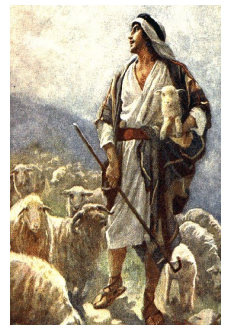




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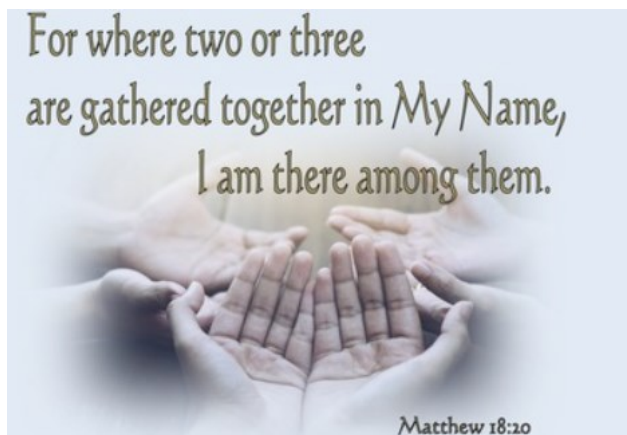


**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
 IS NOW OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

JUNE 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 6/14/21 6:30 PM SBRC Meeting
- 6/2/21 1:00 PM Parkinson Support Group
- 6/6/21 8:30 AM Worship Service Jacksonport
- 6/6/21 10:00 AM Worship Service Sturgeon Bay
- 6/13/21 8:30 AM Worship Service Jacksonport
- 6/13/21 10:00 AM Worship Service Sturgeon Bay
- 6/20/21 8:30 AM Worship Service Jacksonport
- 6/20/21 10:00 AM Worship Service Sturgeon Bay
- 6/27/21 8:30 AM Worship Service Jacksonport
- 6/27/21 10:00 AM Worship Service Sturgeon Bay



JUNE 2021 LETTER FROM PASTOR DAVE

Hello Friends,

It has been wonderful to see several of you back at church. As I must get the service processed right after services for use on-line, I have not had much of an opportunity to talk to many of you yet. I too have noticed that many others, who I see around town, have not made it back to services yet and I hope you do soon. Our lives have all changed over the last fourteen months, but now it is important to get our church family back together again so we can begin to rebuild our ministry together. All the churches in our area, indeed across the United States, suffered a fallout from this pandemic, however nevertheless the ministry of Christ goes on. Like every crisis there arises new opportunities for growth that comes out of it, and we will need to open to wherever God will take us in these days and months to come. It is time to put the past year behind us and move forward. I am committed to a new day in our ministry where we stress flourishing in our relationships with God and each other; and in so doing experience fruitfulness in our lives and ministry. I have chosen to focus in on concepts related to discipleship, the Gospel message, and personal relationships in these post pandemic and sadly post Christian times we are living in. I believe that as we come to understand our faith apart from all the controversies that are tearing at the fabric of our nation, and that of Christian Church as well, that we can find unity and purpose here at SBUMC and JPUMC. Jesus said that we are to be in the world, but not of the world. I take that to mean that we are defined as individuals and collectively by the faith we share, and that the identity that arises out of our relationship with God will allow us to live in the world as an example of what is possible for those who love God and neighbor. I have come more and more to see our church, both the meanings of building and people, as a sanctuary that provides a place of peace and acceptance. I do believe a new day is upon us and I plan to live into the new day with hope and trust in God. How about you?

Are you ready to get going and see where God takes us? Blessings,
Pastor Dave



MISSIONS - June Mission of the Month

Our Mission for the month of June is The Boys and Girls Club of Door County.

STATEMENT BY THE NATIONAL BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB:

For more than 150 years, Boys & Girls Clubs have changed and saved young lives during the out-of-school time. We want every child in America to be in a safe, constructive environment when they are not at home or in school. We provide that safe haven for nearly 4 million youth every year, but there are millions more who need it, and we cannot do it alone.

John McMahan, the new CEO since late 2020 was asked “What’s new at the DOOR COUNTY CLUB”?

“Well, just about everything. New programming, new locations supporting all of Door County, new staff members, new partnerships, new Summer Camp (Camp LeVoy), and a new opportunity to be an even better club for our community kids than ever before.

We got here by taking the opportunity during the pandemic to imagine what the best childhood would look like in Door County and what were the elements, experiences, and resources every child should have access to get the most out of growing up in this community and whether we were in line with the results. Turned out that we were in some areas and not in others.

In the end we came up with four areas that we wanted to inspire our kids to do: *Learn, Create, Explore and Share.*

MISSIONS cont.

With those four inspirations we then built our new organization model, delivery models and programming around each by creating what we call our “4 Pillars”.

