



New Hope United Methodist Church

PO Box 38, W7797 Center Avenue
Greenbush, WI 53026
(Across from the Wade House Historic Site)

May/June 2020



Let's Worship Together Online

New Hope United Methodist Church
Faith United Methodist Church
Bethel United Methodist Church

<https://www.faithumcshebfalls.org>

Friends:

During the next several weeks, we will not be having our Sunday worship services at church due to the current Coronavirus outbreak. We invite you to join us via livestream each Sunday at our normally scheduled worship time, 10:30 a.m. We will be bringing you Pastor Kathy's and Pastor Ric's messages via video livestream. You may access the live stream directly from this page. Nothing will appear on the screen when we are not live streaming.

We will be sharing worship with Bethel UMC in Kiel and New Hope UMC in Greenbush. Anyone from any church is more than welcome to join us via our livestream. We will also be making our weekly worship bulletin available for download.

If we can do anything to assist you during this difficult time, please do not hesitate to contact us.

(Message from Faith UMC~Sheboygan Falls)

Upcoming Events

MAY

Sunday	May 3rd	9:30am Worship ~ https://www.faithumcshebfalls.org
Monday	May 4th	6:30pm Admin Board Meeting
Sunday	May 10th	9:30am Worship ~ https://www.faithumcshebfalls.org
Sunday	May 17th	9:30am Worship ~ https://www.faithumcshebfalls.org
Sunday	May 24th	9:30am Worship ~ https://www.faithumcshebfalls.org
Sunday	May 24th	11:00am Cemetery Walk/Drive
Sunday	May 31st	9:30am Worship ~ https://www.faithumcshebfalls.org

JUNE

Sunday	June 7th	9:30am Worship /Communion (let us pray we can worship together again)
Monday	June 8th	6:30pm Admin Board Meeting
Sunday	June 15th	9:30am Worship
Sunday	June 22nd	9:30am Worship
Sunday	June 29th	9:30am Worship

Greetings from Pastor Ric...

“How long, O Lord, how long?”

The Psalmist asks this question over and over. I wonder as well how long it will take to get life back to a resemblance of normal. How long will this “Stay at Home Order” be around? How long until Brewers Baseball is back with fans in the stands at Miller Field? How long until the beauticians and barbers can get back to work (so I can get a haircut)? How long until we can get back to worshipping together? I miss our time of Sunday in-person worship and fellowship with my Church Family. I miss visiting the people on our care list who continued to be separated from us in the nursing home or hospital. When will this Covid19 pandemic be over? Will it ever end? I just want life to be normal.

Sometimes this Lament is our only prayer when sorrow or grief fills our hearts and yearns for expression. Deep, passionate expressions of corporate and personal grief are a part of the life story of the faithful in scripture. Psalm 42 was likely written during a time of exile when the people of Israel were separated from their homeland and their “normal” way of life. Verse 4 sums up the heart’s cry:

***These things I remember as I pour out my soul:
how I used to go to the house of God
under the protection of the Mighty One
with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.***

It is human and ok to lament, to grieve. Jesus knows what we are going through and walks with us even in our frustration and deep desperation. These Biblical Laments are important parts of our relationship with God. They are our prayers when life is shattered all around us and we do not know where to turn, so we turn to God. And we find that God is still with us. Then Psalm 42 concludes with these words of hope:

***Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.***

With all the turmoil whirling around us in response to the COVID-19 virus pandemic, many of us are caught up in anxiety and worry. Many of us are feeling overloaded and overwhelmed. Still In the midst of all of this, I am thankful for the “heroes” who are reaching out to make a difference, who daily care for those sick, who are first responders, and those who go out every day to do important essential work. I am also thankful for the many millions who are “staying at home” to keep the pandemic curve as low as possible. Thank you for all you are doing. Please let us know how you are doing in this difficult time. We want to pray for you and care for you and your loved ones. You are each held in and surrounded by our prayers in this time. Keep breathing. Keep safe and well. Know that we all rest in the grace and Spirit of God.

With Christ’s Love, Pastor Ric

Announcements

- Pastor Ric’s vacation has been postponed due to the current “Stay at Home Notice”.
- The HP Computer has been sold.
- New Hope United Methodist now has a church website, please check it out!
www.gbnewhopeumc.org
- **Please share your email so we can keep Church expenses down. We need to keep in contact now more than ever.** Please email Nancy Kultgen at: nancy@gbnewhopeumc.org

We are here for you

New Pastor Warranty ~ Unknown Author

It has come to our attention that the pastor you received was shipped with a slight defect - he is not psychic. Because of this, you must observe certain procedures to ensure optimum performance.

It is necessary to inform him of any members who are hospitalized. If someone needs prayer, pastor must be told, or he won't know. If you are in need of a pastoral visit, you will get best results if you ask him.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause.



Cemetery Walk/Drive

We had planned to have a cemetery walk on May 25th but due to the current situation, we are changing it to a cemetery walk/drive. **The event will now be on Sunday, May 24th around 11:00 am. We are looking for members to share the names and stories of loved ones who are buried at the Greenbush Cemetery.** Pastor Ric would like to honor those that have been buried there. We are inviting everyone to join us and share stories about their loved ones. If you know of someone buried here who was important in the history of Greenbush, and loved ones who were faithful in our church, please send us a short paragraph telling us about them. We hope to prepare a history of our "saints" and a way to locate them so they will always stay in our hearts. Please contact us with information about your loved one.

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Scholarship

The scholarship committee has made updates to the application, so please make sure to get an updated application. We have also added the ability to apply for other assistance for camps, workshops, retreats and education for Lay Leaders. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ric, Ann Beck-Schilling or Denise Roth.

