

Parish of the Hills



Go and make disciples

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, 2022

PARISH VISITOR

Parish of the Hills



Parish of the Hills United Methodist Churches

Office Address: 400 Doty Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565
Phone: (608) 987-2700

E-mail: pohumc@gmail.com
Parish Web Site: parishofthehills.org
Conference e-mail: www.wisconsinumc.org

Office Hours: M, T, Th, F
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Bethel UM Church: Located on the Corner of
State Hwy. 39 & W
8:00 a.m. — Worship

First UM Church: 400 Doty Street, MP
9:15 a.m. — Worship
Handicapped Accessible

Linden UM Church: In the Village on Hwy. 39
9:30 Sunday School
(see scheduled dates)
10:45 a.m. — Worship

Pastor Chris Droste
Cell: (608) 359-8180
E-mail: darling8180@gmail.com

Marcia Ajer, Administrative Assistant

Enjoy
The
News



In light of eternity are the things that keep you from attending worship service more important than following Christ?

In the last addition of the Parish Visitor, I wrote about the biblical definition of the word “church.”

It’s used in several ways:

1. A congregation of people in a religious setting.
2. The building that the congregation meets in.
3. The worship service that the people participate in.
4. An organized denomination of a religious nature.
5. The Body of Christ.

The only accurate definition from the list above is #5 the Body of Christ.

Ephesians chapter 4 provides an illustration of the Body of Christ, the church, and how it can be compared to the human body with its “members.”

In verse 15 we see where Christ is referred to as the Head of the body. Then in verse 16, “from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which is equipped, as each part is working properly promotes the body’s growth.”

If we key in on the *working properly* portion of this scripture, we can conclude that a healthy body is a growing body and vice versa a growing body is a healthy body.

Growing is not just in size, but also in maturity.

In the words of Will Conner, pastor of Decatur UMC, “if someone considers him or herself a follower of Jesus, they need to know that church is not optional for becoming a deeply committed Christian.” In the words of another pastor, “no one will ever realize their full potential as a Christian apart from the Church.” Being involved in the church is the only way that someone can grow into the fullness of faith that Jesus wants for them.

We find the reasons for this all over the New Testament. In Hebrews, we see that it is a requirement of Christians to meet together. The preacher in Hebrews writes: (Verse 24). And let us consider each other carefully for the purpose of sparking love and good deeds. 25 Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.

This requirement isn't just to have your name on the attendance roster. Its purpose is to form you into a more Christ like person. But yet, I look at our membership rolls. There are people on our membership rolls that I am clueless about who they are. I'm not talking about the people who are homebound and can't attend regularly because of health. But there are people that are members of this church that never darken the doors. This concerns me. Not because of worrying about me or about how many people we have in worship or about the offering. But it concerns me because I know that church participation is essential in growing in faith and living into one's full potential as a Christian.

On top of this, the whole ministry of Jesus and the New Testament assumes that Christians will live faithfully in community. If you look at the majority of the New Testament writings, they are not written to individuals. Instead, you find leaders writing letters to entire communities of faith, to churches. - Will Conner

Then David said to the whole assembly, "Give praise to the LORD your God!" And the entire assembly praised the LORD, the God of their ancestors, and they bowed low and knelt before the LORD and the king.

I often speak about things that bare the nature of being spiritually significant. (important/of consequence.) So, I ask, in light of eternity are the things that keep you from attending worship service more important than following Christ?

<https://www.deaturumc.com/sermons/why-do-people-need-the-church>

Pastor Chris Droste



Mineral Point News
By: Carol Paynter

Things have been rather quiet lately except for the friendly bats flying around. Thank you Al Martin for removing them!

The Choir is once again singing at worship on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We are small in number and could use some more voices. If you like to sing please join us at 8:30 a.m. to practice for the service.

The parsonage has been sold, the closing was Friday, September 30th, and we welcome the new owners. The parking lot is now the new owner's property – we can no longer park there.

Congratulations to Sidney Owens who has received a position in a special program at the UW Hospital after graduation in December. She is in the nursing program.

Brats on Point Fund Raiser will be held from 11:00-1:30 on Saturday, October 15th during the Mineral Point Fall Art Tour. Thank you Rich & Karla for this much needed fund raiser for our church!

Parish Bible study will be starting on October 18th for five consecutive Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the Pointer Café and 5:30 at the First UMC.

Ad Council meets at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, October 13th and 7:15 p.m. Thursday, November 10th.

Trustees meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 10th.

Hope to see you in church!

