

# MIDLAND NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2011

## MIDLAND UNITED METHODIST AUGUST 1, 2011

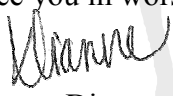


One of my favorite aspects of summer is having beautiful flowers in our lawn. In the spring, I look forward to new sprouts peeking up from the ground. The resurrection lilies are the first ones to show their greens. Then, the other plants poke through. In June, the columbine and daisies were in full bloom. Towards month end, the clematis were awesome! We have trellises on the side of our shed on which the pink, purple, blue and white clematis burst forth beautifully. Right now, there are a variety of lilies blooming. Some are yellow, orange, burgundy or red. Each flower is a little different shape, unique in it's own way.

When the days are warm, it's imperative that I water the potted plants. Their soil dries quickly and when they are dry, the plants and flowers curl their leaves to preserve what moisture they have. Within a short time after being water, the coleus, begonias and million bells open back up after soaking in the water. They burst forth for us to enjoy!

Recently, Rick and I were sitting on our patio, enjoying a summer evening. His comment to me, "Our patio looks just like I envisioned: full of a variety of plants and color." Midland UMC and the folks who make up this faith community are kind of like the flower beds around our patio. There are many different "varieties," which allow for a beautiful mixture of souls. Our differences only enhance our garden. Some of us bloom at different stages and with different colors.

We're all in the same in one aspect, that when we do not get "watered" enough, we curl up and turn inward. But with a few spiritual raindrops, we can burst back open for all to enjoy. Have you watered your soul lately? Is it a little dry or well-soaked? God yearns to have your soul refreshed by God: through worship, a community of believers, spiritual prayer and reading. While summers are busy, let's take time to tend to our personal flower gardens.

See you in worship –  
  
Pastor Dianne

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**Upcoming August Hosts**

Thank you for being willing to help greet and welcome people to Midland at worship time. If you are not able to serve the weekend which you are designated, please switch with someone or contact Myhia Chapman at (608) 712-3402.

7	Greg & Laurie Wilkinson
14	David & Julie Moyer
21	Ken & Louise Fosshage
28	Sarah Danz & Family

**UMW Bake Sale!**

The United Methodist Women will be holding their annual Fields Day's Bake Sale on Saturday, August 13. Delicious baked items are available from 8:00 a.m. until Noon at the Black Earth Veteran's Park. There will be a sign-up sheet for those who will be able to help and all contributions will be greatly appreciated. More information will be mailed to you. The funds raised go for mission projects, both local and world wide. Recently scholarships have been given to our kids attending Methodist Camps. We also support projects such as the Northcott House in Milwaukee and the United Methodist Children's Fund.

**Fall Sunday School**

Planning is underway for fall Sunday School. We all recognize the importance of our children and their religious education to our church. It takes everyone of us to make this happen. If you have been involved with Sunday School recently or in the past, or if you have never been involved, please consider carefully how you can help. When you are asked to spend some of your time teaching or helping next year, remember our kids and say "Yes, of course" with a smile. The kids will benefit, but so will you!

**Adult Sunday School**

The Adult Sunday School Class will begin meeting for the fall quarter at 8:15 a.m. in the Community Room on Sunday, September 11. Come and be a part of this group that will be studying "Tradition and Wisdom." The Old Testament books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon and Esther as well as the New Testament book of Matthew will be the background books of the Bible for the study.

If you would like to be a part of this group, please contact Gloria Sears, (608) 795-2616 by August 7, so that your study book can be ordered.

**Thanks for the Shoes for Soles4Souls!**

About 60 pairs of shoes were donated for Soles4Souls! Thank you for all the shoes! The folks in Haiti will greatly appreciate them.



**Busy on Sundays?**

**Join Midland UMC on Wednesday Nights!**

Wednesday Night Worship is back at Midland UMC this summer! And you don't have to worry about supper! Please join us for a free meal between 5:45 and 6:20 p.m. Then, we'll worship in a casual, fun way. Bring a friend or someone who hasn't worshiped for awhile.

