

# “The CHIMES” – July

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## Continuing the Conversation...

*“I will take my post; I will position myself on the fortress. I will keep watch to see what the Lord says to me and how he will respond to my complaint. Then the LORD answered me and said, Write a vision, and make it plain upon a tablet so that a runner can read it. There is still a vision for the appointed time; it testifies to the end; it does not deceive. If it delays, wait for it; for it is surely coming; it will not be late.”*

(Habakkuk 2:1-3)

*“Jesus came near and spoke to them, ‘I’ve received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I’ve commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age.’ ”*

(Matthew 28:18-20)

Greetings friends! As I write this letter I am also preparing to meet with our Servant Leadership Board for an extended learning and planning time. In that meeting we will be going through the book, “Being the Church in a Post-Pandemic World,” by Kay Kotan. The four of us who were able to attend the April workshop by the same name will lead the various chapters, explore the questions, and work on initial plans for our future ministry together with the rest of the board.



Of course we always want and need you to be part of this learning and discussion too. With that in mind, I want to share some information we will be discussing. According to Kotan, the eight components necessary for a successful and vital church in the post-pandemic future are: flexibility, relational, vision, spiritually grounded, commitment, innovative, resilience, and courage; with the two most important being flexibility and relational. I want to share more from the chapter on relational and would love for you to share any questions, comments, insights that come to you, either with me or a member of the Servant Leadership Board.

Kotan claims that the effective post-pandemic church will need to be highly relational. Most churches I know would initially score themselves high on the relational scale because they see themselves as very friendly. There is truth in this, but most often the friendliness shows up with one another, those already on the inside. In order to be relational, we have to think beyond being friendly with one another and move to being friendly with our community while we build relationships.

To do this, the first step is to know our community. Part of getting to know the community is studying demographic information. However, we must also move beyond learning about demographics to caring for and investing in people. There are several shifts that will need to occur for us to become the highly relational church that will more likely reach new people in the post-pandemic world:

**1. Shift from majority of energy and resources used on already gathered faith community to using energy and resources on those yet to be gathered.** Think of it as moving away from being the country club that has benefits and privileges for its members, instead moving into a deployment station to serve and share Jesus with others. After all, isn’t that what discipleship and being the church is all about anyway?

**2. Shift from fear or denial of our mission to be in relationships of love, compassion, and empathy for our neighbors.** To love our neighbors and demonstrate compassion and empathy would mean that we would have to first be in relationship with our neighbors (around the church and around your home). This is beyond providing a food pantry and collecting mittens. This is about investing in people—eyeball to eyeball, heart to heart.

**3. Shift from driving into our church on Sunday to being and living as part of the community surrounding the church facility seven days a week.** The post-pandemic church will be a church that is deeply and relationally connected to its neighbors. This likely creates the need for a shift in how the pastor, staff, and key leaders think about their usage of time. How much time is spent in the community each week? To do life in the mission field, we have to get away from expecting staff to be in the church building. The people

we are trying to reach are not in the building, and the days of expecting the neighbors to come to us are over (and frankly have been for a long time).

**4. Shift from attractional (expecting the community to show up at the building on Sunday) to dispatched movement (disciples sent to share the Good News).** For many decades the culture used to be church-centric and people were attracted to the church as part of a cultural norm. Over time, culture has shifted. The post-pandemic church must finally rid ourselves of the notion that we can still rely on the attractional church model to prevail. We must restore our Wesleyan roots and once again become a movement, rather than having the settler attitude we have developed over time. The church is to equip and send people. We are to train disciples and send them out to reach new disciples.

**5. Shift from program-driven to more intimate “doing life together” ministries.** We must see being a disciple, a follower of Christ, as an honor and responsibility. We follow Jesus’ lead and walk alongside people in life. Effective post-pandemic churches will realize the perfect program or ministry offering is not a magic bullet. Instead, fruitful faith communities (all disciples, not just the pastor or the evangelism committee) will invest in people who do not yet have a relationship with Jesus. Being a disciple maker is relational. It is personal. It is what Jesus commissioned each of us to do.

