



WUMC Community Pathway

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STUFF...from Pastor Jack

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; HE HAS RISEN!" Luke 24:2-6a

Greetings friends! After a long, hard winter, it is so good to see the early signs of spring. New life is springing up all around us—and because of Easter, new life is continually springing up in us as well. Greet each day with a "Thank you, God!" and see if your whole day doesn't just go a bit better.

April is a busy month for many of us, especially with the Holy Week and Easter activities, but then lead directly into an even busier month—May, with Mother's Day, graduation parties, and so much more. For us in the Northern Waters District, May also brings a bittersweet even, a farewell party for our eight-year District Superintendent, Anita Hahn. Details are below.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Palm Sunday services will be held at the regular worship times on Sunday, April 14.

There is a Seder (Passover) meal scheduled to be held at Williamsburg on Maundy Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm. Please be sure to register, so we know how much to prepare. We will experience Passover in ways the Jewish people who are our spiritual ancestors could not have known.

Good Friday Services will be held on April 19: 1 pm at Fife Lake UMC and 7 pm at Williamsburg UMC.

Easter events are as follow:

Sunrise Service followed by breakfast—East Boardman UMC, 7 am.

Resurrection Services at all church at their normal Sunday worship times.

(F.Y.I., I will be on vacation the week of April 22-28.)

FAREWELL FOR THE SEXTON'S:

As you know, Ben, Corey and the kids are leaving us soon. Ben has been accepted at a Bible College in Indiana to work toward his Master of Divinity degree. While there, he has also been hired as the Associate and Youth Minister for a Baptist church. It will work out well for them: the Senior Pastor owns his own home, so the Sexton's will be living in the church's parsonage. Their final Sunday with the parish will on Memorial Day weekend at East and South Boardman. We will have a farewell party for them at WUMC on Sunday afternoon, May 19th. Details will follow.

WELCOME TO LEON ALBERTS:

Leon Alberts has been hired by the SPRC to replace Ben as Lay Preacher after his departure. Leon will follow the same schedule as Ben but is also exploring candidacy for ministry in the UMC. He already has a Master of Theology (MTh) from Fuller Seminary in California and he is excited to step into this new role. A retired law enforcement officer, Leon is looking forward to being involved in many community activities on behalf of, especially, the Boardman churches. Leon will first preach at Fife Lake and Williamsburg on June 9th.

FAREWELL TO ANITA:



Please mark your calendar for Saturday, May 11th, where we will "Celebrate8," meaning the eight years Anita Hahn has served us as District Superintendent. Celebrate8 will be held from 1-6 pm at Lake Ann United Methodist Church (Community Center) and will feature several different praise teams and other kinds of music offerings along with a buffet of pulled pork and other picnic items (free!). Bring a card to place in the "card box" and come join in the fun. We will end the day with worship and communion. Bishop David Bard will be joining us for the event. Anita will begin serving as Senior Pastor at Midland First UMC on July 1.



Rev. Jodie Flessner will become our new Northern Waters District Superintendent on July 1. Jodie is currently serving as pastor at Caledonia UMC near Grand Rapids but prior to that, served as nine-year pastor at Pine River Parish (Leroy and Ashton UMC), south of Cadillac. Jodie's passions are rural church ministries, cooperative ministry, and seasonal ("snowbird") ministries. She understands the challenges of rural church ministries and has been an advocate for small and rural churches throughout her career. There will be welcome event for Jodie sometime in the fall.

Busy times but also many opportunities to praise and worship God as we gather with the people of God, locally and in our district.

May your Easter be filled with His Holy Spirit and His blessing!

Pastor Jack

P.S. Summer church camp information is available, and applications are being accepted now. Please let Pastor Jack or Holly Barrett know if you have young persons who are interested.

SAVE THE DATE:

Memorial Day Parade
Monday, May 27th @9am
American Legion Post #289
will be supply lunch @
WUMC after the Parade!



April 19th, Services:
1pm @ Fife Lake UMC
7pm @ Williamsburg UMC



Joint Service and
Seder Meal.

Thursday, April 18th—
6:30pm @ WUMC (Sign
up sheet in the Narthex!)

Check the calendar for the Lenten
Lunches Schedule!
"Amazing Love-love as I Have Loved
You"

11:30-1pm April 4th & 11th @ TC
Presbyterian Church
(701 Westminster, TC)



Women's Fellowship
April 7th & 28th after
church!



Carol always looking for
volunteers! Thank you!

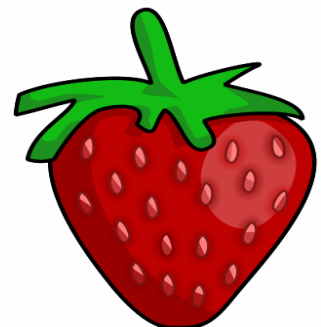


Last Sunday of Every Month,
Taken by Our Parish Nurse, Sherry
Boucher!

