

## JUNE 2023: New Heart & Spirit

In my March article (see website: [bhbumc.org/newsletter](http://bhbumc.org/newsletter)) I brought you up to date on the status of our Disaffiliation. Your Disaffiliation Team, led by Gene Unger, continues to be hard at work to complete the final requirements. Following are some of the details and final activities of the Team:

- **Blackhawk Bethlehem Church** is our new legal name (Those who contribute to the church by check should begin using this name). Gene (and other Team Members) worked with our lawyer, Tracy Waldinger, to complete a number of legal requirements
  - **Fed. Employer I.D. (EIN).**
  - **Fed. 501(c)3 Tax Exempt.**
  - **Bylaws** for incorporation. Dennis Weis assembled them and other doctrinal documents.
  - **Deeds:** Updated and filed with county. Assets and property will be restored to BhBC.
  - **WI Tax Exempt (CES)** certificate to be completed soon.
- **Insurance:** Shalome Ullmann has been working with Gene and the team to consider our options for property, liability, and workman's comp. A final decision will be made in early June.
- **Finance:** Lloyd established new church accounts. Various groups are also acquiring new accounts.
- **Logo/Branding/Signage:** LaNell Jaquish is working with T.O.M. in Sauk City. Gene is working with a local sign company to re-purpose existing metal signs.
- **WI UM Foundation:** The three accounts managed by the Foundation on behalf of BhBC will continue as they have in the past. Some available funds were used to aid in our Disaffiliation payment.
- **Final Disaffiliation Payment** in the amount of \$78,198.48 was paid to the UMC mid-May.
- **Disaffiliation Agreement** was signed and submitted (along with the Payment) 5/10/23.
- **Archives Checklist:** The following items are required by the WI UMC to complete Disaffiliation. Dennis and Nola Weis have gathered, sorted, copied, photographed, organized, and boxed these items for final submission. John Been delivered the box to the UMC Sun Prairie Offices on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Original records** (from founding of the church) of baptisms, membership, marriages, and deaths along with historical items.
  - **Charge Conference** packets from the past (7) years.
  - **Church Meeting Minutes** from SPRC, Admin. Council, Trustees, and Finance records for (7) yrs.
- **Final Checklist including:**
  - **Final Statistical Report** with most current membership.
  - **Other:** All bank accounts changed to new church, removal of UMC Cross & Flame insignias.
- **WI Annual Conference Vote** to approve Disaffiliation of Blackhawk Bethlehem (and the other 40+ WI churches all at once) will take place on June 9<sup>th</sup>. LaNell is your voting Lay Member. Rev. Weis and I will attend with voice and vote. The video link can be found at the WI UMC website if you want to watch.
- **Disaffiliation Date:** BhBC will be rebirthed as a non-denominational, independent church on 7/1/2023.

Please thank your Disaffiliation Team (Gene Unger, John and Ranju Been, Kyle & Christine Elliott, LaNell Jaquish, Lloyd and JoAnn Ballweg, Shalome Ullmann, and Rev. Dennis Weis) for their sacrifice and tireless efforts to ensure that BhBC will continue to produce generations of faithful followers of Jesus Christ!

*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.*

Ezekiel 36:26-28

**God's blessings to you, as together, we move *Onward and Upward in Christ!* PK**

Many hands make light work.  
Please, help if you are assigned.  
**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO  
WORK, CALL JO BALLWEG  
ASAP 608-544-3971**

#### **GENERAL COMMITTEE**

Jo Ballweg  
Julie Brickl  
Jean Schneller  
Joyce Sorg  
**TREASURER**  
Ranjana Been

#### **PUBLICITY & ADS**

Brittany Sorg  
Jean & Ron Schneller  
Shane & Logan Sorg  
David & Faith Michael

#### **POP-UP TENTS NEEDED!**

Bring Sunday, JULY 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### **TENT & TABLES SET-UP**

