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CARGILL & MOUNT ZION MERGER?

August 2024

The congregation of Mount Zion United Methodist Church, our neighbor one mile to the north, will bring its ministry to a close in 2024.

Following several months of prayer, conversation and discernment, Mount Zion has unanimously expressed its desire to merge with Cargill United Methodist Church.

This would be a “merger by absorption.”

An absorption merger involves churches that are unequal in size and strength. It happens when an aging, declining church merges into a strong, growing nearby church.

Members of the former church are able to retain their valued relationships with each other in their new church, but they no longer have to worry about paying the bills and keeping the doors open.

The receiving church welcomes them fully into membership and can use the remaining assets of the merging church to strengthen the newly combined ministry.

Upon learning of Mount Zion’s desires, a team of Cargill and Mount Zion leaders began

exploratory conversations along with our District Superintendent, Rev. Amanda Stein.

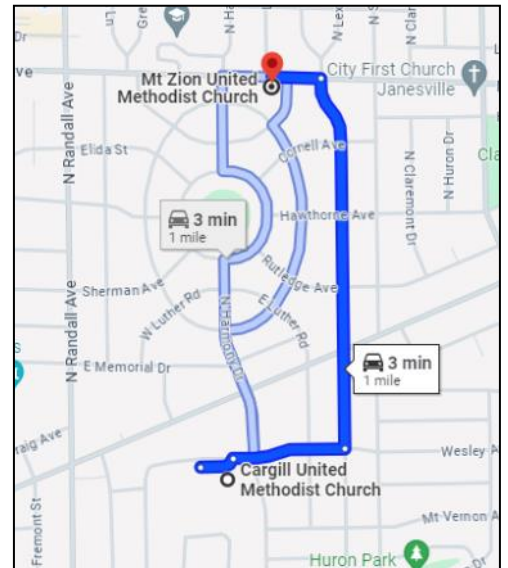
These initial conversations have been encouraging and hopeful. The option for Mount Zion if a merger is not approved is that the church would close. Its property and assets then would be transferred to the Wisconsin Conference.

Here is a summary of the Cargill-Mount Zion conversations thus far:

Mount Zion will have its final worship service and celebration of its ministry on Sunday, August 25, 2024.

Regardless of any final decision on a merger of property and assets, Cargill has pledged its warm welcome to the members of Mount Zion. We will accept them into membership officially on Sept. 1, 2024, and schedule a welcome celebration for them in worship sometime in September.

This is nothing that requires a vote but rather is the recognition and celebration of our mutual histories here in Janesville. Mount Zion Pastor



A meeting for Cargill members to ask questions about a proposed merger will be held soon. Please watch for details.

Sergio Tristan will remain under appointment at Mount Zion until Sept. 30 to assist in the transition.

As for the disposition of property and assets, a merger by absorption would require official approval by a Church Conference at both Cargill and Mount Zion, as well as approval by our District Superintendent. Before the question would go to the Church Conference (all members eligible to vote), a town-hall meeting

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about/leadership-staff](http://www.cargillumc.org/about/leadership-staff)**

AROUND CARGILL AND THE UMC

We celebrate that Bishop Dan Schwerin has been assigned to lead the Wisconsin Conference beginning Sept. 1. This marks a return of sorts to Wisconsin, as he previously served as assistant to the bishop here and before that as lead pastor of Waukesha First UMC.



Bishop Dan Schwerin

After being elected bishop in 2023, he was assigned to the Northern Illinois Conference. It had been previously decided that beginning this year, Wisconsin and Northern Illinois would share a bishop, so Bishop Schwerin will lead both conferences. (This is not a merger of the conferences; each will be autonomous except for sharing a bishop.)

After 12 years in Wisconsin, Bishop Hee-Soo Jung has been assigned to the Ohio Conference.

Cargill will welcome Rev. Jerry Morris as guest preacher during our worship services of Aug. 3-4.



Rev. Jerry Morris

Morris is pastor of Lake Street UMC in Eau Claire. That weekend, he and Pastor Steve Scott of Cargill will trade pulpits, as Steve preaches at his home church.