**6. Shift from judgmental to “open ears” and “open hearts.”** One of the primary reasons most people of the Generations Y and Z (think folks 40 and under) want nothing to do with the church is because they deem the church to be judgmental and hypocritical. Unfortunately, they are often right. If we are going to be disciple makers, we will need to open up our hearts, minds, eyes, and ears in new ways. We will need to ask more questions, and show up with a sense of authentic curiosity for people and their story. We need to be willing to be transparent and real. We don’t need to pretend we have it all figured out. We are going on to perfection, but we certainly have a long road ahead of us.

**7. Shift from mono-cultural to multicultural and multi-generational.** Many of our churches are mono-cultural (i.e., middle class white folk with an average age of about 65). The typical congregation member looks, thinks, acts, spends, believes, and does life pretty similarly to other members. In contrast, this is not an accurate reflection of culture. A vital post-pandemic church will be a reflection of their mission field.

**8. Shift from pastor-expected to disciple-responsible relationship.** In many cases, churches have come to expect pastors to do it all when it comes to ministry. We are no longer a laity-led movement with an occasional circuit rider preacher, but have instead become pastor-centric. Vital post-pandemic churches will shift the role of ministry from pastor expected to disciple expected. Mature disciples see ministry as their honor, privilege, and responsibility.

**9. Shift from church-centric to community-centric.** Rather than thinking the community should have a heart for the church, a vital post-pandemic church will instead see the church as part of the community—a vital thread in the patchwork quilt of the town. Most often a church that closes its doors has become invisible to the community long before it actually closes. Fruitful and effective churches become a part of the center of the community rather than expecting the community to become church-centric.

**10. Shift from curriculum-driven to intentional discipleship pathway.** In its fullest expression, discipleship is growing more Christ-like in our doing, saying, being, thinking, and becoming. Since the church is in the disciple making business, we need to have a pathway for people to engage with and become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ who in turn disciple others. Vital, post-pandemic churches have an intentional pathway with multiple entry points and an expectation for faith development.

**11. Shift from self-guided to intentional, relational connections.** While many churches have some sort of hospitality practices, they lack intentional means to build authentic relationships and help connect people into the ministries, discipleship pathway, and the life of the congregation. Having a connectional team that is invested and gifted in building relationships with new people is imperative. This team is not only highly relational, but also has intentional steps and systems to make sure no one is lost in the cracks. Vital churches in the post-pandemic world help disciples with relational spiritual gifts engage in this ministry of building relationships and connecting people.

**12. Shift from building-driven to relationally-driven for both in person and online ministries.** You have heard it a million times—the church is the people, not the building. Vital, effective, post-pandemic churches will use its resources to focus on being relationally driven—first by relating to the unchurched, then by those attending—rather than decisions being based on the maintenance and/or preservation of the

facilities. This includes both online ministries as well as on-site ministries.

**13. Shift from Sunday perfect to authentic: raw, real, honest, and vulnerable.** In order for the church to reach the most unchurched age groups, we must become vulnerable as a congregation, as a church, and as individuals. We will not be given the honor or opportunity to interact and build relationships if we put on airs and facades. Those under age 40 are looking for leaders who are relational, transparent, and willing to be raw, real, and honest. Vital churches in the post-pandemic world can identify and are willing to risk vulnerability in order to reach new, younger, and more diverse people and are more likely to invite these young people into leadership positions.

**14. Shift from top-down to alongside, two-way mentoring and discipling.** At all levels of society, the top-down approach has become less effective and trusted. Instead, people are looking for opportunities to work alongside others. Younger generations also desire two-way mentoring opportunities where those with more life experience share their experience. Simultaneously, this offers younger generations opportunities to share their experiences with those of older generations. Post-pandemic churches that will be vital and fruitful will offer opportunities for mentoring and collaboration in leadership, relationships, and discipleship.

**15. Shift from insular to culturally competent and curious.** This last shift is somewhat a summary of the other 14 shifts. If the church is to become culturally competent with a high emotional intelligence, all other shifts will become intuitive. When a person or organization leads from a place of on-going growth, curiosity, self-awareness, and value in cultural competence and emotional intelligence, they are far more likely to be effective. Yet to do this, we must be more focused on others than ourselves—something the church has struggled with historically. Churches who will be fruitful and effective in the post-pandemic world will invest in the congregation—specifically the leaders—becoming culturally competent and emotionally intelligent.

