



# Arlington United Methodist Church

## NEWSLETTER

October 2017

### CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN!



**CASH STEWART**



**MICHAELA STEWART**



**GABE WEBB**

Our Confirmation Class Kick-Off was held on Wednesday, October 4. Confirmands and mentors met for a pizza dinner in the church dining room, and went over the confirmation requirements.

Then the fun began! The confirmands started their first session in their *Making Disciples Confirmand's Journal* with their mentors.

Many thanks to the parents and mentors of these three great kids. Cindy Morse is mentoring Michaela Stewart, Merrilee Lainberger is mentoring Cash Stewart and Robert Hopp is mentoring Gabe Webb.

Confirmands will continue to meet with their mentors for 13 sessions. In addition, they will meet with Pastor Michele for classes about prayer, worship, teaching/preaching, spiritual gifts, United Methodist Heritage, and United Methodist Polity. They will complete volunteer community work, lead in worship services, and will visit another Christian church.

Please keep our confirmands and their mentors in your prayers!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Adult Bible Study Wednesdays, 3-4 p.m.

Join us as we study Isaiah.

#### Bucky Books

We are selling Bucky Books to support the Prairie Pride Food Pantry. They cost \$35 and \$12 goes to the Food Pantry. **We will sell the books through November 10.** They include the local supplement. To purchase a book, please contact Connie Wilsnack at 608-577-7792.

#### Chicken Dinner

North Windsor United Methodist Church will be having their Annual Chicken Dinner on Saturday, October 21, 2017, 4-8 p.m. Enjoy Old Style Baked Chicken, Real Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Vegetables, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Pie, Coffee & Milk - served family style. Adults \$11.00, Children 5-8 - \$5.00, Children 4 & under - Free. Carryouts available.

#### Holiday Bazaar & Craft Sale

Sat., Oct 21, 8:30-2:30, St Olaf's Church, 615 Jefferson St, DeForest

#### Charge Conference

Thursday, November 2, 6:30 p.m.  
Pardeeville UMC (All Circuit 1 Churches)

#### Advanced Lay Servant Class - Leading Prayer Saturdays, Nov 11 & 18, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Merrimac UMC

\$20. For more info, contact Pastor Roxanne Gnatzig at [pastorroxi@gmail.com](mailto:pastorroxi@gmail.com) or call 608-415-1626.

## Michele Hopp

Lay Supply Pastor

608-370-4216

[pastor@arlingtonumchurch.org](mailto:pastor@arlingtonumchurch.org)

If you would like to meet with Michele, please call or email her. She would be happy to visit you at home. Please let her know of your needs.

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### The Arlington United Methodist

Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

## Are You An Encourager?

by Michele Hopp



How many of you consider yourself an encourager?

Did you know that an encourager is actually a peacemaker? When you encourage someone, you are helping them to make peace with themselves.

In Jesus' famous Sermon on the Mount, he said,

*“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”*

I encourage you to take a look at your own peacemaking skills.

Do you see the best in people? Do you see their positive traits, their gifts and abilities, their potential?

Or do you see their faults? Do you find yourself always criticizing people when they make mistakes? Do you hold their past against them?

Recently, I went to a computer store with my daughter. She wanted to buy a computer for her business. A young salesman spent close to an hour answering all of her questions and steering her in the right direction.

After she purchased her computer, I thanked the salesman and told him what was in my heart. I said, “You are really good at your job.” His eyes teared up, and he thanked me. He said that he had been dealing with impatient and difficult people all day, and that my compliment really encouraged him.

With one simple sentence, and only five seconds of my time, I helped to make a stranger's life a little better for a little while. And that, in turn, lifted my own spirits.

I encourage you all to look for the good in the people around you. Tell them what you admire in them. Encourage them.

Our community needs more encouragers! Our church needs more encouragers! The WORLD needs more encouragers!

