



THE VISITOR

September and October Greeter Volunteer Opportunities for Drive-Up Worship

We invite you to volunteer as the Drive-Up Worship Welcoming Crew during the months of September and October! We need two volunteers for each service. Please call, text, or email Judy Mahler if you are interested in helping and let her know the services for which you are available. (507-456-3937 or hjcm@charter.net). See page 9 for the worship schedule and page 6 (back side of the insert) for the story about our August greeters.

We look forward to having you join in this important - and fun - ministry of BGUMC! Here is what is involved:

- Wear a face-mask and gloves for all work in order to keep yourselves and our guests safe - and to model our parish COVID-19 protocol.
- Arrive 40 minutes prior to the service to set up greeting station and supplies, including the greeting table, greeting signs, offering container, COVID-19 Contact Tracing forms, Upper Rooms, and any other materials that need to be distributed that day.
- Greet each vehicle that arrives and welcome everyone to our worshipping community.
- Enter the names of all persons in each vehicle on our COVID-19 Contact Tracing form. Also enter the phone # of the driver if it is someone other than a member of BGUMC in order that we can easily reach them in event of COVID-19 concerns.
- Provide the offering container to each vehicle for anyone wishing to leave their offering that day.
- Hand out Upper Rooms and/or any other materials that need to be distributed that day.
- Offer directions for parking locations, as needed, especially for guests.
- Display and point out our “6 foot distance flag stick” as a reminder of the space needed between parked vehicles and/or family groups in lawn chairs.
- Bring the offering container to Pastor Kathy during the “Doxology” portion of the worship service.

November Volunteer Opportunity for On-Line Worship

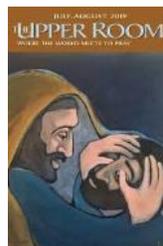
As we get ever closer to our cold weather, it looks as if we’ll need to return to online worship for a time—until Minnesota’s (COVID 19) numbers fall and we are moving in the right direction. I’m asking for anyone who knows how to record a short video (and I’ve seen a lot of those on your Facebook posts!), would you be willing to video yourself or a family member reading the New Testament lesson; singing a song or playing a song or (even better) singing and playing a song; reading an Affirmation of Faith; or some other short liturgy for our online service? Please, send me an email or call me. We’ll talk and find something you’re comfortable doing. This is a way for your church families to see someone from your church family helping your Pastor providing the worship experience.

Pastor Kathy email: kking5@hickorytech.net

Phone: 507-382-2483 (call or text)

Please prayerfully consider how you can be a part of worship?

The Upper Room



The newest “Upper Room” devotional is now available. Copies will be available to pick up at each BG Drive Up Worship service. Ask the greeter for one when you arrive.

Save The Date

**Sunday, October 4
10:30 am**

Outdoor Worship

**At Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm
41142 160th Street, Waseca, MN 56093**

Pizza orders will be placed ahead of worship in the Pizza Farm Barn. Details to follow in late September.





September 2020 Change

September brings about the subtle changes that tell us fall is on the way. Great! Another something to get used to?

We've almost become acclimated to these times of changes—the old is indeed passing away. Isaiah 43: 18-19 offers advice for those of us trying to adjust to our lives that seem to be led by change these days:

¹⁸ “Forget the former things;
do not dwell on the past.

¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

Change can be exciting or change can be threatening or change can be downright terrifying! For those of us who are people of habits and familiarity, change is terrifying. If we are people who embrace new things as opportunities, change is exciting.

How you and I deal with change can be a matter of perspective. Optimism can help us adjust to those changes that this pandemic requires. If we hold fast to the words of the prophet Isaiah, we can move forward from the things of the past that we so desperately want to hang onto. If we look for the new and promising things that are happening, we can discover the streams in the midst of the wastelands of Covid. Positive forward momentum is happening in our churches—even though we are not in our churches. A year ago, none of us would have thought of online worship as a positive. Yet, how many of us could have envisioned worship where we shared the Good News with friends and loved ones from places like Alaska and Macedonia? The Word of God flows like a stream over virtual connections. We must focus on the positives of online opportunities and outdoor worship as we learn a new way of being the church. When Christ empowered the church, I'm not sure he was thinking of individual buildings built for the purpose of holding in worshipers. Perhaps our streams in the wilderness is our willingness to be a new community, gathering in parking lots, on hillsides, or at pizza farms to proclaim our hope for the new thing!