Being the church means being in the relationship-building business. If a church is to live out its purpose and potential, it must both value and invest in relationships inside and outside the congregation. This has to be done at all levels of the church, and can't be reliant on hiring clergy and staff to do this for the congregation. The congregation is part of the community and must be the primary relational investor.

Why would the church even exist, if it is not willing to have an on-going commitment and value for investing in new and existing relationships?

As you consider the 15 shifts mentioned in this discussion of relational churches, here are some questions to ponder:

1. Which shifts has our church already fully made or implemented? How are those particular shifts bearing fruit already?
2. Which shifts need work?
3. Of the shifts needing work, what shifts would you identify as priority for implementing? What made you choose them?
4. How difficult will these shifts be for the congregation? How can the congregation be equipped to make these shifts? What obstacles might be encountered during the implementation? How will those obstacles be overcome?
5. Considering your current leadership and current church culture, how would you rate the overall practice of being highly relational? (from 0 to 10, with 0 being not at all relational inside and outside and 10 being highly relational inside and outside)

Please offer any and all feedback to me or anyone on the Servant Leadership Board. As you can tell from the above discussion, this is the work of all of us as we strive to fulfill our God-given mission to make new and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Serving and leading in Christ's love!  
Pastor L



### Welcome New Church Treasurer



Amy Kiefer is stepping into the role of treasurer. We are fortunate that Bev is willing and able to spend time training Amy to use our system and financial software.

Amy is not only well qualified with years of experience, but is also a long-time member of this congregation. Welcome to this new chapter Amy and thank you Bev for your years of service!

## Report of Annual Conference 2022

I was honored to be the laity delegate for a fourth year at Wisconsin UMC Annual Conference, June 10-13. The numerous Bible studies, worship music, and sermons were spirit filled and uplifting. However, the clergy and laity spent most of the first three days voting on submitted action plans. The fourth day was allocated for Cultural Competency training. Bishop Hee-Soo Jung's and Reverend Dr. Grace Cajiua's 2022 dialog sermon is the event I most appreciated during annual conference. The sermon was based on Mark 7:24-30, where Jesus entered a house in Tyre, wanting his presence unknown, yet he could not. A Gentile mother whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit came and fell at his feet. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter. Jesus said "first let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." She replied, "Lord even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." He told her, "For such a reply, you may go; the demon has left your daughter." She went home and found her child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Bishop stated the nameless mother's passion humbled Jesus, and he was able to heal the daughter from a distance. Now Wisconsin UMC is still divided, and we need the heart or inspiration of the nameless mother for healing. We are redeemed and anchored in God's love and we must heal our body, soul, and mind. There is a place for the others at our same table. We have enough food under the table for all of us. Us and them together we will heal. We must humble ourselves and grow together for a new and bigger church. The Wisconsin UMC family must be inspired in Wesley's social holiness, striving for cultural humility and healing. The Service of Licensing, Commissioning, and Ordination was Sunday for six clergy licensed as local pastors, six commissioned for the work of elders, three for the work of deacons and one order of transfer to serve among UMC. Numerous action items were voted on and passed, some topics included: in-person and online annual conference, clergy rental/housing allowance, past service annuity rates, clergy compensation, moving policy, 2023 budget, reproductive health care rights and justice, developing comprehensive sex education curriculum, continued restoration for Boy Scouts of America survivors, and Wisconsin UMC call for responsible fire-arm legislation to our congressional



delegates. Consent agendas voted on and passed included: camp promotion, youth ministries and United Women in Faith Sunday, resolutions remaining 2022-2023 for facilitating nominations committee and housing allowances for retired or disabled clergypersons. Sadly, the UMC discontinuance of Hixton, North Prairie and Bloom City churches, as well as disaffiliation of the Trinity United Methodist Church of Waldo over issues related to human sexuality. The conference workbook and additional conference information can found at:

<https://www.wisconsinumc.org/annual-conference>

In God's Love,  
Donna Burnham



### Shop with scrip... support your church



Thank you to everyone who continues to support the church through the shop with scrip program.