#### **MONDAY, JULY 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 3:00 PM**

Lloyd Ballweg  
Wayne Rider  
Gene Unger  
Tom Schneller  
Alan Landerman  
Scott Ballweg  
Ryan Meyer

#### **WE NEED PIE BAKERS!**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR PIES AT  
CHURCH BY NOON MONDAY!**

#### **PIE CUTTERS**

#### **MONDAY JULY 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 3:00 PM**

Joyce Sorg  
Teresa Rider  
Connie Sorg  
Cheryl Schneller  
Loretta Landerman  
Judy Wehler  
Ellen Patterson  
Sue Hoege

#### **MEAL TICKETS/CASHIERS**

Mike & Rhonda Enge  
Rev. Dennis & Nola Weis  
LaNell Jaquish & Rhett Jaquish

#### **KITCHEN HELPERS**

Ron & Jean Schneller  
Ryan Krayner  
Greg Lohr  
Bruce Reeve

#### **DINNER HOSTESS**

Marilyn Horstman

#### **TICKET TAKERS**

Dawn Reeve  
Julie Owens  
Suzanne Paskey

#### **CHICKEN GRILLERS**

Jeff Sorg Jr.  
Shane Sorg  
Tim Pagel  
Aaron Pagel  
Kyle Ederer  
Matthew Sorg  
Trent Sorg  
Todd Sorg  
Jeremy Sorg  
Cory Clavadatscher

#### **FOOD LINE SERVERS**

**Be at church/FH by 11:15 AM**

#### **CHICKEN**

Ranju Been  
Angie Sorg  
Tracey Waldinger

#### **CABBAGE SALAD**

Joanne Zech  
Marla Sprecher  
Vicki Meyer

#### **BEANS**

Marilyn Sprecher  
Barb Oelke  
Betty Waldinger

#### **ROLLS & CHIPS**

Kay Hankins  
JoAnn Hankins  
Irene DeVoe

#### **MILK & COFFEE**

Jane Pagel  
Julie Brickl

#### **PIE SALES/OUTDOOR**

Heather Rodenschmit  
Heidi Hicks  
Abby Bennett

#### **TABLE HELPERS**

Brittany Sorg  
Lisa Krayner  
Karla Waldinger  
Donna Ochsner  
Charity Leister  
Lisa Lohr

#### **PARKING & CROSSING GUARDS**

Russ Hankins  
David & Emily Stienmetz  
Dennis Schneller

#### **BRAT & DOG STAND**

Sylvia Timm  
Laura Mallon  
Youth

#### **NOVELTIES & T-SHIRTS**

Jeff & Chris Sorg  
Jane Pagel  
Steve Sorg  
Brad Anderson

#### **FAMILY GAMES**

Pastor Kendall & Karen Schlittler

#### **PRAYER COORDINATOR/TEAM**

Faith Michael  
Karen Schlittler  
Laura Mallon

#### **GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Pastor Kendall  
John Waldinger  
Joe Waldinger  
Maurice Sprecher

#### **PORT-A-POTTIES**

Steve DeMars

#### **PARADE**

Tom Owens  
Greg Sprecher  
Steve DeMars  
John Been  
Steve Mallon

#### **PARADE POP-CORN & DRINKS**

Greg & Wendy Sprecher Family  
Kyle & Christine Elliott Family  
Brian & Shalome Ullmann Family

**SET-UP: MONDAY 10:30 AM  
CLEAN-UP: WED. 9:00 AM**

**THANKS EVERYONE!**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

**AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00-11:30 AM**

### STELLAR...Shine Jesus' LIGHT!

Learning to shine the LIGHT of JESUS thru FUN

Music, Crafts, Games, Bible Adventure,  
Cinema Chat, and Snacks! Invite a friend!  
Registration Form is in this newsletter.

### WE NEED

**Empty cardboard TP rolls  
Pint Glass Jars**

There is a marked box in  
the Fellowship Hall for your  
donations. THANKS!



