

**COMING SOON TO CARGILL UMC**

*February* 2024



**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**What is the season of Lent?**  
Lent is a season of spiritual preparation before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts for 40 days until Holy Thursday.  
This year, Ash Wednesday falls on Feb. 14. (Interesting juxtaposition with Valentine’s Day, yes?) We will hold two Ash Wednesday services at Cargill, both in the Sanctuary, at 12:10p and 6:30p.

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Do you ever feel stuck in your own prayers?

Soon, Cargill UMC will begin a 28-day prayer experiment called Dynamite Prayer. It’s based on a devotional and prayer guidebook that can transform the way each of us spends time with God and with others in prayer.

What might God do if our entire congregation, each of us, took the daily Dynamite Prayer 28-Day Experiment at the same time?

Dynamite Prayer will show us how (and guide us each) to begin the simple daily practice of “breakthrough prayer,” an additional aspect of prayer where we ask God to open unexpected new doors and reveal new possibilities, fueled by the Spirit’s power.

This 28-day adventure has the potential to take us from feeling stagnated, overwhelmed, and uninspired to eager and expectant as each of us (and our church) surrenders our own preferences and ideas and courageously follows the miraculous new directions God will unfold.

You’re invited to join in our church’s 28-day prayer experiment.

**Details coming soon!**

# Where is God inviting you?

Cargill United Methodist Church has committed to a way forward that involves you. Our prayer is that God will use all of us to focus and maximize our fruitfulness for Christ. The steps below are suited for next-level transformational ministry at Cargill.

## Team 1 | Igniting Volunteerism: Dynamite Prayer

You'll help create a congregation-wide 28-Day Dynamite Prayer experience in February 2024. Dynamite Prayer gives everyone in the church the opportunity to pray, listen, and name what next step God is stirring at their heart level.

## Team 2 | Next Generation: Clarifying a Path Forward

You'll join with current leaders to offer "fresh eyes" to children's and youth ministry at Cargill. You'll help assess our existing ministry efforts and recommend potential next steps forward.

## Team 3 | Decide: Step(s) of Faith

You'll work with church leaders to assess our church facility. You'll help decide how our facility can be more friendly to newcomers and how we can make better use of space.

## Team 4 | Newcomer Connections: "First Friends" Groups

You'll help implement a "First Friends" initiative — a way to connect newcomers or current church members with new, short-term small groups so they can form friendships and make quicker connections to Cargill.

## Team 5 | New Skills: Befriending the Unchurched

You'll learn how a congregation can connect with those who are not part of any church. You'll then help Cargill members learn skills to build relationships with people we don't yet know.

## Team 6 | Growing Generous Givers

You'll partner with Pastor Steve to grow Cargill's generosity in supporting what God is doing in the church — now and into the future.

## Questions

### "Where do I fit in?"

Each person at Cargill is invited to consider one of the "next steps" listed above. Read over the list, and listen to where God is striking a chord with your interests, abilities, and dreams for the church.

### "Who will I be working with?"

Members of the congregation who have expressed interest in the same prescription or members that were invited by the pastors. Each of these teams will also work with an outside ministry coach who has specific experience in these areas.

### "When do these teams begin?"

The Dynamite Prayer team will begin in January 2024. The others will unfold as we go through 2024.

### "What do I do next?"

Pray about where God might be calling you. Then return this form indicating which team most interests you.

## Your chance to say "Yes"

I want to serve on a MCCI Team!

I am interested in joining Team # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Method (circle):    Email    Phone

### Options for returning this form:

Place in offering box at Church | Drop at church 8:30am - 4:30pm

Mail to 2000 Wesley Ave., Janesville, WI 53545

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Ministries (interim)

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Brittney Mansur, Worship  
Leader  
Laurie Mitchell, Worship  
Musician  
Marie Severing, Choral Director

## AROUND THE UMC

**For the first time in eight years,** the United Methodist Church will hold a General Conference this spring in Charlotte, NC.

Typically, the General Conference is held every four years. But the 2020 Conference was postponed several times by the pandemic.

This General Conference will now be April 23-May 4, 2024.

The General Conference — composed of equal members of elected clergy and lay persons — is the only body that can officially set policy for the church.

The inability of General Conference to resolve contentiousness over human sexuality for the past 50 years resulted in one-fourth of the denomination's churches disaffiliating in 2023.

