

# The Current

A Newsletter of Crossroads United Methodist Church  
September 2010

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Please read the enclosed pictorial directory information sheet and sign up for your family pictures. We are hoping to have 100% participation to have a great directory. If you still need information please call the office.

## Fall worship volunteer trainings

submitted by Worship

This fall, we are going to hold a series of training sessions for our worship volunteers. We hope for this to become an annual event, allowing new people to get involved and reminding long-standing volunteers of the details of the job.

We will have three trainings in September. Acolyte training will be right after worship on Sunday, September 19. After training, the kids will head to their Sunday school classes. Acolytes are generally those who are in grades 2 and up. This training will be led by Pastor Sharon.

Usher/Greeter training will also be right after worship on Sunday, September 19. This training will be led by Sean Murray and Dave Duchnowski.

Lay reader training will be right after worship on Sunday, September 26. This training will be led by Pastor Sharon.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office. If you are interested in signing up to be a worship volunteer, please contact Irene Steinkl, who schedules the volunteers: 849-9678.



## Bible Basics adult class this fall

submitted by Pastor Sharon

Join Pastor Sharon this October for a 4-week Bible study class aimed at those who haven't taken an adult Christian education class recently – or ever. We'll meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on the Tuesdays in October. In this brief overview class, we'll look at Biblical genres, who wrote the Bible, how the Bible came together, how to read the Bible critically, how to read the Bible spiritually, and other helpful topics. After this class, students should feel comfortable attending any Bible study! To sign up, please call the church office. Registration is not required, but it is helpful for our planning.



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# Pastor's Page

Fall is a busy time for me in the church office. I have to finalize plans for getting Sunday school started. Youth group needs to get lots of their activities on the calendar. I try to get adult education classes on the calendar. I also try to put together a basic outline of sermons for the fall quarter.

And as I work on the schedule, I find myself thinking further ahead, planning also for Advent and Christmas. And then I get distracted from church planning, because I start thinking about all the Christmas planning I need to do for my family. When I get my brain back on track to working on church planning, I realize that Lent and Easter really come right on the heels of Christmas. And so here it is fall, and I'm working on plans for next spring.

And you know what? That's crazy! It's one thing to be prepared, to have schedules ready ahead of time, but it's another thing altogether to be living so far in the future that you miss what's happening right here and now.

In one of my favorite Bible verses, Jesus reminds us, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today." (Matthew 6:34) Jesus speaks these words in the context of reminding us that we don't need to stress about meeting our basic needs – what we will eat, what we will wear, etc. God will provide for us, just as God provides for even the birds of the air and the lilies of the field.

Especially in a down economy, it's hard to trust that God will provide. We work harder and worry more, trying to make sure that we can provide for our families. I'm not suggesting we should all quit our jobs and stop providing for our households. I am suggesting that we don't need to worry about what's coming next. We can't control what's going to happen tomorrow, much less several months or years down the line. But God is faithful, and God will walk with us. And God will provide.

Grace abounds,



Pastor Sharon

## Women's fall retreat

**September 17-19 at Lake Lucerne**

submitted by Nancy Koch

The women are gearing up with Pastor Sharon for their women's retreat in September. This will be a fun weekend of laughs, relaxation and fellowship, as well as connecting with God. The cost will be 75.00 per person for the weekend. We will be doing our own cooking. We hope you will bring a friend and come and have a great weekend. Call Nancy Koch for more information and/or to sign up.



## Men's Retreat

Don't forget the men's retreat on the week end of September 24/25/26. Call Dave Duchnowski for more information: Men's Retreat! 849-8836.



## COA's Luncheon

Crossroads Older Adults meet on the second Friday of each month for a meal and a speaker. It is at 12:30 p.m. and Roselyn Warren is your contact at 849-5451. And it is by reservation only, so please call.



## Men's work groups

submitted by Pastor Sharon Cook

At Crossroads, we are blessed to have active Men's and Women's fellowship groups. The Women's Group has recently been very successful in establishing food circles that provide food to members or the congregation during times of need. The men are now looking to establish a service opportunity as well.

We are organizing interested men to help out with a wide variety of work projects. Tasks may include painting, heavy lifting before and after church events, changing light bulbs, helping out Trustees, yard work, etc. We may even branch out into helping members in their homes, if there is a need.

Over 15 men have already signed up to be part of this new ministry. We understand that you are busy, and you may not always be able to help out. The way we are organizing this ministry means that when you are called, you will have the choice to say yes or no, depending on your current schedule. The more men we have on the list, the easier it will be for us to get the number of people we need for the job.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Bob Tietz: [bobbyonehundred@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbyonehundred@yahoo.com). or Kathy Grant: 849-5672. \*Currently all our food circle participants are women, and all our work team members are men. But anyone is welcome to sign up to serve in ways that use their gifts best.



Crossroads  
Men at  
Work!

## Youth group meets Wednesday evenings

*The Super Saints*, Crossroads' youth group, will be meeting this year on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We have lots of fun activities planned, including games, Bible study, fellowship, and service events. Youth group is open to all youth entering grades 7-12 this fall. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 8. Feel free to bring a friend with you!

## Fond farewell to April Kang

submitted by Pastor Sharon

Our pianist, April Kang, had her last Sunday in worship with us on August 22. April has been with us for two years and thoroughly enjoyed her time with our congregation. But her boyfriend finished his degree and was offered a job in the Appleton area. April has chosen to move there to be with him. We thank April for her faithful service here and wish her the best of luck in her new adventures.



## Preparing to bake for Apple Fest?

submitted by Pattie Hook

Apple Fest is September 25, from 9 a.m. to around noon... because we sell out at different times different years. We hope you are preparing to bake for us. We use this as a community outreach but also as a fundraiser for the Women's group, who then uses it for missions. Between this and the Cookie Walk in December, we are able to give out over \$2,000 each year to different Waunakee, Madison and world-wide mission projects. ***All we ask is for you to bake!***

Home baked items made with seasonal fruit items, like pies, muffins, cakes and breads are what we need. Whatever you want to donate, as long as it is homemade. We will have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex or you can call the office. We just need your name, phone number and what and how much you will be baking (if you have decided). Please put this on your calendar. For questions please call Pattie Hook at 849-4371. I hope you will be able to bake for this event, or make it one of your stops for that weekend.



## Those in our prayers

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**Prayers of Joy:** Best wishes on birthdays and anniversaries;

**Prayers of Concern:** All those recovering from surgeries and long term illnesses and those with unspoken concerns; Tammy Hribar's dad; families and young adults beginning or returning to college.

**Prayers of Comfort in Grief:** All those who have lost loved ones;

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



## Thank you church family

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Dear Church Family,  
I would like to express my thanks, love and gratitude for all those who supported me during my mom's illness and death.



From the cards and visits with food, to the errands and meal for the funeral. I needed you all during that time and need you still.

The service was very nice and I want to thank the Choir, the Ladies group, Bill and April for your participation, the speakers who spoke so wonderfully about my mom, as well as all the people who donated and helped with the lunch. Your gifts of love were overwhelming.

Thank you. Alana Halford

## Rally day at Crossroads!

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submitted by Heather Murray

Mark your calendars...for Sunday, September 12th. This is the FIRST Sunday in our Sunday School Year. Rally day will start with a church service and then—

Fun and entertainment from 10:30-11:30. An all church potluck will follow. Everyone is invited to join us on that Sunday and every following Sunday. Please bring your friends and neighbors. Sunday School is provided for members ages three and up. Look for bulletins with continuing information about Rally day.



## Birthdays for September



|                       |       |
|-----------------------|-------|
| FRENTZ, Sara          | 09/07 |
| COOK, Sharon          | 09/08 |
| FISHER, Joseph        | 09/08 |
| MEINHOLZ, Mike        | 09/15 |
| STOLTZ, Tanya         | 09/15 |
| DUCHNOWSKI, Dave      | 09/16 |
| STOUFFER-LERCH, Sarah | 09/16 |
| WALKER, Jim           | 09/18 |
| MIELKE, Andrew        | 09/19 |
| EASTMAN, Emily        | 09/20 |
| ANHALT, Cindy         | 09/27 |
| FRENTZ, Rick          | 09/28 |

## Crossroads women's group

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submitted by Pattie Hook

Beginning Monday, September 13 at 6:30 the women's group will begin meeting for the year!



All Crossroads women and friends are welcome to come to any or all the meetings. We begin at 6:30 p.m. at the church, downstairs in the classroom across from the office or in the office. We take turns providing a small snack (food always makes for a great meeting) and then have our business meeting. Last year we started reading books selected by different group members and hope to do that again this year. Our first thing on the agenda will be to plan the Apple Fest that will be held on September 25, (see article p.3). We hope that you can join us. Also for the first meeting we will have a potluck. Just bring a dish to share. Child care will be provided with 24 hour notice.

