



Immanuel United Methodist Church

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open hearts... open minds... open doors...

the people of the United Methodist Church

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Worship Service: 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School/Coffee Hour: 9:15 a.m.

More Contemporary Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Soup and Sandwich Supper 5:00 p.m.

Praise 1 Service 5:30 pm

Praise 2 Bible Study 6:30 pm

**The mission of Immanuel United Methodist Church is making
and being disciples for Jesus Christ.**

May newsletter

This newsletter is for the family and friends of the IUM Church of Ripon, WI. Everyone is welcome to worship and/or join this church. If this is your first time here, we hope that you enjoyed your time worshipping with us and will come back again soon.

The deadline for the June/July
newsletter is ****May 20****

Up Front

Personal Morality

Upcoming sermons will deal with healthy behavior. Life tasks need to be done in the proper order. Some young adult life tasks are: education, fun, getting a job, making a living, a place to live, falling in love, getting married, making a child, building a career. Personal morality is also about what to avoid and what to do.

Preaching about personal behavior is unpopular. It is risky because many of us have fallen for the lifestyle traps we were warned about. We didn't say no when we should have. We've gotten some life tasks out of order. We already feel guilty, why hear sermons to feel more guilty? So some preachers don't bring it up. People don't want to hear it.

But it is good for us to hear it. We need to hear God's helpful instructions about spiritual nourishment, healthy relationships, stress and rest, recreation, nutrition, exercise. God has helps for managing money, service to others, good citizenship. We can help God protect and support children, appreciate those who are different. We can stay away from the chemicals and practices that hurt us and others, like gossip and judgment. God helps us to persevere with courage and to forgive failures in ourselves and others. Knowing what to do, and doing it, are not the same thing. So we'll hear how faith in Christ helps us with each of these. A commitment to Christ effects our personal morality decisions and our ability to avoid traps.

Our God is not only a God of rules and commandments and reminders of sin. Our God is also a God of forgiveness, mercy and second chances. The sermons will include grace as well as responsibility, hope as well as correction.

A sermon last month included the news that we need to know how to say no to what hurts us. But the Christian life is also about saying yes. Say yes to forgiveness and picking up when we fall, and healthy behavior. We'll apply God's word to personal morality.

Rev. Nulton

May Events

Saturday May 12

Spring Clean Up organized by Trustees at 8 a.m. Your help is welcome.

Sunday May 13 Mother's Day

2 Baptisms

Special offering for the Carter Moore Fund

Recognition for Sunday School teachers and students.

Sunday May 20

Last Day of Sunday School

Potluck dinner and Worship at Camp Lucerne

BAPTISMS- Sunday, May 13:

Alec Jaden Rohloff, son of Rob and Teresa Rohloff. Teresa is daughter of Kathleen and Stan Arnetveit. The Rohloffs attend church in Waukesha.

Kendra Koseck, daughter of Eric and Theresa Koseck.

WEDDING

Congratulations to Jack Altwies and Kristine Hageman who will be married Saturday, May 26 at Murray Park.

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL OFFERING

Five-year-old Carter Moore lost his mother to murder last November. His father is in jail, accused of the crime. Carter is now a part of the Brock and Heather Stellmacher family, here in Ripon. Immanuel United Methodist Church Foundation oversees a fund for Carter, held at M&I Bank. We will take a special offering to add to that fund on Sunday, May 13. Let us help pay for some of the living expenses of a boy in our community family who tragically lost his mother. It can be our way to honor Dawn Moore and all the mothers we may have lost.

YOUTH NEWS

Our Middle School and Senior High Youth would like to thank all of you who helped and/or participated in the Easter Sunrise Service and breakfast. A special thanks goes out to Patti Quinn for organizing the breakfast and her incredible helpers Lori Hahn, Scott, Jill, and Michael Henning, Kathy Hilscher, Nancy Himebaugh, Dan and Sue Johnson, Julie Kahn, Paul Quinn, and Cheryl Schulz. On April 20-21 our Middle School and Senior High Youth participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life walk once again. Thank you for sponsoring our walkers and helping us raise \$2,496 to help fight against cancer!

The Senior High Youth have committed to participate in a summer mission trip to Chicago. The Middle School Youth are looking forward to the annual Work Camp at Lake Lucerne May 18-20. Please join us at Lucerne on the 20th for a potluck and worship!

As always, the Senior High Youth meet on Wednesday evenings at Shannon Rogers house and the Middle School Youth meet on Wednesday evenings at church.