The 2024 General Conference will be tasked with charting a new path forward. Another special General Conference will be held in 2026 to make up for the lost 2020 session.

**In another important action** this year, the North Central Jurisdictional Conference will be tasked with assigning new bishops. The Jurisdiction will meet July 10-13, in Sioux Falls, S.D.

The Jurisdiction already made news at a special session on Jan. 23 when it approved combining the Northern Illinois and Wisconsin conferences into a new episcopal area. It did the same by combining the East Ohio and West Ohio.

That means that Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, while remaining individual conferences, will be served by one bishop.

The names of the new areas will be decided at the July gathering, and the assignment of bishops also will be made at that time.

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung will conclude his appointment as Wisconsin's bishop, as he has served the maximum 12 years allowed in that assignment.

## GROWING GENEROUS GIVERS

Have you decided to grow your financial contribution to Cargill UMC in 2024?

Members and regular attendees received pledge cards inviting you to "Grow one step this year."

If you didn't receive a card, please e-mail [val@cargillumc.org](mailto:val@cargillumc.org)

You also can update your giving online at [CargillUMC.org/giveonline](http://CargillUMC.org/giveonline)

**The latest complete financial statements for Cargill UMC are available by e-mailing [val@cargillumc.org](mailto:val@cargillumc.org)**



# SENIORS

Come Together for  
**SENIOR MEALS**  
**FEBRUARY 1 & 15**

**FEBRUARY 1 MENU**  
Pork Chops,  
Cheesy Potatoes,  
Green Bean Casserole  
and Dessert

**FEBRUARY 15 MENU**  
Tator Tot Casserole,  
Salad/Rolls  
and Dessert

in the Fellowship Hall at 12 o'clock (noon)  
Reserve your spot by the Tuesday  
before on the Senior bulletin board  
or call 608-752-0548

Anyone 50 or over is welcome!

**\$8 PER MEAL**



## February Lunch Out



**Tues., Feb. 20**  
**11:30AM**

**208 SOUTH MAIN STREET, JANESVILLE**  
- MAP IS AVAILABLE BEHIND SIGN UP SHEET -

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Sign up by **FEBRUARY 15** on the Senior's Bulletin Board  
OR call Val Geller at 608-752-3665.



## A JOURNEY OF SELF-DISCOVERY

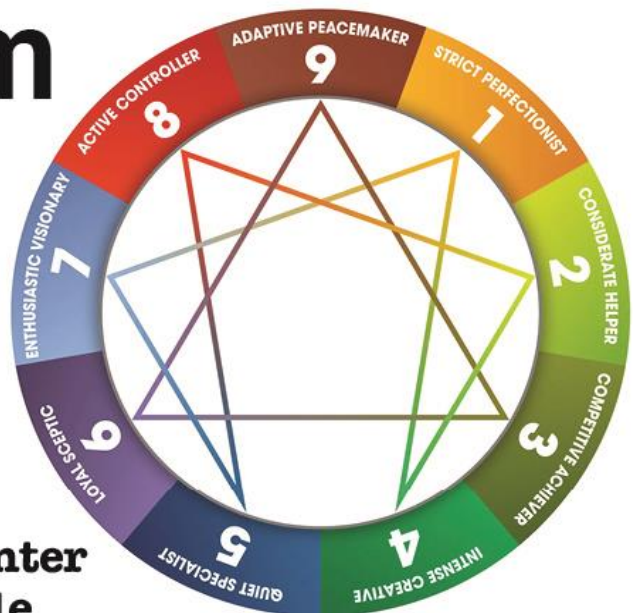
# A Beginners Guide to Enneagram

## Feb. 10 | 9am

Come learn about the  
Enneagram, a spiritual  
typology system that has  
been used for  
hundreds of years.



Registration  
Appreciated  
**At the Welcome Center  
or Scan the QR Code**



**SOLD OUT EVENT**

# Cookie Decorating

VALENTINE'S EDITION

**February 13 | 6 - 8pm**

**COST IS \$5 PER PERSON | REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED  
PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

