We Gather Together…

**Saturday**
5:30 pm Worship That Rocks (Beloit)

**Sunday**
9:30 am Worship (Beloit)
10:00 am Worship (Clinton)

**Wednesday**
5:30 pm WATR Dinner & Classes (Beloit)
6:00 pm Alive Service (Beloit)

Construction begins the week of October 20th in Fellowship Hall for the remodeling of the east end. Please contact the office with any questions, 608-362-8866.

This year’s Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, November 30th at 12:30 pm at the Beloit Campus.

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If you make the Staff/Office aware of a concern, we consider that permission to print it here and in the bulletin. If you do not wish to have it publicized, please let us know.

If you are admitted to the hospital and would like to be called on by the pastor or a member of the clergy team, please be sure to tell them you are from The River of Life United Methodist Church. They will not call us, nor release that information unless you request it.

If you are admitted through the emergency room, please have a friend or family member notify us. The hospital does not pass that information along.

REMINDER!

Newsletter deadline
November 3, 2014
The next issue of the Current will be available November 15th
Our condolences to the Family and Friends of...
Arlene (Lee) Graybill
Jean Davis

In September our Operating Income was $18,320, our Operating Expenses were $25,087, leaving a net loss of ($6,767) for the month of September and a negative balance for the year to date of ($101,027). This figure is arrived at by pulling the Richardson Estate money and endowment proceeds out of the equation. Please note, sometimes these figures change from month to month because the Financial Statement is not always finalized when the Current needs to be printed.

The Building Fund balance is $32,154.19.

If you would like a complete print out of the financial report, please stop in the office during regular business hours (Mon.-Thurs. 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM).

Members of the Finance Committee are: Pastor David Carlson, Jesse Calkins, Shellie Olson, Sam Paddock, Carol Scheets, Roger Sands, Pat Sands.

SPPRC ANNOUNCEMENT

Staff Appreciation will be at each service (Beloit and Clinton) on November 15th, 16th, and 19th. Staff will be sent an invitation to attend one of the services so they can stand and be acknowledged during service. Cake will be served, and a small slideshow will showcase the Staff.

SPPRC recently honored Volunteers at the services in Beloit and Clinton on October 11th, 12th, and 15th to show our appreciation for their service.
November 3
Bruce Holcomb

November 4
Karla Junig

November 6
Sue Hess

November 8
Darlene Breden

November 9
Nan Bolar

November 10
Diane Buckler

November 11
Karen Knutsen

November 12
Jesse Calkins

November 15
Lora Dodson
Ashley McMillan
Sarah Wilson

November 16
Ruth Potts

November 17
Shirley Norman

November 18
Ian Kersten
Brian Lutzow

November 19
Vicki Cornford
Doug Henthorn

November 20
Judy Harris

November 21
Sam Paddock

November 22
Glenda Bottger

November 23
Mary Alice Harris

November 24
Mariette Axmear
Tom Michels

November 25
Sue Moen

November 26
Sid Schwartz

November 27
Erik Ovist
Mary Beth Woodard

November 28
Natalie Dumke
Nadine Knutsen
Courtney Woody

November 30
Ron Schrader

November 10
Dan & Kathy Cornford

November 11
Donald & Nancy Bryant

November 30
Harry & Eleanor Burnside

Dale and Diane Gemignani became grandparents again!
Sabrina Carolyn Gemignani was born on September 11.
She lives in West Bend, WI with Mike and Justina
Gemignani and big sister Jocelyn.
Everyone is doing great!

A great big thank you for the wonderful baked goods that was
received for our Fall Festival.
It was a great success, and with
your help it was even more so.

The Fall Festival Committee
## Mission News and Ministry Opportunities

**CARITAS NEEDS THESE ITEMS:**

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The Caritas basket is located in the Coat Rack Room, next to the Kitchen. Also drop off Campbell Soup labels and can top collections here.

## REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

We understand that recently a man came into the church requesting money and several people responded by giving him cash. While that is most people’s first inclination, the reality is a much broader scope. Some people make their living by asking for assistance and have endless scenarios of need and often have people along for “props.” Our policy is to send people to the Salvation Army where they will run their name through a data base to see if they are chronic abusers of the system. If not, there are usually funds available there for such needs.

The problem with giving money out indiscriminately is that among the unscrupulous, word passes quickly and we are met with a steady stream of requests.

