




THE CIRCUIT WRITER



January 2024




Seniors' Gathering

January Senior Fellowship Wednesday, January 3rd

All seniors living in the area are welcome to attend Community Senior Fellowship on Wednesday, January 3rd at 10:00 AM. Our program will be Sweet Adeline.

We will follow with free bingo and prizes. Don't forget the delicious baked goods and coffee. See you there in the Fellowship Hall at Wilmot United Methodist Church, 11425 Fox River Road, Wilmot.

Co-sponsored with Living Waters Ministries.



Sunday, January 14th

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Operation Christmas Child

We will start collecting in January for Operation Christmas Child. For the **months of January and February**, we will be collecting bars of soap, plastic

soap cases, toothbrushes and toothbrush containers, and washcloths. There will be a box in the church's entry way for your items.

Operation Christmas Child started in 1993 through Samaritan's Purse to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We will be collecting items during the year to put in a shoe box in November. The gifts are divided by boy or girl, and ages category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. We also need to include \$10 donation per box to help cover the cost of shipping.

We hope you will join us in this ministry!! If you want to check out Operation Christmas Child, here is the website:
[www.samaritanspurse.org/ what-we-do/operation-christmas-child](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child) If you have any questions, contact Doris Carnahan.



How does it feel to have something new? Is new appealing to you? When does something transition from new to used for you?

New can be appealing, and everyone needs novelty at times. But is there anything really new in this world? New to us, yes.

Scripture says that “History merely repeats itself. It has all been done before.

Nothing under the sun is truly new. Sometimes people say, “Here is something new!” But actually it is old; nothing is ever truly new.” Ecclesiastes 1:9-10

With that in mind, I wonder what old/new thing we can do as a Church to grow, personally, spiritually and numerically. What helps you grow? How do you connect to God and others? Better yet, what brings you life? I often think about our community and what would bring them life. You might be thinking “well, Jesus can bring them life.” You’re right, but how? Through us, I know, but how does that look like in practical ways? In old/new ways?

Let’s brainstorm. Here are some ideas that have been swirling in my mind:

1. Starting Bible Study groups. At homes, public places, or at church.
2. Connecting our Living Waters Senior activities to our Bible study groups, volunteer opportunities, and Sunday services.
3. Developing a system that one could use easily to invite people.
4. Make Welcome bags for our Sunday visitors that makes them feel seen, important and connected
5. Hosting events or activities as a Church in community settings.
6. Volunteering as a Church in school events, helping local businesses, and reaching out to neighbors.
7. Make a prayer team called S.H.I.E.L.D.

What are your ideas? What good things are we already doing that we can be more invitational with or revamp? What are some old/new ideas you have for the Church? I want to know your thoughts and ideas. You matter. Your contribution matters. This is your Church as much as it is mine. Better yet, we are Christ’s beloved Church. We matter. Our community matters, and they need the life that only we can bring to them.

Lovingly,

Pastor Lilliannet

ANNUAL HOLIDAY COOKIE SALE UPDATE



Thank you to everyone for all the help in baking, selling, packing, and delivering our Holiday Cookies. This year we put cookies in individual containers and sold over 424 dozen cookies and over 29 pounds of fudge. We are an amazing congregation and through your assistance at this writing we have grossed over \$2,200 with money.

Special thanks to the following: **Laura Carnahan** for designing the sales form; **Audrey Davenport** for designing our pick up order form; **Doris Carnahan** for purchasing the individual containers; our bakers or fudge makers: **Lois Grossman, Edith Pierce, Marge McGrath, Rachel Hewitt, Michelle Walter, Doris Carnahan, Audrey & Bob Davenport, Terry Colby, and Barbara Sherman**; and our packers and other helpers: **Audrey & Bob Davenport, Barb Hiort, Fred Rausch, Edie Pierce, Doris Carnahan, Marge McGrath, Mary Ellen Rausch, Terry Colby, and Barbara Sherman.**

THANKS AGAIN!!



