



# Connections

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## WANDERING IN WISCONSIN

Hello and blessings from the very small town of Westby, Wisconsin! It's quite the happenin' place!

Westby is situated in the South Western corner of the state, in what is known as the "Driftless Region." As to what this means, I quote from that well-known internet resource, Wikipedia: "The **Driftless Area** or **Paleozoic Plateau** is a region in the American Midwest noted mainly for its deeply carved river valleys.

While primarily in southwest Wisconsin, it includes areas of southeast Minnesota, northeast Iowa and northwest Illinois. This region's peculiar terrain is due to its having escaped glaciation in the last glacial period.

The term 'driftless' indicates a lack of glacial drift, the material left behind by retreating continental glaciers."

There; everything you ever wanted to know about the Paleozoic Plateau, right?

Westby is a *very small* town of some 2,300 people. I am staying in a condo in what was, at one time, a feed store - since remodeled. ☺ If you have any interest in seeing where I'm staying, go online and check out ocoochmoun-

tainacres.com and look for Logan Mill Lodge - it's certainly not fancy but very comfortable and meets my needs very well.

Westby has one main street with a couple of side streets that you can easily walk around in about a half hour, very hometown USA - with a decidedly Scandinavian flair. There are some very interesting accents here! Lots of "Yah's" and, "You bet'cha's!"

There is also a pretty strong Amish presence in the area and I am frequently awakened just past dawn with the clip-clop of a horse/buggy on their appointed rounds - whatever those might be. I noticed a slight odor of the stable and couldn't figure out



where that was coming from - at least until last week. There is a large open shed by the place I'm staying, which I thought nothing of as this stretch of road also has two feed stores, a warehouse and a big dairy co-op along its length. Then, one morning last week as I was heading out for my walk, I noticed a horse/buggy parked in there. I asked the owner of the lodge, and she told me that an Amish family owns the shed and uses it as a place to tie their horse and park their buggy under roof while the family is in town

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## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE SENIORS!

Oops! Change of Plans!

We will NOT be hosting a luncheon or dinner on May 2 for you and your families. We found out that we had too many programming conflicts and want everyone to be recognized. We are in the process of planning an alternative to celebrate your success and achievements. We will let you know the details as soon as we have them all worked out.

In the meantime - please make sure you have sent your name to Dana Kirkwood at the church office or [dana@andrew-umc.org](mailto:dana@andrew-umc.org) if you are graduating anytime this year.



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running errands, that way they don't have to leave their horse and buggy along the street. Now, you don't see THAT in West Lafayette



Quiet street in Westby, WI where pastor pat is staying for a month.

everyday - and you sure do here. There's also a small United Methodist Church (one half of a two point charge - ask Pastor Tim what that means if you don't know) that is conveniently located about a block from me - I can and do walk to church. This past Sunday, a BIG Sunday for them since it was Communion Sunday, we had about 70 in attendance. They have one service at a very civilized 10:45 a.m.! ☺ The pastor is a Rev. George Shick, whom I've met briefly and will try to visit this week. Very nice small town church - but I have to admit I was homesick for my "own" church family last week.

The people are very friendly, and I enjoy meeting them a lot. The other day, on my walk, a youngish guy (20 something) stopped me and asked, "How was the fishing?" Curious, I said the fishing had been pretty good and then asked him how he knew I was fishing since I was just walking down the street. He grinned and said, "You're not from around here,

right?" I said no, that I was from Indiana. He, still grinning, swept his gaze around the town and said: "Why else would you be here?" Good point. THAT's Westby in a nut shell.

So, what does one do on Sabbatical? Well, I'm not sure, exactly; it appears to me that I'm not very good at this thing yet - but it's only been a week! Anyway, the first several hours of each morning are spent in study, prayer and meditation. In the afternoon, I typically wander. I walk, and if the weather is good, I break out my camera and if it isn't - I go fishing. It has rained a lot here in the past week, and we're supposed to get rain every day *this week*. As you know, I love to be out in the rain, and I especially enjoy fishing in it - the fish are already wet so it doesn't bother them a bit. A word about the weather - typical of spring anywhere I guess, but the weather here is very changeable. One day last week the day time high was nearly 80 and the next morning my waders and boots, still wet from the day before were frozen solid - I had to put them out in the sun to thaw out.

My evenings are spent relaxing and reading, and I spend a couple of hours writing something. I journal, writing random thoughts that I hope to organize someday, if I like what develops, etc. There isn't any night-life here to speak of. No movie theater, the stores generally are open from 10-ish to 4-ish. I say "ish" because if they don't get there

until 11 a.m. or want to leave at 2 p.m., that's exactly what they do. It's pretty laid back here, but there's not a lot to do either, so those of us with Type A personalities struggle a bit.

