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***Prayer Concerns…***

*Please keep those who are shut-in or ill in your prayers.*

*Home:*

*Stella Miller – 326 Isabelle Court*

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*Howards Grove, WI 53083*

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*Sheboygan, WI 53083*

**Get Well**

**The Shepherd’s Word**

**Our Shepherd UCC**

**710 Ethan Allen Drive**

**Howards Grove, WI 53083**

***The Shepherd’s Word***

**Our Shepherd June 2020**

**920-565-3376 ourshepherducc.com**



**All Church Activities have been**

**cancelled or postponed.**

**The Newsletter has been printed as if events will be happening as usual.**

**Please check the**

**Our Shepherd Facebook page or**

**Website (ourshepherducc.com) to get updates as to when and how things**

**will be changing.**

**Watch the Facebook page for special music and weekly church services**

**You can also get messages from**

**Pastor Dianne through**

**Facebook, phone call or email**

Contact information:

Pastor Dianne

920-903-4733

didroster@gmail.com

**Consistory Update**

**Hello to all Our Shepherd UCC Members and Followers,**

Just a few updates that have been happening at church.

The windows are in and look awesome.

We will continue to do Virtual Services and sometimes Zoom.

Church worship will begin at 9:00 a.m. starting the first Sunday in June.

We have a great team of members keeping the church running.

The consistory has been working with the search committee.

We have offering money coming to support the church.

At the moment we have no date when the Association will allow us to return back to church. We will have a new set rules to follow if we what to remain open when that time comes.

Our goal is to keep everyone safe.

**Blessings and Peace, the Consistory**

***Thank you***

*Thank you to everyone for your prayers and support during this difficult time.  Ken is getting stronger every day. He is home from the hospital and has home health care coming in to help with his therapy. Continue your prayers for him as he has a long way to go.*

*Charlene Gumm*

**Church School News**

**Items for the Food** Pantry -The month of June donations may be placed in the basket, located in the church office**: Jell-O/Pudding**

**Change for Change Jar** - Money used to purchase items for food pantry

**Prayer Shawl/Blankets** – For those in our prayers, items can be found in the office. If you know of someone in need of a shawl/blanket, please select an item to present to them.

**Beverage Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House**

**Birthday Bags -Sign up to supply items needed for a birthday bag, to be delivered to the food pantry. Choose a month, bring the items to church, the bag is supplied by the church school. (In a bag: box of cake mix, small bottle of oil, can of frosting, candles – eggs supplied by food pantry) Thank you to the many families that have already signed up to donate. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.**

**Church School News**

**Church school is offered to children age 3 to confirmation. The program runs from 8:30 to 9:45 weekly, followed by church services at 10:00**

**B**: Be with God **L**: Love God & neighbor **U**: Understand yourself as a child of God **E**: Explore the Bible

Thank you to the dedicated staff that helped provide Christian education to the youth of Our Shepherd this past church school year. Know your dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated: Kalena and Lynn, Sarah, Nicole and Heidi. Thanks to Tracy, Darlene, and Kay for helping with projects and program support. A shout out also to the youth that helped with the children’s room during services: Victoria and Austin, Megan and Katie, Jacob and Korynne. All of you have been a blessing to the program.

Dear Friends in Christ,

I love walking in my neighborhood and reading the multi-colored messages chalked on the sidewalk in bold colors.

The messages offer strength: "We’re in this together!”  Encouragement:  "Be the reason someone smiles today!”  Hope:  "We’ve got this!"   And love:  You are beautiful!  You are cherished!"

Often there are flowers and hearts and rainbows, too.  One of my favorite is a hopscotch with the “jumps” drawn as suns.  I love leaping (well, perhaps more like lurching with my almost-60-year-old body) from light to light to light!

I  remember my first Sunday at Our Shepherd and talking to the kids about the Epiphany  tradition of chalking the sidewalk outside our churches and homes with

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The capital letters come from the Latin phrase   *Christus mansionem benedicat:*“May Christ bless this house."

Which is what I pray when I read the simple messages on my local sidewalks:   Christ bless this house.  Christ bless the ones who chalked your love. Christ bless the ones who read this message.

Do you still have a piece of chalk?  Perhaps today would be a good day to  go out and refresh that Latin phrase, because even in this crazy year of 2020,  we know that Christ is here with us now and always.

Let me close with a blessing written by UCC Pastor and Poet, Maren Tirabassi:

"Blessed are you when you paint  
stones for the side of the road  
draw art in sidewalk chalk,  
teach children to paint or draw,  
and model for them  
not just handwashing technique  
but treasuring hours  
that could be mistaken for empty,

for your minutes will be full of color.

Blessed are you when you notice  
a pair of cardinals,  
and ask someone what they noticed today,  
and listen to the answer,

for you will always be able to pray."

