

The “Good News” letter

March 2019

The “Good News” letter is a joint publication of Oakfield United Methodist Church (UMC) and Tabor (Eden) UMC highlighting upcoming events, worship updates and ministry opportunities.

How Do We Fall in Love With God all over again?

As Christians, we should be on fire for the Lord, and our desire to worship Him should be so strong that nothing compares to it. It should feel like a love affair that never ends. How do we fall in love with God all over again?

If you are looking to fall in love with God all over again, you have to spend the time to get to really know God. If you think you already know God, get to know Him again. Prayer is a great way to spend time with God because they allow you to come to know Him more.

The word *prayer* comes from the word that means “to petition” or “to beg.” Through prayer, a person shares with God the most needful parts of her or his life, begs for assistance and guidance and then listens to God’s answer. The more time we spend with God in prayer, the more we know about God, the more we know about ourselves, and the more wisdom we have about the next fork in the road. In prayer, we surrender ourselves to God, believing that God will treat us well and guide us faithfully.

Almost everyone prays; it is a basic human instinct to talk with the God who created us. Some people, however, pray only in times of crisis; and even then they are not sure anyone is listening. These people pray only when in desperate need of help: a mother in labor, a child taking a test, a person having second thoughts about his or her upcoming marriage, an employee just before a downsizing of a company, a person on a crashing plane, or a nation in times of disaster. All these crises are good times to pray. Good times to pray also include watching the birth of a child, passing a test, beginning a marriage, getting a new job, surviving a life-threatening event, or in days when one’s country is blessed.

Prayer is an intimate, private, personal conversation with God, through Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Through prayer, we can fall in love with God all over again.

“My secret is very simple: I pray. Through prayer I become one in love with Christ... For me, prayer means being united to the will of God twenty-four hours a day, to live for him, through him, and with him.”

-Mother Teresa



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Church Stewardship Information (from the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation)

Why Do I Give?

*The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously.
(2 Psalm 37:21)*

People give to the church for a variety of reasons that form a hierarchy of motivations. Where they fall on the hierarchy is related closely to how much, proportionately, they give; how willingly they give; how they respond to being asked to pledge their support to the mission and ministry of the church, and how openly they talk about their giving.

What motivates you to give? Some people feel called to give out of their faith. Giving generously feels right and natural. It is a part of their discipleship. In turn, they are grateful for their own blessings including a place in the church where they can contribute. Some people feel fulfilled by giving. They derive joy, energy and good feelings from giving. They value the church in their lives and want to support it, so it is there for others. Some people value giving as a duty. It is the right thing to do and creates good in the world. Giving influences the community for good and connects the giver with the community.

Some people would feel guilty if they did not give. They feel giving is something they should do, even if they would rather not. Alternatively, that fear they will be shamed if they do not give. Finally, some people feel coerced. They feel their situation compels them to give. Which of these describes why you give? Which do you think would be most pleasing to God? Next month, how to move up the hierarchy...

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To give is to Respond Gratefully

"...they gave themselves first to the Lord." 2 Cor 8:5b (NRSV)

God is Good – All the Time! All the Time – God is Good!

It's hard to shout this contemporary statement of faith when we see senior citizens who are trying to go back to work because their incomes have dropped dramatically. Folks of working age have already lost their jobs and others live in fear that they may be next.

Yet, God is with us -- and good to us -- all the time. I grew up on a farm where there was no question what the priorities were on Sunday morning. We went to church, probably 50/52 Sundays a year. And no matter what, Mom made sure there was always an offering envelope on the kitchen table for my dad to put in his coat pocket, and coins for each of the four children to place in the offering as well.

If the price of milk went up, those gifts were definitely there. If the price of milk went down, they were still there. On weeks when a major piece of equipment broke, they were there. When we were getting ready to leave on one of the very few family vacations we took the offerings were still there. And, whenever someone was sick and one parent stayed home, the rest of us went with our offering in our pocket or purse.

I don't know how much was in my parents' offering envelope every week. I suspect it may have changed a bit when times were rough. I know that our coin offerings never changed. I didn't think about it as a child – it was our routine. It was just what we did. Now when I'm tempted to do anything less than put God first, I remember those childhood offerings, and find a way to rearrange my priorities.

How are we modeling our faith commitment to the children around us? Remember that how you live your faith makes a difference, and it will make an impression on them as we journey through this "unprecedented" economic time.

-Rev. Jean Ehnert Nicholas

Worship & Events

Holy Communion Sunday On Sunday, March 3rd



The First Sunday of each month, our church does Holy Communion. We offer the sacrifice of praise and

thanksgiving to God for all God has done for us. Through offering ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, and through receiving the bread and cup celebrating the Lord's Supper together nourishes and sustains us in our journey as disciples of Jesus Christ.

