

THE PULSE



MCFARLAND UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

a church with heart - weekly newsletter

"I will put my teaching in their minds and write it on their hearts..."

Jeremiah 31:33

HAPPENING EVERY WEEK

You can find brief descriptions of these on our website:

mcfarlanducc.org/online-events

SUN. Morning, 10 am Zoom Worship

<https://zoom.us/j/97010988439> Password: betogether

SUN. Morning, 11:45 am Bible Study

<https://zoom.us/j/262314649>

MON. - FRIDAY, 8 am Morning Devotion

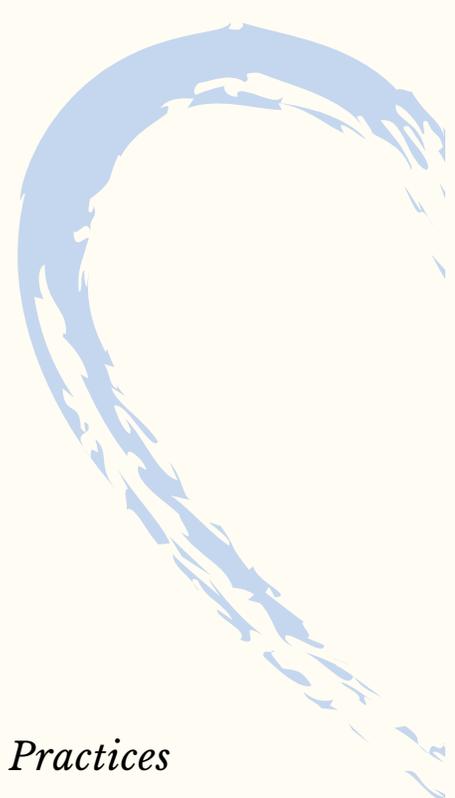
<https://zoom.us/j/94276813637>

TUES. Evening, 6 pm Bible Study & Discussion

<https://zoom.us/j/95481817891>

WED. Evening, 6:30 pm Midweek Inhale Spiritual Practices

<https://zoom.us/j/123020606>



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THURS. March 4th

6 pm SaLT Monthly Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93203143260>



THURS. March 4th

*7 - 8:30 pm Implicit Bias Workshop
w/ McFarland Lutheran*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83935368783>



FRI. March 5th

*10 - 11:30 am Implicit Bias Workshop
w/ McFarland Lutheran*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83935368783>



SAT. March 6th

Girl Scout Cookies!

(More info on the next page)



TUES. March 9th

5 - 6 pm Younger Youth Group Mtg

<https://zoom.us/j/95481817891>

Implicit Bias Workshop More info:

McFarland Lutheran Church member Christine Pribbenow will be leading a workshop on implicit racial bias. Christine creates and leads this type of workshop professionally for UW-Madison and other organizations. We are so grateful for her to provide these opportunities for our faith community!



In this workshop, we will define implicit racial bias and how it is reflected in everyday interactions and the media. We will discuss how to address it in ourselves and our living and working environments. All are welcome to join us for this opportunity, as we seek God's guidance for learning about implicit biases in our daily lives.



THE 2021 GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE!

March 13 to April 18

The Girl Scout cookie sale may look a little different this year. For example, fewer booths at grocery stores, more electronic ways to place and pay for your order, and contactless delivery. Troops and Girls have many options for getting cookies to you, and we encourage you to reach out to them to see how they'll be setting up their sale. The girls are eager to engage with you!

**Below is a list of Scouts from our congregation
and the best way to contact them regarding cookies.**

*Feel free to order from one (or more!) and thank you so much for
supporting your local Girl Scouts.*

Troop 8044, 2nd grade,
Lorelei Pfohl,
melissa.pfohl@gmail.com
608-234-2685

Troop 8044, 2nd grade,
Mariana Schweitzer,
lschweitzer7@gmail.com
608-279-9614

Troop 8244, 4th grade,
Lily Mortensen,
akm8221989@gmail.com
608-225-6677

Troop 1015, 7th grade,
Lydia Mikelbank,
dmikelbank@gmail.com
608-217-1518

Troop 2651, 9th grade,
Nora Wroblewski,
norawroblewski@gmail.com
or Nora's Instagram

