

Let's Pray Together



This week,
we ask you to write
a brief note of love & care to

David Fink
(partner & family of
Kim Clark)

Baby Frank
Marlene & Don
Bill Slack
Vickie Crawford
Wayne & Betty
Bonnie Locker
Brodhagen Family
Lee
Dianna
Nancy Morris
Cheryl
David C
Meg Minehew
Karen
Michael Way
Rachel Hatch
Anne Rounds

Family of Kim Clark
Roger Stratil
Brandon
Ian Hatch
Kay
Frances
Muriel
Nancy
Deridder Family
Kunkel Family
Joan Emmons
Ann



Use this QR Code to donate online to Milwood UMC
& The Journey at Milwood.

Today's Bread Pan Collection benefits our Ministry Shares.

Why do we take two collections during worship?

The first collection is the opportunity for you to contribute God's tithes and your offerings (Malachi 3:10). These contributions go directly to Milwood UMC for operating expenses and ministry programs.

The second collection is taken through a Bread Pan. All proceeds from this collection go towards Missions projects in both the local and world-wide setting of the United Methodist Church through Ministry Shares. Simply put, Ministry Shares is Milwood's financial contribution (or tithe) to God's work through the United Methodist Church.

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Worship on Sundays at 9:15 am or 6 pm



OUR MISSION

"Connecting Through Christ:
Learning, Serving, Witnessing, Worshiping"

OUR VISION

"Welcoming all people into relationship with Christ
as a window into the kingdom of God through
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors."



Billie Dalton, Servant Leader

Carl Doubleday, Organist | Jerry & Lavon Packer, Greeters/Ushers
Randle Gedeon, Liturgist
Gordy Brodhagen, Dave Gordon, & Eric Rice, Sound & Technology

April 29, 2018 • 9:15 am

Welcome to Classic Worship

Trinity Chimes * (Please stand as you are able)

Prelude *Meditation on "Terra Beata"* Alfred Fedak
How Can We Name a Love

Welcome & Announcements

*Milwood Mission & Vision Call to Worship

Liturgist: Welcome! We come together to celebrate and renew our Mission.

Connecting through Christ: Learning, Serving, Witnessing, Worshiping.

Liturgist: We come together to worship and reaffirm our Vision.

Welcoming all people into relationship with Christ as a window into the kingdom of God through Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.

*Hymn *How Can We Name a Love* UMH 111

*Call to Confession

Pastor: Let us approach the throne of Grace with our prayer of confession.

*Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

All: Risen Jesus, what is it that keeps us from following you as Shepherd?

Liturgist: Sometimes we insist on our own way, and we find it all too easy to block your love right out of our lives.

All: Risen Jesus, what is it that keeps us from following You as Shepherd?

Liturgist: Sometimes it is because of the way we interpret Scripture. We treat Your word only like history and far away causing us to miss the signs of your presence.

All: Risen Jesus, what is it that keeps us from recognizing You?

Liturgist: Perhaps we are guilty of being slow of heart and we don't recognize You in our neighbor, or the poor, or in the marginalized people within our community.

All: Risen Jesus, what is it that keeps us from recognizing You?

Liturgist: We miss You, because our eyes and ears have become so cramped with the sights and sounds of living that we simply fail to see You or recognize Your voice.

All: Risen Jesus, help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of Your continuing presence within us. Fill us with the joy of knowing your continuing presence, so that, like those who heard the Great "I Am," we too might hasten to share this love with our neighbor.

*Assurance of Pardon

Pastor: We know that we are ransomed from futile ways and have given new life through the living and enduring love of God. In this we recognize God's great love for the world revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus,

*Assurance of Pardon (continued)

who came into the world not to condemn it but to liberate it. In the name of Jesus the risen Christ, we accept your forgiveness. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time

Children are invited to the front for a message.

Connect Cards with Prayer Requests will be collected during this time.

Scripture Lesson 1 John 4: 7-21 NT 241

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Reading John 15: 1-8 NT 109

*Response *Abide With Me* UMH 700
stanza one only

Sermon **"Unless Someone Guides Me"**
Billie

Anthem *Let Us Love One Another* Arnold B. Sherman
Chancel Choir

Beloved, let us love one another, for love comes from God,
and all who know and call upon his name are children of our Lord.

Beloved, this is what love is; not that we love God,
but that God loves us and sent his only Son to free us from our sin.

How can we not know our God? How can we not love our God?
God sent his only Son to die for all our sins. Is there greater love than this?

Beloved, if this is how God loves, then we should love all people,
and live in perfect harmony with all, and God will live in us.

Let us love one another.

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Offering God's Tithes and Our Gifts/Offerings

Offertory *Wondrous Love* Anthony Giamanco

*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH 95

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* UMH 292

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Response *Shalom to You* UMH 666

*Postlude *Festive March* James F. Konkel