

God Bless America



Hello, Brooke Road UMC! I am so excited to accompany you on this part of our Christian life journey. I grew up on the West Side of Chicago, so coming to Brooke Road is like coming back home to my childhood. This city girl went to the country but has come back to the city!

First, I would like to thank you for the radical hospitality shown to me and my family when we joined the Community Dinner on June 24, 2017. Some of the leaders have already reached out to me and I have had a chance to sit down to talk with them. I hope to also take the time in the coming weeks/months to visit with all of you.

I want to emphasize to you that, during my time at Brooke Road, I promise to love each of you as Jesus loves you. You may be uncomfortable with that or you may feel you don't deserve it, but you have no choice in this... I will love you as my neighbor, as my brother/sister in Christ, and as a Child of God who was created in God's image!

Let us walk hand-in-hand while we do God's work. Let us become the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Let us be, for the world, the body of Christ.

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Sermon Foci for July, 2017

July 2 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 22:1-14 and Matthew 10:40-42

The scripture focus is Matthew 10:40

“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me.”

The title of the sermon will be: “Welcome”

It’s been a long time since my last Algebra course, but I’m pretty confident that the following statement is true: If $A=B$ and $B=C$, then $A=C$. By virtue of the fact that you have welcomed me and my family into your church, according to today’s scripture focus, you have welcomed God into your midst.

July 9 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 24:34-38 and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The scripture focus is Matthew 11:28

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

The title of the sermon will be: “Come...Rest”

The first and last words for today’s scripture focus are “Come” and “Rest.” What a beautiful invitation from Jesus! From a hospitality standpoint, hearing these words to a weary traveler is...heavenly. Why not take up this invitation from Jesus? Let’s come to Jesus, drop our heavy baggage, and rest in his glory.

July 16 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 25:19-34 and Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The scripture focus is Matthew 13:18

“Hear then the parable of the sower.”

The title of the sermon will be: “Good Soil”

We are tasked with sharing the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. But, we are not responsible for “converting” others. We are merely called to share our stories, our testimonies, our beliefs. It is the Holy Spirit that does the “converting” of the hearts. So, keep sowing! Let the Holy Spirit take care of the soil.

July 23 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 28:10-19a and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

The scripture focus is Matthew 13:24

He put before them another parable:

“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field.”

The title of the sermon will be: “Heaven on Earth”

We may have heard of today’s parable before: the wheat growing with the weeds. We may heard of it before, but did you gloss over that first sentence? The sentence where Jesus says, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to...” Today’s Gospel reading mentions six parables, all starting with “the kingdom of heaven may be compared to/is like.” Let’s see if we can take a glimpse of heaven as Jesus described it.

July 30 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Genesis 29:15-28 and Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

The scripture focus is Matthew 13:49-50

So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The title of the sermon will be: “Furnace of Fire”

Last week, we talked about heaven on earth. Today, we will discuss the place opposite of heaven. How do you envision hell? Will you be so uncomfortable with your choices that it becomes unbearable and uncomfortable, as if you were on fire? Will you be “weeping” from regret? Will you be so angry that your teeth will be gnashing?

United Methodist Women (UMW)

Sixteen women enjoyed going to Hoffman House for lunch on June 12. On the 21st of June, seven of us traveled a few miles to New Milford for the annual Salad Supper and Awards. We heard speaker and author, Kimberly Sigafus tell us about the Ojibwa Native American culture. We assisted New Milford UMW by supplying desserts and co-hosting.

The awards for Brooke Road follow:

- ♦ Reading Program: Nancy Wickson, Joella Warner, Charlene Mason and Sandy McCallum.
- ♦ Appreciation for having our membership list online
- ♦ Mission Today – Silver for having met two goals
- ♦ Five Star Giving – World Thank Offering, Gift in Memory, Gift to Mission, Special Mission Giving and Pledge to Mission.

Carpenter's Place

The UMW team has now cooked and served lunch for Carpenter's Place in May and June with glowing thanks for the meals. We are spending time to plan each meal and shop to get the best for less so we serve a quality meal. In May, we served about 80 patrons and today (June 26), we served 85. If anyone is inclined to help, let us know.

Becoming a Green Church

UMW has already pledged to do this

Number 2. GREEN YOUR LIVING SPACE

A . Energy Use:

- Alternative energy: solar/geothermal or purchase wind from your energy company
- Purchase Energy Star appliances (refrigerator, dishwasher, washer/dryer, water heater, dehumidifier) and high efficiency furnace, air conditioner and windows
- Get a programmable thermostat - lower thermostat in winter, raise in summer
Change settings when away, use ceiling fans
- Clean/replace filters for all appliances/furnace with new filters regularly
- Replace all incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs

To be continued.....

Monthly Finance Update

The Finance Committee has provided the following Current Fund information:

May income:	\$ 9,741.30
May disbursements:	\$10,445.34

This information is always available to anyone who wants it by contacting Joanne Talbott (Finance Chair), or Sandy McCallum (Treasurer).

Name Tags

Wearing our name tags during worship and fellowship will help visitors match names to all the new faces they're meeting! If you don't have a name tag, or if you've lost yours, please let office know.