### VBS FRIDAY FINALE!

Everyone is WELCOME to come to church for the  
VBS finale on **FRIDAY, AUG. 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.**

The kids will share their favorite music!  
Lunch will be served directly following. JOIN US!

### ATTENTION

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We will have a Christian Education  
Meeting on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>**  
after worship. This meeting is open to  
anyone interested in helping teach classes  
in 2023-2024 or just have ideas/questions  
about our SS program.

### UMC CAMP COUPON

From: BhB Missions/Ministry

**\$250/5-day**

**\$150/3-day**

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.

### WOMEN'S WORKOUTS

**MONDAYS 5:30-6:15 PM**

Join Karen at church for a 45-minute workout:  
cardio, strength, stretching exercises to  
inspirational music. Teens welcome too!  
Bring a mat, water bottle and light weights.

### SPOUSES WITHOUT SPOUSES

Ladies, meet for lunch at EAGLE INN,  
**THURSDAY, JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.**

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 21<sup>st</sup> & AUG. 16<sup>th</sup>**

Meet at church 6:30-8:30 PM to study the  
Gospel of Matthew. Read. Discuss. Pray.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

**WEDNESDAYS, 9:00-10:30 AM  
JUNE 28<sup>th</sup>, JULY 26<sup>th</sup> & AUGUST 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## BIKE REST-STOP AT BHBUMC

**FRIDAY, JUNE 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-2:15**

Bicyclists from around the state will stop at  
church to use restrooms, re-hydrate and re-fuel.

Donations of baked goods are appreciated.

If you are interested in helping with this event,  
please talk to Jane Pagel @ 608-345-4717

### CONGRATULATIONS

### High School Grads

**Carolyn Elliott & Cale Sorg**

*Jer. 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you,  
declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not  
to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

### SAUK PRAIRIE FOOD PANTRY

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Blackhawk-Bethlehem Church is scheduled to  
work on **Saturday, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>.**  
See sign-up sheet/details at church.

## **JUNE Worship Leader**

4<sup>th</sup> Steve Mallon  
11<sup>th</sup> John Been  
18<sup>th</sup> Tom Owens  
25<sup>th</sup> Kyle Elliott

## **JULY Worship Leader**

2<sup>nd</sup> Marilyn Horstman  
9<sup>th</sup> Karen Schlittler  
16<sup>th</sup> LaNell Jaquish  
23<sup>rd</sup> Jo Ballweg  
30<sup>th</sup> Heidi Gerike

## **AUGUST Worship Leader**

6<sup>th</sup> Abby Bennett  
13<sup>th</sup> Angie Sorg  
20<sup>th</sup> David Stienmetz  
27<sup>th</sup> Mike Enge

### **\*Audio/Visual Technician**

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Brian Ullmann  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Gene Unger  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Nick Hartley  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Katey Ullmann  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Rhett Jaquish

## **CHAT & CHEW SUNDAY! JUNE 4<sup>th</sup> AT 10:00 AM**

### **PRAISE CHOIR**

Ladies & teen-girls...if you are interested in singing with this group, please join us for rehearsal at 10:15, **June 4<sup>th</sup>**. We will sing during worship on **Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

### **4<sup>th</sup> of JULY CELEBRATION**

**Sponsored by Blackhawk-Bethlehem  
& Denzer Churches**

**10:30** Parade through Black Hawk  
**11:30** Chicken Dinner on parsonage grounds  
**12:00** Music by "The Krause Family Band"  
**1:00** Family Fun Games  
Check out Facbook & website for details.



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The man who knows right from wrong and has good judgment and common sense is happier than the man who is immensely rich! For such wisdom is far more valuable than precious jewels.

