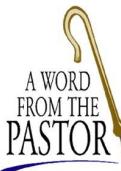
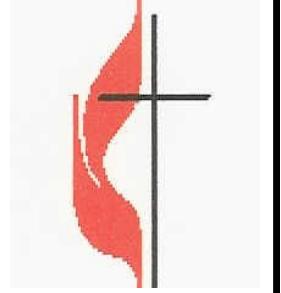


The Methodist

June 2020

Danbury Grace Siren Lewis UMC



Jesus' command is this: "Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." - John 15:12-15

This is a challenging time to be writing a newsletter article because there is still a lot of uncertainty in the life of the church. Know that I am thinking of you all, missing being with you in person, and praying for our faith communities. Our bishop has set June 21 as the earliest possible Sunday to return to worship in person. Even still, I want to continue to monitor what is going on in our state-wide trends regarding the Coronavirus as well as our local communities. The good news is that we can still be the church. We will focus on loving God and loving our neighbors as we prayerfully wait and prayerfully decide when the right time to re-open will be.

At this time my concern continues to focus on the spiritual discipline of "doing no harm". Keeping our churches closed remains far and away the most effective measure that we can take to do no harm for our church family's sake and for the sake of the most vulnerable in our community. We are all in this together and we keep showing our Christian witness when we social distance and do our part to slow the spread of the virus. The Church of Jesus Christ is not closed even when our buildings are closed. The Church is you and me. The people of God will remain connected. Since we are not sure what our schedule for the month will be, we have included a prayer calendar for you to follow this month. Pray for the area of prayer focus each day this month. As the hymn goes, "I am the church. You are the church. We are the church together."

- Pastor Eddie

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[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 11 AM you can call from any phone to listen as we worship live by dialing 978-990-5000 and you will be asked for a code, the access code is 235647#. Then you will be able to listen to the worship service.

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 above dial-in service) and paper copies. If you are not receiving it in any of these ways, please call the office 715-866-8646 and we will try to get the message to you. (If the email is not getting to you, I would recommend that you try adding mail@icnsend.com to your address book to help ensure you receive your emails in your inbox instead of your junk/spam folder.

When you're going through a tough time and don't know how to proceed, take a step back collect your feelings let the tears go. Bring it to God. He always answers prayers. Trust him have faith in him and everything will turn out right.





Home Away From Home

email chgs. to:graceumchurch@live.com

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**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, the check will get to Sharon).

Grace UMC can also give electronically-please see Page 5 for directions.

Food Distribution

Ruby's Pantry Schedule

Siren's Schedule-715-349-7829

Monday, Wednesday @ Friday—10:00am—2:00pm

Caring Hearts Thrift Shop (previously Connections)

Webster-715-349-8155

10:00-1:00pm (1st Thursday of the month)

10:00-3:00 (3rd Thursday)

(serving Burnett County Residents)

Crescent Lake Outreach

Webb Lake

By apt. call Interfaith for info (715-866-4970)

Grantsburg Food Shelf-715-491-3753

Thursdays—9:30-11:30AM

Tuesdays in emergency-9:30-11:30am

Grantsburg Community Center

IS MONEY TIGHT? COULD YOU USE SOME EXTRA DOLLARS EACH MONTH? Maureen is the Food Share Outreach Specialist in our area. For a confidential screening and application assistance if eligible for Food Share, call Maureen at 715-496-3121.



4-Charge News

Together (by Pastor Tom)

I have friends I like to be with in person. I like to say something profound like, "Hi, how are you?" then I would like to just listen to them as they talk about what's going on in their life. I would like to see their smile or their frown and notice a twitch of an eyebrow that says they are just kidding or they no longer care for what they just heard because they are now moving on with their life and going with the next thing. They expose their latest plan for things that must be done. It is not a bucket list, it's just life's flow... going on with the next moment of my friends being my friends. It's totally special, the mystery of being who we are together. I miss that when I'm alone.