In the midst of change, may we continue to support our individual church communities for the time we can be in our buildings for worship—going in to be fed, going out to be the larger community living into the new thing Christ is visioning in this time. A community of love for God's perfect Creation. Let it be so!

Be well dear ones and keep washing those hands.

Pastor Kathy



Treasurer's Report



July 27—August 24, 2020

General Budget Income \$ 4,710.00

Expenses	
Salary Expense	\$ 1,417.15
Disability Insurance	17.97
Health Insurance	438.90
Pastor's Non Health Flex	15.83
Pastor's Housing	380.00
Pension	212.69
Lawn Mowing	680.00
Conference Claims	1,378.22
Excel Energy	80.58
Total Expenses	\$ 4,621.34

(Net Income: + \$ 88.66)

Restoration Expenses Paid \$10,000.00

Other Income Received

Restoration	1,375.00
Love Offering	145.00
Visitor	10.00

Thank you for your continued financial support of Blooming Grove UMC

Thank you for your continuing financial support of BGUMC in these difficult days of the coronavirus and social distancing. Your gifts make our ongoing ministry in our church family and community possible, even while we cannot be together, and as we now reach out to people through the use of technology. Your contributions help pay our pastor, building expenses, utilities, insurance, our United Methodist apportionments, and all the other components of life in the church. During this time when we are unable to physically gather, please send your gifts/checks to Blooming Grove United Methodist, P.O. Box 171, Medford, MN 55049-0171. Again, thank you.

Walk to Defeat ALS



The Rochester Walk to Defeat ALS has gone virtual this year, like so many other events. Carolyn & Brian Kanne plan to participate again this year with the family team, Linda's Legacy. They would welcome donations, either sent to them payable to the ALS Society, online at http://web.alsa.org/site/TR?fr_id=14365&pg=entry (then search for Brian or Carolyn), or via Carolyn's Facebook fundraiser. Thanks to our church family for the support over the years!

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| 2 Walt Nagel | 15 Jessica Buchholz |
| 3 Hazel Saufferer | 15 Kourtney Remund |
| 3 Jim Southworth | 16 Bradley Christesen |
| 6 Dick Fisher | 16 Patti Ellingson |
| 6 Annabel Buchholz | 16 Penelope Nicholson |
| 7 Nathan Carty | 25 Emily Engebretson |
| 7 Jeremiah Mahler | 26 Carolyn Kanne |
| 9 Stefanie Morgan | 26 Jennifer Kanne |
| 11 Jake Goldsmith | 27 Denise Combs |
| | 28 Alex Spinler |

Happy Anniversary

- 4 David & Jenny Kanne
- 14 Justin & Kristin Krell
- 15 Gil & Beth Christesen
- 15 Brad & Cindy Saufferer
- 17 Jim & Kristin Nagel
- 17 Tyler & Alex Morgan
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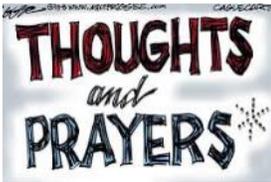


In Sympathy



Delores Parrish, former BGUMC member, passed away August 2nd at the age of 90 following a long battle with Parkinson's disease and Lewy body dementia. Delores grew up in Ellendale. In 1949 she married Lyle Parrish and they farmed for

42 years before retiring in 1991. She worked at several businesses and was also a seed salesman. Delores was an award-winning sewer and baker, was actively involved in the United Methodist Women's group, served on various church committees and taught Sunday School as well as volunteering for various organizations. She and Lyle loved to travel and visited all 50 states and many other countries. Delores is survived by four children: Arlen (Marilyn) of Cedar Falls, IA; Pamela (Larry) Schleusner of Rochester, MN; Keith (Julie) of Colton, SD; and John of Owatonna, MN. She is also survived by six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Services were held August 10th at Michaelson Funeral Home in Owatonna with burial following at the Blooming Grove Cemetery.



Please pray for the following persons and situations shared publicly within our community of BGUMC in the past month.

