

# Bellringer

Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church June 2019

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## *From The Pastor:*

*“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” - Acts 2:45-47*

Recently, a friend shared with me a wise word and observation about trees. “All trees can do is grow.”

That is a true word. Trees grow. That’s what they do. But, in order for trees to grow they need several things: water, sunlight, carbon dioxide and a safe nurturing space.

As the passage above notes, God’s churches are built and created for growth. Churches grow. That’s what they are supposed to do. And in order for church to grow, they need healthy Christians, praying and working for its growth. Churches also need passion, love and people with a desire to serve its surrounding community for God’s purpose.

Sherman Avenue Church has all of the elements it needs to grow, and it is growing. In the past thirty days, five individuals who are new to Christianity joined the church.

We had an affirming, inclusive Mother’s Day worship service and a brunch that served over 100 people. We had a poetry and writing workshop, in which we worked with nearly twenty children on both academic and creative writing. And for the first time since I have been serving God at Sherman, we had seven guests at worship under the age of ten.

Finally, we will be initiating a new member bible study in June to help new Christians understand giving, Jesus, salvation and help them in their walk with Christ.

Our efforts to reach the community in Jesus’ name are working. I just want to thank you for your continued financial, spiritual, and moral encouragement of the church’s efforts.

In Service, Rev. David

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## **CONNECTIONS by Craig Myrbo**

We connect through learning and doing

*Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Isaiah 1:17*

Sunday June 16, 2019 is Peace with Justice Sunday, one of the special Sundays in the United Methodist Church. Between the Lord, through Isaiah, saying “I hate your feasts and festivities “and “Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be white as snow “ is the above verse.

So how do we learn, seek, rescue, defend, and plead? The three last commands are examples of what we should learn to do and seek. Exploring the resources around the topic of Peace with Justice Sunday is a good place to start.

## **Mother's Day Service A Smashing Success!**

I appreciated Rev. Hart's Mother's Day sermon and his outside of the box definition of motherhood.

Mother's Day can be one of the most complicated holidays that we celebrate. It can be one of joyous occasion or can cause tribulation for some, depending on the relationship that one may have with their mother.

It may be a time of sadness, if the mother or the child is no longer on this earth, or if a woman has been trying to have a child and they can't or any number of countless situations.

Rev. Hart created the most inclusive sermon that I have ever heard on Mother's Day. He made it about a mothering role. If a person has ever tended to another in a maternal way, Rev. Hart said you should be acknowledged on Mother's Day. The word "mother" should not be defined on whether or not you've had a biological child, but by the love you give.

The church service followed with an outstanding and loving fellowship which was headed by Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Hart and carried out by many kind souls.

Rev. Hart continues to preach inclusivity and on Jesus' most important lesson, which is to love thy neighbor as thyself. If you didn't get a chance to witness this wonderful sermon, you can catch it on the Sherman Avenue UMC Facebook page.

Submitted by Caitlin McGahan

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## **Poetry Blooms-Perfect Time To Grow New Poets!**

We had a wonderful poetry/writing worship with 20 children from Packers Community Center last month!

Fellow Sherman Avenue Church members Jolieth McIntosh, Tony Fudge, and Caitlin McGahan, along with Sherman's own pastor, Rev. David Hart, created a collaborative book of poetry titled "Poetry Blooms".

To celebrate the release of this co-chapbook, we invited 20 children from the Packers Community Center to participate in a poetry and writing workshop. Many thanks to Ms. Pat Wongkit, who is their Program Director. Sherman Avenue member, Cynthia Hart, helped to facilitate the workshop, as well as the poets.

The children each received their own journals and snacks and by the end of the session, the children were able to perform and share their own poems. It was a wonderful time had by all!

Submitted by Cynthia Hart and Caitlin McGahan

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Thank you to everyone for the well wishes, prayers, cards, phone calls and e-mails after my spine surgery. I appreciate each of you. For the first ten days after surgery I wondered why on earth I ever elected to do that to myself. Then, thankfully, I began to see and feel some small improvement each and every day. I am still restricted to not bending or twisting at the waist and lifting no more than about 8 pounds. I realized that I have either become a klutz or perhaps I have always been one but my goodness, I have taken for granted how often I need to pick something up off the floor....and how challenging it is when I can't bend over!

