

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



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October 2022

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

## ***Bible Study / Sermon Discussions***



**This fall ...**

**Join the discussion**

**Each Sunday after worship, in the fellowship hall**

**Pastor Vince will lead a sermon-based discussion  
to further our Biblical understanding of the scriptures  
and how it applies to our lives today.**

*Growing in faith, together*



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hello Grand Avenue Family,

Happy October! Fall is my favorite time of year. The fall colors and the clean crisp air hold fond memories for me. As we start the fall season, I want to remind everyone of the importance of their daily Bible readings. With the weather turning cooler and the days shortening it is an excellent time to re-engage in the scriptures. It is precisely with this thought in mind that I will begin having a one-hour Bible study following services starting this Sunday, Oct 2. As I described in our last newsletter, this will provide people an opportunity to ask specific questions and critically engage in the weekly text. My hope is this will be an instrument to promote further Bible study in our congregation.

As we head into the fall season let us seek to be lights in the darkness. We seldom know the effect our kind words or actions will have on those that receive them. Sharing God's light through our interactions is one of the strongest forms of evangelism. Always remember to be cognizant that this passive evangelism can lead to opportunities to share the reason for our joy.

The ministry candidacy continues to move forward. I received the endorsement of the 1st United Methodist Church (my home church) at their charge conference in September. The next step will be the endorsement of the Wisconsin Conference's Board of Ordained Ministry. I will keep everyone posted regarding my progress through this process.

As always, if people need anything from me, please don't hesitate to reach out.

God Bless,  
*Pastor Vince*

## CELEBRATE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October



7	Sue Penkivech	24	Sandy Grams
7	Daniel Strand	24	Amanda Kissinger
8	Grace Eernisse	25	Jack Lentz
8	Judy Maechtle	26	Eva Gates
11	Jan Young	29	Mallory Zwicker
13	Bob Griesmeyer	31	Sydni Foster
15	David Didier		
19	Bryan Olson		
19	Claire Olson		
19	Charlie Olson		

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October



5	Mike & Pat Draeger
9	Ed & Joanne Schmidt
11	Bill & Erin Foster
11	Daniel & Patricia Strand

# CHRISTIAN STUDY / SMALL GROUPS

## BIBLE STUDY / SERMON DISCUSSIONS

Join the discussion in the north "room" of the fellowship hall beginning October 2 and each Sunday this fall after the service.

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## SOCIAL PRINCIPLES

The GAUMC Social Principles Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Tuesday, October 11 at 1:00 pm in the Gathering Area. Everyone is welcome!

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## SISTER CIRCLE

Sister Circle is an ecumenical women's group that meets monthly at Christ the King Church and offers women an opportunity to share their faith and support one another.

Thursday, October 20, at 7:00 pm Book discussion, chapter 2 of *Jesus Over Everything* by Lisa Whittle. If you have any questions about the group, please feel free to contact Mary at 262-377-3720 or mariwags@gmail.com

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## A.W.E.S.O.M.E. WOMEN

Calling all women of the church!! Save the date... Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for the AWESOME Women's Christmas dinner. This year, we'll have a catered dinner served in our fellowship hall. The cost is \$25/person. Checks to Kay Hamann are due by Monday, November 21. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

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## LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH - October Events



### October 9th from 7:00-8:00 pm – Bonfire

Come enjoy a fall evening under the stars with a Lighthouse bonfire. Games, s'mores, and other snacks will be provided. Please bring a chair. We will meet at Lighthouse HQ (513 W. Grand Ave. in Port Washington).



### October 30th from 4:00-7:00 pm - Halloween Food Drive and Fun

Help the hungry in our community while enjoying Halloween at the same time! In this "Trick-or-Treat So Others Can Eat" event, students will be sent out in groups during Saukville's trick-or-treating time to collect donations for the Saukville Community Food Pantry. Then, we'll meet back at Parkside UCC Church to sort the donations, gobble up some pizza, and play Halloween games together. Everyone is encouraged to dress up like a favorite food item as of course there will be a costume contest as well! Drop off/pick up at Parkside UCC (166 W. Dekora St. in Saukville)

**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)

# CELEBRATE GRAND AVE UMC

**October 30 will be a special day at Grand Ave UMC!** We'll hear an inspiring message from Pastor Vince, turn in our 2023 pledge cards, enjoy a potluck lunch, and welcome our Circuit Leader, Rev. Clarissa Martinelli from 5<sup>th</sup> Ave UMC West Bend, to preside over our 2022 Charge Conference.

## **STEWARDSHIP / PLEDGE SUNDAY**

The concept of "giving to God" is as old as our Judeo-Christian roots. Central to the Jewish and Christian faiths is the concept that all good things come to us from God; we are not owners, but merely managers of God's abundance. From this center, all giving is an act of gratitude. Our giving is a token indication of how we feel about God and our desire to honor and glorify Him.

On October 30, you'll have the opportunity to make your 2023 pledge to further the ministry and missions of Grand Ave Church.

Why is pledging so important? There are both practical and spiritual benefits.

*Practical Benefits:* Pledges help the Finance Committee know what income to expect and how to financially plan for growing our ministry, missions, and outreach programs.

