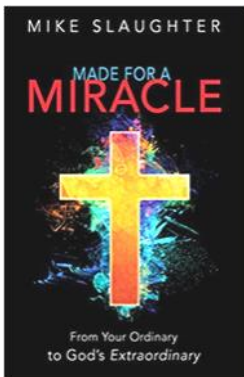


LENTEN STUDIES 2018

Ash Wednesday is February 14th and Cargill's Lenten studies begin the week of Sunday February 18th. This year, the Lenten study is "Made For A Miracle: From Your Ordinary to God's Extraordinary," written by Mike Slaughter. This study is based on the belief that God performs miracles not magic, and that every miracle has two components: divine action and human



responsibility. For a real miracle to take place, we must act with God, using whatever gifts, talents, and abilities we have and directing them toward God's work in the world. This study examines how God uses ordinary people to accomplish some very extraordinary work in the world.

- Week 1.** You Were Made for a Miracle
- Week 2.** Miracles Come with a Cost
- Week 3.** The Miracle of Love
- Week 4.** Activate the Power of Faith
- Week 5.** Activate the Power of Prayer
- Week 6.** Activate Health and Healing

Sundays

- 9:00am** – Room 106
Daryl Spors, facilitator
- 10:30am** – Room 106
David Calverley, facilitator

Monday

- 9:30 – 11:00am** – Room 106
Linda Whitelock, facilitator

Thursday

- 10:30 – 11:30am** Room 106
Ramona Hohenstein, facilitator



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A WORD FROM PASTOR SUSAN

WORSHIP DURING LENT: "The Journey of Discipleship"

At the heart of the Christian faith is our participation in the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as Lord, and through that participation, the fullness of eternal life with God. Because this must be renewed continually throughout our lives, we often speak of our life in Christ as a journey.

This Lent, in our worship, we will explore this journey through our Holy Scriptures and the experiences from the lives of the first disciples as well as our own. As we again prepare for our annual walk with Jesus to the cross during Holy Week, we are invited to use the weeks of lent to examine and strengthen our own faith commitments as together we explore the common steps of the journey of discipleship: following, confessing, faltering, transforming, serving, and proclaiming.

Are you looking for renewed hope in this new year? Are you looking forward to spring? Are you longing for the fullness of life that is the Easter promise? Then let us journey together to a deeper personal commitment to Christ, and a deeper sense of what it means to be the church.

-'see you in church!

Blessings,

Susan

WEAR RED NEXT SUNDAY, FEB 4

in solidarity with the
victims of human trafficking

This year, on Super Bowl Sunday 2018, the United Methodist Women invite us to "stand in the Red Zone to intercept human trafficking."



Join us in fighting the forcing of vulnerable children and adults into sex or labor across the United States.

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WORSHIP FOR LENT & EASTER



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, February 14

Worship Services at 12:10 and 6:30pm

WORSHIP DURING LENT: "The Journey of Discipleship"

Saturdays at 5:00pm and Sundays at 9:00 & 10:30am

Feb. 10 & 11: "Following" - Mark 1: 16-20

Feb. 17 & 18: "Confessing" - Matthew 16: 13-20

Feb. 24 & 25: "Faltering" - Luke 22: 54-62

Mar. 3 & 4: "Transforming" - John 21: 1-14

Mar. 10 & 11: "Serving" - John 21: 15-19

UMCOR Sunday

Mar. 17 & 18: "Proclaiming" - Acts 2: 29-39

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY	Saturday, Mar. 24	5:00pm in Chapel
	Sunday, Mar. 25	9:00 & 1:30am in Sanctuary
MAUNDY THURSDAY	Thursday, Mar. 29	12:10 & 6:30pm
GOOD FRIDAY	Friday, Mar. 30	12:10 & 6:30pm

EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

Saturday, March 31 5:00pm in the Chapel

Sunday, April 1

7:00am in the Garth

9:00 & 10:30am in the Sanctuary



FEBRUARY 5—SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

“SOUPER BOWL” OF CARING

HELP TACKLE HUNGER!

