

# The Parkview Epistle

## Parkview United Methodist Church

236 Maple Street North, Turtle Lake, WI 54889

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### Weekly Events

Sunday Adult Bible Study  
9:00am

“Jesus and Me” (JAM) in  
Sunday School for Children -  
9:30am

Sunday Worship -  
10:00am

Office Hours  
Wednesdays 2-3:30pm  
Fridays 9am-noon

#### Except for:

- 3/13 (Ordinands' Retreat with Bishop)
- 4/10 and 4/12 (Vacation)
- 5/29 (2024 Annual Conference Clergy Session)

### Reflections from Pastor Adam

As I write this, I still have a ways to go in the 28-day Dynamite Prayer devotional journey. However, I highly suspect one of the most memorable lines from that book for me is “wait training.” The phrase first shows up on Day 6 which is based on Luke 24:49–

*I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power [dunamis] from on high.*

And then is built upon the next day in the reflection based on Acts 1:8–

*But you will receive power [dunamis] when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

I love the reminder that being *still* is not the same as being *passive*. Being *patient* in faith can lead to a *deepening* of faith. Being willing to learn how to *wait* upon the Lord is a part of learning how to *follow* Jesus in the world.

Much like how my “weight training” of the last year helped me strengthen my muscles to be able to make it through the 30 kilometers of this year’s Birkenbeiner ski race (which I finished for the first time ever last month!) the “wait training” that strengthens our “spiritual” muscles makes it possible for us to leave behind our own impatience and insistence and instead live in new ways so the Holy Spirit can do immeasurably more in us and through us.

We will continue to be in “wait training” this Lent—a long, 40-day season of learning how to embrace the ways and timing of God. Soon enough will be “wait training” during the days of Holy Week through Easter, which are a major lesson in how the speed and mindsets of the world are overcome through the Risen Christ. Finally this spring will be another “wait training” session called the 50-day season after Easter when we certainly follow the tradition and example of the disciples in Luke and Acts—waiting for the *dunamis* power of the Holy Spirit to come upon us on Pentecost.

May we embrace the wait, embrace the training, and embrace the love and grace of the God who invites us on this journey.

– Pastor Adam

## Supporting our Teachers

Between now and the start of next school year, you are invited to shop the sales, peruse the clearance racks, scour for Amazon and Internet deals, and generally do your best to help supply and support our local teachers through fulfilling the shopping list below. After being asked what they need for next school year, their replies have created a list of the supplies they need for their classrooms that will otherwise come out of their classroom budget or personal bank accounts. Similar to the “Undie Sundays” collections over the past few winters, this effort is meant for us as a congregation to show how much we appreciate and support the work of our local educators and the students they teach.

As you find these items, please place them on the cart in the narthex on Sunday mornings or at any time during the week you can place them in the labeled boxes in the youth room off the fellowship hall where we will accumulate and organize the items over the next few months.

- ☐ Dry erase markers (seems to be a very popular need as they were requested by several teachers!). Expo brand preferably.
- ☐ Post-It notes
- ☐ White standard business envelopes
- ☐ Yellow #2 pencils (not the fun colored/printed ones--unfortunately they don't sharpen!)
- ☐ Colored Pencils
- ☐ Washable markers
- ☐ Watercolor paints
- ☐ Black twin-tip Sharpies
- ☐ Adult scissors
- ☐ Boys and girls size 4T, 5T, and 6 underwear
- ☐ 5T sweatpants
- ☐ Waterproof mittens (for JK/K students)
- ☐ Plain white paper plates
- ☐ Paper lunch bags--white and brown
- ☐ Plastic spoons
- ☐ Ziplock bags---sandwich, quart, and gallon size
- ☐ 20mm googly eyes



Luann Outcalt is continuing to offer a Revelation Wellness workout and devotional class in our church each week. Everyone is invited to attend this free class (*free will donations are accepted*). All of the exercise moves and routines are adaptable to accommodate differing abilities and strength levels. Likewise, the class uses a minimal amount of equipment, and if you do not own your own set of weights (*suggested 5 pounds or less*) or a workout mat, there are extras you can borrow.



# *A Busy Spring Ahead for the Parkview United Women in Faith*

The next "Topics that Matter" event

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## **SPRING DAY OF ENRICHMENT**



### **THE BEAUTY OF GOD CREATION: PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH**

Saturday, April 27, 2024  
Parkview Turtle Lake United Methodist Church  
236 Maple Street N, Turtle Lake WI 54889



With Presentations on:

"Nurturing Souls: Planting Seeds of Faith" by Margaret Murphy  
and  
"Celebrating God's Creation" by Rick Koziel

#### **MISSION OUTREACH**



United Methodist Camp Programs

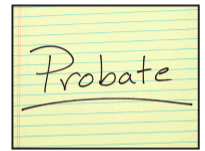
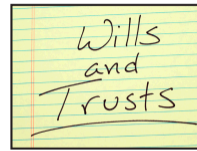
#### **MISSION PROJECT**



Holey Sock Collection

### **THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S CREATION: PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH**

## **WILLS • TRUSTS • ESTATE PLANNING**



## **FREE! DO NOT MISS THIS!**

Do I need a will? Do I need a trust? Do I need both?  
What **is** a trust and are there different kinds?  
How important is estate planning? How do I start?  
What is probate and is it a bad thing?



