



The Herald

GOOD SAMARITAN

United Methodist Church



June 2024

Important Dates **June**

***choir practice every Saturday 9:30AM**

***join us 10AM every Sunday for our worship Service in person or on Face Book live.**

***June 2nd-worship service 10AM after potluck lunch**

***June 4th-Trustees 7PM**

***June 9th-Vesper's Pray**

***June 12th-UMW Meet 6PM**

***June 15th-Worship Team 10:30AM**

***June 25th-Church Council/Finance Meeting 6:30PM**

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From the Pastor

Dear families and friends of Good Samaritan UMC,

It is always hard to say goodbye. I have cherished every moment of being your pastor these last two years! As I prepare to embark on a new journey in another church, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the countless ways you have shown your love and support. Your warm welcome and open hearts have made my time here truly special. I am thrilled to see the intentional preparations you are making to welcome your new pastor, Ashish, and his family.

I am excited for the new chapter in my ministry and in yours! I am certain that Ashish will be a blessing to Good Sam. Change is hard but good. Ashish and I will both be busy in our new ministry settings, and although we will miss our current churches, each of us needs to pour ourselves into our new congregations and communities.

With utmost respect and consideration, we want to outline the ways we will honor each other during this transition. While my Facebook page will remain active, I will refrain from commenting on your pages. I will also refrain from initiating contact with any of you without Ashish's express permission. Please understand that while we will always be connected as brothers and sisters in Christ, Ashish is your pastor now and I want to honor and respect that. I trust that you will, too.

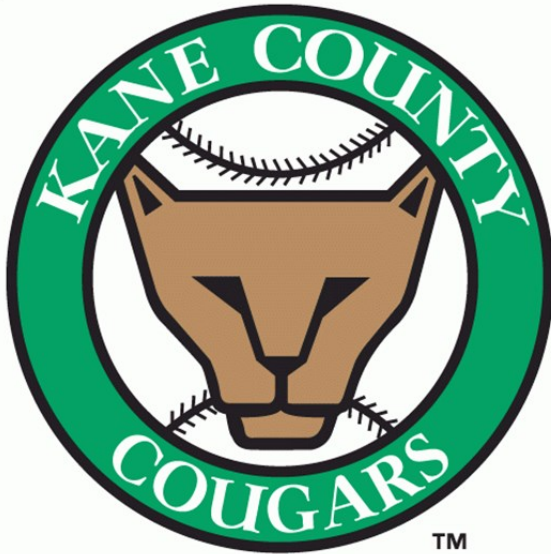
Sometimes, families desire to have a previous pastor participate in a funeral, memorial service, or other special event. Please know that any requests of this nature should be handled through Ashish. He and I will work out the details of my participation at his discretion.

Thank you for understanding my desire to keep firm and healthy boundaries and to respect Ashish's ministry here at Good Sam. Know that you will always have a place in my heart and in my prayers. I am grateful for the ways God blessed our ministry together these last two years and look forward to the ways God will bless your ministry with Ashish in the years to come.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jeremiah Lee

GOOD SAMARITAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 2024 KANE COUNTY



On Friday, June 7, 2024, we will have our annual Kane County Cougar Baseball Game Outing. This evening is one of the Cougar's All Faith Nights they have during their season.

The game will start at 6:30 pm. There will be a 15-minute Fireworks Show after the game is over. 30 tickets have been ordered and they will be available on a first come first serve basis. If you have joined us in the past, we will be sitting in the same general area as in years past. Along the third base side, behind the visitor's dugout.

Tickets are \$12.00 per person. General parking is \$10.00 per car. A discount parking pass is available for \$6.00 which is good only the day of the ballgame.

So, get your group together. See or call George Wentworth @ 630-886-3640 to place your order for tickets & Parking Passes. Tickets go fast so let George know ASAP. **BATTER UP!**

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED-

Every Wednesday from 11:30AM – 2:30PM* and from 5PM – 8PM* at Good Sam for food recovery sorting and putting food on shelves, and in refrigerators & freezers (up to 8 volunteers) *Come any time you are available even if it is only for an hour. Help make a difference!



