



# THE CIRCUIT WRITER



January 2021



**January Community Senior Fellowship**  
**Wednesday, January 6th**  
**No Fellowship—Cancelled**  
*Co-sponsored with Living Waters Ministries.*



### 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 450 dozen cookies and over 40 pounds of fudge. We heard comments from our customers that they were glad that we were doing our Holiday Cookie fundraiser even if limited. We are an amazing congregation and through your assistance we grossed over \$2,000.

Special thanks to the following: **Audrey Davenport** for designing our pick up order form; **Laura Carnahan** for designing the sales form; **Doris Carnahan** for purchasing the individual containers; **Missy Fitzgerald** and **Marj O'Halleran** for baking the peppermint and gourmet chocolate chips; our other 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 for all our packers (don't know all the names).

**THANKS AGAIN!!**

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### 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.



### 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)**

## Words from Wang

Today, 370 handmade blankets were delivered to local organizations.

Last month, 160 shoeboxes left our churches to travel to children around the world.

Last spring, we raised money and walked around Calvary's parking lot, to support the American Cancer Society through Relay for Life.

Countless prayers have been said for one another in this last year.

I have often said, "the building is not the church"; there is even a catchy Avery & Marsh song written to express that sentiment: "I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together."

And so, perhaps this last 10 months has brought that point home a bit more.

"We are the church together" – even when we can't safely physically be together.

Still, we came together by phone, by Zoom, by email. We didn't stop praying for one another; we didn't stop doing ministry and mission; we didn't stop worshipping, albeit, we did that in a very different way. We were, and are, still the church, even as our building sits mostly empty.

We've missed gathering in person, to be sure. We've missed the community that is the church. One day we will be able to safely gather together again. There is hope.

A vaccine has been approved. There is a proverbial "light at the end of the tunnel".

More importantly, during this season of Christmastide and Epiphany, we celebrate "the light that shines in the darkness; the light that will never be overcome by darkness."

We celebrate the light and love of Christ that has come into our world, and binds us together; the light that shows us the way forward.

I hope, that in the unexpected strangeness of this past year, we have learned that the Body of Christ is flexible! We adapted. While everything was not always ideal, I believe there have been some positive discoveries along the way.

Virtual worship reached people who had not been finding their way to in-person worship.

Even when we go back to in-person, we have found a way to continue to include people who are home-bound and those who cannot easily get to church.

Our Zoom knitting group has been a great way to include friends who have moved out of the area, but easily joined us "face to face" online! We found out that we can hold meetings and book studies virtually: Bad weather? Don't like to drive at night?

Let's meet virtually. We have shown people who look at our FB pages who we are and what we do. It's been different. It hasn't been all bad. We've had to get creative. That's a good thing. Let's not lose our sense of creativity and flexibility when things return to "normal"! Let's think about unique ways to continue to reach out in ministry and mission.

It's a new year, full of new opportunities. Let's not miss any! Let's dream creatively!

Let's be the church like never before! 2021, here we come.....

Peace,  
Pastor Judy



## Operation Christmas Child

We will start collecting in January for Operation Christmas Child. For the **month of January and February** we will be collecting bar soap and plastic cases 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 \$9 donation per box to help cover the cost of shipping.

Gift suggestions are: Toys like dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump rolls, balls; no war-related items. Remember it needs to fit in a shoe box.

Hygiene items like toothbrush, mild bar soap (in container) comb, washcloth, etc. **NO TOOTHPASTE.**

Accessories like t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, etc

A personal note may be included if you include your name and address, the child may write back.

**DO NOT** include: used or damage items; war-related items; hard candy, chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; anything breakable; or aerosol cans; medications or vitamins.

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



### **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.

Thank you to all who are working on this ministry! Once again, we delivered 370 blankets between four organizations!

Any questions contact Glenna Kisner.



## Shalom to Home Kits Update

Kenosha's Shalom Center serves the homeless in a variety of ways, including food pantry items, meals, and temporary housing. In many cases, people and families who have nothing but the clothes on their back come to the Shalom Center for food, shelter, and an opportunity to transition back into the world of employment and independence. A typical stay might be for 90 days, during which time the Shalom Center helps its clients to write resumes, acquire clean, appropriate clothing, contact potential employers, and obtain jobs.

