



# March 2025

**Our Mission:** To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world  
**Our Vision:** Renew: Body, Mind, Soul

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## TREASURER TRANSITION

Joan Ireland has served as Marshfield United Methodist Church's Treasurer since 2004/2005. That's as long as I've been a pastor, and I'll tell you what I told Joan -- it feels like forever. For more than 20 years, Joan has kept things running smoothly behind the scenes at church -- paying bills, reconciling the bank accounts, paying staff, and completing reports for the Conference and denomination. She has been at almost every single Council meeting during that period. She's seen pastors come and go, policies change, technology change, and significant change in Council composition and operation. Through all the changes the church and technology have thrown at her, Joan has been a constant in our church life. She's been faithful to the many tasks with which we've entrusted her through all these years.

"I love my church. I love the people in it," she said. That love shows in her faithfulness and in her flexibility. Joan has decided to step back so she can focus on her health. She has already trained and handed over the keys (so to speak) to Eimee Wakefield, and Eimee is working hard to get up to speed on the work she needs to do as our Interim Treasurer.

Eimee will work for the next three months to keep things running and make recommendations for how we might modernize our bookkeeping system. Many have expressed we put a lot of duties on one person (Joan) for a long time, and Eimee will be taking a careful look at the division of duties and ways we may need to modify our financial procedures and policy to spread out responsibilities.

Eimee is a CPA who has specialized in healthcare accounting in her career. She is married to Greg, and she is a new mom to Asher and a practiced mom to Aiden and Abby. You may also recognize her as Elmerie Madlin's daughter. To the Council, Eimee has been a vital voice since she joined last year. She will now officially be ex-facto on Council (because she is now staff), and Council will hold her seat open until she decides if she wants to remain treasurer or train someone new in three months.

We will be working on ways to honor and support Joan as she transitions to full retirement. You might send her a note of thanks for all she's done. Please also help welcome Eimee to a bigger role in church life.



JOAN IRELAND



EIMEE WAKEFIELD

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5

-details coming soon-



# CHILI

COOK-OFF

**Saturday, March 1 - 5:00 pm** - Chili Cook-Off: Enter your best chili! There is a \$10 competitors entry fee, or for \$5 you can just show up, sample all the chilis and vote for your favorite! All proceeds go to the ECJC school supplies fund. Sign up required only for competitors or to donate food items. See sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall or email SayYes@MarshfieldUMC.org.

-Jim

## Men NEWS

The Methodist men met February 3rd at the ARK with a delicious and somewhat spicy Chili provided by Pat and Belinda Blinzler! It was like a homecoming for the men as we had missed our January meeting due to inclement weather. It was a very busy meeting seeking nominations for a new vice chair, a scholarship committee, a budgetary committee and a proposal for Landscape Work!

You may notice as you walk around the grounds at the church that many trees and shrubs have been trimmed with some being removed! It is a work in progress and several stumps will be removed as weather and the ground permits.

The men are also planning for the Easter Breakfast which helps to implement our Scholarship Program, and we are delivering food for 1 week with Meals on Wheels. Lately at our meetings we have tried to lift up our brothers who have both been ill and are grieving. We invite you to come and join this marvelous group of men who love to eat, love their brothers and our Marshfield United Methodist Church!

Our next meeting is on March 3rd at 5:30pm at the ARK. Carl Rakston will have a much-anticipated program titled, "Let There Be Light", and Curt & Mary Jane Mortshear will surprise us with something delicious! Come join us for fun and fellowship.

### MARCH 30

Liturgist: Jason Schadeck  
Livestream Host: Damon Cansler  
Ushers: Curt & Mary Jane Mortshear  
Greeters: Teresa Meizler & Cara Melvin

### MARCH 02

Liturgist: Jan Robertson  
Livestream Host: Mary Cook  
Ushers: Paul Jones & Carol DeLattre  
Greeters: Linda Hyde & Judy Burchfield  
WEBGO: Devotion - Mary Gilmore  
Prayer - Becky Bell

### MARCH 09

Liturgist: Carol DeLattre  
Livestream Host: Becky Buckler  
Ushers: Paul Jones & Coach Mac  
Greeters: Jennifer & Roman Smith

### MARCH 16

Liturgist: Carrie Sabo  
Livestream Host: Margaret Frick  
Ushers: Paul Jones & Diane Gorman  
Greeters: Joann Warman  
Communion Servers: Cara Melvin, Bridget Harmon & Susan Newcomb

### MARCH 23

Liturgist: Clay Robertson  
Livestream Host: Damon Cansler  
Ushers: Paul Jones & Susan Newcomb  
Greeters: Linda Korre & Jackie Scott

## MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS