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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m.	Traditional Worship in the Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Fellowship Hour
9:45 a.m.	Blended Worship in the Sanctuary
10:45 a.m.	Fellowship Hour
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Nursery Care Available

To All Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church Members and Friends,

Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church (WAUMC) has produced this annual Guide Book to help build up our community of faith. Each year, you will be receiving a Guide Book to help you know more about the friends and members of WAUMC, the leadership who guides our congregation, and the ministries being carried out for Christ here in Wauwatosa and around the world.

This Guide Book has been produced and mailed without any cost to the church or to you. I hope you will take note of the advertisers when you are in their businesses, and let them know your appreciation for their help in making this Guide Book possible.

We have worked very hard to make sure the addresses and telephone numbers are correct. If, in spite of our efforts, you find errors, please call the church office and allow us to correct the mistake in our computer.

This Guide Book will help you throughout the year by providing you with

- important telephone numbers
- important names
- important information - learning opportunities, fellowship opportunities and mission and service opportunities

Put this Guide Book in a place where you can use it! I hope you will find it helpful.

Pastor Tim Berlew

United Methodists are . . .

People whose actions bring new meaning to their faith.

United Methodists have a story to share with the world. As the familiar song “We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations” says, ours is “a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light.” It’s the gospel story.

. . . A Covenant People

When you join a United Methodist congregation, you become a member of the total United Methodist connection. The “Book of Discipline” states that, as a member, you promise God and the congregation to uphold the church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service.

. . . A Diverse Community

United Methodism was formed when the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church merged in 1968. United Methodists trace their spiritual heritage back to 18th-century leaders including John and Charles Wesley, Francis Asbury, Philip Otterbein, Martin Boehm and Jacob Albright.

All persons are welcome in The United Methodist Church. We are firmly committed to inclusiveness. We celebrate a diversity of people, ideas and cultures and are enriched by our broad history.

. . . Biblical in Faith

United Methodists trust free inquiry in matters of Christian doctrine. Our faith is guided by Scripture, tradition, experience and reason. Of paramount importance is Scripture. For United Methodists, the Bible is the record of God’s people living out God’s promise.

WAUWATOSA AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Gathering as Friends... Growing in Faith... Sharing God’s Love

WE are a caring community where friends worship together, love and support each other, and where all are welcome.

WE meet the challenges of the Spirit through worship, education, music and fellowship for all. As a Christian community, we offer the opportunity to question, search the Scriptures, and commit to a faith journey through God’s love.

WE share the love of Christ, as it has been shared with us, in the church, in the community, and in the world.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WAUWATOSA AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

It was on May 22, 1848 that the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Wauwatosa was incorporated. For twenty years a little group of Methodists, led by circuit rider preachers, met in the village school house, taking their turn with other Protestant and Catholic congregations.

In 1868, the congregation, 42 members strong, purchased the site upon which the current building stands, and built the first church building which stood until the fire of 1919. The original church had an odd-looking, extremely narrow steeple, which the villagers soon started calling, “the Methodist toothpick.” At the dedication, Edward Hyde, a member of the First Methodist Church of Milwaukee, proposed that a “more respectable” steeple should be built to crown the building, and he gave a substantial contribution to get a fund started. He said he wanted to be able to see the church when he passed through the town. The present church no longer has a steeple, but features a Gothic-style tower that displays an illuminated Cross and Flame.



One fateful Sunday in May, as the families were preparing for Sunday services, the fire siren sounded its warning and clouds of smoke arose on the hill. The people learned their beloved church was afire. The fire department labored valiantly, and folks tramped to the scene to rescue any possible furnishings. The building burned to the ground but, that very afternoon, the official board met with the pastor to launch plans for a new building. The Masons offered use of their Temple for services, and meetings were held there until April of 1921, when the basement rooms of the new church were ready to use. The new lannon stone edifice, in Gothic style, like the old church, was constructed by one of the church's members, James Norwood.

