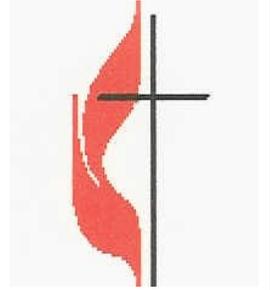


# The Methodist

November 2020

Danbury Grace Siren Lewis UMC



## Remembering the Saints



Bob Wohlfarth-Grace



Shirley Doriott-Grace



Nancy Tamminga-Siren



Mitzi Alden-Grace



Lavonne Brethorst-Siren



Lanny Hinze-Siren



Clyde Holmes-Danbury



Gail Ward-Siren & Lewis



Helen Gravesen-Grace



Don Carlson-Siren



Norma Dake-Siren



David Bohn-Lewis



Doug Erickson-Danbury



## Home Away From Home

email chgs. to: [graceumchurch@live.com](mailto:graceumchurch@live.com)

### **Traditions of Frederic Assisted Living**

107 E. Oak Street  
Frederic, WI 54837  
\*\***Eunice Tollander**

### **Frederic Nursing & Rehab**

205 United Way  
Frederic, WI 54837  
\*\***Roberta Sahr**

### **Golden Horizons**

1109 Lunderoff Dr.  
Sandstone, MN 55072  
\***Lillian Holmes**

## Homebound

### **Shirley Bloom**

23451 State Rd. 35  
Siren, WI 54872

### **Lois Willhard**

24357 Cranberry Marsh Rd.  
Siren, WI 54872

### **Joanne Daniels**

7485 Burnikel Rd.  
Siren, WI 54872

### **Gail Lane**

Golden Oaks Apts. #108  
104 3rd Ave. S. ,  
Frederic, WI 54837

**HAVE YOU  
TALKED  
TO GOD  
TODAY?**

## 4-Charge News

### Giving in COVID-19 Time

For **Siren and Grace**, please continue to mail a check to the office in Webster, **address the check to your church** and mail to Grace UMC, PO Box 312, Webster, WI 54893.

For **Lewis**, please send your offering to Starr Warndahl, 3467 Boone Rd., Frederic, WI 54837. (If you mail to Webster, the check will get to Starr).

For **Danbury**, please send your offering to Sharon Heckman, 6685 Bushey Rd., Danbury, WI 54830. (Again if you mail it to Webster, it will be passed on.)

**During this time of COVID-19**, we are trying to reach as many of you as we can with our weekly message. We have 4 different ways we send the message: Facebook, Emails, Phone (see below dial-in service) and paper copies. If you are not receiving it in any of these ways, or you would also like to receive a paper copy, etc., please call the office 715-866-8646 and we will try to get the message to you in a way that is comfortable for you. (If the email is not getting to you, I would recommend that you try adding [mail@icnsend.com](mailto:mail@icnsend.com) to your address book to help ensure you receive your emails in your inbox instead of your junk/spam folder.

### Dial-In to Listen to the Worship Service

We now have a way for you to join in worship even if you don't have internet. On **Sunday mornings at 10:30AM** you can call from any phone to listen as we worship live by dialing 978-990-5000 and you will be asked for an access code, input 235647#. Worship service will begin.

*If you want to receive the Daily Devotions or the Bishop's Updates, you can email: [communications@wisconsinumc.org](mailto:communications@wisconsinumc.org) to request copies.*

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## 4-Charge News

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As a local church treasurer at Grace UMC, I want to recognize and thank all of our members and friends for remembering and continuing their financial commitment to our churches.

As treasurer for our DGSL Charge, I want to thank all those who receive the bi-monthly financial reports, especially the other local church treasurers: Lois Mueller at Danbury, Cherie Fischer at Siren, and Marlene Nelson at Lewis, for their patience as I work through the process of properly tracking and reporting all of the income and expenses of the Charge.

I also want to thank Carol Titel for all her tutelage as I try to navigate the system which is the Charge treasury.  
Randy Klink

**A Big THANK YOU to all who wished Mary Beth a HAPPY BIRTHDAY.**  
Pastor Eddie & Katie



## Danbury News

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**NEW ADDRESS** For Annie Hawkland, who moved into her apartment as soon as it became available. She now lives at Apt. 302; 716 Caroline Street; Athens, WI 54411. *We can't help but admit that we miss Annie, even as we wish her health, comfort, and joyful living.*

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** Gladys Benson 11-13.

**PRAYERS for: All The Saints.**

***"Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win with them the victors' crown of gold, Alleluia, Alleluia."***

*-- William Walsham How (1864)*

**UMCOR wants to thank the Danbury Parishoners**

for the gift of \$500.00. "...when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." - Jesus (Matthew 25:40 CEB)

## Lewis News

**December 10 – We are having a No-Bake Sale.** Whatever it would cost you to make a pie, we would like you to direct that money to the church to offset our apportionment costs. Please send the money to Starr Warndahl marking it for the pie sale. Thank you so much!