Linden News
By: Dixie Edge

Exciting news for Linden!! Sunday School will start October 2, 2022. Please note, there will not be Sunday School classes every Sunday. After winter break, we will meet and discuss the 2023 schedule, Age Range: Pre-K through 8th Grade, meeting in the Church vestry starting at 9:30am to 10:25. Dates are October 2nd, 16th and 30th; November 13th and 27th. On November 13th the kids are also asked to participate in the church service, showcasing what they have learned so far during Sunday School. December 4th, 11th and 18th which will be Christmas Eve Program practice. There will be a Christmas Eve Program, time to be determined.

The Ad Council had a meeting on August 29th to hear a presentation on the current affair of disaffiliation within the United Methodist Church. The Ad Council and all those attending the meeting decided to stay with the United Methodist Church at this time. It was the consensus of everyone that God loves everyone and so should we.

Kyler and Jessica Stevens welcomed a new baby girl, Marigold Linda born on Friday, September 2, 2022. Marigold joins her big brother, Kai. Grandparents are Michael and Kathy Stevens, great-grandparents are Bob and Delores Stevens. Congratulations!!!

The Linden Harvest Home Auction had a great crowd for bidding and supporting the church on September 10. There were lots of great items to bid on, the highest bid was for a Quilt that sold for \$300, with a cherry pie at \$115, blueberry pie \$110 and apple pie \$95, and of course, the pasty and saffron, along with the awesome baked goods and other items went for high bids as well. Auctioneer, Larry Springer, who has been volunteering for the past 52 years, did a wonderful job of keeping everyone involved and having fun. Thank you Larry for always supporting our church and to all those who

brought items, helped with the auction and those who came out to support the auction making it a great success!

Several from our community have been chosen to go on the Badger Honor Flight of Wisconsin. Denny Rickard, Stan Cutler, Jerre Custer and Marty Lenz. This is a great way to honor our veterans who have served our country. Thank you for your service gentlemen. These men have continued to serve our community, through the Linden American Legion Post #493. Congratulations, enjoy your trip to Washington, D.C.!

Remember to watch for children and school buses as the kids are back in school. Also, it's harvest time so farmers are on the roads also, stay safe.

Life is short. Don't squander the chance to be kind. Kindness requires only a smile, or a gesture. Kindness is love in action. And LOVE is everything. Margaret Moss

Bethel News
By: Cindy Reynolds-Doyle

Fall has arrived and farmers are busy night and day harvesting the crops. We are reminded to give thanks for the life-giving food that we enjoy daily. Living in a rich agricultural community we truly have many reasons to be thankful. Autumn is a glorious time of the year to be reminded the Lord provides in wondrous ways.

The holiday season will soon be in full swing as we prepare for celebrations with friends and family. Spreading cheer to others can become a favorite part of the holidays. Your heart will be filled with joy as you share your blessings. May the gifts of God's blessings be with you and your family throughout the holidays.

HOLLANDALE HOMECOMING DINNER
On Saturday, September 10th our church members prepared and served the Hollandale Homecoming Dinner. The menu included: roast beef, chicken, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy,

corn, Jello, desserts and beverages. The dinner was held in the Hollandale Fire Department Building. One hundred and twenty people enjoyed this delicious meal. We had a good crew of our Bethel church family helping on Friday and Saturday. This is the sixth year we took on this fundraising event. Thanks to all who helped make this dinner a success.

BETHEL FALL SUPPER AND AUCTION

Our Fall Supper, Bazaar and Auction will be held on Wednesday, October 19th. We hope you will mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. Invite your family and friends to join us for tasty food and friendly fellowship. The meal in the dining room begins at 4:30 p.m. The meal includes, barbeque, ham, pulled pork and chicken salad sandwiches, cheesy potatoes, baked beans, salads, pickles and a cheese tray. Along with an excellent selection of pies, cakes and desserts. Beverages include chocolate and white milk, lemonade and coffee. We will happily prepare carry out meals for anyone wishing to take meals to go.

A Country Bazaar opens at 4:30 p.m. in the church entryway. Tables will be filled with colorful produce, delicious baked goods and a variety of handcrafted items. You are sure to find a special take home treat for yourself or a friend.