**DON'T FORGET  
YOUR TAKE HOME  
CONTAINER!**

**SOLD OUT**

**IMMEDIATELY AFTER FEB 15 SENIOR MEAL**



**Presented  
by:**



**SERVICES AND RESOURCES FOR HEALTHY AGING**

**Thur., Feb. 15 | Chapel**

**1 - 3pm | Immediately after Senior Meals**

**REGISTRATION APPRECIATED NOT REQUIRED**

Register at the Welcome Center or scan QR code

**CALL 608-752-0548 TO SIGN UP FOR THE SENIOR MEAL**



# CABIN FEVER

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## MOVIE Night

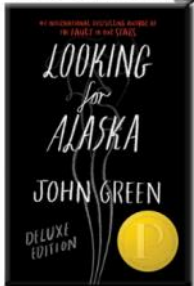
WINTER BLUES? JOIN US FOR A MOVIE NIGHT!  
FRIDAY, FEB. 23 | 6:30PM  
WE WILL BE WATCHING THE MOVIE ICE AGE



REGISTER

## BANNED BOOKS

The Cargill UMC Banned Book Club  
**Looking for Alaska** by John Green



**Wed., February 28**  
6:30 - 8PM | Lounge

32 copies are available through the  
Arrowhead Library System or  
purchase for as little as \$8

Do your best to read the book before the discussion

Questions? Contact [dianne@cargillumc.org](mailto:dianne@cargillumc.org)

## GIFTS THRIFT STORE

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY EVERY MONTH

**FEBRUARY 10 | 10:30AM**  
SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP →



## SCHOLARSHIPS

Application forms for 2024 scholarships are now available on-line on the Cargill website and the Facebook page. Four separate types of scholarships are available: Cargill UMC General Education Scholarships for any Cargill member choosing to continue their education, the Sidney Lingenfelter Trust Scholarships for those furthering their education in Christian ministries, and two types of Howard W. Marquardt Trust Scholarships. The first is the Christian Education Grant which is available for those interested in a degree in that field or others just taking a seminar of religious study. The other is the Vocational Education Grant. The primary intent of these scholarships is for anyone pursuing a degree in vocational, technical, or engineering related studies. However, funds may be awarded for degree work towards other vocations depending on applicant demand.

All members of the congregation or active participants that are interested in applying should download and complete a form. Please return it via mail or e-mail to the Cargill UMC office **no later than March 17, 2024**. Awards will be announced in late May. Questions or completed forms may be directed to Jeff Schmoldt; Scholarship Committee Chairman, at [JWSchmoldt@gmail.com](mailto:JWSchmoldt@gmail.com).



# FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		30 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	Jan 31 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	1 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Senior Meals 12:00 pm	2 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	3 Welcoming New People 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Saturday Worship 5:00 pm
4 Adult Bible Study 9:00 am – 10:00 am Sunday Worship 9:00 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Confirmation Class 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	5 Goshen Quilters 8:30 am – 11:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm UWF Missions Meeting 6:30 pm	6 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	7 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	8 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	9 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	10 Enneagram 9:00 am – 11:00 am GIFTS Thrift Store 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Saturday Worship 5:00 pm
11 Adult Bible Study 9:00 am – 10:00 am Sunday Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am	12 Goshen Quilters 8:30 am – 11:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	13 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Ruth Circle 9:00 am Valentine's Cookie Decorating 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	14 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Ash Wednesday 12:10 pm Ash Wednesday 6:30 pm	15 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Senior Meals 12:00 pm Aging and Disability Resources 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	16 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	17 Bountiful Blessings 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Saturday Worship 5:00 pm
18 Adult Bible Study 9:00 am – 10:00 am Sunday Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am	19 Goshen Quilters 8:30 am – 11:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Adult Fellowship & Craft Night 5:00 pm	20 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Senior Lunch Out 11:30 am – 1:30 pm	21 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	22 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Knitting and Crocheting 6:00 pm	23 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Cabin Fever Movie Night 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	24 Saturday Worship 5:00 pm
25 Adult Bible Study 9:00 am – 10:00 am Sunday Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am	26 Goshen Quilters 8:30 am – 11:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	27 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	28 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Banned Book Club 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	29 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Mar 1 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	2 Saturday Worship 5:00 pm

For the most up to date calendar, future months or to learn about a specific event scan the QR Code



OR visit our website at [www.cargillumc.org/calendar](http://www.cargillumc.org/calendar)



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# *Easter Flower Orders* **Orders will begin February 10**

Watch the bulletin  
and church website  
on how to order.

**Deadline will be March 1**

**NEW!**

Online Payment  
will be accepted.  
Watch for details.

**Mums, Tulips, Daffodils - \$15 each**  
**Easter lilies - \$22 | Hydrangeas - \$30 | Azaleas - \$30**