The next scrip order will be going in on **July 11**. You can mail your order directly to Cheryl Isensee at: 9262 Festival Avenue, Sparta, WI 54656. If you have questions or need an order form contact Pastor Loretta at the

church (269-6949) or on her cell phone at (608-386-1862).

If you find yourself in need of a card before the next order goes in give Cheryl a call and ask if she has the card you need. She sometimes has a few extra scrip cards for local businesses on hand.

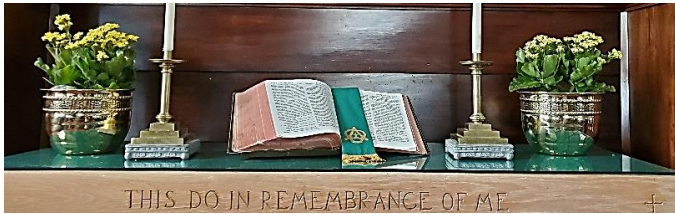


### Church Facebook Page

Have you checked out the church's Facebook page? It's a good place to keep up with what is going on in the church and easily access the online worship services.

You can find that site at:  
[www.facebook.com/UMCsparta/](http://www.facebook.com/UMCsparta/). Once you are there just "like" the site and you will receive updates when new information is posted.

## Altar Plants



UWIF would like to thank all those who signed up for one or more plants on one or multiple dates for 2021. Each date has two lines for one plant per line. Plants are \$4.75 each or two for \$9.50. Plant money goes to Eileen Gajewsky, UMW treasurer, who pays the invoice from Sparta Floral quarterly.

These dates are still open to honor, remember or celebrate: July 3 (2), August 7 & 14 (2), Sept. 11 (1) & 18 (2) Nov. 6 (1), Dec. 4 (1) & 18 (1). Call the church office if you would like one or more of these dates/spaces and Michele will add to the Altar Plant calendar in hallway.

Thank you to the volunteers who deliver plants to church and to designated recipients after a service. Plants and volunteers brighten our days.

Thank you for your continued support of UMW,  
Cathy Nichols

## Matter of Perspective

Some things are simply a matter of perspective. We can be reminded often how words can be used to skew the truth. For instance, an interoffice softball game was held every year between the marketing department and support staff of one company. The day of the game, as hard as the marketers tried, the support staff whipped the marketing department soundly.

In its best tradition, the marketing department decided to find the best “spin” they could on the dismal result. They showed how they earn their keep by posting this memo on the bulletin board after the game: “The marketing department is pleased to announce that for the recently completed softball season, we came in second place, having lost but one game all year. The support department, however, had a rather dismal season, as they won only one game all year.”

On the other hand, hidden beauty can also be found by looking at a situation in a different way. A little girl named Lauren (age 5) reports, “I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.”

I think Lauren is on to something. Our entire lives can be shaped by perspective. How would I approach money, “stuff,” and giving if I knew that God had already given me everything I need, rather than seeing all of the things I “need” in the store windows? How would I treat others if I focused on the ways I could serve, rather than making sure everyone respected my rights? How would my marriage change if it were based on being one another’s servant rather than a struggle for power? What would my attitude toward work be if I saw it as my God-given vocation rather than someplace I had to go to earn a paycheck? What if I saw Sunday as a true Sabbath . . . a time for connecting with God and family and rest . . . rather than a day to run the kids to more activities and the last day I have to get things done at home before I go to work?

Sometimes we need God to help us see the world differently before we can live differently in it

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

## From the Parish Nurse...



Can you believe it is July—our summer is going fast lets celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup>!

### Interesting 4th of July facts

The history of the 4th of July is incredibly interesting, but there are other interesting 4th of July facts every American should know. Here are six interesting ones to take note of:

Some colonists celebrated Independence Day during the summer of 1776 by putting on mock funerals for King George III of England—symbolizing the death of the Crown’s rule of America.

The first annual commemoration of Independence Day happened on July 4, 1777, in Philadelphia. John Adams, a Founding Father and the second president of the United States, strongly believed Independence Day should be celebrated on July 2nd. He even refused to attend 4th of July events because he felt so strongly about July 2 being the correct date.

Adams, along with Thomas Jefferson, another Founding Father, both died on July 4, 1826. James Monroe, another U.S. president, also died on July 4, but he passed in 1831.

