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Dear Family,

As we move forward in ministry let us keep praying for each other in this challenging time of coronavirus pandemic.

As a pastor I identify with other *pastors*, struggle to pass through the mystery and terrifying world of ministry during COVID19. I am trapped between balancing care for myself,

my family and care for others. I find myself asking questions such as: do I visit in the nursing home as soon as it is permitted, or do I rely on phone calls and cards to the shut-in and hospital members? Should I encourage the congregation to return to in-person worship because it seems the only way to stay connected, or as we have done to develop other forms of connection (online media) and pray that when this is over, we are all still in relationship with each other? I guess there is no roadmap to church leadership during a pandemic.

Also, things are getting more confusing, everyone seems to approach the pandemic differently at the moment. A few people in the church seem comfortable with jumping back into the world of restaurants, parties, and family gatherings, yet most of them are still extremely restrained and are practicing a very safe version of isolation. This day we find Churches torn when it comes to; when it is safe to be with someone, and when is it not safe? As your pastor and other pastors, we are not just torn by that question; we are worn to exhaustion. We agonize between how much contact is too much and how little contact is too little? Sometimes I ask myself these questions. And I tell you the truth, I rarely feel good about my answer. More than that as a pastor, the pandemic has pushed me into a state of guilt and worry. I feel guilty for not being physically present (and not wanting to be physically present at the same time) and worry that I am not doing enough and are somehow dropping the ball on our pastoral duties.

Sometimes I think and fear that if I were a good pastor, would I not figure out some way to make this work in a more effective way?

But then I came to my Lord Jesus The Christ and look for comfort and wisdom for my way forward. Joshua 1:9. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God *is* with you wherever you go." John 14:14 "If you ask anything in My name, I will do *it*." The call to ministry could be thought of as God asking me to use my gifts for God's service. In these past months, it has hit me that I am not just called to ministry but rather, I am called to ministry in this time and this place. In other words, I am called to ministry during a pandemic, and not to mention my lack of shape in the English language. But I know God will keep using my gifts for service and as a friend said to me, "This isn't the race I signed up for. It is not the race I trained for. However, it is the race I'm running." And with God's help, you and I will cross the finish line together. To God be the glory!

Pastor Sergio



PARDEEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

It is with our deepest regret that we must inform our congregation and community that we have decided to cancel our annual Turkey Supper fundraiser this calendar year. Amid concerns concerning the global Covid-19 pandemic, we felt that it would be in the best interest of everyone involved to not go ahead as planned. With the help of the Ad. Board it was decided to hold a fund drive to help raise money for our beloved Church.

Our Ad Board believes that we can meet and exceed our proceeds from prior years. \$4500 PLUS the cost of all the food that was donated! Let's hit \$6000!!

If you would have purchased 4 tickets to attend – we ask that you consider sending in what you would have spent on those tickets and mark it TURKEY SUPPER FUND RAISER! As always – God loves a cheerful giver – what is He placing on your heart to give!

We have an amazingly generous congregation and we know that together we will be better as we move forward with the Lord's guidance.

If you have any questions and/or would like to contribute funds for our drive you can call or email the church office at 608-429-2514 or

umcpard101@pardeevilleunitedmethodistchurch.org

Thank you!

Pardeeville UMC Turkey Dinner Committee/Administrative Board



On-line Video Sunday School for children in Preschool thru Grade 4 is available by clicking on the weekly link that is posted on the Pardeeville UMC Facebook sites. Explore how Jesus' Power helps us overcome fears, worries, loneliness, and gives us hope for healing and salvation. Videos are available to watch at your convenience.



Fall Children's Ministry Empowered!

To be Courageous Kids as they Explore
How Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through.

Weekly interactive videos!
Sponsored by Pardeeville UMC
For Children in Preschool thru Grade 4

Week 1 - Jesus' Power Calms our Fears

click link (or cut & paste) to view interactive video
at your convenience.