“Challenge 52”



Challenge 9 – “My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. -

Philippians 4:19

Challenge 10 – “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” –*Jeremiah 29:*

Challenge 11 – “You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.” –*Isaiah 26:3,*

Challenge 12 – “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.”- *James 1:5,*

Challenge 13 – “Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!”- *Psalms 107:8*

Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00PM Tabor United Methodist Church

Our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, we enter into a season of preparation, self-reflection, and repentance when we seek to literally “turn around” and realign our lives and focus toward God.



It is a time to give up things as well as take on new life-giving practices, helping us rid ourselves of distractions and our selfish desires. By doing so, we seek to live and love as more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Join our worship on Ash Wednesday! There will also be an imposition of ashes for those who would like to participate, which serves to remind of our sinfulness and brokenness, and also serves to remind us of our redemption in Christ.

Shut Up & Dance at Oakfield UMC

We are excited to have Kids and Adult Dance classes at Oakfield United Methodist Church. Classes will be:

- A Kids Dance class on Tuesday from 4 P.M.- 5 P.M. (Grades 1 thru 5). The cost will be \$7 drop-in rate or \$25 for 4 weeks.
- The Adult Class on Thursday from 6:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M. The cost will be \$10 per class



OAKFIELD'S LITURGIST, GREETER AND USHER SCHEDULE

Liturgist	Greeters
March	
3 Julie Tennie	Joyce Kindschuh
10 Bob Dvorak	Dick & Julie Tennie
17 Denise Shaffer	Mark & Denise Shaffer
24 Bob Dvorak	Al & Joann Vey
31 Alice Wilder	Liz Hayward Family
Ushers – LaMonte & Alice Wilder	

April	
7 Liz Hayward	Carol Whyms
14 Karen O’Laire	Marv & Bernadine Pea
21 Bob Dvorak	Laurette Guy
28 Laurette Guy	Chuck & Tamie Bennett
Ushers – Joyce Kindschuh & Liz Hayward	

Thank you so much for serving. If you cannot help on the Sunday listed please trade with another person and let Rev. Lee or the office know of the change so reading material can be sent to the correct person. 583-3352 Sara Straub from Tabor Church is the Scheduler for Liturgists and Greeters. Please contact her to volunteer.

TABOR'S LITURGIST AND GREETER SCHEDULE

Liturgist	Greeters
March	
3 Joy Tassler	Kristel Guelig Family
10 Bill Soyk	Deanna Sterman & Joe Miritz
17 Donielle Miller	Jess & Jess Burmeister
24 Bonnie Burmeister	Donielle Miller
31 Sara Straub	Judy & Allen Straub
April	
7 N/A	Tom & Jamie Miller
14 N/A	Roger Glass
21 N/A	Diane Soyk
28 N/A	Delores Walker

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Laurette Guy
The Meadows
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Fond du Lac, WI 54937



CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER

Lolly Nichols 920-948-0642
Please change on the Prayer Chain



- March 3rd Practice-8:00AM Sing at Service
- March 17th Practice-8:00AM Sing at Service
- March 21st Practice-8:00AM Sing at Service

Come sing with the Tabor Choir.



Tabor Financial Update

To meet church commitments for 2018, Tabor UMC applied for, and was awarded a \$6300 grant from the WI United Methodist Foundation. (We qualified for this grant due to our many years of meeting our apportionment commitment. Thanks to each of you for your faithful support over the years!). In addition, Tabor Church applied for an operating loan from National Exchange Bank and Trust. To cover the balance of our 2018 church obligations required borrowing \$15,000. Now in 2019, we need to prayerfully work together to fulfill our 2019 ministry and mission goals, while repaying our 2018 operating loan. Your finance committee has committed to provide quarterly updates as we walk together in this journey.

Wisconsin UMC Bishop Hee-Soo Jung encourages us as a church to “Launch out from the shore into the deep, deep waters to build a future for our children, grandchildren, and their children. He challenges us to provide “faith raising opportunities that reach people in new ways, in new places, new ministries”. Luke 5:1-11.

The gifts received in worship support the ministries of our congregation as well as our mission commitments around the world.

Thank you for your generous contributions.

Tabor UMW

Tabor United Methodist Women will meet Thursday, March 14th at 6:30 PM at the Tabor Church. The Program, “Women Proclaiming” will be led by Carol Salter. Hostesses for the evening are Joy Tassler and Judy Straub.

All are welcome to join the UM Women for an evening of fellowship.



Oakfield Ladies Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship will meet Thursday, March 28th, 2019 at the Oakfield Church and travel to Waupun for The Salad Luncheon. Come join us for fellowship and fun. All are welcome to attend.

