



*Your July 2026
Beacon Newsletter*



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JULY 2026

NEWSLETTER OF THE STURGEON BAY & JACKSONPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES



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SBUMC Sunday Worship Service & Sunday School

10:00 AM

Available Remotely on our Church Website

YouTube: SB United Methodist Church

Service Recordings will be **delayed One Week** for WDOR Radio 93.9 FM or 910 AM
9:30 AM Sunday Mornings

JACKSONPORT Sunday Worship

8:45 AM Cave Point Road at Hwy 57,
Jacksonport WI

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Pastors' *July* 2026 CORNER

2026 Annual Conference



Greetings Friends,

Summer is well underway, and it has already been a full and meaningful season in the life of our church.

At the beginning of June, several of us had the opportunity to attend the Wisconsin Annual Conference. Annual Conference is a time when United Methodists from across the state gather for worship, learning, fellowship, and the important business of

the church. It was a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with colleagues, celebrate the ministries taking place throughout Wisconsin, and discern together how God is calling us forward. I always come away encouraged by the stories of faith, service, and transformation happening in our churches and communities.

Shortly after Annual Conference, I was blessed to spend some time on vacation with family. It was a season filled with celebrations as three of our children reached significant milestones. One graduated with a master's degree from seminary, and became a provisional elder in the United Methodist church, another graduated from college, and a third graduated from high school. As you can imagine, there was plenty of traveling, gathering, celebrating, and making memories together. It was a joyful reminder of how quickly time passes and how important it is to pause and give thanks for God's faithfulness through every season of life.

Summer ministry has been in full swing. It has been a joy to gather for worship, share fellowship, welcome visitors, and continue growing together in faith. Whether through worship services, conversations over coffee, visits, prayers, or acts of service, I continue to see God at work through the people of our churches.

As I reflect on the summer so far, I am reminded of the many blessings that come through community. We celebrate together, support one another through challenges, and encourage one another in faith. These connections are a gift, and they are part of what makes the church such a special place. On July 5th we will have a wonderful blessing! We will be having two baptisms! Mark your calendar and try to be there if you can as we CELEBRATE!

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and for all the ways you contribute to the life of our church. I look forward to all that God has in store for us in the weeks ahead.

Grace and peace,

Pastor JoAnn





United
Women
in Faith

WOMEN'S CIRCLE NEWS

Please Join Us

DEBORAH CIRCLE, United Women in Faith June Picnic: A special group of women gathered together at the Sawyer Park shelter on June 11th for our annual picnic. The weather was perfect and the food was delicious, as always. What an assortment of favorite dishes we had that everyone brought to share! We had a wonderful surprise when Rosemary Hintz and her daughter, Linda, joined us! Rosemary is a long time member of Deborah Circle and still reads our books at home. Her health has made it difficult for her to attend our meetings for the past few years but we were so glad she and Linda could be with us for our picnic! Many brought something to show that they had bought at our rummage sale or a resale shop. What an assortment of treasures from clothing to a Bissell Lightweight vacuum cleaner! Be sure to check the bulletin board in the hallway to see pictures of this enjoyable event soon! This was the last gathering of our women for the year. We will take a break until September 15th which is the third Tuesday of the month. We have decided to change our meeting from the second Tuesday as this date would be the day after Labor Day and some of us will have company or be out of town for the holiday. Please mark this change on your calendars. Be sure to pick up a copy of our summer book, **The Gift of Years, Growing Old Gracefully by Joan Chittister**, on the shelf in front of Lorna's office. It will be discussed at our September meeting. Julie Taylor, Chairperson, 920-743-5619



MENS' CLUB NEWS By Ken Boettcher

We are currently on our summer break. Our next meeting will most likely be in early October 2026.

Maddie Ostrand's Memorial

Will be held on her birthday, July 3, 2026 at SBUMC at 11:00 AM. There will be a luncheon to follow in the fellowship hall. Our friend Maddie will truly be missed by all that knew her. A bright light has left us and now graces Heaven above.

