

APRIL 2022: SEASON OF SINGING

See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Several children were gathered in a Sunday school class when the teacher asked, "Does anyone know what today is?"

One little girl knew. "It's Palm Sunday!"

"Very good," said the teacher. "And does anyone know what next Sunday is?"

The same little girl lifted her hand again. "Yes, next Sunday is Easter!"

"That's right," said the teacher. "Now, does anyone know what makes Easter so special?"

The same little girl again raised her hand and answered, "Yes, next Sunday is when we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead..." But, before the teacher could compliment her, the girl kept on talking: "...but if he sees his shadow, he has to go back in for six more weeks."

With snow continuing to be in the forecast we are willing to accept almost any hope of spring. Even still, the image of a prognosticating ground hog rousing from its winter slumber pales in comparison to the resurrection of the Son of God from His burial tomb. Fortunately, when the Spirit breathed life back into Jesus' body, He was not content to turn over and take a long nap. The Son of God was not about to retreat to the grave (or even return immediately to his rightful place in glory). Instead, He ventured forth, leaving death behind to bring hope of reconciliation and transformation to all the world! This is the hope of new life and a *season of singing* that is born in our hearts because of that first Easter.

*But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who lives in you. **Romans 8:10-11***

Because of the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, and His resurrection from the dead, we can live as people filled with hope even in the midst of chaos and sin. As believers in the sacrificial life of Jesus Christ, we share both in His death, and in His resurrection. Since we are born again, we are people filled with hope and joy even when death, confusion, evil, and chaos is all around.

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you,... Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, that salvation of your souls. **1 Peter 1:3-4, 8-9***

God is calling you from your own cold, dark slumber to a *season of singing* through faith in Jesus. BHBUMC will celebrate the most life-changing event in all human history on Sunday April 17 at 9am. I invite God to breathe a fresh breath of His Spirit into you that you might experience Christ's resurrection power, peace, and joy in your life this Easter! Please join us as we worship and praise our Risen Lord!



Onward and upward! PK

10% OF 2021 FUND RAISERS: \$1700

Chicken & Dumpling Dinner

4th of July

Lord's Acre Festival

It is our sacred privilege to set aside 10% of our fund-raising dollars and share the blessing.

BLESSING RECIPIENTS 2022

Spring Green Food Pantry	\$200
HFHWRA (Habitat for Humanity)	\$250
SPAHS Ragatz Church	\$150
Good Neighbor Clinic	\$200
Sauk Prairie Food Pantry	\$200
6:8	\$150
Salvation Army	\$200
WI Badger Camp	\$150
Athletes In Action CRU	\$200

Below are excerpts from the letters of THANKS received from the organizations...

Dear Bethlehem United Methodist Church: Thank you for your generous and caring donation to the Sauk Prairie Area Food Pantry. Your gift of \$200 will make a positive difference for families in the area. On behalf of our Board of Directors and our patrons, thank you again for your support. Because of you, we can continue our mission of *"Building a COMMUNITY One Meal At A Time"*.

Sincerely, Jean Schnellier/SPAFP Treasurer/Volunteer

The Good Neighbor Clinic of Sauk Prairie wishes to extend our appreciation for the generous donation of \$200 in support of our medical services. Thank you for your kindness.

Thank you so much for supporting your community through the Salvation Army.

Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor.

Thank you for your (\$150) donation to support the Salem Ragatz Historical Church.

Dear Bethlehem: Thank you so much for your donation of \$150 to Wisconsin Badger Camp! Your donation is vital in helping us achieve our mission of serving individuals with developmental disabilities by providing quality outdoor recreational experiences. Your support helps bring smiles to hundreds of individuals that attend summer camp each year. Thank you again.

thank you!

Dear Christian Friends; Praise God from whom all Blessing Flow! This old familiar song came to me as I received your greeting Feb. 20th, 2022. My thoughts went to your names—beautiful and good—young and those with established roots. Thanks for being a part of a wonderful 90th Birthday and extending your Christian love to me. Continue in Faith with God's Blessings. God is Good! Thanks to Marilyn who was delivering with a Smile. Grateful for your kindness. Lois Pieper

PALM SUNDAY April 10th
The PreK-5th Grade Students will wave palms in remembrance of JESUS riding into Jerusalem.

**REMINDER:
NO CHRISTIAN ED.
EASTER SUNDAY**

BIRTHDAY BASH SUNDAY

APRIL 24th, 10:00 AM

Celebrating
Feb-May Birthdays!