## Fellowship opportunities abound

submitted by the Activities Team

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:

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 (see article regarding host for September on p.6)

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

## It's beginning to look a lot like.....

submitted by Irene Steidl

Christmas? Already? Yes, we are starting to think about Christmas and plans are underway for a Christmas musical starring YOU and other Crossroads members and friends of all ages, sizes and performing abilities. Scripts, dates, and schedules are still TBD, but casting will likely happen in September with practices starting in October immediately following worship. Watch the bulletin and future newsletters for updates, or see Irene Steidl or Bill Hofeldt to get plugged in as cast or crew. Don't miss this fun and memorable event. Could be an Oscar nomination this year...!?



## 2010 Crop Walk

submitted by Church World Services

The 2010 Crop Walk will be held on Sunday, October 17. Registration's at 12:45 p.m. and the walk will begin at 1:30 pm. It will begin at the First Congregational UCC in Madison. If you are interested in walking and taking pledges, contact Rod Grant at 849-5672.



## Calling all crafters!

submitted by Lynne Adam

Do you knit, crochet, stamp, sew or make other crafts? If so we would like to expand our craft table at the Cookie and Candy sale in December. Start your projects now and let us know you are participating so we can make room. This is a great fund raiser for our church and missions. Questions can be made to Lynne Adam at 849-7795



# Bunco/Euchre Gathering

submitted by Sue Tietz

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A big thanks to Lynne and Mike Adam for hosting the July gathering. What a wonderful pool party, potluck and evening of bunco. We are in need of someone to host the September gathering. The host chooses if we play euchre or bunco, so if you have a strong preference, why not host? Let me know if you're interested by calling 849-4435, or email at [bobbyonehundred@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbyonehundred@yahoo.com).

## A stewardship message for your church

submitted by the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

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Generosity is giving freely. Some give freely, yet grow all the richer; others withhold what is due, and only suffer want. (Proverbs 11:24 – NRSV)

What would our church do if we were given a gift of \$250,000 - \$500,000 or more?

- A) Laugh, and say, "It can't be true!"
- B) Keep it quiet so that we always have the money "just in case."
- C) Spend it almost as quickly as it came in. After all, we need a new roof, new carpet, new drapes, and handicap accessible rest rooms.
- D) Dream of new ways God is calling us to be in ministry.
- E) All of the above.

Believe it or not, we've recently received news of a number of gifts of this size made through wills and bequests from people who are faithful members and friends of churches of all sizes. In an effort to be true to the intentions of their generous donors, these congregations have not given in to the temptation to spend these large gifts outright. In some cases, the donor has requested that the gift be placed in an ENDOWMENT account. In other cases, the gift was totally undesignated, and the church decided to give a tithe to missions, another percentage to the church council to determine how best to use, and to invest the remaining amount (70-80%) in an endowment fund.

An endowment is a forever gift. It is an investment account which preserves the original principal of the gift, and uses all or a portion of the income and growth earned on the investment for mission and ministry. Scholarships, mission funds, youth ministry funds, capital improvement funds, and pastoral education funds are just a few of the needs that are met through the many endowment funds invested here at the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation.

Some people prefer to see how their gifts are being used right now. Others prefer to have their gifts invested and used over the course of time. Both are wonderful acts of generosity. If giving wholeheartedly in 2010 means you feel called to establish an Endowment Fund to benefit the ministry of a specific church or ministry in perpetuity, give us a call. We'll be happy to help. -6-

The holy passion of friendship is so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring in nature that it will last through a whole lifetime, if not asked to lend money.

*-Mark Twain*

Never work just for money or for power. They won't save your soul or help you sleep at night.

*-Marian Wright Edelman*

Can anybody remember when the times were not hard and money not scarce?

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

The rule is not to talk about money with people who have much more or much less than you.

*-Katherine Whitehorn*

Money often costs too much

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

You have reached the pinnacle of success as soon as you become uninterested in money, compliments, or publicity.

*-Thomas Wolfe*

Money is like manure; it's not worth a thing unless it's spread around encouraging young things to grow.

*-Thornton Wilder*

# Great news about the Waunakee Food Pantry!

submitted by Natalie Dresen

The Waunakee Ecumenical Board is excited to let you know about our upcoming move of the Waunakee Food Pantry. Beginning September, 2010 the Waunakee Food Pantry will be located at St. Andrew church on Emerald Grove Drive in Waunakee.

The exciting part of this move is that we'll be able to provide more improved services to our clients. With more room at our new location, we'll have the ability to better display food and eventually allow our clients to make their own food choices.