Nothing else compares with it.  
Proverbs 3:13-15

***A happy family is like a baseball team—with Mom pitching, Dad catching, the kids fielding, and everyone taking a turn at bat.***

## **HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER!**

### **CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

**Pastor Carol Quinn**

**Saturday, JUNE 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM**

**North Freedom UMC**

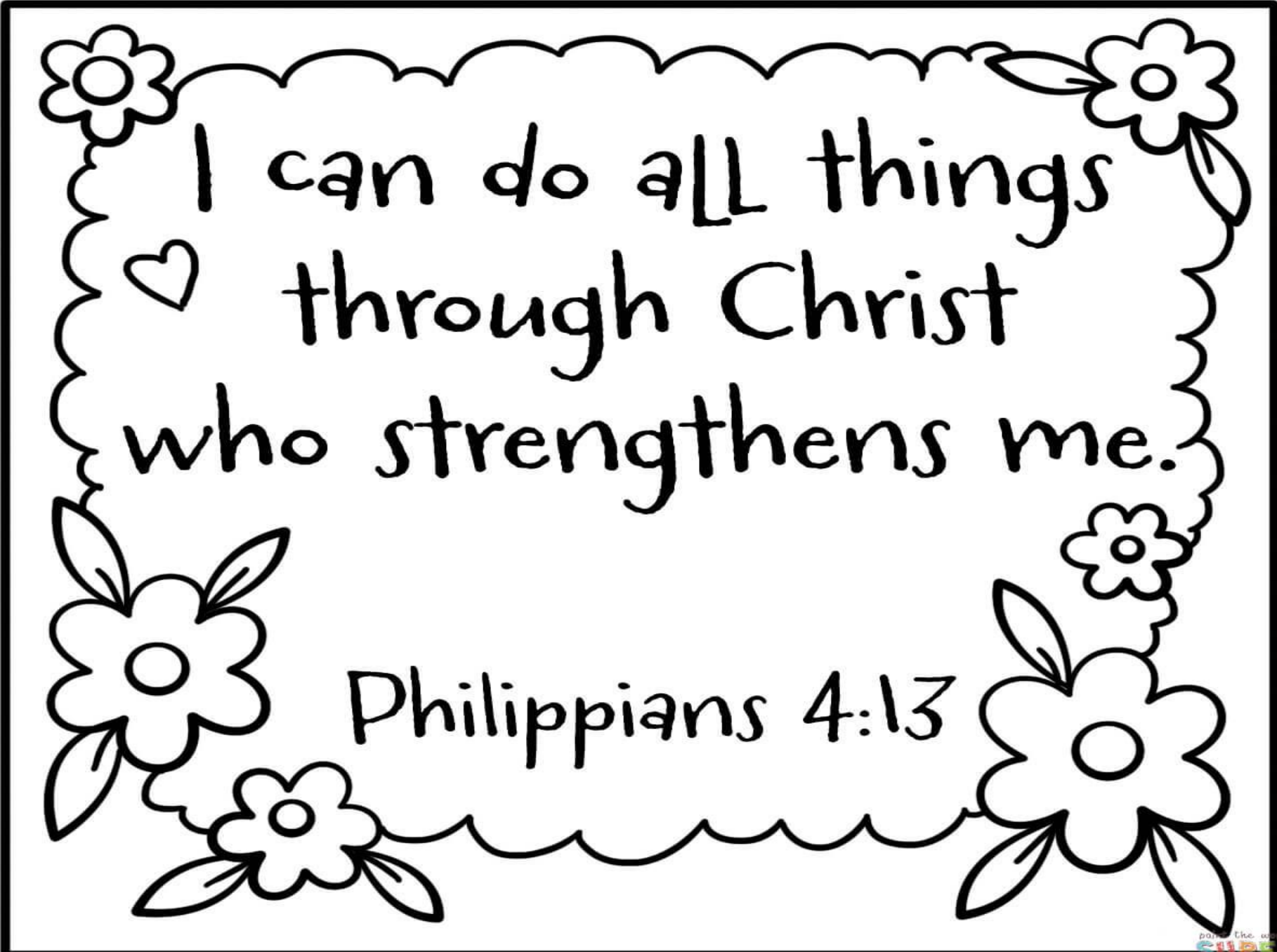
**301 E. Walnut St.**

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Mederi Foundation online at [www.medericenter.org](http://www.medericenter.org) or to