EVERY THURSDAY
from
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM -
phone 630-543-3725

960 W. Army Trail Blvd. in Addison, IL



BOARD MEMBERS WITH SOME OF THE 2023 CHILD ADVOCATE AWARD WINNERS.

For 45 years, United Voices for Children has advocated on behalf of children, youth, and families for its three affiliated child-serving agencies: Rosecrance, Kids Above All (formerly Child Serv), and MYSI (formerly Methodist Youth Services Inc). Bishop Dan Schwerin has identified UVC as the 2024 recipient of the Bishop's Appeal, in recognition of their important ministries in Northern Illinois communities.

Kids are at the heart of UVC! Join United Voices for Children in raising our voices for our child-serving agencies and the children they reach.

Use the information below to interpret to your church the life-changing work of UVC's partner organizations and inspire them to give generously.

Let us take an offering for the Bishop's Appeal. Pastor Jeremiah will Bring the congregation's donation to the Annual Conference for the Monday-afternoon collection, or you may donate online at

<https://www.umcnic.org/2024BishopsAppeal>

Be Happy in Hope

(Romans 12:12)

Grace and peace to you, Children of a Loving God,

I write to touch base after doing some listening to how news of The United Methodist General Conference is being received in Northern Illinois. To do that, I need to start with a story.

I was sitting in the barbershop, waiting for my turn to get a haircut (a task still necessary in my life that may surprise many of you). This was my General Conference haircut. While I waited, I heard someone who was reading something say, "So what is Palm Sunday and Easter, anyway?"

The question came to me from the side, someone asking but almost daring anyone to answer. I launched into a synopsis of dozens of Palm Sunday sermons in my head. I explained Easter in 50 words or less. On my way home I unpacked the meaning of the question: our context is full of people who live by the scripts of success or fearmongering, or just being ungrounded in the joy we have. I cannot imagine my life without the script of gospel hope.

The scripts are flipping in The United Methodist Church. We have been living with scripts for battle and not scripts for Jubilee, scripts for harm and not scripts for grace. Romans 12:12, in the Common English Bible, says it this way: "Be happy in your hope." We are made to live from hope.

United Methodists have an expansive view of grace. Grace is God's unmerited, unqualified love and regard for our good. John Wesley insisted grace was free for all and needed by all. We are here to grow in grace. Ministry is living by grace in our daily lives, and ministry is from anyone to anyone. Our hope is in God's freedom, and in God's capacity to offer grace that makes new. Some decisions at the General Conference helped us reflect what we say we believe.

The prohibitive language related to weddings for our siblings who identify as LGBTQ+ was removed from our Book of Discipline. Clergy who identify as LGBTQ+ need not live in fear of being brought up on charges. Mandatory penalty language was removed. Until 1972 our predecessor bodies that make up the UMC did not have any such language in the Book of Discipline. In some ways we are coming home to what was.

The definition of marriage was expanded to include the types of family that people are choosing today. We recognize marriage is between a man and a woman or between two adults of consenting age.

Let's be clear:

No one needs to be afraid of losing their clergy credentials for performing same-gender weddings.

Clergy can choose to perform same-gender weddings or choose not to.

Local church boards of trustees can decide what kinds of weddings they wish to host in their buildings.

Clergy will be appointed in the ways we have always appointed them, based on stated needs for the mission and gifts to match those needs. Appointments will not be made to do harm to our ministry.

I understand that there will be those who grieve these decisions, including some siblings in our Hispanic/Latinx community, our Korean church community, or persons who are more traditional theologically. They all have my support for their ministry. You may have heard some will be punished for this or that—but this is misinformation. My role is to equip the ministry of the whole conference, and that will continue. I understand that local pastors may also feel disappointed that some of their sought-after legislation did not come to the floor of the General Conference. Here in the Northern Illinois Conference, my aim is to maintain regard and support for all persons from every group so that we can make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our diversity allows us to be in ministry to a wider public who may not know our Easter hope. I invite you to visit umcnic.org/news for more detail about the most recent General Conference.

The word that has stayed with me most since the General Conference is "healing." I believe the gospel is healing, and I believe the UMC needs healing from scripts of harm that have turned our focus inward. I believe it is a time to heal—many persons in our church have hidden who they are. Many are afraid the church is no longer for them. The General Conference did not fix racism or White Christian Nationalism. We have more work before us.

