



# THE CIRCUIT WRITER



April 2021



We want the congregation to know the search for a pastor continues. In the meantime, we are so thankful to have Pastor Keith Hewitt leading us in worship. We hope you are watching Sunday mornings at 8:30 by going to Living Waters Ministries live on Facebook. If you do not have a Facebook account, you can watch the service later in the week by going to the Wilmot United Methodist Church website ([www.wilmotumc.org](http://www.wilmotumc.org)) and clicking on

Sunday Worship.

We also want to thank Rachel Hewitt for preparing the power point presentation you see on the screen each Sunday and for recording and posting the service on Facebook. A big thank you goes out to Doris Carnahan for playing the organ for the worship service and to Barb Fiebelkorn for baking and bringing her homemade bread to the church for communion.

Because of our faith, our love of God and our desire to serve Him our church is very much alive and functioning despite the pandemic.

Audrey Davenport, Chair Staff Parish Relations Committee



## April Community Senior Fellowship

Wednesday, April 7th

**No Fellowship—Cancelled**

*Co-sponsored with Living Waters Ministries.*

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## Holy Week

*(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)*

**Sunday, March 28th — Palm Sunday**

**\*\*8:30 AM Living Waters Ministries Facebook**

**Thursday, April 1st — Maundy Thursday**

**No Service**

**Friday, April 2nd — Good Friday**

**7:00 pm at Salem UMC, 25130 85th St., Salem**

**Sunday, April 4th — Easter**

**\*\*8:30 AM Service Living Waters Ministries Facebook**

# Message from Pastor Keith

Over the years, I have found myself on some unique email mailing lists. Not unlike elephants and the IRS, the Internet has a long memory, and has no qualms about sharing those memories with commercial ventures out there in the world, so that they can bombard me with “special offers” and deals which were apparently custom made just for me...and a few million other people.

Thus, visiting my inbox has become an exercise in sifting through it all to decide which stuff I absolutely need to look at; which stuff I will hang onto because it looks like it might be of interest; and which stuff can be sent to the “Trash” folder without a second look. I’ve achieved a certain ruthless efficiency at this process, but every once in awhile I’ll get sucked in by the subject line, even if it’s a sender I know I’m not interested in.

So it was in the last week when I saw an email offering a “free e-chart of proof for the Resurrection.” I almost sent for it—even knowing that I would undoubtedly get myself on many more mailing lists by doing so—because it looked like a neat tool to have when faced with those who doubt the miracle behind Easter.

And then I stopped and thought about it...

There is no “proof” of the Resurrection—not in the modern sense of the word, meaning that there is physical evidence of the event that can be corroborated. (I leave aside the Shroud of Turin, which may or may not have been discredited—the jury is still out on that, depending upon who you listen to.) We have no “proof” of the Resurrection, other than the testimony of a handful of people, and the fact that they were willing to go to their deaths for even making such a claim.

That being said, there are doubtless a number of other historical events which are only known to us because somebody wrote about them—and they are accepted as part of history. If we limit our understanding of history to things for which there are physical evidence, or which we have witnessed ourselves, we would end with a fairly short list of historical events. (And never mind that in doing so we must trust the testimony of others as to the physical evidence...)

So I’m going to reformulate the old riddle about the tree falling in the forest when there’s no one around to hear it: if a man rises from the dead, and we aren’t there to see it, did it still happen?

Of course! The Gospels assure us of this, and while each of them tells a slightly different version of the story, that only makes it more human. It is obvious that something profound and miraculous happened on that Easter Sunday, and generations of Christians have carried the message of the empty tomb forward, handing it off to each new generation of believers like a precious family memory. As keepers of that memory, it is our duty to pass it on to our children and to new believers, and we do that in word—by sharing the story—and in deed, by living the kinds of lives Jesus called us to live.

Christ is risen! Share the joy with others this Easter, and throughout the year.

See you in church!

Pastor Keith



## RELAY FOR LIFE

Wilmot UMC and Calvary UCC are forming a Relay for Life team again this year to benefit the American Cancer Society. We invite all members and friends of both churches to join our team, Team C.U.R.E.

The event is listed online at Relay for Life of Wilmot High School for Friday, May 21 at 6pm. There probably will **not** be an actual walk at the high school on that day due to Covid restrictions. Instead, we are planning our own mini walk, socially distanced and masked as we did last year. This event will be held in Calvary's parking lot on **Saturday, May 22 from 10 am to noon**. If the weather does not permit an outdoor walk, we will find a way to hold it indoors and still distanced.

