

**BEACON
AUGUST 2021
NEWSLETTER OF THE
STURGEON BAY & JACKSONPORT
UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES**



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Jacksonport United Methodist Church Charge
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Sunday Afternoons

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AUGUST 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 8/1/20 8:30 AM Worship Service Jacksonport
- 8/1/21 10:00 AM Worship Service SBUMC
- 8/8/21 8:30 AM Worship Service Jacksonport
- 8/8/21 10:00 AM Worship Service SBUMC
- 8/12/21 6:00 PM Quilting Group
- 8/15/21 8:30 AM Worship Service Jacksonport
- 8/15/21 10:00 AM Worship Service SBUMC
- 8/16/21 5:00 - 7:00 PM Vacation Bible School
- 8/17/21 5:00 - 7:00 PM Vacation Bible School
- 8/18/21 5:00 - 7:00 PM Vacation Bible School
- 8/19/21 5:00 PM Vacation Bible School
- 8/22/21 8:30 AM Worship Service Jacksonport
- 8/22/21 10:00 AM Worship Service SBUMC
- 8/23/21 6:30 PM SPRC Meeting Via Zoom
- 8/28/21 10 AM - 1 PM Jerry Krause Memorial
- 8/29/21 8:30 AM Worship Service Jacksonport
- 8/29/21 10:00 AM Worship Service SBUMC

ST. PETERS LUTHERAN CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

Monday August 9th 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tuesday August 10th 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Appointments Preferred - Call 1-800-733-2767

AUGUST 2021 LETTER FROM PASTOR DAVE

Hello friends,

I remember distinctly the day I became a member of the United Methodist Church (UMC). Jackie and I had been married for two years at the time. Our second son was newly born, and we wanted to have both he and his older brother baptized. I thought it important that I became a member in the church where they would be declared to be “a Child of God.” So, on the day of their baptism and before such was declared concerning our two boys, I stood before the church and declared my own Christian faith and my willingness to be a faithful member of the UMC. I never have, nor never will, regret having done so. To this day despite all the ongoing disputes in our denomination concerning what I find to be culturally driven issues, I believe that the UMC has had it right more often than wrong. I believe that the church I joined many years ago still holds the heart of a disciple of Jesus Christ to be its true nature. After I joined my wife’s childhood UMC we seldom missed a Sunday worship service, and although we later moved and attended a different church it too was a UMC. We both have found in the UMC a place that accepts us as we are and have found people who love us and want only to journey together in a common discipleship of Jesus Christ. I discovered a way of living as a Christian in the UMC that not only was Biblically based but too was where people are opened minded, open-hearted, and understand that we are all at different places in our walk of faith; a place where we all know that we will disagree from time-to-time but when doing so it ought not in any way lessen the Christian love, we hold for each other. Even if it is true that this attitude is not as widespread as it was when I entered ministry it is still there among many, perhaps the majority, of people in the pews. There are those whose experience of the church differs from mine and have found many of its traditions uncomfortable, unhelpful, and as such undesirable. While I am sympathetic and have the shared experience of times when some of the leaders within the denomination had acted in unhelpful ways and even unfairly, I still cannot deny my own overall positive experience, and traditional beliefs. What I found so attractive about the UMC so many years ago I believe is still possible today; that we can disagree about many things concerning the doctrines of the church and politics of the world, while at the same time affirming that each one of us are a child of the living God who loves us despite that not one of us has or could ever earn such love. It is simply the grace of God to love us, sinners all. The example of love Christ showed for the world is the love we are taught by our Christian tradition to hold for each other, and I believe that it is when we love one another in this way that we honor God and live-in accordance with God’s will.

I know that many of you like myself are frustrated with all the politics, both religious and secular, that has seeped into our church lives. If that is true for you, I want to call on you to think back on why you became a United Methodist to begin with. Have you, like me, known the UMC to have been a place where God is honored and each one loved? We will work out the differences we have over how marriage is defined and the requirements for ordination.

AUGUST 2021 LETTER FROM PASTOR DAVE cont...