ABC PROJECT (ANGEL'S BLANKETS FOR CHILDREN) (BLANKET BEE)

We will be starting up meeting sometime in February. We are reorganizing since the blankets are now at Wilmot UMC. If you need blankets to work on, please let us know. Any questions contact Glenna Kisner.



AD COUNCIL MEETING—December 3rd

Ad Council met on December 3rd. Pastor is working with the Hispanic Caucus and Vital Merger and appreciates everyone doing their job. We delivered 585 blankets and since Calvary UCC closed, we moved all the supplies to Wilmot. A motion was approved to purchase a dehumidifier for the classroom. We shipped 158 boxes for Operation Christmas Child (OCC), and move the supplies to Wilmot. We will start collecting items in January. We will pack the cookies on December 8th. SPRC met with the Pastor on November 12th and reviewed how the Pastor is doing. A motion was approved to increase the pastor's salary by \$500 for 2024. We discussed the streaming of the worship service and suggest maybe music during quiet time like "Passing of the Peace" Our Christmas Eve service will be at 3:00 pm and Pastor would like some readers. The Joint Circuit 14 worship will be December 31st at Wilmot Fire Station with pizza and game following. On January 7th, we will take down the greens. The January Senior Fellowship will be Sweet Adeline. It was reported the pledges are over \$25,000 for 2024. We reviewed the October and November's treasurer's reports with the apportionments paid for the year. Living Waters made over \$1,200 from the Textile drive. At the Circuit 14 Thanksgiving Service \$135 and 129 pounds of food was donated to the Sharing Center. A motion to approve the 2024 budget of \$62,851.50. The Charge Conference will be December 3rd. The Vital Merger vote was scheduled for December 10th and only members can vote. We approved a motion to pay the Elder supervising the Special Charge Conference \$50 (He declined the money and suggest donating it to a local charity. We donated it to the Sharing Center.) Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 14th.



Highlights of Wilmot UMC 2023

- We made over 585 blankets. We donated them to the Sharing Center, Shalom Center, Women's & Children Horizon, and Wheaton Francian Neonatal Unit. We also donated to the Royal Family Kids Camp for foster children and a hospice program for youth. This was a joint project with Calvary United Church of Christ.
- We collected items for Operation Christmas Child. We packed 150 boxes. We shipped 158 boxes. This was a joint project with Calvary United Church of Christ.
- We offer a Community Senior Fellowship Program with guest speakers and programs followed by bingo, which averages 12 people each month. This is co-sponsored with Living Waters Ministries.
- A team of members from Wilmot UMC & Calvary UCC participate in a Relay for Life at Wilmot Union High School. Our team raised over \$13,700 for the American Cancer Society.
- We collect items to help the homeless move to their own place with the project "Shalom to Home. In 2023 we sent 2 kitchen kits, 3 bathroom kits, and 2 cleaning kits. We also gave many items we had collected that weren't full kits but did include 3 to 5 of some major items such as sets of dishes, laundry baskets, shower curtains, garbage cans, dish drainers with ice cube trays, measuring cups, and mixing bowls. We had assorted kitchen utensils, knives, dish towels, and potholders.
- Two Wilmot UMC members participated in the Royal Family Kids Camp (a camp for foster children). We help with raising funds for the camp. We also donated 50 blankets from our Blanket Bee.

