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November 2009

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## Porchlight Need

Submitted by Margo Collins



In a recent update from Porchlight ministry we support with a meal the second Sunday of the odd months, they indicate that with the colder weather, they will be opening their third overflow shelter at First United Methodist Church. Porchlight anticipates regularly serving well over 100 clients during these cold months. They are in **great need of twin sheets and blankets**. If you have linens (*twin only*) you'd like to donate, please contact Margo at 849-1974. Also, note that the next meal we provide will be November 8, and based on the increase in numbers, we will be requesting additional donations (either food or money). Please keep this ministry and their increasing needs in your prayers.

## Christmas Pageant December 13—

Submitted by Irene Steinl



The “Bethlehem Chronicle” Newspaper is in big trouble! If subscriptions don’t increase, the paper will be shut down forever. Now it’s up to Scoop Early (cub reporter and part-time shepherd), Sally O’Callahan (social columnist) and Rock Gibraltar (sports reporter) as they search for the biggest news in Bethlehem to help save the paper. Add a heavenly host of angels and shepherds and you’ve got Crossroad’s production of “The Christmas Chronicles” to be presented during service on Sunday, December 13. *It is not too late to get into the fun!!!* Additional cast of all ages and abilities can be accommodated up to December 6, and we can use help with props, costumes and treats!!! See Irene Steinl or Bill Hofeldt to get more information.

## Annual Church Charge Conference

Submitted by the office



All members and friends of crossroads are invited to our annual charge conference on Tuesday, December 1, at 7:00 pm. Find out all the church business, as well as what is and will be going on, and who the new leaders will be at CUMC.



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## Pastor on leave...

Our Pastor is still on Maternity leave but will be back in the office on November 3. They, are all doing well and having a great time getting to know one another. (see new picture on bulletin board Pastor Sharon's first sermon will be November 29th. We look forward to her return and are enjoying the special guests till then.



## SPRC Moment

Submitted by Lori Tebrinke

Staff Parish Relations Committee has been very busy since Pastor Sharon's maternity leave commenced. By the time you read this, we have hired a person to be available as a child care provider for evening meetings and choir rehearsals. This is one of the goals we established for our church last spring.

If you are in a situation in which you would like to attend either a Bible study with Pastor Sharon, The Shack book study with Jim Walker, choir practices or take on a leadership or committee role with our church, we will provide free child care with a well qualified provider. This position is an on call position so that you may choose the service whenever you are in need. Your child will be cared for; homework will be addressed, and fun will be had. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! You can either call the office or Lori Tebrinke 850-5919 for more information.

We have also been accepting applications for our church custodian. When you get a chance, please take a moment to thank Sharon Eastman for years of fine service to our church. She has really gone above and beyond in her commitment to us all in the care of our facility and the staging of our sanctuary for services and special events. We will miss her personal touch; and, we welcome our new custodian, whoever that may be. We are in the process of lining up interviews. We will let you know as soon as a decision has been made.

## Fill a Basket fundraiser a success!!

Submitted by Kathy Grant

Thanks to all who either supplied, purchased and prayed for all the wonderful baskets for the "Apostles Build" fundraiser. The tally is not in yet but it is well over one thousand dollars! Your enthusiastic support is much appreciated and contributes to an ongoing ministry that reaches beyond the walls of Crossroads...

SPEAKING OF FUNFRAISERS—Beginning Sunday November 1, after worship and until November 15 (which is the deadline for all orders), there will be an **AVON Fundraiser**. Kathy Grant will have books in the Narthex and all the information you need for your Christmas shopping for; gifts, stocking stuffers, personal care and decorations. The greatest news is that all the proceeds will go towards the Apostles Build project. Thanks Kathy for getting this as well as the Fill a Basket fundraiser going!



## The Faithful Men...

Submitted by the Faithful Men Quartet

The Faithful Men wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Crossroads congregation for the loving support of their ministry of music. They also want to express their appreciation for the many hours of rehearsal time Bill Hofeldt provides for them as well as for the Praise band including April Kang, Eric Schmuck, and Sterling Raskie.





## New Scrip Schedule for Holiday Shopping

The holiday season is upon us! Please remember to use the Scrip program for all your holiday shopping. There are many merchants available. Use the Scrip gift cards to purchase holiday presents or present the gift cards to your loved ones. Each gift card purchased earns three to five percent in monies for Crossroads. The funds raised help support the church's budget. Visit [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) to find a complete list of available merchants and special promotions going on now.

We will be collecting Scrip orders on **November 1, 15, and 29**. The last day to purchase Scrip for 2009 will be December 13, which will be your last chance before Christmas. All gift cards will be distributed the Sunday after an order is placed.

**“GO GREEN” FOR 2010:** For those of you who like to cut down on the use of paper, please place an order by going to [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com). At this website you will set up a family account in order to place an order. You will also have an opportunity to pay online by using PrestoPay which will add a minimal 39 cent fee to your order. *We encourage everyone who can to use this method in 2010. This will not only cut down on paper usage, but also make the accounting and ordering process much quicker and easier.* If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Patsy Manion at 608-469-1303.

## A heartfelt thanks from the Halfords



Heartfelt Thanks

I wish to thank members of my Crossroads family for all their; thoughts, prayers, calls visits, food, floral arrangements and cards in this time of loss of one so dear to us. The Family of Bob Halford.

## Doughnut Sunday a success!

Submitted by Bruce Koch



The doughnut Sunday fund raiser was very good, we made enough money to finish paying for our motel rooms and have money to put back into our account. The Senior High CONVO is the weekend of the 13th, 14, and 15th of Nov. The youth will be giving their thoughts on CONVO and what it meant to them when they get back. The youth will also be having a Rent-A- Youth event in November and the time will be announced.

## Devotion

*Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. Romans 12:4-6a*

People who serve in administrative roles in the church, often remain behind the scenes, hidden from the spotlight. Your gifts may go unacknowledged, but remember, your church could not function without you. Celebrate the gifts God has given you and the unique ways you put them to work for the Kingdom. —Marian V. Liautaud

## Make a Note!



Due to Thanksgiving there **will not be a 'fifth Sunday potluck'** on **November 29**.

## The Shack reading group

Submitted by Jim Walkerw



Book Study of "Shack"

This group will meet next the week of November 9th (probably Thursday Nov 12th) and will discuss the third quarter of the book. Everyone is welcome.

## Those in our prayers



**Prayers of Joy:** Best wishes on birthdays and anniversaries; the joys of working with youth and seeing their growth and maturity; praise to the band & all the music; joys of guest speakers during our pastors absence; the special music and all the musicians; Cindy Driscoll, Jim Hook, and Lisa Halbersma are feeling better.

**Prayers of Concern:** All those recovering from surgeries and long term illnesses; Mike Adam's mom; Lynne Adam's mom; those with financial difficulties due to job losses.

**Prayers of Comfort in Grief:** All those who have lost family and friends; Alana Halford and Bonnie Ebert and family in the loss of Bob.

**Prayers for Peace, Justice and Safety:** All victims of domestic violence and their support systems; all troops serving around the world and all those around the fighting; for those who are looking for guidance but unable to voice their concerns; for all the world leaders to find peace and the ability to work together; our U.S. leaders to find a way to unite and settle our health care dilemma; those without health insurance and jobs.



### FAM JAM changes:

Submitted by Irene Steinel

Have you checked out the new & improved FAM JAM yet? No, this is not a new kind of fruit preserves. FAM JAM is an opportunity for Crossroads members and visitors of ALL ages to participate in a lively, uplifting time of praise music. This year, FAM JAM is happening once a month on the Sunday when the band plays (typically on praise service Sundays), and starts in the sanctuary just a few minutes after the Sunday service concludes. The changes in time were made to enable more folks to participate and to enhance the experience by including the band. Fam Jam is not just for Sunday School participants! If you have not yet Jammed with the Band, you really should hang around after service next month and see what you are missing!!!

## November Birthdays...



Dana Handy	11/01
Matthew Steinel	11/02
Susan Rather	11/04
Lyndsey Richardson	11/04
Jack Steiner	11/04
Kevin Tebrinke	11/06
Michael Kinzler	11/07
Dick Christman	11/10
Sean Murray	11/10
Brandon Luedtke	11/13
Jeffrey Steiner	11/13
Sydney Erickson	11/14
Heather Murray	11/14
Hannah Quickel	11/14
Miles Quickel	11/14
Frank Thompson	11/17
Roselyn Warren	11/18
Cathy Mielce	11/19
Bailey Ayres	11/22
Jeff Tews	11/23
Mary Eisenmann	11/26
Pattie Hook	11/27
Jennifer Koch	11/27

## Next COA's is November 13



At the church in the sanctuary at 12:30 pm  
Come and be amazed and filled with wonderful food and exceptional fellowship to boot! COA's in December will be on the 11th. RSVP to Roselyn Warren at 849-5451.

## Cards?



*What was 'trump'? Should I 'go alone'? Are we gonna get 'bumped'?* Join us and find out! Leo and Margo Collins will host an evening of **euchre** at their home (900 Stanford Drive) for our Crossroads family, **Saturday, November 14 at 7pm**. Beverages will be provided. You may bring a snack if you wish, but it is not expected. Please RSVP (so I know how many tables to borrow!) to Margo by email [waunacollins@tds.net](mailto:waunacollins@tds.net) or phone, 849-1974.

## Those pesky pew pads...

Submitted by the Office



View from the Pews

We all know about the pew pads, and we all have our own opinion of them.

Mostly they are for office and outreach use. But, visitors may not know what they are so if you are sitting next to someone you don't know, please invite them to sign in. When you sign in on the pew pads, please list each family member that is present that day. This along with the count that the ushers do, is the official record we have to keep our statistical counts. Thanks for your help with this pesky detail.

## FYI...

Check out our new web site:

[www.crossroadswaunakee.org](http://www.crossroadswaunakee.org)

You can help us keep it fresh and exciting by sending us all the CUMC news as you get it! News from meetings, group plans for upcoming events, all that can be used for our website to help us better communicate what we are about here. Thanks!




## Meetings are open—



All women's group meetings are open to all women of the church.

You do not have to be a member. At this time we are reading and talking about the book "Same kind of different as me", and the more the merrier. Our meetings are the second Monday of each month and child care is provided. Just call Heather at 849-4048. The next meeting is Monday, November 9 at 6:30pm. Hope to see you then!



**Would you like to share a poinsettia with CUMC!**

ORDER YOUR Poinsettias

To share a poinsettia for our Christmas services, please pick up a form like this or cut this one out and drop it in the mail or the offering plate on any Sunday. You can also bring them by the office with your payment of \$15.00 per plant. The deadline for your order is Friday, December 18. We will display the poinsettias on Sunday, December 20. (You will need to take them home between Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.) **PLEASE** make checks payable to CUMC with Poinsettias in the memo.

       **Yes, I would like to provide a poinsettia/s for \$15.00 each.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Our Community & the world!



### Volunteers needed—

Submitted by WEB

The Waunakee Ecumenical Board is sponsoring their annual Thanksgiving food collection drive. Please bring non-perishable food items to the collection boxes in the Narthex from now until Sunday, November 15.

Help spread the holiday spirit by giving a few hours of your time to distribute the food to needy families in our own community on **Saturday, November 21**. We will begin delivering boxed food at 9:00am from St. John's School side parking lot at, 303 South St, between St John's Church and the Heritage School. If you have one hour or two available, we can use your help! This is a wonderful service project for children or a great family project for the holiday! Questions? Call Natalie Dresen at 849-9742.



## A Stewardship message for Our church...



How you can reach out not only to your church but into the World

**Giving is ... for everyone. "The Rich Man" Read Mark 10: 17-22** Have you ever wondered what kind of person you would be if you had nothing of value?

I have traveled to Cuba about seven times in recent years to visit the people of the Methodist Church of Cuba in all corners of the island nation. They share many things in common, especially their lack of money and their lack of material possessions.

I remember one poignant experience that occurred on the western end of Cuba in the town of Guane. The pastor of the Methodist Church in the community took us on a walk to visit many of his parishioners. Some lived in minimal homes consisting of sheet metal scraps, boards nailed and wired together, and dirt floors. We were joyously welcomed by a woman in one such home. She asked us to come and sit under a sheet metal roof outside the house, since there was no room to gather within. She brought out the two old wooden kitchen chairs, which were all she had, and gave us each a cup of the traditional strong, sweet Cuban espresso type coffee. After a short visit she asked for just one thing, "Would we pray for her young daughter who was sick?" I could see the young girl lying on a simple bed behind a filmy curtain room separator. As I prayed the tears fell from my eyes. She who had nothing found it so easy to share the best that she had with a stranger.

As you gather this Thanksgiving, will you consider your full potential to share? Especially this year there will be many close by with far less than you. Remember the Nigerian proverb –"It is the heart that gives; the fingers just let go."

By Rev. William F. Helwig

## Questions and Answers about making Stock Gifts

After two years of negative stock markets we are beginning to see significant growth again. This may be the time for you to consider a year-end gift of appreciated stock to your church.

**How can the Foundation transact stock gifts at no fees?** Through our special relationship with our broker, Robert W. BAIRD and Company, we are able to transact these gifts at no commission fee, leaving higher proceeds for your church.

**How does the transaction work?** Whether you complete an electronic transfer form for shares held with a broker, or complete the paperwork required to sell stock held in certificate form, you will transfer ownership of the shares to the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation. By using the forms we provide, you are designating your gift for your church or another United Methodist ministry of your choice. The Foundation is serving as the pass-through agent.

When the shares of stock are liquidated, the Foundation receives a check from BAIRD for 100% of the proceeds. Within a week, we send a new check to your church for the full amount of the sale. You will receive a properly executed gift receipt from the Foundation for tax deduction purposes.

**When are shares sold?** As soon as we are made aware that they have been received into our account. If your broker transfers shares to our account before 3:00 pm on any business day, the shares will be sold the same day.

**What do I need to do first?** Call the Foundation office at 1-888-903-9863 to inform us of your gift intent and to ensure that you have our most recent forms. Then call your broker to make sure he or she will accept our Electronic Transfer form. Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation **750 Windsor Street Ste 305, P.O. Box 620, Sun Prairie, WI 53590-0620 1-888-903-9863 or email [wumf@wumf.org](mailto:wumf@wumf.org)**

# UMCOR Coffee Project for CROSSROADS UMC

## Percolator Coffees

- Fellowship Blend - Percolator Grind 1 lb \$6.00
- Organic Fellowship Blend - Percolator Grind 1 lb \$6.00
- Fellowship Blend Decaf - Percolator Grind 1 lb \$7.00
- Organic Fellowship Blend Decaf - Percolator Grind 1 lb \$8.00



## Conventional Coffees

- Café Salvador-Drip Grind, Full City Roast 12 oz \$5.50
- Tanzanian Jubilee-Drip Grind, Full City Roast 12 oz \$5.50
- Bright Day Brew-Drip Grind, Medium Roast 12 oz \$5.50

## Organic Coffees

- Organic Breakfast Blend-Drip Grind, Medium/French Roast 12 oz \$6.00
- Organic Breakfast Blend-Whole Bean, Medium/French Roast 12 oz \$6.00
- Organic French Roast-Drip Grind, French Roast 10 oz \$6.00
- Organic French Roast-Whole Bean, French Roast 10 oz \$6.00
- Organic Mind, Body & Soul-Drip Grind, Medium/Vienna Roast 12 oz \$6.00
- Organic Mind, Body & Soul-Whole Bean, Medium/Vienna Roast 12 oz \$6.00
- Organic Ethiopian-Drip Grind, Full City Roast 12 oz \$6.00
- Organic Ethiopian-Whole Bean, Full City Roast 12 oz \$6.00
- Organic Colombian-Drip Grind, Full City Roast 12 oz \$6.00
- Organic Colombian-Whole Bean, Full City Roast 12 oz \$6.00
- Organic Love Buzz-Drip Grind, Full City/French Roast 12 oz \$6.00
- Organic Love Buzz-Whole Bean, Full City/French Roast 12 oz \$6.00