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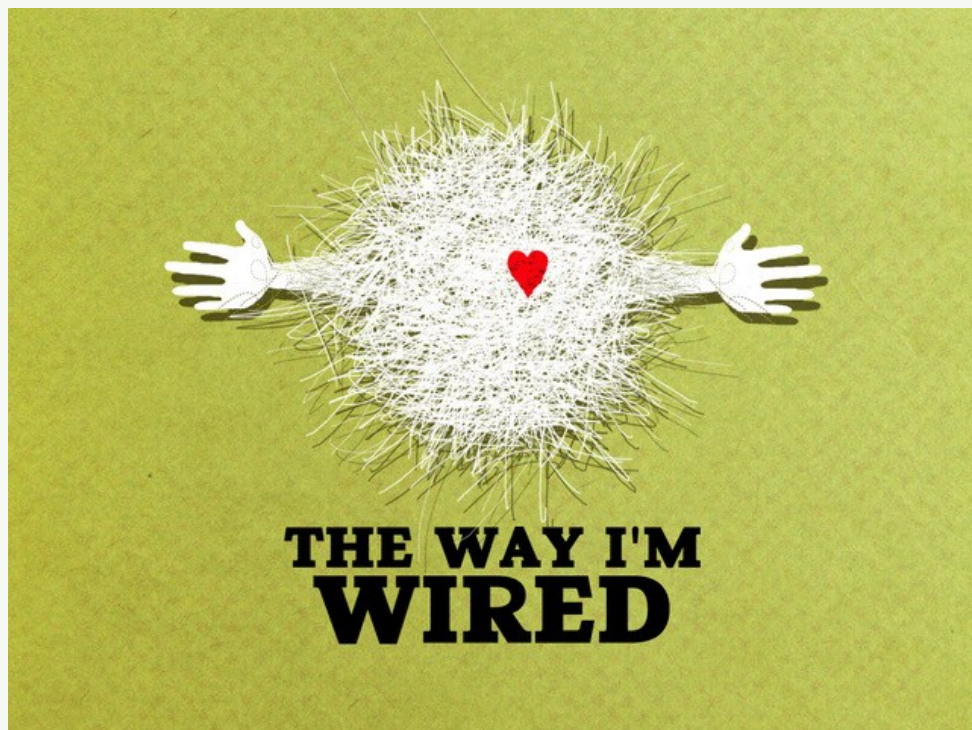
Foundation for lifelong faith formation



**Middle School
Youth Bible Study
Teacher:**

**Ms. Tamara Hepler
Fellowship, Bible Study,
and Games!**

**Sunday Evenings: 6:00– 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall
Youth Ministry of Pardeeville United Methodist Church**



**High
School
Bible
Study**

Teacher:

**Ms. Patricia
Tristan**

Sunday Evenings: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Youth Ministry of Pardeeville United Methodist Church

Youth Ministries Update

Our first meeting was great! We had ten youth and five volunteers. We started our meeting by being attacked by the mosquitos in the church parking lot!! It was so funny to see all youth and volunteers trying to escape from the attack of the mosquitos. We then headed to fellowship hall for introductions and setting expectations. When trying to form any group, we have to be flexible and allow for our differences to be building points and not the opposite. Our Youth group is very diverse, some have the energy of the atomic bomb and others are quite and reflective and that's what makes it so great. It is so wonderful to be challenged by their personalities and to understand and accept them for who they are.

This whole session in the High School group we will focus on the study, "The Way I'm Wired", a study that invites students to reflect on their trait personalities, gifts, dreams, actions in the light of their Creator by providing space to interact with each other, to come up with practical ways to understand the lesson and to hear from adults as they guide them.

The Middle School group will be working with "Re:Form". This study will Empower youth to explore faith and ask questions about the Bible, the Apostles' Creed, disciples, Jesus, and other topics. Space for games, group building activities and reflection is part of this time.

This a great time for our youth to start coming to church, we know is difficult with wearing a mask but during worship everyone keeps their distance. Youth are important for Pardeeville UMC and always welcome!

We want to thank all volunteers for their efforts and thanks for those who provided snacks!

In Christ,
Patricia Tristan





October Birthday's

2. Phil Sommers
4. John Healy
Kevin Purtell
5. Kim Peterson
7. Ralph Levzow
Justin Nickel
9. Dustin Bourdeau
Brittany Hengst
10. MaKenna Sieber
James Luder
12. Annie Achterberg
13. Logan Nicoll
14. Keith Desjarlais
17. Jennifer Pieper
20. Laura Bell
21. Pastor Sergio Tristan
24. Ken Taylor
26. Lisa Gilbert
Dave Bell
Rev. Dennis Weis
28. Charles Wolfe
Easton Achterberg
29. Skylar Lynch
31. Jackson Pargman



2. Robert & Wanda Williams
6. Laura & Richard Culver
7. Ralph & Becky Levzow
15. Rev. Dennis & Nola Weis
- 21 Pat & Kim Shaklee
27. Jayne & Tommy Nakielski



ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

A HUGE Thank You is not enough to say THANK YOU!!

For ALL who DONATED -- Thank you!

For ALL who HELPED in ANY way -- Thank you!!


For ALL who PURCHASED -- Thank you!!

AND...

To Ralph and Becky Levzow for your GENEROSITY of your home - garage - front entry way!! THANK YOU!!

TOGETHER - we raised \$3000 for our church!!
Great work everyone!!

Pardeeville United Methodist Church Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 FaceBook Live 9:00 a.m. Worship and Communion Service 9:00 am Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Youth Ministries 6:00-7:30 p.m.	5	6 Prayer Shawl 9:00—11:00 a.m. Nominations Committee Meeting 7:00 p.m.	7	8 Piece Maker's 6:00—8:00 p.m.	9	10
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