Thomas Jefferson was the first president to celebrate Independence Day at the White House, in 1801. The celebration featured horse races, parades, food, and drinks—similar to the 4th of July celebrations we see today.

Although the 4th of July has been celebrated each year since 1776, it didn't become a federal holiday until 1870. And it didn't become a paid holiday for federal employees until 1941.

#### **4th of July traditions: Fireworks, barbecues, and more**

Many modern Independence Day traditions stem from America's early independence celebrations. People would attend bonfires, concerts, and parades to celebrate their new nation. It was also common for the Declaration of Independence to be read aloud, followed by muskets and cannons firing. It's safe to say the earliest Americans celebrated the 4th of July loudly and proudly.

Over time, those traditions evolved and became the Independence Day traditions we know today. Let's take a look at these 4th of July traditions (and don't forget to include them while planning your celebration).

**4th of July fireworks.** Whether you buy your own fireworks or watch a local fireworks display, lighting fireworks is a long-standing tradition for Americans on the 4th of July. Many people love to celebrate Independence Day with a bang!

**4th of July sparklers.** These hand-held fireworks are family favorites during the 4th of July. The colored flames and sparks help light up the area on America's birthday.

**4th of July barbecues.** What's a 4th of July celebration without a barbecue? Many Americans host or attend barbecues on Independence Day. Hot dogs and hamburgers are staples of these cookouts, along with picnic sides, fruit, and yummy desserts. You may also see baked beans at these barbecues.

**Backyard celebrations.** You can't have a barbecue without some backyard fun! Many people compete in backyard games while celebrating America's independence.

**4th of July parades.** The community gathers to march in the streets to celebrate Independence Day. You'll see floats, music, and a whole lot of red, white, and blue! 4th of July parades can also be followed by festivals, carnivals, or fairs that provide yummy food, fun rides, and other family-friendly activities.

**Wearing red, white, and blue.** Every heart beats true under red, white, and blue! Wearing the colors of the

American flag is another 4th of July tradition many people participate in.

The 4th of July is a holiday many Americans hold near and dear to their hearts. On this day, we remember the country's fight for freedom and celebrate the United States with friends, family, food, and fun. Happy birthday, USA!

Let us pray,

*Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You in times gone by, celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things that our country has achieved. On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us. We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and for the generations to come. We thank You for our independence, peace, and for all those who have bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice. We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much. Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way. We ask You to forgive us for these times. On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You. With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You. Make us a generous people, A holy nation, A people set aside to love You forever, For the sake of the land of the brave and free, and the peoples and nations of this world. Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country. Our land is in need of You, our people are in need of You, our industry and business is in need of You. May we look only to You This Independence Day, dependent on You. Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit, breathe new life into the sinews of this nation. May justice flow like rivers, and righteousness like a never failing stream, Until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory, as the waters cover the sea. We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for all eternity. Amen.*

In Christ's Love,  
Priscilla



Our deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Lloyd Chenoweth who passed Thursday, June 16.



**THANK YOU** to Jack Buswell for providing the mulch which was added to the landscaping around the church. It sure looks nice.

**THANK YOU** to Scott Naeseth for mowing the church and parsonage lawns, for fixing the bench by the Little Free Library, for taking apart the HUGE box that was in Fellowship Hall and for all of the other things that you do, that we don't see, but which you silently take care of. We appreciate all you do for us!

**THANK YOU** to Wesleyan Circle, UMW and to all of our friends for your well wishes for our anniversary. It is a blessing to have such great friends. Kevin and Margie Lakowske

Sparta United Methodist Congregation,

**Thank you** so very much for your continued support of the Ecumenical Food Pantry. Cash donations allow us to purchase the food items we are most in need of and very helpful as food prices escalate. Your support is truly appreciated as it allows us to continue our mission to help the hungry in our community.

God Bless, Lori Ascher

Your Soles for Souls drive warms my heart. I grew up in extreme poverty. My parents couldn't afford to buy us shoes at times, so we went without. I won't ever forget how hot the pavement became or the cold wet rain on my feet, still to this day.

Thank you for doing this drive!

