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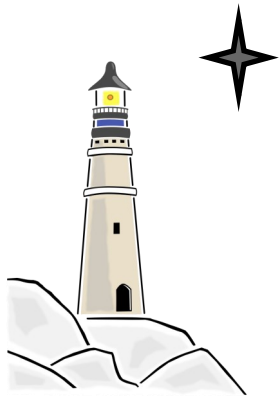
**DO NOT LOSE HEART**  
II Corinthians 4:1



**DUE TO THE RISING COVID19 CONCERNS**  
**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**  
**ALL STURGEON BAY**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ACTIVITIES, SERVICES, & MEETINGS ARE POSTPONED**  
**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE AS A PREVENTIVE PRACTICE**

Please contact the Church Office with questions or concerns.

920-743-3241



## Special Addition

### BEACON

# MARCH 18, 2020

## NEWSLETTER OF THE STURGEON BAY & JACKSONPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES



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**Church Office Hours  
 May Be Reduced for The Time  
 Being Please Leave Messages  
 as Needed**

Regular Church Hours  
 8:00 –1:00 PM Mon - Thurs;  
 8:00 - Noon Fri  
[church.office@sturgeonbayumc.org](mailto:church.office@sturgeonbayumc.org)

Hello Friends,

We are now into unknown territory. Nothing like this has happened in my lifetime let alone in my thirty years of ministry. The Corvid-19 emergency has caused us to cancel all our programs and public worship services likely for eight weeks from today which is March 16 per the CDC. This means that Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter services will very likely not be held on their expected dates. When we are given the OK to resume, we will be holding a Palm – Easter Celebration at SBUMC. Until that time when we can resume our regular programming, I hope you will stay in touch with the office with any issues that you would like us to be in prayer for and if you approve to share with the rest of our faith community. On our website we will be offering a recorded worship service each week until this crisis is over and a shorter version will be available on WDOR FM Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Please check out the website frequently as other opportunities to be connected to your church will be forthcoming if the crisis persists longer than is currently anticipated. There are those here at the church who are willing and able to make trips to the store for those of you in the higher risk categories. Please contact the office if you have such a need.

This is a serious event in all our lives and there may be days ahead that require us to make sacrifices in order to help us all get through this time together. Please know that each day of this crisis I will be praying for each of you and your families. If you have one of our church members and friends list, I encourage you to join me in doing the same. This too shall pass my friends and if we continue to care for each other and support each other, as we are able, we will come out of this time stronger and more connected to each other and our Lord.

God Bless You All,

Pastor Dave

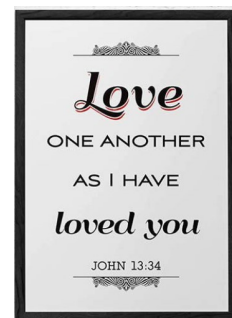
## LAY LEADER REPORT - Church Services Cancelled - Our responsibility to our Church Community and our Community at large

We are in some difficult times with the COVID-19 Pandemic. The President has declared a national emergency, and the Governor has closed schools K-12 for a period of time. We also recognize that our church community is an aging population with a large percentage of people over 60 years of age. Many have chronic health problems which increases their risk of severe illness if they contract the virus. We also recognize that there are negative effects that happen when we shut down church and community activities. Loneliness, fear of the unknown, hunger for those who rely on the community for adequate nutrition are serious issues. These are the times that put additional stress on an already vulnerable population. These are the times in which we must address how we can keep people safe as well as meet the needs of those most affected by this pandemic. We have no real idea of how widespread this virus is. It is likely that we are seeing just the tip of the iceberg. We do have information that would lead us to believe that if we can slow down the spread of this virus, we can better meet the healthcare needs of those who get ill. By doing this we can save lives. We need to adapt to a little different way of doing things. Change is never easy but often times change allows us to focus on the problems which need to be solved. It also may lead to new and different ways in which we can reach out to those in need; changes which can be continued in the future even after this crisis has past. Things we may need to consider doing:

1. **We need to avoid large gatherings.** The definition of **large** seems to be getting smaller and smaller as time goes on. A week ago it was 1000, then 500, then 50, and now perhaps as low as 20. The number is not important. We must prevent people from being exposed to this virus. **We don't know who is infected.** Some may have symptoms and some may not. The safest way is to consider that we all could be carrying the virus.
2. **Church services will be recorded and can be listened to on the radio and on the website.** We are also looking into putting the services on our local cable channel.
3. **Church meetings** may be able to be conducted through conference calls or methods such as Skype, Facetime, Zoom, etc.
4. **Church revenue will likely drop significantly.** One way we can deal with this is to encourage scheduled giving. We will also make it possible to give by going to the website.
5. **Our Senior Ride Program is cancelled for now.** This is a vital program in our church and has provided a connection for people who otherwise would not be able to come to church to do so. We need to find other ways to continue those relationships until this crisis has passed.
6. **Church visitation to shut-ins, hospitals, and nursing homes, has been halted for now.** We can call people and keep in touch to lessen loneliness.