North Freedom UMC or Denzer UMC

## **ATTENTION!**

Please, carefully look over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July WORKSHEET in this newsletter. It has work assignments and requests. If you have questions, please call Jo: 544-3971



I can do all things  
through Christ  
who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

# JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Clergy Session Annual Conference Stevens Point	2	3
4 COMMUNION 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 Chat & Chew 10:15 Praise Practice	5 5:30 PM Women's Workout	6	7	8	9 UMC ANNUAL CONFERENCE GREEN BAY 	10
11 9:00 AM Worship Pastor Diane Vielhuber 	12 5:30 PM Women's Workout	13	14	15 10:00 AM Maplewood 11:30 SWOS Ladies Lunch @ Eagle Inn	16 8:00-2:00 Bike Rally Rest Stop	17
18 9:00 AM Worship 10:15 Praise Practice	19 5:30 PM Women's Workout	20	21	22 10:00 AM Greenway	23	24 11:00 AM Rev. Carol Quinn Celebration of Life North Freedom UMC
25 9:00 Worship	26 5:30 PM Women's Workout	27	28 9:00 AM Women's Bible Study	29 3:00 PM Pine Villa 3:30 PM Pines	30	

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2 COMMUNION  8:30 Praise Rehearsal  9:00 Worship 10:00 Chat & Chew	3  9:00 AM Set-Up & Prep for 4 <sup>th</sup> Celebration  Women's Workout Cancelled	4 <b>CELEBRATION!</b>  10:30 Parade 11:30 Chicken Dinner 12:00 Live Music "Krause Family Band" 1:00 Games	5  9:00 AM Clean-up	6  10:00 AM Maplewood	7	8
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# AUGUST 2023

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		1	2	3	4	5 VBS SET UP
6 COMMUNION 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 Chat & Chew 10:15 Praise Practice	7 9:00-11:30 AM <b>VACATION</b>	8 9:00-11:30 AM <b>BIBLE</b>	9 9:00-11:30 AM <b>SCHOOL:</b>	10 9:00-11:30 AM <b>STELLAR</b>	11 9:30 AM 11:00 <b>FRIDAY FINALE &amp; LUNCH</b>	12
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AUGUST 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

9:00-11:30 AM

AGES 4 yrs.- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

(please fill out registration form for each child)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in the Fall \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Contact # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or medical problems we should be aware of \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form to: BhB Church/Karen Schlittler S10174 Cty Rd C Sauk City, WI 53583**

**OR Call to register: 544-3991 Email: [pastorks@tds.net](mailto:pastorks@tds.net)**

## Conference News



The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This is our mandate regardless of what circumstances come our way and pull us off track. This is a difficult time for many in The United Methodist Church. Some of our congregations in the Conference have voted to disaffiliate from the denomination. Conference Leadership laments that decision, but we also pray that for those who leave, they can fully live into the future God is calling them.

In any congregation that leaves, there are people who want to remain faithful to The United Methodist Church and remain a part of our denomination. We most certainly welcome you to remain United Methodist and carry on the legacy we have had as a denomination that is rooted in the historic faith in Jesus Christ, committed to social justice and welcoming all people. We remain committed to helping people develop a practical faith for living in our day and time.

If your church has decided to disaffiliate and you would like to remain United Methodist, please visit our website at <https://www.wisconsinumc.org/moving-forward-with-beloved-community>

Blackhawk-Bethlehem Church  
S10174 County Rd C  
Sauk City, WI 53583

Return Service Requested

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JUNE, JULY, AUGUST  
2023  
HAWK TALK

Blackhawk-Bethlehem Church  
S10174 Cty Rd C Sauk City, WI 53583  
Pastor Kendall Schlittler 608-544-3991

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