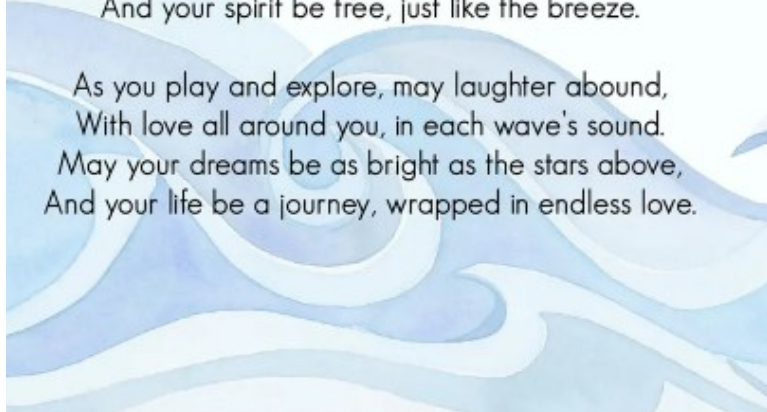


Blessing of the Waves

May the sands beneath your feet be warm,
And the ocean's whispers keep you safe from harm.
May the waves embrace you with gentle grace,
And the sun's bright rays light up your face.

May you find joy in each tide's sweet song,
And know that in nature, you always belong.
May your heart be as vast as the endless sea,
And your spirit be free, just like the breeze.

As you play and explore, may laughter abound,
With love all around you, in each wave's sound.
May your dreams be as bright as the stars above,
And your life be a journey, wrapped in endless love.



JACKSONPORT UPDATE A Special Place. By Bruce Hake

"I come to the garden alone, and he walks with me and he talks with me, and the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known". Do you have that very special place where you talk to your Lord, or to those that have gone on ahead? For me it's the backyard patio at our little Jacksonport Church. I always head that way for "just a little talk with Jesus" when I am there working, or sometimes I just stop by for a moment of reflection, thanks, or a special prayer. Next time you are on the "Quiet Side", stop in, walk around the church grounds and maybe you will find the peace and connection that I find. Amen.

July is always an exciting month for Jacksonport. The tourists return. You never know who you will meet. Last year I met an Asian family (mom, dad and 2 little girls) who had never attended a Christian church service. What an experience for them and for me. It was also the first time they experienced an offering, and communion. With a little help, they did fine. Talking to them after church is an experience I'll never forget. One of the little girls was taken by Dr. Suess, one by the old pump organ. Finally, Judy has a month of special music planned which will surely enhance your visit to the little Church in the country.

July 5th Bob Moellenbenberndt will share music on his guitar and a message from his own unique style of vocals. The 12th Colleen Elliott will fill the chapel with the joy of a flute presentation. On the 19th Recorders On The Door bring a sound so big and so full, we will have to open the doors and the windows to share it with the rest of Door County. Wrapping up July on the 26th, the Door County Handbell Choir will lift your spirits and make you smile as they ring in the new week.



See you in Jacksonport for that "old time religion, it's good enough for me".

Ladies Luncheon



Our Choir's Visit to Jacksonport



God Bless



PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH

Dear Lord, we are in a time of change in our culture which has left our churches with new challenges in our mission of sharing the Gospel with our communities and the world. I pray that you will guide us into what lies ahead with the knowledge that you are with us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and that your promise to us is that you will be with us even until the end of time. Breakthrough our uncertainties and fears giving us the courage that comes from trusting in your will in the time times in which we live. Amen.

SPECIAL PRAYERS NEEDED & PRAISE REPORTS

Please pray: For a call to an end to violence, conflict, and bloodshed, asking for the transformation of hearts from hatred to love in Jesus' name.

Please pray: For those living in fear for their security and safety, in our country and throughout the world. For those who are persecuted or killed for their faith and/or ethnicity in Jesus' name.

We pray for the Hispanic Ministry that their congregation may continue to flourish and thrive according to God's will.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS WHO NEED MERCY, HEALING, AND COMFORT

Barb & Dan Riederer	Chuck Oxenford
Elva Spetz	Jeannie Hill
Sandy Temby	Faye Pontzloff
Shannon Filsinger (Merry)	Steve& Barbara Duhr
Paul Klansky	Janice Thorton (Pastor J)
Brenda Olson	Rosemary Hintz
Jo Rieger	



