

BLOOMER AND NEW AUBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

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Bloomer UMC

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Mission Statement

To share the Good News of Jesus Christ, through our worship, our education, and our role in our community and the world.

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To spread the good news of Jesus Christ and the message of God's grace.



Pastor's Reflection: A Living Letter

Does anyone write handwritten letters anymore? I don't mean texts or emails — I mean the kind you actually put pen to paper for, seal in an envelope, and drop in the mailbox or hand to someone yourself.

I sent a thank-you card not long ago, and I still owe one to my brother and sister-in-law for their hospitality when we visited them in Denver. (It's on my list — I promise.) There's something about a handwritten note that a text just can't replicate. It says: I thought about you enough to slow down for this.

Paul the Apostle understood that power of a letter, and he used it to pay the believers in Corinth one of the most beautiful compliments in Scripture. He wrote: "And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts" (2 Corinthians 3:3, ESV). Think about that image for a second. A letter carries a message — it's proof someone was thinking of you, evidence of a relationship. And Paul told the Corinthian church that their lives were doing that same work: carrying Christ's message to everyone who encountered them.

The same is true for us. We may never write as eloquently as Paul, but through our words, our actions, and our faith, people can see evidence of God at work in us. None of us gets it perfect — I certainly don't — but living faithfully, even imperfectly, still points others toward Him.

What a goal for us this month: to be known, not for the cards we send (though maybe I'll finally get that one to Denver in the mail), but for the kind of lives that read like a letter from Christ to everyone who meets us. Whether it's an actual letter in someone's hand or an act of kindness where they catch a glimpse of Christ in you, write that letter on the hearts of the people you meet this October.

And this fall, all three of our churches have a chance to do just that — through the meals we're sharing, the mission work we're planning, and the everyday moments where we're discerning together how to be God's hands and feet. Every meal made and served, every hour served, every conversation where someone feels seen — that's a letter too. Let's make sure the message people read in us this season is unmistakably Christ's.

In Christ, Pastor Mary

Charge Celebrations and Missions and Ministries

New Auburn Birthdays

- 13 Forest :Clements
- 15 Sage Clements
- 24 Dan Hanson

New Auburn Anniversaries

- 02 Dave and Betty Bowman
- 05 Jim and Barb Plummer
- 23 Richard and Mary Stilley

Bloomer Birthdays

- 14 Brian Yohnk
- 15 Lou Hacker
- 16 Benjamin Olson
- 20 Randy Summerfield
- 20 Paul Prince



Thank You



Thank you Nelda for the beautiful bells performance! Bloomer UMC always loves to hear you play.

The Community Table

Bloomer and New Auburn UMC are on the schedule to volunteer at the Community Table on Thursday, October 22, 2026.

Please check your calendars and be ready come Sunday mornings in October. I will have a sign-up sheet available during worship for you to sign up.

Thank you and any questions, please contact Chris at 715 225-2983.

Visitation Ministry

Did you know that our churches have a visitation ministry?

Prior to COVID shutdown our small group of visitation friends were visiting shut-ins from our churches and our communities every week.

Post COVID they are still visiting people but not as consistently. Now they are ramping up to start the visitations on a regular basis again. This means that they need your help!

Jan and Ilene would love to have more friends to help with the visitations so they can reach everyone that would like a visit.

What does the visit entail you ask? Well, you sit with, talk and listen to those people like would you to visit them in their homes. Sometimes Jan and Ilene also administer communion.

There is another aspect of the visitation ministry too. That is the people that would like a visit. If you know of someone that would like a visit please contact Jan Crowell from Bloomer UMC or Ilene Moos from New Auburn UMC. You may also contact them if you would like to help them with the visitations.



NO MORE SOCKS!!!!



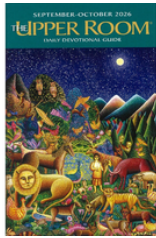
Thank you for all your holey, mismatched socks. They were all greatly appreciated. The Gold Toe Company ground those socks up and recycled them into insulation. GREAT PLAN!!

