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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.

A Message From Pastor Josh

Eyes That See

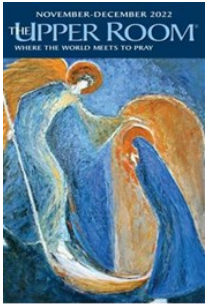
Several years ago, when I was just finishing up my graduate studies, I had the opportunity to develop a friendship with one of the pastors at a church I was attending. We did small Bible studies together, talked through some of our struggles, and he gave me a behind the scenes glimpse of what it was like to be a pastor. But of all the things we did, I was most amazed by his ability to keep his eyes focused on where God was leading him. During my time with him, he and his family adopted multiple children from Ethiopia, and then he and his wife went on to start an organization called Eyes that See that help children and families in Ethiopia attain necessities and resources, as well as help facilitate adoptions for orphaned children. It was truly a remarkable experience to see the transformation that occurred in him, his family, and the church he was serving, simply because he was being obedient to where God was leading him.

My friends, the image of Eyes That See has been stuck in my head for the past week. I think that is because at first glance the world seems so loud, confusing, and chaotic right now. We have a volatile stock market and high inflation which are taking their toll, and potentially setting up difficult economic times for people. You can't even go near your phone, computer or tv without hearing non-stop political smear ads which only serve to remind us of how polarized we are becoming as a people. Globally, the war between Russia and Ukraine continues and people's lives are being taken and/or hang in the balance. We watch nervously as other countries posture themselves in unhelpful ways and we realize what a tinderbox this could be. Over the weekend, China held its 20th Communist Party Congress which made a subtle, yet deliberate political statement with the forceful removal of the country's former president and party boss. This suggests that China is prepared to be less open to the West and there is speculation that they may look to invade Taiwan as early as this winter. While many of these issues are macro level, they represent but a small sampling of the things confronting people daily. These things can, and often do, incite fear, anxiety, and confusion; and that is just what the enemy wants. The enemy wants to distract us from keeping our eyes on God and things God is doing.

Friends, this month I invite you take a step back from all the news, noise, and chaos and just focus your eyes on God. Ask God to help you have eyes that see. Eyes that see God's transformative work in your life, family, community, and the world. Eyes that see the growing kingdom of God. Regardless of who wins the elections, pray for them. Regardless of how expensive things get, praise God for the provision and abundance you have in your life. Pray for global leaders, pray for peace, and watch intently as God works through conflicts and political posturing. Hunters take time out on your stands see the beauty of God's creation. As you gather with families around the Thanksgiving table, or whatever your tradition is, take time to be grateful for all you have and share the ways you have seen God at work in your life and in the lives of others. Have a great month of November and God bless!

Missions and Ministries

New Auburn UM Women of Faith



Women of Faith will meet Thursday, November 3rd at 1pm. Bring your current Upper Room magazine with you. The Bible study will be from it. All are welcome!

Youth Group Meals

November is New Auburn UMC's month to host Youth Group meals (10-12 people, food served at 6:00pm)



November 2—Kathy Gilles will serve

November 9—Veda Reed will serve

November 16—Ilene Moos and Sue Nehring will serve

November 23—NO MEALS

November 30—Chris Draxler with helper will serve



New Auburn Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service

New Auburn UMC will host the ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 23rd at 6:00pm. There will be fellowship with bars and coffee to follow.

Ongoing Prayer Ministry

Please lift up our homebound friends in prayer.

Bloomer and New Auburn friends: Dick and Verona Donahue, Betty Kistner, Juanita Ruffedt, Louise Hacker, Joanne Anderson, Mae Frank...

Save The Date

- ⇒ Lunch with Pastor is Wednesday, November 2nd, 11:00am at New Auburn UMC
- ⇒ Barhopping with Pastor is Friday, November 11th, 6:00pm at the Bloomer Brewing Company.
- ⇒ Bloomer Ad Board Meeting, November 15th at 6:00pm.

People of the Word!

Pow!'s next meeting is Tuesday, November 8th at 6pm. We'll be tying up loose ends for the Christmas Bazaar.



United Methodist Church - 1700 Main Street

Christmas Bazaar

Sat. December 3rd

9 am - 1 pm

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

**All U Can Eat
11 - 1**

**Turkey n' Biscuits Meal
Beverages & Dessert**

**\$12 Adult
\$7 Children 5 to 12 yrs. old
4 & Under- FREE**



Bloomer UMC Church Job Volunteers

Date	Greeter	Usher	Fellowship Host	Acolyte
11/6/22	Gumness	Gumness	Gumness	Gumness
11/13/22	P. Moos	P. Moos	P. Moos	
11/20/22		Judah Bourget		Trajan Bourget
11/27/22	Kim Leonard		Kim Leonard	

Missions and Ministries


New Auburn Loose Coin

For many years, one of our missions in the local area is to assist the Security Bank "Santa's Helpers" in providing children in the New Auburn School District with Christmas gifts. Last year through the November loose coin offerings and the gift cards, we provided over 40 gifts to the Bank to be distributed to the New Auburn School. Gift request cards will be placed in the back pew by mid November. Please return the gift card attached to the unwrapped gifts no later than **Sunday, December 4th**. Thank you for your generous spirit.