Sincerely,

Emily C, Dental Assistant student

**Thank you** for the beautiful cyclamen plant that was delivered by the United Methodist Women. I am enjoying it very much and appreciate the note on it that says it "has been on the altar and heard the hymns and prayers and sermon." It helps me feel connected even when I can't be there.—Pat Eggers

**Thank you** for the prayers and well-wishes as I recovered from COVID. A big thank you to Priscilla

and Michele for putting together a wonderful worship service, for Priscilla's preaching, and for Michele keeping the office running smoothly that week. Also, thank you to Paul for preaching the Sunday of Annual Conference. You are all so appreciated.—Pastor L



Dick just completed his final chemo treatment. He is doing very well. This has been a long journey and we could not have done it without all of the support, prayers, cards, visits and phone calls from our church family. We are feeling

so blessed and grateful. Thank you so much.

Dick & Eileen Gajewsky



**Thank you** to all who have donated to Soles4Souls!

We have collected 844 pair of shoes through June!

CHANGING THE WORLD  
ONE PAIR AT A TIME



**Summit Spirits** will be meeting Tuesday, July 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

**Lois Circle** is meeting on Tuesday, July 12 in the small kitchen at 1 p.m.

**Wesleyan Circle** will meet on Tuesday, July 12 at Cathy's house at 6 p.m.



## Congratulations Chaplain Priscilla!

Congratulations Priscilla Hemmersbach for receiving credentialing and licensing as a chaplain through the International Fellowship of Chaplains (IFOC).

Coursework Priscilla completed covers many important and relevant topics including:



- Critical Incident Stress Management
- Spiritual Care
- Depression
- Grief and Loss
- Post-Traumatic Stress Injury
- Human Trafficking
- Trauma
- Suicide and Interventions

When Christians do not feel equipped to reach the world outside of the church, they miss the call to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The International Fellowship of Chaplains is a Christian Chaplain Ministry that provides practical community support and spiritual counsel to emergency service workers, those in crisis, secular society, and those persons in transition by meeting their needs.

Trained and licensed chaplains provide counsel, education, advocacy, life improvement skills and recovery training, providing a bridge between the secular and spiritual environments of community life throughout the world.

IFOC trains, credentials, connects, and supports Chaplains to serve their communities so that people experience God's love in the moment it matters most. The Wisconsin order for Chaplaincy is located in Fond du Lac. The chaplains have meetings every month via zoom and meet in person many times a year

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## Feed My Starving Children Tomah Area Mobile Pack

**When:** July 8 & 9

**Where:** Tomah Recreation Park

**Registration** available now at [give.fmsc.org/tomah](http://give.fmsc.org/tomah)  
Raising \$25,000 will pack 100,000 meals!

**Make checks payable to:** Feed My Starving Children, event #2207-041EA

**Mail checks to:** Tammy Hewuse, 404 Vandervort, Tomah, WI 54660 or donate and sign up to volunteer online at [give.fmsc.org/tomah](http://give.fmsc.org/tomah)



**Mark Your Calendars: October 22nd from 2-4** in the Sparta UMC Sanctuary we will be presenting *Our Community In Concert*. If

you are interested in performing, or have questions, please contact Margie at 608-269-5532.

We are Keeping the Eternal Flame Glowing



**Pizza and a movie** night this month is **July 16**. Pizza will be served in the small kitchen at 6 p.m. with the movie to follow in the Chapel. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend!

### July's movie is: Restoration

CK Erwin is a man who's lost his family as well as his will to live. But, when he takes a job as a mechanic at a small Auto Restore shop, he is soon involved with a new ragtag family who needs him every bit as much as he needs them. Especially feisty Samantha "Sam" Collins, a high school wrestler, who needs a private coach for her last shot at finals this year. Drama/Family Not Rated.



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## Healthy Living with Chronic Pain Workshop



This is a six-week workshop for adults who have—or are living with someone who has—on-going pain. Led by trained leaders in a small group setting, the program focuses on helping you feel better, have more control and do the things you want to do.