April Noisy Offering is Supporting UMCOR (Global Health)

Global Ministries' vision of abundant health for all focuses on efforts to promote physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being. The Global Health unit therefore aims to create abundant health in economically vulnerable communities by protecting children and disadvantaged adults from preventable causes of death and disease.

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2019 FOR
THE STRAWBERRY
SOCIAL!
4:00-8:00



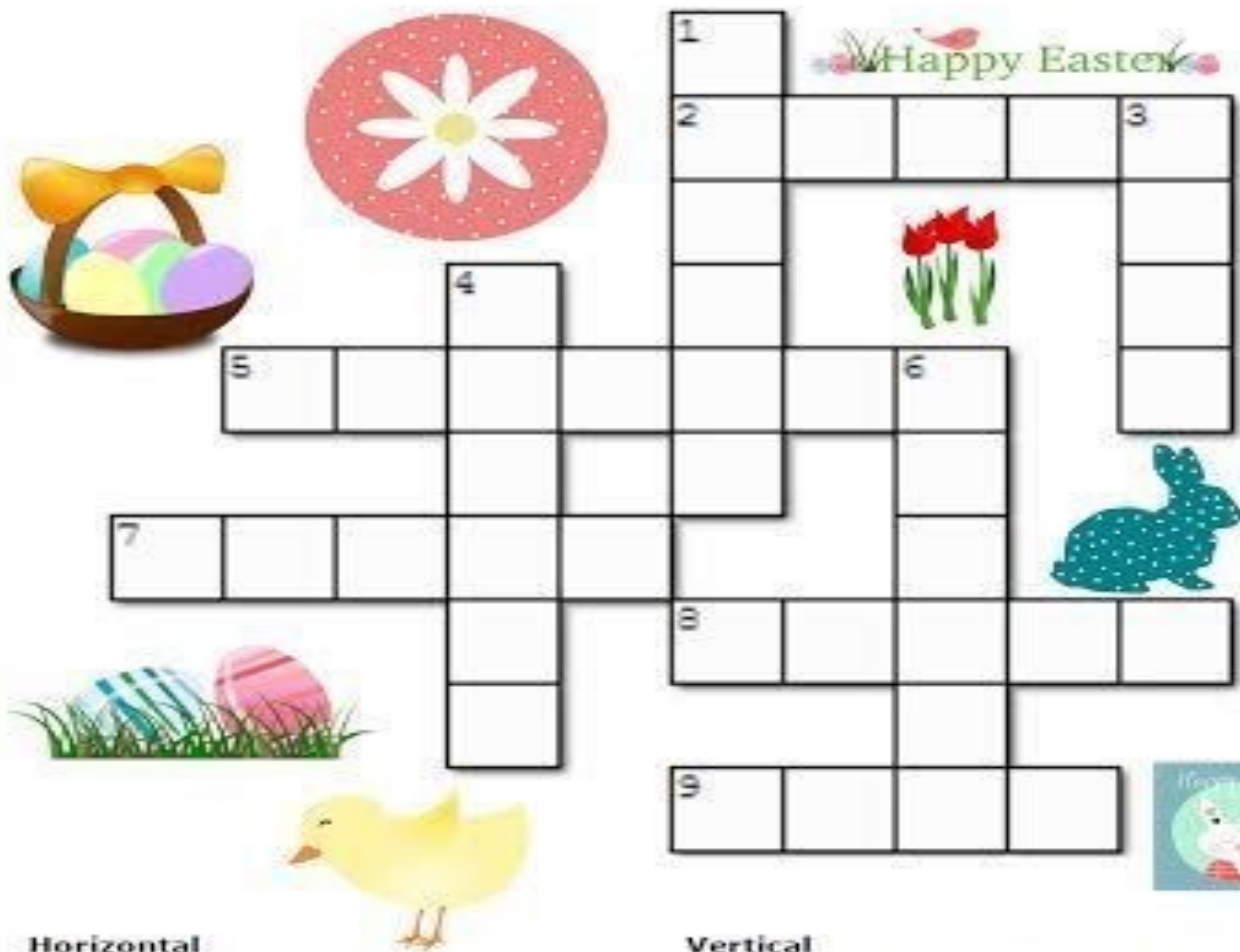
April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	4 Lenten Lunch @ TC Pres. 11:30 -1pm (Barbara Hoig)	5	6
7 10:15 Service / Communion Women's Fellowship after church	8	9	10 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	11 Lenten Lunch @ TC Pres. 11:30 -1pm (Tom Bousamra)	12	13
14 10:15 Service Palm Sunday Tom Clemens @ WUMC SPRING POTLUCK! 	15	16	17 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Samaritas Unified Parish Council @6pm EBUMC	18 Maundy Thursday Service & Seder 6:30 @ WUMC	19 Good Friday Services: 1pm @ FLUMC 7pm @ WUMC	20
21 7am Sunrise Service @ EBUMC 10:15 Service Easter Sunday	22 Jack on Vacation thru 4.29	23	24 3pm All Faith Svc. @ Samaritas	25	26	27
28 10:15 Service Women's Fellowship	29	30 WUMC AD Council 6pm	AA SCHEDULE Monday, 7:30pm Wed. Women Only, 7pm Saturday, Men Only 10am; Saturday, everyone, 7pm			