We will find a way forward, and that may well mean that we will not be the same organization we have been for this past fifty-three years. If that is God’s will for us, then so be it. No matter what name ends up on the sign in front of the church, the UMC I have known and loved has always been a place of welcome to all, a place where you could “come as you are,” and grow toward who God wants you to be. As an Elder in the United Methodist Church, I do not ask that you agree with me on the issues that consume so much of the attention of our church and culture today, I only ask that we afford to each other the same grace we all want for ourselves; which is the grace of being respected and loved for who we are, and leaving the judgement of what we as individuals believe and in how we choose to live our lives, to God. Such grace is hard to find in today’s world, but I for one have found it right here where I have been blessed and nurtured as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

May God bless us all as we travel through this journey of life; may God bless us with a Christian unity located within God’s will for the Church and through the Lordship of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Dave



UPDATE FROM THE JACKSONPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

By Paul Schumacher

Worship Services Sunday 8:30 AM Cave Point Road at Hwy 57, Jacksonport WI

Many of you heard my recent sermon on the Wilderness of COVID. As I reflect on where we are as a nation, and state on COVID, I seriously doubt whether we are in fact near the end of our walk in the wilderness. For so long as unvaccinated people gather in large numbers, without social distancing and/or masks I fear the pandemic will continue. The Delta variant shows the outcome of mutation of the original COVID strain – subsequent strains often become more virulent and deadly. If the pandemic continues across the world and our country much longer, we will see even more deadly versions than the Delta variant.

So what can we do as Christians? We lead by example. Remember an important reading from the Book of John, Chapter 13, verses 34 & 35: “A New Commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” How do we show our love for others? We should already be vaccinated, and wear masks indoors, for by doing so, we are taking a step in the right direction towards stemming the tide of COVID. Rather than keeping our individual actions a secret, volunteer the fact that you are vaccinated and wear masks to protect yourself and as an act of Love towards others. If enough of us do this, it may help counter the politics around the vaccine and wearing masks.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - By Angel Roig

Calling All Archeologists!!!

Who is ready to digging for the truth of the bible? Join us **August 16th - 19th at 5:00 PM for Vacation Bible School for kindergarten through sixth grade students.** A light dinner will be served with the day ending at 7:00 PM. We are going to be on a dig site in Israel and dig into the truth of the Bible. Come and discover the story of Jesus, maybe even a few cool artifacts. I will be mailing out registration forms to all the kids at our church. If you need extra forms for friends please contact Angel through the church office or stop by as they will have extra copies. Please have the forms back to the church as soon as possible or call and let us know if your child or children will be joining us.

We are looking for volunteers to help with snacks, outside activities, acting out the bible, and being a leader to groups of children. Please don't worry we will place you where you feel most comfortable. Please help make this a successful experience for the kids.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are very excited to say that youth Sunday School will begin the first Sunday after Labor Day on September 12th at 9:00 AM. If you love working with children....*we need you!* We need teachers and substitute teachers even if it is only certain Sundays. I will work to make whatever help you could provide work. Please leave word for me at the church office if you are interested. Thank you!! Angel

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN By Mary Zeledon



Deborah Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 14th at 9:00 AM here at the

church! Hurrah! Finally! No particular book to discuss but hope we can share our experiences of the past year, and possibly hear of good books you have read during that time. Looking forward to seeing you then. If you have any questions call Mary at 746-9414.



NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

It has been wonderful to see people stop by the office again. I have missed seeing you. A reminder, that unless something calls me away, I have the front door open on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Sheryl Kobishop has assumed the responsibility of tallying and processing Econo Receipts for us. For those who don't know, Econo gives a small percentage of each receipt back to the church, so please keep your receipts coming into the office. You may leave them in the mailbox out front, church office, or the designated wooden cabinet in the Fellowship Hall. We are **no longer** accepting empty ink cartridges for recycling.

We want to give a hearty **THANK YOU** to **Cherrie Graham** who has been volunteering to do this task since 2019.

A reminder that we are able to print church directories upon request. If you would like one please leave word and I will leave one in the vestibule for you to pick up. Take Care Everyone.

Blessings, Lorna



OPEN POSITION AT THE CHURCH

We are currently looking to fill the position of **Church Custodian**.

Lori Moe and her family have moved out of the area leaving the vacancy. We wish them the best of luck in their new endeavors.