Click here for the Scholarship form:

<https://1drv.ms/w/s!AsSu6TiOu2JshGoVsVIXqSJNR4A1?e=b7sF4U>

Click here for the Scholarship Guidelines:

https://1drv.ms/w/s!AsSu6TiOu2JshGs_uKOXhhCUsJbt?e=sPcrdD

Click here for the Scholarship reference:

<https://1drv.ms/w/s!AsSu6TiOu2JshF5glSB03lbqgz3E?e=T7U6W9>

Special Sundays

Native American Sunday 4/26/2020

BY: Jeremiah Cottrell-Duebner

In many cultures, fables are read to children to teach them meanings in life. In Native American culture we believe fables are one way we teach our heritage to our children. This particular story is one of my favorite children stories of our Iroquois Nation; I hope you enjoy it as much as I do.

It all started long ago when the Earth was nothing but a blank canvas. The creator decided it was time to make the world a beautiful place. He took his paint pallet and brushes and made strokes and sponged all different colors together to make what he calls our Earthly home. As he made mountains, valleys, hills, water, and the sky, he also made the “watch men” we call them trees today.

The creator made three different kinds of trees and gave them all names. The mighty oak was one, the colorful poplar was two, and the fragrant evergreen tree was the third. Once the trees were created, they came to life and were stunned by the beauty of what the Creator had all created. So much beauty that they have never seen before. The three trees were given one request from the Creator and if they obeyed, they would have the most promising life on Earth.

“I created you as my watch men, to oversee all the things I created. I cannot stay here with you, but I will return. Until then I ask that as my watch men you stay awake and never fall asleep for great consequences will happen if you do. One afternoon the Mighty Oak felt a chill and brought his branches inward to keep warm. Doing so, he felt warmth and fell asleep. Sometime after the Mighty Oak fell asleep the colorful poplar tree felt the need to stretch. He yawned and stretched his leaves towards the sky, making him feel tired, so he too decided to take a nap just like the Mighty Oak did.

The day finally came when the Creator came back to check on his watch men and to his wondering eyes, he was devastated as to what he had seen. His watch men were sleeping! He shook the land and made the trees wake up. They shouted, “Creator, you’ve come back. Tell us what more wonders are you going to make for us?” The disappointed creator asked them why they were asleep. “We were tired father that is all, we kept our eyes open as long as we could, but we couldn’t stay awake any longer.” The creator said, “I’m upset with you, I gave you one task and yet even though I was gone for a while you couldn’t keep watch as instructed.” So as punishment you will keep your leaves, but a season will come that you will lose all your leaves and be bare, all except for one, the fragrant evergreen. You, the evergreen tree, were the only tree that stayed awake, even though your brothers fell asleep. Therefore, you shall keep your needles on your branches all year round and prosper in beauty for every season.

Keep the faith, keep a relation with God and do the work of his beauty. He asks very little from us, let us not disappoint but rather cherish and exalt God’s beauty that he created for everyone to see. Listen to your parents and your elders, for they know what they are talking about. Be truthful and honest, for one day our Father will come to judge us, so do not fall asleep but be prepared and stay awake. AMEN.

Ushers

May
31st Faye Limberg and Joan Morse

June
7th Lyle and Sharon Zimmermann
14th Deb Hellmer and Karen Longrie
21st Doreen Huberty and Kaye Hau
28th Jon and Judy Sommer

Birthdays

MAY

3rd Candy Rieth
5th Abby Hau
6th Lyle Zimmermann
12th Chip Crowe
13th Dorothy Behr
16th Brayton Zimmermann
26th Deb Hellmer

June

7th Emma Hellmer
14th Warren DeMunck
21st Lucas Hellmer
25th Christina TeBeest



If we are missing your birthday, please contact the church office.

MS Walk~Faith UMC



May 3rd Walk in Sheboygan had been POSTPONED... **HOWEVER...**The fundraising continues!!

Faith has had a team, “Walking with Faith” for several years. Each year that we have walked, we have raised more money than the year before. Last year we raised \$875! This year we would like to try something a little different, with the hope that we can raise more money than we did last year, setting our goal at \$1000! I really feel that we can do it!

From portions of message from Kathy Petersen.

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### A MS Reflection

As promised, here is our first MS Reflection. This one is from Pat Deibert and is about her father. Thanks Pat, for Sharing.

Also, if you would care to donate, you may go to this website

[https://secure.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/WIGWalkEvents?pg=entry&fr\\_id=30994](https://secure.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Walk/WIGWalkEvents?pg=entry&fr_id=30994)

Hit the DONATE button, enter the Team Name – Walking with Faith – and it will take you to our page. You do not need to set up an account with them, just follow through with your credit card handy.

Also, donations are being accepted at the office, either in the mailbox or to the office with some good social distancing.....please mark MS Walk on your check.

When I was in college in the early 70's, my father was 43. He was diagnosed with MS. Someone early on told him if he could keep his balance in check, he could keep his MS in check. And so, he took up riding a bike. Over the next 43 years, he went through countless tires and bikes. When my brother cleaned up Dad's last bike, it had 50,331 miles on the odometer! As a family we decided to pass Dad's bike on to a young lady from my parent's church who had been diagnosed with MS. She was always so inspired by my Dad's words of encouragement. Funny, I just realized in writing this that Dad spent half his life with MS. It never stopped him. He wore a simple brace to keep his foot from drooping and used a cane. His positive mental attitude was an inspiration to all who knew him. When experimental drugs were offered, he would always tell the doctors – I'm doing ok – give it to a younger person – so they can have hope!

By Patricia Deibert



*When the cares of my heart are  
many, your consolations cheer my  
soul.* *Psalm 94:19* (NRSV)

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