

September-October Mission

PROJECT #1:

NOTE: Unless specifically marked, we are not collecting money for this organization, only items.



Hygiene:

Toilet paper
Bars of soap
Toothpaste

Individually-wrapped toothbrushes

Winter Clothing:

NEW OR GENTLY USED:

Jackets
Fleeces

Hats / mittens / scarves
Handwarmers

PROJECT #2:

New Trash & Recycling Bins for the Church

In accordance to our efforts to “Go Green,” we are seeking funding for the purchase of several PAIRS of trash & recycling cans like the ones in the photo above. One pair of bins costs \$80 (\$40 separately). We would like to buy several sets.

All unmarked donations for the “Sept.-Oct. Bimonthly Mission” will go toward this project only.

NEXT SUNDAY (10/19):

U.W.I.F. Sunday

Ana Olivos to share her experience as an immigrant in America.

IN TWO SUNDAYS (10/26):

Marshfield Wesley UMC Joins Us in Worship

Potluck after the service (bring whatever you want – no sign up)
AND BAZAAR SETUP? Tables & chairs have already been positioned for the bazaar. We only need to dress and set the tables.

IN THREE SUNDAYS (11/2)

All Saints Day

Remembering those who have died. Communion Sunday.

IN FOUR SUNDAYS (11/9):

Stewardship Consecration Sunday & Celebration Luncheon

RSVP Cards for the free, catered meal by Chat-R-Box are due by
Monday, November 3rd.

They are enclosed in your letter sent by mail.

All members will have received their letter by tomorrow.

Friends and guests of the church are welcome to join us
for the luncheon, too!

Find a yellow RSVP card near the wooden offering box.

Trigeminal Neuralgia Day

(October 7th – “Teal Day”)

by Lindsey Hintz

My life changed 6/3/17 out of nowhere and as fast as the blink of an eye. Prior to this day, I randomly took a multivitamin and rarely saw a doctor. Now I have seen multiple specialists, have had too many medications to count, suffered side effects of medications, have had radiation of my brain, surgery of my brain, failed Botox of my face, physical therapy sessions, therapy due to depression and anxiety/panic attacks, alternate functional therapies. Trying to find answers and optimal treatment is a full-time job and even with insurance, it costs way too much money. Exhausting on a good day, absolutely devastating on a bad day. Through all of this I have grown as a person. Never judge a person on a surface level or without trying to step into their shoes.

#trigeminalneuralgia #TrigeminalneuralgiaAwareness

I know pain / I know fear / I know tears / I know loneliness /
I know confusion / I know the frustration / I know the loss of friends / I
know financial insecurity / I know the loss of self /
I know all these things and I am surviving them.
#TrigeminalNeuralgiaWarrior

Definition of chronic pain: Being constantly in pain. Yes, constantly.

Every single second. The person is smiling? Still in pain. The person doesn't mention it? Still in pain. The person says "I'm fine." Still in pain.

***Our Historic Saints:*****Saint Sebastian**

(c. 255 AD – c. 288 AD – aged ~32)

There is not much known about Saint Sebastian's early life. In 283, Sebastian enlisted in the Roman Army. He became one of the captains of the Praetorian Guards under Diocletian and Maximian, who were unaware that he was a Christian. Undercover, he ministered to, and assisted, the Christian martyrs held captured. He secretly brought food and other necessities to them. His missionary efforts were known in many shady, underground circles. Sebastian was a man of great faith when such faith had to be hidden in order to be effective.

According to tradition, two brothers who were deacons in the church were arrested for not sacrificing to the Roman gods. They were visited by their parents in jail who attempted to persuade them to renounce Christianity. But Sebastian succeeded in converting the parents, as well as some other high-ranking individuals in the Roman Senate. Sebastian also converted the jailers, who ended up setting all his prisoners free, resigned from his position, and retired to the countryside.

While Sebastian prudently concealed his faith in order to minister to his Christian captives, he was finally detected in 286. Emperor Diocletian commanded that he be bound to a stake so that archers could shoot arrows at him as target practice. *"And the archers shot at him 'til he was as full of arrows as a porcupine."* Miraculously, the arrows did not kill him. A widow went to retrieve his body to bury it and discovered he was still alive. She brought him back to her house and nursed him back to health. Sebastian later confronted the Emperor for his cruelties against Christians. The Emperor ordered him to be seized again and beaten to death, his body thrown in to the sewer. Sebastian *did* die from this. But a woman named Lucina, inspired by a vision, secretly removed his body and buried in the Christian catacombs. Since he was able to endure such incredible punishment, he became known as the Patron Saint of Athletes, Archers, and Soldiers. His courage in the face of death and his willingness to give up his life rather than forsake the God whom he loved and served, shows how he was a devoted, strong, and holy man. His Feast Day is January 20th.

***Our Methodist Saint:***

Francis Willard (9/28/1839 – 2/17/1898)

Francis Elizabeth Caroline Willard was an American educator, temperance reformer, and women's suffragist. Willard became the national president of Woman's Christian Temperance Union

(WCTU) in 1879 and remained president until her death in 1898. Her influence continued long after, securing the establishment of the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution (prohibition and women's voting rights, respectively). She encouraged WCTU members to engage in a broad array of social reforms by lobbying, petitioning, preaching, publishing, and education. Her accomplishments include raising the age of consent in many states and passing labor reforms, most notably the 8-hour workday. She also advocated for prison reform, scientifically-sound temperance instruction, and the global expansion of women's rights.

Willard was born in 1839 near Rochester, New York. Her father was a farmer, naturalist, and legislator. Her mother was a schoolteacher. In 1846, the family moved to Janesville, Wisconsin. It was in Wisconsin that the family, formerly Congregationalists, became Methodists. Frances and her sister, Mary, attended Milwaukee Normal Institute. In 1858, the Willard family moved to Evanston, Illinois.

Her tireless efforts for the temperance cause resulted in a 50-day speaking tour in 1874, averaging 30,000 miles of travel each year, and an average of 400 lectures a year for 10 years. Willard also argued for female suffrage. She referred to the "devastation" – violent acts against women committed by intoxicated men, which was becoming a national social concern. The desire for home protection gave the average woman a socially appropriate avenue to seek enfranchisement. Willard claimed that natural and divine laws called for equality in the American household, with both mother and father sharing leadership. In 1898, Willard died quietly in her sleep after contracting influenza. She is buried in Chicago. Her home in Evanston was converted to a museum in 1900 and is still open for tours.



Our Port Edwards Saint: Lindsey Hintz

The following was prepared by members of PEUMC:

#1: Lindsey is a "behind-the-scenes" woman. Her contributions are not always seen, but they are always felt. We have all benefited here from her generosity.

#2: Lindsey is a remarkable woman! She tries to stay active even when she cannot be physically present. She is a truly devoted Christian who wants to make a difference in the community. When I took my spouse to the walk-in clinic, she greeted us so warmly and hugged us. She brings a personal touch and humanity to the clinical setting. I would describe her as a plucky personality that's infectious.

#3: Lindsey is a sure saint because when she is given a role to do, she takes it and runs with it. She does her research, she builds her agenda, she comes prepared. She made the Witness Team *the* most active group in the church during its inaugural year. Many people here have turned to her for suggestions, and she is always ready to give a bulleted list of ideas. It's refreshing to have someone at the table so full of ideas.