In 1934, Reverend Charles and Nancy Heywood came to Wauwatosa, and the spiritual and numerical growth of the congregation greatly accelerated. By 1942, under Reverend Heywood's leadership, the mortgage was paid off and a mortgage-burning ceremony was held to celebrate the event. Another accomplishment of Reverend Heywood was the increase in membership, which stood at about 800 until his retirement in 1945.

Dr. Francis and Alice Kearns came to Wauwatosa in 1945. By 1946, the congregation had grown to such an extent that it was necessary to take on an associate pastor to help with the work. Next, the parsonage south of the church was purchased, and the old parsonage became the Parish House to provide for the toddlers and nursery, and to furnish an upstairs apartment for the caretakers. The cramped quarters of the church were being felt, especially in the Sunday School. This growth in membership necessitated a building expansion program, which was undertaken in three steps. In 1949, the first addition for more office space and Sunday School rooms was built. In 1953, the Sanctuary was lengthened and some new windows, including the beautiful Gethsemane window, were installed. The final addition, housing the Chapel, Wesley Hall and additional Sunday School rooms, was completed in 1957, on the site of the 1877 parsonage, which was torn down at that time.

WAUWATOSA AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH STAFF

Tim Berlew **Pastor**



Reverend Tim Berlew was appointed pastor of Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church as of July 1, 2016. He grew up in South Florida and received his Bachelor of Music degree in music education and Master of Music in choral conducting from the University of Miami. In 1998, he received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in organ performance from the University of Michigan. Tim began serving as an organist and director of music in churches at

the age of 13. In 2001, he sensed a change of call from music ministry to the pastoral ministry. He earned the Master of Divinity degree from Duke University in 2007. He has served in music ministry in Florida, Michigan, and North Carolina. As a pastor he has served churches in Henderson, North Carolina, as well as here in Wisconsin at Greenfield and Kenosha.



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Domnik Israel
Pastor of Visitation

Pastor Domnik Israel joined our staff as our part-time Pastor of Visitation in June of 2016. Pastor Domnik retired from full-time ministry in the Wisconsin Conference the end of June. He was ordained in the Methodist Church of India in 1982. He served twenty years as pastor, seminary faculty and Pastoral Leadership Training Director. He has served churches in LaCrosse, Shawano, and Wautoma, Wisconsin since 2003. Pastor Domnik also has a passion for missions.

He even earned a doctorate in missiology. Domnik & his wife, Joyce, reside in Greenfield. His major work will be in keeping us connected with our homebound members.



Natalie Albrecht
Director of Christian Education

Natalie joined the WAUMC team in July of 2013. She actively works in the Sunday School department, continuing to nurture our children in their spiritual growth in new and engaging ways. She is involved with the confirmation class, Senior High youth and adult education classes. Natalie completed her Bachelors of Science degree in elementary education from Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, WI. She is also a graduate of Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary with a Masters of Arts in Christian Education. Natalie enjoys teaching children of all ages.

Jodie Hunt
Church Administrator

Jodie joined the staff in 1995 to assist the pastors, staff members, and church committees in the administration and coordination of church operations, scheduling, programs, and in the management and maintenance of the church facility and grounds. She received her Bachelor degree in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Jodie has been an active leader and volunteer in the community. She and her husband, Jeff, are long-time members of WAUMC. They have two grown children.

Jackie Onan
Financial Secretary

Jackie joined our staff in August 2010 and is responsible for maintaining all financial and payroll records, and providing timely and accurate reports for the church staff, committees, and church members. She grew up in Wauwatosa and received her Bachelor degree in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is also a Certified Public Accountant. She and her husband, Lance, are long-time members of Peace UMC in Brookfield and she plays in their handbell choir.