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WEDNESDAY EVENING

# **APRIL 17**

6p - 8p

**FREE AND OPEN TO ALL  
BRING QUESTIONS**

Snacks will be provided.

**Turtle Lake Parkview United Methodist Church**

Fellowship Hall

Corner of Hwys. 63 & 8 at the round-about

Call 715.986.2467 w/questions

<<<<<<< *Hosting the North West  
District Spring Day of Enrichment*

Since we are the host church, there is no registration cost for any ladies connected with Parkview to attend the North West District Spring Day of Enrichment on April 27 (it is \$15 for all other attendees). Please go to our church website ([parkviewtl.com](http://parkviewtl.com)) or speak with Georgeina O'Connell to receive a registration form that you will need to fill out.

Please help spread the word about the next Topics that Matter event on April 17 by posting a flyer at your workplace or other public areas.

The Parkview United Women in Faith are a dedicated group of women connected with the church who meet on the first Wednesday of the month for fellowship, devotional study and planning for future events. All the women of Parkview (members, friends and constituents) are welcome to join them! The next meeting is Wednesday, March 6 during the 5pm Lenten Soup Supper in the Fireside Room. The April meeting will be on the 3rd at 5pm.

# *A Beginner's Guide to General Conference*

excerpt from a February 1, 2024 story by Heather Hahn,  
assistant news editor, UMNews

## Key Points:

- Because of the pandemic, the last regular session of General Conference was nearly eight years ago
- General Conference is the only body that can speak for the whole United Methodist Church
- It has the authority to make revisions to the denomination's *Book of Discipline* and Book of Resolutions



The United Methodist Church has no pope. But it does have a General Conference — the only body that can set official policy and speak for the international denomination. General Conference brings together lay and clergy delegates from four continents whose decisions will affect how millions of United Methodists do church for years to come. Think of the two-week gathering as a combination of a United Nations General Assembly, a U.S. congressional session and a time of rousing Christian worship.

The coming General Conference, now scheduled for [April 23-May 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina](#), comes at a particularly momentous time. General Conference typically gathers every four years. But [because of the COVID pandemic](#), the assembly could not meet in 2020. That means the last regular session was in May 2016 — nearly eight years ago. In the interim, the denomination [has seen a quarter of its U.S. churches depart](#) under a disaffiliation policy that began in 2019 and expired at the end of 2023. What comes next for the international denomination will be largely up to General Conference itself.

General Conference is the denomination's highest legislative body. As such, it has the authority to make revisions to the denomination's *Book of Discipline* and *Book of Resolutions*. The *Discipline* is the denomination's governing document that contains its doctrine, constitution, church law, rules of organization and procedures. The *Book of Resolutions* contains the denomination's positions on current social issues. Resolutions expire after eight years unless General Conference readopts them.

General Conference approves the four-year budget allocating apportionments — shares of church giving — for denomination-wide ministries around the globe. General Conference also sets the formula used for apportioning the budget to annual conferences, the denomination's regional bodies, which in turn ask for apportionments from local churches. In addition, the assembly approves theological statements on subjects such as baptism and communion. The coming General Conference will consider adopting a theological statement on the United Methodist understanding of church titled "[Sent in Love.](#)"

General Conference also elects members of the Judicial Council, the denomination's top court; members of the commission that plans General Conference; and some members of other denominational leadership bodies. The Judicial Council will be on hand throughout General Conference to weigh in on questions about General Conference actions including whether legislation is in line with the denomination's constitution.

The *Book of Discipline* states that any United Methodist organization, clergy member or lay member may submit a General Conference petition — basically the United Methodist equivalent of a bill before a legislature. All told, the coming General Conference has received 1,099 total valid petitions — including 352 new petitions submitted since General Conference's delay in 2020.