SBUMC & JUMC OUTREACH: If you or a loved one are ill, grieving, or experiencing a hardship, and our congregation may lift you in prayer, please contact the church office and let us know your need. We are not always made aware of your circumstances in a timely manner and Pastor JoAnn would like to stay better connected to you in your time of need. If you would like a call from Pastor JoAnn, or Jean, our Parish Nurse, please let us know when it would be good time to phone you for an update and prayer. If you have a need, please contact the church as follows:

Email:

Church Office,
church.office@sturgeonbayumc.org

Pastor JoAnn Meyer:
pastorjomeyer@gmail.com

Jean at parish.nurse@sturgeonbayumc.org

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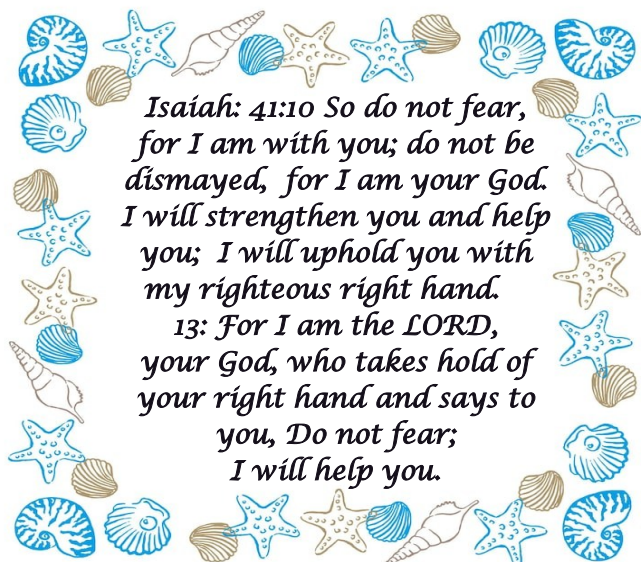
Pastor JoAnn 608-330-1461

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(if no answer a please leave a message).



NOTE FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE By Lorna Magliaro 920-743-3241

Hello my friends. Summer is in full swing and I am wishing everyone a safe and wonderful summer. I will be out of the office on Wednesday July 8th for my second cataract surgery. I will be certainly be glad to have that behind me. I apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. A reminder to everyone that if you are in need of prayer for any reason, please contact the church office or fill out a prayer card located near the offering box.



JUNE MISSION OF THE MONTH: Interfaith Coalition For Housing, launches transitional housing in Door County. The newly formed Interfaith Coalition for Housing was founded by several area churches in the fall of 2025 as a response to homelessness in Door County. In partnership with Door County Medical Center and Habitat for Humanity remodeling work began on a single-family home in Sturgeon Bay. The home will serve as transitional housing for one local family at a time who is experiencing housing insecurity related to a crisis or life altering circumstance. The hospital owns the building on 16th Avenue in Sturgeon Bay that was once a clinic, and then later used for storage. CEO Brian Stephens of DCMC offered to rent the building for a nominal fee. In order to renovate the former clinic into a three-bedroom, two-bathroom single family home, ICH reached out to Lori Allen, Door County Habitat for Humanity’s executive director. An \$80,000 budgetary goal was agreed upon for remodeling costs and a team of Habitat volunteers and employees committed to starting work once the goal was reached. The funds were raised by August of 2025 and DCMC provided money and ICH partner churches took up collections to raise the rest. So far the coalition of churches include the Moravian Church, Hope Church, Bay View Lutheran, Christ the King Holy Nativity, Sturgeon Bay United Methodist Church, and Hainesville Lutheran Church. The coalition is tackling what Rev. Matt Knapp (of Moravian Church) considers the most extreme level of need that faith leaders see in the community – families with children who are experiencing housing insecurity because of a catastrophic life event or change in circumstances. It is usually a situation that requires long-term support. “They need time to get everything pulled back together again”. A variety of educational, financial, and mentoring programs are made available to help families succeed. Check-in meetings are scheduled with a case manager, and financial counseling and other services are arranged to support employment, savings and long-term stability. Please consider contributing to the July mission project enabling our Methodist Church to be an active participant in the coalition of churches seeking to address the challenges of housing in Door County.