Siren News

Judy Roe has moved to Tallahassee where her daughter and daughter's family lives. Her phone number stays the same: 405-306-0665. Her new address is: 1526 Parchment Cove, Tallahassee, FL 32308. We will miss her dearly and wish her well.

Lewis News

Congratulations to Andrew Tinman on his Graduation from Frederic High School. Graduation memories will certainly be different for the 2020 High School Senior Class. Andrew was one of the seniors who rode in the back of a pick-up, with onlookers cheering and congratulating them along the parade route. Congratulations to Andrew on receiving the 2020 Lewis Methodist Scholarship. Andrew has been active in our church as an usher, reader, assisting with projects, always ready to assist an

older member with a strong arm to prevent falls on the ice. Andrew has volunteered to provide special music on numerous occasions at church, singing with the family group, playing trumpet and the occasion that impressed me was when he wanted to sing a favorite song with his Grandma. Andrew received the 2020 Creative Writer's Excellence Award, the National School Choral Award and the John Phillips Sousa Award. Andrew will attend the University of River Falls in the fall, studying Animal Science with focus on pre-vet. Congratulations, Andrew, and our church family wishes you the very best.

Honored our veterans on Memorial Day at the Lewis Cemetery. It was a very good service, beginning with a prayer, the gun salute and taps. (a little history behind the taps: **Taps** was adopted throughout the **military** and The U.S. **Army** officially recognized it in 1874, and it became standard at **military** funeral ceremonies in 1891. *There's something singularly beautiful, mournful, and appropriate in the music of this wonderful call. Its strains are melancholy yet full of rest and peace.*) People practiced good distance guidelines and some wore masks.

Charles E Lewis Days has been cancelled due to COVID-19. We are thinking of having some event later in the year. Stay tuned.

In these times of separation, we are trying to call each other and make sure everyone is okay. If you think someone needs some cheering up or just hearing a human voice, pick up the phone and make someone's day.

Nicole Nelson and Sampson Richter will be united in marriage on June 6, 2020. We all wish them the very best!!!!

Birthdays

6/14 Craig Lenz
6/15 Carol Tabat
6/16 Jonah Tinman
6/22 Phil Schaetzl
6/24 Jessie Ford
6/24 Nancy Gill
6/27 Kent Boyer

Anniversaries

6/5 Carl & Starr Warndahl
6/6 Pastor Eddie & Katie
6/12 Brian & Enid Johnson
6/15 Scott & Amy Herman
6/20 Dave & Judy Mrdutt
6/25 Josh & Ann Nelson

A Random Act of Kindness

A very generous person was going thru the Drive-In at Dairy Queen in Siren and saw the two graduates' pictures on the window from Lewis Church. He asked if they were working at this time, one was and one had already left. He pulled out some money and asked to give each a gift of money from him and wished them luck.



Danbury News

An older CW song says, "I'm all, I'm all, I'm all right. Got a good old friend here with me tonight, and I think I'm doing all right". Well, since mid-March, most of us aren't sitting around with our friends—new or old. However, we know where the friends are, and we know how to meet, if not face-to-face.

Once the Coronavirus moved into our country, we began practicing Safer at Home. It hasn't stopped us from making phone calls, sending and receiving mail, text messaging, emailing, worshipping together on Facebook, getting a thought for the week and a weekly prayer from Pastor Eddie, holding an Admin Council Meeting on Zoom, and on and on.

We're a determined people, stronger than we might have thought, more creative than we could have imagined! The fiber of our being is tough; the tie that binds is stretchable. *God created us with the ability to stick with times like this. God doesn't let us down, and we won't let God down, either!* Our Treasurer, Lois Mueller also reports that we're doing a good job of keeping our 2020 Faith Promises.

There have been unexpected gifts like Pastor Tom's phone calls reaching into our hearts and our homes where we enjoy suncatchers made by Linda Kulbeck; like Pastor Eddie's special prayers and the Crise Family Singers' Sunday morning hymns at Worship from their home (thanks, Mary Beth, for making sure your parents end the singing on the right notes!)