You don't have to travel to distant places to help people in need. We have hungry people right here in Janesville that we can help!

While we are preparing for our “Super Bowl” parties, let's take time out to think about the hungry people right here in Janesville.

On “Souper Bowl” Sunday, February 5th, please bring in cans of soup or any other food items for ECHO. A special collection will also be taken.



ECHO'S revenues are down.

FOOD NEEDS ARE up.

SERVICES ARE BEING cut.

PLEASE HELP!!!

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

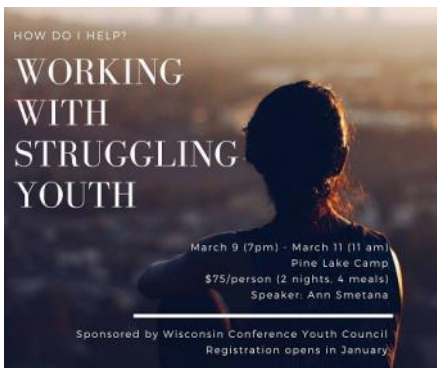
We will be collecting items to put in the college care packages through February 18. Things that would benefit our students might include: tissue, pens, pencils, sticky notes, hot chocolate packets, granola bars, etc. Please put items in a bin located in the Fellowship Hall underneath our College Student bulletin boards.

If you have a son or daughter in college and they attend Cargill UMC, we would love to send them a care package, which will be sent at the end of February. Please get an updated address to Rev. Dan ASAP so that we can send supplies to them. Thank you for reminding our college students that they are important to our church!



CARE-PACKAGES

YOUTH LEADER RETREAT



When: Friday March 2 (7pm) to Sunday March 4 (11am no lunch)

Where: Pine Lake, WI

Why: to give resources and training to clergies and lay persons who work with youth regarding mental health issues.

Cost \$75 covers lodging and meals. Registration deadline is MARCH 1.

REGISTER HERE: <https://wiumcamps.campbrainregistration.com/?loggedOut=True>

PRIME TIME SENIORS



IT'S LUNCH OUT at the Time Out Pub & Grill on Wednesday, February 7th. Join us downtown at 11:30. Find Time Out's great menu in a folder on our Senior Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. **Sign up by Friday, Feb. 2.**

AND THEN, A MONTH LATER, ANOTHER LUNCH OUT!

Wednesday, March 7th at 11:30am—lunch out at: Peking Chinese Restaurant, Janesville. More information to come.



BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

Bountiful Blessings is Cargill's free community meal held the 3rd Saturday of every month at 4pm in Fellowship Hall. Invite your family and friends to enjoy fellowship with one another and a tasty meal lovingly prepared.

The February Bountiful Blessings meal is scheduled for February 17th, and the menu will be: Catalina chicken, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, Texas Roadhouse salad and rolls, hot chocolate, milk, coffee and a dessert.



If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering for this service opportunity, please contact Sara Pederson at 608-756-2686 or Becky Saliby at 608-201-6069.

SENIOR MEALS

All seniors are invited to join us for Senior Meals! We meet for Senior Meals at noon in Fellowship Hall on the following dates:

February 1—baked chicken, rice and gravy; California blend vegetables, lettuce salad and banana cream dessert and coffee

February 15—split pea soup, ham and cheese croissant sandwich, cinnamon cherry applesauce salad, cherry pie and coffee

Please note that the cost for Senior meals has gone up to \$8.00 per person due to the increased cost of food. Please call the church office by noon two days before the lunch to make reservations. The church office phone number is (608) 752-0548. Remember to give your phone number when making a reservation because if the weather turns bad or if less than 20 make a reservation, we will cancel the meal.



