

Tidbits and Tidings

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Methodist Church*

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T, W, T 9:00-12:00
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Worship:

10:30am WRDN Radio
1430 AM—107.30 FM

Facebook Live –Durand
UMC Facebook

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Pastoral Ponderings

14:17 They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."

14:18 And he said, "Bring them here to me."

14:19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.

14:20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

14:21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matthew 14: 17-21

What is the best potluck you've ever been to? What did you eat? Why was it so great? Did you see your favorite foods? Did you try a little bit of everything? Did you go back for seconds? Or thirds?

Maybe it wasn't about the food for you. Was it about the people? Who did you break bread with? Did you know them? Was there anyone you met for the first time at this potluck?

Or maybe it was all about the setting. You were at a family celebration perhaps. Were you at a church, a park, a place especially chosen for the event?

Consider these questions one at a time.

Now imagine yourself receiving an invitation to a meal like the one in Matthew concerning the Loaves and Fishes.

Who is invited? Everyone! At least 5,000 strangers. Where will it be? On the seaside, outside. What can I bring? Nothing. All will be provided.

Could you imagine such a meal? There are so many details left unknown.

Much is unknown in our world right now and I have heard from almost all of you that you are sick and tired of hearing about the virus traveling through our nation. I understand how you feel. My cousin Debbie still suffers with her second bout with Covid 19, my best friend can't catch her breath, or take care of her kids, my family in Georgia worries about their pastor with Covid-19. I'm sick and tired of my loved ones being sick and tired. Again so many unknowns. How do we deal with those things?

Within this time where we are unsure, tired and desperate, Jesus invites us to a holy meal. There are no details that we know of. We are to come at his invitation. It matters not the day, time or the meal served. We are to feast on his invitation, his word and this holy presence at all times.

The constant in all of this uncertainty is our faith in Jesus and his invitation to follow. Will you answer his call?

Details about upcoming worship are in the following pages.

Blessings to you,
Pastor Grace

August 2020

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Plans Underway to Return to Church Services!

Hello Everyone!

We are so excited! It is time to get back to church. We have decided that if we all follow some agreed upon guidelines, we will begin our church services safely. Praise The Lord for his Grace and Goodness!

Here is what we have agreed upon.

We will begin having services at ONO August 2nd @ 8:30 am. The service will be shortened to about 30-35 minutes for now so Pastor Grace can get back to do the on-line service as well..

Our service will be held outside in the parking lot so we are asking everyone to park in the lot across the street. in the event of inclement weather we will worship inside. You will see the pews and spaces that are available for seating. Again, please sit with family, wear a mask and use proper social distancing.

It may be chilly at 8:30 am so be sure to come prepared with a jacket.

We are asking everyone to bring their own chair and sit with family members observing proper social distancing.

We are also asking everyone to bring a mask. Wearing it outside is optional if we are able to observe proper social distancing. If we worship inside masks will be required.

Bulletins will be on a table to pick up but we ask that you put on the provided hand-sanitizer before taking the bulletin to further protect those who come after you.

Offering plates marked ONO, DURAND or MAIDEN ROCK, will be on a table for your convenience allowing you to place your donation there before or after the service, again as a safer practice.

We will not be singing during the service for now as singing projects the air and water droplets from our mouths more forcefully, thus enhancing potential spread of COVID-19.

We ask you to resist hugs and close interactions for the safety and comfort of everyone. We understand hugs are natural for some, but for others this pandemic has increased anxiety and thus no close fellowship or eating will be a part of our service for now.

Restrooms will be closed and thus we ask you to try to remember to use your bathroom before coming.

I hope this finds everyone well, eager and ready to return to church. If you are still too anxious to attend, we will be continuing the 10:30am Facebook-live worship at [facebook.com/umcdurandwi](https://www.facebook.com/umcdurandwi) (no need for a Facebook account). The service is also carried on the **WRDN radio 1430AM** or 107.3FM at 10:30 am.

To insure the utmost safety, we are asking you to email, text or call Kris Ingli prior to coming to church. This will be done so in the unfortunate event, that someone who attends church comes down with COVID-19, we will be able to do contact tracing.

Kris's information: krisingli@yahoo.com or 715-495-3613

We hope to see all of you at church soon. More information will be forthcoming regarding worship services inside and if any service times or locations change.

God Bless you all today and always

Sincerely

ONO, Durand and Maiden Rock United Methodist Churches.

HI ALL FROM ONO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

I hope all is going well with you and your families during these trying times in our lives. Everyone is starting to talk about school and what that is going to look like this upcoming fall, but what about Sunday School? I know we are all stressed out and adding another thing to think about is not what we want to do. I understand. Working from home, parenting and educating my kids has taken a toll on me and my energy is not nearly how it used to be. The more I think about it, though, the more I think it could be a positive thing to start thinking about. We have no guidelines that we need to meet nor politicians to appease. We can design Sunday School how WE want it to look like for this upcoming season, year, or as we see fit.

I have made this survey for you to go through to help us plan for next year.

When filling out this survey think about your family and your children(s) needs. Think about how Covid 19 has affected them and how you anticipate this upcoming year to be for them. What can the church do to help or fill certain needs they have? Do you think we should continue to focus on Bible stories, or should we change our focus on to being a social outlet and providing that church social network for your child or for the family? What amount of time is appropriate to accomplish what we want, and can you commit to? The last think we want to do is make us even more overwhelmed. Should we focus more on bigger planned activities not as often or continue with weekly short mini activities. How should we accomplish this? Should we do this virtually or should we focus on sending out projects and then completing them on your own with your family? Many things to think about and likely so much more. . . Please use the comment section to provide any feedback or suggestions or ideas you may have.

Please complete this survey by August 15th and drop it off at the church in the orange bin in the first pew. Thank you so much, we appreciate your help.

1. At this time, do you feel comfortable attending in person Sunday School? Circle: Yes/No
2. If there was no in person Sunday School, identify the following options in order of your preference. 1 being your preferred option, 4 being your least preferred.

A. _____ Virtual Sunday School focusing on Bible stories.

Prefer weekly/monthly/Bi Monthly – Circle preferred

B. _____ Virtual Activities sent out and done on my own time with children.

Prefer weekly/monthly/Bi Monthly – Circle preferred

C. _____ Virtual activities with class. Still with some educational learning but more of a focus on social outlet for kids to connect with their church peers.

Prefer weekly/monthly/Bi Monthly – Circle preferred

D. _____ Bible Story/PJ Time

Prefer weekly/monthly/BiMonthly – Circle preferred

**** Other Ideas you may have:

3. Other things the church could do to help?

4. Do you have ability to do the following:

Zoom yes/no **Microsoft Teams** yes/no **Facebook** yes/no

Email yes/no

5. Do you have any ideas for activities, lessons, resources if we go virtually this upcoming fall?

6. Would you be interested in leading an activity or lesson virtually? Yes/No

7. Church members have volunteered to read Bible stories to children, do you think this would be beneficial for your child? Yes/No

A. Would you prefer this be done independently as a family unit or in a group setting? Family unit/Group/Ind.

8. Would your child benefit from reading to a church member, if there is no in person school? Yes/No

Name: _____

Address: _____

Child(s) name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

PRAYER REQUESTS: Sandy Pickerign, Linda Tollefson, Sobottka Family, Terry Pelzel, Lanita Richardson, Alice Girard, Lorraine Olson, LuAnn Hayden, Sylvester & Phyllis Phillips, Grace Buckwheat, Kriss Poeschel, Mike Bonn, Clayton Bradley, Bev Radke, Rachael Holmes, The Family of Joyce Carlson, Morgan Isham, Carter Callow, Melva Harmer, Joe Trayner, Jenna Melstrom, Dorothy Clare, Wayne Bignell, The Family of Scott Freisen, The Family of Cindy Owen Bauer, Brea Lynn Bignell, Bret, Family of Bill Girard, Family of Kenny, Family of Richard Stewart, Rick Thomas, Leigh Ann Koller, Essential Workers, Prayers for Peace, Prayers for Zahida's family especially Isaiah, Grandpa Clare, The Family of Chuck Polzer



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS




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| 4 Jennifer Hoyt | 14 Kellie Anderson |
| 4 Terrence Stewart | 17 McKenzie Anderson |
| 6 Carter Lipke | 20 Daniel Melstrom |
| 9 Larry Reckin | 25 Kris Polzer |
| 9 Kriss Poeschel | 31 Scott Stewart |
| 12 Kendra Johnson | 30 Marti Loquai |
| 12 LouAnn Stewart | |

AUGUST WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES



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| 12 LouAnn Stewart | |

Note to Ono-Plum City and Maiden Rock Congregations: The above birthday lists are only those of members of the Durand congregation. We'd like to include all congregations in these celebrations of life, anniversaries as well as birthdays. Please call the Durand office at 715-672-5611 or email at durandumc@nelson-tel.net with any dates you wish to include. Thank you.



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If you know someone who is ill, hospitalized or in need of encouragement, please contact the office at 715-672-5611 to notify her of needs, and a note or card will be sent.

The ONO UMW would like to thank the individuals who have made a donation to our fund, in place of the dinners, with the hope of being able to once again celebrate and share our funds with those that are in need. We are will continue to accept donations until the time we will come together in late November to provide help to those in need. We still have the opportunity to put together a fundraiser for the fall. While it will not be in the form of a meal, we will take suggestions for safe ways to fundraise from anyone and then we can decide as a group what more we can do. God Bless you all.

Kris Inqli
ONO-UMW President