Note from Pastor Kathy King:

Please call or text me if you would like me to visit or if there is a prayer concern that you prefer to keep private. We are a community strengthened by the power of prayer. We are stronger when we intercede on the behalf of our brothers and sisters in the faith. Please know that does not mean your name needs to be on a public prayer list. It means that your Pastor can pray for you and help you in any way you define.

- Melvin, friend of members of BGUMC, and father of church neighbors, as he continues to make progress in his rehab and recovery process following an aortic aneurism in May.
- Jim and his wife Cheryl, neighborhood friends of BGUMC - as they continue working with doctors regarding ongoing health concerns for them both.
- Kelly and Joe, neighborhood friends of BGUMC - who witnessed, and tried to assist with, a fatal motorcycle/truck accident that occurred on the road - right at the end of the driveway to their home. Pray for them to find renewed joy in their country home. Also pray for the persons and family members of the people involved in the accident.
- Marlis Mahler's brother, Harley, who is in the midst of intense rounds of chemotherapy for an aggressive form of cancer.
- Little baby Kinsley, granddaughter of Ken and Tena Harren, who has experienced critical health complications, resulting in unplanned surgeries and situations for her - and tremendous worry for her loving family. Also pray for Kinsley's medical team.
- Roger, youngest brother of Jerry King, who has entered a new phase of dialysis care.
- Jim, oldest brother of Jerry King, who continues at home in hospice, with his wife Barb - and hospice workers - caring for him.
- The family of Jeanette Byrne, from Waterville, as they mourn her passing and celebrate her life.
- Cindy Saufferer, as she walks these days in a new way of family life after the death of her much-loved brother, Danny.
- Jeremy, as he begins his Basic Training at Fort Jackson, SC. Jeremy is the nephew of David and Jenny Kanne.
- Alex and Lacey, as they continue working with doctors at Rochester Mayo to find answers for medical concerns for baby Bowen.

- Char and Don, as they work with doctors to address several medical concerns for Char.
- Pat and Jolene - friends of Hjordi Churchill (Jolene is also a co-worker of our Federated Insurance crew), who were rear-ended on their motorcycle on August 28th. We give thanks for the miracle that they are both alive. Pray for them as they journey on a long road to recovery of repairing and healing multiple injuries.
- All in our circle of family, friends, neighbors, communities - as we begin a new phase of "fall" in our COVID-19 world. Pray for students going back to school/college - in ever-evolving formats of "live", hybrid, virtual, or home-school learning, for teachers and staff going back to school - trying their best to keep both students and themselves safe, for employees returning to their physical work locations rather than working from home, and for all in the medical field who are working so hard to keep up with increased demands of testing as well as increased demands for care.
- All in our faith community who privately hold heavy concerns in their hearts. Help us to reflect God's love and care through our words and deeds that they may know BGUMC as a place of solace, comfort, and trust.

September Meetings in the days of COVID-19

**Prairie Lakes Parish Pastor Parish Team
Annual Check-In Meeting with Pastor Kathy
Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00 P.M.
Socially Distanced At
the Waterville EUMC church lawn**

Please bring your own lawn chair. Also bring a mask - in event we need to meet in the church basement in case of cool or bad weather.

**BGUMC Church Council
Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30 P.M.
Socially Distanced At
Dave & Sheryl Brisel's patio/garage
1312 2nd St. NW in Waseca
(south of the high school)**

Please bring your own lawn chair. Also bring a mask - in event we need to meet in their garage in case of cool or bad weather.

**Prairie Lakes Parish Pastor Parish Team
Annual Meeting with District Superintendent
Tuesday, September 29th at 6:00 P.M.
By ZOOM
Pastor Kathy will provide meeting details**

Reflection from Patti Ellingson after our 08.08.20 first drive-up worship service.

Woo-Hoo!! Back Together Again!! 😊

Bubbly. If one of my grandkids had used this word to describe their feelings, I'd have thought it was cute and probably attempted to understand what they meant. But that's the best descriptive term for how my insides felt after receiving the text on Aug. 8th that "Yes, it's a go!" – church would, in fact, be happening, in spite of some threatening clouds (and having been rained out on our prior 'return to church' day July 26th). I was all **bubbly and excited inside** to be able to attend church again and see everybody IN PERSON again! *(Regrettably I'm not generally excited to that degree about going to church. Oh yes, I anticipate and look forward to it, but to be bubbling-over with excitement? No, not usually.)*