First, to inspire our kids to learn, we created the ***Academic Success program.*** Next, to inspire kids and to expose them to the opportunities to be creative, we established our ***Arts & Culture Academy.*** And in order to ensure that our community kids explore our rich natural resources, we created ***The Outdoor Club.***

Our 4th and most important program is our ***Community Table Project,*** which is focused on teaching kids how important it is to share and give back to a community that gives to them.”

The goal is to serve as many kids as possible and raise the Club to the top of the community’s conscience. As you can imagine, this is a large task coming out of the pandemic with reduced staff and students.

If you would like to know more about the Boys and Girls Club of Door County CEO, click on the following link to a 15-minute interview with John McMahan.

https://fb.watch/5oU8kBrz_T/

The Door County Boys and Girls Club needs all the funds and support Door County, and our church can muster. Please be generous with your thoughts, prayers, and donations.

Thank you, Your Mission Committee



MISSION GIVING

This month we will provide two tables showing our mission of the month giving as well as our year to date giving. A reminder that your giving is not restricted to the assigned month. Donations are always welcome anytime. May God bless you for your generous giving.

MISSION GIVING 2021	YTD Total Gifts
Backpack Buddies	\$480.00
Boys/Girls Club Bus	\$275.00
CROP	
Café Joy Breakfast Program	
Food Walk	\$275.00
Etta Projects Bolivia	
Golden Cross	
Halloween Fund	
Habitat for Humanity	
Human Relations Day	
"J" Walkers Mission	\$480.00
Lend a Hand	
Midwest Mission Dist. Center	\$430.00
Mittens & Blankets	\$275.00
Mujilla Falls Agricultural Center	\$275.00
Native American Sunday	
Neighbor to Neighbor	
One Great Hour	
Pastoral	\$275.00
Peace with Justice	
Restoring Hope Transplant House	\$470.00
Shoe Box	
Senior Citizen Ministry	
UMCOR Covid 19 Response Fund	\$705.00
Student Day	
Women's Fund Door County	
World Communion	
TOTAL YTD MISSION GIVING 2021	\$3,940.00

**MISSION
POSSIBLE**

MONTHLY MISSION GIVING 2021

January - UMCOR Covid 19 Response	\$705.00
February - Backpack Buddies	\$480.00
March - "J" Walkers	\$480.00
April - Midwest Mission Dist. Center	\$430.00
May - Restoring Hope Transplant House	\$470.00
June - Boys/Girls Club Bus	
July - Pastoral	
August - Door County Habitat For Humanity	
September - Food Walk	
October - Mujilla Falls Agricultural Center	
November - Open	
December - Mittens & Blankets	
2021 Monthly Missions YTD Total	\$2,565.00



A basket has been set up at the back of the sanctuary for Prayer Requests. Additionally, you will find prayer request cards located near

the basket. If your prayer request is not private please let us know if we can add your request to our prayer list. You are also welcome to email or call the church office with your prayer request and or praise report!

PRAYER LIST FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING & COMFORT

Continue to pray for Tom Pontzloff. He is receiving treatments & therapy while at home. Tom had kidney stone surgery on May 24th. Please pray for his recovery.

Please pray for healing and recovery for Jeanne Barnard. Her brain tumor is growing, and she has upcoming surgery.

Prayers needed for those who continue to struggle with financial hardships and illness during this difficult time.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO ARE HOMEBOUND OR ILL

Doris Kniffin	Jim and Shirley Talmadge
Evelyn Mueller	Jerry Wick
Barb Riederer	Dottie Haviland
Dick & Dottie Shappell	Dorothy Berg
Phyllis Swagel	Vernon Augustine
Michael Olson	Dianne Benishek
Jan Haertel	Marjorie Gambrel
Walter Alvin	Elva Spetz
Edith Wilber	Tom Pontzloff

A MESSAGE FROM DESTINATION DOOR COUNTY

In Door County, welcoming visitors is what we know. It's who we are, what we do, and



what we like to be. We are following guidance from state health authorities and working with Door County Public Health and local medical professionals to provide businesses with up-to-date operating guidelines and procedures. Our commitment to cleanliness and safety initiative was launched last year and offers Door County businesses recommended guidelines to provide both customers and their employees with a safer business atmosphere. The customer guidelines are listed below. Taking these important and necessary steps should allow visitors, our workforce and local residents to continue enjoying Door County now and into the future.

