

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

Come, Thankful People, Come

What are we thankful for?

I know, it's not Thanksgiving yet — thank goodness! But it doesn't have to be for us to be thankful. As I write this, we just finished a message on Jesus' Parable of the Weeds. I confess I'm not a good gardener — I do it begrudgingly, because I love the outcome. Most of the time, I can't tell a weed from a flower. I could be tending to and lovingly caring for what turns out to be a weed.

In the parable, Jesus tells of a farmer whose field has weeds and wheat intertwined. The workers want to pull the weeds, but the farmer tells them to wait — we'll sort it out in the end. God is patient with us and the weeds in our lives. God doesn't pluck us up but waits and works in us and will not give up on us. As Paul writes in Philippians 1:6, "He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." We are, as Ephesians 2:10 reminds us, God's workmanship — created for good works He prepared for us long before we ever knew it. We trust God's timing and God's promise that He is at work in us, and transformation happens.

So back to my question: what are we thankful for? I'm thankful that God doesn't demand we have it all sorted out before He gets to work. I'm thankful that the same patience the farmer shows the field, God shows to us — weeds and wheat, doubts and faith, growing together for now. We don't have to tell the difference today. God can.

That's part of why I love the old hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come." It doesn't wait for the fields to be perfect before giving thanks — it thanks God for the whole growing season, weeds and all, trusting that "all is safely gathered in" in God's time, not ours. Gratitude isn't something we save for when life is tidy; it's something we practice in the middle of the mess, trusting the Farmer who planted us knows exactly what He's doing.

So, wherever you are this month — whatever's tangled up in your own field right now — I hope you can find a reason to be thankful anyway. Not because everything's sorted, but because God is patiently, faithfully at work in you, and that work isn't finished yet.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Mary

Charge Celebrations and Missions and Ministries

New Auburn Birthdays

08 Veda Reed
13 Barb Plummer
25 Charles Walsh
23 Kale Clements

New Auburn Anniversaries

19 Lowell and Sue Trowbridge

Bloomer Birthdays

07 Shelly Yohnk
12 Elaine Stuckert
23 Olivia Hawkins
24 Aimee Stoffel



Summerfest - Sunday, August 16th

Summer Fest is the New Auburn Community outreach to the families of children as we support them with items needed to return to the school in the Fall. The New Auburn UMC will be giving out 50 backpacks to children who need a new backpack to start the 2026 – 27 school year. Along with the backpack we will be giving them a breakfast bar to start the day. Food for the body and a message on the bar that we are praying for them this school year. In September look for prayer ideas for the kids on a Bible book mark, so we can pray for the students this year and surround them in God's presence and blessings in their lives.



Weaving Mats

Every Tuesday, every month from 10:15 to 11:45am we gather together in the basement at Bloomer UMC to weave sleeping mats for the homeless. We then send the completed sleeping mats to Midwest Mission in Illinois to be distributed to people in need of a clean, dry and relatively soft mat for sleeping on the hard ground or on pavement.

Think about joining us...

- We have good conversation and laughter,
- It keeps our fingers moving with ease,
- And it is a cool place to be on the hot dog days of summer.

Hope to see you soon,
Chris Draxler



Missions and Ministries

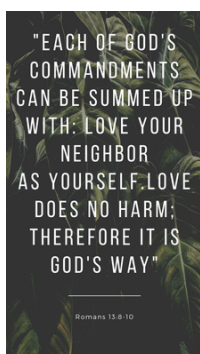
New Auburn UM Women of Faith

Thursday, August 6th, 1:00pm. All are welcome to share coffee, Upper Room Bible Study and fellowship.

Ongoing Prayer Ministry

Please lift up our homebound friends in prayer.

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



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.

Save the Date!

- **Pre-Kidzillion** will start back up on Tuesday September 15th at 3:30pm
- **Kidzillion** will start on Wednesday, September 16th right after school
- **Bloburn** will also begin on September 16th at 5:00pm with dartball
- Both churches will have the opportunity to volunteer at the **Community Table** in Eau Claire on Thursday, October 22nd, 2026

New Auburn Loose Coin

New Auburn's loose change for August is Midwest Mission.