## *Christmas at Parkview*

### *United Women in Faith's "Topics that Matter" Series*



### *Blessing our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes*





# Financial Report

January Income: \$5,068.96

February Income: \$4,744.06

Year-to-Date Income: \$9,813.02

January Expenses: \$5,452.72

February Expenses: \$6,514.45

Year-to-Date Expenses: \$11,967.17

*Thank you for your generosity in supporting the ministries, missions and operations of Parkview!*

## Noisy Can Missional Giving

### 1. International Missions

Heifer International: \$250 collected in July/August

### 2. National Mission

Midwest Mission Distribution Center: \$150 collected in September/October

### 3. Wisconsin Annual Conference Missions

Wisconsin Disaster Relief Fund: \$65 collected in November

### 4. Local Missions

Turtle Lake First Responders: \$125 collected in December

### 5. United Methodist Missionary

Temba Komozezi: \$75 collected in January

### 6. United Methodist Special Sundays

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Sunday: \$110 collected in February

### 7. In Mission Together

Supporting the Fund to Purchase Sewing Machines for Bolivia: *to be collected in March*

These seven areas of missional giving are inspired by a framework called the Wisconsin Annual Conference Rainbow Covenant. Each of the seven areas of mission represent one of the seven traditional colors of the rainbow. In addition to paying 100% of our Apportionment (which we did in 2023!) before March 31 all seven areas of mission have to have some financial gift from the congregation in order to be recognized at the next Annual Conference Gathering in June. Parkview is on track to complete this missional giving framework!

## Parkview Lent and Holy Week

Wednesday, March 6, 13 and 20

3:45-4:45 pm Dynamite Prayer small group book study

5:00 pm Soup and Sandwich Supper

6:00 pm Midweek Worship

Thursday, March 28

5:00 pm Soup and Sandwich Supper

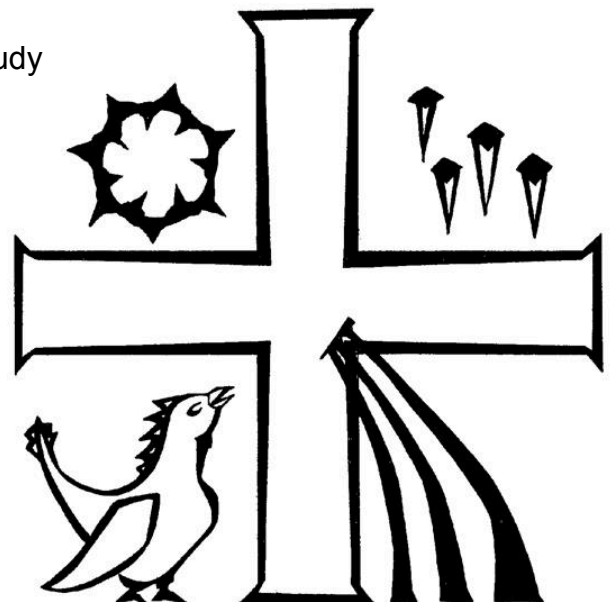
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship

Friday, March 29

6:00 pm Good Friday Worship

Sunday, March 31

10:00 am Easter Sunday Worship



# Birthdays & Anniversaries



## March 2024

- 1 Beth Wallace
- 2 Sarah Heintz
- 3 Leona Carlson
- 6 Paula Carlson
- 7 Jeanne Smith
- 10 Emmaline Bergmann
- 11 Dale Nygaard
- 12 Jeanie Brunner
- 13 Sharon White  
Brett Hansen  
Ed Hougdahl
- 14 Terry Broker
- 15 Cordell Heimstra
- 17 Reese Hansen
- 21 Dennis & Joy Waalen Ann.
- 22 Bryan & Tara Hansen Ann.
- 25 Joshua Bauer  
Kathi Zemke
- 26 Addie Freer
- 29 Sara Mattson
- 30 LuAnn Outcalt  
Bonnie Knight



## May 2024

- 2 Dayne Nygaard
- 3 Steven Benes
- 6 Pastors Adam & Laurie Woods Ann.
- 9 Camden Davis  
Tyler Waalen  
Jeff & Sarah Heintz Ann.
- 15 Chase Turcotte  
Jeff Young
- 17 Nell Schradle  
Brandon Waalen
- 21 Brandy Turcotte  
Renee Nykanen  
Cassandra Higgenbottom



## April 2024

- 1 Kent Paulson
- 2 Adam Hansen
- 3 Jake Mrdutt
- 9 Eric Solum
- 10 Molly Becker
- 12 Pastor Adam Woods  
Joy Stevens
- 14 Tim Mrdutt
- 16 Camden Hansen
- 20 Jeff Heintz
- 21 Ivanna Bergmann
- 22 Nicholas Betz
- 23 Erik Bauer
- 24 Teaghan Hansen
- 27 Gary Solum
- 29 Ray & Ruby Nykanen Ann.
- 30 Toni Monforton



### IMPORTANT/FUN DATES:

March 10	Daylight Savings Time
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 24	Palm Sunday
March 28	Maundy Thursday
March 29	Good Friday
March 31	Easter
April 1	April Fool's Day
April 22	Earth Day
April 26	Arbor Day
May 1	May Day
May 5	Cinco de Mayo
May 12	Mother's Day
May 18	Armed Forces Day
May 19	Pentecost
May 27	Memorial Day



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