The Live Auction will take place immediately following the supper. This long-standing tradition at Bethel tops off the evening in a fun way. A nice variety of items will be auctioned off and you are sure to get some good deals. Everyone can be a bidder and with luck you might be the buyer of something special. Our Fall Harvest Supper, Bazaar and Auction is our one big event held at Bethel Church. We welcome everyone to come join us on Wednesday, October 19th.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

A date has been set for the Hanging of the Greens at Bethel. It will be held on Sunday, November 27th, following the 8:00 a.m. worship service. It's a festive time as we join together preparing our church for the Christmas season. Bring a snack to share and enjoy fellowship following the decorating. All are welcome to

come join us as we deck the halls at Bethel Church.

SNOWFLAKE SUNDAY

We will be celebrating Snowflake Sunday on December 4th at our 8:00 a.m. worship service. It is our tradition to remember loved ones as we hang special snowflake ornaments from our collection on the church Christmas tree. This is a very touching and meaningful part of our morning service and a sign of the season at Bethel. Christmas traditions play an important role in our own families, as well as our church family. Old and new traditions are to be cherished.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our 8:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 18th will include a Christmas Program. Special music including the Chime Players Choir, a Children's presentation and special readings. Members of our church family will take part in making this a Christmas Celebration Sunday. Everyone is invited to take part, all ages welcome. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service in the church dining room. The Sunday School Children will hand out traditional treat bags to all who attend. Come join in our Christmas Celebration Sunday.

HAPPY NEWS

Alex and Abbie (Baker) Noble are the proud parents of a baby boy. Charlie James Noble arrived on August 2nd, 2022. Charlie's Grandparents are Perry and Jennifer James Baker.

The wedding of Carter James and Sarah Lowry took place in Madison on August 19th, 2022. Greg and Kathy James are the proud parents of the groom.

Congratulations and best wishes to the new parents and to the newly married couple. Enjoy this new journey making beautiful memories. Your Bethel Church Family wishes you much love and many blessings.

BIG BIRTHDAYS AT BETHEL

Carol Schroeder celebrated her 95th birthday on July 17th, 2022. A large family gathering joined her in honor of this very special occasion.

Rose Mohlmann celebrated her 90th birthday on September 19th, 2022. Birthday parties organized by family and friends paid tribute to this big birthday.

We held a surprise birthday party for each of these special ladies. We celebrated Carol on her birthday on Sunday, July 17th and Rose on Sunday, September 18th. A table of treats and cards greeted the birthday gals as they entered the church entryway. Our Bethel Church Family wishes both Carol and Rose good health and much happiness in the year ahead.

A TREE FOR ALL SEASONS

We gathered to take down the 2021 Christmas decorations at Bethel in January of 2022.

A slender five foot tall tree stood in the entryway, welcoming all who entered the church. Some how we found it hard to undecorate this little tree and store it away until next Christmas. Then the magic happened and we had an idea. We would keep this special tree up throughout the year. Anyone with an idea was welcome to transform the tree for holidays and seasons of the year. Many creative efforts dressed this tree all through the year. Our special little tree has been a most welcoming sight to all who enter the church. It has been fun to open the front door of the church on Sunday morning and see what our tree is looking like this month. This special tree has put a smile on our face, encouraged fellowship and spread Christmas Cheer all year long. Our since thank you to Jennifer Reynolds for sharing her creative talents in the role as lead tree decorator. Great job!!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS: Dave Jensen (8th), Sophie Pearl Jacobson (15th), Mike Doyle (16th), Karen Oellerich (16th), Jennifer Reynolds (28th) and Caprice Massey (30th).

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Melissa (Doyle) Jacobson (8th), Matt Wersal (8th), Bree Ann (Reynolds) Terrill (8th), Jackson James Reed (12th) and Cooper Palzkill (28th).

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES: Rob & Caprice Massey (15th), Bob Baker & Robin White (21st) and Greg & Kathy James (28th).

MAY THE SEASON OF HARVEST FILL YOUR HEART AND SOUL WITH JOY!



When we give from the heart, we receive unexpected blessings—especially the joy of making a difference in someone's life.