Would you like to help provide a meal for Wednesday Night Worship? Or part of a meal? Contact Mindy Roth at (608) 767-2726 or mindeeroth@yahoo.com

The last Wednesday Night Worship is August 24. We'll conclude with Christian music by The Sunnysiders. The Sunnysiders are a local group that does a wide variety of music. Even if you worshiped on Sunday, you'll want to take in The Sunnysiders music! They will begin sharing at 7 p.m.

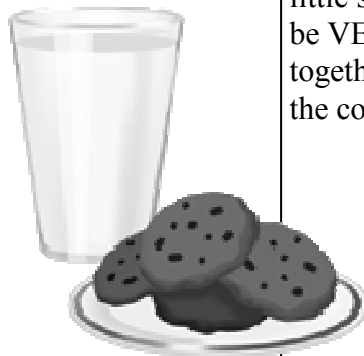
## We had a great time at the Mallard's Game!

July 12 got a little warm while we watched from right behind home plate. Nonetheless, those who attended the Mallard's Game had a great time! Thanks to Steve Schmidt for donating the awesome seats, Sarah Danz for helping with the food and Liz Nelson for coordination!



## Thank You ...

- To all the folks who helped provide worship while Pastor Dianne was on Study Break and vacation! We discovered that worship can happen via a variety of methods and be very meaningful! Thanks so much for sharing your gifts and talents!
- To the people who help run the Power Point during worship. We appreciate those willing to help advance the slides as we sing, read scripture and worship together.
- Thanks to those who have provided food for the Wednesday Night Dinners this summer! The meals have been terrific!
- Every month, a group of volunteers helps get the newsletters ready to mail. Thanks to Tina Williams and her great group of volunteers! We appreciate your help so that the newsletter gets sent on a timely basis.



## Thanks and Good-Bye to Jenna Jacobson

Church Secretary Jenna Jacobson has resigned from her position, effective July 20. Jenna – thank you for your hard work and excellent skills. We've greatly appreciated them!

SPRC is in the process of hiring a Church Secretary. A job description is included in this newsletter. Any interested parties should submit a cover letter and resume by Friday, August 5 to SPRC Chair Kris Kravik. For more information about the position, please contact Kris at (608) 798-0750 or [kkra-vik@tds.net](mailto:kkra-vik@tds.net).

## Fellowship Volunteers Needed!

The Worship Team encourages people to sign-up for Fellowship on Sunday mornings. We've been a little short of volunteers! Please know the treats can be VERY simple. A couple people can work together and ease the load. The sign-up sheet is on the counter in the kitchen.

**Kicking-Off the Fall Sunday School Season!**

On Sunday, September 11, we'll be kicking off the fall Sunday School season with an All-Church Carnival. We'll have a fun, multi-generational way to get excited about the next year at Midland UMC.

We'll be "worshipping" with fun games, a bouncy house, picnic food and old-fashioned relays for folks of all ages! There will be opportunities to win little prizes, little items to purchase with tickets and maybe even a cake walk? Whether you are 2 or 92, this will be a FUN day for everyone!

Provided the weather is good, we'll have activities outside. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll modify and move things indoors.

There will be no regular worship or Sunday School this day. Rather, a time for us to hang out, have fun, laugh, eat, challenge each other and be together as a church family. The carnival will run from 9 – 11 a.m.

We'll need some help. If you are interested in any of the following activities, please tell Elizabeth Guyer at (608) 795-2778 or Stacie Prochaska at (608) 753-9368. Here's what we'll need:

- 3 People to help set-up on Saturday, September 10, 2011 in the afternoon
- People to run game stations
- Organize and be in a tug-of-war
- Set-up the bouncy house
- Run the bouncy house
- People to donate cakes for the cake walk
- People to help clean-up

We know this is the day of the Wild West Parade in Mazomanie. That's why we'll wrap things up by 11 a.m., so people can get to the parade. We'll have plenty of food at the carnival, so lunch will be covered!

