

# ***Grand Ave United Methodist Church***



## ***the VINE***

**June 2023**

505 W Grand Ave Port Washington WI 53074 [www.portumc.com](http://www.portumc.com)

Hello Grand Avenue Church Family and Friends,

Summer is a season of increased activity in Wisconsin. It's a time to come out of the hibernation of a long cold season and enjoy the opportunity sun and warmth affords us. I particularly enjoy having my children home from college and spending time together.

This June has the added significance of providing an opportunity of reflecting on my first year at Grand Avenue United Methodist Church. My time serving this Christian community has been a privilege, which has affirmed God's presence and activity in my life and the life of His church. This year I have experienced the power of God's Spirit in my life, and I praise Him for sustaining and equipping me for His service. While at Grand Avenue I have been blessed to see God's Spirit working through the members of this church in their faithful support of this ministry. This year, we have sought to be faithful in seeking God in Spirit and truth and have been rewarded with His blessing and Spirit in our church.

**“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”  
(John 4:24)**

As we continue to faithfully seek God we can be assured that He will bless us moving forward.

**“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)**

As we reflect on this first year together let us look faithfully forward excited about what God has planned for us.

Your Brother in Christ,

*Pastor Vince*

# CELEBRATE

## June Birthdays

Vickie Meins	1
Jill Eernisse	6
Bill Foster	8
Sue Hamann	15
Kayla Killey	15
Netta Freeland	17
Rachal Guse	17
Jason Kissinger	20
Pat Craig	28
Frank Schroeter	29
Vicki Sepulveda	29
Natalie Benning	30

## June Anniversaries

Jake & Netta Freeland	3
Mark & Laura Flack	6
Dan & Kelly Weltin	11
Scott & Stacy Zwicker	12
Keith & Emily Betker	14
Rob & Vicky Schafman	20
Dave & Cathy Guse	22
Jeff & Sue Killey	24
Jan & Mary Young	24
David & Laura Didier	30

## Larry Rieck's Retirement

Larry Rieck, who served as our worship coordinator of our contemporary service from 2010-2015 is retiring from pastoral ministry at the end of June. He has been serving at Berlin and Neshkoro churches since his appointment in July of 2015. Larry and Jane's address is below if you would like to send a card or letter of congratulations.

Larry and Jane Rieck  
315 N. Capron St.  
Berlin, WI. 54923



# VOLUNTEERS

**Thank you, *June Volunteers*, for serving in our ministry!**

Date	Usher	Liturgist	Coffee Host
6/4	Larry Maechtle	Cheryl Wozniak	Needed
6/11	Larry Maechtle	Mark Grams	Needed
6/18	Larry Maechtle	Rama Bharadwaj	Needed
6/25	Larry Maechtle	Lin Lohr	Needed

# MISSIONS & OUTREACH

## Eliminating Hunger...**TOGETHER!**

### The Food Pantry, Inc.

- Has been dedicated to meeting the needs for healthy food in Ozaukee County since 1982.
- Provides clothing, household incidentals, Christmas, Birthday, and Holiday gifts.
- Provides over 200,000 pounds of food annually, servicing ALL of Ozaukee County.
- Is a community-based food pantry supported by 19 churches and parishes in Ozaukee County and other generous businesses, individuals, and service groups.
- Is staffed by more than 50 weekly volunteers.



The number of people in need is increasing every week across the country and in Ozaukee County. The time has come for The Food Pantry, Inc. to increase its capacity to effectively serve our community--

## ...with a New Building!

### ***Did you know...***

*Your Church* participates in the Food Pantry Family with a Member Serving on its Board of Directors.

### **How can you help?**

**Consider investing in the lives of your neighbors who depend on The Food Pantry until their situations change for the better.**



Go to [www.thefoodpantryinc.com](http://www.thefoodpantryinc.com) to help with your monetary gift. Any amount is appreciated! Indicate that the gift is for the building.

The Food Pantry, Inc.  
1800 North Wisconsin Street, Port Washington, WI 53074  
262-284-1148 • [thefoodpantryinc@gmail.com](mailto:thefoodpantryinc@gmail.com)

### **Other Ways to Help:**

- Sponsor a Fund Drive.
- Ask your Church, Club, Business, or Friends to Donate
- Say a Prayer for the Success of The Food Pantry Building Drive.