These are drastic and aggressive measures, but if practiced may help keep us safer and our community safer. It is the right thing to do. If people have needs, please contact our church office. We will do everything we can to be of help. God Bless.

Rod Krueger Co-Lay leader



## NURSING HOMES & HOSPITALS WILL RESTRICT VISITATIONS

It is especially important during time of crisis that we do not allow our friends who are ill or homebound to feel isolated and alone. The most important thing we can do is pray for those in need so that they do not lose hope and to know that we care. Something else we can do is to reach out with cards, letters, phone calls to send our love and concern. We are including our visitation list of those currently residing in nursing homes or hospitals as well as those in need of prayer.

## DOOR COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER Part of a Recent Press Release on the Coronavirus

While CO-19 is a new disease, it is spread the same way as many seasonal viruses, including influenza. Influenza and Influenza-like illness are currently at a high level in our area, and all of us would do well to do the following:

- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer. Look for one that is 60% or higher alcohol-based.
- Cough and sneeze into a tissue (make sure to throw it away after each use!) or to cough and sneeze into your arm or elbow, not your hands. Teach kids to do the same.
- Clean and disinfect your home as usual using regular household disinfectants, paying special attention to frequently touched surfaces (doorknobs, countertops, etc.)

Factual and informative websites:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>

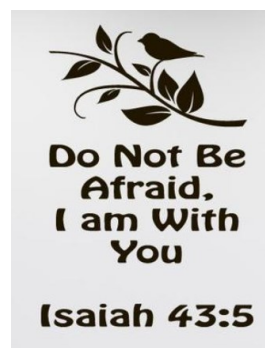
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

## PASTOR DAVE WILL BROADCAST WEEKLY MESSAGES !!

Pastor Dave's weekly messages will continue to be posted on WDOR as well as on our Website. Just go to <https://www.sturgeonbayumc.org/> review the "Sermons" column then choose the sermon you wish to listen to. The website will be updated weekly. Additionally, Pastor Dave will put our website link on our Facebook Page as another means to get to the site. Let us stay in prayer and continue to worship although we cannot be together at this time.

<b>Members In Facilities</b>	
<b>The Dorchester – 200 North 7<sup>th</sup> Ave 743-0217</b>	
C-Jerry Wick	C-Jerry Slavik
C-Evelyn Mueller	C-Dottie Haviland
<b>Pine Crest – 1241 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave 746-1280</b>	
C-Margie Krueger 211	Dianne Benishek 223
	Dr. John & Barbara Beck
<b>Extended Care – 323 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave 743-5566</b>	
Marjorie Gambrel	Marion Cushman
<b>Cardinal Ridge 817 Circle Ridge Place 743-9289</b>	
C- Doris Kniffin 122	C-Esther Eshelman 106
C -Edith Wilber 107	
<b>Anna's House 839 S. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave 818-1200</b>	
C-Walter Alvin 37	C-Vernon Augustine (Butch) 9
C-Dorothy Berg	
<b>Harbor Chase of Shorewood 1111 E Capitol Dr, Shorewood, WI 53211 (414) 455-2001</b>	
C-Ann Jerdee Room 311	

<b>Members In Need of Prayer</b>	
<b>C-Church Member Name</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
C-Cleida Galligan	920-743-2316
C-Barb Riederer	715-355-5460
C-Dick & Dottie Shappell	920-743-4357
C-Phyllis Swagel	920-743-3561
C-Jim & Shirley Talmadge	920-743-5385
C-Jan Haertel	920-559-3422
C-Barb Riederer	715-355-5460
C-Jan Wolter	920-743-4594
C-Donna Hake	(920) 746-6709





## Keeping in Touch Without Touching



Your church would like to keep in touch during these trying times of the current health concerns in our country!

### EVERYONE'S HELP IS NEEDED!

The simple way we would like to "keep in touch without touching" would be to be able to call or email church members.

**Please provide your phone number (home or cell) and email (if you have one) so that we can connect with you in the spirit of our church's mission.**

We have wanted to do this for a long time and due to the circumstances – NOW is the time!

We also need willing helpers to assist in contacting our members. Bless you, in advance, for your thoughtful and prayerful consideration of this ministry. Please contact the church office at 920-743-3241 or email [church.office@sturgeonbayumc.org](mailto:church.office@sturgeonbayumc.org)

### JACKSONPORT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - UPDATE

Due to the COV-19 virus, and federal, state and church guidelines, **we will not be worshipping at Jacksonport on Easter Sunday.** This special edition of the Beacon is being circulated to church members which will address impacts of the virus on public worship and our joint SBUMC/JUMC plan to keep church members connected and in worship. This plan includes recording special services designed for these times and making them available via radio, website and/or public TV. So that we have updated contact information on you, please provide your phone number (home or cell) and email (if you have one) to Paul Schumacher ([spaulsdoor@aol.com](mailto:spaulsdoor@aol.com), 262-689-9378) so that we can connect with you in the spirit of our church's mission.