**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 24th 10:30 AM**

End of year plans: pancake breakfast, teacher recognition, Confirmation, VBS plans.

**SUMMER CAMPER
COUPON**

From: BHBUMC Home Missions &
United Methodist Women

\$250

Towards camp registration for any member/friend attending a United Methodist Camp at Lake Lucerne or Pine Lake.

Give your registration receipt to Karen Schlittler for reimbursement.

SOWING & GROWING

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Join together for Bible Study & Prayer at the church on **WED, MARCH 30th** at 6:30 PM.

WOMEN'S WORKOUTS

Join Karen on **MONDAYS, 5:30-6:15 PM** for cardio, strength, and stretching exercises to inspirational music. At BHBUMC!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 8:30-10:00
Call Karen for location 608-544-3991

SPOUSES WITHOUT SPOUSES

Ladies, meet at THE PRESS BOX at **11:30 on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th** for lunch and fellowship (note changes).

**ATTENTION
CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

Your assignment requirement to attend an Administrative Council meeting can be fulfilled on **WED, APRIL 13th, 7:30 PM** at church.



**SPRING CLEANING
SATURDAY
APRIL 23rd
8:00-NOON**

A list of jobs will be hung up at church. If you can't come on Saturday, but have time during the week to do some cleaning, you are welcome to do so. Thanks!

**I NEED YOUR
CONTACT INFO**

If you have NOT contacted the church with your current PHONE CONTACT/ADDRESS INFO, please do so ASAP. We need it for mailings (events, newsletter, connection). Send your info to bhbumc@gmail.com or call 608-544-3991. Thank you so much! ~karen



**BHBUMC
VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL 2022
AUGUST 15th-19th
9:00-11:30 AM**

APRIL 2022
WORSHIP SERVANTS

Worship Leader

3rd Jo Ballweg
10th Angie Sorg
17th Christine Elliott
24th Carla Cady

Acolyte

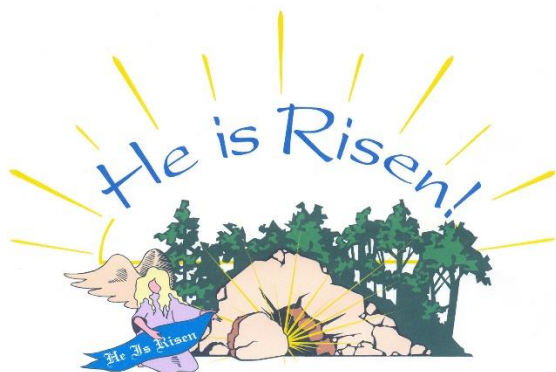
3rd Anna Pagel
10th Wesley Hartley
17th Brady Ullmann
24th Paisley Ullmann

Audio/Visual Technician

3rd Mike Kierski
10th Nick Hartley
17th Brian Ullmann
24th Katey Ullmann

ATTENTION: If you are UNABLE to serve on your assigned Sunday, please find a substitute and notify Karen by Wednesday of that week. **Keep this page as your reminder.** Thank you.

 **Palm Sunday** APRIL 10th



APRIL 17th: 9:00 Easter Worship
10:00 Balloon Release

Many thanks to all those who purchased flowers to decorate the altar on Easter Sunday. You may pick up your plant after worship that morning.

BLACK HAWK-BETHLEHEM UMC
CHICKEN & DUMPLING DINNER
SUNDAY, APRIL 24th, 2022

SERVING 4:00-7:00 PM

Dining in this year!

Reconnect over a delicious meal with family and friends!

Mmm-mm—good eatin!

Carry-outs available

\$12 Dumplings w/Chicken & Gravy

Seasoned Carrots

Cherry or Blueberry Dessert

APRIL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Sun. April 10th, 10:00 AM Trustees
Wed. April 13th, 6:30 PM SPRC
7:30 PM Ad Council

Join us at BHBUMC on GOOD FRIDAY for a viewing of Branson MO SIGHTS & SOUNDS THEATRE video production:

JESUS

The Bible stories come to life in this magnificent stage production, filled with laughter, drama, and gorgeous music. Even with the crucifixion, it is shown in a family-friendly way. The “movie” starts at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary on **April 15th**.

Invite your friends to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ!

In His life, CHRIST is an example.

In His death, He is a sacrifice.