Enroute I saw at least a half-dozen wild gobblers in the roadside ditch ~0.2 mile from church. Turkeys make me think of Thanksgiving – how appropriate, because I was giving thanks and singing along to the radio filled with joy. And then pulling into the parking lot: several cars – "HI!" "Hi! How are you?" "Great to see you!" "Hello! I've missed this." And the cars kept coming and coming - filled with our Blooming Grove Family. We started a 3rd row of cars up front [counting Jim/Chery in their pick-up truck in the back row]. Still bubbling over. Well yeah, it was sprinkling – raindrops on the windshield as I watched the Tech Team attend to the equipment in the rain and Kathy make adjustments before starting the service. But WE ARE

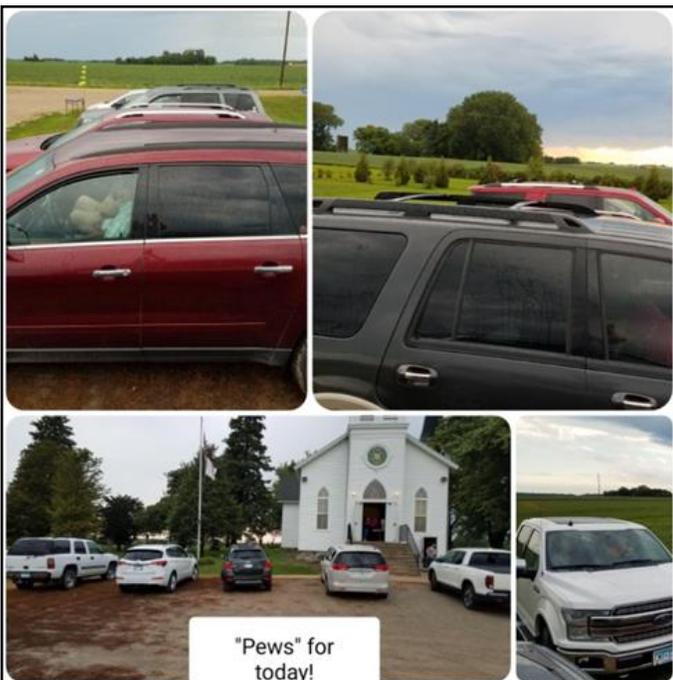


THE CHURCH – rain didn't daunt us! And then Kathy set aside her carefully prepared sermon and just spontaneously spoke from the heart. The Baptists and Evangelicals might have said a few "Amen"s; we Methodists, at our drive-up worship service **honked horns**.... several times!! Amen, amen, and amen! Or beep, beep, toot, toot, honk, honk, honk!

The sprinkles subsided, windows went down, and, although there was no coffee fellowship afterward, people lingered to greet each other and talk through open windows –at least 6-plus feet apart-- at service's conclusion. (Social distancing didn't daunt us either.) We are so blessed to have each other, and to know we are still a strong, united Church Family when we're away from each other. But what an awesome blessing to be able to be physically united again – without getting physical, of course.

To the west, a beautiful sunset. Hjordi couldn't resist capturing some photos of it. Perhaps everyone's feeling this joyful "bubbly-ness"?!

Oh yeah, it's not required that you have a red vehicle to attend drive-up worship, but..... the RED CARS won.