Again, my thanks to everyone, Carol Hermansen

# June 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Summer musicians are needed to provide music for our 9:30 am worship. Please contact Barbara Zanoni if you are available.</p>						<p>1 6:30 Men's Group</p>
<p>2 8:30 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11:30 Worship 12:30 Hmong Men</p>	<p>3 6:00 Cub Scouts 6:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4 6:00 United Methodist Women</p>	<p>5 4:30 Bible Study 6:00 Band Practice 6:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Meditation TC 6:30 Book Club</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 5:00 Hmong Bible Study</p>
<p>9 8:30 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11:30 Worship 12:30 Hmong Women</p>	<p>10 6:00 Stephens Ministry 6:00 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>11 6:45 Communications</p>	<p>12 4:30 Bible Study 6:00 Band Practice 6:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Meditation TC 6:30 Bible Study with Rev David</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 6:00 Hmong Ministry &amp; Youth Bible Study</p>	<p>15 9:00 Trustees</p>
<p>16 Peace with Justice 8:30 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11:30 Worship</p>	<p>17 6:00 Stephens Ministry 6:00 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>18 6:30 Admin Council</p>	<p>19 4:30 Bible Study 6:00 Band Practice 6:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Meditation TC 6:00 Craft Night</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 5:00 Hmong Women 5:00 Homeless Shelter</p>
<p>23 Homeless Shelter 8:30 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11:30 Worship</p>	<p>24 <b>Bellringer Deadline</b> 6:00 Stephens Ministry 6:00 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>25 6:30 Outreach &amp; Missions</p>	<p>26 4:30 Bible Study 6:00 Band Practice 6:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Meditation TC</p>	<p>27 9:00 Copy/Fold</p>	<p>28 6:00 Hmong Ministry &amp; Youth Bible Study</p>	<p>29 Graduation Party</p>
<p>30 8:30 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11:30 Worship</p>	<p>We will be serving the Homeless Shelter supper Saturday night June 22 and breakfast Sunday morning June 23. We are looking for at least one volunteer for Saturday night and two volunteers for Sunday morning. Chuck will be out-of-town. Pat Butler will be coordinating. So please contact her if you can help.</p>					

## June Birthdays

6/5 Colleen (Madden) Arnold  
 6/5 Unda T Xiong  
 6/10 Patti (Heinz) Ford  
 6/11 David Hart IV  
 6/11 Robin Baldah  
 6/11 Cindy Van Pelt  
 6/13 Michael Thao  
 6/15 Pat Bruccoleri  
 6/15 Katie (Heinz) Schicker  
 6/15 Nou Lee  
 6/21 Matt Knutson  
 6/23 Don Heinz  
 6/24 Brad Knutson  
 6/27 Rev David Hart  
 6/28 John Kreft  
 6/29 Melodie Berry

## June Anniversaries

6/19 Dawn & Ed Neve  
 6/23 Kay & Walt Nelson  
 6/28 Judy & Dan Madden

*These are the dates that are in the database. If you find that your name is not included with the Birthdays or Anniversaries, please contact Cyndy Hoffmann.*

### Please take a moment to remember our homebound members

**Linda Jungbluth (B-day 7/11)**  
 Deerfield Place, 15 State St, Deerfield,  
 WI 53531-9530

**Justin Kramer (B-day 12/13)**  
 1601 Wheeler Rd #208  
 Madison, WI 53704-7056  
 608-416-5343

**Ralph Stinson (B-day 8/6)**  
 4218 Green Ave  
 Madison, WI 53704-1124  
 608-244-6172

### Christian Education Opportunities

Anyone interested in learning about God's love is invited to join any of these classes at any time.

**Early Adult Sunday School** meets on Sundays at 8:30 in the Youth Room.

**Sunday School for All at 10:45** The Adult Class meets in the Choir Room. The Children's Class meets in the Youth Room.

**Wednesday Bible Study begins at 4:30.** This is an ongoing study of the Old and New Testament.

**The Youth Group** meets Wednesday and Friday. Please check the Bellringer and Bulletin for activities, topics and times.

**Dinner with Rev. David** will continue on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 in the Parsonage.

**Mid-Week Meditation** The call in number is 1-641-715-3836. The access code is 486727.