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[United Methodists Share Their Stories as Global Toll of COVID-19 Reaches One Million](#)

The Coronavirus Research Center at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine estimates 35 million coronavirus cases worldwide and over one million deaths as of October 5. United Methodists have had their share of victims. [READ MORE.](#)

General Church News

[Pastor Appreciation Sunday](#)

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and here are some "pandemic-proof" ways that you can show your appreciation for your local pastor. In the age of COVID-19 pandemic, showing gratitude may need to look differently than in past years. [READ MORE.](#)



[United Theological Seminary Establishes Fresh Expressions House of Studies](#)

Houses of Study at United equip students for service in the communities, movements and denominations where they serve. Rev. Dr. Michael Beck has been appointed director of the House of Studies. [READ MORE.](#)



Local News



[Onalaska UMC Becomes Reconciling Church](#)

Onalaska United Methodist Church members voted overwhelmingly to become a reconciling congregation Sunday, September 27. This was the culmination of over a year of discernment. Reconciling churches are

United Methodist congregations which adopt statements specifically welcoming members of the LGBTQ+ community to full participation. [READ MORE.](#)

[Faith UMC Meals Outreach Ministry Adapts for COVID](#)

Duluth news station WDIO recently visited Faith United Methodist Church's Meals Outreach Ministry, as participants adjust to new leadership and necessities of COVID-19 prevention. [READ MORE.](#)



[Lodi UMC Sends Supplies to Displaced in Nigeria](#)

On World Communion Sunday, 12 boxes of 1,426 clothes and shoes, plus 22 home-made school bags with school supplies, were blessed and sent across the ocean to women and children who are internally

displaced in their search for safety from militant groups in Nigeria. [READ MORE.](#)

[United Methodist Children's Services Blood Drive](#)

The United Methodist Children's Services of Wisconsin in Milwaukee is hosting a blood drive with the American Red Cross on Wednesday, October 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in their



Community Room at 3910 West Lisbon Avenue, 53208. For more information call 414-344-1818 or [register online](#).

Resources

[Platteville UMC Offers Online Small Group Workshops](#)

Platteville United Methodist Church will be offering five workshops, starting on October 14 and ending on January 28, 2021. These open workshops, offered through Zoom, are an opportunity for churches to equip and connect in this challenging time. For more information, call 608-348-9508, or visit the event [registration page](#).



[Register for Striving for Social Change](#)

Sugar River UMC, People's UMC and Mount Horeb UMC present a three-session series with Assistant Director for Social Justice Programs at UW-Madison, Caitlyn LoMonte. The sessions will be hosted via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. on October 13, 20 and 27. Space is limited, registration closes on Friday. The program explores, power, privilege and how to create sustainable change. [READ MORE.](#)



[Focus on Stewardship of the Earth in Creation Justice Summit](#)

In the United Methodist Church tradition affirming the vocation of Christians to live in healthy, charitable, and just relationships with creation, this online summit will help participants find local solutions to global crises [READ MORE.](#)



[Leaderwise Series Guides Conversations on Race](#)

LeaderWise is hosting a series of monthly discussions on race, equity and justice featuring a guest speaker, reflection, conversation and time for Q&As. [READ MORE.](#)

Classifieds

[La Crosse Jail Ministry Board: Seeking Chaplain](#)

The La Crosse Jail Ministry Board is looking for a full or part-time chaplain to provide pastoral care to women and men incarcerated in the La Crosse County Jail and, when requested, to correctional facility staff. [READ MORE.](#)

[Whitefish Bay UMC: Seeking Director of Child, Youth and Family Ministries](#)

Working with Children and Youth Councils, the director will provide vision, energy, oversight and daily direction to all aspects of Family Ministry from infants through High School. The director will lead support staff, teachers, resource personnel and other volunteers in the Children's and Student Ministry. [READ MORE.](#)

[Viroqua UMC: Seeking Youth Leader](#)

The Viroqua United Methodist Church is seeking a half-time youth leader to coordinate youth activities and make connections with children ages 11-18 for worship, education and support. [READ MORE.](#)

[Grace UMC: Seeking Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries](#)

Grace United Methodist Church of Pequot Lakes, Minnesota is seeking a full-time director to work with volunteers to implement programs providing a foundation for the growth of children, youth and families in Christian faith, engaging them in learning the stories of the Bible, giving them practice in worship, mission and service. [READ MORE.](#)

[Sugar River UMC: Seeking Worship Arts Coordinator and Connect Director](#)

The Worship Arts Coordinator and Connect Director at Sugar River UMC of Verona focuses on all aspects of worship and hospitality life as well as developing, coordinating, and implementing ministry teams in these areas in addition to coordinating expression of arts through music, drama and print. [READ MORE.](#)

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