

THE CANDLE

There was a boy who was walking down the seashore, the story goes. When he saw thousands of starfish scattered along the way caused by the tidal waves that night. Moved by compassion, he started throwing the starfish one by one back to the sea.

A jogger, passing by told him that there were too many starfish around that his action would never make a difference at all, and he just wasting his time trying to save them.

Angered by the comment, he replied, “it will make a difference to this one and this one and this one,” as he threw back to the water. When the jogger saw that the boy had never stopped, he joined him.

Another jogger saw what the two were doing; they joined them. Another man, woman, and children came by, and when they saw what they were doing; they joined them.

Then, the whole town was mobilized throwing all the starfish they could see on the shore back to the sea.

This reminds us of what Jesus said, “If you did it for one of my disciples, no matter how unimportant they seemed, you did it for me.” The many starfishes in our story may be the immigrants, the poor, the needy, the outcast,

the addicted, and the marginalized people in our city.

We are called to work together as a team to save them, help them heal the broken lives, and renew their faith to Jesus Christ.

For we are all sojourners on this planet; needing the grace of God as the source of our energy on our journey.

This is the message I want to share as we observe the Month of February; as we named it the month of “heart,” the month to observe and commemorate Valentines. Let the love flow through us.

Shalom,

Nathan

Let the love flow through us!





**West Bend United Methodist Church
Administrative Council
January 9, 2019**

In attendance: Darla W., Pastor Nathan, Don B., Diane D., Rita T., Mary Ann C., Clyde J., Becky C., and Donna B. Darla opened the meeting and after concerns were shared, Pastor Nathan led us in prayer.

December secretary's report was read and approved as corrected.

Treasurer's report Diane: Income \$8802.25. Expenses \$12106.39. Balance December 31 \$651.94. Taxes, last portion of 2018 insurance, all advanced specials, organists, and apportionments have all been paid. Angel account interest \$450.49 for 2018 was moved to trustees account. All accounts are ready for audit. Nathan moved to approve treasurer's report. Clyde seconded. Motion carried.

We need to see about getting a new color printer. With the money left in the Council Stover Expanded Church Ministries \$45 was used to finish the clothing gifts for the Christmas families. The rest was given to the school for needed hot lunch accounts. This was able to help 10 families.

The Local Community Stover money was given to the EMTs. They will use it for classes to train new EMTs.

Finance Report Clyde:

Trustees Report Diane: Boiler inspection tomorrow. Grant has done a pre-inspection.

Missions Report Mary Ann: Watch for white sales for hand towels for health kits.

Worship/UMW report Rita:

Announcements and Pastor's Report:

Renewal of baptism will be observed as part of the worship on January 13.

Our next potluck will be January 20.

Family Fun night was fun in January with 7 people attending. The next Family Fun Nights will be Saturdays Feb. 9 and March 9 at 6:00 pm.

On March 31 we will have a special part of the service for BLESSING OF THE SEEDS.

Ash Wednesday is March 6, Palm Sunday is April 14, and Easter is April 21. During Holy Week Pastor Nathan would like a Music Festival, a combined event between Mallard and West Bend UMC and others in our communities.

April potluck will be changed to April 14.

Pastor Nathan distributed some Guidelines to Key Offices of the UMC structure for our review.

We discussed updating some of the church policies especially concerning use of the church. The church secretary will be asked to check on the current policies and also that the membership is updated

Adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Secretary, Donna Bonnstetter

Next Meeting: February 6, 2019



**Mallard United Methodist Church
Administrative Council
January 16, 2019**

The Mallard Church Council met at the Church Annex at 7:00 pm on January 16, 2019 with 7 members present. Acting Chair Jim Gehrt called the meeting to order. Prayers of Joy and for Concerns were offered.

The Secretary's report was read. Motion by Rev Nathan 2nd by Deb Travis motion passed. The Treasures report was read. The current balance was not available. Motion by Deb Travis and 2nd by LB Hurley. Motion passed.

Rev Nathen report: Reported on his visitations and other activities for the month.

Other Business: Two new events will take place this year combined with the Mallard and West Bend Churches.

The first event will be THE BLESSING OF THE SEEDS to be done on March 31, 2019 a joint Worship Service that we can also invite the Farmers of West Bend and Mallard Communities.