Easter hope was not received right away. It took some time with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. It took Thomas's touching the scars in the risen Lord to believe. It took fish on the shore and a familiar voice to turn Peter's heart. I will pray for our eyes to apprehend and receive the Easter love that is always with us. May it be so.

Know that I am praying for you.

Thank you.

Peace,

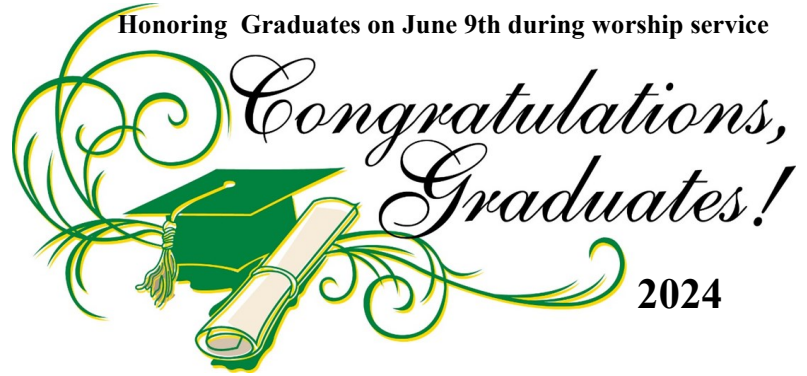


Dan Schwerin, Bishop

Northern Illinois Conference UMC



John Wesley
(June 28, 1703)



Shane Smith	Eastern Illinois University
Dalia Valadez	Elmhurst University
Shanna Lisa Smith	St. Francis High School
Violet Steineke	Indian Trail Junior High
Carmela DeStefano	
Carol Stream Park District – Preschool	

June	Date	Name
	2	Jean Hildenbrandt
	5	Abby Gange
	6	Rylie McCaleb
	8	John Weier
	9	Gayle Pickens
	9	Jake Coffinbargar
	11	Loralee Dyers
	13	Sharon Delawder
	14	Steve Coffinbargar
	15	Cheryl Daniello
	18	Lea Sapnu
	21	Kevin Hamm
	26	Carrie Zatarski

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Join us for great food and fellowship

Bring a dish to share

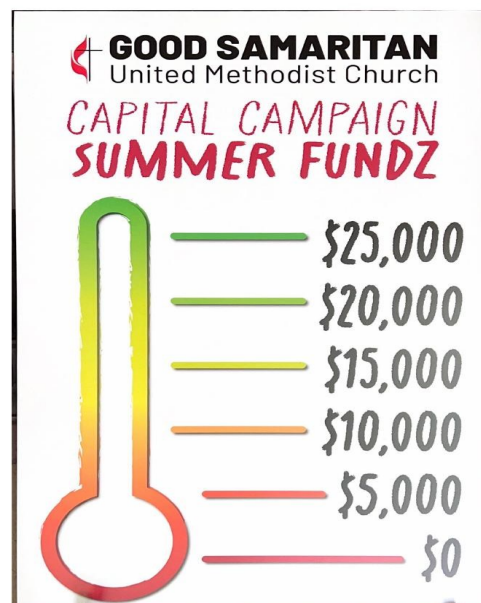
June 2nd after service

If you wish to donate to Our Capital Campaign Summer Fundz-You may send a check and mark in memo Capital Campaign. Our church appreciates your support. It is very much needed during our summer months.
2 Corinthians 9:7 God loves a cheerful giver

June meetings.