What was even greater was they gave a dollar for every pound of socks donated to the charity of our choice. Wisconsin chose Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee as their charity.

And the most amazing part is.....Wisconsin United Methodist Churches collected 5,458 pounds of socks which equals \$5,458 given to Northcott Neighborhood House in Milwaukee. And even more amazing the Northwest District of Wisconsin collected 2,210 pounds of the 5,458 pounds collected. Good work Northwest District!!!! And thank you.

AND REMEMBER.....NO MORE SOCKS!!!!!!!

Missions and Ministries



New Auburn UMC *Women of Faith*

Thursday, October 1st, 1:00pm at New Auburn UMC basement. Come on, come all to the Upper Room Bible study. Enjoy coffee and delightful dialogue.

Save the Date!

- **Bloomer UMC Ad Board Meeting** - Tuesday, October 6th, 1pm.
- **New Auburn UMC Ad Board Meeting** - Tuesday, October 6th, 5pm.



Bloomer On Going Missions

Keep on collecting your...

Aluminum cans...SAVE your ALUMINUM CANS...in the summer you can drop them off at Bloomer UMC.

Pop tabs...They will be given to the Ronald McDonald House Charities to help raise money so the people that need to stay there are able to do it without worrying about how to pay for where they will stay when their child is in the hospital.

Caps and Personal Hygiene

Do you have any brand new personal hygiene products or hats that you have knit that you would like to donate to various organizations? Talk to Juanita Fransway and she can help you get them to people in need. You can find her Sunday mornings at Bloomer UMC

New Auburn UMC Loose Coin

Change for October –



**American
Red Cross**

Here is one example how the American Red Cross can use our donations.

- Every 10 minutes someone affected by disaster is helped by donations to the Red Cross. Even though more people hear about large disasters like wildfires and floods, the biggest disaster threat in the United States is home fires. Through the Red Cross, Home Fire Campaign, they have been able to make a difference. Launched in 2014, they have accomplished so much:

2,577 lives saved

3,279,731 smoke detectors installed,

1,348,361 households made safer and

3,519,088 people served through home visits.

Your Loose Change donations will make a difference!!!!

Bloomer UMC Loose Coin

October's loose coin will go to the Bloomer/New Auburn Food Pantry.



Ongoing Prayer Ministry

Please lift up our homebound friends in prayer.

Bloomer and New Auburn friends: Verona Donahue, Louise Hacker, Gordy Chapman...

Christian Education and More

Children and Youth *September In Pictures*

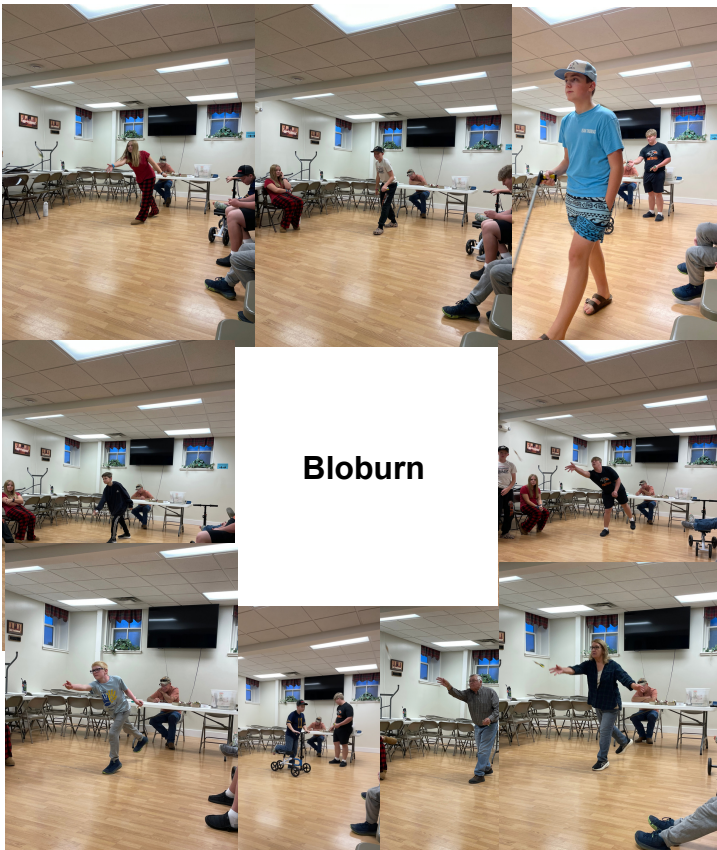
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Weaving Mats