Blessed through the lives of Youth-

Krista Sperger and Shannon Rogers

Middle School and Sr. High Youth Coordinator

From the Sunday School Superintendent's Desk

MISSION PROJECT

Our Sunday School students recently completed their Heifer Project International mission project. They collected \$331.20, which will provide farm animals to families in 3rd world countries. These animals will provide food and income for the families they were given to.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our VBS theme this year is "Great Bible Reef, Diving into God's Word!" It will be held June 18th through June 22nd, from 6PM to 8PM at church. I already have several individuals who are willing to assist, which is very exciting! Someone has volunteered to co-coordinate, however would like someone else to co-coordinate as well. We also have our music leader!

I still need volunteers for the following areas:

- Co-coordinator
- Team teacher
- Coordinate and prepare snacks
- Assist with preparing and serving snacks
- Assist with making projects
- Coordinate and lead outdoor activities
- Assist with outdoor activities

Please let me know if you would like to look over the material, or better yet, if you are interested in filling one of the roles noted above. Thanks so much for considering!

Dates to mark on your calendars:

May 13th - Attendance Awards, 1st and 2nd Year Confirmation Certificates, and Teacher Recognition at 10:30 service
May 20th - Last day of Sunday School
June 18th-22nd - Vacation Bible School

Deb Kaiser
Sunday School Superintendent

UNITED METHODIST MEN

On Saturday, May 12th the United Methodist Men will meet for breakfast at 8:00 am in the Immanuel UMC Fellowship Hall. Our Program will be Sue Finch Brown, owner of Hilltop Manor, who will share with us a program on Senior issues. Piano music will be provided by Diana Amend. Come and become informed, as well as enjoy the fellowship.

Tom Worrall, Chairman

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY...

Led by Rik Ridders on Wednesdays, will meet weekly from noon to 1:00 pm throughout the summer. For information on the location of this study, contact Rik at 748-6111(work) or 748-3185 (home).

Staff of IUM Church

Senior Pastor	Rev. Paul Nulton
Administrative Assistant	Carol Schwark
Equipping Ministries Director	Roger Kindschi
Senior High Youth Director	Shannon Rogers
Middle School Youth Director	Krista Sperger
Visitation Ministries	Patti Quinn
College Ministry Coordinator:	Chris Rydz
Organist	Gen Stellmacher
Choir Director	Shelley Nulton
Custodian	Stan Brink

Basic Tool Kits – an Offering to Men and Youth in Liberia

One of the In-Gathering offerings during this year's Wisconsin United Methodist Churches Annual Conference in Madison will be **Basic Tool Kits** that will be given to retrain Liberian soldiers and youth for peacekeeping jobs.

We will be receiving your gifts in a super-sized tool box that will be found in the back of the Sanctuary until Sunday June 2nd. The United Methodist Men are encouraging individuals, families, committees, Sunday school classes, ministry teams, and others to join us in this ministry effort. Feel free to donate the tool box and all of the following components or some of the items listed below. You may also donate cash to this project by placing your donation in an envelope and put it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office:

- 16 oz claw hammer
- 25' tape measure
- Medium regular screwdriver
- Medium Phillips screwdriver
- 6" slip joint pliers
- 12" torpedo style level
- String line
- Square (either combo or small triangle square)
- Pointed trowel
- Rectangular trowel (3-4" x 8")
- 4 carpenter pencils
- Simple utility knife with spare blades
- Scratch awl
- Small hacksaw and spare blades
- Wood chisel
- Simple tool box to hold the above items
- Shipping donation of \$10 per box

If you have any questions about this ministry opportunity feel free to contact Roger Kindschi at the church office or @ 1-800-725-5276.

Ministering together,
Roger Kindschi
Director of Equipping Ministries

Praise 2 Bible Study Through May 23

We will continue our Praise 2 Bible Study on Wednesday nights from 6:30 – 7:30pm in the Church Lounge. We will be studying (verse by verse) the events following the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the establishment of the church and compare the church established by the disciples of Jesus Christ and the church we see on 2007. If you have any questions about this upcoming study please contact Roger Kindschi at 1-800-725-5276.

- May 2nd – Matthew 28:16-20 – Great Commission
- May 9th – Luke 24:13-53 – Jesus appears to the disciples in Jerusalem and Jesus ascends into heaven
- May 16th – I Corinthians 15:6-8 – Paul reflecting on the life of Jesus after His resurrection
- May 23rd - Acts 1& 2 - Establishment of the Church

Studying together,
Roger Kindschi

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, May 12, 2007

Beginning at 8:00 am

Immanuel United Methodist Church

Please come help us spruce up the church yard. Bring a rake. A few wheelbarrows are also needed.