The position will require up to 15 hours per week with flexibility of hours and duties to meet the needs of the church.

We are posting this position internally to our church congregation before we place the ad to give the opportunity for any who are interested to apply. For additional information or to submit a resume, please contact the church office at 920-743-3241 or email at: church.office@sturgeonbayumc.org

TIME TO MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE



Seems like forever since we have gathered for music at church. With all the changes that have

come about in the past few months we are now feeling safe to meet as choirs once again. Thank you to those of you who were able to sing for Confirmation Sunday. It was much appreciated by many.

Senior Choir will begin Wednesday Sept. 8th at 6:30. Once we begin gathering our times may change. I look forward to seeing all who have sung in the past and any persons who feel they would love to sing in the choir. The only requirement that ever was or ever will be to sing in our church choir is that you be willing to make a Joyful noise unto the Lord.

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Joyful Noise cont....

Please come and sing with us. We laugh, share, and enjoy making music together.

Bell Choir.....not just yet. Please if you have any thoughts about bell choir email or call me. Look for an email in your inbox sometime in August or for your phone to ring.

Lastly, a huge thank you to our congregation. Your singing on Sundays has been awesome! It will be so good to continue together in worship to our Lord and Savior lifting our voices together in Praise to God.

Blessings, Elaine



Prayer Requests

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE HOME-BOUND OR ILL	
Elly Hoague	Jeanne Barnard
Evelyn Mueller	Jerry Wick
Barb Riederer	Dottie Haviland
Dick & Dottie Shappell	Dorothy Berg
Phyllis Swagel	Vernon Augustine
Tom Pontzloff	Dianne Benishek
Jan Haertel	Marjorie Gambrel
Walter Alvin	Elva Spetz
Edith Wilber	Doris Kniffin
Jim and Shirley Talmadge	
PRAYERS NEEDED	
Please pray for the safe return Patty Schuttenhelm's grandson, Aaron Rahberger who is missing. He is 24 years old and has high functioning Autism an Asperger's disease	
Pray for our community and other areas effected by the raise in Covid cases. Pray that vaccines, medical care & supplies are available for those in need.	
Pray for our church: Mighty and Holy God, I know all things are possible through you. I ask that you show we the people of Sturgeon Bay and Jacksonport United Methodist Churches the way to flourish in our lives as disciples of your Son Jesus, and to be fruitful in your mission for us. Amen.	

MISSIONS - AUGUST MISSION

Door County Habitat for Humanity



People in our community and all over the world partner with Habitat for Humanity to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers. With your help, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families.

Door County Habitat Humanity was started in the community in 1993. In our 28 years, we have built 43 homes and completed 65 home repair projects impacting over 279 people including **114 children**. Door County's real estate is increasingly geared toward vacation homes and rental units. This drives up housing beyond what a typical family could generally hope to afford. There is a shortfall of owner-occupied housing.

Affordable Homes Needed - Door County Habitat is one of many organizations working to address challenges our friends and neighbors have in finding affordable, decent homes. Organizations such as Habitat, Door County Housing Partnership, and the Door County Economic Development Corporation have begun a coordinated effort to pursue affordable housing. Door County Habitat does not give houses or home repairs away. Families must complete "sweat equity" hours helping to build or repair their home and make monthly mortgage payments. Homes are made affordable due to the volunteer labor and a low-cost mortgage loan provided by Habitat. Habitat builds and repairs homes that are a foundation to success for homeowner families and the Door County community. Families benefit from affordable home ownership, while the community benefits from the redevelopment of neighborhoods and an increase in tax revenue.

Safe and affordable means that Habitat homes are modestly sized. Large enough for the family's needs, but small enough to keep construction and maintenance costs to a minimum. Homes are built to be energy efficient so monthly utility costs are more reasonable.

Please consider helping Habitat for Humanity in its mission of empowering families to gain decent housing here in Door County.