Soooooo---we're not exactly loving this, but we think we're doing all right.

THE BOOK OF LIFE CONTINUES TO BE WRITTEN. Clyde Arthur Holmes - 4/27/1924-4/17/2020. Our eldest member, the best of friends, slipped away after a week's decline in health, his wife Lillian at his side as she was for the past 73-1/2 years. The pair moved from their Hinckley home just a few years ago, but they kept strong ties of friendship and deep love for their Danbury Church. (With hopes that three months will bring safety for gatherings, the family plans to hold a Celebration of Life near the end of August at Danbury United Methodist Church.) In addition to his beloved wife Lillian, Clyde's remaining relatives include son Ralph Clyde (Barbara) of Clarissa, MN, a daughter Jeanette and husband in Oregon, a brother Paul and extended family in this area. During his lifetime, Clyde has mourned the passing of a daughter, Claudia, and many family members and friends. At this time, it is we who mourn, missing Clyde's story telling and never-ending questions about the welfare of friends—his amazing clarity and a sharp mind filled with memories to carry him through 20 years of blindness. We hold tightly to memories of his ecstatic greetings and delightful chuckles that

peppered conversations. *May we not soon forget Clyde's examples of faithfulness to God, family, and friends. May we never lose touch with how well he embodied the values of faith, hard work, and good humor. Rest in Peace, Big Brother, we couldn't have loved you more.*

BABIES! NEW LIFE!: Emmett Bruce Tromberg, born on April 13, is Bruce (and Betty) Tromberg's first great-grandchild; he is the son of the Cody Trombergs.

Corbin Arthur Hoyer, born on May 6, is Linda & Larry Hoyer's third grandson; his parents are Jeremy & Kim Hoyer. Corbin joins big brother Owen and sister Austyn.

Congratulations to all the grandparents, moms and dads! May God bless you with health and happiness as these babies bloom within your families.

FROM THE MAY COUNCIL MEETING: Mission: Change for the Communities second quarter donations were \$200 for Harbor House. If we estimate how much change we each would have dropped in the can since March, when we meet again we'll catch up all at once for the third quarter donations to Interfaith Xmas for Kids. Our Easter Offering of \$250 will be given to Yellow Lake Food Distribution to help meet increasing needs for local community residents. The Council discussed the reopening of Churches, and decided to put it on the June meeting agenda for consideration of a Conference suggestion and guidelines. **THE COUNCIL WILL MEET AGAIN ON JUNE 18**, in person or virtually.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR: The Family of Clyde Holmes; Newborn boys in our Extended Family; Doug Erickson; Kathryn Estridge.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: Arne Enslin 6/3; Lois Mueller 6/21; Linda Hoyer 6/22; Sharon Heckman 6/28; Larry & Linda Hoyer 6/5; Eddie & Katie Crise 6/6; David & Linda Hughes 6/28.

"Everything that is tearing us down today will become a memory, and this memory will be shared as an anecdote or a poem or a warning. It will be shared with another human being who will then understand that they are not alone in their sadness. This is why we show up for others and tell our tales and listen to theirs. The great congregation meets daily, and you are someone's angel today."

—Tennessee Williams



Grace News

Thank you for all the birthday wishes, whether it was a call, a card or on the video. The video was awesome. I miss you all. Love to you all. Laurel Moser

Mission Moment

Despite the pandemic volunteers have continued to pack backpacks for children in the Webster school district whose households are short on food. District bus drivers have delivered the backpacks each week. This will continue through June.

As school begins in the fall parents will again have the opportunity to enroll their children in the backpack program, available to any child who receives free or reduced lunch. Because fund-raising won't be possible anytime soon the program will be relying on the generosity of donors. Grace's May/June penny can was designated for this purpose. If you would care to lend support please make a check out to Grace UMC with Backpack Program on the memo line and mail it to the church office.

We have an update for Mavis Larson. Her knee replacement surgery went fine. She says thank you to all for all the prayers.