1st Pastor Jack Conklin
 2nd Clint & Barb Drummond's 64th Anniv!
 4th Brad & Sara Och's 15th Anniversary
 5th Grace Bloxsom
 5th Audra Goss
 7th Joshua Sexton
 18th Buelalee Gumper
 20th Doris Norton
 21st Easter Sunday!

22nd Jason and Kathy Lake's Anniv!
 23rd Alison Walter
 25th Suzette Cooley-Sanborn
 25th Jason Lake
 27th Cara Bagley-Aurand
 28th Paulina Savage
 29th Kathy Chamberlain-Lake

Easter Crossword Puzzle



Horizontal

2. _____ showers bring May flowers
5. Bees love them and there are lots of different kinds
7. I hide the eggs for you to find.
8. I am a baby chicken
9. The Easter bunny hides them for you to find

Vertical

1. You put the eggs that you find in me
3. March rolls in like a lion and goes out like a lamb
4. A lady wears this kind of hat with her Easter dress
6. What season comes before summer?



Save The Date! Spring Potluck: April 14th after church!



East Boardman United Methodist Church @ 7am April 21st
followed by Breakfast!

A Letter From Our District Superintendent

If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if Christ's love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care—then do me a favor: Agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. Philippians 2:1-2

It happened just before Lent got underway and it has encouraged me every day since.

Spring Splash 2019 gathered, keynote, Laurie Stewart and the Sing Love Worship team to lead us into the theme, **“Don't Let Pride Be Your Guide,” Philippians 2:3**. The Northern Waters District Youth prepared the logistics and implemented the plan so that 120 youth and their leaders could deepen their faith, grow closer to each other and have tons of fun at the waterpark at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, MI, March 2-3.

On Sunday Morning, the day began with breakfast and then- just before closing worship- Neil Haney and Sherry Stone talked about summer camp opportunities. Neil Haney then threw out Lake Louise T-Shirts and Caleb Warren, having caught the right colored T-Shirt, was the winner of a summer camp scholarship to Lake Louise Camp in Boyne Falls, Michigan!

As Caleb jumped with excitement the first words out of his mouth were, “What about my brother?”

The whole weekend was about walking as Christ calls us to walk and not doing what the world tells us to do. It was about being bold and going against the norm. It was about not bullying others and knowing that our worth isn't in what, “I have,” or in “What others think,” but our worth is in the God who created each of us and breathed life into us. It was about helping when you don't feel like it and doing what is right so that everyone has a chance.

The first words out of Caleb's mouth were, “What about my brother?” I immediately invited both boys to come and to have their picture taken with Neil because there was no way that both boys were *not* going to get scholarships to go to camp. So, thank you Lake Louise for choosing Caleb, and thank you Northern Waters District for supporting Gabe with a scholarship to attend summer camp.

Thank you, God for these two boys who share Christ with each other and are a living example of allowing, **“Christ to be their guide.”**

*Don't push your way to the front; don't sweet-talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside, and help others get ahead. Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage. Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand. **Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what.** Philippians 2:3-5*

I hope you too have walked more closely with Christ during this Holy Season of remembrance and growth.

Blessings,

Rev. Anita Hahn



Northern Waters District United Methodist Church



CELEBR⁸ HER EIGHT!



**It's Time to Celebrate
District Superintendent
Anita Hahn's**

8 Year Ministry Among Us

Saturday, May 11, 2019, 1 pm until 6 pm

Lake Ann United Methodist Church Community Center

Pig Roast/Country Style Picnic & Buffet 1-4 pm

Praise Bands and Other Musical Groups 1-5 pm

Worship and Communion 5-6 pm

Bring cards to give to Anita and plan to share some favorite memories



**Please RSVP with
the number of persons from your church
who plan to attend to Jill Haney, District
Office, 231-947-5281 no later than April 25th
so that we can prepare accordingly**

*This event is sponsored by your Northern Waters
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