

A NEW CHAPTER

On Tuesday, October 22, members of Cargill United Methodist Church approved a merger with Mount Zion United Methodist Church.

The Janesville congregations have been neighbors a mile apart for more than six decades. Mount Zion held its final worship service in August, and its members proposed a merger with Cargill so they could remain together while joining a new faith community.

Thirty-six former Mount Zion members were welcomed into membership at Cargill on Sept. 1. The vote, which was unanimous among 86 voting members present, made the merger of property and assets official.

"The most important part of this journey was welcoming the

people of Mount Zion, who made the difficult decision to close but wished to continue worshiping God together," Cargill Pastor Steve Scott said.

"That welcome didn't require a vote, just the hospitality of those at Cargill who embraced them.

"Tuesday's vote means that together we will discern the best possible use of Mount Zion's building and property for the good of Janesville," Scott said.

No decisions have been made about the property, at 2130 Mount Zion Ave.

Possibilities include repurposing the building or selling it for a potential use that will benefit the community.

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WORN OUT?

By Pastor Steve Scott

If you don't like politics, please keep reading.

First, congratulate yourself for surviving another cycle of distortions, propaganda, conspiracies, and partisan spending run amok. By the time you read this, you'll either have voted early, be on your way to the polls, or the election will be over.

The mudslinging of another campaign season, however, will leave a stain.

What's a Christian to do? That depends on what brand of "Christian" you're talking about. Politicians too often define what it means to be Christian to serve their own interests.

That's the church's task. We appeal to a higher power, holy wisdom and reasoned interpretation to define the shape of our faith and the civic

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Advent Sermon Series and Study



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Cargill UMC, which was built in 1960 at its present location at 2000 Wesley Ave., has about 800 members, placing it among a handful of the largest United Methodist congregations in Wisconsin.

Cargill traces its history to the

arrival of traveling Methodist preachers in Janesville in 1837.

Mount Zion began as Richards Memorial Church, which opened in 1908 at Milton and Prospect Avenues. Having outgrown that location, the Mount Zion church opened in its final location in 1957.

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responsibility that results.

Theologians have forever argued about the roles of religion and politics. Sixteen centuries ago, Augustine penned *The City of God*, as much about politics as it was about religion. He suggested human history was defined by ongoing conflict between the earthly city and the City of God. (Spoiler alert: the latter is destined to win.)

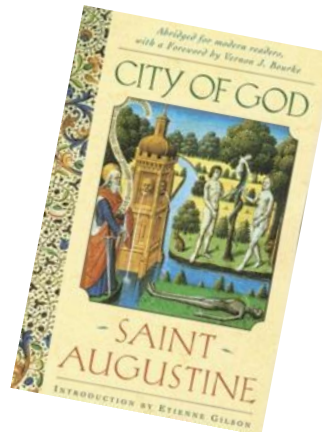
"The two cities are fundamentally different ways of organizing community, centered around two very different sorts of love," contemporary philosopher James K.A. Smith writes. "The earthly city revolves around love of self and the lust for power and domination. The city of God revolves around love of God and engenders sacrifice for the neighbor."

Maybe those are the matters we should address at the next presidential debate. Not that the 2028 election promises more

civilized discourse, being that politics are a clash of deciding how to govern the earthly city. That's always going to be messy. Augustine implied we shouldn't be shocked or scandalized by deep disagreement in the public sphere. But as thinking

Christians we can contrast love of self and lust for power with love of God and care for our neighbors. We can claim that not as a partisan issue but as a moral one.

Should we vote? Yes. We're citizens of the earthly city, too. But Au-



gustine argued that in the political sphere, our foremost task is to labor for a world that looks more like the just, flourishing kingdom we long for, and the one Jesus proclaimed.

As Smith says, we are called to shape our institutions and practices and policies to bear the mark of God's grace.

James K.A. Smith wrote "Wisdom from Augustine in an Election Year" in the November 2024 issue of *Christian Century* magazine.

CELEBRATING THE NATIVITY

SPONSORSHIP DONATION FOR LIVE NATIVITY

PICK A STAR OFF THE TREE IN THE
NARTHEX BY THE WELCOME CENTER
OR SCAN THIS CODE. →



Nothing tells the story of Jesus better than the power of story. No matter our age, each new season of our lives brings the chance to connect anew with the story of God as written through the life of Jesus.

This Christmas, we invite you to help Cargill UMC share the story with others

through Live Nativity weekend, as well as during weekend worship.

By helping to sponsor the Live Nativity through a donation, or helping to decorate our Sanctuary and Chapel, you can help others experience the Light of the World as we share the story with young and old.

A poster for the "Live Nativity" event. It features a large yellow star in the top left, an angel with wings and a sword in the middle left, and a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, and animals in the bottom left. The background is dark blue with yellow stars.

Live Nativity

The Story of Jesus' Birth

December 14 & 15 | 5 - 7pm
Inside and outside activities for all ages!
Live Animals | Dinner | Cookie Decorating

2000 Wesley Avenue | Janesville, WI
West Parking Lot | Enter from Wesley Ave.
608-752-0548 | cargillumc.org

Volunteer Sign-up →

ART CLASS

Hand Lettered

Mon., Nov. 4

5:30 - 7:30pm
Room 110

GIFT TAGS

Important Information

- Registration fee is \$10 per person
- Fee is due at the time of registration
- Deadline to sign up is November 1
- Class is open to individuals age 13 and older

Sign up at the
Welcome Center
or Scan QR Code



BANNED BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, Nov 6 | 6:30pm | Lounge

This One Summer' is a graphic novel by Mariko Tamaki. It's a coming of age story about two teenage friends, Rose and Windy, during a summer in Awago, a small beach town. It is said to be banned for its use of LGBT characters, drug use, profanity, and sexuality explicit material. Let's have a look, and see what we think. Please do your best to read the book before the discussion.

