

The Tidings

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"We are living proof that Jesus Christ is our peace who makes strangers into friends, breaks down dividing walls and builds up real persons."

From the Pastor

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Psalm 126:5

They sow the wind,
And reap the whirlwind. Hosea 8:7

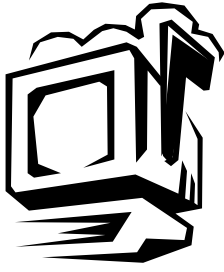
I said, 'Plant the good seeds of righteousness,
and you will harvest a crop of love.
Plow up the hard ground of your hearts,
for now is the time to seek God,
that God may come
and shower righteousness upon you.' Hosea 10:12

Remember this:: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 2 Corinthians 9:6

Do not be deceived: You cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant.
Galatians 6:7

I have this recurrent fantasy of the church's downstairs Kitchen of Grace filled with people and the overflowing abundance their gardens produce; together operating an assembly line of canning and freezing that would make Henry Ford blush. Some would teach, some would learn, and all would go home with homegrown and church-packed jars of salsa and jam and pesto to share or sell or serve to our families throughout the fall and winter.

Now is the time to start preparing the earth (and yourselves!) to start digging in and planting. We have many green thumbs in our church. If you are new to this, or have questions, talk to the people attached to those thumbs, like Master Gardener, Paul Walker, or Kathie Hanold, who will give you starters (but not her good dirt!) or Hanie Lykins, or Marilyn Carrington, or Nancy Fritter, or Eric Olsen, or Kevin Genich or maybe you possess your own capable green thumb! Ready to grow?



BULLETIN BOARD

THANK YOU

Dear Underwood Family,
Thank you so much for the wonderful gift certificates you presented to me – just for teaching Sunday School, which is a blast! I love the kids, and it is a privilege to teach them. The book store certificate will really come in handy.

As for the KIVA certificate, I am thrilled to be able to make a small loan to an entrepreneur in the developing world! As a 24 year veteran of the credit union movement, where people are lending to people, I am delighted to learn about the KIVA program and be a lender, thank you all of you. . I have already made a loan to Ojiugo Ndubisi, from Lagos State, Nigeria. The loan will help her stock her food and medicine store.

Your gifts are very much appreciated.

Pat Ransom, Elementary SS Teacher

SAVE THE DATE!

If you currently serve on a committee here at Underwood or have been nominated for the new term beginning in June, please plan to join us for brunch on Saturday, **June 6th** from 9-11am. This is an opportunity for outgoing and incoming committees to meet together and 'pass the torch.' We hope to give each group a better handle on the work of their particular committee, and who they will work alongside. The following Sunday morning (June 7th), we will have an installation of our new members during the worship service. See you then!

MUSICIANS, SINGERS, DANCERS & READERS WANTED

If you have a special song, a special poem, a piece of music, or a liturgical dance, that you would like to perform, please speak with Emily Rohde-Terrien. She is making a schedule of special performances during the summer worship services, and would love to include as many people as possible.

It's not too late to sign up to be a camper or volunteer at Camp Tamarack.

Registration forms can be found online at

www.camptamarack.org

or in the Fireside Room.

Any questions, please speak with Sarah Torbenson.

LET'S MAKE SOME CHANGE!

On Sunday, May 17th, the children of the church challenged the rest of the congregation to make real **change** this summer. Bring your week's worth of pocket change and drop it in their change jar each Sunday. At the end of the summer, the children will decide who to share their collection with. Don't miss this chance to make real change!

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE & PICNIC/POTLUCK

On **June 7th** Underwood will hold an outdoor worship service in our own courtyard, with the picnic/potluck to follow. Please bring a dish to pass, meat or protein if desired, a lawn chair and beverages. Grills and paper products will be available. Tree climbing to follow.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following students:

HIGH SCHOOL:

Karlee Sprague on to UW-La Crosse

COLLEGE:

Nick Henderson UW-Platteville –

Communications with emphasis on radio –
working for D&G Insulation and radio work
on the side

Brian Keys MATC - Liberal Arts Associate
Degree

Dan Toth UW-Madison (in Dec 2008)

Tifuh Amba Masters of Nursing

Ryan Jeske Cornell University – PhD,
Organic Chemistry

ABC-USA BIENNIAL

ABC-USA will meet in Pasadena for the
Biennial from **June 25-28th**. Delegates from
ABC congregations will meet for renewal as
well as to transact the business of the
convention. Be in prayer for the convention
leaders as well as those who will attend.
Pastor Jamie will represent Underwood
Church at this biennial.