Kaylee Piatt

Adult Choir Director/Praise Ensemble Director & Keyboardist

Kaylee Piatt began as our new Adult Choir Director in the fall of 2018. She is a recent graduate of Muskingum University in New Concord, Ohio. She completed a BA in Music Education with a minor in Musical Theater. Kaylee has worked at the Interlochen Arts Camp for the past five years. She has also maintained a private voice and piano studio. Kaylee just moved to Milwaukee to begin a master's degree program in vocal performance at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is the choral and voice teaching assistant where she teaches private voice and helps with the ensembles. She works with Dr. Zackary Durlam, the Director of Choral Activities.

Martha Aslakson

Church Organist & Tower Bells Director

Martha has been putting our church organ's pipes to good use since 1991. She has a Master of Music in organ performance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a PhD in nursing from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is a member of the nursing faculty at UWM. Martha serves WAUMC as organist for Sunday worship services, provides accompaniment for vocal and instrumental performances, and serves as the Director of our Tower Bells Handbell Choir. She is a member of the Milwaukee Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and is on the Executive Board of the Milwaukee Chapter AGO. She and her husband, Mark, reside in Racine.

Janet Smith

Chapel Service Organist/Pianist

Janet has been active in the music program of WAUMC since the fall of 1999. She joined the staff as chapel organist/pianist in September of 2001 and also serves as assistant sanctuary organist. Janet is a graduate of the Conservatory of Music of Lawrence University, majoring in voice, piano/organ. She has many years of experience as organist, choir director, piano accompanist, public school music teacher and soloist. She also is a member of United Methodist Women and P.E.O. Janet and her husband, the Rev. Carol Smith, have two sons and seven grandchildren.

Jill Lorber

Children's Choir Director

Jill joined our staff as Cherub Choir Director in September 2017. She has been a member of WAUMC since 2003 and sang in the adult choir as well as the praise team for 5 years. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Stout with a degree in Hospitality and Tourism in 2001. Jill loves working with kids. She is a girl scout leader, a Girls on the Run coach, and a dance coach for the Horace Mann elementary school dance team, where she also works as a teacher's assistant. Jill is married with 2 children.

Elizabeth Hessner
Nursery Supervisor

Elizabeth joined the WAUMC team in fall 2016 as the nursery supervisor. Though she just started her job in the fall, Elizabeth has been attending the church since 1995 and is where she was baptized as a baby and confirmed as a teenager. Elizabeth currently works at Zetley Law Offices now and is back in school getting a paralegal degree.

Chick Zaffiro
Maintenance/Security

Chick joined our staff in 2014. He is responsible for the maintenance of the church building, grounds and systems and for the security of the building. He also assists the staff and committees in room setups for meetings and events. Chick is a retired brewery worker and has been married to his wife, Carole, since 1981. They have two adult daughters, Gabrielle and Helene. His hobbies include gardening, photography, writing, music (guitar and keyboards) and raising a mutt named Atticus.

Marie Rider
Printer/Custodian

Marie joined our staff in 2012 as the printer, printing the weekly bulletins and the newsletter. She took on the position of custodian in 2014. She and her husband Mark have been active members of the church since 2001. They have a son, David. Her hobbies include photography, scrapbooking, and gardening.

CHURCH COUNCIL OFFICERS

Position	Contact.....	Telephone Numbers
Chair	Tyler Pease.....	262-689-6017
Secretary	Lois Nugent.....	414-342-0350
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.....	Wendy Kamerling.....	414-475-5402
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MUSIC/WORSHIP ARTS MINISTRY

Our worship services are enhanced through our music/arts ministry. We offer many musical and artistic opportunities to all who gather in God's name, including vocal choirs and ensembles, praise ensemble, instrumental ensembles, handbell choir, liturgical readers and visual arts. There is a special place for everyone who wants to sing, play, ring, act, read and provide visual enhancements to our worship space.