I have cell phone part of the time, and my internet is intermittent, at best. But, that's okay. I'm rarely on the phone and when I'm on the internet, I have to focus because I have no idea how long it will last! I don't "surf" the net - heck, I can't even wade it!

Anyway, one week down. It's pretty different being here. My family and friends are hours away, and I miss you all and look forward to seeing you in a few weeks. I am very aware of your prayers and your support and feel it every day. I am grateful to the leadership of the church for this opportunity, and I promise not to squander it.

Now, a couple of things have just happened. First, I finished my "writing time" and, secondly, it started raining. So, if you'll excuse me, the BWO's (Blue Winged Olives) are hatching on the local water (very small, spring-fed creeks which they call "Coulees." Pronounced, "KOO-lee's.") so I'm going to grab a fly rod and go look for a friendly Wisconsin Brown Trout to outsmart (or vice versa).

Blessings to you and yours! I'll see you in a few weeks! I'm praying for you.

In Christ & Wandering in Wisconsin,

Pastor Pat

## WANTED: SPACE EXPLORERS

Space Explorers will join a cosmic adventure praising God!

Would you like to spend a whole week on the star-ship Galactic Praise traveling through the wonders of space and exploring God's incredible creation? This cosmic mission comes complete with out-of-this-world adventures, exciting challenges, great music, and hours of fun!



Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God will be held June 14-18 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. As we begin preparations, there are several items we need you to start saving. There will be a collection tub in Melissa's office, or you can drop your items off in the main office. Please note: these items will NOT be returned to you.

- ❖ Caps from plastic bottles (ex. milk jugs, soda bottles, juice bottles...LIDS only)
- ❖ Round plastic lids (from peanut butter, mayo, instant

coffee, etc...LIDS only)

- ❖ Used CDs or DVDs
- ❖ Old telephones and curly telephone cords
- ❖ Old computer keyboards/ spare parts that no longer work
- ❖ Old computer monitors
- ❖ Dryer hose (white or silver)
- ❖ USA flag patches
- ❖ Old silver tarps
- ❖ Glow in the dark stars/moons
- ❖ Disposable pie pans
- ❖ Video game consoles that no longer work
- ❖ Empty paper towel rolls
- ❖ Empty wrapping paper rolls

We still need a few individuals to round out our team of station leaders. We need a Preschool Storyteller, Elementary Storyteller, and someone to lead Preschool Missions. We are also starting to recruit crew leaders and assistants for the week.

Sign up for a Vacation Bible School leadership role and join the galactic praise team for Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God! Contact Melissa Martin, Cindy Nycz, or Angie Wilkins for more information.

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Have you ever thought about becoming a children's Sunday School teacher but weren't sure about the commitment? Did you think that you might like to do a "trial run" or "test the waters" before committing to something bigger? If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, we have a great opportunity for you. During the summer months of June, July, and August, we give our school year Sunday School teachers a break. We use a rotational model and a different curriculum for the summer months as well. Children will be divided into three age groups and will "rotate" to a different station each week during three-week sessions. They'll learn in a variety of different ways that include cooking, science, music, crafts, and many more.



As a teacher, you would commit to teaching a three-week session. Each week of your session, you would teach the same lesson to a different group of children.

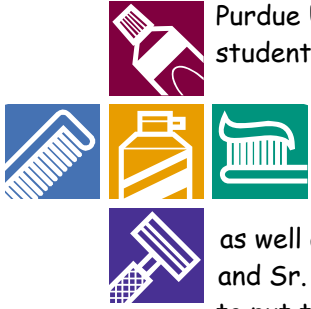
Our Sprouts (2 and 3 year olds) aren't quite ready for the rotational Sunday School model yet, but we'd like to give their teachers a break, too. Their class will continue to meet as usual through the summer, and we could use a few individuals who would like to spend some time with the younger crowd!

Does this sound like something you would be interested in? Contact Melissa Martin at 497-7755 or [melissa@andrew-umc.org](mailto:melissa@andrew-umc.org) with questions or to volunteer.

## VBS DECORATING PREP DAY

Join us on Saturday, May 8 from 9 a.m.-noon in Adult 2 for a VBS Decorating Prep Day. We'll spend the morning putting together things that we will use later to decorate the church. No experience is required!

# HAITI HEALTH KIT PROJECT



Purdue University students are working with the St.

Andrew Missions work area

as well as the Jr. and Sr. High youth to put together

health kits for Haiti following the devastating earthquake in that country. United Methodist Committee on Relief has been working in the country since the quake and its aftershocks. Once the health kits are prepared, members of the Missions work area will drive them to the Midwest Missions Distribution Center in Illinois so they can be sent to Haiti.

The Purdue University students

organizing the project are asking for your help in supplying the contents for the kits. One kit contains:

- ❖ Hand towel
- ❖ Comb
- ❖ Toothbrush
- ❖ Toothpaste
- ❖ Soap bar

The students are hoping your generosity will supply many kits. There will be a collection box in The Commons. All donations need to be at the church by Sunday, April 25. That evening, the Jr. and Sr. High youth will pack the kits so they can be taken to MMDC soon. Thank you for your help with this worthwhile project.