### Workshop Information:

**Where:** Virtually

**When:** Mondays, July 11-Aug 15, 10:30-1 p.m.

**Cost:** \$30. Includes textbook.

**Pre-register** by calling 608-775-6870 or visit [gundersenhealth.org/living-well](http://gundersenhealth.org/living-well)



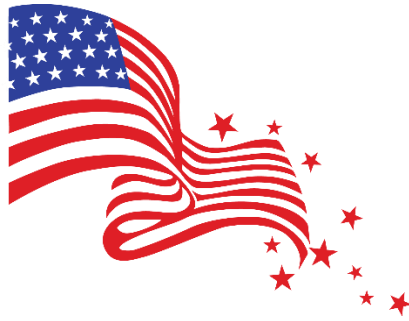
## July Anniversaries

06 Alex & Jackie Vaver  
16 Abby & Mac Smith  
23 Paul & Kay Foulke  
25 Barb & Hank McGreevy  
29 Ron & Kandy Ebert  
31 Julie Adams-Rodgers & Chuck Adams



## July Birthdays

04 Clarence Brooks  
04 Helen Radcliffe  
06 Kevin Moore  
08 Deb Dishinger  
09 Eileen Gajewsky  
09 Andrew Ochoa  
09 Winnifred Smith  
10 Ginnie Jones  
13 Beth Anderson  
13 Sarlyn Ziegler  
23 Joe Tadisch  
24 Darlene Guinn  
25 Brittany Burnham  
25 Matt Glut  
25 Courtney Goodenough  
25 Bob Wise  
26 Paul Foulke  
28 Morgan Culpitt  
29 Clarice Button  
29 Marvin Fokema  
29 Natalie Tadisch  
30 Tom Graber



## July Schedules

### Bakery pick-up

3 Donna Burnham  
10 Judy Fuhrmann  
17 Pat & Gail Clark  
24 Ron & Denise Ebert  
31 Cyndi Wise

### Tech Team

3 Toni & Cindy  
10 Ron & Kristine  
17 Toni & Amy  
24 Ben & Hailee  
31 Cheryl & Cindy

### Liturgist

3 Marty Walley  
10 Judy Fuhrmann  
17 Paul Foulke  
24 Cheryl Isensee  
31 Amy Kiefer

### Ushers

3 Bob & Cathy Nichols  
10 Kurt & Amy Kiefer  
17 Peggy Wright & Donna Burnham  
24 John & Karen Lodico  
31 Russ & Tina Janzen



**The First United Methodist Church** is holding the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pie & Ice Cream Social and Brat & Hot dog lunch.



When: Monday, July 4 from end of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade to 2:00 p.m.

Where: First United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 1105 Butts Ave., Tomah, WI.



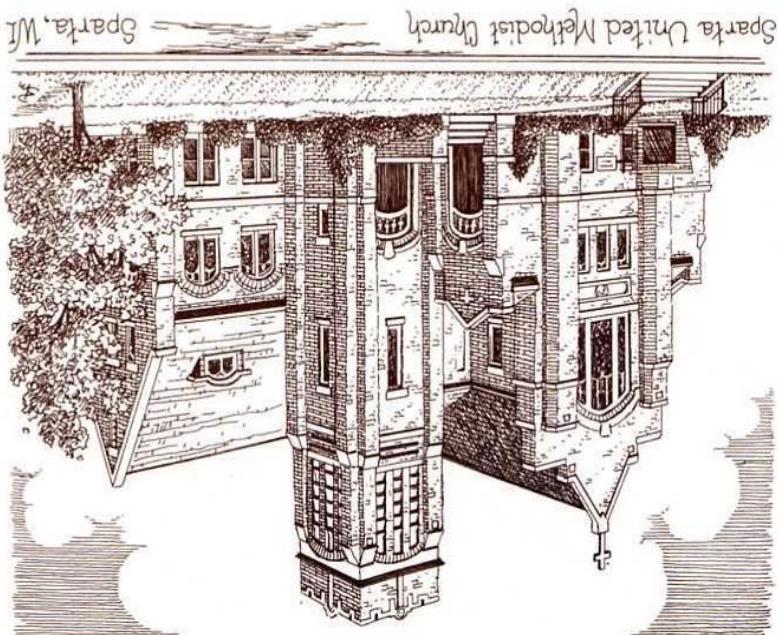
# The Chimes

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## **SUMC Worship Schedule**

### **In-house Service**

9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings

### **Online Service**

YouTube: Sparta UMC month day year