Group Name

Age Level

Rehearsal/Sharing Times

Children's Choir

4K - 5th grades

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Tower Bells

High School & up

Thursdays 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Adult Choir

High School & up

Thursdays 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Praise Ensemble

6th grade & up

Thursdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Instrumentalists

All Ages

Liturgical Readers

All ages

All services each Sunday

WAUMC is also very fortunate to have instrumental accompaniment that includes one of the finest pipe organs in the Milwaukee area. Our Schantz Organ is a 49-rank instrument that has 2,781 pipes. The organ is pleasing to the eye, as well as to the ear.

Music and the arts are a beautiful gift from God. As we share these gifts of many styles and shapes with all gathered, we pray that one may lift your spirit and speak to your soul as God takes our offering and turns it into something wonderful. As we share, our gifts multiply—touching hearts, triggering a response, and enhancing the worship of believers in a very personal way within the fellowship of the community. As John Wesley directs, "Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing." ("Select Hymns," 1761)

SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES

FAITH STEPS THROUGH GOD'S WORLD

Children	Ages three years through 4th grade
Tweens	Grades 5 through 7
Adult Education	Classes offered each quarter or on an ongoing basis
Confirmation	Grades 7 & 8 (some Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m.)

NURSERY CARE

The church has a responsibility to help young children grow and develop wholesome attitudes toward themselves, the church family, the community and the world. The church nursery is the beginning of a firm foundation in the program of Christian Education offered by the staff and members of WAUMC.

WAUMC is committed to providing safe, secure, quality child care for all children, infants through three years.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

United Methodist Women Open to adult women who wish to enjoy Christian fellowship while studying scripture and working on mission projects. Contact Janet Smith at 414-607-7142.

K'n'K K'n'K is an acronym for "caught and kept." It was started years ago by married couples desiring fellowship. Although it began as a social group for couples, singles now join in the fun. Meet one Saturday a month. Contact Janet Smith at 414-607-7142.

Youth Fellowship Youth ministry for 6th-12th graders. Meet every Sunday evening, September thru April from 6:30-8:00 p.m. for fun and fellowship! This will be a time of social gathering, a time for games, and a time for discussion about how our faith influences our lives outside the church in a world filled with diverse faith traditions. Call the church office or email tosaaveyouth@gmail.com for more information.

Church and Society

The focus on this group is on projects that benefit the community, such as providing food for meal programs, coordinating blood drives, organizing the Mitten Tree Christmas gift distribution for needy children, providing meals for Habitat, and providing clothing for those in need. Contact Susan Schoenmarklin at 414-771-3746.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

This group gathers to knit or crochet prayer shawls, baptism blankets and hats & mittens. The love of knitting/crocheting is combined into a prayerful ministry which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Meets on Tuesdays from 1:00-2:30 p.m. Contact Jodie Hunt at 414-453-0700.

Boy Scout Troop 21

Any young man completing the 5th grade or older can join Troop 21. Meets on Tuesday evenings. Contact Steve Weber at 414-771-3228 or tosatroop21@sbcglobal.net. Website: www.bsatroop21.org.

Church Women United

This group is a covenantal community that unites women of many Christian denominations, communions and coalitions. This group celebrates their diversity, worships and studies together, and works together for a society of peace and justice. Contact Karen Taughinbaugh at 414-438-1729.

HOW WE CONNECT OUTSIDE OUR WALLS

Locally:

- Making bag lunches and muffins for Milwaukee area meal programs
- Building Habitat Houses
- Service to Northcott Neighborhood House
- Support of Wauwatosa Food Pantry
- Mitten Tree at Christmas, gift distribution for children in need
- Partner with United Methodist Children's Services
- Participate in Summerfield UMC meal program
- Partner with Hawley Environmental School
- Provide meeting space for Boy Scouts
- Provide space for Mary of Magdala Catholic congregation
- Tutor MPS 5K students in reading & math and donate school supplies & holiday gifts.

Wider Connections:

- Appalachia Service Project
- UNICEF
- Imagine No Malaria
- Support of Missionary in Africa
- Opportunities for giving which support United Methodist Ministries around the world
- CROP Walk, to support hungry people