Many blessings!  Yours in Christ, Pastor Dianne

**SHOP WITH SCRIP**

Continuing in 2020,

card orders will be due the 3rd Sunday of every month.

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The May/June issue of the daily devotional “The Upper Room” is available in the Literature Rack.

**Don’t worry; we will have a stockpile of the cards purchased most often that you can buy any Sunday. It’s best to get that order in on a monthly basis so you can plan for it in your budget.**

Any questions, talk to Shari Ver Straate,

Renae Wunsch, Nancy

Cherney or Char Gumm.

Thanks for supporting this program.



***The Falls Food Pantry serves the needy of Howards Grove, Kohler, Sheboygan Falls and Waldo. All donations are very much appreciated.***

**God’s Blessings on your Birthday - June**

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**Until further notice Yoga is postponed** honoring no group larger than 10 to gather in one place. An email will be sent to participants when we will resume. If you or someone you know would like this notification please contact Renae at the number/email listed below.

We are always looking for new friends to join our program.

Questions please contact Renae at 565-2785 or [rwunsch@hgsd.k12.wi.us](mailto:rwunsch@hgsd.k12.wi.us)

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**Children’s Room**

Please watch the binder for an opportunity to sign up and cover the children’s room during the morning worship. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**CLEANING HELP!!!**

There is always something to do no matter if we are at home or at church! I am talking about cleaning!! Ugh! But we need your help! In the binder there is a schedule for volunteers to do a little cleaning.

The list of tasks will be on the bulletin board in the Consistory Room. The dates will be laid out in two week segments and you are welcome to clean any time in those two weeks. Check the binder for your time to spruce up God’s house – which is also home to all of us.

So! Find a friend, do a little cleaning and then head out to eat or do something fun!

All the help you give will be greatly appreciated!!

**Thanks to everyone that has taken a turn cleaning the church. If you haven’t had a chance to help, check the binder for available dates.**

Thanks, The Consistory

**Praiseworthy Notes**

**FAITH IN THE FALL 2020 UPDATE**

Dear Friends,

Some of you have asked about whether or not we will be having “Faith in the Fall” in 2020. At this time, we are not planning on having the music festival. We may do some type of mini “Faith in the Fall,” later in the season when we are able to praise God together again in song. Until then, God bless.  ~Kay

**From the Search Committee**

Our Shepherd’s search committee has some exciting

news. We, along with the consistory, decided to call

Pastor Nathan Athorp to be our pastor. He accepted the call. The next step is to have Nathan conduct a service for us as a congregation. After this service, we will put out the call to the congregation for a vote. How this looks right now, we’re not sure. More to follow. Rev. Athorp is a native of Howards Grove, who actually was the first one to be married in Our Shepherd many years ago. He graduated from Chicago Theological Seminary in 2013

and went to work at Pilgrim Center where he is currently the first ordained Managing Director. Thank you for all

your prayers. Without them, this wouldn’t be possible!

Search Team

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we stay home these next few weeks, please remember our friends and family in your thoughts and prayers.

Seeing as we will not have face to face worship, Our Shepherd has two options for providing your offering:

1. Sending a check via postal mail to the church
2. Using your bank’s online bill pay to send a check to church

Mail all checks/bill pay out to:

Our Shepherd UCC

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Yours in Christ,

Mandy Grube, Treasurer

**Grateful Weekly Offerings**

Supporting the church can be done by mailing your offering directly to the church or on-line bill pay (Please enter your envelope number in the account number field when using on-line banking).

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**VBS**

**Knights of North Castle**

**2021**

Postponed until 2021

Watch for updates regarding a possible one-day event in August.

Congratulations to all the graduates at Our Shepherd UCC. Please let Shari ([verstraates@yahoo.com](mailto:verstraates@yahoo.com)) know who you are so we can name you and your college plans or degree in the July Newsletter

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**9:00 A.M.**

**JUNE-AUGUST**

**Scrip Card Sales**

If anyone is interested in purchasing Scrip Cards, we will be at church on Saturday,

June 13th from 10-11am and Sunday, June 14th after service (if we are meeting by then) or from 1-2 pm Sunday afternoon. If the weather is nice we will be setting up a table outside the doors.

If you want cards, but those times don’t work for you please contact Shari Ver Straate at 565-3737 for information. We will be calling in the order on June 14th.

Thank you for your support

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| Food Pantry Items  Jell-O/Pudding | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7  9:00 Worship | 8  11:00 Chair Yoga  5:30 Yoga | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13  **Scrip Card Sales**  **10:00-11:00 am**  **@ church** |
| 14  9:00 Worship  **Scrip Card Sales**  **10:00-11:00 am @ church**  **Or 1:00-2:00pm** | 15  11:00 Chair Yoga  5:30 Yoga | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21  9:00 Worship  **Newsletter Articles Due** | 22  11:00 Chair Yoga  5:30 Yoga | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28  9:00 Worship | 29 | 30 | June  2020 |  |  |  |