**Reflection from Hjordi Churchill
after our 08.08.20
first drive-up worship service**



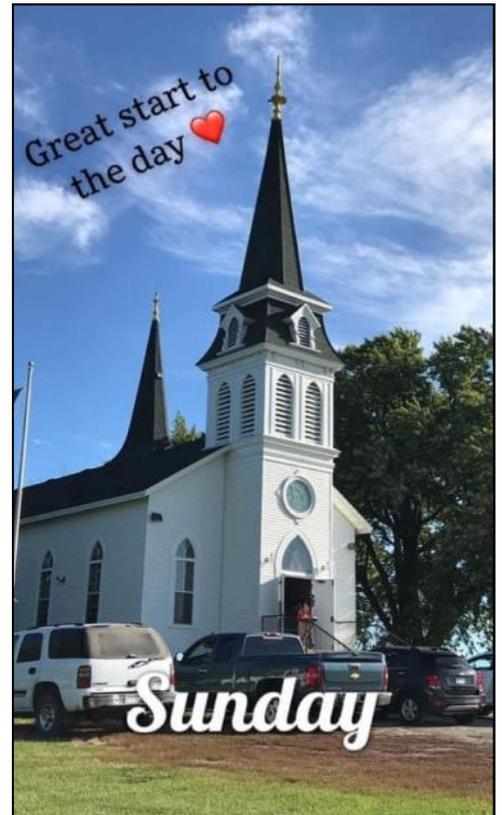
We had 'drive-in' worship at our little country church tonight. It is the first time our faith family has been together since March. Pastor Kathy's pulpit was the front steps. We dodged rain storms. We stayed in our cars, parked 6-feet apart. We listened with windows down via a speaker system or tuned into a FM frequency. We sang in our cars - led by Pastor Kathy, and Judy playing piano inside the sanctuary. We were together. In a parking lot. Waving and honking our car horns. After the service was over cars didn't move. Like we all wanted to stay, for just awhile longer. Even though sitting in our cars, physically apart from one another. We were connected. Yes, it was different. And it was so good for the soul. I have missed my church family.

**Reflection from Judy Mahler
after our 08.30.20 drive-up worship service**

Our first 6-week set of Drive-Up worship in the Prairie Lakes Parish churches has come to a close and we are now preparing for our next set that will take us through the end of October. All of our anxieties and trepidations of "how will this work" have been completely washed away, and have been replaced by blessings beyond our wildest imagination. At each service, as 30-40 people gather in the BGUMC parking lot, this venue has given us a chance to be together in community, worship, and God's creation in new ways. It allows folks for whom our sanctuary is not easily accessible to worship in the comfort of their vehicles. It provides guests with a novel and welcoming way to become part of our community. It gives all of us the opportunity to enthusiastically honk our horns in appreciation rather than whispering or thinking an "amen". It provides us with a sense of connection in these days of disconnect due to COVID-19.



We thank God for all those who have made this experience possible. We welcome everyone to join us during September and October!



**Thank you to our
Drive-Up Welcome Crew**

As we open our parking lot to members, friends, and guests each weekend of Drive-Up Worship, we have the unique ministry opportunity to personally welcome folks into this "new normal" worship setting and make them feel at home and at ease. We thank Allison Janke and Theresa Riecke for serving as our greeters and welcomeers at our drive-up services in July/August - and for designing and testing a workable routine for us all to follow!



Virtual Run for the Loaves

It's happening, after a dozen phone calls, many discussions and several prayers, the eleventh annual Run For The Loaves will be run September 19th. With the help of coach Dave Chatelaine the decision to hold the eleventh annual Run For The Loaves to benefit area food shelves will be run September 19th.

Dave is the coach of the Owatonna boys cross country team. For the past ten years he has brought the team to the church for the run. Years ago I asked Dave why he brings the team and his response was it's a good cause and young men need to be encouraged from a young age to reach out and become involved with helping people.

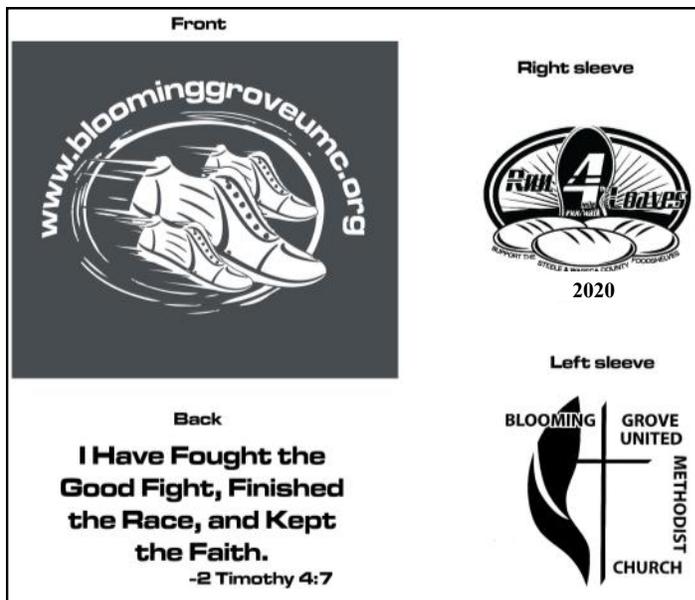
Dave recently received permission to attend with the team and we are really excited. The United Methodist Church in Minnesota has limited gatherings to fifty people. With that in mind, only the team will be running at the church on the nineteenth, the rest of us will have the opportunity to run or walk virtually. Run or walk the four miles anytime in September, send us a picture to post on the church website, and join us in virtual fellowship.

