

## From the Pastor...

May/Early June 2025 Newsletter

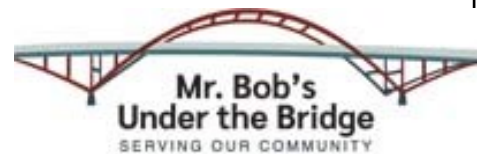
*"Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress."* James 1:27



When we think about how we live our faith, we often think about our prayer life and attending worship. But there are many other aspects of life that are expressions of us living out our faith. The way we continue to learn about God and how we can think about God and God's actions is one that we do through study. How we care for our church family and friends acts as an expression of the love that we have received from God. The ways we reach out to those who are in need also help us live our faith.

During the entire month of May and into early June we, as a congregation, will work on living out our faith through service to the broader world.

Partnering with Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge, the entire month of May we will be holding a clothing drive for people living without a home. People are asked to bring gently used or new clothing to the church to be passed on to Mr. Bob's. A list of preferred items is located on page 3 of this newsletter. We would ask that all items be at the church by June 1st for us to take to Mr. Bob's on June 2nd.



On May 18th we will plant our vegetable planters that we tend and send the produce to Apostle Presbyterian Church in West Allis for distribution at their food pantry. This is done in coordination with Food for the Journey, a coalition of six Presbyterian congregations in suburban Milwaukee. We are looking for folks to come and help plant the vegetables on the third Sunday of

May and then also for folks to volunteer to check on the planters one day a week and water them if needed. There is no need to sign up for planting on the 18th. Watering sign-up sheets are available starting Sunday May 4th. Check with the ushers about where to sign up.

On June 8th we will celebrate the day of Pentecost with the Sterling and Brass Quintet, geraniums to take home ( a gift from the Deacons), and also have our next sandwich making session. After worship we will gather to make sandwiches and lunch bags for The Guest House. In October, we were able to make a few hundred sandwiches in just a short period of time. This time we are looking to do that same. Many hands will make light work and you will be helping to care of those who are in need.



Let us continue to live hope and faith in many ways throughout the coming months and in every day of our lives.

In Christ,  
*Will*



## Monday Bible Study

Mondays at 9:45 AM

Join us for a discussion about the coming Sunday's lectionary readings either in-person in Fellowship Hall or watch on Channel 966.

May 5	Revelation 7:9-17; Acts 9:36-43	for May 11
May 12	Revelation 21:1-6; Acts 11:1-18	for May 18
May 19	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; Acts 16:9-15	for May 25
May 26	No Bible Study	
June 2	Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 2:1-21	for June 8
June 9	John 16:12-15; Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	for June 15
June 16	No Bible Study	



## Items Needed

Below is a list of items that Mr. Bob's is accepting for donations. Please only donate gently used/washed or NEW items from this list. As a reminder, these items go straight to our homeless friends, so clean items are appreciated.

**Jackets-** Men's and Children's ( no women's). Summer weight - no dress jackets

**Men's Pants** - all sizes ( esp 32-40)- jeans, hiking, hiking shorts, belts

**Women's Pants** - all sizes, Jeans, Hiking Wear, Athletic/hiking shorts

**Hoodies and sweatshirts** - Gender neutral - all sizes ( exp XL, 2XL, 3XL)

**Sweatpants/leggings** - gender neutral - all sizes  
(men's, women's, children's M/W/C)

**Tshirts** - Unisex - all sizes - long and short sleeve

**Undergarments** - all sizes - **new** and gently used - M/W/C

**Socks** - all sizes - **new** and gently used - M/W/C

**Shoes** - new and gently used ( no dress shoes) - all sizes - sandals accepted - M/W/C

**Kid's clothing** - summer items - boy's / girl's / Gender neutral - all sizes

**Bedding/Sleeping Bags** - pillows, blankets, sheets, comforters

**Luggage/Backpacks/purses** - new or used, luggage on wheels in working order

**Hygiene Products** - NEW ONLY - unopened

- Travel-sized: Bar Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Lotion, Toothpaste, Deodorant
- Regular-sized: Toothbrushes, Deodorant, Packaged Razors, Clippers, Hair Picks
- New Washcloths
- Bath Towels: New **or Gently Used**



We are a connectional church...connected in faith to God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Jesus taught us that prayer connects us to the Divine...and to each other.

Each month we list our faith community. Every family has a date when we ask you to hold them in prayer.

## May Prayer Calendar

## June Prayer Calendar

# MAY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>27 April</b>  <div> <b>May Mission - Clothing Drive for Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge - see pg 3</b> </div>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>  1:30 PM - Questions about Presbyterians 	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>10 AM Worship with Communion</b>  	<b>5</b> 9:45 AM Bible Study—CH 11 AM - Worship Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>  <b>10 AM Worship</b>  	<b>12</b> 9:45 AM Bible Study—CH	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  1:30 PM - Questions about Presbyterians 	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>10 AM Worship</b> 11:10 AM Deacon Meeting 11:15 AM- Planting our Veggies  	<b>19</b> 9:45 AM Bible Study—CH	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>



# MAY/JUNE 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>25</b>  <b>10 AM Worship</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  No Bible Study  	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
				<b>May Mission - Clothing Drive for Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge ends June 1.</b>		
					Will is on vacation this weekend.	
<b>1</b> <b>10 AM Worship with Communion - Guest: Rev. Carol Wickersham</b>    <b>Food Pantry Sunday</b> <small>First Sunday of each month</small> 	<b>2</b> 9:45 AM Bible Study—CH	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 Pentecost</b> <b>10 AM Worship - Sterling and Brass Quintet</b> 11:10 AM - Sandwich Making for Guest House   <b>PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS</b>	<b>9</b> 9:45 AM Bible Study—CH	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>June Mission - Sandwich Making for The Guest House - June 8 after worship</b>		
<b>15</b>  <b>10 AM Worship</b> 11:10 AM Session	<b>16</b>  No Bible Study	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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### Average April Attendance

In person: 42  
Zoom/livestream: 14  
 Total Average Attendance: 56

### The Care and Concern of the Congregation is with:

### Anniversary Wishes to:

Did we miss your birthday  
or anniversary? Please let the office know  
so we can update our files.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE - As of March 31, 2025

					Actual	Budget	Fav/(Unfav) Variance
Total Income - YTD					\$ 47,413.51	\$ 32,835.00	\$ 14,578.51
Total Expense - YTD					\$ 43,086.07	\$ 46,578.00	\$ 3,491.93
Net Income - YTD March 31, 2025					\$ 4,327.44	\$ (13,743.00)	\$ 18,070.44
Unrestricted Funds as of March 31, 2025					\$343,732.95		

# Pentecost Offering - June 8, 2025

## Nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children.

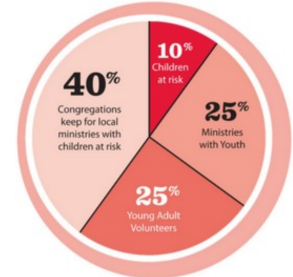


### PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

#### BY GIVING TO THE PENTECOST OFFERING

you're supporting ministries that unite young people and inspire them to share their faith in Christ.



## "I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON EVERY KIND OF PEOPLE."

— ACTS 2:17, THE MESSAGE

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**2025 Deacons:** (A-D) Ann Tennyson  
(M-R) Karen Stephan -Co-Moderator

(F-H) Ken DeBoer  
(S-T) Martin Gahle

(I-L) Cherie Andrus—Co-Moderator, Secretary  
(V-Y) Jan Isbister At Large - Kathy Mathews