May Sunday Worship Volunteers

USHERS-Coordinator, Mike Wuest

8:00

10:30

May 6	Don & Joyce Jorgensen Keith & Bonnie Bartig	Hal & Greta Aberg Joel & Mary Jo Cartier
May 13	Jon & Donna Schulz Keith & Julie Bock	Kathy Hilscher and Sandy Scamehorn Sue Thompson and Brenda Hollatz
May 20	Jean Harms & Barb Tress Dave Fox & Jerry Stellmacher	Greta Aberg & Carol Thome Mike Penke & Jim Hoth
May 27	Chuck & Diane Prellwitz Bob & Marge Burling	Eric & Deb Jansen Bob & Kathro Taylor

COFFEE HOUR-Coordinator, Kathy Hilscher *Between services*

8:00 Set-Up

10:15 Clean Up

May 6	Randy & Gwen Steffen	Chris Worrall
May 13	Bob & Pat Henning	Bob & Pat Henning
May 20	Mike & Janice Dickerson	Mike & Janice Dickerson
May 27	Open	Open

The Worship Committee is grateful for your help.

Attention Parents:

At this time, we do not have nursery service during either service. Please feel free to use one of the quiet bags available in the foyer.

Or You may also sit in the lounge with your child and listen to the service, as there are toys in the southeast corner of the lounge. ☺ ☺

May Sponsors

ALTAR FLOWERS - \$12

May 6 Open
May 13 Fenner Family
May 20 Joseph & Debra Gonyo
May 27 Mark & Susan Thompson

BULLETINS - \$10

Open
Fenner Family
Joseph & Debra Gonyo
Open

RADIO BROADCAST - \$50

May 6 IUMC Foundation
May 13 Fenner Family
May 20 Ed Kuen
May 27 Open

2007 sign up sheets to sponsor all items above have been posted on the bulletin board between the coatroom and restroom on the main floor. Please sign up today!

Radio Broadcast

Our Sunday 8:00 am service broadcast is on WRPN Radio, 1600 AM, at 9:30 am every Sunday.

ACOLYTES-Coordinator, Carol Schwark

8:00

May 6 Tom Amend
Trevor Bender

10:30

Kyle Erdmann
Michael Lauber

May 13 Colby Schultz
Brendan Conlon

Amanda Himebaugh
Ashley Himebaugh

May 20 Crissi Felix
Tim Hoffman

Amanda Page
Marlie Page

May 27 Amanda Coehoorn
Ashley Zahnow

Allie Hughes
Emily Johnson

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The May **Sing-alongs** at four Ripon care centers will take place on Tuesday, May 1st at the following times and locations:

1:30 Michalene's

2:15 Maplecrest Manor

3:00 Fountaintainview Care Center

3:45 Sheltered Village

All singers are welcome. Song folders are furnished. Come help us lift the spirits of the residents!

RELAY FOR LIFE

On April 20 and 21, 2007 our Sr. High and Middle School youth and a few adults from our church participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Ripon High School. Participants were: Tyler Brink, Crissi Felix, Amanda Himebaugh, Ashley Himebaugh, Allie Hughes, Emily Johnson, Melissa Kahn, Julie Kahn, Rev. Paul Nulton, Maggie Parks, Jared Rasmussen, Shannon Rogers, Rachel Schulz, Krista Sperger, Alyssa Wittchow, and Andrew Wittchow. Our team raised \$2,496.00 that will be used for research and programs, draw awareness to the deadly disease, educate people on how to prevent and detect cancer when possible, and celebrate the lives of those who have won the battle against one of America's top killers.

Giving is to be faithful.

"You cannot serve both God and money." Luke 16:13

April showers bring May flowers! We all hope that the many rain and snow showers we've received this spring will turn into a wonderful gift of flowers. As Bob and Marilyn finished their taxes this year, they realized that an additional gift to their church and other charities could turn their personal blessings into gifts for many others - and save them income taxes!

They decided on an amount to give this year, but couldn't decide exactly how to distribute it. Marilyn said, "We have to decide. If we don't start giving this amount right now, you know we'll find other frivolous things to do with the money. If we really feel called to give it away, we need to use it to make gifts." Then they learned they could establish a DONOR ADVISED FUND through the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation.

A Donor Advised Fund allows you to claim a tax advantage in the year you make the gift and your Donor Advised Fund account is established at the Foundation. Donor Advised Funds are distributed over an unlimited period of time on a schedule that accomplishes your charitable giving goals. This allows you to "take your time" in distributing your gift.