Again this year, a team of youth from the church has designed a T-shirt for the run which will be made available to all of you. The cost of this custom designed, unique T-shirt is twenty-five dollars and, as in the past, all proceeds go to the food shelves. Donations are always welcome and the past ten years have proven that you are a generous and caring group.

Those of you who want to order a custom designed, one of a kind T-shirt, can receive one by sending a check of twenty five dollars, or more, to the Blooming Grove United Methodist Church, PO Box 171, Medford MN, 55049-0171. Include a note with your shirt size, your name, an email address or phone number, and the address where you would like the shirt sent. Please write Run For The Loaves on the memo line of check and include in the note which food shelf you would like your donation to be sent. All T-shirt orders need to be post-marked by September 19th. Remember all proceeds go to the food shelves.

Once again we have an opportunity do some good and let people know the church is alive and well. I'm excited.
(By Brad Saufferer)

On Sunday August 23rd, four of the best and brightest of the Blooming Grove Church youth gathered and designed this year's T-shirt for the Run For The Loaves. After spirited debate on color of shirt, color of lettering, Bible verse to be used, art work and logos, and which tractor was better in the field, red or green, a decision was made. Dark gray shirt, white lettering, and the art work is shown above. As for the tractor, no decision was made, as it is every time Weston and I discuss it.



T-shirt Design team having fun after the work is done. Amanda Riecke, Weston Janke, Raelyn Janke and Penelope Nicholson

Mission Opportunity COVID-19 Masks

Carolyn, Faye, and Deanna Kanne were having a discussion about making COVID-19 masks, and where to donate them. As they talked about different sizes and different drop-off spots, they began pondering about the schools.

As our children make their way back to school, in one form or another, masks will be needed for anyone attending school in person. While most students, teachers, and staff will arrive at the building with masks in place, we all know that things happen. The next thing you know, your mask gets dropped on the floor and stepped on, left in the restroom or cafeteria, or otherwise becomes unavailable. Carolyn Kanne checked with the Medford Superintendent of Schools, Mark Ristau, and they would LOVE to have a supply of cloth masks available for such instances. There are various ways we as a church can fill this need:

- Sew cloth masks.
- Donate purchased masks.
- Provide Ziploc bags for the folks who sew to place the masks in prior to donation.



Thank you to all those in our congregation who have already been serving in this “mission of masks” by making and donating them to family and friends, as well as to organizations in our local communities. We know that others have contemplated joining in this mask-making mission as well. We’d love to have you all be part of the adventure of this school-phase! Even though we can’t physically be together to do this work, we can connect with one another, and learn from one another, over the phone or virtually through Zoom or the BlueJeans platform.

We know not all the kids in our congregation attend Medford. You can also check with your school to ask the same question and donate there. If you wish to try your hand at sewing, you can find many mask patterns online – or contact Carolyn Kanne for a pattern and instructions and moral support! If you wish to go the Ziploc route, please contact Carolyn first. We will want to keep our bag to mask ratio pretty even! Carolyn will also serve as the central collection coordinator for masks going to Medford.

If you wish to sew or purchase masks, both children and adult sizes will be needed.

Contact Carolyn Kanne via email at bckanne@fmwildblue.com, or call or text at 507-475-0100 for pattern and instructions and any other questions. Also please share any related mask-making stories with Carolyn so that we can include updates in our monthly Visitor.



