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WELCOME, PASTOR EDWIN VARGAS!

Beloved in Christ,

I feel so blessed to write this letter to all of you! I am also honored that God has called us to walk together in our common call as disciples of Jesus Christ. I will begin my ministry at Peace UMC on July 10.

I am of Puerto Rican descent, born in Miami, Florida. I grew up on the northside of Milwaukee with a few years in Puerto Rico. I am the second of six children, four sisters and one brother. My wife's name is Belinda. We are a blended family and have five children; three married with children, one going to college, and one still home: Eliel, Aline, Julyssa, Vanessa, and Edwin Jr.

I was raised in the holiness tradition of the Pentecostal Church where I received my call to ministry at the age of thirteen. I came to the United Methodist Church through a Spanish-speaking UM church plant on the southside of Milwaukee (now Luz a las Naciones UMC). Through this UM church I was nurtured in the faith, given opportunities to serve and develop as a disciple of Jesus Christ and empowered to pursue my calling.

I have served four pastoral appointments since 2003 and currently appointed to Lake Mills UMC. I completed my BA and MDIV from the University of Dubuque, IA. My hobbies include photography, playing Latin percussion instruments and grilling.

I'm looking forward to what God will do through our shared ministry at Peace UMC.

Grace and peace to you,

Pastor Edwin Vargas



If you would like a call or visit from the Pastor or Care Committee, please contact the church office by calling (262)782-4408 or emailing us at office@peaceumcwi.org to let us know the best way and day/time for them to contact you.



Finance Update



Quick Update on Peace Financials:

Thank you to all who have been contributing to Peace UMC general fund and many other projects and mission activities. If you should have any questions on the various ways to give to Peace, please contact Vicki Kaminski.

General Operating Fund:

As of March 31, 2021, money received for the general operating fund was: \$ 52,010*. The expenses incurred for the same period were \$55,208. Some of the operating expenses include \$32,088 for salaries/employees, \$9,282 for property maintenance (utilities, snow removal, etc.), \$2,383 for office expenses (supplies, phone, internet, copier) \$8,319 for apportionment's and \$2,558 for programs (music, education)

Missions of the Church:

Money received through March 31, 2022 for selected various mission projects are:

- UMCOR – \$750
- The Gathering Lunches: \$680
- Missionary Jonathan McCurley: \$565
- Linda's Kids: \$50
- fistula Foundation: \$50

Not all mission projects are included in the above list. A total of \$2,486 has been received for all mission projects of Peace in the first three months of 2022.

*Actual money received for the general fund for the first three months of 2022 was \$90,785. However \$51,700 were one time annual pledges. Therefore \$12,925 will be used to represent each quarter of 2022.



Retirement Celebration for Rev. Scott Walters



Crossroads United Methodist Church (Waunakee) cordially invites you to join them on **Sunday, June 19**, to celebrate the 42 years of faithful ministry of Pastor Scott Walters and his wife, Jane. Pastor Scott will be retiring July 1. He previously served at Peace United Methodist Church from 2012-2018.

53597). A reception will follow with some of Pastor Scott's favorite hors d'oeuvres and ice cream being served at 11am. If you are able to join us for worship, or just the reception, **please bring a lawn chair with you** for comfortable outdoor seating.

If you are unable to join us that day, we are inviting all 8 of the churches he served to join in a card shower to show our gratitude for Scott's and Jane's service. Cards can be mailed to:

Pastor Scott and Jane Walters
1 Cherokee Circle #103
Madison, WI 53704

If you have any questions, please contact the church at hello@crossroadswaunakee.org or (608) 849-9599 or our SPRC Chair, Doyle Erickson at doyled2@tds.net or (608) 850-6048.

The day will begin with a music-filled, outdoor worship service at 9:30am in the parking lot of Crossroads (5901 Hogan Road, Waunakee WI

YOUTH NEWS

From Katie Jilek

Youth Game Night Celebration

June 18th 6:30 -9pm @ Peace UMC

Contact Katie to sign up.

Youth BBQ

Mark your calendars for August 13th for a BBQ at the Jilek's House. The time and details will be sent out soon.

Summer Sunday School for JAM

July 17

August 7

Vacation Bible School

July 31st – August 4th from 6:00- 7:45pm

Preschool through 5th grade with an Adult option as well.

We are partnering with Wauwatosa Avenue UMC, the event will happen there during the week. We are looking for volunteers to help all are welcome 6th grade and up to help.

The theme is Food Truck Party! More to come on donations and details about particular food that will be available during the week as well.

Thank you!!!

Thank you to following volunteers this year in our ministry to our youth and children at Peace:

Becky Mitchell

Lance Onan

Amie Baldus



A celebration and reception for our graduates was held on June 12. We are pleased to announce our graduates for this year!

High School

James (Jimmy) Baldus

Richard (RJ) Manning

Shirley Runkel

Brynn Mitchell (2021 graduate)

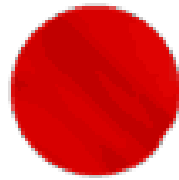
College

Clara Diogo, from USC

Graduation Ticket

You took the time to study;
You're a graduate; that's great!
The work you did was worth it;
It's time to celebrate!

Your degree is just the ticket
For a future of success.
We're glad for you and wish
you
Every happiness.



JAPAN MISSION

CALLED TO SERVE

SUMMER, 2022 UPDATE

One of the outreaches most dear to Satomi's heart is working with children who do not have the support of their families. Both through organizations supporting them, like the children's boxed lunch program, and through our personal lives in fostering a local high school girl, we have continued to work for these children because we know that the Kingdom of God belongs to them. It is difficult and often uncomfortable work, but it is something that transforms lives and creates community, which is very much a part of being Jesus to the people around us, which, as missionaries, we are commissioned to do.



Poverty has always been a hidden issue in Japan and it can be hard to address the topic, as Japanese culture specializes in making the outside of something look beautiful and pleasant. Buy a present and see how it is beautifully wrapped! There are two words in Japanese that describe this type of thinking: "honne" and "tatemae." "Honno" is often described as your true feelings and "tatemae" is the façade you show everyone.

Although the rate of poverty is similar between the US and Japan (both around 16-17%), you would never know it by traveling around any given city or town. Through our work with children in our home and in the community, we have come closer to the reality and have been blessed by the learning and relationships being built through that work. We thank God for these opportunities.

Opportunities come at a cost, however. Your ongoing prayer and financial support is vital for this work to continue. Please keep this mission as a priority in your prayers and giving. The McCurleys and their ministries depend on it.

Please remember to support these missions with your prayers and gifts:

- * Rising Sun Camps
- * Sojourner Family Peace Center
- * Dream Team MKI
- * United Methodist Children's Services
- * Our Missionary family in Japan
- * The Gathering

Thank you!

