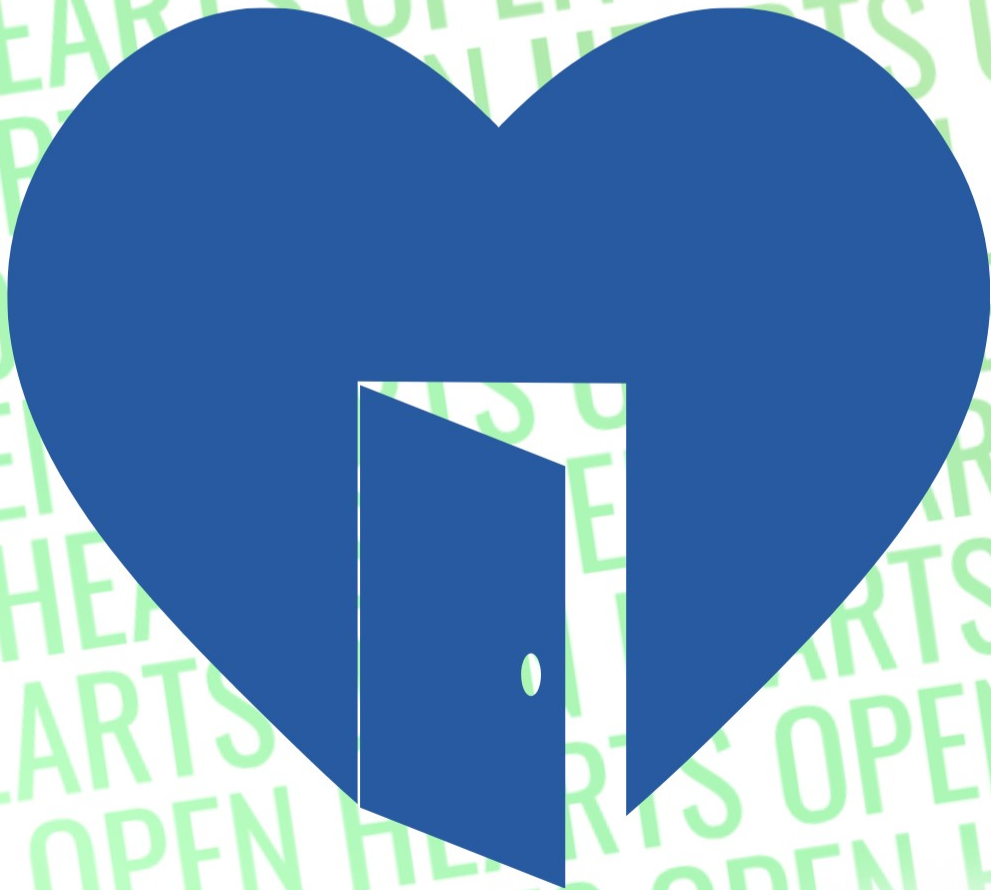


April 21, 2024

OPEN HEARTS

Living our Values



Milwood United Methodist
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Service

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Connecting Through Christ: Learning. Serving. Witnessing. Worshiping.

HEARING DEVICES AT TECH BOOTH • NURSERY AVAILABLE ALL HOUR

* please stand as able - UMH = United Methodist Hymnal - FWS = The Faith We Sing

Trinity Chimes

Prelude I'll Fly Away arr. Tammy Waldrop
JuBELLation Adult Bell Choir

Welcome

*Hymn Christ Is Alive UMH 318

*Call to Worship Cara Carmen

*Response Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

Ways to Connect

Children's Time Draw the Circle Wide Adrienne Struck

Following the Children's Time,

- 0-5 years may go to the nursery
- K-5 may follow their teacher downstairs for Kids Connect
- All ages are always welcome to stay together with their family for the service!

Prayer Song Open the Eyes of My Heart text on screen

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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Moment of Gratitude

Anthem Entertain the Angels Heather Sorenson

Chancel Choir

Two people who are neighbors, but really live like strangers,
focused on the cares of their own lives;
the other's hands are empty, both beloved in the Father's eyes.
We've a thousand solutions, if they'd just agree.

We've forgotten we were once the "least of these." And grace is not grace unless it's free.
May we feed the hungry, homeless and flawed, touch the diseased as if they were God.

