



CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD,  
UNITED METHODIST OSWEGO, IL 60543

## "The Good News"

Brothers and sisters, I want to share with you some important updates regarding our United Methodist denomination. Last month, a small splinter group established a new denomination entitled "Global Methodist Church". If you read or hear of that name, know that is NOT our denomination. The splinter group comes out of a long-contested debate (over 40 years) regarding the status of people who identify within the LGBTQ+ spectrum. The splinter group wants to limit the acceptance of LGBTQ+ people (although at this point in time, our UMC Book of Discipline still prohibits same sex weddings being officiated in the UMC or by UM clergy. The Discipline also prohibits the ordination of LGBTQ+ people. This may change in the future).

Anticipating a UMC that may be near to lifting restrictions towards the LGBTQ+ people, the new "Global Methodist Church" is trying to recruit U.M. pastors and lay people to the new denomination whose whole existence seems to be focused on pushing away people who happen to be LGBTQ+.

Sadly, the Global Methodist Church reminds me of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, which was created in the 1800's as a pro-slavery church. (The M.E. Church South reunited with the northern Methodists again in 1939.) The United Methodist Church needs to be a fully inclusive church on all levels, mirroring the spirit of Christ who equally welcomes all to his table.

Also last month, our U.M. Judicial Council (U.M.'s version of the Supreme Court) ruled that U.S. Annual Conferences can not leave the UMC –

After celebrating that Judicial Council decision, our United Methodist Council of Bishops stated: *"Let us work hard each day to have hearts, minds, and spirits that extend the love of God even when we disagree. As your bishops, we pledge that we will lead our beloved church in the days ahead with a Wesleyan spirit of abundant grace, anchored in scripture, centered on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, and leaning always on the continuing movement of the Holy Spirit in our midst."*

May our Church of the Good Shepherd seek to reflect the Bishop's sentiments.

Peace,

Pastor Steve



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## **From The Office:**



Photo by Debbie Klonowski

Our Church office remains on limited hours. Please call ahead when visiting the office. Diane and Jessie continue to check voicemail and email regularly. Please let us know of any needs, prayer requests or requests for a pastoral phone call.

We have our online worship service posted by 6:00am on Sunday mornings.

If you would like to have a zoom meeting with your group and would like us to set it up for you, contact

Jessie at [publications@goodshepherdoswego.org](mailto:publications@goodshepherdoswego.org)

[www.goodshepherdoswego.org](http://www.goodshepherdoswego.org)

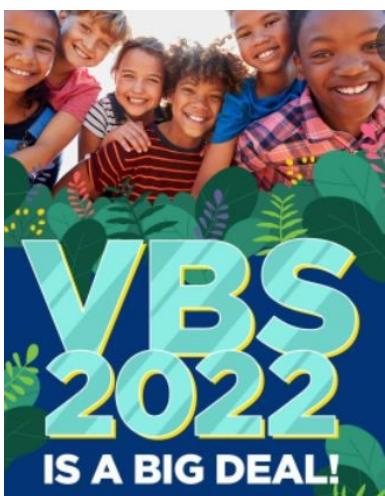
### *Online Giving*

*Make a Secure Donation  
Schedule Recurring Gifts*

**GIVING:** Online giving is available and is appreciated as we will still have our regular operating costs and bills. Please mail in your giving to P.O. Box 695 5 W. Washington St. Oswego IL 60543 or use our E giving for online giving <https://giving.ncsservices.org/app/giving/goodshepherdoswego> which can also be found on our website under the giving tab. ~ Thank you!



In Person liturgists needed. Please contact Barb Pearah to learn more! Youth are welcome to participate! [bpearah@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bpearah@sbcglobal.net)



VBS will return this summer!

We need volunteers.

Please contact Tracy Johnson for information and to sign up to help!

[tdlang989@gmail.com](mailto:tdlang989@gmail.com)

Or sign up online:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080549A4A92FA02-help1>

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

A detailed illustration of a graduation cap (mortarboard) resting on a rolled-up diploma or scroll. The cap is light-colored with a tassel featuring a small gold cross at the end.

Grace Ingram: Loyola University

Sydney Ramsbottom: University of Iowa

Dilayni Saka: Aurora University

Gabe Rodriguez: Yorkville High School.

attending Bradley University.

Rachel Walter (Granddaughter of Ed & Carol Bradley) is fulfilling her lifelong dream by receiving her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the University of Illinois.

Sara Marcinkus (Granddaughter of Ed & Carol Bradley)

Oswego High School

Clark Channell (Grandson of Ed & Carol Bradley)

Plainfield East High School.

Ryan Okayama (Son of Jessie Livingston) earned his AA in English from Waubonsie Valley Community College

attending North Central College



- Grab a coffee and join the UMM in person or online Fridays at 7am!
- The United Methodist Men are holding their coffee hour in person. For those who wish to attend via zoom, there will be an internet connection in the gathering room. Join us to find out what is happening with U.M.M. and the church.
- We are always looking for people interested in the UMM stocking of the Kendall Co. Food Pantry on Wednesday evenings at 5:00pm.

Please contact the church office at 630-554-3269 or [office@goodshepherdoswego.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdoswego.org) with any questions.