I want to say a big thank you for all the prayers, calls, cards & goodies I have received these past weeks. All have been much appreciated. Such wonderful caring people we know.

The compression fracture in my upper back in April has given me trouble. I am back in my brace & hoping it heals soon. Doctors are working on a plan to try and prevent so many fractures.

Prayers are welcome for healing & patience.

Thanks again, Marj Rand

Greetings, members and friends of Grace UMC,

Our church is now set up for online giving through the Wisconsin Conference website. At this time, this is a temporary situation, projected to last through June, 2020. If you would like to make a donation to our church, you may do it by following these instructions:

Go to the Conference web page: wisconsinumc.org

On the right, click on **Donate to your Local Church**

This will take you to the donation page. You can see our church is listed as: **Grace UMC – Webster**

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Steps:

1. Key in the dollar amount of your donation after our church name. You may make a comment in the box to the right to apply to a particular program of the church (pledge, building fund, youth...).
2. Click on the Occurrence drop down arrow and choose one time, weekly or monthly if you would like to set up scheduled donations.
3. Select the date to start – use the default date or a future date.
4. Click Continue.
5. On the next page, add your banking or credit card information (fees are less for a bank account).
6. Would you like to save your profile? You can select a password and then be able to log in next time, with your information saved.
7. Click Process. You will receive a confirmation e-mail or you can print your statement immediately.
The Conference will send a list of donors to our church and electronically deposit the funds into our bank account the Friday following the week of your donation.
Thank you for your support of our church programs and ministries during this time. If you have questions, please let me know. Stay home, stay safe and stay well.

Randy Klink, Treasurer Ph: 715-866-5303 e-mail: rklink@centurytel.net

Pastor Eddie
715.733.0525 eddiecrise@gmail.com



Conference Input

Reflection for May 20

By Barbara Certa-Werner



Last Monday had been a long and exhausting day, so I went for a walk with my daughter and our three dogs along the Osauge (pronounced O-soggy) Trail in Superior, which featured interesting sites of ships at port, businesses, railways, and wooded areas. As we walked and talked, I noticed that there were buds on all the vegetation – as they were not quite yet with foliage. We needed more rain and warmer weather before we would see leaves and flowers. My surroundings caused me to take a mental pause and consider our current situation of the “not quite yet” of this pandemic. We are expectant, unsure, excited, anxious, perhaps apathetic, but mostly hopeful as to what will be the next stage.

As we begin making transitions, there is a promise in Habakkuk 2:3 that gives us a framework for our ministry, “For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end – it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.” **This is the time** to embrace “what could be, what might be, what is about to bloom” mentality as we vision and plan.

This “not quite yet” time is an invitation to each of us, as Christians, to be intentional about how we live and work in this world. May you fully embrace the “not quite yet” as it blooms and grows.

Prayer: God of Possibility, we ask that You open our eyes, hearts, and souls to the “not quite yet.” Help us to vision “as if” not “as is.” Show us the path. Amen.

What Next? Sing and Dance

When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.’ (Genesis 1:19-21)

As we emerge from an eighth week of separation due to the pandemic, many people are growing restless and less certain than ever. When the Wisconsin Supreme Court rescinded the “stay-at-home” order, it caused many people to ask, “What should we do now?” Do we continue to stay in isolation? Do we return to the routines of daily work and social engagement? Can we go back to church? What are we to do?

First, I continue to offer the same advice I have offered all along. As Christian disciples and witnesses from our United Methodist tradition, we are guided by our General Rules: Do No Harm, Do All the Good You Can, Attend to the Ordinances of God (e.g., pray, worship, meditate, fast, share your faith, serve others). These are grounded in the Great Commandment: Love

the Lord your God with all you heart, mind, soul, and strength; love your neighbor as yourself. So long as we care as much about our neighbor’s health and well-being as our own, I believe we will make good choices and we will continue to practice physical distancing and care-giving engagement.