Bloomer On Going Missions

Keep on collecting your...

 ...**Aluminum cans**...SAVE your ALUMINUM CANS...we will not collect them thru the winter...but please SAVE them and we will get them in the spring!

...**Pop tabs**...They will be given to 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.



...**Box Tops**...The box tops go to help the area schools. Remember to enter them into the Box Tops website.

If you have any questions about these missions please feel free to contact Maryann Gumness or Juanita Fransway.

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.

Bloomer Loose Coin

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

From the Food Pantries Website:

Our Mission

Alleviate hunger for families who are experiencing "food insecurity" in their lives by providing services in support of obtaining and distributing adequate food to meet the daily needs of all members of our communities.

Our Vision

All members of our community and surrounding area will have adequate food for every member of their families



Bloomer/New Auburn Food Pantry News

Our November requests/needs list focuses on Thanksgiving meals preparation.

We are having a hard time purchasing:

- * Instant potatoes
- * cream of mushroom soup
- * canned green beans
- * canned soups (tomato, chicken noodle, vegetable)
- * oatmeal
- * canned chili and kidney beans
- * chili seasoning packets

Thank you for your support!

Jessica Hanson, director

Bloomer/New Auburn Food Pantry

Some Bloomer UMC Maintenance

Dale cleaned the gutters and Dale and Maryann put new composite deck boards on the steps off the back of the fellowship hall towards the parsonage! It looks great! We will be adding new railings when we find a good deal on them...probably in the spring.

Charge Celebrations and Some Christian Education

New Auburn Birthdays

03	Kaleb Butterfield
04	Alex Kouba
08	Brett Stuckert
11	Wesley Stuckert
14	Ilene Moos
16	Mark North
19	Chris Butterfield
22	Dan Stanford
27	Dawn Trowbridge
28	Garrett Stilley
30	Charlotte Stanford

New Auburn Anniversaries

08	Dan and Peggy Stanford
13	Mike and Janie Super

Bloomer Birthdays

06	Alisha Hauf
13	Phyllis Moos
14	Joe Zeman
16	Ben Dachel
17	Sariah Teubert
18	Trajan Bourget
18	Carl Gumness
24	Karin Olson
30	Angie Woodman

Bloomer Anniversaries

05	Dennis and Linda Snyder
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Charge Conference Thank You!

I wanted to take a moment and say thank you to all the church leaders for completing all the paperwork necessary for our charge conference. I also want to say thank you to Michelle for all the work of organizing and putting the paperwork together. Together we were able to share ministry highlights from the previous year, maintain accountability, and begin preparations for doing ministry in the coming year.

To those of you who are leaving leadership positions, I say thank you for your ministry, leadership, and gifts. To those of you who are stepping into new leadership positions, I look forward to working with you to grow the church and kingdom of God. Thank you for offering to share your gifts and may God bless the ministry you will do.

Thank You For Loving The Children and Youth

Thank you so much to **Jeannie Turner, Elain Stuckert, Sandi Marek, Jessica Gumness, and Barb Jarr** for providing Kidzillion snacks in September and October!

Thank you to **Patty Proehl, Sandi Marek, Jan Crowell, and Pastor Josh** for providing Youth Group meals in September and October.

Thank you so much to **Sandi Marek** for serving those snacks and meals!!!

All of you are so appreciated by the kids, youth, and the adult leaders.

Something To Think About



On a thundering rainy day, a mom went to pick up her six year old son from school thinking that he would fear the lightning, but she found

him smiling at the sky every time it lightnined.

She asks, "Why are you smiling?"

He replied, "God is taking my pictures and I need to look good."

Life is simple. We complicate it.

Bloomer UMC's Christ, Coffee and Conversation

We are going thru the entire Bible and you can join us at ANY TIME!!! Did you get off track a time or two??? Good—so do I people!!! Do not worry about that—we help each other get caught up and bring our perspectives to His word and how it works! This has been amazing! Join us for Coffee and Conversation about CHRIST. We meet right before church at 9:00am—10:15ish...during the kids Sunday school! So drop the kids off and meet us in the fellowship room upstairs!

Christian Education and OCC

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to all who are packing shoeboxes – thank you for being part of the eternal impact these shoeboxes have on every child who receives one! National Collection Week is November 14 – 21.