*Lord,*

*Thank you for the blessings you have bestowed on this pantry. May you continue to help and guide our board of directors, volunteers, clients and donors as we enter a new chapter with a new building to faithfully serve others. Give us the strength and resources to help people in this community who are in need of food, clothing or other resources to lead happy, healthy and productive lives.*

*We pray that with our new building, we will be able to serve and care for those who need a helping hand--not just for today, tomorrow, or next year, but for all the years to come.*

*Lord, we ask this all in your name, AMEN*

**Thank You for Your Consideration!**

# MISSIONS & OUTREACH, Cont.

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

### School Supply Collection

The Food Pantry will not be receiving the same level of funding from the Salvation Army for school supplies this year and is collecting money to help cover this need. Checks can be made out to The Food Pantry and sent to 1800 North Wisconsin Street, Port Washington, WI 53074 with a note it is for school supplies, and you are a member of Grand Avenue Church.

### Brat Fry Fundraiser June 11<sup>th</sup>

The Food Pantry will be having a brat fry at the Saukville Piggly Wiggly on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm. Please stop by and buy a brat to support the pantry.

### Toucan Custard Dine and Donate June 17<sup>th</sup>

Toucan Custard in Port Washington is donating 20% of all sales on June 17<sup>th</sup> to The Food Pantry. Come dine between 11am - 9pm on the 17<sup>th</sup> at Toucan Custard located at 620 West Grand Avenue, Port Washington to support the party.

### Non-Perishable Donation

Thank you for your continued support of The Food Pantry! They continue to register new clients and the need for donations is never ending so please continue to fill our barrel with non-perishable items. The most pressing current needs include:

Hash Browns  
Ketchup  
Mustard  
Mayo  
Rice

Suddenly Salad  
Saltine Crackers  
Vegetable Oil  
Laundry Detergent  
Toilet Paper

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## FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise is in desperate need of baby wipes and latex-free vinyl gloves for the shelter. If you can donate, please drop these items in the Family Promise Barrel in the hallway at church or purchase from their Amazon Wish List:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/PSDVRRW02N25?>

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## FAIR TRADE COFFEE & CHOCOLATE



A new sign-up sheet for Fair Trade coffee, chocolate bars, and baking chocolate will be on the church bulletin board in June. Each of the coffee brands come in packs of six; chocolate bars and baking chocolate (sweet and bittersweet) come in packs of 12. The church office will not be placing an order until the required number is reached. If you have questions regarding fair trade products, please contact Dave Guse at 262-384-0816 or email him at [senegaldave1@gmail.com](mailto:senegaldave1@gmail.com)

# FAITH GROUPS & ACTIVITIES



## Summer Events

### **Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-4:00 pm – Digital Scavenger Hunt**

Grab your phone and join us for a fun afternoon of crazy pictures and lots of laughs! We'll meet at Lighthouse to split up into teams, and then travel around town to see who can come up with the funniest and most clever photos that capture the various items on the scavenger hunt list. Afterwards, we'll head back to Lighthouse to share everyone's pictures and enjoy some snacks together.

### **Talk-n-Treat Tuesdays**

Come hang out for an informal time to chat while also enjoying a tasty treat (on us!). This is a great opportunity to catch up with your Lighthouse pals or invite some new ones to join us!

*Please note for all of these dates, students should be dropped off/picked up directly from the location listed.*

**July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:00 at Frankie's Ice Cream** – for any/all middle schoolers

**July 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:00 at Frankie's Ice Cream** – for any/all high schoolers

**August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:00 at Toucan Custard** – for any/all middle schoolers

**August 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:00 at Toucan Custard** – for any/all high schoolers



### **August 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – “Hunger Quest” Service Trip**

Join us for an amazing weekend as we learn more about the issue of hunger, both locally and worldwide. This awesome service trip experience includes:

- Helping out at 3 different service organizations who are dedicated to tackling the issue of hunger.
- Experiencing first-hand what it feels like to be hungry by participating in a 24-hour famine (which includes lots of time for games and other fun stuff!)
- Opportunities for worship and faith discussions throughout the weekend
- A trip to Six Flags Great America!