Midwest Mission's goal is to send tangible resources to make an intangible difference in lives through HOPE and EMPOWERMENT.

By providing...

- Disaster Relief
- Education
- Health
- Micro-Business opportunities



For your information: Midwest Mission is where the sleeping mats go that we, the Bloomer and New Auburn UMCs, make from plastic bags. The mats are sent to Midwest Mission for their distribution to homeless in need of a relatively soft, clean and dry sleeping mat.

Bloomer UMC Loose Coin

It is still a summer of Christmas! This month's loose coin will go to help with shipping costs and to build online boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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

A Little Bit Extra

A Note From Cheryl's Grandson

Good evening,

My name is Jimmie, and I wanted to say thank you for how well you and your congregation have treated my family over the years. For my grandma, Cheryl Matthews, it was a point of pride that she was involved in music with the church for over 4 decades. She loved spreading joy through humor, conversation, and especially music, and if your church got to enjoy that every week, well, it had to have been a great time!

Her love of music and community service passed down through the generations. I was a music major in college myself for a couple of years, and these days I donate hundreds of hours to our local public schools and other community activities, such as the library, where I live. To me, her kindness and passion for helping others set her apart from others in my life, and I am extremely grateful to have had 41 years to know her.

Speaking only for myself and not for anyone else in my family, I wanted to express gratitude for everyone who reached out or showed up to celebrate her life. Religion was extremely important to my grandma and yet she never once pressured me to go to church out of obligation. If I went, it's because I wanted to spend more time with her... or, you know, as a kid, going along because it was guaranteed I'd find the treats in her house if I was left unsupervised. That probably also applies in adulthood. What I'm trying to say is that despite me not being much of a church-goer, I saw the extraordinary and positive impact it had on her life, and how it inspired her to do more to lift others up.

I regret not being able to offer more than simple gratitude, but it is remarkable that over 40 years of service to your church has helped guide a family far beyond the walls of the building. Grandma's sheer force of will brought our family together for over a quarter-century and through all of life's adversity, gave us an example to follow in our own families, as spread apart as they are now as I write this from the other end of Wisconsin.

Thank you and your congregation for hosting my grandma for so many years, for allowing her to spread joy and kindness, for giving her an audience for her vast musical talents. If not for love of her family... and probably Elvis Presley, who are we kidding... the "church in Bloomer" would hold the top spot. I was born in Bloomer, and have many reasons to return to visit in the future, and now every time I drive by the church, it'll make me think of Grandma Cheryl and the community that supported her.

I wish all the best for you and your members, and once again thank you all for your support and graciousness over the years.

Jimmie Kaska

2026 Women's Conference



"Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Luke 5:31-32

Saturday, August 22

10:00am - 1:00pm

**at the Bloomer Fairgrounds
(1609 9th Ave, Bloomer, WI)**

Admission is a suggested donation of \$10

Free lunch catered by Farmhouse Store and Café and Holy Cow Cookies

Preregister at
www.bloomerumc.com/pow



Destiny Jackson

- Christian author, retreat speaker, and part-time hairstylist
- Nearly 30 years of caring for women in the salon through conversations about life, faith, and healing
- Author of numerous devotionals and Bible studies, including *Made Well: A Journey to Healing with the Great Physician*
- Passionate about helping women find peace, hope, and healing in Jesus Christ
- Married to Matt; enjoys hiking, their two dogs, coffee, and God's Word



Jocelyn Prust

- Founder & Executive Director of Scenic Hills Youth Ranch in Bloomer, WI
- Uses horses, mentorship, and the hope of Jesus to bring healing, belonging, and purpose to kids and families
- Former public school music educator for 17 years in CA, MN, and WI
- Returned home to the family farm in 2014 and followed God's calling to launch the Ranch in 2018
- Left education in 2024 to lead the Ranch full-time
- Married to Dan; proud mom to Marshall; passionate about inspiring others to trust God's calling



A Free Will Offering will be collected for Scenic Hills Ranch Ministries

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Indoor seating is available or you may bring your own comfy chair if you would like to.