Jerry Morris was appointed to Lake Street in July 2017. He grew up in Singapore, where his parents were missionaries, and went to college in Oklahoma and seminary in Kentucky.

He and his wife, Rebecca, have been in Wisconsin since 1998.

Before becoming a pastor, Jerry was a professor of Hebrew Bible at both the college and seminary levels. He is also the author of a series of young-adult books set within the world of Arthurian Legend (The Squire's Tales).

From both perspectives — Hebrew Bible scholar and novelist — Jerry believes deeply that we need less theological debate and more storytelling in church.

Meredith Spors, who grew up at Cargill, has been hired in children's ministry at First UMC in White-water. Meredith recently graduated with a master's degree from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL.

Four of our MCCI Prescription Teams are now engaged in their work. Pray for God's breakthroughs through these teams!

- Next Generation ministry
- Making best use of our building
- Welcoming newcomers
- Learning to reach people who have no church

QUILTS DONATED



The Cargill Goshen quilters recently gave five quilts to our Mercy & Justice team to donate to needs in the community.



MOUNT ZION PROPOSES TO MERGE WITH CARGILL

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will be held at Cargill for questions and discussion.

In the event a merger was approved, all property and assets of Mount Zion would become property and assets of Cargill. Options would then be:

- Determining whether the Mount Zion building can be utilized for another ministry. If not, determine whether to:

- Sell it for maximum value, or
- Sell it to a cause to maximize impact for the community good

Mount Zion also has a parsonage. The Cargill Trustees will look at the parsonage to determine if it has value for use by Cargill. If not, it likely would be sold first in order to help fund up-front costs involved with property transfer and management.

"We've been praying the Breakthrough Prayer for 18 months," Cargill Pastor Steve Scott said.. "When you pray to know God's limitless possibilities, your prayer might be answered! Our task is to discern whether this is an answer to Breakthrough Prayer. Does this give us the opportunity and resources to accomplish something we wouldn't be able to otherwise?"

SENIORS

SENIOR MEAL— August 1 | noon | Fellowship Hall The cost is \$8 per meal and the menu will be brats and hot dogs, a potato side, baked beans and dessert.

In the month of August, we will have only one Senior Meal and will then resume first and third Thursdays in September. Please sign up on the Senior bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or contact the church office at 608 752-0548 by noon on the Tuesday before the meal.

SENIOR LUNCH OUT— Wednesday, August 21 | 11:30am | Heron's Landing in Jefferson.

Please note that this is a new date! (Originally scheduled for the day prior) Please sign up on the Senior bulletin board in Fellowship Hall by August 15.

Blood Pressure Screenings **AUGUST 17 & 18**
Library | Room 111
ALWAYS OFFERED EVERY THIRD WEEKEND
Saturday | Following 5pm Service & Sunday | Between Services 10am

UKULELES

1st and 3rd Sundays afternoons | 3p | Lounge

All are welcome, regardless of musical abilities, to take part in a group setting to play ukulele and sing songs of praise, faith, and more. Directors are Caryn Baham and Pat Tobin. You will need a ukulele or other stringed instrument and a sense of fun! Basics such as chord formation and strumming will be shared. This group is designed for anyone over the age of 10. There is no cost to join but there will be a songbook to purchase.

ECHO NEEDS

Backpack Donations

Each backpack costs about **\$40**.

ECHO purchases them in bulk to get this cheaper price.

Because of this they are asking for monetary donations

However, if you'd rather purchase a backpack, that is ok too!

Drop off cash or check^(Cargill UMC)
to the church office or donate online

*Sometimes all it takes
is a backpack to impact
the life of a child.*

**Deadline
August 7**



GIFTS NEEDS

GIFTS Week is coming up September 1–7.
Can you help out?

Monday-Sunday

- breakfasts

Sunday—Saturday

- dinners
- front desk shift 5p–9p,
- overnight 9p-7a

**Please sign up at the Welcome
Center or by using this QR Code**

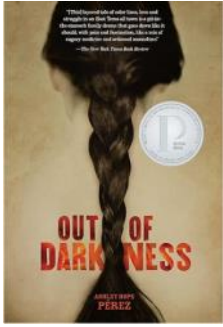


**GIFTS Coordinator needed starting January
2025**

In this leadership role, you would be supporting the GIFTS Men's Shelter by coordinating Cargill volunteers for our designated GIFTS weeks. Please see Janice Delo or Pastor Steve for further information.