And remember that blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

*PRAYER: Loving God, remind us to look for the good in people. Help us to be a blessing to others by encouraging them. Amen*

**KWIK TRIP SCRIP  
GIFT CARDS  
AVAILABLE NOW!**

**Scrip Gift Card Program**

Kwik Trip Scrip Gift Card Program allows Arlington United Methodist Church to purchase Kwik Trip Gift Cards at 5% off the face value. Our church then sells the Gift Cards at face value and we keep the profit. In addition, we will earn an additional 10% rebate when church members and friends purchase in-store merchandise with their Gift Cards – giving our church the potential to earn a total of 15%!

Gift Cards come in denominations of \$50, \$100 & \$200 and can be used at the pumps or for any in-store purchase.

To get a card for yourself, or to give as a gift, contact:

**Sally Stewart**  
**608-635-4004**

[sallynstew@hotmail.com](mailto:sallynstew@hotmail.com)

**WHY  
WATER  
MATTERS**

**Water Summit**  
**Nov. 16-18, 2017**  
**Minneapolis, MN**

Water is life! We in Wisconsin may take water for granted, but many people have water which is not safe to drink or water which is being overused and may disappear. If you are interested in protecting this precious resource, you are invited to attend "Why Water Matters."

**Any questions, contact**  
**Cindy Morse at 635-2916.**



**Joyce Youngs**  
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**Henry Morse**  
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**Mary & Conway Schmidt**  
**Alibeth Wollschlager**  
**Robert Hopp**  
**Mary Ann Schultz**

**WANTED: New Items for Cleaning Kits**  
*Let's help hurricane victims!*

Our church is collecting items to assemble cleaning kits for UMCOR. These supplies enable people to begin the overwhelming job of cleaning up after a flood or hurricane. Please bring any of these items to church, and we'll do the rest! **Any questions, contact Cindy Morse at 635-2916.**

- 5-gallon round bucket with resealable lid
- Liquid laundry detergent (one 50-oz. or two 25-oz. bottles only)
- Liquid household cleaner (12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water)
- Dish soap (16-28 oz. bottle any brand)
- 1 can air freshener (aerosol or pump)
- 1 insect repellent spray (6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover)
- 1 scrub brush (plastic or wooden handle)
- 18 cleaning wipes (Handi Wipes or reusable wipes)
- 7 sponges (Non-cellulose sponges or "foam sponges" only)
- 5 scouring pads
- 50 clothespins
- Clothesline (one 100-ft. or two 50-ft. lines)
- 24-roll heavy-duty trash bags (33- to 45-gallon sizes)
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pairs kitchen dishwashing gloves
- 1 pair work gloves (cotton with leather palm or all leather)

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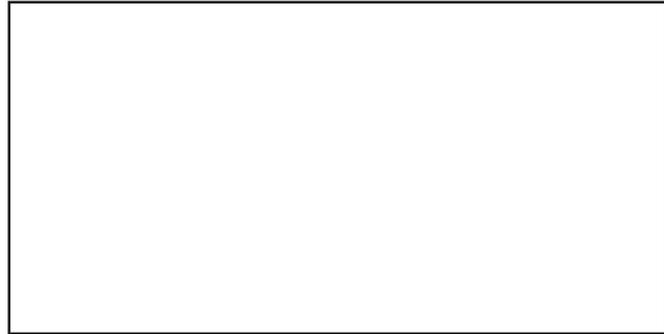
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Address correction requested

### Sunday Worship: Experience God!

- Worship Time 10 a.m.  
Come As You Are!



*Columbia County 4-H member, Kayla Camarato of DeForest, presents an \$80 check to the Prairie Pride Food Pantry. Pictured from left: Pastor Michele Hopp, Kayla Camarato, Pantry Director Peggy Morse. Photo by Pam Camarato*

## Prairie Pride Food Pantry Receives 4-H Donation

Columbia County 4-H members completed a service learning project which resulted in cash donations to local food pantries.

Eight youth started poultry projects in the spring. Sponsors agreed to donate \$20 each for the 12 mature birds.

The youth identified hunger as their community's need and so the project was completed to generate funds for the hungry in Columbia County.

Kayla Camarato of DeForest selected the Prairie Pride Food Pantry of Arlington to receive an \$80 donation.

Thank you, Kayla!