In His resurrection...a

CONQUEROR!

Martin Luther

APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 COMMUNION 8:00 Confirmation 8:30 Choir rehearsal 9:00 Worship 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:00 Kids Music 2:00 4H mtg.	4 5:30 Women's Workout	5 11:00 DCOM/Pastor	6 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study	7 11:30 TWR @ 6:8 4:30 Habitat mtg.	8	9
10 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 Worship 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:00 Kids Music 10:00 Trustee mtg.	11 5:30 Women's Workout	12 HOLY	13 WEEK 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM SPRC 7:30 Ad Council	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY	15 GOOD FRIDAY 6:30 PM Showing Sights & Sounds Production Video of JESUS @ church (Family-Friendly)	16 HOLY SATURDAY
17 EASTER SUNDAY NO CHRISTIAN ED. NO CHOIR PRACTICE 9:00 Worship 10:00 Balloon Release	18 5:30 Women's Workout	19	20 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study 11:30 SWOS Women's Lunch @ Press Box	21 3:30 Pines	22	23 8:00-NOON ALL CHURCH SPRING CLEAN
24 9:00 Worship 9:30 Christian Ed. 10:00 Birthday Bash 10:00 Choir practice 10:30 Christian Ed. mtg 4-7 PM C&D Dinner	25 5:30 Women's Workout	26 10:00 Habitat mtg.	27 8:30 AM Women's Bible Study	28 9:30 School Clergy 10:00 Greenway HCE Dinner	29	30



He is
risen,
as he
said

Matthew
28:6

4TH OF JULY

MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide an old-fashioned, alcohol free, family friendly, rural hospitality, Christian Community sponsored celebration.

Our Celebration is only a few months away. Things will be new and different this year, as our parade, chicken dinner, and other festivities will be held in Black Hawk and here at the church. **I am working on assignments, so if you would like to work on a certain committee, please let me know ASAP.** If not, please be sure to continue your commitment to your church, as we all work together and help where needed. This is such a special day for the church and for friends and family who will be coming "home" to celebrate. In Christian love, Jo

4th of JULY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4th at 7 PM

Putting the final plans together!

CAN YOU HELP???

Because we have lost some dedicated pie-bakers over the last few years, we are in need of volunteers to bake OR donate restaurant pies for the 4th of July Celebration. Please let me know if you are willing to fill that gap; I really appreciate your help. I ask that ALL PIES be delivered to the church on **JULY 3rd** to eliminate congestion on the 4th. ALSO: Does anyone have a pop-up tent or picnic table we could borrow for the 4th of July Celebration? Please let me know what you can lend that day (call 608-544-3971). Thank you, as always, for your continued support of your church. In Christian love, Jo

MONTHLY CHURCH

CLEANERS NEEDED

There is a sign-up sheet at church with listed duties.

A \$25 Pig Grocery card will be given in appreciation for your service.



DONATIONS NEEDED!

Sauk Prairie Area Food Pantry 821 Industry Road Sauk City

Saltine Crackers, Dried Beans, Soup Stock, Soup Ingredients, Plastic Bottles of Juice (apple, orange, tomato), Canned Fruit, Any Personal Care Items Donation Drop-off:
Call Chris Ballweg 608-571-7737

UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF (UMCOR)

With an ever-increasing need for support in Ukraine and the surrounding countries giving aide, UMCOR is an avenue for you to help. Donations will be used to assist those who remain in Ukraine and those who have fled the violence to neighboring nations. If you wish to give, write your check to:

Global Ministries/UMCOR

On MEMO line write: "**Advance #982450-Ukraine**"

Please Mail to:

Global Ministries/UMCOR

GPO P.O. BOX 9068

New York, NY 10087-9068

Sing to God, sing praise to His name, extol Him who rides on the clouds—His name is the LORD—and rejoice before Him. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, He leads forth the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

Psalm 68:4-6



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Black Hawk-Bethlehem
United Methodist Church
S10174 County Rd C
Sauk City, WI 53583

Return Service Requested

APRIL 2022 HAWK TALK



We, the faith community of Black Hawk-Bethlehem United Methodist Church,
exist to grow generations of faithful followers of Jesus Christ by:

Preparing the fertile soil bed of faith

Sowing seeds of God's Word in people's hearts

Cultivating and nurturing each individual's spiritual growth

Harvesting the fruit of souls made righteous by God's grace

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