RUMMAGE SALE REPORT

Plans are in the making to disburse the
\$1660 netted from our annual rummage
sale. We are pleased to have money to give
to mission projects. If you helped in any
way by donating items, working at setting
up, or working the day of the sale, we are
grateful. About 30 different people worked
before and during the sale. Of course, that
doesn't count all who donated "stuff." The
leftover materials were packed up and taken
to Goodwill or to the Milwaukee Christian
Center.

The AB women, the main sponsors of the
sale each year, have decided to wait two
years until the next rummage sale.

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to
make this a successful event.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

MEET THE STROTHMANNS

MARK, PATTI & BABY MARY

Mark works in his family's business: Suzy's
Cream Cheesecakes. He is also a bass
player who most recently played with Toy
Machine Gun. These days he is
experimenting with hip hop, rap, and rock.

Patti is a massage therapist at Signature
Salon and Spa. She's also great at finding
churches! She was looking for a church
online when she came across the
Underwood website. After she listened to
some of Pastor Jamie's sermons, she was
hooked.

Baby Mary is all chubby cheeks and smiles.
She is eight months old and must be one of
the most serene babies I have ever seen.

Mark and Patti met ten years ago when Patti
worked in a restaurant where Mark was
delivering cheesecake. But they didn't get
together until three years later, when Patti
went a party where another guest brought a
Suzy's Cheesecake. When Patti mentioned
that she had once known one of the
Strothmanns (the family that owns Suzy's
Cheesecakes), the woman who had brought
the cheesecake identified herself as Mark's
sister. She also said that she thought Patti
would be a good match for Mark. Apparently
she was right; Mark and Patti just celebrated
their second wedding anniversary!

Jeanne Grisetti

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WOMEN BUILD WEEK SEPTEMBER 14-18th

If you or anyone you know is interested in
volunteering for the Women Build, come to
our meeting, or contact Melissa Herguth at
mherguth@milwaukeehabitat.org



THE LIBRARY CORNER

While continuing the task of entering Underwood's

collection in the new library database, I have discovered some gems hidden away on the shelves. When is the last time you took the time to leisurely browse our library?

For instance, I found a fictionalized depiction of John Newton's life in the book, ***Devil on the Deck*** by Lois H. Dick. As you probably know, Newton is the author of the favorite hymn, *Amazing Grace*. The sailor who tried to run as far away from his creator as he could when a young man, finally yielded to God's call at 23. He served God until his death in 1807. During his lifetime, he wrote 280 hymns.

Another gem is ***Filling up the Brown Bag*** by Jerry Jordan. This is a book of ideas for children's sermons. I never knew we had such a resource. Try browsing our shelves after worship some Sunday.

There are 16 "new" children's books waiting for me to process, along with about the same number of adult books. Yes, I went "shopping" at the rummage sale. These books will be processed soon.

As I remind you each month, keep on reading: it's one of life's greatest pleasures.

Carolyn Sanders, Librarian

DON'T MISS IT!

After worship on **June 21st**, Marcocel Lisius, of Haiti, will give a presentation regarding the work he is involved with there. Marcocel is a part of SOL/SOIL, a nonprofit working towards better sanitation. He also works with children and youth. Make a point to stay after church, and find out how you can be involved in the good work taking place in Haiti.

PRIDEFEST JUNE 12-14

Pridefest is a time when our LGBT loved ones, families, and friends can come together in a safe and welcoming setting to celebrate the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered community. For the past two years, PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) has been a welcoming presence to festival goers, to counter the small but vocal groups of protesters whose viewpoint of God's love excludes the LGBT community and who target those attending the festival.

