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Jen McCormick

Serving with UW Sports Ministry

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UW Sports Ministry's vision is to see churches both in the United States and around the world using sports as an evangelism and discipleship tool.

Hello CCE! Happy New Year! I hope that you and your families had a wonderful Christmas season, and are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for 2025!

I'm excited to share that I will be in the New England area from January 15th–January 30th! I would love to connect with you while I'm there. Please feel free to reach out and let me know if there's a time we could get together – I can't wait to see you!

What we've been up to...

The late fall and winter tend to be a slower time for us at UW, but we're still working hard behind the scenes to make camps happen for 2025! Our theme this year is "Go the Distance". We will share the story of Paul's life and what it took to run the race for Christ and finish strong in spite of the challenges he faced. We've been working on updating and editing curriculum, as well as working on the songs for 2025!



Go the Distance is based on 2 Timothy 4:7-8 – "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."

I've had our memory verse posted around the house for a few months now, and I've been working to memorize it ahead of the summer! I'd love for you to join me in committing this verse to memory.

As we've been working towards our 2025 summer, part of my work is to communicate with churches who are signing up for sports camps. Some of these churches are returning from previous years, and having now met the camp directors over the summer, it's fun to know who's on the other end of the phone! It also brings back memories from our camps and our time with the churches over the summer.



Our host home from Gurnee, IL was such a blessing to us. Charlie and Chris have the biggest hearts, and everyone who has stayed in their home becomes family. They have a tradition of gathering and saving birthday dates, and calling each person on their birthday to sing to them – I was blessed with that phone call this week, and it was such an encouragement to hear their voices. The kingdom of God is at work in special and unique ways all over the country, and it's a blessing to be a part of that through UW.

Top: (from left to right) Charlie, Jen, Sam, Tarah and Chris – sharing breakfast in Charlie and Chris' backyard

Bottom: (from left to right) Charlie, Jen, Sam and Tarah – Charlie took us to see "the Michigan Ocean" – aka Lake Michigan!

We've started doing a UW Global Prayer meeting once a month on Zoom. Our UW community stretches across the country (and worldwide!), but we know the importance of coming together in prayer before the Lord. It's been fun to meet

people who have been with UW since the beginning and to see the impact this ministry has had on so many people. We would love for more prayer warriors to join us at our next Global Prayer on **Monday January 27th at 8:00pm EST!**

UW Global Prayer

What's coming up...



So much is coming for 2025! While it seems the summer is far off, we know it will be here before we know it! Summer staff interviews have continued – it’s been so fun to “meet” our summer staff on Zoom, and we can’t wait to meet them in person in May. If you’d also like to “meet” them, take a look at the [UW monthly newsletter](#) – we’ll be featuring our summer staff going forward!

February will bring recordings for song motion videos – we have some former summer staff returning to help us!

What’s in front of me...

Listening to: [Abide in Me](#) by Rend Collective

Reading: [Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life](#) by Donald S. Whitney – UW is working through this book as a team!

Pray with us!

- For the churches signing up for 2025 sports camps – thanking God for His leading and for what He plans to do there!
 - For my travels to New England later this month – arriving late on January 14th, and leaving for home in TN on January 31st – that this time would be a blessing to the people I see and that I would effectively share our ministry and mission.
 - For the UW staff as we dive into the 2025 camp season – we’re working hard and following God’s leading as we move forward and work “behind the scenes” of the summer!
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Supporting the Mission

My ministry with UW is sustained by individuals and churches through prayer and financial gifts. I couldn't do this work without you! If you already partner with me in prayer or financially, THANK YOU!

Would you prayerfully consider partnering with me to share the Gospel message with kids and families through the universal language of sports?

Would you prayerfully consider praying whether now is a time to increase your support?

If you know of anyone who would be interested in partnering with me, please let me know (and feel free to forward this newsletter)! I would love to share more about our ministry.

Partner with a one-time or recurring gift



Stay in touch! We would love to hear from you!

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