FEBRUARY

YOUTH NEWS

February 4

2:30-4pm Cargill UMC Youth Gathering

Discussion Topic: Living Right and Wrong

5:30-7pm Confirmation in the Fireside Room

February 11

2:15pm Leave for Youth United at Asbury UMC

5:30-7pm Confirmation in the Fireside Room

February 18

Service Opportunity with Cornerstone of Hope

5:30-7pm Confirmation in the Fireside Room

February 25

2:30-4pm Cargill UMC Youth Gathering

Discussion Topic: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

5:30-7pm Confirmation in the Fireside Room



SE District Youth Retreat:

One With Each Other Building Community

When: Friday March 9 to Sunday March 11

Where: Wesley Wood Camp, Williams Bay, WI

Why: for youth from the SE District to gather and explore issues and solutions and to have conversations about mental health.

Cost: \$50 Registration DEADLINE is FEBRUARY 4 REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.etchouches.com/seyouth2018>

Youth United

Youth United, the joint youth ministry of Asbury, Cargill, Mt. Zion and Milton UMCs, will meet at Asbury UMC on Sunday, February 11 from

2:30-4:30. All Middle School and High School youth are invited to attend. There will be food, fun and fellowship! Youth are also encouraged to bring a friend to Youth United events! We will leave Cargill from the South Entrance at 2:15pm. Contact Rev. Dan with any questions.



AND MANY MORE...

SCRIP gift cards are the same gift cards you can purchase from your favorite retailer, restaurant, gas station, grocery store and more. You can put your purchasing power for stuff you really need to work supporting the youth group. You pay face value for the gift card and the youth get an instant rebate based on the discount percentage offered by the retailer. For example, Kwik Trip offers a 4% discount. If you spend \$50 on gas per week and purchase a \$50 gift card through SCRIP, the youth receive \$2. It's a win, win for all! Why not give it a try! Stop by the SCRIP station in Fellowship Hall to learn more or to place your order. If you have any questions, contact Briana Spors at 608-295-6913 or email mommie_rn@yahoo.com, or talk with Kristi Filter.

MISSION TRIPS 2018

Mission Trips are opportunities for youth to grow in their personal faith and serve others in various ways. Projects may include organizing activities for VBS, roofing a home, cleaning a park, painting or other things to care for our neighbors. This year, there are two exciting opportunities for our youth.

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Youth are able to fundraise most, if not all of the money through various fundraisers held at the church.

Please let Rev. Dan know if your youth is interested in going on a mission trip!

WANT MORE INFO?

Check out the Youth Board in Fellowship Hall or get connected as a young adult by [joining](#) the "**Cargill UMC Youth & Parent Group**" on Facebook!





Come **SPLASH** into Sunday School with **DEEP BLUE** (Preschool-5th Grade)



Our children will continue the **DEEP BLUE** curriculum by exploring and learning about the many stories of Jesus. In February, our children will learn about the stories that point to Jesus as our Messiah.

February 4: Jesus Feeds Many

February 11: Jesus Walks on Water

February 18: The Four Friends

February 25: FAMILY WORSHIP



9am: Children participate in Children's Time and then proceed with shepherds who will lead them to Sunday School.

10:30am: Children, led by our shepherds will go straight to Sunday School in Fireside Room. After worship parents can pick up their children in the Lounge at 11:30am. On the last Sunday of every month, children and their families go to the Fellowship Hall for Family Worship.



Family worship is a time where parents and their children come and learn together about their Christian Faith through a time of worship; an interactive message that includes crafts, praise music, dancing and communal prayers. Those who attend will learn using all of their senses! Family worship takes place instead of regular Sunday School and is held the last Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30am.



A group for inquiring young people (Grades 3-4-5) to have fun while talking about God and serving others.
February theme:
Wednesday February 7th 6-7pm "Mission"
Sunday February 18th 12-2pm "Fun & Fellowship"

Any child in grades 3-5th are welcome to join us at Spark! We encourage all to invite friends.