As a customer, we ask you to do the following to keep our business and community safe:

- Wear a mask when in close proximity to other customers and our staff, unless you are dining » Children under 2 years of age should not wear face coverings, per CDC guidelines
- Attempt to maintain 6 foot social distancing
- Refrain from patronizing our business if you are experiencing symptoms consistent with Covid-19, and call 920-746-3700 to be screened for testing
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow and away from other people
- Wash and/or sanitize your hands when you enter and exit our premises



UPDATE FROM ADRC ON IN HOME COVID 19 VACCINES

Door County continues to make excellent progress in the ongoing effort to provide and administer the COVID19 vaccination to eligible residents living in our community. According to the State of Wisconsin's Department of Health vaccination data, over 54% of the overall Door County population have received at least one dose of the vaccine and 35% have completed the two dose vaccination series, to date. However, there is still more work to be done and we need your help and support! The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), Door County Connect (Public Transit System), Door County Public Health and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are diligently working to ensure that everyone who wants it, has access to the COVID19 vaccine. We recognize that there are residents without access to transportation or whose medical or physical condition make it very difficult to leave their home and travel to a vaccination clinic. I'm excited to announce that after a lot of hard work and planning, Door County Public Health has started to provide COVID19 vaccines to residents in their homes. There are many steps that go into coordinating in home vaccines and we appreciate your patience as we continue to work through all of the logistics. If you or someone you know are interested in receiving a COVID19 vaccine and have a difficult time physically getting to a vaccination clinic or would like help coordinating transportation to a vaccination clinic, please contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) by calling: (920)7462372 or send us an email at ADRC@co.door.wi.us. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you Jake Erickson, Director



BIBLE VERSES IN HONOR OF OUR DEAR FATHERS



June 20, 2021



- **Ephesians 6:4:** "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."
- **Proverbs 1:8:** "Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching."
- **2 Corinthians 6:18:** "And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."
- **Psalms 103:13:** "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."
- **Proverbs 22:6:** "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."
- **2 Samuel 7:14-15:** "I will be a father to him, and he'll be a son to me. When he does wrong, I'll discipline him in the usual ways, the pitfalls and obstacles of this mortal life. But I'll never remove my gracious love from him."

- **Deuteronomy 1:31:** "There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as a father carries his son, all the way you went until you reached this place."
- **Malachi 4:6:** "He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers."
- **Hebrews 12:7:** "Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?"



- **Proverbs 23:22:** "Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old."
- **Proverbs 23:24:** "The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him."
- **Luke 15:20:** "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."





**PREJUDICE
AND BIAS
HURT US ALL
By Bishop
Jung**

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' (Luke 10:29)

This year marks the 150th anniversary of one of the most horrendous terrorist acts in the history of the United States. On October 24, 1871 over 500 residents of Los Angeles stormed into the Chinese quarter, beating, stabbing, and shooting Chinese immigrants – some second and third generation whose families had been on this continent even before California became a state in 1849 – burning their homes and businesses, lynching, killing and mangling 19, injuring dozens more, sending shock and fear throughout the Chinatown of about 200 residents. Some of the reasons that attackers gave for their terrorism? “They smell funny.” “They talk funny.” “They look at our women.” “They bow to us when we pass them.” “We don’t trust them.”

I would love to write today to celebrate the progress we have made, but then I reflect on the recent shootings in Atlanta, where six Asian women were killed. In the United States, an average of 3,800 acts of aggression against Asian Americans occur each month. However, in March of this year that number jumped to over 6,600. The primary excuse given: the Chinese sent the coronavirus to the world. Now, it is important to note that of the 6,600+ acts of aggression and hate, only about 1,900 of those were against Chinese or Chinese Americans; the rest were against people of other Asian nationalities and ethnicities. And it is important to note that two-thirds of the victims are United States citizens. These acts of violence were not acts of reason or sensible thought; these acts are signs of deep and abiding racism, prejudice, and ignorance.

In my own life journey, I have been on the receiving end of many hurtful and hateful attacks. Mostly these are unkind words or insults, but some have been threats of violence and acts of aggressive bullying. It is less now as a Bishop where I am known, but still I see people watch me and I am often the person who has to extend a hand of greeting and friendship to strangers. I have been here decades, and sometimes I still feel that others think I do not belong.

It is obvious that such prejudice and violence hurts the victims and perpetuates racial and ethnic division, but what is too often overlooked is that such incidents do collateral damage to the attackers, to the community, and to the world at large. Prejudice and bias hurt us all. Racially motivated aggressive acts perpetuate stereotypes and focus attention on the negatives of diversity. In a “blame the victim” culture, research shows that a significant portion of the dominant white culture wonder what the victims did to “deserve” what happened to them. Any acts of defense or retaliation are often framed as behavior justifying the assault or attack. In many ways, victims are injured twice – once by the act itself, then by the insult that they deserved what occurred.

It is my honor to speak on May 20th to the Baraboo Talks initiative on Anti-Asian Racism and Xenophobia. Raising awareness and creating understanding is one way we can stand up for the rights and dignity of our Asian sisters and brothers. It is critically important for Christians to oppose racism in all its forms, but more importantly to stand up for the human rights of all people. While it is important to be against that which is evil, it is critical that we fight for all that is good and right and just. Together, we can undo the harm and hurt done by prejudice, bias, aggression, and racial violence, but only if we will commit together to make it so. Let us faithfully commit. Thanks be to God.