### Operation Christmas

**Yes, we will be collecting items for Operation Christmas this year. The box is at our Lewis Church. Bring your New items for all ages from babies to Mom and Dad. Because of Covid, the volunteers will be boxing up the gifts and making requests by phone. This year the need is great because of the coronavirus, so please participate if you can. Please go with New items like socks, mittens, hats, panties, shorts, shirts, pajamas, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and lotions.**

**They also give items to The Salvation Army and C.R.A. They do wonderful work for others at Operation Christmas so please give generously.**

**We want to thank Alberta and her helpers in getting everything organized. Kara and LaVonne will see that the items get to the drop off site. THANK YOU and God Bless!**

***If you are in need of items, you can call 1-715-501-5004 for help.***

11-2 Ray (Butch) Sahr

11-2 Randy Peterson

11-3 Duane Olson

11-19 Eric Johnson

11-20 Cindy Brendel

11-26 Ron Peterson

11-28 Ruth Lenz

11-25 Ron & Diane Ackland





## Danbury News

On all Saints Sunday, November 1, Pastor Eddie Crise told us, “Today is a day for remembering Saints (who have passed from our presence): their good faith, good humor, good service to others, and the way they made us feel, and for remembering the living Saints as well.”

DOUGLAS ALLEN ERICKSON: January 13, 1940 – October 24, 2020. A good friend to all has been called from our presence to rest in the arms of our loving God, whom Doug worshiped often in the back pew of our church in Danbury. Doug was raised in Arkansaw, Wisconsin; he was a high school athlete before serving in the United States Army. Doug and Marlene, were married 55 years ago, raised their children, Sherri and Chad, in Inver Grove Heights, MN. Together the couple built their own cabin in Hinckley, and later expanded it as a permanent home. Marlene lived there, and Doug stayed in Newport on weekdays. He was a truck Owner/Operator, driving for Holiday Petroleum for 38 years before retiring at age 62. At their neighboring homes on a bay of the Tamarack River, Doug, Marlene, Charlie and Kathi Kramer continued the men’s 40-plus-year friendship. Thereby living in happy retirement, Ericksons kept serving their church (Doug as a Trustee among other positions through the years). The couple shared a love of the outdoors: hunting, fishing, gardening and gathering wild fruit and nuts. Doug loved driving his Kawasaki Mule, especially when Lili, a Pug breed, rode along. Playing cards, game nights with friends, and joyful visits from four grandchildren were important happenings. (In recent years, the couple invited another adult into their family, as an “adopted granddaughter.”) During the past two years, as Doug’s failing health kept him mostly at home, his Church Family prayed for him while missing his strong, quiet presence and unforgettable humor. “Doug Stories” are alive and well among us, and the gift of our friend “Dougie” lives in our memories--“forever in our hearts.”

--At All Saints Day’s online worship, November 1, our Church gave thanks for Jesus’ presence in the lives of departed members, Clyde Holmes and Doug Erickson, and others who also passed from our Sister Churches in 2020. Each was pictured on-screen during the special service of worship. We have been blessed by All The Saints. “We are among them,” reminded Pastor Tom Cook in his message that day.

OUR 4-POINT CHARGE: ON OCTOBER 27, Danbury-Grace-Siren-Lewis United Methodist churches held its annual (first-ever ZOOM) Church Conference Meeting chaired by our District Superintendent (D.S.), Barb Certawerner, from her home in Superior, WI. It was a surprisingly comfortable experience, even for the less-than-technically-gifted (all we did was find it online, sit back and listen or speak up as The Spirit prompted as those assem-

bled reviewed, revised, and approved the proposed 2021 Shared Budget. Thank you: Pastors, Chair, and volunteer Recorder, Diane Weber of Grace UMC! Minutes of the Meeting are available in the Church Office; please call 715-866-8646 if you need a copy mailed to your home.

**From the Meeting: Something for all of us to pray about: The D.S. suggested that we ask God for ideas about whether and how our four Churches might build a new model for working together on details—administrative decisions and tasks we each do separately now, which might be handled more efficiently by one body.** At this time, our joint Staff-Parish-Relations Committee is active. A joint Worship Committee meets as needed. Please note that even with a more inclusive format, our four Churches need to maintain their individual personalities and respond to their community’s needs and mission as they always have. *Although we have sometimes enjoyed traveling to each other’s events, the distance between Lewis UMC and Danbury UMC is about 20 miles, so we can’t “live together” on a regular basis.* However, we can pray that if there is an administrative umbrella under which we might gather to shelter ourselves and make us stronger as The Church, God will let us know. *We should not be surprised if, in our prayer life, the Spirit of a concerned Parent God speaks to our imaginations and says, “You might consider this. . .” (Write it down—share it with our pastors.)*

BISHOPS SPEAK TO US ABOUT RE-OPENING our Churches. Our Bishop Hee-Soo Jung pleads, in our Conference UM News, for Churches to love our neighbors as ourselves: Continue social distancing; worship at home; stay closer in touch than usual, by phone, email, “drive-by greetings.” It’s interesting to read that many UMC Bishops across the nation praise our Church members’ ability to stay apart physically for the time being, and they recommend joining our communities and our nation in a struggle to maintain safer living for all. Jesus’ example of Love speaks loudly, even as our human need for connection cries to reclaim our lives as they were before Covid-19 – *it is still Covid-19*; may we pray for patience!