Prayers From The Heart

This wonderful intergenerational ministry intentionally brings prayer into the lives of all families. We encourage members of our Cargill congregation to participate by sponsoring one of our families.

Each week in February, children will receive cards, emails, or post-card to let them know their sponsors are praying for them.

What a difference you'll make in the lives of our children!



This year, our Sunday School children will be working to raise \$500 to buy a bed for the GIFTS Men's Shelter. As of February, our children have raised \$100. We encourage children to give as much as they can to accomplish this exciting goal.

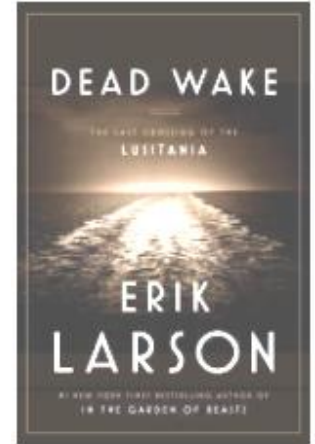


BABIES & WODDLERS AND TODDLERS & TWOS

Children from birth to age 3 (not yet potty trained) gather in Room 107 under the care of trained staff. Pagers are available.

WEDNESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Book Discussion Group will begin again on Wednesday February 7 at 10:30am in the library, to reconnect with past readers and to welcome anyone who would like to join. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 10:30am in the Library. Sandy Stratmeyer procures the books via Hedburg Library's Inter-loan Department, and takes care of getting the books and returning them when due. There isn't much to do but have a desire to read and join in pleasant discussions. We read books from many varied genres—always welcoming suggestions. The Dead Wake: The Late Crossing of the Lusitania, by Erik Larson will be distributed on the Feb. 7th for review on March 7th. Call Sandy at 758-2518 with any questions.



CROP CONTACT PERSON NEEDED



Cargill United Methodist Church Needs a CROP Hunger Walk Recruiter!

We are looking for a CROP Hunger Walk Recruiter to serve as our congregation's point of contact – someone to lead Cargill's fundraising efforts in the fight against hunger around the block and around the world. Deb Kline Tollefson's faithful, passionate service as Cargill's Recruiter has come to an end.

Over the years, Cargill United Methodist Church has consistently ranked as one of the national church leaders for total CROP Hunger Walk funds raised—thanks to your generous financial support!

Interested candidates may contact Janesville's Walk Coordinators:

Carolyn Brandeen by phone at (608) 754-7004
or Kathy Holcombe at (608) 756-8117;
or by emailing: cropjanesville@charter.net



**Mark your calendar for Janesville's
41st CROP Hunger Walk, 1:00pm on
Sunday, April 29, at Cargill United Methodist Church!**

CARGILL CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE

January was a busy filled month here at the child care center. The children learned about the theme "In the Winter." They focused on learning about ice, activities you can do in winter, animal habitats, and practiced self help skills in getting dressed for the weather. February will be focused on the themes "My Body" and "Friendship and Sharing".

Thank you to everyone that purchased a Butter Braid through our last fundraiser. The proceeds helped us to complete the new shade structure on our infant/toddler playground. If you haven't had a chance, please check it out! A big thank you to Dean Teuscher and the trustees for their work to make the project a success.

February begins open enrollment for Janesville's 4K program P4J (Preschool 4 Janesville). All children that are 4 years old by September 1st are eligible to participate in the 4K program. There is no cost to families and they can choose the morning or afternoon session. Here at Cargill we are proud to offer two classrooms for P4J, so please spread the word to anyone that has a child that qualifies for the program.

Dawn Allen, Director of Preschool and Daycare



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GIFTS UPDATE

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with GIFTS recently! We were once again amazed and thankful for the wonderful support our Cargill family gives the homeless men our community. A very special thank you to Diane Quade for cooking 3 meals!