YEARLY MISSION GIVING 2021	YTD Gifts
Backpack Buddies	\$485.00
Boys/Girls Club	\$530.00
CROP	
Café Joy Breakfast Program	
Food Walk	\$275.00
Etta Projects Bolivia	
Golden Cross	\$150.00
Halloween Fund	
Habitat for Humanity	\$100.00
Human Relations Day	
"J" Walkers Mission	\$485.00
Lend a Hand	
Midwest Mission Dist. Center	\$435.00
Mittens & Blankets	\$275.00
Mujilla Falls Agricultural Center	\$275.00
Native American Sunday	\$150.00
Neighbor to Neighbor	
One Great Hour	\$150.00
Pastoral Fund	\$1,965.00
Peace with Justice	\$150.00
Restoring Hope Transplant House	\$510.00
Shoe Box	
Senior Citizen Ministry	
UMCOR Covid 19 Response Fund	\$710.00
Student Day	\$150.00
Women's Fund Door County	
World Communion	\$150.00
TOTAL YTD MISSION GIVING 2021	\$6,945.00

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EVENT



The 2nd Annual Home in One Golf Outing, hosted by Door County Habitat for Humanity and the Door County Home Builders Association is being held on Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at Idlewild Golf Club 4146 Golf Valley Dr Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

Grab your foursome and join in for a day of fun, and fundraising to support decent and affordable home ownership in Door County. There will be raffles, food, a chance to win a \$10,000 trip to Pebble Beach, and of course, lots of golf!

In 2021 there are two golf experiences to choose from – a morning round of 9 holes (AM start) or an afternoon round of 18 holes (P.M. start)! **Golfer registration is due August 25, 2021.**

Register to Golf The cost for 9 holes of golf is \$60 per golfer or \$240 for a foursome which includes 9 holes of golf with a cart, a continental breakfast, a raffle ticket and drink ticket, and lunch after golfing. The cost for 18 holes is \$100 per golfer or \$400 for a foursome which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, a raffle and drink ticket, and dinner after golfing.

There are several opportunities for you to support this event!

- **\$250 Hole Sponsor** With a hole sponsorship you get your name and logo on the hole for the entire day, being seen by all the golfers throughout the day.

- **Raffle Prize Donation Raffles** will be drawn after each round of golf, one at noon after the morning round and one in the evening after the afternoon round. Raffle prizes can be either dropped off at Habitat For Humanity, 410 N 14th Ave., Sturgeon Bay or call [920-743-2869](tel:920-743-2869) to make pick-up arrangements.

Sponsorships are due **August 8, 2021**. Please direct any questions to admin@doorhabitat.org.

STURGEON BAY MAYOR TALKS COMMUNITY UPDATE - LAKESHORE REGIONAL NEWS

STURGEON BAY, Wis. (WFRV) – Sturgeon Bay Mayor Dave Ward joined Local 5 to discuss multiple topics including the biggest tourist attractions and the Bay Shipyard expansion in the latest Community Update.

Mayor Ward says the biggest attraction is the new Sturgeon Bay Maritime Tower. The tower is a ten-story tower, and when Ward says he always sees people at the tower.

The Maritime Tower is not the only tower that is attracting tourists as the [Peninsula State Park's Eagle Tower has recently opened](#). The Eagle Tower has a rampway that is accessible for everyone.

Cherry picking season is also in full swing and Ward says anyone looking to pick their own cherries can follow any of the signs to multiple orchards when driving to the area.

The Bay Shipyard expansion is also happening in the area, Ward says the brand new, very large buildings are being completed. They are being built for the purpose of Navy work and should add an additional 200 jobs. The 200 new jobs will be added when the project is fully ramped up, according to Ward.

Celebration of Rev. Gerald "Jerry" A. Krause's Life

The family of Rev. Gerald "Jerry" A. Krause invites you to a celebration of Jerry's life. Jerry went to be with the Lord Jesus Christ on Friday, December 18, 2020 following complications from a stroke. The celebration of Jerry's life will be held at the:

United Methodist Church
836 Michigan St Sturgeon Bay WI 54235

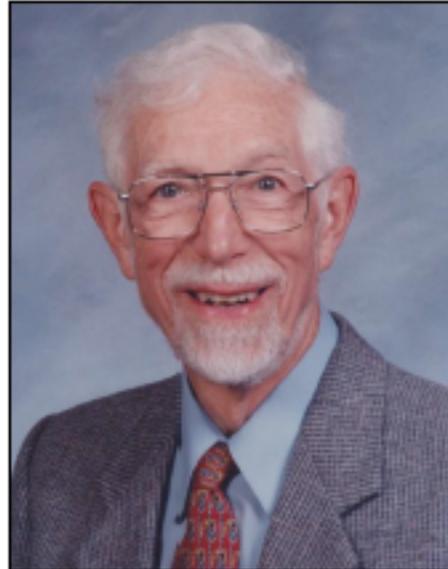
August 28, 2021

10:00 - 11:00 AM Visitation

11:00 – 12:00 Memorial Celebration

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch

If you plan to join us for lunch, please RSVP to
CelebratingJerryK@gmail.com



March 18, 1931 -
December 18, 2020

Complete Obituary:

<https://www.huehnsfuneralhome.com/obituary/RevGeraldJerry-Krause>

Many already gave memorial gifts, but if you would still like to give a gift in honor of Jerry you can through any of these organizations:

Sturgeon Bay United Methodist Church

<https://www.sturgeonbayumc.org>

Checks should say in the memo Attention: Jerry Krause's Memorial Fund

United Methodist Foundation

<https://www.wumf.org>

United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR)

<https://umcmmission.org/umcor> in memory of Jerry Krause. Please also send an email to JerryKrausememorialfund@gmail.com indicating your gift and the amount.



“Consider the Lilies”

By Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Relationship is the essence of creation. We live as created and Creator, as well as sibling, partner, and members of the interdependent life we are given. God has created in such a way that everyone’s faithfulness is needed to live well. We live each day trusting each person will keep to one lane on the road. We are a ‘love your neighbor’ religion. More deeply, Jesus also asked us to consider the lilies.

Let us reflect for a moment on our relationship with creation. According to the July second issue of *The Week*, 72% of the west is under severe drought conditions as it is reckoned according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, and more than 25% is in an ‘exceptional’ drought, the most extreme category. The current drought is on track to become the worst in at least 1200 years according to Kathleen Johnson of University of California: Irvine. For many, wildfire is now a climate condition and not a season. According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the entire Badger state is impacted by global climate change. Communities of color, tribal nations, and low-income communities feel the impact physically and economically when we experience deaths due to extreme heat and flooding events impact drinking water. Toxic waste is often left behind in our cities. A spiritual and physical staple to Native Americans in Wisconsin, wild rice is an early indicator of climate change.

Wild rice is vulnerable to a range of climate impacts, from changes in water levels to increases in temperature. Climate change may move the plant’s habitat farther north, which threatens a way of life for many tribal nations in Wisconsin. These conditions and many more cry out for climate justice.

Soul Food cont...

While some may deny the human impact on climate change, our faith calls us to respect the nest that God has given us and our neighbor. When Genesis 1:26 says, ‘let them have dominion over...’ that word we render, ‘dominion’ in the Hebrew means, ‘responsible care.’ It is the care of shepherding the whole for the purposes of the shepherd. In Philippians 2:5-11, Paul reminds the church that, ‘he emptied himself.’ God’s self-emptying in Jesus Christ is the way of God’s living in the world for the redemptive and salvific good of creation. If we join God where God is, we live in ways that empty our consumption patterns of waste. We empty our lives of greed, and we consider living with the earth in ways that more functionally love our neighbors. God’s self-giving in Jesus the Christ does not worry about running out of self-giving compassion but trusts that self-giving love is enough for the healing of the universe. It sometimes costs more to change the light fixtures in the church or make cooling and heating systems more energy efficient. Once the windows are installed, we have made a long-standing decision about efficiency. Perhaps the pandemic taught us that we can be nimble about ministry and rely less on buildings. Might we make these considerations more easily if the earth were in our prayers? Climate justice is another way of increasing racial justice and radical inclusion. John Wesley called us to personal and social holiness. What might happen to our social holiness if we regularly and prayerfully considered the lilies? What might be our witness if the church’s self-giving cared for the planet and its people more than the church’s preservation? Let’s consider our carbon footprint and planetary health as an opportunity to witness to our reliance on Jesus the Christ who’s self-giving makes us whole. Thank you for your ministry in the world God loves.

Gratefully,
Bishop Hee-Soo Jung