We have scheduled **two bake sales** outside at Berkot's grocery store in Twin Lakes (formerly Richter's Marketplace). The dates and times are: **Saturday, April 17 from 9 am until 2 pm and Saturday, May 1 from 9 am until 2 pm**.

### ***How can you help?***

1. Sign up to be a team member (contact Laura or Doris Carnahan at [doriscarnahan@hotmail.com](mailto:doriscarnahan@hotmail.com) or call or text Doris at 262-496-2268).
2. Sign up to bake and/or sell at the bake sales: Saturday, April 17 or Saturday, May 1. Please plan to have your baked goods at the sale by 8:45 am on those dates. We need lots of help with this. Call or text Doris Carnahan (262-496-2268) if you can help us in any way.
3. Donate online at Relay for Life of Wilmot High School and donate to Team C.U.R.E.
4. Find other ways to raise money for our team.

We will ask for a \$25 donation (registration fee) from each team member, but can help pay your registration from our fund raisers, if needed.



## AD COUNCIL MEETING

Ad Council met on March 9th by Zoom. We had our fire inspection the end of February and had an issue with extension cords in the sanctuary. We purchased a fifteen foot power strip which solved the issue and will be re-inspected in six months. Stateline Animal Control's lift didn't work in January and they will come in March to fix the outside of the church. We discussed putting a container in the back of the church on certain dates to collect for OCC and Shalom to Home items (*see article in this newsletter*). We will plan some outdoor bake sales for Relay for Life when the weather is better. We also plan a mini walk at Calvary UCC for Relay for Life. We reviewed the January and February treasurer's reports. The audit of the financial books was done by Linnea Rasch and Doris Carnahan. Living Waters are looking at ways to support the Sharing Center and local elementary schools. They donated \$1,000 towards diapers to the Sharing Center. Pastor Keith will check with Pastor Beverly on what we will do for Holy Week. The Wisconsin Council of Churches are coming out with guidelines for allowing in person worship. We discussed before we go back in person the Ad Council and Pastor will have that discussion together. We discussed about contacting our members to see how they are doing. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 4th at 7:00 PM.



## Operation Christmas Child

If you have been collecting items to put in our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, here is your opportunity to drop them off at Wilmot UMC or Calvary UCC.

There will be a covered plastic bin outside the entrance to the pastor's office at the

**Wilmot UMC** church on these dates and times:

**Sat. April 10 from 9 am to 2 pm**

**Sat. April 24 from 9 am to 2 pm**

You can deposit items in the bin and they will be picked up after 2 pm on those dates.

Or, you can bring your OCC items to the breezeway at **Calvary UCC** and Doris Carnahan will meet you there on these dates and times:

**Sat. April 10 from 10 am to noon**

**Sat. April 24 from 10 am to noon**

So far this year, we have been collecting hygiene items (washcloths, bars of soap, plastic soap boxes, toothbrushes--no cases) and also small toys. Any items we usually collect are fine to include. Some ideas are: combs, socks, school supplies (sets of crayons, colored pencils, or markers, pads of paper, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, pens), small stuffed animals and MORE TOYS--jump ropes, cars, puzzles, balls, etc. Remember that these items have to fit in a shoebox--please keep the size appropriate.

Our goal is to fill 150 boxes.

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



### **ABC PROJECT (ANGEL'S BLANKETS FOR CHILDREN)**

We won't be meeting in person for our Blanket Bees, but if you need blankets to work on, please let us know. We have blankets to cut, tie, or crochet. We will get you some to work on. Any questions contact Glenna Kisner.



## Shalom to Home Kits

Living Waters Ministry is helping Shalom Center with their Shalom to Home kits which help the homeless transition to independent living. If you don't want to shop, we will accept monetary donations; just mark the envelope "Shalom to Home" and we will do the shopping. The kits are Bathroom, Cleaning Supplies, and Kitchen. Wilmot UMC needs help with filling the list of what is in each of the kits. Any questions contact Rachel Hewitt or Doris Carnahan.



We would like to thank Laura Carnahan for doing the farewell video for Pastor Judy during the worship service on February 28th. Here is the link if you would like to see it again: <https://youtu.be/aYmfM5YobWM>

## Joys & Concerns

### Concerns:

Fred Rausch's friend, Arlene

MaryIn Zirbel's daughter, Gail

Tom Krumpen

Betty Hunt Wolf's cousin, Fran

Rachel Hewitt's co-worker

Sarah Greenwood's stepdaughter's grandfather

The families who lost family members from COVID

Those getting the vaccinations, healing & continuing our journey in this difficult time, strength and healing to all

### Joys:

Doris & Glen Carnahan's 38th Anniversary Levi Valdez's 2nd birthday

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

Hunt Wolf's neighbor, Jack Shea; Michelle Walter's Uncle Bob Kimball; Sarah Greenwood's co-worker, Micah's mother; Sarah Greenwood's co-worker, Simon's father

Continue to keep the following in your daily prayers!!

