

# The Current

A Newsletter of Crossroads United Methodist Church  
June & July 2010

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## Waunafest is approaching

submitted by the Waunafest committee

The ice cream tent at Waunafest is:

- a) the biggest single fundraiser for our church
- b) a good way to get to know and have fun with other members of our congregation away from the church
- c) a great way to serve the community of Waunakee
- d) All of the above!

Of course, the answer is d) All of the above! Did you also know that if we found someone different to do every specific job for Waunafest, we would need over 80 volunteers? It takes a lot of work to make our part of Waunafest a success. But when we all come together, it doesn't even seem like work. It's just one more chance for us to fellowship with each other.

Waunafest is **July 21-25** this year. We will be serving ice cream, pie, and root beer floats from 4:00 p.m. Friday - 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Heavy setup will be Wednesday evening and light setup will be Friday morning. Irene Steinl will have the sign-up sheets in church. We hope to get all the shifts filled without making extra phone calls, so please check your calendar and sign up for a time slot that works well for you. Or feel free to call Irene to get your desired shift(s). *Thanks for your participation!*



## Margo Collins Honored by COA's

submitted by Roselyn Warren

Margo Collins was seated at the table with all of the guests at the May luncheon for Crossroads Older Adults—yes, seated, not busy in the kitchen with the last-minute preparation of a sumptuous lunch, as she has been for the last eight years. All who have enjoyed her wonderfully tasty and beautiful lunches know what her service meant to this group. COA's presented her with a gift package of thank-you notes and a check.

Margo now fills her days with service to Bright Star where she is a Case Manager, using her nursing, organizational, and warm personal skills for a much larger group of older adults than COA's (but they don't get to eat her lunches).

COA's has found a new chef, Betty Reible, who lives just around the Mill Road corner on Woodland Drive. Betty has already served two lunches, and no one goes away hungry—but then, you'll just have to make a reservation and see for yourself.



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## Pastor's Page

My favorite day of the year, every year, is that first really warm day of the spring. You know, the first time you walk outside, still in your winter coat, but you realize that you can take a full, deep breath without feeling your lungs hurt with the cold. That day is usually followed by several more weeks of winter, but it gives me hope that the rebirth of spring is around the corner

Now we're finally having more warm, sunny days than cool, rainy days. School's almost out, and we're all looking forward to enjoying the long summer days. If you're anything like me, you anticipate lazy days of enjoying time with friends and family. And then you're surprised to discover that summer's never quite as laid back as you expected. Our schedules are just as full – if not fuller – during the summer months.

Nevertheless, there is a distinct slow-down in the life of the church in the summer. Worship attendance drops, groups and programs take a few months off, meetings are frequently canceled. We don't have less of a need for God in the summer, but it seems that we make less time for God. Our priorities shift, and we find ourselves out of town and away from church on lots of weekends.

I will be doing a special sermon series this summer, which I hope might pique your interest. We'll be taking a look at some of the characters in the Bible that don't often make it into sermons. I promise: no reading long lists of who begat whom. What I will promise is interesting stories about God's people that help us to understand our ancestors in faith and our own relationship with God.

We also have some fun events planned throughout the summer. A Mallards game, Waunafest, and Vacation Bible School all give us a chance to fellowship and worship together. Keep reading the bulletin inserts on Sundays to see what other activities are coming up.

Thankfully, we worship a God who is faithful. A God who is with us and who loves us, even when we are driving to soccer tournaments, the cabin up north, or Grandma's house. So I would challenge us as a congregation to be faithful in return. When you are in town this summer, let's make worship a priority. Let's continue to be a community that finds fellowship and support by being present with one another.

Grace abounds,



Pastor Sharon

## All-Church Picnic

**On June 27**, we're having a Galilean service and all-church picnic. The service will be at Governor Nelson State Park – because to have a seaside Galilean service, we need a sea (or lake)! Please note that worship will be later than usual. We'll have our **worship service at 10:00 a.m.** After worship, we'll have a time of games and activities for kids, plus a fantastic picnic lunch. The food circles will help us organize a potluck. This would be a wonderful event to invite a friend or neighbor to join you.

Getting into the state park requires a sticker for each vehicle. If we get at least 20 stickers, we qualify for a group discount of \$5 per vehicle. **Please sign up in the narthex** to indicate your need for a sticker so we can buy the right number. Stickers will be distributed the week prior to the worship service.