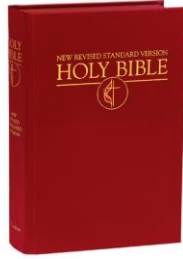
Oct. 02	World Communion Sunday
Oct. 09	Apportionments
Oct. 16	Boiler Fund - pump
Oct. 23	Improvement Fund
Oct. 30	Boiler Fund - pump
Nov. 06	Boiler Fund - pump
Nov. 13	Apportionments
Nov. 20	Masonry Fund
Nov. 27	Improvement Fund



Below please find the Parish Visitor Rotating Church Collation Schedule for 2022. Our goal is to mail our newsletter out by the last week of every other month:

<u>Parish Visitor:</u>	<u>Article Deadline:</u>	<u>Church Collates:</u>
Feb/March-First	Jan 17	Jan 27
April/May-Linden	March 21	March 31
June/July-Bethel	May 16	May 26
Aug/Sept-First	July 18	July 28
Oct/Nov-Linden	Sept 19	Sept 29
Dec/Jan-Bethel	Nov 17	Dec 1





ATTENDANCE



Bible Classes start Tuesday October 18th: Pastor Chris will have five consecutive classes at the Pointer Café at 10:00 am and First UMC at 5:30 pm every Tuesday starting October 18:

<u>Pointer Café</u>	<u>First UMC</u>
Oct 18: 10:00	Oct 18: 5:30
Oct 25: 10:00	Oct 25: 5:30
Nov 01: 10:00	Nov 01: 5:30
Nov 08: 10:00	Nov 08: 5:30
Nov 15: 10:00	Nov 15: 5:30

You do not have to register to attend. If you have any questions please call Pastor Chris at (608) 359-8180 or email: darling8180@gmail.com.

<u>August</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>28</u>
Bethel	15	16	15	14
FUMC	22	17	27	22
Linden	8	7	11	10
Facebook Live	12	11	11	14

5 Day Total Views started 8/28 122

<u>September</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>25</u>
Bethel	22	18	15	21
FUMC	23	22	24	25
Linden	8	12	7	7
Facebook Live	8	12	17	13
5 Day Totals	60	90	56	57



***life* 102.5**

88.1



Sunday School Classes at Linden to date: 9:30-10:25 on October 2, 16 & 30, November 13 & 27, December 4, 11 & 18, and Christmas Eve Program.



First UMC: A very big THANK YOU!!! To Brad and Dan for their efforts in repairing the parsonage in order to satisfy the sales agreement!!!!

First UMC: Thank you for your donation to Upland Hills Health Hospice. It is greatly appreciated. 9/16/22



I asked one of my friends who has crossed 70 & is heading to 80 what sort of changes he is feeling in himself? He sent me the following very interesting lines, which I would like to share with you...

1. After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children, my friends, now I have started loving myself.
2. I just realized that I am not “Atlas”. The world does not rest on my shoulders.
3. I now stopped bargaining with vegetables & fruits vendors. A few pennies more is not going to burn a hole in my pocket but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter’s school fees.
4. I pay my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than me.
5. I stopped telling the elderly that they’ve already narrated that story many times. The story makes them walk down the memory lane & relive the past.
6. I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.
7. I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say “Thank You.”
8. I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.
9. I walk away from people who don’t value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.

10. I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.

11. I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It’s my emotions that make me human.

12. I have learned that it’s better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships I will never be alone.

13. I have learned to live each day as if it’s the last. After all, it might be the last.

14. I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!

I don’t know who to credit this to – author unknown.



If you were an instrument of God, what instrument would you be? A piano, flute, drum, or a violin? What kind of music is God playing through you? Is there a song title that would represent what is happening in your life because of God? In her book “May I Have This Dance?” Joyce Rupp says that “the song of God needs an instrument to give it shape and voice.” We are called to be those instruments and play a “melody of divine love” that is unique to each person.

As summer fades away with its long days and warm weather and fall waits to reveal its beauty in the colors of the leaves, we gear up with school schedules, church committee meetings, sports activities and other commitments. Life becomes hectic as we scurry from one place to the next. We can become so preoccupied with busy schedules and hurrying through life that we

“miss the song of goodness which is waiting to be sung” through us.

Each day when you awaken, take the time to see yourself as God’s instrument. He gives us gifts and talents so that when we use them, His song of goodness can be heard by others. They hear it as we work, as we shop, as we care for our family and when we worship. It may comfort those we minister to who are sick or going through difficult times. “Through our lives God’s love seeks to dance and make music for the world.” So get out there and make some music! In God’s Peace, Mary Rasmussen, Parish Nurse, Lancaster United Methodist Church.

Your diet is not only what you eat. It’s what you watch, what you listen to, what you read, the people you hang around. Be mindful of the things you put into your body emotionally, spiritually, and physically. – becoming minimalist

.....