*Spiritual Benefits:* Pledging our first fruits to God helps us grow in our faith and trust in God. The spiritual benefits of generous giving are priceless and unique to each individual.

**POTLUCK LUNCH** in the fellowship hall 11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Please bring a side dish to pass if you are able. The church will provide shredded beef & gravy with mashed potatoes and drinks. Everyone is welcome.

**CHARGE CONFERENCE** in the fellowship hall 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

According to The United Methodist Discipline, "the primary responsibility of the Charge Conference in the annual meeting shall be to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council that are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church (par. 247.3)." Circuit leader, Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, will preside over our 2022 charge conference. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

**Please plan on joining the celebration of Grand Ave Church on Sunday, October 30!**

*(FYI: The Packers play at 8:20 pm)*

## THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Grand Ave Church,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$381.06 to Family Promise of Ozaukee County. Since January of 2022, Family Promise of Ozaukee County has provided 2,124 nights of shelter to 30 households that consisted of 33 adults and 13 children. Thanks to your support of our mission, we will be able to continue making a difference in the lives of homeless people in our community.

Thank you for your faithful support!

Cori Guerin, CEO Family Promise of Ozaukee County

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you! Through your financial gifts to UMCOR, you're serving within a vital network of interactive relationships as UMCOR responds to increasingly frequent and destructive storms – sharing 100% of donated funds with those in need.

Grace and Peace, Roland Fernandes - General Secretary Global Ministries / UMCOR

# MISSIONS & OUTREACH

## NOISY COLLECTION 3rd Sunday of each month



October 16<sup>th</sup> Bring your noisy coins (and quiet donations) to help support  
**Grand Avenue UMC Apportionments**

### Why give to apportionments?

Apportionment giving is based upon the desire to meet the needs of God's family NOT just in our neighborhoods, but around the world. Apportionments are also based on our need to give in order to be spiritually healthy, complete children of God.

The basic idea behind apportionments is that local congregations send some of the money they collect (at Grand Ave, it is 100% of the Noisy Collection) to accomplish things that are either beyond their ability to do as individual congregations or that can be done more effectively or efficiently together. Apportionments allow the church to produce goods and services funded by all for the benefit of all – collective goods.

Apportionments denote an understanding that the purpose of the church is not just to care for its own members but also to reach out beyond itself to engage with the world, to minister to the world, to be in mission to the world.

United Methodist Church Giving is about people working together to accomplish something bigger than themselves. In so doing, we effect change around the world, all in the name of Jesus Christ.

*Shout Hallelujah for all the good work and services provided through our UMC Apportionments.*

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**FOOD PANTRY** Open Tuesdays 9am-noon and 4-6pm 262-284-1148

Please help as you can, by putting non-perishable foods in the bin outside our church front door. Cathy Smith checks the bin regularly and delivers items to the pantry.

*Current needs include:* Boxed Potatoes, Hash Browns, Chili, Spam, Breakfast Bars, Canned Chicken, Pasta/Rice Sides, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Salad Dressing, Pudding

In August, our church donated 183.37 pounds of food and 19 non-food items.

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## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 2

Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another. On World Communion Sunday - United Methodists, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. This universal and inclusive connection is the foundation of the special offering for World Communion Sunday.

### How the United Methodist World Communion Sunday offerings are used:

- 50% Provides scholarships for graduate students from the U.S. and other countries.
- 35% Supports racial and ethnic scholarships for students pursuing ordained ministry (deacon or elder) and includes a mentoring program.
- 15% Funds Ethnic-In-Service Training Grant for leadership development, recruitment, training, and retention of ethnic United Methodist persons in leadership positions in every level of the church and its ministry.

To help support the World Communion Sunday, please make a check to Grand Ave Church and indicate *World Communion Sunday* in the memo line.

# FROM THE WISCONSIN CONFERENCE

## South East District

### Second Mile Giving for Restoration and Healing for the Boy Scouts of America

As you may be aware, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) filed for bankruptcy relief in 2020, overwhelmed by a lawsuit that involved more than 84,000 people who alleged child sexual abuse dating as far back as the 1960's. The United Methodist Church became involved because of our long-standing relationship with scouting troops in our churches. Over 30 instances of child sexual abuse in Wisconsin have been alleged related to our partnership with the Boy Scouts of America. Our denomination committed to support the *Survivor Trust Fund* with \$30 million. The amount allocated to Wisconsin Conference is \$208,096.

The Wisconsin Conference will fulfill its portion of the *Survivor's Trust Fund* and seeks to raise the \$208,096 rather than take it out of reserves. We ask now that individuals and churches make their gifts to the Wisconsin Conference UMC for the Survivors' Trust Fund to the full extent of our commitment.

Any gifts raised in excess of \$208,096 will be used for the Wisconsin Conference UMC attorneys' fees. If our efforts fall short, in June 2023, we will assess how much has been raised and how much may be required from Conference reserves in order to demonstrate tangible evidence of our commitment to restorative healing. We are a connectional church. We cared for our legal representation as an annual conference and did not leave our churches to hire attorneys. Please be generous and prayerful, even going a second mile.