This trip will take place from approximately 12:00 pm on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup> until 6:00 pm on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. The out-of-pocket cost for the weekend is \$75 per student and includes all meals, transportation, and activities including your Six Flags ticket (Lighthouse will cover the other half of these expenses for all participants). All youth who have completed grades 5-12 are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Please RSVP to Christin by Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> if you would like to participate in this awesome experience!

### **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-7:00 pm – Family Fall Kickoff Event**

Bring your families and come enjoy some games, free food, and hear about all the exciting things we've got planned for the new school year together!

**Lighthouse events are open to all students in grades 5-12**

Have questions about Lighthouse or want to get involved?

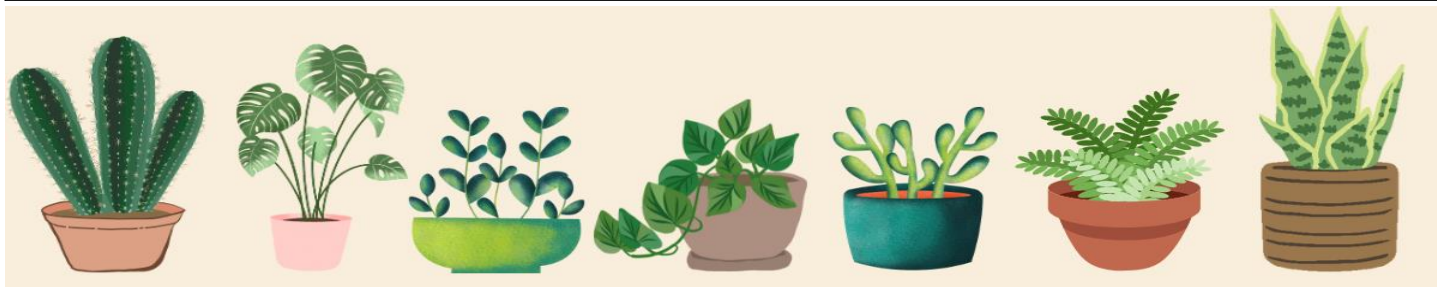
Contact Director Christin Flucke at 262-483-9582 or [christin.flucke@lighthouseyouth.org](mailto:christin.flucke@lighthouseyouth.org)

## SUMMER CAMP INFO



Information on Wisconsin United Methodist summer camps and retreats at Pine Lake & Lake Lucerne is now available at <https://wiumcamps.org/>.

## PLANT & OUTDOOR SALE



**Friday June 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 9 am – 4 pm**

Grandparents, have your grandchildren outgrown the toys they used to love? We'll take them off your hands for our outdoor sale. We are also looking for donations of indoor plants, garden perennials, camping equipment, bikes, outdoor furniture, tools, children's toys, garden items, or any other nice item except clothes.

If you plan to bring plants or items to the sale, please let Gwen Freier (262-365-7055) know or write on the item list at church so we have an idea of what we will have. You can place items for the sale in the library or nursery at church starting June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteers are also needed to help set up and take down tables and to work the sale. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at church or you can call the office at 262-284-9478 to sign-up.

## THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you very much for your donation of much needed supplies of hygiene products, diapers, laundry supplies, etc.

With Sincere Appreciation,  
Family Promise of Ozaukee County

*Dear Grand Ave Church,*

*Thank you for your April donation of 73.87 pounds of food and 237 non-food items. Thank you for your continued support!*

*- The Port Food Pantry*

*Where there is great love,  
there are always miracles*



We celebrate that we came together on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and shared our financial gifts to support our parking lot project. We are well on our way to finalizing the total funding of this project. The last piece will be to hold a Charge Conference (an all-congregational meeting) after worship on **Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>**. This brief



meeting will be held to have a vote of the congregation to resolve to enter into a mortgage with Port Washington State Bank for the final piece of the funding package. We will share more information on the process, the required resolution, and the amount to be borrowed before the vote.

*Marc Eernisse - Fund Raising Leader  
Bob Graff - Trustees  
Dan Benning - Finance*





## United Methodist Corner

There is a new feature in our monthly publication of the Vine. I will be providing articles that I hope will help us to learn more about our United Methodist history and theology and come to better appreciate our heritage as United Methodists.