All are invited to all of our meetings. If you have any questions call the church at 630-543-3725

- *Trustees-June 4th 7PM
- *UMW-United Women in Faith meet June 12th– 6PM supper 7PM meeting. All women invited. Please call the church for location. We would love to have you join us.-you do not have to be a member to join us.
- *Worship Team-June 15th at 10:30AM
- *Church Council/Finance-June 25th 6:30PM



Kid's Corner

Come join us at

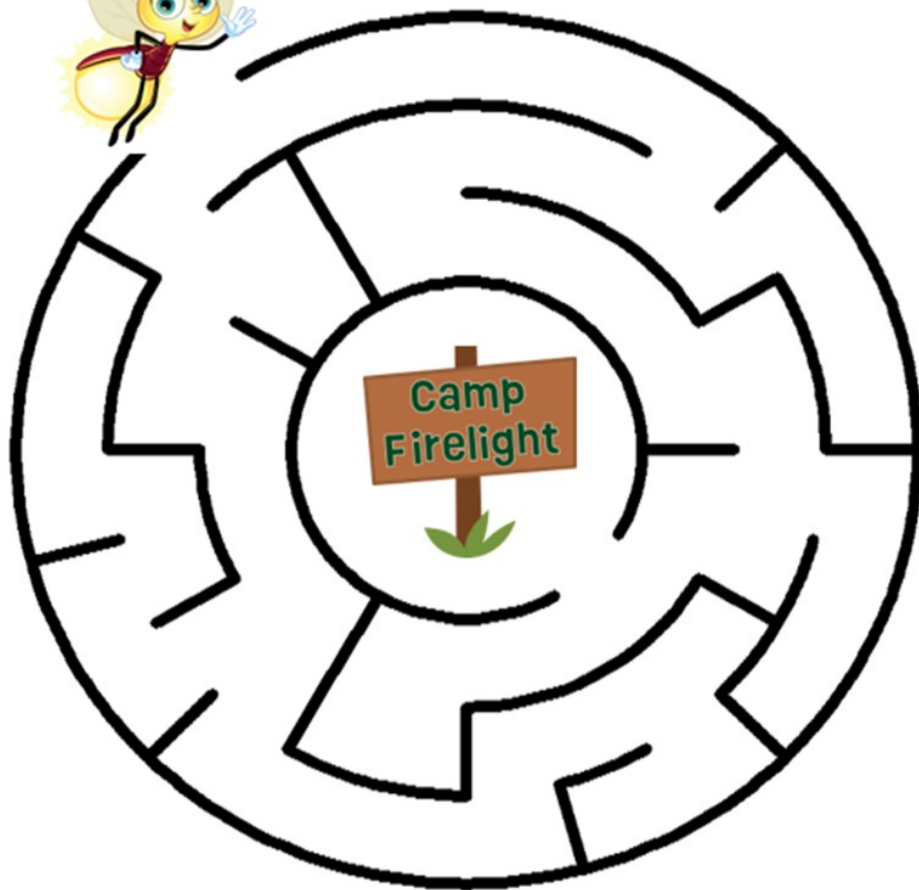
Camp Firelight VBS!

Sunday to Thursday, June 2-6

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Family Kick-off Cookout Sunday, 6/2 at 5:00

Help Lu find
his way to
Camp
Firelight
VBS!



Whenever I'm afraid,
I put my
trust
in **YOU.**
Psalm 56:3

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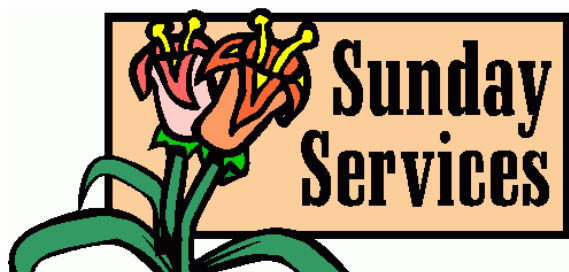
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Worship Service on line
"Facebook Live" Sundays 10AM
[https://www.facebook.com/
GoodSamUMCAddison](https://www.facebook.com/GoodSamUMCAddison)

Love God · Connect with Others · Serve the World



Church every Sunday
10AM in person and on
Facebook live

Happy
Father's
Day

Download from
Dreamstime.com

VBS coming June 2nd to June 6th– 6 to 8 PM-
VBS website:
<https://goodsamaritan.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

**Camp
Firelight**
A SUMMER CAMP *Psalm 56:3*
ADVENTURE WITH GOD

2nd Sunday every
month 5pm
Vespers Prayer
Meeting.
We meet in the
Sanctuary-This
month it is on
June 9th



Kane County Cougars game-annual
event June 7th-call for more information