Prairie Lakes Parish
September and October Drive-Up Worship Schedule
(Prairie Lakes Parish Members are welcome to attend any of these services)



<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Host Church</u>
Sept 5	Saturday	5:00 PM	Janesville UMC
Sept 6	Sunday	9:00 AM	Blooming Grove UMC
Sept 12	Saturday	5:00 PM	Waterville Evangelical UMC
Sept 13	Sunday	9:00 AM	Janesville UMC
Sept 19	Saturday	5:00 PM	Blooming Grove UMC
Sept 20	Sunday	9:00 AM	Waterville Evangelical UMC
Sept 26	Saturday	5:00 PM	Janesville UMC
Sept 27	Sunday	9:00 AM	Waterville Evangelical UMC
Oct 4	Sunday	10:30 AM	Blooming Grove, Janesville, Waterville Evangelical
Outdoor Worship at Pleasant Grove Pizza Farm plus invitation to order Pizza for outdoor picnic lunch. Details to be provided in late September.			
Oct 10	Saturday	5:00 PM	Blooming Grove UMC
Oct 11	Sunday	9:00 AM	Janesville UMC
Oct 17	Saturday	5:00 PM	Waterville Evangelical UMC
Oct 18	Sunday	9:00 AM	Blooming Grove UMC
Oct 24	Saturday	5:00 PM	Janesville UMC
Oct 25	Sunday	8:30 AM	Blooming Grove UMC
Oct 25	Sunday	10:30 AM	Waterville Evangelical UMC

(Last Weekend of
Drive-up Worship)

Prairie Lakes Parish Drive-Up Worship Guidelines

1. If you are sick, or a high-risk individual, or in quarantine, we encourage you to continue to stay home and join us through our Prairie Lakes Parish Facebook on-line worship, posted each Sunday morning, beginning at 8:00 A.M.
2. Drive-up worship bulletins will be available on our [Prairie Lakes Parish Facebook](#) page each Saturday. Print a copy to bring with you by double clicking on the bulletin attachment to open it, then select "File/Print".
3. Please arrive in one vehicle for each household. We suggest you get to the church ahead of time.
4. Stop at the entrance station on your way into the parking area where...
 - a. You may drop your offering gifts in the specially marked container. Thanks for supporting our ministry!
 - b. Ushers (masked/gloved) will greet you to record attendance for contact tracing purposes and guide your car into its spot.
5. **FOLLOW THESE 8/31/20 UPDATED BEST PRACTICES OF SOCIAL DISTANCING** (by doing so, masks do not need to be worn): Park vehicles at least 6 feet apart from one another. You may remain in your vehicles, sit in lawn chairs (by family groups only), or stand (by family groups only) - again keeping 6 feet of distance from other family groups.
 - a. NOTE: IF YOU INTERACT WITH ANYONE OUTSIDE OF YOUR FAMILY GROUP, YOU MUST MAINTAIN 6 FEET OF SOCIAL DISTANCE, UNLESS MASKS ARE WORN BY ALL PARTIES
6. Enjoy the service over our out-door sound system -- with your windows rolled down -- or -- tune your vehicle's radio to FM station 88.3 and listen in the comfort of air conditioning and/or heaters! (Transmission range is limited to each church parking lot.)
7. Note: there is no admittance to buildings or restrooms - and playground equipment is unavailable. Any use of facilities will necessitate a sanitizing after each use. You can see the challenge!
8. In case of rain or inclement weather, notice of cancellation of drive-up worship will be posted on our [Prairie Lakes Parish Facebook](#) page. You may then enjoy our on-line worship service instead!

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Thank You To Our Tech Crew!

Thank you to our Medford High School students Weston Janke and Mason Nagel for taking the lead as our BGUMC Tech Crew at our outdoor worship services! At their first service, they received a crash course from our Parish Tech Team leader, Nick Zell, from Janesville UMC. Now, they are expertly running everything themselves, with minimal “gopher assistance” from Pastor Kathy, Jerry King, and Judy Mahler - as needed.

For each service, Weston and Mason set up all of the outdoor sound equipment (purchased through our Prairie Lakes Parish grants received from the MN Conference of the UMC). Their set-up involves outdoor speakers, the receiver, FM tuner, mixer board, and pre-recorded gathering music brought by Pastor Kathy - in addition to all microphone-related equipment for “live” worship, including a remote microphone for the piano. During the service, Weston and Mason also run the mixer board and adjust the sound at the piano microphone and Pastor Kathy’s microphone along the way. At the end of the service, they carefully tear everything down, pack it up, and send it on its way to the Tech Team at the Prairie Lakes Parish church that will host the next service.

There are not enough words to thank Weston and Mason for their enthusiasm, expertise, and time as key players in making our drive-up worship a possibility -- as well as a success. We appreciate their willingness to continue in this role (as harvest allows) in the months of September and October as well.