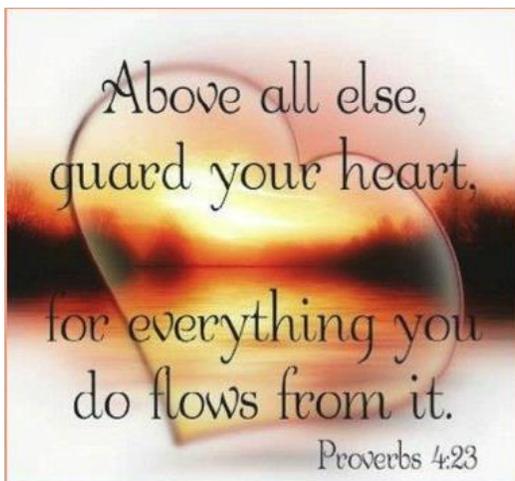
The second event will be THE MUSIC FESTIVAL, to be done on HOLY THURSDAY OR GOOD FRIDAY, April 18 or 19, 2019.

Discussed the Jean Carmichael gift to the church.

Also, Donna Haack will be having surgery so we need to take care of her duties of cleaning the Church for 3 months. Deb Travis will head this committee to get things organized.

No further business, meeting adjourned to February 20, 2019

Marilyn Schutz, Church Secretary



West Bend For February

Ushers

**Mark Bato
Loren Winkelhorst
James & Linda Miller**

Liturgists

**Feb 3: Becky Collins
Feb 10: Linda Brown
Feb. 17: Amy Brown
Feb. 24: Rita**

Thatcher

Greeters

**Feb. 3: James & Linda Miller
Feb. 10: Sharon Piatt & Mary Ann Cantrall
Feb. 17: Dave & Marilvn Fehr**

HEALTH KITS

Love

Items that are needed for the health kits:

Hand towels, soap (bath size), adult size toothbrush (individually wrapped), wash cloth, band aids (3/4inch), comb (7 in – 8 in), finger nail clippers. Thank you for your support.

DAILY DEVOTIONS

February 3: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30

February 10: Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 138:9-13, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

February 17: Jeremiah 17:5-10, Psalm 1, 1 Corinthians 15:12-20, Luke 6:17-26

February 24: Genesis 45:3-11, 15, Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40, 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50, Luke 6:27-38.



Dates to Remember

February 7th – Blood Drive at the New gym at the West Bend Mallard High School, 10:30 am to 4:00 pm. To make an appointment contact LifeServe Blood Center at 800-287-4903 or visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org.

February 9th – Family Fun Night 6:30 pm.

February 10th – Rev. Jonavern Lungud will lead us in worship

February 13th – WBUMW – Cindy Bruellman's home at Noon. Hostess is Sharon Piatt and Program is by Donna Bonnstetter.

West Bend Administrative Council Meeting – 7:00 pm ***Note Change of Date**

February 20th - Mallard Church Council Meeting at 7:00 pm



It's Potluck Time!

Please plan to join us for the 2018-19 Potluck season!

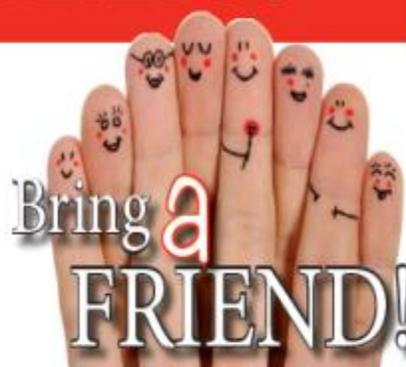
Each will be a traditional potluck, with the exception of Thanksgiving & Christmas when the church will provide the main dish.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Contact Person</u>
September 16	Regular	Becky Collins, 712-358-0358
October 21	Regular	Alli Miller, 712-260-7560
November 18	Main Dish Provided	Donna Bonnstetter, 515-320-3102
December 16	Main Dish Provided	Becky Collins, 712-358-0358
January 20	Regular	Alli Miller, 712-260-7560
February 17	Regular	Donna Bonnstetter, 515-320-3102
March 17	Regular	Becky Collins, 712-358-0358
April 21	Regular	Alli Miller, 712-260-7560

If you have questions, call/text the person in charge.

Identify Your Dish

A special request has been made to 'Identify Your Dish'. If you bring a special, extra yummy dish, bring a card with your name on it for display so people can ask you about the recipe, what's in it, how it's made, etc.



New this Year!

Ask a friend to join you for
Worship and Potluck!

What better way to feed
their soul and their
stomach? Bring enough for
you and your friend(s).

Tell them they just
need to show up!

Bring one friend or many.

Make a Friend.

Be a Friend.

Bring a Friend to Christ!