And in so doing, as we are faithful, we may entertain the angels.

We're afraid of the outcast, afraid they might diminish our own light.

So we cling to excuses, disguised by the verses, we claim as the reason that we're right.
We've told them before, why did they not learn? As if grace were something people could earn.
As if grace were something anyone deserves.

We were the outcast, the broken and the falling.

May we never push away the people You are calling.

May we feed the hungry, homeless and flawed, touch the diseased as if they were God.
And in so doing, as we are faithful, we may entertain the angels.

Scripture

Matthew 25:31-40

NRSV Updated Edition

When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Message

Service

Pastor Caleb Williams

*Hymn

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

FWS 2153

*Blessing

Postlude

Fugue on the tune TRURO
Christ Is Alive

Edward W. Beals

Worship Leaders

Rev. Caleb Williams, Pastor | Cara Carmen, Liturgist

Adrienne Struck, Director of Family Ministries | Darlene Sang, Director of Choirs

Jake Schott, Pianist | Carl Doubleday, Organist

Gordon Brodhagen, Alex & Dave Gordon, A.V. Ministry



The one who is

THE GREATEST

among you must become
like the youngest, and the leader like

THE SERVANT.

For who is greater, the one who reclines
at the table or the one who serves?

Is it not the one
who reclines at the table?

But I am among you as
the one who serves.

- Luke 22:26-27



HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING (AND RINGING)

Featuring the Choirs of Milwood

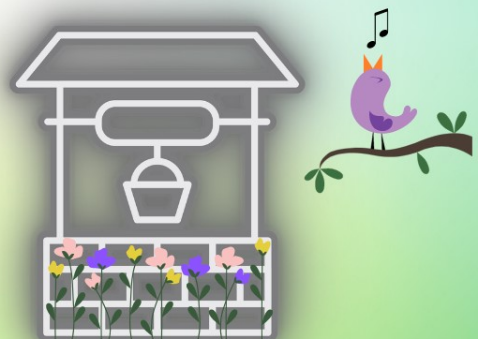
SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - 3 PM

Connecting in our Community

Mondays at One Well

MONDAY NIGHTS | 7:00 PM | ONE WELL BREWING

Make new friends and reconnect with old ones over a bite to eat and thoughtful conversation!



Come any Monday or every Monday, & come with a friend!

Today is Service Sunday!

As our worship service ends early today in the sanctuary, we're continuing our worship through 30 minutes of Service!

Join us for one of three options this morning:



Downstairs: Assemble toiletry kits for residents of the Rickman House.*



Upstairs: Spring cleanup tasks, from planting to dusting.



In the Circle Drive: Head out into our immediate neighborhood to help pick up litter.



*Apartments for single adults, including folks with physical and/or mental illness.

Serving in our Community

**Last Chance
to order
Popcorn!**

**Taste of
Heaven**

**Choose from eight mouth-watering
flavors in a half-gallon tub!**

**50% of every purchase goes directly to
support the free Day Camp here at
Milwood in August, and scholarships to
send older kids to Lake Louise Camp!**

**Popcorn will be available for pick-
up May 5th, and payment is due at
time of delivery!**

New Member
Sunday

APRIL 28TH

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
BECOMING A MEMBER OF
MILWOOD UMC, PLEASE
CONTACT PASTOR CALEB!

CALEB.B.WILLIAMS@GMAIL.COM



Growing Together

Recycle Your Styrofoam!



We are joining a city-wide program to recycle Styrofoam coffee cups! Starting today you can recycle your cups after fellowship!

Here's How!

1. Empty & Rinse at sink
2. Place Styrofoam cups in separate gray bin
3. Recycled for free through City Kzoo EPS program!

Stephanie Diep will be standing by the bin after service to answer questions and help the process!

This is a free program that will help reduce waste.

What's Next?

New Member Sunday

Next Sunday we are focusing on our 4th Value, *Hospitality!*
Plan to stay for *Lunch* after church in the fellowship hall, hosted by Milwood's Operation Team! We'll be welcoming New Members that day, so contact Pastor Caleb if you're ready to make it official!

Mark your calendar!

Ladies Lunch

Wednesday, May 8th @ The Crew - 12pm

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