February 2

What’s up in the United Methodist denomination?

Presented by Reverend Joe Mitchell

Since 1972 United Methodists have struggled with LGBTQ issues which seem to be coming to a breaking point in an international legislative meeting later this year. Retired United Methodist pastor, Joe Mitchell will share his sense of where things stand.

February 9

Join Rudy and Shirley Senarighi in a Living Room Conversation: Relationships First

Living Room Conversations are simple, sociable and structured ways to practice communicating across differences while building understanding.

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Worship

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**COMMUNION**

9:00 am  **ADULT FORUM**
9:30 am  **CHOIR REHEARSAL**
10:30 am  **WORSHIP SERVICE**

*Soup Cook Off /Souper Bowl of Caring*

*sponted by Hope Youth*

*immediately following church*

*Faith Formations classes available for youth*

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9:00 am  **ADULT FORUM**
10:30 am  **WORSHIP SERVICE**

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9:00 am  **ADULT FORUM**
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**ASH WEDNESDAY**

6:00 pm  **WORSHIP SERVICE**
7:00 pm  Choir Rehearsal

*Lent Begins Ash Wednesday*
Back to Back Bay
Mission in 2021?

Doesn’t a dose of warm weather sound good about now? Does the idea of growing closer to the folks you see in church each Sunday appeal to you? Have you always wanted to do a mission trip (or go again)?

The Mission and Action Committee wants to gauge interest of church members and friends of the church in coordinating an adult mission trip next year (2021) to Back Bay, Mississippi. Depending on availability at the mission, we would plan to go sometime between January and March. Cost per participant is fairly minimal. Work activities include helping out at the homeless day center, food pantry, soup kitchen, and working on homes needing repair. Activities are matched with each individual’s abilities and interests.

The first step is to find out if enough people are interested; if so, we will start to investigate the possibilities. Snowbirds welcome!

Please contact Pat Scieszinski, 495.3861 or pscieszzi@charter.net with questions or to be added to a list of those interested; at this point, no commitment is required.

A Message from the Pastoral Relations Committee

On October 1, the Rev. Gary Brinn began his ministry among us. Since then the Search Committee has been functioning as a Pastoral Relations Committee. (Over time there will be changes in committee membership.) The Rev. Jane Anderson, our UCC Associate Minister, has reminded us that we at Hope – pastor and congregants – will be in ‘transition’ for at least the next year. While change is something that happens to us, transition is internal: it’s what happens in our minds and hearts as we go through change. Change can happen quickly, while transition usually happens over time.

The role of the Pastoral Relations Committee is to assist the pastor and congregation in navigating through this transition with kindness, grace, and open communication. If you wonder about something that may appear different or discomforting, we encourage you to talk with Pastor Brinn or a
FEB 25, 2020
SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE CELEBRATION
6-8PM

Join us at Hope Church as we host our annual family-friendly Shrove Tuesday celebration! Come and enjoy a pancake dinner with a topping buffet, side dishes, hot coco and great company! Admission is free!

A FLIPPIN’ GOOD EVENT AT HOPE!

FOOD & MUSIC GAMES & PRIZES
FACE PAINTING & MORE!!

FREE!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

HOPE CHURCH
141 S 12TH AVE
STURGEON BAY
920.743.2701
February 9
and relationships. Ten basic human dynamics that affect the way we develop relationships will be discussed.

February 16  The Simple Self-Care Practices of Mindfulness and Gratitude

Presented by Kathie Hansen

Kathie Hansen will give a presentation on the most simple form of meditation, mindfulness meditation. She will also share a quick and simple gratitude practice. Self-care may provide many health benefits such as stress relief, reduced chronic pain, and improved sleep.

February 23  Coffee and Chat

With the Committee

Review what we've done and where you would like more info.

Adult Forum is held in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 - 10:15 am.

Transitions

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member of the committee about it. We also encourage you to share appreciations; these are important to hear as well.

We are committed to supporting both our pastor and the congregation as we continue in this time of transition. Thank you for your trust and continued support.

Hope's Pastoral Relations Committee: Karen Brunstrom, Miriam Erickson, Kathie Hansen, Bob Hays, Shirley Senarighi, Patsy Vollrath, and Jock Wilcox.
The Stewardship Committee is excited to announce the results of our Fall Pledge Campaign. You, the members of Hope Church, have pledged to give Hope Church $153,565.00 during the 2020 calendar year. This is amazing!! This is incredible! This is the most this church has ever pledged! Congratulations! Thank You! Wow!