Please plan on coming to the Fall Kick-Off Carnival. This will be a great day to invite folks who would love to have a fun time, might be interested in Midland UMC or those who we haven't seen for awhile. Please share with anyone the enclosed poster as an invitation!

# Come One ❖ Come All A Fun, Fall Carnival!

Sunday, September 11, 2011  
From 9 – 11 a.m.  
Midland UMC

Activities for Every One of All Ages!

- Bouncy House
- Old-Fashioned Games
- Tug of War
- Relay Games
- Cake Walk



(Please bring cakes by 9:15 a.m.)



- Free Picnic Food

Midland UMC

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## August Worship

Wednesday, August 3      “Why? Making Sense of God’s Will”  
Topic: “God’s Will for Your Life”  
Scripture: Colossians 1:9-10; Romans 12:1-2

### Theme: Going Fishing: The Fishing Stories in the Gospels

Many of the great gospel stories having something to do with fishing. Jesus called fishermen to be his disciples; he preached from the fishing boats; he called his followers to “fish for people”; he multiplied the fish and the loaves to feed the multitudes; he told parables about fishing, and the last scene we see in the gospels is Jesus helping his disciple’s fish.

Many folks know Pastor Dianne’s husband, Rick, LOVES to fish. For four weeks at the end of this summer, Pastor Dianne may enlist Rick to help us gain insights about what Jesus might have been sharing when he used fishing stories in the Gospels. Whether you’re into fishing or not, you’ll love this special series of messages! It will be a great spiritual way to end the summer!

Sunday, August 7      Cast Your Nets into the Deep Waters  
Scripture: Luke 5:1-11  
Communion Sunday

Wednesday, August 10      Cast Your Nets into the Deep Waters  
Scripture: Luke 5:1-11  
Celebrate Communion

Sunday, August 14      Fishing for People  
Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Wednesday, August 17      Fishing for People  
Scripture: Luke 5:1-11

Sunday, August 21      Parable of the Nets & Fish  
Scripture: Matthew 13:47-50

Wednesday, August 24      Parable of the Nets & Fish  
Scripture: Matthew 13:47-50

Sunday, August 28      Multiplying the Loaves & Fishes  
Scripture: John 6:1-15

Sunday, September 4      The Gospel’s Final Fishing Story  
Scripture: John 21:1-15

**Midland United Methodist  
Church Council Meeting – May 18, 2011**

**Attendees:** Dianne Vielhuber, Rob Loger, Donna Fulton, Marilyn DeWitt, Gloria Sears, Lyle Salva, Kendra Kravik and Melissa Meinholz. Notes by: Dianne Vielhuber

**1 - 3. DIANNE'S TEACHINGS/ JOYS & CONCERNS/ PRAYER**

Talked about being guided by the Holy Spirit.

**4. APPROVED MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – March 15, 2011**

Motion to approve: Gloria Sears 2<sup>nd</sup> – Melissa Meinholz Passed

**5. FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Report Shared. We're running about \$2,000 a month behind the needed budgeted amount which makes for a tight cash flow.

Motion to approve: Lyle Salava 2<sup>nd</sup> – Marilyn DeWitt Passed

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT (Note: Capital Campaign = CC below; & Money Market = MM)**

**LIST INFORMATION**

- Paid Parsonage property taxes from pledge account (pd in Jan) = \$1,781.41

Motion to approve: Melissa Meinholz 2<sup>nd</sup> – Marilyn DeWitt Passed

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Trustees, Finance, SPRC, Missions, 2007 & Beyond, and Worship**

**A. TRUSTEES**

- Monitors have been installed in the sanctuary.
- Premier Co-op question about our final payment for the 2010-2011 contract which needs to be paid by the end of May. Trustees will be checking into installing a monitor to oversee usage that would be monitored via the phone line.
- Recommendation from Trustees for three microphone stands for \$150 out of the Memorial Account. Marilyn moved that we approve, Lyle seconded. Passed.