One of our goals at WEB in 2010 was to find a larger location that would better suit the growing needs of our clients. Here's how it unfolded:

St. Andrew Church indicated their space in the lower level would be available for our food pantry, to serve the community. St. John's Church has generously provided our current space, free of charge, for approximately 20 years. St. Andrew has offered their space at the same rate! Monsignor Gunn, from St. John's Church, is supportive of the move and the exciting changes ahead.

Phil Simon, of Simon Builders, who had initially built that church, was contacted to see if he would be interested in providing shelving for this space. He and his son had also built the shelving in the food pantry at St. John's School. He was very willing to help by providing labor free of charge for this project.

Funding for the cost of the shelving has been provided by the Waunakee Community Foundation, via a grant. Again, Phil Simon was instrumental in securing that grant. He has also generously donating a Subzero refrigerator for the food pantry. Thank you Phil!

Attorney Kevin Laffey has provided legal assistance with incorporating the WEB and with the agreement with St. Andrew.

Thank you for being an integral part of our network to serve those in need in our community.



New Address for Food Pantry

## School Superintendent to speak at Crossroads

submitted by Frank Thompson

Waunakee Superintendent of Schools Dr. Randy Gutenberg will be at Crossroads UMC Thursday September 28th at 7:00pm speaking on the topic "The Future of Education in Waunakee." We encourage the community to join us.

## Gluten-free communion wafers

submitted by Pastor Sharon

In The United Methodist Church, we celebrate open communion. This means that anyone can come forward to receive the sacrament. You don't have to be a member of Crossroads, or of any church for that matter. Children are welcome, and invited, to come forward to receive God's grace as well.

But sometimes people have reasons for choosing not to come forward. We want to do what we can to modify communion for those who might have special needs. Some people come forward and take just the bread. Some take just the juice. This is fine, and still allows people to participate.

Beginning in September, we will offer gluten-free communion wafers for those with gluten intolerance. Simply come forward as usual, and tell the server holding the bread basket that you would prefer a wafer. The server will get one for you from the communion table. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Sharon.



Communion Wafers

## Top ten reasons to buy Fair Trade products

submitted by Natalie and Sue Tietz

- 10- Buying at church is so convenient.
- 9 -The products are delicious.
- 8 –Crossroads uses the profits to help others.
- 7 -The products can't be found cheaper anywhere!
- 6 -If you do find them cheaper, buy some for me!
- 5- Your purchase supports sustainable farming methods.
- 4- Helps create a more just food system.
- 3 -You'll make a difference in the world.
- 2 -It's an environmentally and socially responsible choice.
- 1- Your purchase helps small farmers build better lives and have hope for the future.



## Check out these Scrip options

Crossroads' Scrip fundraising program offers many features to raise money: (1) Order Scrip by using our order form enclosed; (2) set up an account on-line at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) and pay with PrestoPay; (3) get your scrip instantly at ScripNow! and (4) reuse your cards by reloading them on-line.

*If you have any questions, please contact Patsy Manion at 608-469-1303 or email her at [patsymanion@gmail.com](mailto:patsymanion@gmail.com).*



### SCRIP SCHEDULE

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| First Sunday  | Place order      |
| Second Sunday | Distribute cards |
| Third Sunday  | Place order      |
| Fourth Sunday | Distribute cards |

## Monthly meetings for Crossroads:

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| Activities ~ .....   | Irene Steinl, chair                    |
| Church Council ~ 3rd Thursday .....                                  | Sean Murray, chair                     |
| Finance ~ 3rd Thursday .....   | Jim Walker, chair                      |
| Trustees ~ 2nd Monday .....  | Julie Frentz, chair                    |
| SPRC ~2nd Thursday .....   | Charlene Khazae, chair                 |
| Men's Group ~ 1st Saturday.....                                      | Dave Duchnowski                        |
| Women's Group ~2nd Monday .....                                      | Heather Murray                         |
| Outreach ~ 2nd Tuesday.....  | Lurene Swenson, chair                  |
| Adult Choir ~ Every Wednesday (Memorial Day through Labor day) ..... | Bill Hofeldt, Music director           |
| W.E.B. Meeting ~ 3rd. Tuesday .....                                  | Terri Willihnganz, CUMC representative |
| Quilters ~ First Saturday.....                                       | Lynne Adam                             |

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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)

**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  
 ..... Lay Leader  
 Christine Erickson.....Web Page Coordinator  
 Bruce & Jennifer Koch, Tressie Hook.....Youth Ministries  
 Patsy Manion.....Scrip Chair  
 Tressie Hook.....Childcare

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.”