*Generosity toward the less fortunate is admirable, however to do the most good it is wise to make a donation to the church marked “God’s Fund.” All that money goes to help people in need. If you would like more information on this process please contact Pat in the office. (608-362-8866).*
On October 5th, the Middle and High School Youth participated in a Mystery Mission Trip. It started with attending church in the morning and going through a quiz of the aspects of the service. There were 30 questions they had to answer. The winner is yet to be determined. After service we then went into the Merrill Community with John Ramstad from Beloit's Community Action Group and weeded one of the many community gardens in that area. The garden we weeded was one that John had let go fallow. We tackled it until 1:30 pm when we headed out to lunch. After lunch we had our fun part and went to the trampoline sports complex in Rockford. We were there until 5:00 pm and had a blast. We served the community and had fun at the same time. Just want to say a big Thank You to Tina and Doug Henthorn and Karen Parssinen for making all the arrangements, and John Ramstad for finding the work for us to do.
United Methodist Women
FAITH * HOPE * LOVE IN ACTION

There will be a UMW Board Meeting on Wednesday, November 5th at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Please let Karen Butchart know if you cannot be there: 608-365-3036.

Upcoming meetings:

- **Wednesday, November 19th**
  - **9:30 am**, location to be announced

- **Tuesday, November 4th**
  - **9:30 am** at Church

- **Wednesday, November 19th**, 1:00 pm at Karen Butchart’s, 1715 Janie Lane. The program will be the annual Thank Offering led by Karen.

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**GET YOURS NOW**

**What:** Application for UMW’s Scholarship

**Who?** Anyone continuing in post-secondary education

**Who else?** Someone who has won before but is now pursuing another degree or certification.

**When?** Right now, as DUE DATE is the FIRST MONDAY IN DECEMBER

**Why?** $750 “ain’t” hay

**Where?** Available at Church Office

-Shirley Sweet

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UMW FALL RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

We are so appreciative of everyone who supported the sale.
THE MEN: Wes, Glenn, Jesse, Bob, and John.
THE YOUTH AND LEADERS: The Maxwell Family and The Henthorn’s and all the youth that helped set up on Wednesday night.
THE DONATORS: who sort through and haul their items to church. Those who bake goodies, pies, barbecue and potato salad.
THE WORKERS: who organize the sale, cashier, cook and serve.

All these hours of love went to raise around $1,400.00 for Missions.

THANK YOU, EVERYONE!

-Karen Butchart
"The Power of Serving Others" by Gary Morsch and Dean Nelson is on the list of the 2014 UMW Book Group. I appreciated the numerous heart-warming examples of persons enriched by finding true purpose in life through helping others. Morsch, a doctor, declares that faith compels us to help others. He asserts that reason demands basic services such as food and security must be available to all people, especially in a rich country like ours. Even more, he tells us that our future depends on generosity to those in need. He relates that the increasing disparity of the rich and the poor today, is similar to the economic problems that were a big factor leading to the fall of Rome. Of course, we are not expected to dramatically change the world by ourselves, but we can start where we are, by performing simple acts of service for those around us in our church, neighborhood and community.

We can also work together when serving others. For example, at the October 2013 UMW Wisconsin Annual Conference, a workshop was presented concerning Disaster Response Teams (DRT). Many UM churches in Wisconsin have developed DRTs that are ready to respond to emergencies such as floods and tornados. Guidelines and training sessions are available to help individual churches build their own teams. If our church would like to develop a local DRT, information can be obtained by calling Tom Rossmiller, WI Conference DRT Coordinator, Home Phone: 262-642-3727 or Conference Phone: 888-240-7328.

Jane DeSoto, UMW Social Action

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**Alzheimer’s Support Group**

Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 pm at Church.
Bring your spouse, the person you care for, or a friend.
Anyone is welcome to attend.

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Welcome Everyone!
11:00 am
Thursday, October 23
Short Stack Restaurant
1871 Cranston Road)
(near corner of Prairie & Cranston)
Let’s do lunch together!!

NEW MEMBER CLASS BEGINNING
OCTOBER 26, 2014, 6:30 PM
EVERY OTHER SUNDAY EVENING

This is a class to consider if you have been attending The River of Life United Methodist Church, but haven’t committed to full membership. We will explore what it means to be a member of a congregation.

Loose Coins
We collected $314.87 in loose coins last month for God’s Fund.
Thank you!
October loose coins will go to Hands of Faith

We are collecting Can Tops and Campbell Soup Labels. Please drop them off in the Coat Rack Room, next to the Kitchen.

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WEEKLY EVENTS

**Monday**
1:00 pm Card Club ((FH)

**Tuesday**
1:00 pm 500 Card Club (Middle School Room)

**Wednesday**
1:30 pm Bible Study, Clinton
5:30 pm WATR Dinner
6:00 pm ALIVE
Middle School & Senior High Youth
   Groups, Bible classes for Children &
   Adults, Adventurer’s Club

**Thursday**
6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday**
4:00 pm Middle School Bible Study

OUTSIDE GROUPS

**Alcoholics Anonymous**
Thur. 7:00 pm (Room 1)
Sun. 8:00 pm (FH)

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Happy Fall!

Wishing that the Autumn brings
Bountiful of happiness and joy!

Happy Halloween

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