For more information on how you might meet your charitable giving goals through a Donor Advised Fund, contact us at:

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
750 Windsor Street Ste 305, P.O. Box 620
Sun Prairie, WI 53590-0620
1-888-903-9863 or wumf@wumf.org

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO:

the family and friends of **Charles Lane** who passed away in Florida. He is the brother-in-law of Rev. Virgil Nulton and uncle of Rev. Paul (Shelley) Nulton

the family and friends of **Harold Hill** who passed away on April 11. He formerly lived in Ripon and was a member of this church.

BAPTISMS

Emily Johnson, daughter of Dan and Suzanne Johnson, was baptized by immersion at the Ripon College Pool on April 7.

Christina Felix, daughter of Tina McIntyre, was baptized on April 22 at Immanuel United Methodist Church.

FOOD PANTRY

As an Outreach Project to our community, we continue to donate items to our local Food Pantry. We ask that you bring the following items as these items are in low supply at this time.

In May bring: canned meats: tuna, salmon, Spam, etc., laundry detergent, bar soap, facial soap, shampoo, non-frozen condensed fruit juice, Tang, powdered milk, evaporated milk, baby food, canned fruit, packaged meals such as Hamburger Helper, Macaroni and Cheese, etc. Please place your donations in the shopping cart that is located on the main floor in the west (parking lot entrance) stairwell.

UMCOR 2nd Quarter Mission Project

Our 2nd quarter (April – June) mission project for 2006 is giving to **UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Because of the need at this time, we will be designating our offerings to go to help people affected by natural disasters that happen at this time of the year, like storms and flooding. Giving to this project makes a world of difference for these people in their time of need. Money given to this project through April 22 is \$120.

LAKE LUCERNE

Mark Your Calendar for Camp Lucerne Sunday, May 20, 2007

Join us for a time of fun and fellowship and a potluck lunch at 12:30 p.m. followed by a worship service at the "Chapel in the Pines." Rev. Paul Nulton will lead the service and music.

Tell your children – make this a family reunion day!

Bring your own tableware, and a dish to pass. Lunch will be held in the Dellwood Lodge. Beverages will be provided by the Nurture Committee.

Hike throughout the camp. Simply enjoy the beauty and peace of Lake Lucerne. Only 40 minutes from Ripon.

Both 8:00 am and 10:30 am services as usual at our church.

UM WOMEN CIRCLE MEETINGS

The **Priscilla Circle** will meet at the church on Monday May 14 at 7:00 pm. The leader will be Joyce Jorgensen and the hostess will be Joyce Kahl.

The **Merry Friends Circle** will meet Tuesday, May 8th at 1:30 p.m. in the church lounge. Lorraine Wetzel will be the leader and Lois Marquart will be the hostess.

Koinonia Circle will meet on Monday, May 14 at 7:00 pm at Beth Pugh's home. Kathy Hilscher will lead the program.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER BANQUET COMING SOON...

The annual Mother and Daughter Banquet will be held in the fellowship hall on Friday, May 11th, beginning at 6:30 pm. The meal will be catered by CJ's Catering. Mark this date on your calendar now! Come for an enjoyable evening. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 5-10. Tickets are available until May 8 from Ardys Fenner, Betty Eichstedt, Kathy Hilscher and the church office.

"SING ACROSS THE WALLS" 2007 studies of the **School of Christian Mission** to be held at Ripon College July 16-20, 2007.

Schedule of Events:

Monday, July 16- Drive in day. The cost is \$30.00 (this includes lunch).

Tuesday, July 17, through Thursday July 20- the cost for these four days is \$200.00. Commuter cost is \$80.00

Registration is due by June 15, 2007.

Studies include:

Music and Mission, Spiritual Growth, Globalization, its impact on our lives and on Israel and Palestine.

Women, men and youth do not miss this exciting opportunity for learning and fellowship! United Methodist Women pays up to ¾ of registration fees. Call Lorraine Wetzel for more information.