## Vacation Bible School Information!

submitted by Heather Murray and Tressie Hook

**Hey Church Family!** VBS is Monday, August 2 through Thursday, August 5 from 5:30– 8:00 pm. This year's theme is *HERO HEADQUARTERS...Where kids join forces with God!* VBS is for children ages 3-12. Many volunteers are needed. Please contact Heather Murray if you have any questions. [shgmurray@tds.net](mailto:shgmurray@tds.net) or 849-4048.



We are collecting props and need your help for VBS. There are a bunch of items I need for the opening skit, as well as three dramatic type youth or adults for our opening drama. The roles I need to fill are Maintenance Mac, Water Woman, and Pizza Man. If you chose to fill one of these roles I need you to be able to commit to all four days of VBS since the characters will be costumed (No spandex I promise) and I only have enough materials for one set of costumes. The dates for VBS are August 2-5 and it is from 5:30 to 8:00 pm with the drama being right after the meal. Please let me know if you would like to be one of these awesome Super Heroes. Donated props can be left in the old youth room, next to the supply closet. Call Tressie Hook at (608) 576-4354 or E-Mail: [tressiehook@yahoo.com](mailto:tressiehook@yahoo.com)

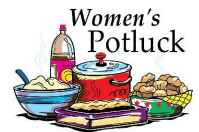
### Props needed for VBS opening drama:

Kitchen Timer--Screw driver--Pizza box--Shredded paper  
Two rubber balls (smallish, hand size)--Paper grocery bag  
Mismatched Plastic lids (from butter containers, whip cream, mayo. All cleaned and a large variety)  
Two matching Plastic lids (yogurt containers, butter, something small & clean)  
Bicycle horn or noise maker--Plastic food service gloves  
Cell phone (broken or fake)--4 Hula hoops--Rubber gloves  
Goggles (the bigger and goofier, the better)--Laundry basket  
Old shoes--Nose plugs-- Knitting needles-- Umbrella  
1 Pair of women's high heeled shoes (the pointier, higher, flashier, and more girly the better)  
Please remember which items you donate or label them so they may be returned at the Sunday after VBS finishes.

## Women's end of the year pot luck!

submitted by Pattie Hook

Our year is coming to an end, and in celebration of this we would like to invite all crossroads women and friends to our **end of the year pot luck on June 14 at 6:00 p.m.** It will be at the home of Patsy Manion. Give her a call, 469-1303, to let her know you are coming. She has graciously volunteered to provide chicken for the grill so she needs to know how much to provide.



We are also in need of a new president for our group. Heather Murray who has served for *oh so many* years is having to step down as her family and business responsibilities are requiring more of her time. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her willingness to do this for the time that she has, and we will enjoy having her at meetings, and know that she is still around to help out at times and in ways she can.

## Annual Conference

submitted by Pastor Sharon

Annual Conference, the annual business meeting of our church at the state level, is coming up **June 13-16 in LaCrosse**. Pastor Sharon will be attending, as will Susan Rather. Pastor Sharon will then take the rest of that week as vacation time. Jim Walker, who has just completed his Lay Speaker training, will fill the pulpit on June 20. If you need to reach Pastor Sharon anytime between June 13-20, please call the church office.

## Those in our prayers

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**Prayers of Joy:** Best wishes on birthdays and anniversaries; for occasions where families get together and rejoice in what blessings they have been given; congratulations to all our graduates from high school and college and best wishes in your new and exciting journeys; joys of the expectance of new babies to families in the congregation; Virginia Gravel's son has a job; CUMC's Confirmation class; Grace Fonstad was able to be in worship.



**Prayers of Concern:** All those recovering from surgeries and long term illnesses and those with unspoken concerns; Bonnie Ebert; children and parents as the school year ends; Dave Duchnowski's dad Ted; those who are looking for jobs and have no insurance; prayers for the Harman family.

**Prayers of Comfort in Grief:** All those who have lost loved ones; the family and friends of Cindy Driscoll; the Duchnowski family in the loss of an uncle.

**Prayers for Peace, Justice and Safety:** All our military and their families all around the world.

## Pictorial directory coming this fall

submitted by Pastor Sharon

It's time to pull out your best smile, because we're updating our pictorial directory. It has been four years since our last one, and much has changed since then. We are using a new company this year, LifeTouch Photography. They come highly recommended by other churches who have been impressed with their attention to detail, friendliness, and no-tolerance policy for high-pressure sales. Remember, to participate in the directory, there is absolutely no obligation to buy anything! The dates for our pictures will be **Thursday, September 30, Friday, October 1, and Saturday, October 2.** Mark this weekend on your calendar now, and look for more details toward the end of the summer.