Highlights of Living Waters Ministries

- Support to the Shalom Center in terms of Shalom to Home kits. Living Waters purchases items needed to complete a kit as necessary.
- Support to the Sharing Center in terms of cash gifts, clothing, food, books, etc. Special donation (\$500) for their 40th anniversary celebration.
- Monthly support checks to UMCOR (\$75 monthly)
- Support to our local school districts – especially so during the covid crisis. We helped to fund meals and snacks for needy children, some clothing for the needy as well, playground equipment, school supplies, and the like – trying to respond to the specific needs of each school
- Support for Senior ministry
- Support for Royal Kids Camp (\$500)
- Textile Drive that ultimately provides clothing and shoes to the needy in Milwaukee, the needy in third world countries, safe playground matting, and keeping useful things out of the refuse dump (2023 loaded a truck and a half. Received \$1,200)
- Funding to Tanzania for a bio-diesel project (\$500)
- Living Waters water for church functions, including Circuit worship gatherings
- Woodman's card sales, funded by Living Waters, provide 2.5% of sales back to constituent congregations
- Purchased a 360 degree microphone that was used for Vital Merger meetings and can be used by any church for zoom meetings
- Previous support Florida flooding, Ukraine refugees, and donation to Waukesha following Christmas Parade crisis.
- In past – funded coffee shop drinks / refreshments when youth gathered with Pastor Beverly – especially those returning from college for Thanksgiving & Christmas vacations
- We have available full scholarships to Christian Youth Camps when Circuit 14 youth want to attend.
- At the Joint Thanksgiving Service, we collected 129 pounds of food and \$135 for the Sharing Center.

Joys & Concerns

Concerns:

Marj O'Halleran
Bob Weber
Gina Potter's father, David Hooker
Michelle Walter's parents
Julia Lightbody's brother-in-law, Mark
Delavan UMC
Safe travel: Barb Hiort's grandson, Philip & family; Mary Ellen Rausch's son & family

Rachel Hewitt
Michelle Walter's mother
Bob Weber's son, Robert Jr
Emily Walter Kaddatz
Rachel Hewitt's friend
Vital Merger

Joys or Gratitude:

Grateful for Thanksgiving & joy for all blessings
Pastor Keith Hewitt
Kristen & Paul Valdez & family
Sound of Season Concert—Laura & Lisa Carnahan
Thank you to the Vital Merger committee for all their work

Charlie Lightbody
Gordie Lightbody

Keep the following families who lost loved ones during the last month in your prayers.

Doris Carnahan's sister, Shirley Schultz;

Continue to keep the following in your daily prayers!!

(If you have someone who needs continuing prayers please let the church office know!)

Retta & Jim Michalek; Rachel Hewitt's co-worker, Barb; Michelle Walter's cousin, Karen; Terry Colby's co-worker, Rose; Terry Colby's co-worker's 14 year old niece & family; Bob Davenport's brother, Mike; Ann Newcomb's daughter, Kelly; Doris Carnahan's brother's granddaughter, Crystal; Barb Hiort's friend, Matt; Kathy Severt's co-worker, Kathy Powell; Sandy & Mark Kerkman's daughter, Holly; Fred Rausch's friend, Arlene; Judy Betz; Terry Colby's co-worker, Deb; Kathy Severt's friend, Laurie; Kathy Severt; Alice Johnson; Roger Wolf; MaryIn Zirbel; Marj O'Halleran; Marj O'Halleran's sister-in-law, Maureen; Davenport's niece, Kristy; Doris Carnahan's nephew, Mike; Bob Weber's son, Robert Jr.



We want to thank **Rachel and Cameron Hewitt** for preparing the power point presentation and streaming the worship service every Sunday.

We would like to thank **Doris Carnahan** for her musical talent of playing the organ. Also thanks to **Laura and Lisa Carnahan** for their special music during this holiday season.

Big thank you to **Barb Fiebelkorn** for preparing the communion every month along with getting the trays ready.

We would like to thank **everyone** who helped decorate the sanctuary for the Advent Season. It looks so gorgeous.

We would like to also thank **everyone** for helping with the potluck brunch, it was delicious. Special thanks to **Terry Colby** for providing the ham and decorating the tables with her nativity creches.

We would like to thank **everyone** who gave poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary in memory of their loved ones. We would also like to thank those who gave to the Sharing Center.