## LET US KNOW...

Please remember to let us know if there is someone in our congregation who would benefit from receiving a card, phone call, or visit from our ministry. We'd also like you to let us know about scheduled and emergency hospital stays. Our ministry works best when we know whom and how we can help. Please call the church office at 497-7755 with specific information.

## INDOOR YARDWORK

My three-year-old grandson Seth had received a toy lawnmower for Christmas, but he never had the chance to use it until one sultry July day when his father went out to mow the lawn and Seth volunteered to "help." A few minutes later, however, Seth was back, dragging his toy lawnmower behind him. "I'm going to mow in here," he explained to me. "It's too hot outside!"

—David L. Roper, Judsonia, Arkansas.  
Christian Reader, "Lite Fare."

## MOTHER OR TEACHER?

Although we had educated our two oldest children in public schools, we decided to homeschool our youngest, Lauren.

When Lauren asked when she would start school, I told her it would be at least another year. At that time Mommy would be her teacher.

With a worried look, Lauren cried out, "No, no, you can't do that! Who'll be my Mommy then?"

—Laura Altala, San Diego, California. Christian Reader, "Kids of the Kingdom."



# CWU MAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

## BREAKFAST MEETING



Women from all parishes are welcome to the May Friendship Breakfast that Church Women United is

hosting on Friday, May 7, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1005 N 21st St. (between Elmwood St. & Union St.). The theme is *Living the Vision*. Dan Lambert, a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran, will share his experiences working with youth and his travels to Mexico. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m., and the fee will be \$3.00. Food Pantry workers will be recognized.



## SPECIAL UMW PLANNED

St. Andrew United Methodist Women will be meeting **Tuesday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Conference room. Linden Petrin has planned a surprise evening—**"Wow, Super Great"**—starting with a carry-in dinner of foods representing the ethnic background of each one attending. This will be a fun "getting to know you better" evening. All interested women of the church are most welcome. Just **RSVP to Linden Petrin at 463-5338**.

# CHURCH WOMEN UNITED FOOD PANTRY



On behalf of all in Tippecanoe County who have needed food assistance in 2009, Church Women United want to thank all those from St. Andrew who have responded with gifts of food in our cart in the hallway or to food drives of any kind.

In 2009 there were 17,195 individuals who were served at our two pantries. The one at Community and Family Resource Center serves the southern half of the county. The one at Hanna serves clients in the northern half.

Church Women United worked

with the government to provide 60,546 pounds of extra food for the two pantries beyond the donations from our 40+ churches in the county. We (CWU) spent nearly \$31,000 beyond all donations to keep a good menu available and many, many hours were given by church members to man the pantries 52 weeks a year. And many, many miles were driven on personal vehicles—free!

Monetary gifts can be made to St. Andrew for the food pantries as well. Please indicate it is for the food pantry operation.

I am so grateful for the willingness of St. Andrew to reach out to those who have great needs.

Helen Hayden

## NEWS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

### 2010 Operating Budget:

Operating Budget for 2010:	\$609,134
Budgeted receipts and expenditures through March 31:	152,284
Actual receipts through March 31 (89% of budget):	135,624
Actual expenditures through March 31 (94% of budget):	142,406
<b>2010 Operating Balance - March 31:</b>	<b>-\$6,782</b>

### Building Fund Status as of 3/31/2010:

Total Income:	\$3,956,628
Total Expenses:	\$5,029,366
Total Loan Balance:	\$1,203,636
Building Fund Account Balance:	\$130,898
Follow-on campaign income for March:	\$24,141
Expenses for March:	\$6,530
Loan principal payments for March:	\$19,647

Note that the detailed Building project report for March is available on the credenza outside the church office. See the Follow-on Campaign column for details on the status of that campaign.

Please contact Jason Dietz or Larry Biehl if you have any questions.

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St. Andrew UMC

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Traditional Worship: Sunday 8:45 a.m.

Contemporary Worship: Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Childcare provided at all times

You can continue to access our web page at <http://andrew-umc.org>



### Your St. Andrew Staff

<b>Pastor:</b>	Tim Burchill
<b>CrossRoads Pastor:</b>	Pat Sleeth
<b>CrossRoads Dir. of Programs:</b>	Dana Kirkwood
<b>Administrative Secretary:</b>	Donna Biehl
<b>Financial/Office Asst:</b>	Tricia Sembroski
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<b>Dir. of Music Ministry:</b>	Dave Evans
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<b>Chancel Choir Director:</b>	Ben Waltz
<b>Dir. Of InTouch Ministry:</b>	Monica Arrowsmith
<b>Coordinator InTouch Ministry:</b>	Laurie Klenosky
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