“When we lose someone we love, we must learn not to live without them, but to live with the love they left behind.” – author unknown

Interchurch Emergency Food Pantry, 400 Doty Street, Mineral Point, Wisconsin



Breakfast cereal, pancake mix/syrup, oatmeal, jelly, peanut butter, TUNA, canned fruits, canned meats, Sloppy Joes, chili, beefaroni, hash, spaghetti, beef ravioli), muffin mixes, soups, Ramon noodles, crackers, jellos, puddings, cake mixes, brownie mix, cooking oil, cleaning products, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, paper towels, shampoo, deodorants, lotions, facial tissue, hotel toiletries, dog food, cat food.



Second Harvest Food Bank
This Mobile Food Pantry is for people from the area struggling to pay the bills each month.

The 4th Monday of the Month
Start drive-up at 4:00 until gone
Ss. Anthony & Philip Church
726 Main Street
Highland, Wisconsin

Please bring your own bags/boxes.

NEED A RIDE?

RURAL TAXI: (608) 930-9835 Tuesday and Thursday 8:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

DODGEVILLE TAXI: (608) 553-0590 Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

ADRC













“Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”
Revelation 7:12, NRSV

Grace at Thanksgiving Dinner

Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of Your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

OCTOBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
25	26 	27	28 	29	30 	1
2  WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:00 Bethel Service with communion 9:15 1 st Service 9:30 Sunday School at Linden 10:45 Linden Service with communion	3	4 Yom Kippur starts National Golf Day	5  PUMPKINS! 7:00 pm Business Connection Night	6	7 5:00 wedding rehearsal at 1 st	8 3:00 wedding of Morgan Fitzsimmons and Casey Lobdell at 1 st UMC
9 8:00 Bethel Svc. 8:30 Choir practice 9:15 1 st Service with communion & choir 10:45 Linden Svc 5pm Community UCC mtg for start-up MP Youth	10 <u>Columbus Day</u> (observed)	11	12  OCTOBER	13 7:00 Ad Council at 1 st	14	15 Church Fund Raiser: Brats on Point at 1 st UMC 11:00-1:30 during Fall Art Tour (14-16) EVERYONE WELCOME!!!
16 Laity Sunday 8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 1 st Service 9:30 Sunday School at Linden 10:45 Linden Svc	17 Wear Something Gaudy Day	18 10:00 Bible Study at the Pointer Café & 5:30 First UMC	19 4:30 Bethel Fall Supper, bazaar & auction – EVERYONE WELCOME!!!	20	21 MP Walking Tour Babbling Day	22
23 8:00 Bethel Svc. 8:30 Choir practice 9:15 1 st Service with choir 10:45 Linden Svc	24 United Nations Day  Bologna Day	25 10:00 Bible Study at the Pointer Café & 5:30 First UMC	26	27	28	29
30 8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 1 st Service 9:30 Sunday School at Linden 10:45 Linden Svc	31 <u>Halloween</u> Trick or Treat at Shake Rag Alley Carve a Pumpkin Day	1 	2	3 	4	5 

NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
30	31 	1 (All Saints Day) 10:00 Bible Study at the Pointer Café & 5:30 First UMC	2	3 Sandwich Day. Driftless Film Festival at MP Opera House Nov. 3rd-6 th	4 World Community Day Driftless Film Festival	5 Driftless Film Festival at MP Opera House Nov. 3rd-6 th
6  TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK! (All Saints Sunday) 8:00 Bethel Svc with communion 9:15 1 st Service 10:45 Linden Svc with communion	7 Men Make Dinner Day	8 10:00 Bible Study at the Pointer Café & 5:30 First UMC Election Day	9 	10 6:30 Trustees 7:15 Ad Council at 1st	11 Veterans Day (Remembrance Day) 	12
13 (Organ & Tissue Donor Sunday) 8:00 Bethel Svc. 8:30 Choir practice 9:15 1 st Svc with communion & choir 9:30 Sunday School at Linden 10:45 Linden Svc	14 	15 10:00 Bible Study at the Pointer Café & 5:30 First UMC Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day	16	17 (Dec/Jan issue) 	18	19
20 (Christ the King Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday, Int'l Bible Week (21-27)) 8:00 Bethel Svc. 9:15 1 st Svc 10:45 Linden Svc	21	22	23	24 Happy Thanksgiving  <u>Thanksgiving Day</u>	25 	26  Small Business Saturday
27 (First Sunday of Advent) 8:00 Bethel Svc. & hanging of greens 8:30 Choir practice 9:15 1 st Svc & choir 9:30 Sunday School at Linden 10:45 Linden Svc	28 	29	30 	1 Collate P/V (Bethel)  Newsletter Folding Party	2	3 Santa Day Shake Rag Alley, Gallery Night, Candlelight Shopping, Fireworks