Weaving Mats for the Homeless – We meet together every Tuesday, 10:15am to 11:45am in the basement of the Bloomer UMC to weave and cut plastic grocery bags into plarn. We are presently in need of clean, dry plastic grocery bags with no holes. If you have bags to donate, please drop them off outside the music room at the Bloomer church and at New Auburn drop them off right when you enter the church, at the bottom of the stairs that lead to the sanctuary.

Thank you.

FYI – For Your Information, the following items can be collected and dropped off at any participating retail drop off sites, like Shadick's Grocery store in Bloomer.

The drop off sites will accept the following types of plastics, which keeps them OUT of the landfills.

- Bread bags, cut off any paper label stuck on them
- Sandwich bags and zip-lock bags, remember they need to be clean and dry
- Case wrappings, like for plastic water bottles, toilet paper, paper towels
- Six-pack plastic rings
- Produce bags, remember they need to be clean and dry
- Air pillow, need to be deflated
- Bubble wrap
- Plastic shipping envelopes, just cut off paper label
- Salt bags and pellet bags, please shake them out
- Pallet wraps and stretch film
- Dry cleaner bags
- Electronic wraps

NO bags that contained frozen foods,

NO pre-washed salad bag mixes or bags labeled as degradable

NO bags that are dirty or wet, or any bag labeled compostable or bio-degradable, such products disrupt the equipment that recycles the plastics.

Operation Christmas Child



It's All About Jesus!

We will once again be participating in this mission of packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child - Displays will be set up at Bloomer United Methodist Church at the end of October. National Collection Week is November 16 - 23. Thank you to all who have already donated to this mission through our Loose Coin Offering! Last year we built 23 physical boxes and 11 online boxes. As a local Drop-Off Site, we delivered 244 boxes to Peace Church in Eau Claire to be sent on their way to bring the good news of Jesus to children around the world. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle at 715-568-1971 or umc@bloomer.net. Please see the attached for more ways to participate in Operation Christmas Child!



5 Ways to Participate with **Chippewa Valley (WI) Area Team** **for Operation Christmas Child®**

- 1.** Take an empty shoebox, *fill* it up with *fun* items, and return it during National Collection Week! (There are 9 convenient locations in the Chippewa Valley.)
- 2.** **Build a ShoeBox Online!** For \$30, you can build & personalize a shoebox that will be given to children in the hardest-to-reach places!

Scan the QR Code to Build a ShoeBox Online for \$30
- 3.** Facilitate the packing of shoebox gifts within your church, youth group, at work or within your circle of friends!
- 4.** Join the Chippewa Valley Area Team as a year-round volunteer & help promote more community involvement with this mission!

Scan the QR Code to find our local group online
- 5.** "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17) that every child that receives a shoebox gift will feel the unfailing love of Jesus Christ.



National Shoebox Collection Week is
November 16-23, 2026



"LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME; DO NOT HINDER THEM, FOR TO SUCH BELONGS THE KINGDOM OF GOD." MARK 10:14

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BLOBURN YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS

Fall Fundraiser

FOR KIDS WEEKEND MEALS



Wednesday

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OCTOBER

5:00 - 7:00 pm

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