Finance

I was given info awhile ago from Judy concerning the ability to donate directly to the church your IRA Required Minimum Distribution if you are 70 1/2. It can be done any time during the year you turn 70 1/2. If you contact your tax advisor to set this up, you transfer the money directly to a "charitable" entity, so you won't pay taxes on it. And, you can direct us to use it as your pledge. Just some useful information from your finance committee.

Joanne Talbott
Finance Chair

Community Garden

Needed:

*One or two 30 gallon plastic or metal trash cans that we can cut the bottoms out of to make compost cans in our effort to become more "green."

*Garden hoses to connect to our rain barrels

Thank you!
Ann Phillips

Thank You

Dear Joella and UM Women,

Thank you for assisting us with our annual Peanut Butter Rally. Our goal was to collect 12,000 jars, and with your help, we've just about reached that goal! Your donation of 179 pounds of peanut butter will help us provide this protein-rich food for children at risk of going hungry during the summer, a time when many kids don't have access to free school lunches.

Kim Adams-Bakke
Executive Director
Rock River Valley Pantry

Directory Update

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Worship Media

Volunteers are needed for worship media. This ministry includes entering each Sunday's bulletin information into Easy Worship program and displaying this info on monitors during worship. Please speak with Joanne Talbott if interested.

Our Military

Matt Cowan, Matt Crabtree, Scott Dickson, Thomas Helser,
Will Hoyum, Ian Long, Joshua Mattson, Jonathan Modler, Jerry Nettles,
Stacy Huser, Christine Tornow, Tommy Turnure, Ryan & Kate (Vowles) Levack

Our Homebound

June Durham, John Pippel,
John Sauer, Doug Skrinski, Charlene Taylor

Family and Friends

Chris Beebe, Dorothy Benjamin, Rick Bried, Marion Carlson, Dorothy Carpenter,
Ardene Friest, Pastor Chung & Mimi, Pastor Nancy & Alvin, Dan O'Connell,
Phil & Vivian Schwab, Dean Smith, Laurece Thompson, Shirley Walker, Maxine Zolk

Healthy Churches ~ Hopeful Future

Session 3 – “Beyond A Cup of Coffee” - January 7, 2017

Covered in this session were:

Hospitality Before Church

What is your congregation known for in the community?

How often do you have guests at your worship service? Do you know why or why not?

Who typically greets people?

What happens when someone comes who “looks out of place”?

What happens if someone comes to your church in a wheel chair or is hard of hearing or visually impaired?

When you think of your community, who is not at church?

Do you know why? Or do you make assumptions?

Hospitality During Church

Do you have a system for getting people’s information?

What is your church’s culture – do people talk with their typical group?

Are you hospitable or “friendly”?

What happens at your church in the first 5 minutes?

What happens during worship? Are there aspects of the worship service that might make new people feel out of place? (i.e. use of acronyms)

Hospitality After Church

How do you follow up with visitors?

What happens for the 15 minutes after worship?

What are the immediate next steps your congregation needs to make in order to be more hospitable?

Who will be responsible for developing hospitality ministry?

Resources: “Clip-In”; “Get Their Name”; “5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations” – radical hospitality.

We’ve made some changes in the greeters’ description – read the sheet Cheryl gives you when you greet. There are mugs to be given to visitors at each entrance into the church along with forms for the visitor to sign in on.

Birthdays

July 1

Kayleigh Hughes
Amy Williams

July 7

Dorothy Benjamin
Bob Westlund

July 13

Bettye Mixon
Roberta Montgomery

July 19

Tianna Groff
Holden Groff

July 24

Chance Cowan
Kerren Wallace

Anniversaries

16th

Jim & Judy Zimmerman

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<u>1</u>
<u>2</u> 9:00am Christianity & Islam 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Book Group at Warners'	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> Office Closed	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>9</u> 9:00am Christianity & Islam 10:00am Worship Following Worship Welcome Potluck for Pastor Nancy and Alvin	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> 5:30pm Finance 6:00pm Trustees	<u>12</u> 6:00pm Celebration Choir	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u> 9:00am Christianity & Islam 10:00am Worship	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u> 10:30pm Paper Angel Closet 6:30pm Council	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> 9:00am Christianity & Islam 10:00am Worship	<u>24</u> 12:30pm Serve lunch at Carpenter's Place Vacation Bible School ~ July 24- July 27 ~ 6:00pm - 8:00pm	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> 6:00pm Celebration Choir	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>
<u>30</u> 9:00am Christianity & Islam 10:00am Worship 6:00pm Book Group at Warners'	<u>31</u>					

Our Mission at The Brooke is.....

to transform lives
through faith, love, and service.

Our Vision for The Brooke is.....

to be a transforming congregation
of believers to serve the community,
renew lives, and build faith.

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Church Office Hours

Monday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
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Friday **CLOSED**

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Sunday Schedule

9:00am

Adult Class

“Christianity & Islam”

10:00am

Worship & Children’s Sunday School
(Nursery available for NB - 4 years)