Living Waters Ministry is helping Shalom Center with their Shalom to Home kits which help the homeless transition to independent living. To date, we have furnished over 300 kits. We will continue to do this project during the year. 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. ***(List of the kits are in the September and October 2020 Circuit Writer.)*** Wilmot UMC needs help with filling the list of what is in each of the kits. Any questions contact Rachel Hewitt or Doris Carnahan.

## Joys & Concerns

### Concerns:

The Hewitt Family

Pastor Bob Wang's sister, Julie

Bonnie Porps

Linda & Bob Breault

Betty Hunt Wolf's sister mother-in-law, Anita

Barbara Sherman's cousin, Johannah & Damon & new born son, Walter

Safe travels for families traveling during the holiday season

Prayers for all suffering with Covid 19 virus; the frontline workers; mental health issues; job worries; financial struggles & family problems

Prayers for all during Covid 19 with emotional, health, or financial worries

Pray for peace & a new beginning soon with the end of 2020

### Joys:

Doris & Glen Carnahan

Andrew Hewitt

Terry Colby's son

Wilmot UMC bakers & packers

Michelle Walter's godson's 30th birthday

Susan Washack's niece, Taylor

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

Susan Washack's Aunt Dolores; Linda Stoddard's friend's husband, John; Ed Wentz's brother, Rev. Roger Wentz's wife

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



We would like to thank **Rachel Hewitt** for recording Pastor Judy's sermons while we are at home. We would like to thank **Doris Carnahan** for providing music for the worship services. We enjoy your gift of music. We would like to thank **Barb Fiebelkorn** for making the bread for the December communion. We would like to thank **Laura and Lisa Carnahan** for filling in to record the worship service while Rachel was out. We would like to also thank **Laura, Lisa, and Doris Carnahan** for putting up the Christmas tree and decorating altar rails.

Special thank you to **Bob & Audrey Davenport** and for all the work to get the ceiling fixed in the church sanctuary and cleaning up afterwards also for changing the banners and putting up the nativity display. We appreciate all you do for the church.

Thank you to **everyone** who worked on the Blanket Bee project. We delivered 370 blankets and those who delivered them to the four organizations we gave them to.



### 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



Remember Your Offerings

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:  
 Wilmot United Methodist Church  
 PO Box 218  
 Wilmot WI 53192

**Pastor's Office Hours:** By appointment either call the church at 262-862-6366 or call or text at 262-308-4180 or email her at wilmotumc@gmail.com

### 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.**

### October Treasurer's Report

<b>2020 Budget</b>	56,820.00
<b>INCOME</b>	
<b>Balance 11/1/2020</b>	2,680.79
Income:	
Sunday Offering	4,090.00
Expenses:	
General Account	(11,411.13)
Transfer from other accounts	8,989.41
<b>Balance 11/30/2020</b>	4,349.07
<b>Year to Date:</b>	
<b>Balance 1/1/2020</b>	3,955.26
Income:	
General Account / Insurance Claim	61,007.51
Expenses:	
General Account	(53,783.97)
Transfer– Designated / Memorial	(6,828.73)
<b>Balance 11/30/2020</b>	4,349.07

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 11/30/2020	\$ 122,901.08

## 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.

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**Wilmot United Methodist Church**  
 Sunday Worship 8:30 AM  
 Church: 262-862-6366  
 Website: www.wilmotumc.org  
 Email: WilmotUMC@gmail.com  
 Pastor Judy's call or text 262-308-4180

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>Happy New Year</i>	2
3 <i>Communion</i> 8:30 AM Worship	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 8:30 AM Worship	11	12 7:00 PM Ad Council (ZOOM)	13	14	15	16
17 <i>Human Relations Sunday</i> 8:30 AM Worship	18 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	19	20	21	22 <b>Newsletter Deadline!!</b>	23
24 8:30 AM Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 8:30 AM Worship					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">           Events and time subjected to change. Check the website or Facebook for updates.         </div>	



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**Office Phone:**

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**Sunday Worship**

**8:30 AM**

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