Troop 2109, 12th grade,
Larissa Mikelbank,
dmikelbank@gmail.com
608-217-1518

UPCOMING COOKIE BOOTHS

Saturday March 13, 10 AM to Noon
at the MUCC parking lot,
contact Lily/Troop 8244 for details

Friday March 19, 4-6 PM
at the MUCC parking lot,
contact Nora/Troop 2651 for details

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Check out all these and more on the calendar at:

mcfarlanducc.org/calendar

MON. March 15th

6 pm Next Teenage Youth Zoom Meeting

(zoom link next week's Pulse & Pastor Bryan will also email it to the group)



TUES. March 16th

6:30 - 8 pm "How to Reunite Immigrant Families Who Have Separated"

This is another zoom meeting sponsored jointly by NION and the Wisconsin Conference Immigration Justice Working Group. The meeting will feature the work of "Al Otro Lado," an advocacy group that is doing the legwork advocacy and legal work of reuniting families.



(The zoom link and more information will be sent out next week)



THURS. March 25th

7 - 8 pm

Upcoming Lecture: "Nature's Best Hope" sponsored by Olbrich Gardens

(More info coming soon!)

A FEW WORDS FROM PASTOR BRYAN

Hi folks. As I watch the ice thaw and the snow melt now that the days are consistently above freezing, I'm taken with the metaphors of thawing and melting. Of course I'm under no illusions that winter is necessarily behind us. I've lived in Wisconsin long enough (37 years, including 10 in the Northwoods) to not allow myself to get teased too much by Spring in March! But I am enjoying watching the snow begin to take its leave, and I'm breathing a sigh of relief that the ice-dams on the edge of my rooftop aren't going to cause any discernible damage.

Thawing and melting. These are processes that can be slow and messy. In fact if they happen too quickly then we've got the issue of all that water that needs to go somewhere. And once the snow and ice are gone, then we need to deal with what has been buried and covered up.

The seasons and the changes they bring are always so full of metaphor and meaning. And so I am asking myself—are there parts of my heart, or mind, or relationships that have been somehow too cold or even frozen? Do I have opinions or points of view that have been too rigid, when what is really needed is some flexibility and fluidity? And what bulbs and seeds of new growth might be waiting beneath the soil of my being for the ground to warm up and soften so that the

new life can break through and reach for the sky and be seen and nurtured and blossom and bear fruit?

All of this reminds me of one of my favorite poems from the Sufi mystic poet Hafez. It's called, "How Did The Rose?"

*How did the rose
Ever open its heart
and give to this world
all its beauty?
It felt the encouragement of light
against its Being.
Otherwise, we all remain
Too frightened*

May we all feel the "encouragement of Light"—the Light of God's love and grace—on our beings as another winter begins to give way. May we all be willing to melt a bit if and when the time has come, and trust God with what is waking up within us and beginning its journey toward the Sun.

Let these beautiful metaphors speak to you my friends.

And of course I look forward to working in the Garden with you--symbolically and literally—in the not too distant future!

Grace and Peace to you all,
Pastor Bryan

GENERAL FUND SUMMARY MAR. 2020 - FEB. 2021

Questions? Connect with Joan at:
treasurer@mcfarlanducc.org

General Fund Summary Mar 2020 – Feb 2021

SaLT review 03/04/2021

(Funds for general operating expenses)

Month	Revenue	Expenses	Variance
Mar-20	12,564	12,099	465
Apr-20	16,656	16,683	(27)
May-20	14,261	10,159	4,102
Jun-20	15,758	11,085	4,673
Jul-20	14,692	19,905	(5,213)
Aug-20	18,938	9,905	9,033
Sep-20	11,813	11,178	635
Oct-20	15,801	16,775	(974)
Nov-20	14,696	11,926	2,770
Dec-20	17,416	17,789	(372)
Jan-21	14,918	11,777	3,142
Feb-21	11,873	10,192	1,681
Total	179,387	159,472	19,915

2021 Budget* *includes extraordinary expenses	\$180,455
Average Monthly Revenue Needed to Meet Budget	\$15,038
Actual Average Monthly Revenue Mar 2020-Feb 2021	\$14,949