**B. FINANCE**

- Quarterly statements didn't go out after the first quarter because of the transition of using the new software. Semi-annual statements will be sent out in July.
- Gloria recruited people to share why they give to the church as a means to inspire people about giving.
- Gloria has contacted an organization about a stewardship program from a biblical perspective. Cost is \$40/month. The organization sends information to be used each month. A decision is still being made about this.
- Donna Fulton checked with an accountant to verify that the amount of withholding we are doing is adequate. He assured her it is.

**C. SPRC**

- Completed Jenna's six month review and she was given a raise.
- Reviewed Dianne's goals and the church's goals for 2011.
- Looking into information about population and demographic information and how we might use it at Midland UMC.
- Concern about Dianne's workload. SPRC is looking into how more volunteers can help.
- Dianne's vacation: June 27 – July 4; study break June 20 – June 26.
- Hired a pianist for the summer.

**D. MISSIONS**

No report

**E. 2007 & BEYOND**

- Looking at doing some lay training in the fall for lay people in leadership roles.

**F. WORSHIP**

- Summer worship schedule.

**L8. OLD BUSINESS**

- Just Resolution: Reviewed the proposed document. Revisions were suggested last fall but we're not sure what the revisions were. Gloria will be following-up with this.
- Motion to approve Bill & Stacie Prochaska as Sunday School Superintendents by Lyle Salava. Seconded by Kendra Kravik. Passed.

**9. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: STATUS OF PROPOSED PROJECTS**

- Spring – There will be some repairs done to the parking lot.
- Mid April – Goal to have the two new panels up in the front of the church.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- UMCOR – sent letter thanking us for the money we gave Haiti relief one year ago.
- Dianne shared that she has had an increase of people coming during her office hours. Some decided to visit after locating the office hours on our web site. So this was exciting news.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

Tues., July 12 at 6:30 p.m.

**12. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn by Gloria Sears – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna Fulton. Passed

**Midland United Methodist  
Church Council Meeting – July 12, 2011**

**Attendees:** Dianne Vielhuber, Rob Loger, Donna Fulton, Joan Moc and Melissa Meinholz. Notes by: Dianne Vielhuber

**1 - 3. DIANNE'S TEACHINGS/ JOYS & CONCERNS/ PRAYER**

Colossians 3:6 – "Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone." Our words can have great impact on others. We reflected upon how someone's words have impacted you and how our words impact others.

**4. APPROVED MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING – May 18, 2011**

Motion to approve: Donna Fulton; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Melissa Meinholz. Passed

**5. FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Rhonda's report was in a new format, utilizing the PowerChurch software. She provided a detailed report itemizing various income sources and designations and asked for input on how to best present the report. Total income through 6/30/11 is \$57,687.98. Semi-annual reports will be sent within the next 10 days.

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT (Note: Capital Campaign = CC below; & Money Market = MM)**

Donna provided an accounting of year-to-date expenses along with account balances. The second half of the property taxes is due in July. Two monthly apportionment payments have been submitted.

Motion to approve: Melissa Meinholz; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Joan Moc. Passed

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Trustees, Finance, SPRC, Missions, 2007 & Beyond, and Worship**

**A. TRUSTEES**

- Parking lot repairs have been completed and the final payment will be made.
- Premier Co-op 2011-2012 contract is due. Melissa moved to budget 1,400 gallons which would be about \$250/month with 11 payments if the price is \$1.99/gallon. Seconded by Joan. Passed.

**B. FINANCE**

- IRS mileage is increasing from \$.51/mile to \$.555/mile on July 1, 2011.
- Rhonda moved that we produce 1,000 full-color church brochures for \$650 from undesignated memorial funds. Seconded Melissa. A design firm in Reedsburg will design the brochure for \$200. This would be a generic brochure. Seasonally specific information would be printed on an insert that can be regularly updated in the church office. Passed.
- Finance will be conducting a fall stewardship program. This will include a guest speaker who will share with the congregation on a Sunday morning during worship.

