

# Bellringer

**Sherman Avenue United Methodist Church September 2019**

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## *From The Pastor:*

*"Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth." - Matthew 5:5*

My father often told me, "When you have power, use it wisely. Just because you can do something, doesn't mean you should".

The misuse of power is a constant concern in our world. People have a tendency to sacrifice anything or anyone to get it and hold onto it, even if the power is over something small like a work group, a committee or a small course of action.

Ponder on the number of relationships that have been damaged because of an individual's relentless quest for power that led them to take advantage of their authority or influence. How much disappointment and heartache could be avoided if those in power exercised it with wisdom and restraint?

From our perspective, the most powerful person to ever live is Jesus Christ. Why? Because He was God in the flesh, who could have commanded whatever He wanted — and yet, Jesus chose to live the life of sacrifice and service, as exemplified on the cross. In the process, He accomplished exactly what He set out to do – to become the Savior of the world.

Because of His life, death, and resurrection, we can follow Jesus' teachings and use His power for good. Now that's real power. This month, let us pray and meditate on how we are using our power.

Rev. David

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## **Sherman Avenue Continues To Make A Difference In Its Own Backyard**

Greetings Friends and Family of Sherman UMC!

I'm happy to announce we had another banner year for our fundraising for school supplies and donations!

We raised over \$400 in cash and in-kind donations. A big thank you to all who donated their money, support, and time. We represented Sherman UMC at all neighborhood block parties at Northport Community Center, Packers Community Center and Mendota Elementary School! It was a fun time had by all! The Director of Northport and Packers Community Center, Pat Wongkit and Mendota Elementary School Resource Coordinator, Sonia Spencer couldn't thank us enough! Well done, Sherman UMC!

On another community note, join us for Ecological Sunday, September 15th! On Ecological Sunday, we encourage people to ride their bikes, car pool, or walk to church. We will provide fair trade coffee and local treats for fellowship. Join us in helping to reduce our carbon footprints and do our part to help the environment!

Peace and blessings,  
Caitlin

## Stewardship Update

Peace and blessings in the matchless name of Jesus Christ. I hope this note finds you in health and prospering in the hope Jesus gives us.

We have been blessed at Sherman Ave. Church this year to date. Our membership and worship attendance has grown at both services. Dozens of brand new visitors express enthusiasm about our church and Northside ministry. For the first time in several years, we have many worshippers under the age of ten in worship services.

We have quickly become the place community leaders turn to for robust discussion and solutions to the issues facing the Northside.

We have refocused our missions work so that we serve, help and assist those youth and residents of the Northside. For instance, we have a vibrant partnership with Mendota Elementary School and Northport Community Center. We are also working on a partnership with Lakeview School.

We are praying for growth and increase and God has been faithful. Our current financial commitments help build a framework for the ongoing work of the church, and to keep the church looking vibrant.

With anointed work of our leaders, we have been good stewards of what God has given us. We work diligently for God, and spend only what is necessary.

But, we want to build on the success that God has given us.

I am reaching to members, friends and believers who have supported Sherman's ministry and see Sherman's work as vital for the Northside. I am appealing to you to join the enthusiasm and hope for a vibrant, fresh ministry on the Northside.

I am asking you to consider increasing your tithes and offering to the Lord in these weeks as we pray and plan for the future.

I invite you to consider an "investment" offering to the Lord for Sherman's work of \$25 or \$50 or \$100 or more in this time of planning for the next few years.

God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7). Consider increasing your walk with God.

In Service, Rev. David

## Take My Hand Precious Lord

Elvis Presley

Precious Lord, take my hand  
Lead me on, let me stand  
I'm tired, I'm weak, I'm lone  
Through the storm, through the night  
Lead me on to the light  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When my way grows drear, precious Lord linger near  
When my light is almost gone  
Hear my cry, hear my call  
Hold my hand lest I fall  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near  
And the day is past and gone  
At the river I stand  
Guide my feet, hold my hand  
Take my hand precious Lord, lead me home

Precious Lord, take my hand  
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## Scout News

The Scouts summer activity was a 1.5 hour pontoon boat ride on an MSCR pontoon boat on August 23.

Scouts BSA had a great week at camp earning rank advancement and merit badges. Besides summer cycling and hiking, they are working on their Citizenship in the Community merit badge. Options include community-based volunteer organizations on the Northside: Friends of Lake View Hill, Friends of Cherokee Marsh, and Warner Park. Father Bob at St Peter Catholic Church stopped by and offered to show the Scouts how to swing a golf club at the golf course in their backyard. Scouts can be invited to share in our service projects and Methodist fun, too. They will be selling popcorn soon.

The women Girl Scouts enjoyed Camp Bird at Crivitz August 23-28.

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*I want to offer my copy of Dan Madden's fine book "The Twisty Trail from Homer to Copernicus" first to someone who knows Dan. If not, it will be available to anyone with an interest in the subject.*

*Chuck Litweiler*

# September 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 8:30 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11:30 Worship 12:30 Hmong Men	2 Labor Day	3 6:00 United Methodist Women	4 4:30 Bible Study 6:00 Band Practice 6:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Meditation TC 6:30 Book Club	5 6:00 Choir	6 6:00 Hmong Ministry & Youth Bible Study	7 Memorial for Eunice Holtz 6:30 Men's Group
8 8:30 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11:30 Worship 12:30 Hmong Women	9 6:00 Stephens Ministry 6:00 Cub Scouts	10 6:45 Communications	11 4:30 Bible Study 6:00 Band Practice 6:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Meditation TC	12 6:00 Choir	13	14
15 8:30 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship Breakfast 10:45 Sunday School 11:30 Worship	16 9:30 Jabez Meeting 6:00 Cub Scouts	17 6:30 Admin Council	18 4:30 Bible Study 6:00 Band Practice 6:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Meditation TC 6:00 Craft Night	19 6:00 Choir	20 6:00 Hmong Ministry & Youth Bible Study	21 9:00 Trustees
22 8:30 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11:30 Worship	23 <b>Bellringer Deadline 5:00 PM</b> 6:00 Stephens Ministry 6:00 Cub Scouts	24 6:30 Outreach & Missions	25 4:30 Bible Study 6:00 Band Practice 6:00 Prayer Group 6:00 Meditation TC 6:30 Bible Study with Rev David	26 9:00 Copy & Fold 6:00 Choir	27	28
29 8:30 Adult Sunday School 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11:30 Worship	30 6:00 Cub Scouts	<b>Save the Date: Craft &amp; Direct Sales Fair</b> <b>Saturday, November 9, 2019, 10-4 PM</b>				

## September Birthdays

9/12 Jennifer Nelson  
 9/12 Dawn Neve  
 9/16 Lisa Bobo Sather  
 9/24 Sandra Lewis  
 9/20 Jerry Tenney

## Anniversaries

9/1 Judy & Gary Kreft

*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.