May Friendship Day 2007

"Friends under God's Wing," sponsored by Church Women United, Friday, May 4th in the New fellowship room at the First Congregational U.C.C. , 210 Ransom St., Ripon (enter new wing off parking lot). Registration is at 11:45 am, lunch is at 12:15 pm. A celebration program and worship follows lunch. Price for the luncheon is \$6.50. For lunch reservations call Betty at 748-2755 on or before Tuesday, May 1st. For childcare, please call Liz at 748-6666

The United Methodist Women are collecting **Baby Blankets for the In-Gathering at the Wisconsin UMC Annual Conference** in June. The blankets will go to needy women in the Wisconsin Women and Infants (WIC) project, or to underdeveloped countries. The blankets may be crochet, knit, fleece or quilted. They may be handmade or purchased. The size is approximately 36" corner to corner. You may write a prayer on a 3 X 5 card and enclose it in a Ziploc bag with the blanket. We are asking you to also enclose a donation of \$1 per blanket to cover the cost of shipping. A box for your donation is located in the north foyer coatroom (by the Christian service Room). Deadline for donations is June 1st.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The 9:00 am Wednesday Bible study group that meets in the church lounge will meet through May 9th and then will take a break for the summer.

GRADUATING?? Please contact the church office if you or a family member will be graduating from High School, College, or Technical College, so we can recognize them on Graduate's Recognition Sunday, May 13, 2007. We need photographs and information that includes the graduate's name, their parents' names, the school they are graduating from; degree earned, and future plans. Please have this information to the office by May 9th. Thank you.

ELMER HEFT HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Immanuel United Methodist Church is making available a scholarship or scholarships, totaling \$1000, to students that will be attending a college, university or technical college full-time in the fall of 2007. All people that are Immanuel United Methodist Church family members may apply.

Selection of a recipient or recipients will be based upon demonstrated academic potential and financial need.

Application forms are available from the church office. The deadline for application is May 27, 2007. The scholarship or scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, June 17, 2007 at the 10:30 am service.

For Sale...Church Riding Lawnmower... Craftsman, 10 H.P., 30" cut, 5 speed, good condition. Asking \$150. Contact Dick Stellmacher at 748-3051, or any Trustee.

What would Jesus do?

Ripon Parables

Two Ripon College students checked to see how people in our town would deal with lost money, a man asking for a handout, and a man lying in the snow. As a project for their Senior Seminar, Religion majors Chris Rydz and Drew Davis organized three situations. They put a packet of money on the floor at Pick N Save. They had a person with a sign asking for help standing by the west entrance to Immanuel Church as people were coming in to worship. They had another person lying face down in the snow between the college and downtown. They watched to see what people would do.

At the food store, all 15 people who found the money in the food aisle took it to the Customer Service desk but 5 out of 10 who found it in the liquor section took it with them. Some in our church offered to help to the man with the sign. Some stopped to help the man in the snow, including a group of students under the influence of alcohol.

The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel told the story April 21. Chris Rydz is Immanuel Church's campus ministry coordinator this school year, and asked if we could be in the project. It is like being in Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan and finding out how we reacted. We will have a chance to respond to this project Sunday, May 6. Chris will speak about it at the end of the 8 a.m. service and hear our responses between services at 9:15 am.

National Day of Prayer in Ripon

Americans take time for prayer on the first Thursday of May in the "National Day of Prayer". Riponites will join them at the gazebo on the village green at noon, May 3rd. People of all denominations or faiths or none are invited to come and pray together for about a half hour. There will be prepared prayers for our city, our country, our soldiers, our students, and our world. They will come from Steve Barg, Rev. Don Deike, Nancy Himebaugh, Rev. Jack Kraaz, and Tim Nikolai. There will be a time for brief extemporaneous prayer from those attending. There will be music and chairs available.

This is a chance for us to pray with people who are not our usual worship partners. For some of us, it is hard to pray with someone who disagrees with us about God or politics. It feels like we are condoning their mistakes. Our prayers might conflict. But God knows what to do with conflicting prayers. God honors the intent and spirit of the prayer, even if the specific request is not granted. Community prayer is a place to learn from each other and demonstrate our common love of God.

In a day when Washington lawmakers have a prayer caucus, when public schools are adding religion to their curriculum, when employers are providing prayer places for employees, Ripon can pray publicly. Prayer is necessary for healing our land and for seeking God's will for its future.

Ripon's noon prayer May 3 is organized by Steve Barg and Rev. Nulton.

Congratulations to Confirmands

The following young people have participated in confirmation classes for three years and were confirmed on April 22, 2007 at the 10:30 am service:

Christina Felix, daughter of Tina McIntyre
Amanda Himebaugh, daughter of Pat & Nancy Himebaugh
Ashley Himebaugh, daughter of Pat & Nancy Himebaugh
Emily Johnson, daughter of Dan & Suzanne Johnson
Rachel Schulz, daughter of Jon & Donna Schulz
Thomas Zimdars, son of Rosemary Zimdars