HOOK, Jim	06/04
LOWERY, Victoria (Tori)	06/04
LEDVINA, Ilene	06/06
GRASSL, Caroline	06/07
FISHER, Rachel	06/09
WILLIHNGANZ, Terri	06/10
HALBERSMA, Jarod	06/11
MIELKE, Ryan	06/17
HARMAN, Michael	06/19
JOHNSON, Mae	06/19
RIPP, Kevin	06/19
SOEHLE, Marion	06/21
KHAZAE, Hamid	06/22
HRON, Robbi	06/23
PARKER, Joyce	06/23
DOUCETTE, Brendon	06/26
HALFORD, Alana	06/26
THOMPSON, Trent	06/26
CHRISTENSEN, Jenya	06/28
FAHLGREN, Kyle	06/29
COLLINS, Theresa	06/30
COOK, Larson	06/30



## “Concert on the Square”

submitted by Patsy Manion

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You are invited to an fun evening of music and fellowship on Wednesday, July 28, 2010. The Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, led by Maestro Andrew Sewell, will present “*Summer Nights in Vienna*” featuring dancers from the Madison Ballet. The performance will begin at 7:00 p.m. on the grounds at the Madison Capital. The activities committee will spread out some blankets to reserve our space for Crossroads participants. Please bring your own beverages and a snack or dessert to pass. Call Patsy Manion at 469-1303 by Monday, July 26, so she can reserve enough seating space and if you have any questions. Our location will be near the US Bank.

## Generous giving to Haiti and Chile:

submitted by UMC

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As of the end of April, the Wisconsin Conference reported \$413,300 received for relief efforts in Haiti and \$10,165 for Chile. Over 3,000 health kits were brought to the Wisconsin Conference office in Sun Prairie or were shipped separately to MMDC or Sager Brown.

# Fellowship Opportunities Abound

submitted by the Activities Team

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Don't miss these opportunities for fun and fellowship with your Crossroads friends over the next few months. Call the office or see the folks listed for more details or to help organize:

## On the docket:

June 5: Mallards game 6:05PM: See Irene Steinl  
June 27<sup>th</sup>: 10AM Service at Governor Nelson and picnic: See Pr. Sharon  
July 23-25<sup>th</sup> Waunafest: See Irene Steinl to help!  
July 28: Concert on the Square: See Patsy Manion  
Aug 2 – 5: Vacation Bible School: See Heather Murray  
Aug 15: Worship in Gazebo at Village Park: See Pr. Sharon  
Aug 29: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck: See Irene Steinl  
Sept 17-19: Women's Retreat at Lake Lucerne: See Nancy Koch  
Sept 24-27: Men's Retreat – See Dave Duchnowski  
Sept 24<sup>th</sup>: Applefest – See Pattie Hook  
Oct 10: Wicked at the Overture Center: See Patsy Manion



## Ongoing:

Bunco/Euchre parties: Bi-monthly: See Sue Tietz (July game will be at the home of Lynne and Mike Adam)  
COA (Crossroads Older Adult) Luncheon - monthly: See Roselyn Warren

## Potential future events:

We could use some help in organizing these or other events YOU suggest:

- Bike Ride & Picnic
- Hands Only CPR Training
- Music Sharing evening
- Campout on church property

## Waunakee Blood Drives

submitted by Hy Miller

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We have two more Blood Drives coming up this year in Waunakee. The Red Cross schedules them at the Presbyterian Church on Hwy Q from Noon - 5:30 p.m. We generally need 10 folks to help with the event and also I call 10 people to ask for baking, cheese plate, crackers, summer sausage, veggies. The person can choose to bring one of the above or can help us for a couple of hours at the Blood Drive. The next dates of the Blood Drive are August 27 and October 29--always on a Friday. *Please call me at 849-5299 if you would be available to help or donate food items for the August or October Red Cross Blood Drive. Thank You.*



## Tribe of Gad buys a Basket of Hope

submitted by Christian Ed.

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Congratulations to the tribe of Gad in their fundraising efforts with the coffee and chocolate! They enough to buy a Hope basket (rabbits and chickens), a flock of chickens, ducks and a share of trees! WOW! Great job!



