leadership.
Instructor: Roger Curless
- 2 Called to Preach:** This class is designed for those who have not had any formal preaching training. It will help those who are occasionally called upon to share the Word.
Instructor: Rev. Becky Nicol
- 3 Leading Bible Study/Experiential Bible Study:** This class will not only discuss the basics of biblical interpretation, but also engage the participants in an experiential bible study.
Instructor: Rev. Jeffrey Gross
- 4 Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia Through a Spiritual Lens:** This class is designed to help laity and clergy deepen their understanding of persons living with dementia and help them maintain their identity as beloved children of God.
Instructor: Rev. Norval Brown

Register Online:

umcnic.org/calendar/prairie-central-lay-academy-spring-2024

QUESTIONS?

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“Love bears all things, believes all things,
hopes all things, endures all things.”
1 Corinthians 13:6

Upcoming Events:

UWF Meetings 2024: join us of potluck dinner and fellowship in the Wesley Hall at 6:30pm
 **Feb 27 – Lenten Bible Trivia, set up for Trivia Night event
 June 4 – Father’s Day gift assembly, guest speaker Joanie from Downsizing by Design
 Sept 3 – History of Our Redeemer’s as we celebrate our 60th anniversary
 Dec 3 – Annual Holiday White Elephant exchange
 Fall Retreat: tentative date Sept 27-28. Details for the program, location and cost to follow



What: 4th Trivia Night, Trivia Fun, Dinner and Dessert
When: Saturday March 2, 2024
Time: 6:00 pm
Cost: \$25/person \$200/table of 8

Seat Reservation Sales in the Narthex on February 11, 18, and 25



...and now,
a word
from

Jerry McDaniel



~I enjoyed seeing everyone at the potluck and reading the nice notes. Lots of references to me being the photographer; I'll send lots of pictures of Colorado! We left on Tuesday. I'll miss you all, but I'm taking many good memories with me. My address will be:

Jerry McDaniel
 296 Harper Street
 Louisville, CO 80027
 Come out anytime!



The United Methodist Men meet over breakfast at Mr. A's in Roselle at 8:00 am every second Saturday. The next meeting is **February 10th**.

Super Bowl Spaghetti Dinner is February 11

Spaghetti is served after church until 1pm. A donation is requested, but not necessary.



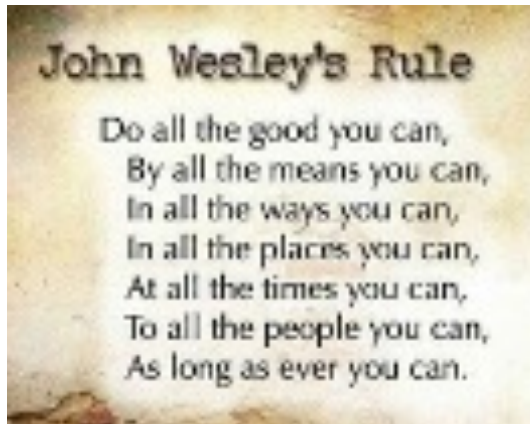
The following are the year-to-date financial information 1/31/2024:

Total Revenues	\$20,524
Total Expenses	22,215
Net	(1,691)

Caring Ministries Corner



FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN (FMSC) is a Christian organization that empowers volunteers to pack meals for the malnourished in nearly 70 countries. It's official—we will continue to serve at their local food packing site on the second Friday afternoon of each month from 2 PM until 3:45 PM throughout the year. That packing site, one of only eight in the United States, is right here in Schaumburg at 740 Wiley Farm Court. **The next scheduled date is Friday, Feb. 9th from 2:00- 3:45 PM. If you would like to join in, please inform Melissa in the office or register at FMSC.org using join code LD3EWZ.**



The Rogers Park Soup Kitchen needs additional volunteers from ORUMC!

Hi all. As always, we are looking for volunteers to join us helping those who count on the Community Feast, also known as the soup kitchen, at the United Church of Rogers Park in Chicago for a reliable, healthy and well prepared meal on Sunday night. The 3rd Sunday of the month is reserved for the team from Our Redeemer's. This spring, we have the month of March off as they have new people who want to learn how to help. If you would like to go this month (February 18th), April 21st or May 19th, simply let Mert Rutledge know as she is the one who keeps tabs on the size of our crew. If you can't get hold of Mert, you can let me know, JoAnne Gregorash, and I will pass the word on to Mert. We love that there are some of you


who come most every month and others who fit it into their schedule when they are able to make it. This ministry is a particular passion of mine and of Mert's and we are always very thankful for those of you willing to help out. Blessings from JoAnne and Mert.



A message from Schaumburg Township Food Pantry:

Our church continues to feed our hungry neighbors by making weekly contributions to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry. If you are financially able, please pick up at least a few extra food items each week when you do your own grocery shopping. Then bring those donations to the cart in the narthex for delivery to the food pantry later that week. The pantry tells us they are MOST in need of tomato products, pasta, baking items and dried beans during this month of February.

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