**MEN'S LUNCH:** The United Methodist Men will be having their monthly Men's Luncheon at Riverside Pizza & Pub, 1100 Douglas Road, Oswego on Wednesday, June 15th at noon. Please join us for fellowship and a fine meal



**GAME NIGHT! JULY 15th 6:30pm:** The United Methodist Men are sponsoring an opportunity to see the Kane County Cougars play baseball in Geneva. The game is Friday night, July 15th at 6:30 PM with fireworks afterwards and kids running the bases. Tickets are \$10 and are available from Craig McGregor (630-346-2239) or church office (630-554-3269). The tickets will also be available Sunday morning in the gathering room starting Father's Day, June 19th and the following Sunday's until July 10th after the services. Please come and join us! General parking at the park is \$10 cash per vehicle. We have four general parking tickets available for only \$6.00. Parking tickets are on a first come first served basis.



## United Women in Faith

Despite the dismal weather, our **Spring Fellowship** was enjoyed by everyone in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all the ladies who prepared the delicious food and to the ladies who decorated and led the ice-breaker. I thought it was a delightful evening!



In the past as UMW, we facilitated **funeral dinners** in the Fellowship Hall. Now as United Women in Faith, we are still willing to lovingly walk beside grieving families by offering this same service. We are also willing to assist at luncheons in the local area when requested by church members but we would not furnish food. Donations for this service are put in our savings account and used for projects such as a new stove and curtains in the Fellowship Hall.



The NIC of the United Women in Faith is continuing to collect **pill bottles** as in the past. Back in 2019, I dropped off our pill bottles when I attended Mission u that summer. Well, then Covid hit and I was ready with our bottles but in 2020 there was no Mission u. Finally, I was able to find out that First UMC in Park Ridge has taken on this project and Gail Ford rode with me to deliver the eight 30-gallon garage bags full of the pill bottles that had accumulated in my garage. The bottles will be taken to Matthew 25: Ministries in Cincinnati, Ohio, by a lady from their church who has friends there. I learned more about Matthew 25: Ministries from their website m25m.org. They list their Mission in Action as:

Matthew 25: Ministries is an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization helping the poorest of the poor and disaster victims locally, regionally, nationally and internationally regardless of race, creed or political persuasion. By rescuing and reusing products from major corporations and manufacturers, Matthew 25: Ministries provides basic necessities, nutritional supplements, educational materials, micro-enterprise supplies and disaster relief across the US and worldwide.

So, continue to bring your clean pill bottles with the labels removed and put them in the bin in the hallway by the coat hooks. I will periodically take them to meetings or to Park Ridge.

We are starting the fifth year with the church's **Prayer Blanket Ministry**. Back in 2018, Pastor Steve came to me requesting that our ladies make the prayer blankets and in June of that year the first prayer blankets were dedicated. We continue to fellowship with each other as we make the blankets and are glad to help with this ministry. If you think someone should receive a blanket, contact Pastor Steve as he gives us the names. If you'd like to give to help cover the cost of the material, please donate to the church marking it for Prayer Blankets. As UMW and now UWF, we only do the work, we do not fund the ministry.

Janet McCarty  
UWF President

Happy  
Father's  
Day



Sunday School has finished for the summer but before they left, they took a "creation" walk. They were learning what God created in each of the 7 days so we wrote down what we observed today and connected it to the day it was



Sunday School returns on September 11th! You can easily register your child with the QR code or email Ruth with any questions or to register at

[dozygit@gmail.com](mailto:dozygit@gmail.com)



## June Birthdays

6/3	Wheeler Saka
6/4	Mark Steinke
6/5	Drew Nicholson
6/6	Matt Livingston
6/7	Steve Lundy
6/8	Lisa Randazzo
6/8	Craig Watson
6/9	Keith Wheeler
6/10	John Church
6/11	Joy Tierney
6/14	Joe Nicholson
6/15	John Peshia
6/16	Bob Weinke
6/16	JJ Leffel IV
6/16	Olivia Ports
6/17	Lindsay Wintermute
6/18	Mary McCannon
6/18	Dave Patush
6/22	Cliff Besch
6/22	Tracy Johnson
6/22	Julia Perez
6/26	Peggy Sutton
6/27	Erik Berlin
6/27	John Momich
6/29	Olivia Berlin
6/30	Kaitlyn Ferone
6/30	Dolly Flagg
6/30	Pamela Weaver



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## The Church of the Good Shepherd

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### ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



**8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship Service**

**9:30 a.m. Christian Education Hour**

**10:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship**

Free childcare available during both services and Christian Education Hour

#### **Everyone is Welcome!**

- Wheelchair Accessible building
- 8:15 AM traditional and 10:30 AM contemporary services.
- Weddings dates available for our beautiful 1890's sanctuary and downstairs reception area. 630-554-3269.
- We practice open Communion, we honor the Evangelical tradition of using grape juice and bread and gluten-free
- Space available for weddings, parties, events and meetings. Alcohol not permitted.



 Find us on Facebook

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Director – Amanda Sidhu Teacher: Candace Kelty

Teachers Aides: Vincenza Ferguson & Tracy Johnson

**Choir Director:** Jonathan Tatar

**Custodian:** Bonnie Kennedy

**Organist & HandBell Choir Director:** Cheryl Todd

**Pianist:** Sue Gilla

**Reborn Praise Band:** Jon Conover, Band Leader