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

Alyssa Poli; Retta & Jim Michalek; Colby's friend, Kathy Lowrey; Rachel Hewitt's co-worker, Barb; Michelle Walter's cousin, Karen; Terry Colby's co-worker, Rose; Terry Colby's co-worker's 11 year old niece & family; Bob Davenport's brother, Mike; Bill Hiort's daughter, Starr; Doris Carnahan's friend, Debbie; Ann Newcomb's daughter, Kelly; Doris Carnahan's brother's granddaughter, Crystal; Betty Hunt Wolf's mother, Marilyn; Barb Hiort; Kathy Severt; Barb Hiort's friend, Matt; Kathy Severt's co-worker, Kathy Powell; Marge McGrath's co-worker, Tom; Alice Johnson's brother-in-law, Bob Newcomb; Sandy & Mark Kerkman's daughter, Holly; Bob Davenport



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the gifts for Pastor Judy.

Thank you to Lisa Carnahan for playing the piano on March 21st when her mother, Doris was gone.



*Thank You!*

*Thank you all for the most amazing send off! I am humbled! I was touched by all of the cards and notes. The gift card and the collage of pictures were thoughtful and are much appreciated. The video presentation in worship brought back lots of memories! And what can I say about the surprise "parking lot parade"! You got me!*

*Yes, I was clueless! Walking out and receiving such a welcome - along with beautiful flowers - I felt like a celebrity! Thank you all so much. I will always have a special place in my heart for Wilmot UMC!*

*God's peace to you all,*

*Pastor Judy*



### April Birthdays/ Anniversaries

- 5 Dianet Kisner
- 12 Brianna Johnson
- 13 Roger Sherman
- 26 Barbara Fiebelkorn
- 27 Henrietta Michalek



Thank you to those who have been able to contribute during this pandemic, we appreciate it. Although we cannot worship together, the bills remain!

Questions contact Barbara Sherman.  
Our address is:  
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### CHECK US OUT:

**WEBSITE:** [www.wilmotumc.org](http://www.wilmotumc.org)  
**FACEBOOK:** *Wilmot United Methodist Church*



**CHECK FACEBOOK OR WEBSITE FOR CHANGES IN DATES OF EVENTS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

## WAYS YOU CAN HELP US RAISE FUNDS:

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 cars 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.

### February Treasurer's Report

<b>2021 Budget</b>	57,553.00
<b>INCOME</b>	
<b>Balance 2/1/2021</b>	3,626.98
Income:	
Sunday Offering	3,673.00
Expenses:	
General Account	(4,175.59)
Transfer from other accounts	(40.00)
<b>Balance 2/28/2021</b>	3,084.39
<b>Year to Date:</b>	
<b>Balance 1/1/2021</b>	4,834.49
Income:	
General Account	6,653.00
Expenses:	
General Account	(8,318.10)
Transfer– Designated / Memorial	(85.00)
<b>Balance 2/28/2021</b>	3,084.39

Please remember to mail in your offering envelope if you are out of town. We appreciate your support.

### Vanguard –Parsonage Sale Investment:

Invested	\$100,000.00
Balance 2/28/2021	\$ 125,649.68

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Wilmot United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship 8:30 AM

Church: 262-862-6366

Website: www.wilmotumc.org

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Pastor Keith's phone 262-308-2437

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">                     Worship is live stream on Living Waters Ministries –Facebook.                 </div>				1 <i>Maundy Thursday - No Service</i>	2 <i>Good Friday</i> 7:00 PM Service at Salem UMC	3
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">                     Events and time subjected to change. Check the website or Facebook for updates.                 </div>						
4 <i>Easter Communion</i> 8:30 AM Worship	5	6	7	8	9	10 OCC Dropoff 9:00 AM—2:00 PM at Wilmot UMC 10:00 am—Noon at Calvary UCC
11 8:30 AM Worship	12	13	14	15	16 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!!</b>	17 9:00 AM Relay for Life Bake Sale at Berkot's, Twin Lakes
18 <i>Native American Sunday</i> 8:30 AM Worship	19	20	21	22	23	24 OCC Dropoff 9:00 AM—2:00 PM at Wilmot UMC 10:00 am—Noon at Calvary UCC
25 8:30 AM Worship	26	27	28	29	30	



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8:30 AM

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