## Flavored Coffees

- Hazelnut Crème-Drip Grind, Medium Roast 12 oz \$6.00
- French Vanilla-Drip Grind, Medium Roast 12 oz \$6.00
- Toffee Caramel-Drip Grind, Medium Roast 12 oz \$6.00

## Decaffeinated Coffees

- Decaf Colombian CO2-Drip Grind, Full City Roast 12 oz \$6.00
- Organic Decaf CO2-Drip Grind, Full City Roast 12 oz \$7.00
- Organic Decaf CO2-Whole Bean, Full City Roast 12 oz \$7.00
- Decaf Hazelnut Crème CO2-Drip Grind, Medium Roast 12 oz \$7.00

## Bulk Whole Bean Coffees

- Organic Breakfast Blend-Medium/French Roast 2 lb pkg. \$14.00
- Organic French Roast-French Roast 2 lb pkg. \$14.00

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**Organic Teas** (Each box contains 25 tea bags.)

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- \_\_\_ Organic English Breakfast Tea \$3.00
- \_\_\_ Organic Earl Grey Tea \$3.00
- \_\_\_ Organic Irish Breakfast Tea \$3.00
- \_\_\_ Organic Green Magic Tea \$3.00
- \_\_\_ Organic Rooibos Tea (*Caffeine Free*) \$3.00



### Organic Pyramid Teas

(16 pyramid bags per box; pyramid bags allow for larger leaf teas and better extraction.)

- \_\_\_ Organic Breakfast Blend \$3.00
- \_\_\_ Organic Ceylon Green \$3.00
- \_\_\_ Organic Ceylon Chai \$3.00
- \_\_\_ Organic Darjeeling Black \$3.00
- \_\_\_ Organic Wild Rooibos \$3.00

**Please indicate choice with amount desired on lines above.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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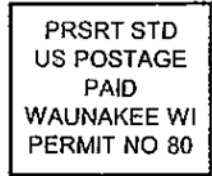
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### Monthly CUMC meetings:

*These meetings are subject to change. Please contact the group chair for information.*

Church Council ~ 3rd Thursday .....	Sean Murray, chair
Finance ~3th Thursday .....	Jim Walker, chair
Trustees~2nd Monday .....	Pat Baldwin, chair
SPRC~2nd Thursday .....	Lori Tebrinke, chair
Fellowship~1st Wed of Odd Months .....	Margo Collins, facilitator
Men's Group~1st Saturday .....	Dave Duchnowski
Women's Group~2nd Monday .....	Heather Murray
Outreach~2nd Tuesday .....	Lurene Swenson, chair
Adult Choir~ Every Wednesday .....	Bill Hofeldt, Music director (Memorial Day through Labor day)
Adult Education~ Every Tuesday .....	Pastor Sharon Cook
W.E.B. Meeting~ 3rd. Tuesday .....	Terri Willihnganz, CUMC representative

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### **Worship at Crossroads**

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

*From Memorial Day to Labor Day  
Worship will end at 10:30 with fellowship.*

### **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  
Sharon Eastman .....Custodian  
Lynne Adam ..... Treasurer & Church Council, Vice Chair  
Linda Stouffer & Loree von Ruden Sunday School Coordinators  
Steve Harman..... Lay Leader  
Bob Tietz..... Web Page Coordinator  
Pastor Sharon Cook, Jennifer Koch ..... Youth Ministries  
Patsy Manion.....Scrip Chair

The mission of the United Methodist Church is;  
“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.”