We would like to thank our **Advent readers along with candle lighters** during this season. We would like to thank those who helped with our **Christmas Eve Service**. Our **Readers (Michelle Walter, Sadie O'Halleran, Charlie Lightbody, Mary Ellen Rausch, Glenna Kisner, Kathy Severt, Doris Carnahan, Marge McGrath, & Barb Hiort)**. Thank you to **Rachel Hewitt** for reading the a story during the Children's Time.

All Circuit 14 Brothers & Sisters!

As you all know, the vote on the Resolution to Merge took place on December 10th after each worship service. All churches voted independently of one another and needed to have a super majority (2/3rds vote) of all members present at the time of the vote. Going forward Pleasant Prairie, Bristol and Salem will be merging to create Crossroads United Methodist Church. Wesley Chapel and Wilmot chose to stay separate entities. What this means is that the next few months are going to be full of questions, hopefully answers and a lot of work. There are currently questions outstanding that the Vital Merger Working Group is working to get answered and as soon as we have answers you all will as well.

Thank you for your patience as we navigate this new normal, and remember we do all this for our Father in Heaven.

Bless You All & Merry Christmas!

Vital Merger Working Group



Shalom to Home Kits



Living Waters Ministry is helping Shalom Center with their Shalom to Home kits to help the homeless moving into their homes. The kits are Bathroom, Cleaning Supplies, and Kitchen. Since Shalom Center is running the program, we can donate any item on the list.

Wilmot UMC needs help with the filling the list of what is in each the kits:

Bathroom Starter kit

Bath towels (4)	washcloths (4)	bathroom rug or mat (1)	bars or liquid hand soap (2)
facial tissues (1)	waste basket (1)	shower curtain and hooks (1)	toilet brush (1)
plunger (1)			

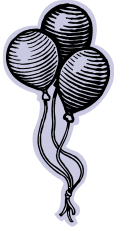
Cleaning Supplies

cleaning rags (4)	scrub brush (1)	all-purpose cleaner (1)	bleach (1)
Comet (1)	cleaning bucket (1)	cleaning wipes (1)	broom & dust pan (1)
duster wand (1)	paper towel rolls (2 rolls)	spray window cleaner (1)	laundry basket (1)
dryer sheets (1 box)			

Kitchen starter kit

silverware (set of 6)	dishes (4 place setting)	drinking glasses (set of 4)	coffee mugs (set of 4)
pots and pans (set of 4)	slotted spoon (1)	spatula (1)	wooden spoon (1)
large serving spoon (1)	can opener (1)	tongs (1)	whisk (1)
vegetable peeler (1)	ladle (1)	paring knife (1)	serrated knife (1)
food storage containers (4)		strainer (1)	grater (1)
measuring cups & spoons (1 set)		oven mitts & hot pads (1)	cutting board (1)
dishwashing soap (1)	dish pan (1)	dish towels (2)	ice trays (2)
sponges & abrasive scrubber (1 package)		trash can & bags (1)	drying mat (1)
mixing bowl (set of 3)			

If you have any questions contact Rachel Hewitt or Doris Carnahan.



January Birthdays/ Anniversaries

- 4 Barbara Hiort
- 5 Alice Johnson
- 7 Theresa Colby
- 11 Susan Kisner
- 14 Steve Severt
- 19 Paul McKibben
- 23 Rachael O'Halleran



SNOW CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS!

In case of inclement weather please check the following

stations:

WTMJ (TV 4 & Radio 620 & 94.5 Lake FM)

WISN (TV- 12)



Remember Your Offerings

If you would like to mail in your offering:

Wilmot United Methodist Church
PO Box 218
Wilmot WI 53192



PHOTOS FOR WORSHIP

We are looking for photos of nature to incorporate into our PowerPoint worship service presentation. If you have any send

them to Rachel Hewitt at queenrachel58@gmail.com or the church email or bring them to church with you.