We pray the guidelines will be lifted in time for our first regular 9am service on May 24<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to participate in services. May the Lord walk with you in your journey.

Paul Schumacher

### NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

In keeping with all that has been discussed in this special edition of the Beacon, I wanted to discuss some of the changes to our "normal" office routine. The office will remain flexible as the need requires during these next weeks. I plan on opening the office at 8:00 AM as usual. Without the meetings, events and church services the office hours may be shortened when work is completed, however, voice and email messages will be checked daily and responded to as quickly as possible.

Newsletters and email communications to you will be critical as changes happen. I would like to stress the importance of **getting your email address into the office ASAP** so that group email lists can be created allowing us to get status updates out to you as quickly as possible. Unless you indicate you no longer want a hard copy of the Beacon, I will continue to send newsletters to you as well.

I will miss your comings and goings, however, until we have returned to life as we know it let's all try to remain positive and have faith that things will be better soon.  
Lorna

### NURSERY CARE PROVIDER OPENING

Our current Nursery Care provider, Amanda Warwick, will be leaving us in June to join her husband Justin (to be married on May 2) as they embark toward a new location with the Coast Guard.

#### Nursery Care Provider Job Description:

- ◆ Provides a safe, inviting, and loving environment for infants and children up to the age of 6.
- ◆ Guides and escorts children into the sanctuary for the Children's Message and supervises their attendance there.
- ◆ Accurately registers each child and parent as they arrive.
- ◆ Interacts with parents, grandparents and children with a nurturing, caring presence.
- ◆ Responsible for the cleanliness (disinfecting) and order of the nursery and maintenance of toys, equipment, and supplies.
- ◆ Hours: Sunday 10:30 Worship service, but the 8:00 service could be added.

If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please contact the Church Office for an application and/or contact Barb Bunning, SPRC Chairperson at [bkkb@aol.com](mailto:bkkb@aol.com) or 746-4025.



# Health and Wellness

## COVid-19 and Me

Carol Moellenberndt, parish

Church Health News

April 2020

Oh my! This COVID-19 Pandemic has overtaken the news these days! Everyone seems to have their own take on the severity and by the time you read this the whole situation may have changed. The coronavirus is different than the flu virus in its severity and mortality rates, especially in the elderly population. Seeing that many people in our congregation are in the 60 and older category, who are more at risk – we must ask each individual to make their own educated decisions about their activities at this time. What we need to do also is to check on those who are more vulnerable and might need assistance.

What is our Sturgeon Bay Church doing at the time of this writing?  
(Check the website for our protocol)

- We have encouraged no hand shaking at this time.
- The District Superintendent has said that we will not be having church services until Easter.
- The sermons and part of the Sunday morning service are always available on-line.
- Sunday School and Adult Forum will not meet until the schools reopen.
- We have discontinued the Senior bus until the facilities are open for visitors again.
- After we resume, the workers in the kitchen are encouraged to wear gloves appropriately.
- All flat surfaces and door handles will be cleaned with disinfectant wipes before services and after.

For specific information on COVID-19, factual and informative websites recommended are:  
[www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm)  
[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)



This virus is spread in large droplets by coughing and sneezing. The air will not infect you but keeping a safe distance from people is helpful. The surface where the droplets fall are infectious for about a week. Washing hands and keeping hands away from your face are important ways to address this virus. Soap and water or 60% alcohol hand sanitizer are good ways to keep your hands from spreading the virus.

It is even more important at this time to be sure that your immune system is working well. That means making sure you get enough sleep, eat a good diet and get the exercise you need to stay healthy. A running site that I get information from stressed the need to get outside and walk. Get that exercise but don't overdo your workouts at this time. Take care of your self, your loved ones, and any at-risk people you may know.

And if you need help of any kind, be sure to contact our church by phone or email.

Remember the words of Jesus:

*"Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
I do not give to you as the world  
gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled  
and do not  
be afraid."  
John 14:27*

**Blood Pressure  
Screening:**  
Sunday May 10th  
Between and after  
services

**\*Office Hours:**  
10am –1pm Thursdays  
call ahead to make  
appointment

**\*Memory Café**  
Monday April 6th  
Cancelled  
Support Group for  
anyone with Early  
Memory Loss  
and Caregivers  
1pm before Café

**Parkinson Disease  
Support Group**  
12:30-2pm  
has been postponed to  
Thursday May 7th  
Wisconsin Parkinson  
Association  
Laurie Coulliard  
Art/Music

**CPR/AED  
Training class**  
Tuesday June  
2nd  
9am to 12noon  
in Church Lounge  
FREE  
First 8 people  
from church