For more information, pamphlets are on the information counter. To make a donation, write a check to Grand Ave Church, indicate *Boy Scouts* in the memo line, and place it in the offering box. Or you may go to [www.wisconsinumc.org](http://www.wisconsinumc.org) - Donate Now button.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

Muriel Ford has a new address: 425 W. Walters Room 42

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### PORT WASHINGTON ADULT COMMUNITY CENTER

*Upcoming special events include:*

**Hatha Flow Yoga** Wednesdays Oct 5 – Nov 16 at 6pm

Move your body & connect to your breath. All levels welcome.

**Art & Appetizers** Tuesday, Oct 18 2:30 - 4:30pm or 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Create a beautiful watercolor batik of a fall pumpkin. Step by step instructions. Express yourself!

*Flyers with details and costs for these events are posted on our church community bulletin board near the fellowship hall or call the PW Adult Community Center at 262-284-5821*

# VOLUNTEERS

## October Volunteers *Thank you for serving in our ministry*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>A/V</u>	<u>Coffee Host</u>
10/2	Larry Maechtle	Sue Killey	Vicky Schafman	Vickie, Debbie, Judy
10/9	Larry Maechtle	Gus Geib	Scott Penkivech	Netta F. & Gwen F.
10/16	Larry Maechtle	Jan Young	Scott Penkivech	
10/23	Larry Maechtle	Ardelle Dionne	Dan Benning	The Guse's
10/30	Larry Maechtle	Cathy Guse	Vicky Schafman	Potluck – please bring a dish to pass

To host a coffee hour, please sign-up on the bulletin board.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### GRAND AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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**Join us each Sunday for worship at 10:00 am**

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Bishop: Rev. Hee-Soo Jung / District Superintendent: Rev. Dr. Ebenezer Insor



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

**The people of The United Methodist Church™**

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October 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> World Communion Sunday 10:00 am Worship Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
	10:30am – 12:30pm Mon – Fri ADRC Meal Delivery - Kitchen					
			7pm AA Mtg – FAC	5:30pm Private Mtg - FAC		
<b>9</b> 10:00 am Worship Service	<b>10</b> Columbus Day	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
	10:30am – 12:30pm Mon – Fri ADRC Meal Delivery - Kitchen					
		9:30-11am Caregivers Connection – Library 1pm Social Principles Group Gathering Area	7pm AA Mtg - FAC	6:30 pm Ad Council 5:30pm Private Mtg - FAC		
<b>16</b> Noisy Collection 10:00 am Worship Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
	10:30am – 12:30pm Mon – Fri ADRC Meal Delivery - Kitchen					
		10am Stockbox Distribution FAC	7pm AA Mtg - FAC	5:30pm Private Mtg - FAC		
<b>23</b> 10:00 am Worship Service	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
	10:30am – 12:30pm Mon – Fri ADRC Meal Delivery - Kitchen					
			7pm AA Mtg – FAC	5:30pm Private Mtg – FAC		Trick or Treat Port Washington 4pm – 7pm
<b>30</b> Celebrate Grand Ave Church 10:00 am Worship Service Pledge Sunday Potluck Lunch Charge Conference	<b>31</b> Halloween	10:30am – 12:30pm Mon – Fri ADRC Meal Delivery - Kitchen				



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 Vicky in the church office at 262-284-9478 or [office@portumc.org](mailto:office@portumc.org)

*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.com (e-card) \$25		
Amazon.com (e-card) \$100		
Arby's \$10		
AutoZone \$25		
Barnes & Noble \$10		
Barnes & Noble \$25		
Bath & Body Works \$10		
Bath & Body Works \$25		
Bed Bath & Beyond \$25		
BP \$50		
BP \$100		
Burger King \$10		
Cousins Subs \$10		
CVS Pharmacy \$25		
CVS Pharmacy \$100		
Dick's Sporting Goods \$25		
Dick's Sporting Goods \$100		
Exxon \$50		
Fleet Farm \$25		
Fleet Farm \$100		
Home Depot \$25		
Home Depot \$100		
Jiffy Lube \$30		
Kohl's \$25		
Kohl's \$100		
Kwik Trip \$25		
Kwik Trip \$50		
Kwik Trip \$100		

RETAILER	QTY	TOTAL
Meijer \$25		
Meijer \$50		
Meijer \$100		
Mobil \$50		
Noodles & Company \$10		
Panera Bread \$10		
Panera Bread \$25		
Papa Murphy's Pizza \$10		
Pick'n Save(WI) \$25		
Pick'n Save(WI) \$50		
Pick'n Save(WI) \$100		
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL) \$25		
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL) \$50		
Piggly Wiggly (WI, IL) \$100		
Qdoba Mexican Grill \$25		
Sendik's Food Market \$25		
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Speedway \$25		
Speedway \$50		
Starbucks \$10		
Starbucks \$25		
Subway Restaurants \$10		
Target \$25		
Target \$50		
Walgreens \$25		
Walmart \$25		
Walmart \$50		
Walmart \$100		

Total number of gift cards ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due: \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to  
Grand Ave Church