- Les and Janice Delo



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Monday, February 5th

Mission Team Meeting 6:30pm, Room 108

Tuesday, 13th

Unit Meeting – LEGACY PROGRAM*

Leader Linda Whitelock

Refreshments: 9:00 – 9:30am

Program: 9:30—11am

Location: Lounge

Hostess: Ruth Circle

Leader: Linda Whitelock

BRING YOUR COLORED PENCILS AND/OR COLORED INK PENS

*UMW LEGACY—The sacred space of legacy inheritance. The first unit program of 2018 will help us better understand the sacred spaces created by inheritance and the legacy of United Methodist Women with women, children and youth.



FEB. 11TH—BLANKET THE WORLD WITH LOVE

God has blessed us with so much, and we have much to share. Share this love by providing Church World Services Blankets to reach families fleeing their homes, recovering from disaster and more. Each blanket costs only \$10, but these blankets can be a vital resource for someone needing a little support, warmth and encouragement. There are sample blankets on display in the narthex.

An example of the importance of these blankets: Winters in Appalachia can be long and brutal, especially if your home has broken windows and isn't well insulated. Sandy Gunnell, leader of Sisters of Hope in Prestonsburg, Kentucky sees this scenario all the time. While visiting vulnerable neighbors in her community to distribute CWS Blankets and other material items, she realized how cold their homes were in the winter. The members of the Burchett family had an idea to make their house a little warmer. They hung the thick wool blankets donated to them three years ago in front of their broken windows, "to keep the heat in and the cold wind out," explained Sandy. She knows that for many families, a CWS Blanket is an important barrier separating them from the cold. "Every year the CWS Blanket is the only thing they have to keep them warm," said Sandy. Sandy recently provided the Burchett family with additional blankets to use in the various rooms of their house. "They are so appreciative of everything we have given them. And they go out of their way to tell you how much these blankets mean to them," she says.

You will have an opportunity to donate to "Blanket the World with Love" on Feb. 11th. Checks may be made to Cargill UMC with "Blankets" in the memo. Thank you for helping people around the world stay warm and feel cared for!



CROP HUNGER WALK 2018

Think Spring...

Save the Date!

Janesville's 41st CROP Hunger Walk
Sunday, April 29, 2018

1:00 p.m. at Cargill United Methodist Church

www.crophungerwalk.org/janesvillewi

www.facebook.com/JanesvilleCROP

cropjanesville@charter.net



ELECTRONIC GIVING

Thank you, everyone, for supporting Cargill UMC with your time, talent, and financial contributions! If you'd appreciate a convenient way to make regular offerings, we encourage you to look into our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up, you may find electronic giving a most welcome way to make contributions. Contact Valerie in the church office or go to www.cargillumc.org for more information.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Blessed by Generosity



Contributions Budget through December 2017	\$ 610,000
Actual Contributions through December 2017	\$ 568,186
Actual Contributions through end of Dec. 2016	\$ 586,270
2017 Contribution Budget Shortage	\$ 41,814

Although a contribution budget shortfall was experienced, Cargill UMC will close 2017 with income over expenses. This happened because we underspent some areas of our budget. Overall, Cargill UMC is blessed to have very generous givers. Thank you to all who support our many ministries.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

A Ministry Exploration Class will be held Sunday, February 25 at 12 noon, in Room 106. Join us for this opportunity to get connected with the various ministries of Cargill UMC. The gathering will include an overview of the rich Methodist tradition of social action and service, Cargill's ministries of outreach and spiritual growth, discipleship of time, talent and treasure and making connections with one another through our interests. If you want to learn more about Cargill UMC or are ready to partner with others to live into this mission, this is a great opportunity to learn more. This class will be led by the Rev. Lee Meissner. Please see Pastor Susan with questions.

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Worship

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am & 10:30am

Family Worship, last Sunday of the month at 10:30 in Fellowship Hall.

Childcare is provided during Sunday worship services.

Fellowship

Food, refreshments, and friendship are available after both worship services on Sunday mornings in Fellowship Hall .
Please join us!