Questions? Contact Dianne@cargillumc.org..



SENIORS

Come Together for SENIOR MEALS NOVEMBER 7 & 21

November 7
Brunch for Lunch
Fruit & Muffins

November 21
Thanksgiving Meal
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Sweet Potato Pie,
Cranberry Sauce,
Stuffing 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

Join us for a Fish Fry at **The FireSide** NOVEMBER 8 | 5PM

All Seniors are welcome to attend
our annual Fireside Friday Fish Fry

Sign up by Monday November 4th | Reservation is for 23 people

Signup on the Senior Bulletin Board
or call Val Geller at 608-752-3665

Blood Pressure Screenings EVERY THIRD WEEKEND



Following 5pm Service | Saturday
Between Services 10am | Sunday

Both times in Library | Room 111

MEALS ON WHEELS

Cargill UMC delivers 180 meals per year to residents of Janesville! We next deliver on

Nov 11-15 and Nov 18-22



We are in need of new drivers! Scan the QR code to the right for more information. Questions? Contact Marla Verdone at 608 758-9468.



GIFTS WEEK



Serve GIFTS with Cargill UMC
NOVEMBER 17-23

PLEASE CONSIDER OPENING YOUR HEARTS TO OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS

Breakfast, Dinner, Overnights and Front Desk Shifts Needed!

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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men's shelter
Shelter • Spirituality • Hope

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COOKIE DECORATING



Christmas Cookie DECORATING

November 18 | 6-8pm

COST IS \$5 PER PERSON
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Sign up at the Welcome Center or scan code

Deadline is Nov. 15

QR code

TAIZÉ—PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE

Wednesday, November 20 | 6:30pm | Sanctuary

Taizé is a unique style of Christian worship that has become popular in churches, retreat centers and seminaries throughout the world.

Prayer and silence are at the heart of the Taizé experience. People from every corner of the globe are encouraged to live out the Christian gospel in a spirit of joy, simplicity, and reconciliation.

Ecumenism (a movement promoting Christian unity among Churches) is the key to Taizé's appeal, making it a magnet for people of many different cultures and traditions.

The singing of distinctive and much-repeated prayer chants during candlelit prayer services is one of its trademarks. Taizé music highlights simple phrases, usually lines from the Psalms or other pieces of scripture, repeated or sung in canon. The repetition is designed to help meditation and prayer.

The style of prayer is highly meditative. Singing and long periods of silence play a large part in a Taizé worship service. At Cargill UMC, the long period of silence lasts around 10 minutes.

Icons, or "pictures", are used during Taizé worship services. These highly symbolic pictures are designed to aid in meditation and prayer.

DECK THE HALL—FELLOWSHIP HALL!

Saturday & Sunday, November 23 & 24 | beginning at noon

Time to deck Fellowship Hall with trees and lights for Christmas.



Sign yourself or your group up to decorate a tree for the holiday season. The trees will be set up and ready to decorate by Saturday, November 23rd.



UWF COOKIE TIME!



Join us for the Annual **COOKIE BLITZ**

Come help decorate cookies for the Cookie Walk
November 30 | 8am until frosted

All Are Welcome

Questions? Contact Diane Woodbury 608-289-9008



**COFFEE SHOP
OPENS AT 8AM!**
Hosted by the local Boy Scouts
Come early to get a number
and stay for coffee and
goodies while you wait.

Cookie Walk

Saturday, Dec. 7 | 9am

No Early Sales | While Supplies Last

All proceeds support Missions

LOOKING UP! EVENT—COMMON SCAMS

Join us for an Educational Opportunity

Common Scams & Fraud

Thursday, Dec. 5

1-3 PM | CHAPEL | FOLLOWING SENIOR MEALS



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

NOVEMBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	2 Saturday Worship 5:00 pm
3 Adult Bible Study 9:00 am – 10:00 am Sunday Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am Ukulele Gathering 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	4 Goshen Quilters 8:30 am – 11:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Hand Lettered Gift Tags 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm UWF Missions Meeting 6:30 pm	5 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	6 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Upper Room Study 9:00 am Chronic Pain 9:00 am – 11:30 am Banned Book Club 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	7 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Senior Meals 12:00 pm	8 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Fireside Fish Fry 5:00 pm	9 GIFTS Thrift Store 10:30 am – 12:30 pm Saturday Worship 5:00 pm
10 Adult Bible Study 9:00 am – 10:00 am Sunday Worship 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Sunday Worship 10:30 am	11 Goshen Quilters 8:30 am – 11:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	12 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Ruth Circle 9:00 am	13 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Upper Room Study 9:00 am Chronic Pain 9:00 am – 11:30 am	14 Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am – 12:00 pm	15 Men's Bible Study 6:00 am – 7:00 am Aerobics 9:00 am – 10:00 am	16 Bountiful Blessings 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Saturday Worship 5:00 pm Blood Pressure 6:00 pm
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For the most up to date calendar, future months or to learn about a specific event scan the QR Code.





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Help decorate the church altar with beautiful poinsettias for the Advent Season!

Dedications can be made in honor or in memory of loved ones.

How to order:

- Grab an order form from Welcome Center
- Order/pay online - www.cargillumc.org/poinsettia-orders



Order Deadline: November 24 | \$21 each

Contact Jo Barrow in the church office: 608-752-0548 or jo@cargillumc.org