MISSION GIVING YEAR TO DATE	GIFTS
Back Pack Buddies	\$3,159.00
Boys & Girls Club	\$975.00
Clean Start Program	\$555.00
David Harsh Project	\$100.00
Interfaith Coalition For Housing	\$950.00
Food For Pantries (Food Walk)	\$1,235.00
Habitat For Humanity	\$440.00
Help of Door County	\$780.00
Lend a Hand (Econo Receipt)	\$422.83
Mittens & Blankets	\$235.00
Mujila Falls Agricultural Center	\$235.00
Red Bird Mission	\$705.00
Rice Meals - Midwest Mission	\$4,739.18
SB Hispanic Ministries	\$1,734.00
Sunshine Resources of Door County	\$635.00
UMCOR Global Ministries	\$360.00
UMCOR Disaster Recovery	\$1,047.00
Youth Work Trip	\$196.00
TOTAL YEAR TO DATE 2026	\$18,503.01



DEAR NEIGHBORS IN THE PEW
By Susan Pfannenstiel

Sometimes I am around the blessing box when people come in for food. I ask, “What are you looking for?” Here are some answers that I receive:

- Anything and everything
- Coffee and Ketchup
- Anything my children will eat like Spaghetti Os' and Mac and Cheese

I remember their comments when I shop for the blessing box. I had 12 ounces of coffee at Dollar General for \$6.20. At Dollar Tree it is \$5.00. Generic ketchup is around \$1.50. Kraft Mac & Cheese boxes are about \$1.30 and the generic is cheaper, but it might be fewer ounces. Other items that are always taken are bread, cooking oil, crackers, dry cereal, microwave popcorn, Spam, peanut butter & jelly, & boxed or canned milk. Fresh produce at Kwik Trip like potatoes, apples, oranges and bananas always disappear quickly. Thank you for gifting. Know that you are making a difference in your neighbors’ lives.

Unity Hospice

Understanding Grief Support Group

This group offers the opportunity to connect with others who are grieving a death while sharing your own experience. Understanding grief provides a safe place for those who are grieving to gain tools and insights into their grief journey.

For additional information and to register for the group, please contact
Unity Grief and Education Center at 920-339-6700.

Prior registration is required!

Meets on the last Wednesday of each month

1:00 - 2:30 PM



**CARING FOR A LOVED ONE
CAN BE REWARDING, BUT IT
CAN ALSO BE STRESSFUL.**

The Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers is an evidence-based program designed to help caregivers care for their own well-being while supporting a loved one living with dementia

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

- Stress management and relaxation techniques
- Education and problem-solving strategies
- Support for grief, loss, depression, and difficult behaviors
- Positive coping skills and wellness practices

PARTICIPANTS OFTEN REPORT:

- Reduced stress, anxiety, and depression
- Improved quality of life and relaxation
- Increased confidence and self-esteem

**FREE TO ALL
CAREGIVERS**



ADRC of Door County
914 N. 14th Ave.
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235



Every Other Thursday
Beginning July 9, 2026
10:00am-11:30am



Call Nicki or Sierra to register: 920-746-2372





Nurses Notes

By Jean Kapolnek, RN

I think we are getting closer to the summer season, but some days I'm not so sure.....

I have already had some family visit, but July and August are my biggest months of family and friends visiting from out of town. Just some reminders as we gather with family and friends.

It is important to be good stewards of the bodies God has given us. Summer brings great joy, but it also demands extra care. Let us take time this month to "refresh" and "protect". Our bodies are made up of about 60% water, making proper hydration essential. Dehydration can lead to fatigue, dizziness, and confusion.

- **The Rule of Thumb:** Aim to drink at least 8 to 10 glasses of water daily. Increase your intake if you are working in the garden or enjoying the outdoors.
- **Make it a Habit:** Keep a reusable water bottle with you wherever you go.
- **Protect Your Skin** While the sun provides vital Vitamin D and a feeling of warmth, too much UV exposure can cause skin damage, premature aging, and increase the risk of skin cancer.
- **Sunscreen:** Apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30, even on cloudy days.
- **Timing:** The sun's rays are strongest between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Plan your outdoor fellowship, yard work, or walks for the cooler morning or evening hours.
- **Nourish Mind and Spirit**

Rest is a holy rhythm. Just as Jesus encouraged His disciples to "come away with me to a quiet place and rest awhile" (Mark 6:31), use these summer months to pause, breathe, and appreciate the beauty of God's creation.

Enjoy your family and friends, and be patient with all of our visitors from so many other places.





July 2026



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