BANNED BOOK



Wednesday, Aug. 14 | 6:30–8p | Lounge

The novel chronicles a love affair between a teenage Mexican-American girl and a teenage African-American boy in the 1930's Texas, occurring right up to the 1937 New London School explosion.

'Out of Darkness' faces challenges and bans because of its frank depiction of racial violence and what it teaches us about our history. Join us as we discuss the book, the banning, and what we can do about it.

Please do your best to read the book before the meeting.

LOOKING UP! CYCLING WITHOUT AGE

CYCLING
WITHOUT
AGE



This amazing program
runs from
June to October 4th
at Palmer Park



Thur., Aug. 15 | 1-3pm

REGISTRATION APPRECIATED BUT NOT REQUIRED →



You're never too old to feel the wind in your hair! Come right after the senior meal to hear John Discher of ADRC talk to us about the TriShaw bicycle program. Rides are free of charge and available to anyone aged 55+ or anyone who identifies with a disability.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Cargill pastors and lay visitors are very willing to make calls on our church members and friends. We suggest you or your family contact our office when hospitalized or before admission. Jo, our office manager, calls both hospitals daily for inpatients lists. We are only told the names of people who give a church affiliation upon admission. There are times that admitting staff forget to ask for your church affiliation, especially if you are admitted to the hospital through the ER, so if you would like a pastoral visit, make sure to let them know.

MOVIE NIGHT

BACK TO SCHOOL
Friday Aug. 16 | 6 - 8pm

Reservations Appreciated

All Are Welcome



Popcorn and lemonade provided

Bring a snack for yourself or to share

Wear comfy clothes and bring blankets

Showing **Meet the Robinsons (PG)**



BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL



West Entrance | Fellowship Hall
2000 Wesley Ave. | Janesville, WI

3rd Saturday each month

AUG. 17
@ 4pm

**Cookout with all
the fixings**

CRAFT NIGHT



PURPLE DISCUSSION

PURPLE

PRESENTED BY RESETTING THE TABLE

Saturday, August 24 | 9:30am

The documentary, "PURPLE: America, We Need To Talk" follows a group of people at a retreat learning how to talk across a divide created by political differences. It isn't about changing minds, but to learn to talk and listen to each other.

We will watch the 22 min. documentary and discuss it.

The discussions are free and open to the public but registration will be necessary for planning

GROWING GENEROUS GIVERS

Did you know that all the ministry that happens through Cargill United Methodist Church is because of your generosity?

We are truly a non-profit entity. That is, we don't pad our coffers with donations. We pray to break even each year. The needs of the world often feel like more than we can address. But through your financial generosity, we can be faithful to how God is calling Cargill in mission, ministry, outreach and nurture.

Will you pray for God to lead you to increasing your generosity toward the work that is happening through Cargill UMC?

For more, visit CargillUMC.org/giveonline



AUGUST 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Sunday Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am	29 Goshen Quilters 8:30 am – 11:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Vacation Bible School 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	30 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Vacation Bible School 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Jul 31 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Vacation Bible School 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	1 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Senior Meals 12:00 pm Vacation Bible School 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm	2 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	3 Saturday Worship 5:00 pm
4 Sunday Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Confirmation Class 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Ukulele Gathering 3:00 pm – 4:30 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 Midweek Prayer and Communion 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	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 GIFTS Thrift Store 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Saturday Worship 5:00 pm
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18 Sunday Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Ukulele Gathering 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	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	21 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Senior Lunch Out 11:30 am – 1:30 pm Midweek Prayer and Communion 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	22 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	23 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	24 PURPLE Discussion 9:30 am – 11:30 am Saturday Worship 5:00 pm
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**For the most up to date calendar, future months
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MIDWEEK PRAYER AND COMMUNION

**Every Wednesday
in August**

6:30 - 7:30pm | Chapel

**Prayer and Communion will be offered
with Pastor Amy Powell**