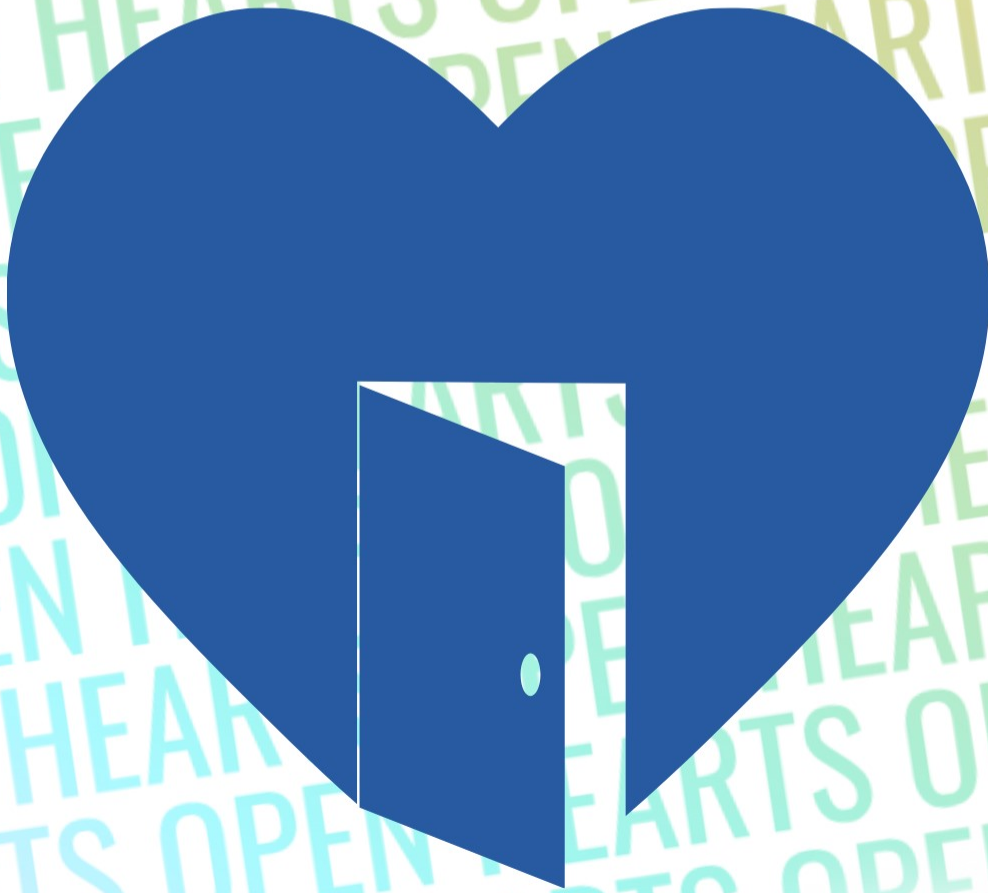


April 14, 2024

OPEN HEARTS

Living our Values



Milwood United Methodist
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Inclusion

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
Intonation on: Gilbert Martin
In Christ There Is No East or West

Welcome

*Hymn
In Christ There Is No East or West UMH 548

*Call to Worship
Joe Fahey

*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

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you, I want to see you.

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

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Moment of Gratitude

Anthem

“Rise” from the Justice Choir Songbook
Choral Scholars Alli, Izzy, JD, Brendan, Logan

Arianna Abela

Scripture

Acts 8:26-39

NRSV Updated Edition

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing.

Galatians 3:27-29

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Message

Inclusion

Pastor Caleb Williams

*Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UMH 519

*Blessing

Postlude

Chromatic Fugue

Johann Pachelbel

Worship Leaders

Rev. Caleb Williams, Pastor | Joe Fahey, 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



A place for your notes...



HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING (AND RINGING)

Featuring the Choirs of Milwood

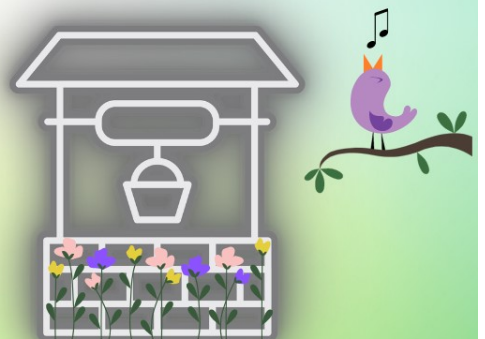
SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - 3 PM

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!

Rickman House

Rickman House is a historic hotel building in downtown Kalamazoo operated by Housing Resources Inc. that is home to 49 adults ranging in ages 18 to 80+ years. **The mission of HRI is to assure housing for socially or economically vulnerable residents of Kalamazoo County.**

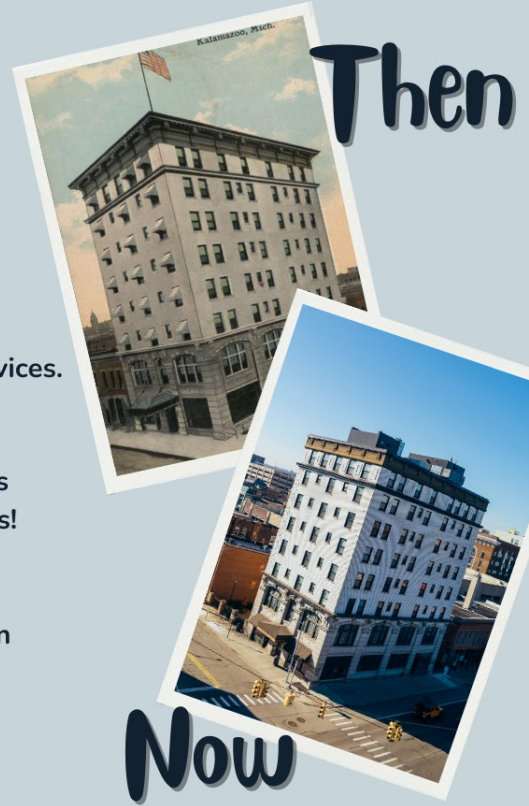
Residents are case managed by community mental health or senior services. They receive money for food, but not personal care items.

Next Sunday after church we will be packing care bags for residents with items already available, but we would welcome more donations!

Here's how you can help!

Bring one or more of the following items to church next Sunday and/or **stay for 15 minutes** after the service to help pack the bags in the fellowship hall!

- Toilet Paper
- Deodorant
- Body Soap
- Tooth Brushes/Paste



Serving in our Community

Taste of Heaven

Popcorn Fundraiser

Support the Day Camp ministry this summer by getting yourself a delicious treat from Taste of Heaven!

Choose from eight different flavors!
50% of every purchase goes directly to send kids to camp!

The deadline to order is April 21st, & payment will be due May 5th at time of delivery!



Supports funding for the Living Nativity!

Church Basement Sale!

Friday, Apr 19th
12-6pm

&

Saturday, Apr 20th
9am-2pm

in the Milwood UMC Fellowship Hall



ALL ABOUT PLANNED GIVING

OUR FAITH *Legacy*

SUNDAY

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11:15AM-12:15PM

in the fellowship hall following worship

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.

Next Week:

Service Sunday

Next Sunday as worship ends early in the sanctuary, we're continuing our worship through 30 minutes of Service!

Join us for one of three options that morning:

1. Downstairs: Assemble toiletry kits for residents of the Rickman House.* *Apartments for single adults, including folks with physical and/or mental illness.
2. Upstairs: Spring cleanup tasks, from planting to dusting.
3. In the Circle Drive: Wear your walking shoes as we help our neighbors on Lakeway.

Can't be there? Bring a donation of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, deodorant, and/or toilet paper.

April 28 Hospitality

1. Join

Contact Pastor Caleb
to learn more

2. Lunch

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