But we are also seeing a great strain on people’s attitudes, behaviors, and mental health. What should we do about that? I believe there is strong Biblical support for two more spiritual practices during this endurance test of pandemic: sing and dance. You may be thinking, “Bishop, that is crazy! We need to do something serious!” I simply reflect that when the Hebrew children were led safely across the Red Sea, they escaped slavery and oppression, but they faced a vast desert wilderness, full of danger, peril, and threat. Many began to reconsider whether running away was such a good idea. People got nervous. People got anxious. So, Miriam, sister of Moses and prophet of the Lord, took up a tambourine and led the women in dancing and singing. I want to encourage us to turn to music as we endure the ongoing health crisis. Music indeed “hath charms to soothe a savage breast,” (William Congreve), but it also has great power to improve our moods, strengthen our resolve, and reenergize our weary spirits.

Many people use music to power through intense workouts because music can set a beat, a tone, and a rhythm that the body naturally responds to. Studies show that people listening to music during workouts can sustain their activity much longer than people that do not. And dancing is a wonderful form of exercise that everyone can do; it engages the entire body in rhythm and movement. Alternative studies show that people who say they cannot engage regularly in exercise find they can dance for extended periods of time, to a very similar benefit.

Scientists have shown that music, singing, and dancing increase dopamine (increasing pleasure, energy, focus, and awareness) and decrease stress hormones. It helps us sweat out toxins, and can generally calm, soothe, and heal frayed nerves and unhealthy emotions. I would not tell anyone what music to listen to, but I want to encourage everyone to adopt the practice of spending some time each day with whatever kind of “soul” music you listen to. My definition of soul music is music that makes your heart glad, that engages your body, mind, and spirit, inspiring you to sing along and even get up and dance. What kind of music you like is not important. My encouragement is that you find some time each day to shut down all the screens and tune into the music you like best.

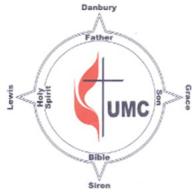
Author Neel Burton says, “Music is the school and the hospital of the emotions,” (Hypersanity: Thinking Beyond Thinking) and many of our battered psyches need some urgent care. Music is a gift to us, a blessed art that can inspire, comfort, and heal. Beyond the physical and psychological benefits, I want to remind everyone of the spiritual benefits. Throughout our Hebrew scriptures, especially in the Psalms, the invitation to sing out, to make a joyful noise, to dance in adoration and praise is prominent. At most times throughout the history of God’s people, there were mighty challenges to survival. People did not know what tomorrow might bring. The news they heard was often frightening and threatening. The population of “have-nots” grew almost daily, with poverty, hunger, disease, and military oppression normal. And through it all, no one could take away the music. No one could stop the singing. No one could control the dancing. So, as we wait for the world to stabilize, listen to music, sing, dance, and you will find a new mind, a new heart, and a new spirit, filled with hope, peace, and joy!

Grace and Peace,
Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Danbury Grace Siren Lewis UMC

June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Things we can pray for . . .	1 Nurses	2 Teachers finishing up the year	3 Students of all ages	4 Grocery Store Employees	5 Our County Board	6 Those who struggle with anxiety
7 Bishop Jung	8 Doctors	9 District Superintendents in Wisconsin	10 Repertory Therapists	11 Researchers looking for a Vaccine	12 God's beautiful creation	13 Staff who clean hospitals & clinics
14 Mail Carriers	15 Men & Women in the Armed Forces	16 State & County Health Officials	17 Local business owners	18 Police Officers	19 EMTs	20 Children who are hungry
21 Our elected leaders	22 The Homeless	23 Family Members of those with COVID-19	24 The Unemployed	25 Our Loved Ones who have passed away	26 COVID-19 Testing Facilities	27 Truckers
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they **RUN** and grow
will **RUN** not weary,
they will walk and
not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Let us **consider**
our callings,
let us **reflect**
on our
responsibilities, and
let us **follow**
Jesus Christ

Thomas S. Monson

