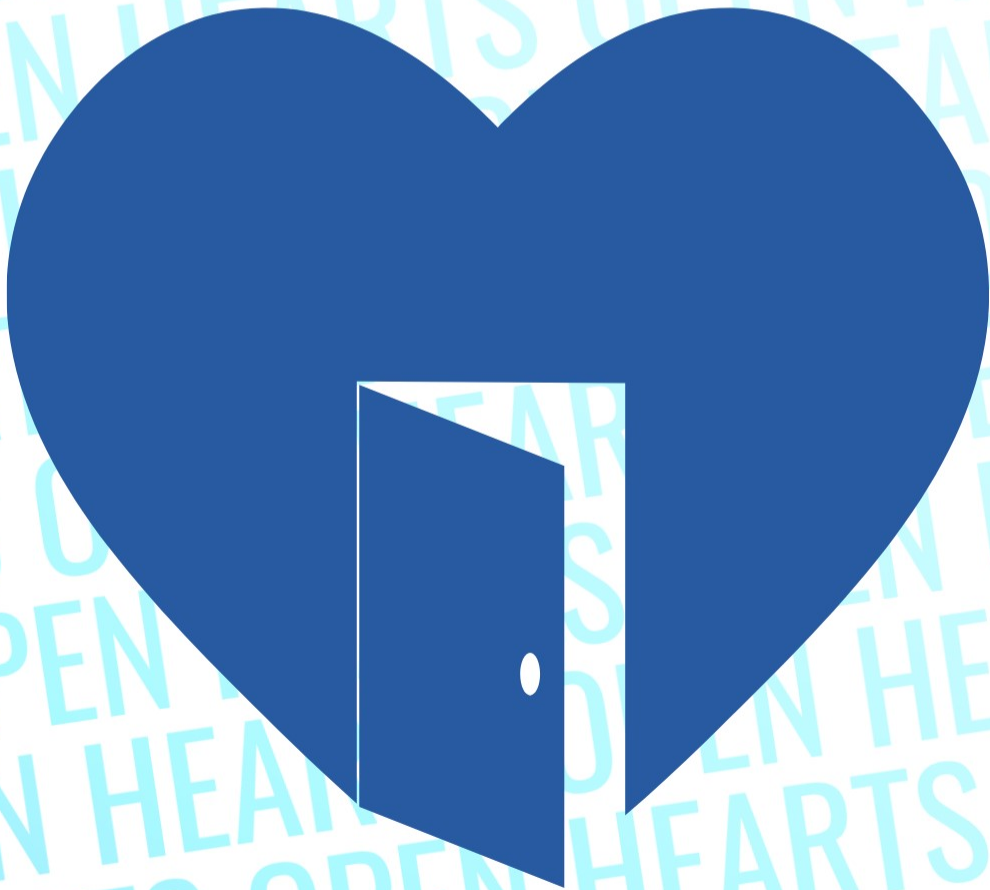


April 7, 2024

OPEN HEARTS

Living our Values



Milwood United Methodist
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Caring

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 Meditation on the tune BEECHER Roger C. Wilson
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Welcome

*Hymn Love Devine, All Loves Excelling UMH 384

*Call to Worship Mary Hilbrecht-Tiller

*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

Prayer Song Open the Eyes of My Heart

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Moment of Gratitude

Anthem

Love Grows Here

Don Besig

Take a look around you, tell me what you see;
people here to worship the Lord, just like you and me.
Some have come in gladness, some have come with fear;
but all have come because they know that love grows here!
Yes, love grows here, and all of us can share
the wonder and joy that it can bring.
For God is near, teaching us to care,
and showing our hearts how to sing.
Some of us are lonely, some have many friends;
some lives just beginning, some are near the end.
Yet we come together knowing He is near,
once again reminding us that love grows here.

Scripture

John 13:34-35

NRSV Updated Edition

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Message

Caring

Pastor Caleb Williams

Holy Communion

A Service of Word & Table

UMH 15

During Communion

One Bread, One Body

UMH 620

Communion Prayer

*Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

FWS 2223

*Blessing

Postlude

Fantasia

Johann Pachelbel

Worship Leaders

Rev. Caleb Williams, Pastor | Mary Hilbrecht-Tiller, 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

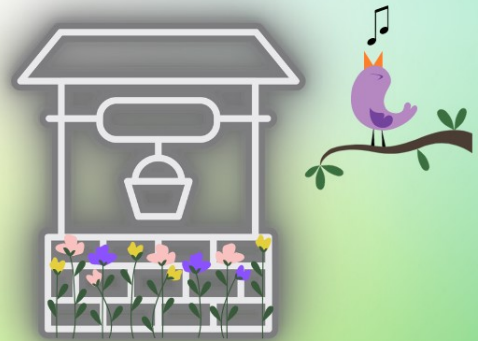
A place for your notes...



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!

Connecting in our Community

Ladies Lunch

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH

When: 12pm
Where: The Crew
5200 Portage Rd. Portage
Contact: Candace Williams
@ 269-779-3405
Rides available!

ALL WOMEN WELCOME!



**Taste of
Heaven**

*popcorn
fundraiser*

We are excited to once again offer a delicious opportunity to support the Camp ministry this summer by partnering with Taste of Heaven!

Starting April 1st, you can place your order for made-to-order popcorn in eight different mouth-watering flavors!

You can also request an order form and collect orders from friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers! 50% of every purchase goes directly to send kids to United Methodist week/mini camp or to Day Camp here at Milwood in August!

Orders can be collected now through April 21st, and popcorn will be available to pick up on May 5th.

If you have questions, please contact Ruth Breyfogle at 349-1258

Serving in our Community



Proceeds
Support the
Living Nativity!

CHURCH BASEMENT SALE!

Friday

April 19th, 12-6pm

Saturday

April 20th, 9am-2pm

Milwood UMC 3919 Portage St

Messy Church
April 9, 5-7

"Called to Make a Difference"
Here I am! Ready to Serve! Learning about
our gifts and how to use them.
Based on Isaiah 6:8



Growing Together



ALL ABOUT PLANNED GIVING

OUR FAITH *Legacy*

Is it your hope that Milwood UMC serve the community for years to come? Could making that happen be part of your faith legacy?

Join Rev. Dr. Sherry Parker-Lewis on Sunday, April 14 after worship to learn more about leaving a faith legacy through financial generosity.

Sherry, Sr. Director of Church Relations for the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan, will challenge us to consider our faith legacy.

Plan to learn about multiple ideas for planned giving, to both Milwood UMC and other charitable organizations.

What's Next?

For all ages!
Crafts, Activities, a
Free Meal, and a
Devotional Based on
Isaiah 6:8
"Called to Make a
Difference"



**TUESDAY,
APRIL 9TH
5-7PM**



Living our Values

Each week this month we'll be unpacking one of our four values!

April 14
Inclusion

We're following God's call to draw the circle wide, listening to folks who have been pushed to the margins, and breaking down the barriers that separate us all from God's love

April 21
Service

We'll explore the profound joy of serving others. Join us as we roll up our sleeves, engage with our community, and make a tangible difference in the lives of those around us.

April 28
Hospitality

It's not just about opening our doors; it's about opening our hearts.

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