November Treasurer's Report

2023 Budget	54,642.66
INCOME	
Balance 11/1/2023	16,912.18
Income:	
Sunday Offering	3,100.19
Expenses:	
General Account	(6,096.11)
Transfer from other accounts	1,269.83
Balance 11/30/2023	15,186.09
Year to Date:	
Balance 1/1/2022	20,685.49
Income:	
General Account	48,170.66
Expenses:	
General Account	(56,726.12)
Transfer- Designated / Memorial	3,056.06
Balance 11/30/2023	15,186.09
Please remember to mail in your offering envelope if you are out of town. We appreciate your support.	

Vanguard -Parsonage Sale & Memorials Investment:

Invested \$111,040.86.00
Balance 11/30/2023 \$ 147,020.29

CHECK US OUT:

WEBSITE: www.wilmotumc.org

FACEBOOK: *Wilmot United Methodist Church*

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

1. Purchase gift cards in denominations of \$50 or \$100 for **Woodman's Market** which is part of Living Waters Scrip program. Living Water will receive 5% profit from the cards and will pay 2 1/2% to the local church. Please contact Doris Carnahan (262-877-9876) at least a week in advance due to expiration dates and make checks out to "Living Waters".
2. **UMCMarket.org is now iGive** where you can shop at thousands of retailers you know and love, and earn cash back for your church. No Fees to your church or you. We pay out commissions from retailers to your church each month. Please sign in or sign up, select your church location, and then click through to retailers.

US RAISE FUNDS:

God's Helpers

Sunday	Liturgist	Greeters	Counter
Jan 7	Mike Wolf	Barbara Fiebelkorn Barbara Sherman	Barbara Sherman Mike Wolf
Jan 14	Paul McKibben	Marge McGrath Fred Rausch	Doris Carnahan Marge McGrath
Jan 21	Marge McGrath	Paul McKibben Barbara Sherman	Doris Carnahan Glenna Kisner
Jan 28	Mike Wolf	Marge McGrath Fred Rausch	Barbara Sherman Mike Wolf
Feb 4	Barbara Sherman	Barbara Fiebelkorn Barbara Sherman	Glenna Kisner Marge McGrath

If you are unable to serve on Sunday at your scheduled time, please try to find a substitute. If you cannot find substitute liturgists, ushers, greeters and money counters call Audrey Davenport at (847) 702-7399. Also, if you did not sign the Time & Talent Sheet, but would like to serve, call the Church Office at (262) 862-6366. Please call the Church office if substitutes are made, for proper identification of participants in the Sunday bulletin. Thank you!!

Fellowship

Jan 21st—Hiort, Rausch, Severt
Feb 18th -
Mar 17th -
Mar 31—Potluck Brunch

Snow Shoveling

Dec 25th—31st— Sherman
Jan 1st—7th—
Jan 8th—14th -
Jan 15th—21st -
Jan 22nd—28th -
Jan 29th—Feb 4th -



SNOW SHOVELING!!



If anyone is interested in helping the church during the winter months to shovel snow around the church, we could use help. You shovel a week at a time from Monday through Sunday and if it snows you are responsible to shovel the walkways around the church. Call or email the church office to see what weeks are available.

January 2024

Wilmot United Methodist Church
 Sunday Worship 8:30 AM
 Church: 262-862-6366
 Website: www.wilmotumc.org
 Email: WilmotUMC@gmail.com
 Pastor Lilliannet's phone 262-725-6203

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3 10:00 AM Community Senior Fellowship	4	5	6
7 <i>Communion</i> 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Take down Greens 10:30 AM Adult Class	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 <i>Human Relations Sunday</i> 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Ad Council	15	16	17	18	19 Newsletter Deadline!	20
21 <i>Fellowship</i> 9:00 AM Worship	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Adult Class	29	30	31		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;"> Worship is live stream on Wilmot United Methodist Church –Facebook </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Events and time subjected to change. Check the website or Facebook for updates. </div>	



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Rev. Lilliannet Rosario

Office Phone:

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Sunday Worship

9:00 AM

Adult Class

10:00 AM

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