\*NOTE from Paul Tietz: Thank you so much Crossroads! It means a lot to us to be able to help a family through the Heifer Project. We never could have done it without you! The Gad Tribe

## CUMCs Christian Ed/youth group—

submitted by Christian Education Group

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Sunday school/youth group will begin again in September. Join us for VBS (page 3) in August for lots of fun with your Sunday school friends.

## Confirmation 2010

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On Sunday, May 23, we celebrated the Confirmation of four young people in our congregation. After weekly classes with Pastor Sharon, these youth decided they were ready to take full ownership of their baptismal vows. It was a wonderful celebration of faith and the energy of young people. Please take a moment to congratulate and welcome these newest members of our congregation.

My name is **Dawn Duchnowski**, and I am finishing 7<sup>th</sup> grade. My parents are Dave Duchnowski and Paula Riesch. I learned that anything can be possible in God's hands. I enjoyed this class, and how we played games and had fun.



Hi, my name is **Alyse Ripp**. I am the daughter of Kevin and Karen Ripp, and I'm in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. In confirmation this year, I learned that God wants us to love others the way he loves us. While I already believed that, I now believe it even more.

My name is **Jessica Werner**. I am in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and my parents are Theresa and Greg Werner. Confirmation was very fun, and I learned a lot about how God loved me, even though I sin. Also, I enjoyed how Pastor Sharon made projects fun and we could learn about God at the same time.

Hi, I'm **Natalie Tietz**, and I'm in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. My parents are Sue and Bob Tietz. Throughout the course of Confirmation, I learned a lot of things about forgiveness, the Bible, Methodist history and beliefs, and other various things. I really enjoyed getting to know everyone in Confirmation every week.

## Scrip Program and Six Flags

submitted by Patsy Manion

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**Crossroads Scrip Program** and **Six Flags Theme Parks** are pleased to announce that Six Flags universal tickets are now available for **\$30 with an 8% non-profit contribution**. These tickets are redeemable for single one-day admissions at any Six Flags Theme Park and may be used for both adults and children. In addition to your scrip rebate, you might also save even more on your admission price. While normal ticket prices range from \$30 (children's price) to \$50+, your \$30 universal ticket is good for one admission at **any Six Flags property**. That means you could save \$20 (or more) on your next Six Flags admission!



## What can I buy with Scrip?

submitted by Patsy Manion

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Our fundraising program "Shop with Scrip" will continue through the Summer. Don't forget you can use the gift cards from Scrip for many of your fun-filled vacation plans. There are cards for hotels, airlines, car rentals, movie theaters, restaurants, etc. There are also cards for your gas, grocery shopping, haircuts, pharmacies, book stores, and shopping for clothes.

**Hey guys...are you doing any fix-it jobs or remodeling around the house?** We have cards you can use at Ace Hardware, Home Depot, Menards and Sears.

**Are you needing any sports gear or recreational items?** We have cards for Dick's Sporting Goods, Gander Mountain, and REI. Check out the order form enclosed for more ideas!

We will continue collecting orders on the first and third Sundays of the month, except there will be no Scrip orders taken on July 4. But, we will have "Cash and Carry" cards available for immediate purchases for gas, groceries, and Walgreens on July 4 and 11. Have a safe summer and don't forget to "Shop with Scrip."











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### **Worship at Crossroads**

**9:30-10:30am**~ Sunday Worship

**10:30am**~ all of the following:  
Hospitality & Refreshment Time (all ages)  
Sunday School (Pre-school - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Youth check- in Time

**Come for any part of the morning,  
or stay for all of it!**

### **Crossroads church leadership roster**

Sharon Cook..... Pastor  
Pattie Hook..... Assistant to the Pastor & Newsletter Editor  
Bill Hofeldt .....Music Director  
April Kang .....Pianist  
Roselyn Warren .....Accompanist  
Keith Nelson.....Custodian  
Lynne Adam ..... Treasurer & Church Council, Vice Chair  
Linda Stouffer & Loree von Ruden Sunday School Coordinators  
Steve Harman..... Lay Leader  
Christine Erickson.....Web Page Coordinator  
Bruce & Jennifer Koch, Tressie Hook.....Youth Ministries  
Patsy Manion.....Scrip Chair  
Tressie Hook.....Childcare

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“to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

The mission of the Wisconsin Conference is:  
“Live, Give, Love...Beyond all expectation.”

The purpose of Crossroads UMC is:  
“to provide the greatest experience of God to the greatest number of people.”