For this month: **What is the mark of being a United Methodist?**

In a nutshell: A Methodist is one who seeks and desires to live a faithful life as a follower of Jesus Christ. John Wesley, founder of Methodism, defined the Methodist movement as a practical divinity. Methodists are more concerned about living our faith than about beliefs and doctrines. Wesley's purpose behind the Methodist movement back in the 1700's was to both spiritually renew and reform the Anglican Church to which he belonged to his death. We along with other mainline Christian denominations believe in the Holy Trinity, the resurrection of Christ, the sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for our salvation and our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, just to name a few.

Our emphasis is about faithful living as disciples of Jesus. This is reflected in the mission statement of the United Methodist Church, "To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Our focus as disciples is to follow Christ's Great Commandment.

- Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. (Mark 12:30). We seek to grow in our relationship with God through acts of piety; prayer, meditating on the scriptures, worship. We also show our love for God seeking to do God's will and serving God in the world.
- Love your neighbor as you love yourself (Mark 12:31). What an amazing thing it is to experience God's unconditional love for each of us. Each one of us has been created in the Divine image. We have been given the capacity to love and to be loved. We learn to love and seek the wellbeing of others in the same way we've come to know God's extravagant love for us. The source of our love for our neighbor comes through the work and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

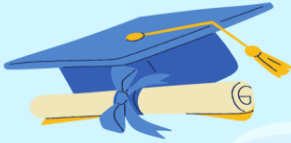
Love God. Love your neighbor as yourself. Seems straightforward, but it is anything but easy. This is true especially when you consider that loving your neighbor includes your enemies and those you don't particularly like. Our discipleship becomes a lifelong journey. We are assured that even during those times we miss the mark, God is with us offering us new beginnings and the opportunity once again to grow in His grace and love.

–In Christ's Love, Dave Guse



# CHURCH NEWS

Congratulations to Bonnie & George Pachner on the birth of their grandson on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Many joyful blessings to all!



Congratulations to a few more new graduates. Many blessings on your next chapter!

Mallory Zwicker, Port Washington High School

- granddaughter of Muriel Ford  
- daughter of Scott & Stacy Zwicker

Madison Zwicker, University of Minnesota

- granddaughter of Muriel Ford  
- daughter of Scott & Stacy Zwicker

## CONTACTS AND CALENDAR

### GRAND AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Join us each Sunday for worship at 10:00 am

Pastor:	Vince Pepin	<a href="mailto:pastor@portumc.org">pastor@portumc.org</a>
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Bishop:	Rev. Hee-Soo Jung	District Superintendent: Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Insor

### MONTHLY EVENTS

Choir Practice	Weekly Sunday at 8:45 am	Balcony
Worship Service	Weekly Sunday at 10:00 am	Sanctuary
AA Meeting	Weekly Wednesday at 7:00 pm	FAC
Private Meeting	Weekly Thursday at 5:30 pm	FAC
ADRC Meal Distribution	Mon – Fri from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Kitchen
Social Principles Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 1:00 pm	Gathering Area
Stockbox Distribution	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 10:00 am	FAC & Parking Lot
Finance & Admin Council	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 pm	via Zoom



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.  
**The people of The United Methodist Church™**

Orders are due in the church office on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month. Please remember to include your payment. You can also order on-line at [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) Your order of gift cards will be ready for pick-up at church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

Questions? Contact the Kay Hamann at 262-284-3168 or [khamann530@yahoo.com](mailto:khamann530@yahoo.com)

*Each retailer makes a donation to the church for every gift card purchased.  
For a complete list of over 700 participating retailers, go to [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com)*

RETAILER	QTY	TOTAL
Amazon \$25		
Amazon \$100		
Arby's \$10		
AutoZone \$25		
Barnes & Noble \$10		
Barnes & Noble \$25		
Bath & Body Works \$10		
Bath & Body Works \$25		
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25		
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Exxon \$50		
Fleet Farm \$25		
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Home Depot \$25		
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Jiffy Lube \$30		
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Mobil \$50		
Noodles & Company \$10		
Panera Bread \$10		
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Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10		
Pick'n Save(WI) \$25		
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Starbucks \$10		
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Subway Restaurants \$10		
Target \$25		
Target \$50		
Walgreens \$25		
Walmart \$25		
Walmart \$50		
Walmart \$100		

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