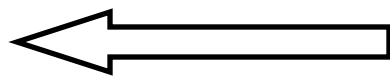
One question that always comes up while packing shoeboxes is whether or not to take items out of their packaging, and I've learned that it is better to remove the packaging if you are able as shown below. The first picture shows all the items purchased for the shoebox – some of which don't fit in the shoebox with the packaging on them. The second picture shows how all the above items fit in the box with the packaging removed, with room for more! And, the trash collected from the packaging fills up a container -- please keep in mind that the countries that these boxes are going to do not have the luxury of trash removal like we do:



Since we are a Drop-Off Site again this year, we will have a variety of hours that we will be available for dropping off shoeboxes:

Monday, November 14, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Tuesday, November 15, 12:00 – 2:00 pm
Wednesday, November 16, 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Thursday, November 17, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
Friday, November 18, 8:00 – 10:00 am
Saturday, November 19, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Sunday, November 20, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Monday, November 21, 8:00 – 10:00 am

As always, if you have any questions, please contact Shelly at 715-568-4318 or mjyohnk@bloomer.net or Michelle at 715-568-1971 or umc@bloomer.net



Open the camera on your cell phone and aim at this qr code and it will take you to our OCC page to build a box online.

Bloomer UMC's Children and Youth Programming Requests

This year in Sunday School and Kidzillion the kids are being incentivized with Bible Bucks. What are Bible Bucks you ask? They are something that Maryann started many years ago in the children's Sunday school. The children/youth are given a list of expectations that when completed they receive anywhere from 1 to 10 Bible Bucks. Some of the expectations are attendance, respectful behavior, reading scripture in class, leading prayer, sharing Jesus with their families outside of Kidzillion and Sunday school, being on time to Sunday School...

In December and May they will be able to go "shopping" with their Bible Bucks. They will shop for items that were donated to the programs. The biggest purchase will be an end of the year trip to Action City for Kidzillion and Chaos Waterpark for Sunday School.

The request is for donations from you for items that the children and youth can purchase with Bible Bucks. Some suggestions are small in expensive toys (Oriental Trading Post is good for these in bulk for reasonable prices), Christian books for children and youth, prepackaged food items (chips, candy, dried fruit...), crafting activities, Christian movies etc. Please make sure items are new and not used or really old. The exception to this are books as long as they are only gently used and don't have scribbles or notes all over them.

The first batch of donated items needs to be given to Michelle by December 11th. If you have any questions please contact Michelle at 715-568-1971, umc@bloomer.net or in person.

One other thing if you have to decide between Operation Christmas Child or this to donate to please pick Operation Christmas Child. As much as your donation would be appreciated to our church programs know that our children and youth are being taught the Gospel through lessons and actions every week. Most of the children that receive OCC gifts have not yet met Jesus.



1 Bible Buck



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A Little Bit Extra

Pilgrim Breakfast

You are invited to a Pilgrim Breakfast on Wednesday, November 2nd at Chetek Lutheran Church. The breakfast begins at 9:00am. There will be a light brunch and a special program by Danville. Kathy and Tim Danielson will be performing.

New Auburn Community Pray Rally

Prayer Rally – Sunday November 6th, 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the New Auburn School (The Commons) Everyone is welcome to come and pray for the state of our country, state, and local communities, as well as several other issues that people are facing in their daily lives. This is an ecumenical event.



Kidzillion marching to Jerusalem, doing yoga, and learning from Nehemiah.

Youth Group learning Dartball from experienced players! Thank you Don, Dan and Gary for all of your teaching!



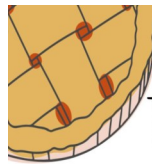
All Parish Dinner

St Paul's Catholic Church in Bloomer, PCCW group St. Monica will be hosting an all Parish Dinner on Sunday, November 13, 2022 from 11:30am until 1:30pm in the church basement. The entire community is welcome!

The menu is homemade scalloped potatoes and ham, green beans, bun, salad/applesauce, dessert and milk/coffee.

The cost is adults \$8, kids 6-12 \$6 and preschool free. Carry outs will be available.

Elevators are located in the school lobby.



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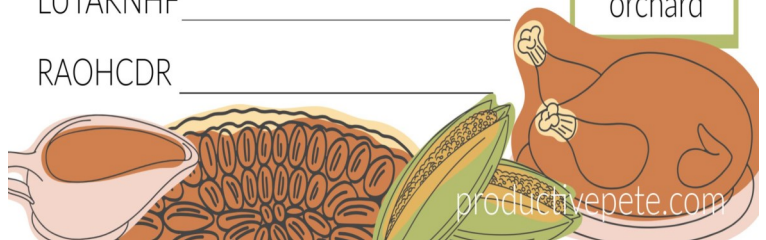
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