**C. SPRC**

- Church Secretary Jenna Jacobson turned in her resignation, effective July 20, 2011. SPRC will be soliciting applicants in the next few weeks.

**D. MISSIONS**

About 60 pairs of shoes were collected for Soles4Souls.

**E. 2007 & BEYOND**

- Just Resolution proposal presented for final approval. Motion to approve by Melissa Meinholz. Seconded by Rhonda Loger. Passed.

**F. WORSHIP**

- Aug. 24 will be the last Wed. night worship
- The fall season will kick-off with an all-church Carnival on Sept. 11.
- The speakers in the nursery and kitchen are not working. Melissa will follow-up with Lifeline to find out more information about what might be causing the problem.

**L8. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**9. CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: STATUS OF PROPOSED PROJECTS**

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

- Pastor Dianne will be offering Confirmation this fall. There will be a slightly different Youth Group offering to accommodate Confirmation.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

Wed., Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

**12. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn by Donna Fulton – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joan Moc. Passed

# SECRETARY – (CHURCH SECRETARY)

Current as of 7/14/11

## Purpose of Position

Responsible for performing assigned secretarial and clerical duties that are needed for efficient operation of the church.

## Main Responsibility

Assemble and photocopy worship bulletin and inserts for worship services.

Publish, photocopy and mail monthly newsletter.

Put together projection files for worship services.

Maintain and update various mailing addresses and lists in databank using PowerChurch.

Check church e-mail, phone messages and handle normal correspondence.

Maintain published church prayer list and send weekly prayer cards.

Send e-mail reminders for meetings and special events.

Maintain Midland's presence on Social Media.

Responsible for bulk mailings, including assembling, photocopying and mailing.

Maintain bulletin board located in church entryway.

Coordinate the preparation of Church Conference Booklet:

Provide current, up to date membership list;

Design cover page;

Proof, copy and compile; and

Coordinate the gathering of information.

Coordinate with local churches regarding pertinent information.

Coordinate weekly with the Webmaster to make sure up-to-date information is posted to the church website.

Maintain master calendar of church activities and events.

Any additional projects requested by Pastor.

Submit hours monthly for reimbursement.

## Specific Tasks Required In Accomplishing Responsibilities

### An Effective Coordinator

Affirms Christian values by lifestyle.

Understand the United Methodist Church and is encouraged to be a member.

Has a desire to grow and improve in the position.

Has planning skills.

Communicates well with others by writing and speaking.

Is a supporter of people and their need to grow and improve.

## Other Responsibility

N/A

## Length of Term

N/A

## # on Committee

N/A

## Frequency of Committee Meetings

N/A

## Member of Administrative Council

No

# August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>7</b> 9:30am Worship with communion	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10am Pastor Dianne @ meeting in Verona	<b>3</b> 12pm Candlelight Luncheon @ Grandma Mary's in Arena 5:45pm Free Dinner 6:30pm Communion Worship	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Applications for Secretary Position Due	<b>6</b>
<b>14</b> 9:30am Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 3:30 pm Black Earth-Food Pantry Helpers Arrive 4:30-5:30pm Pantry open 6:30pm SPRC Meeting	<b>10</b> 1:30pm Circuit Clergy meet @ Belleville 5:45pm Free Dinner 6:30pm Worship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8am-Noon UMW Bake Sale @ Black Earth Veteran's Park
<b>21</b> 9:30am Worship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 5:45pm Free Dinner 6:30pm Worship	<b>18</b> 10am Pastor Dianne leads worship @ Heartland	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>28</b> 9:30am Worship 10:45am Hospitality Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 5:45pm Free Dinner 6:30pm Worship 7pm The Sunnysiders	<b>25</b> 9:30am Assemble Newsletter	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:30am Christian in Action Food Pantry in Mazomanie
	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>Pastor Dianne's Office Hours</b> Wednesday 10am-12pm Thursday 1-3pm	

Pastor Dianne @ Training in Dodgeville 11-12th

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