**THE (CALENDAR) DAY OF THANKSGIVING WILL BE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR.** Many will not venture out nor open their doors for traditional family-friend dinners; some will take more risks. **May God bless us with a spirit that lives EACH DAY with Thanks giving, and may Thanksgiving Day 2021 find us back together, as ever.** For now, we promise to be faithful, attentive, loving stewards of all the gifts that have come our way in 2020, and to creatively share them with great generosity! **BLESSED THANKSGIVING!** *(Along those lines, those who are ready to submit Faith Promises for 2021 should send them to our Financial Secretary, Sharon Heckman.)*

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## Grace News

*God Bless our United Methodist Church!  
Message from Dorothy Clay*

*Thank you for the donation to the Back-  
pack Program.  
Message from The Volunteers*

*Hello to Everyone -  
Hope you've been enjoying the beautiful outdoors.  
Can't believe it is Sept. but the calendar says so.  
Hope all are well and things going well at church.  
We have been on lock down for a awhile but now  
can have one visitor. We do get out for doctors,  
etc. and for walking. Hope you can read this, my  
handwriting has gotten worse. I think of you of-  
ten.  
(message from - Love, Annie Collins)*

### Mission Moment

A thank-you has been received from the Salvation Army of Burnett County for our penny can donation of \$305.



Items collected for Faith House in Siren have been delivered. The staff is thankful to area churches for their support as Faith House continues to minister to the needs of homeless families in our area.



*The dear people you just helped with your gift may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—Thank you! Roland Fernandes,, Gen. Sec. Grace Gift—\$1,185.00*

- 11/3 Jan Carlson
- 11/3 Clint Hallmark
- 11/12 Sharon Boatman
- 11/16 Brenda Christianson
- 11/18 Cathy Ingalls
- 11/18 George Meyer
- 11/18 Ed Peterson
- 11/28 Don Olson
- 11/28 Roy Hansen



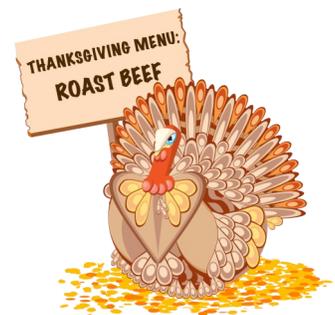
- 11/18 Don & Mary Olson
- 11/27 Dennis & Brenda Christianson

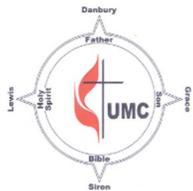
*I want give Gary Speer a BIG THANK YOU for working on my kitchen sink. It is so much appreciated.  
Liz Saugestad*

*My Dear Friends -  
Greetings from "The Rivers" -  
A short letter to let you know we are still around. Bob's physical health is good, but his mental health is not. He no longer knows me, or any of his family. We don't visit him often, because he is inside his room and my daughter and I have to be outside. We converse through an open window and he gets agitated because we wear masks. He also doesn't seem to know us.  
I'm doing okay—still adjusting—we met many nice people—can't remember names.  
Our chapel sermons have started up again—they are relaxing somewhat on other activities, but have been fortunate in that we have had no sickness.  
Do hope all of you are well—I pray for you each day—my heart is still Up North.*

*God's love & blessings  
Marilou Wohlfarth*

*Since then, Bob has passed away.*





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**Webster Grace:**

Youth Bible Study ..... pending  
 Bible Study (Tues)..... pending  
 Worship..... on-line

**Siren**

Sunday School ..... pending  
 Worship..... on-line  
 Bible Study (Wed)..... pending

**Lewis**

Worship..... on-line

Office hours are Tuesday thru Thursday (8:30a.m.—4:30p.m.)

Phone: 715-866-8646/[graceumchurch@live.com](mailto:graceumchurch@live.com)

website: [umc4pt.com](http://umc4pt.com)

Pastor Eddie Crise (715-733-0525)

Pastor Tom Cook (715-566-0110)

Hello Everyone:

I am writing to ask for your help. **Right now, we are signing up bell ringers. YOU can make a difference** by signing up for a shift on your own or picking a day with your organization or church. Sign ups are easy at [www.registertoring.com](http://www.registertoring.com) or by calling me at 715-497-4438. This year, COVID-19 has impacted each of us. If you feel you would rather give online or become a “virtual bell ringer” please consider doing so. All you do is either give at this link: <http://bit.ly/FaithHouseRedKettle> OR share the link: <http://bit.ly/FaithHouseRedKettle> on your social media page. Of course, you can always give by sending a donation to:

The Salvation Army  
 7764 W. Main Street  
 Siren, WI 54872  
 MEMO: Red Kettle Campaign

Whichever way you feel comfortable giving, we would appreciate the help. YOU are how we are able to Do the Most Good! This year, due to COVID-19, we ask that all bell ringers take a few minutes to watch this training video. [Bell Ringing Training](#)

Thank you!  
 Angela Moulton  
 The Salvation Army  
 715-497-4438