Come and be a public witness to the radical love of God. Join with others from PFLAG and other welcoming congregations outside the main gate. If you can, stay for an hour or so, hold signs of affirmation and inclusion. Show others that our welcome extends beyond the doors of our church, and into the wider world. Beyond being a welcome to the festival, you might be the one who welcomes someone back into the life of the church. For more information, please contact Elna Hickson at ehickson@wi.rr.com

Also, plan to be a part of the interfaith worship service that kicks events off on Friday night at 6 pm on the Stonewall Stage (right by main entrance). Sing in the combined choir, or fellowship as a part of the congregation. See you there!

REFUGEE EVENT

On Saturday, **June 20th**, Lutheran Social Services (Refugee and Immigrant Services) is sponsoring their second ***Annual World Refugee Day Dinner and Fundraiser*** starting at 4:00 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brookfield. The funds raised are used to help incoming refugee families.

The adult tickets are \$10 with a special donation of needed items, or \$12 without the donation. See the mission bulletin board for the poster and the list of items needed.

Underwood members and friends,

We are going on a treasure hunt! No, we won't be digging holes around the church searching for buried gold. Instead, we're searching for God's treasure.

Scripture provides the map. For God, we are treasure: "You are children of the Lord your God ... it is you the Lord has chosen ... to be his people, his treasured possession (Deuteronomy 14:1-2). Although those words were spoken long ago to people in another part of the world, Galatians 3:26 assures us that we are included, too: "For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith."

One of the gifts of being God's children is that sometimes we are called to be "treasure tenders" for God. We tend God's treasure here in our congregation with the love and care we show each other through special meals, visiting the sick and shut-in, teaching Christian discipleship, and praying for each other. We are also invited to tend God's treasures beyond our congregation by participating in **One Great Hour of Sharing**.

Life can be tough at times. Hurricanes, earthquakes, cyclones, and tsunamis destroy communities. Wars and ethnic conflicts shatter the very foundations of life, shoving people out of their homes and transforming them into frightened refugees. Persistent hunger, drought, poverty, lack of education, and illness shrivel the life and dry the spirit, leaving individuals to crumble from the inside out.

Through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, we care for God's treasures. By sharing some of our earthly treasure – our money, our time, our energy – aid is sent when disaster strikes. Refugees receive help in the long term as they rebuild their lives. People receive education, health care, tools, seeds, and resources to improve their communities.

And the sharing is mutual. When we care for people, we can be transformed by experiencing the presence of God. Seeing what others have lost, we are reminded what matters most in life. Seeing what others live through, we are inspired to live courageously. Seeing that new life is possible, our hope rises. Working with others, we realize that God reaches out to all of us. Relying on God for the outcome, our faith increases.

Our treasure is doing God's will, loving God, and loving God's treasured people, so we all "may take hold of the life that really is life" (I Timothy 6:19b). Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

May you find your treasure, and your heart, by sharing resources and changing lives with a generous gift to **One Great Hour of Sharing**.

Sincerely,

Underwood's Mission Committee

PRAYER CONCERNS

Members: Tifuh Amba, Eva Berry, Jim Christenson, Bette Day, Carole Elizabeth, Ashley Flegler, Marge Gaeth, Margaret Jeske, Joyce Johnson, Janice Melcher, Maggi Monahan, Eugene Pramenko, Pat Ransom, Neil Rosenow, Carolyn and Joe Sanders, Dee Schowalter, Eileen Seeger, Ken Smith, Adina Tarpley, Pat and Llew Walker, Shari West, Lisa Wilkening, Wyla Wong, Millie Youngquist.

Friends and Others Known to the Church Family: Tifuh Amba's mom, aunt, Anne Marie, sister, Mourine Amba; Isabel Collison's sons, Robert & Ronald; Carole Elizabeth's friends, Gary, Terry, & AnneMarie; Joe Gleesing's brother, Dan; Kathy Hink; James Ingbretson, Margaret Jeske's cousin, Erwin Zapf; Grace Morgan's son, David; Sandy Sherry's sister, Jan, and father, Rev. Floyd Harbold; John & Bonnie Sorenson's daughter-in-law, Jennifer; Colleen Sprague's brother, Mark Ashworth; Larry Stussy; Walker family; and all soldiers on active duty.

Sympathy: Virginia Reininger, a member since 1951, has passed away in Carbondale, IL. The Underwood Church family extends sympathy to her family and friends.