Tabor-Majerus Family Scholarship

The Tabor-Majerus Family Scholarship board is offering scholarships to Tabor Church members who are eligible. Forms are available from any of the board members—Jim Senn, Jan Soyk, Judy Straub or Alan Glass. It can also be downloaded from the Oakfield/Tabor Church website (<http://oakfield-taborumc.org/>). To be eligible to receive scholarship money, applicants must be an active member of Tabor United Methodist Church, Eden. The

application requires a transcript, photo, information regarding participation in church, community and extracurricular activities as well as a personal statement of Christian faith.

Scholarship monies will be awarded upon the completion of your first semester at an accredited institution of higher education. Applicants may apply and receive this scholarship more than one time.

This year, applications will be available on March 3rd, 2019 and must be returned no later than May 5th, 2019 to any board member or by mailing it to: Tabor United Methodist Church ATTN: Scholarship Board N4224 Church Road, Eden 53019. Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, August 18th, 2019.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS – DIABETES



- March 17 at 10am, after Church Diabetes screenings & blood pressure rechecks - please fast after 8:00am if you are interested in having your blood glucose checked with a finger poke. You may also get your blood pressure rechecked at this time.

April will be the 4th Sunday of the month as Easter falls on the third.

- April 28- Diabetic Diet

Looking for feedback - email Sarah at sglass0131@gmail.com if you are interested in learning about any specific topics for upcoming months!

Please look for more information for the health and wellness program located on bulletin board by the church entrance.



I would like to
Thank the
Oakfield and

Tabor Churches for the wonderful
retirement party. To all of you who helped
plan, cook, serve and clean-up. Thank you
for giving your time to make this a special
time for me.

The Gifts of the Praying Hands
Collectible "Always With You" is beautiful!
The Pink Azalea Plant is reminding me of
your kindness as it has a place on my
kitchen table. The lovely cards and the gift
of money tucked inside are so much
appreciated. The "Retirement Cake" was
beautifully decorated and tasted delicious.

Thank you all for your friendships
and letting me be part of your Church
Family these past 18 years.

God Bless you All,

Linda

Day Light Savings Time



Remember to set you
clocks ahead

March 10th. You may
want to go to bed early!



Oakfield

- 3/2 Liam O'Laire
- 3/6 Edward Smith
- 3/11 Jessie Bennett
- 3/12 Beth O'Laire
- 3/18 Colton Schneider
- 3/22 Edison Hayward

Tabor

- 3/4 Colton Glass
- 3/5 Chuck O'Laughlin
- 3/6 Chelsea Turner

- 3/7 Trevor Immel
- 3/7 Quintyn Straub
- 3/8 Kevin Immel
- 3/8 Allen Straub
- 3/9 Jim Senn
- 3/11 Nathan Seefeld
- 3/14 Aubree King
- 3/18 Micoy Page
- 3/19 Don Miller
- 3/21 Bruce Halfmann
- 3/22 Trista Immel
- 3/22 David Seefeld
- 3/23 Brinn Kempf
- 3/24 Micki Gade
- 3/24 Corey Hodorff
- 3/26 Tyler Page
- 3/31 Mary Gantner



Oakfield

- 3/4 Alice & Monty Wilder -52 Years
- 3/21 David & Barb Williams -1 Year

Tabor

- 3/20 Mary & Jim Rose -43Years
- 3/30 Pat & Candie Burns -23 Years



80th Birthday Club

March 31, 1939 Mary Gantner 80th



50th Anniversary Club

**March 4, 1967 – Alice and Monty
Wilder - 52 years**

Tabor United Methodist
Church
Worship Sundays at
8:45AM

March 2019

Oakfield United Methodist
Church
Worship Sundays at
10:45AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Pastor's Sabbath Day Confirmation	2 Retreat
3 Holy Communion 08:45AM-Worship(T) 10:00AM-Bible Study(T) 10:45AM-Worship(O)	4	5 7:00PM-Confirmation Class at Tabor UMC	6 7PM-Ash Wednesday at Tabor UMC	7	8 Pastor's Sabbath Day	9 Confirmation Mission
10 Noisy Can 08:45AM-Worship(T) 10:00AM-Bible Study(T) 10:45AM-Worship(O) Daylight Saving Time	11 6:30PM-Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed & Supervision at TUMC	12 7:00PM-Confirmation Class at Tabor UMC	13 7:00PM-Lenten Service at Oakfield UMC	14 6:30PM-UMW Meeting	15 Pastor's Sabbath Day	16
17 08:45AM-Worship(T) A Health&Wellness(T) 10:00AM-Bible Study(T) 10:45AM-Worship(O)	18	19	20 7:00PM-Lenten Service at Tabor UMC	21 6:30PM-Church Council(O)	22 Pastor's Sabbath Day	23
24/31 08:45AM-Worship(T) The Collection of Personal Products (T) 10:00AM-Bible Study(T) 10:45AM-Worship(O)	25	26	27 7:00PM-Lenten Service at Oakfield UMC	28 12:00PM-Lady Fellowship at OUMC	29 Pastor's Sabbath Day	30