Below is a 3 year comparison where you can see that we have increased our pledging by $23,073 since 2018 and $8,577 over the 2019 year. While the overall giving units remained steady (right around 60 giving units), our income increased substantially. Thank you. Your pledges are recognized and appreciated. Many have dug deep to provide a little extra. It all adds up; thank you!

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This year, the Hope Church Budget (as approved at the Annual Meeting in July 2019) shows expenses totaling $194,000. Our Stewardship goal was the Total Recordable Contributions of $178,500, minus $14,000 of unpledged support (loose change, those that give but don’t pledge, etc) based on history and previous years’ giving. Thus the Stewardship Goal for 2020 was set at $165,000. You achieved 93% of that goal! Unfortunately we are $11,435 short of the goal.

Pledges are based on the calendar year, while the budget is based on a fiscal year- July to June. Please remember to stay current in your pledge payment. In addition to cash and checks, pledges and financial donations may be made online through Faithstreet or electronic transfers.
CALL TO ACTION

On a bill that will help people coming out of prison reintegrate into our communities. Having a criminal record makes it hard for a former prisoner to get a job, find housing, or have access to higher education. These are serious roadblocks to getting back on one’s feet and becoming a contributing member of society.

CURRENT WISCONSIN LAW:

A court may wipe clean or expunge a person’s record of a crime if the crime was not a violent felony and had a maximum imprisonment of six years or less, if they committed the crime before the age of 25 and had not been previously convicted of any felony. Expungement orders can only be made at sentencing so inmates’ efforts to improve themselves while in prison aren’t considered. Wisconsin is the only state that requires judges to determine expungement eligibility when somebody is sentenced, instead of when they are released, and is one of only seven states that limits expungement opportunities based on people’s age when they committed a crime.

CHANGES PROPOSED IN SB 39 AND AB 33:

Senate Bill 39 and Assembly Bill 33 would remove the age restriction for eligibility as well as the requirement that the decision be made at the time of sentencing. The Assembly has already passed the bill on their side, by a unanimous vote! It’s time for the Senate to consider and pass their bill. However the majority leader of the Senate, Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) won’t let that happen unless he can be assured that 17 Republican Senators will vote for it. Right now 16 have said they would.

One of two Senators could make consideration of and a vote on this bill happen—and likely improve the futures of many young people by giving them a second chance. These are:
Sen. Andre Jacques (608) 266-3512
Sen. David Craig (608) 266-5400

You likely live in the district of one of these senators. If you do, please call your senator and ask him to commit to voting for SB 39—the Expungement Bill. Make sure he knows you live in his district. To identify your senator, https://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov/ and enter your address in the upper right corner

Thank you for your help!

Your brothers and sisters at Plymouth Church UCC, Milwaukee

What does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8
If you are interested in volunteering for this important local program, please call Jan Evers, Volunteer Coordinator at 920-493-4142. Meals are usually served on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Fridays of the month, depending on the holiday schedule.

February 7, 21 & 28

Prayer List

Eric Brandsema (Karen Brunstrom’s brother)
Tom Hintz
Jill Schamberger
Eric Petkus
Tim Michael (Kathie Hansen’s brother-in-law)
Yvonne Siira & Family
Patricia Feldman (Jason’s mother)
Rosie Paulson
Dan Haase
Ron Griesen
Devon Soukup

Family & Friends of Celeste Munson
Rose Marie Doty
George Weis
Gerry Barlament
Lucy Richter
Anna (Family friend of John & Jeanne Harris)
Paul Hedsand (Margie’s son)
Avett Sutton
Trudy Berkhahn
Mike Cogan
Beth Anschutz

THE PRAYER LIST
If you would like someone included on the printed Prayer List that appears in the bulletin each Sunday and in the monthly newsletter, please write their name(s) on the back of your Attendance Card and put the card in the offering plate, call the church office or email hopeucc@hopechurchdc.org.
Celebrations

1 Dan Scieszinski  9 Jim Ebbeson  23 Doug Henderson
   Kali Woods     Pam McCluskey  24 Lauren Evenson
2 Cal Holvenstot 15 Cheryl Bishop  26 Jerry Bloom
3 Fran Hunter     17 Emilie Bishop  Stephenson
4 Jack Hirst      Josiah Schmelzer Jeffrey Serafico
5 Buffy Andreae   18 Alyssa Bicoy
6 Devon Storlie   16 Colleen Crocker-
   Marsie Hartman  MacMillin
   Lance Treadeau  19 Dick Hartl
7 Jamie Olsen     21 Dennis White

February 14
Pat & Gerry Barlament
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