

MILACA UNITED METHODIST

July 2015 Newsletter

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



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JULY FROM THE PASTOR

Please read Mark 10:35-45.

Everybody wants the easy way to the front of the line, a quick way to glory and fast track to success. Including James and John, the brothers Zebedee, who want front-row seats numbering two and three.

So they go alone to Jesus; tell him in whispers what they want. Jesus hears them out and then loudly replies, Listen, boys, I'm not in the business of handing out favors and EZ-Passes. You two guys will just have to wait in line with everybody else. No favorites here, no top guys.

When the other 10 hear that James and John want their own special EZ-Pass, they get miffed, peeved and displeased.

So Jesus calls a family meeting and basically tells them, you have it backward. You're all jammed up on the wrong side of the idea. In heaven there are no special passes or places. And if there were, I couldn't hand them out. I work for God. I'm just a servant. I'm not in charge there. There aren't any EZ privileges for getting anybody through the tollgate today, or ever.

You've got it all wrong if you think that the first will be first, and the last will be last. The last shall be first, and the first shall be last. You all know that in this world — Christ continues — on this earth, the kings, the dictators, the despots, the autocrats and the totalitarians behave like tyrants. But among you it's got to be something quite different.

What do servant-leaders look like?

They are people who embrace both the concept of serving others and serving Someone greater and beyond themselves. In a spiritual community no leader gets privilege. With the possible exception of pastors at church potlucks, no leader gets an EZ-Pass; no leader cuts the line; no leader gets in first or takes the best seat. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be a servant to all the rest. A true spiritual leader serves first, and by serving leads ... through example.

They are people who understand the importance of awareness, listening, empathy and building community. They understand that it isn't about me; it's about you.

They are people who understand what it means to be last. And if that means that someone else was empowered to be first, they have their reward. They are people who do not use people to get the work done, but use work to help people grow.

Being a servant isn't easy, but it is necessary — it is absolutely essential. Look at me, says Jesus, I didn't come to lead, I came to serve. I serve God. I serve you by ransoming my life for your sake. I'm your best example, and my secret is service.

Many thousands of years later, Christ remains our example. In church, at home, in our workplace, anywhere we go. We are challenged to lead by learning to serve, through Christ — the narrow gate.

God's Blessings and see you in church.

Joyce <><





Pastor Joyce will be out of the office the week of July 20 – 27. She can be reached at home 763-433-2964 or on her cell phone 763-742-4241 for pastoral care needs.



PASTOR JOYCE'S SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Below is Pastor Joyce's general schedule, but adjustments will be made due to need (ie nighttime meetings & appointments). Please call the office to see if she is in before you drop by – just to be sure she's available.

Mondays – work at home 763-433-2964 hm or 763-742-4241 cell

Tuesdays – 9:30 – 4:30

Wednesdays – 9:30 – 4:30

Thursdays – 9:30 – 4:30

Friday – day off

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

5th – Communion

12th – Dedicate Youth Mission Team

6 pm Java & Jesus meal & worship

19th – Mission Team Report

26th – Peggy Crooms leading worship & Change

Shaker Sunday





Our Youth Group is helping the church and the Milaca community by having a Mission Week July 11th – 15th and will be doing the following:

Saturday – paver & memorial bench project, deliver Java & Jesus invites

Sunday – finish paver & bench project, make grilled meal for Java & Jesus

Monday – work in the community hopefully doing landscaping at pocket park

Tuesday – work day for Delores Quam

Wednesday – fun day at Bunker Beach in Andover

YOUTH HOT DOG STAND AT MILACA PARADE

The Youth Group parents voted to have this year's proceeds of \$430 benefit the General Fund – the youth are doing their part to help with church expenses!



Summer is upon us. The days will be longer, the weekends will seem shorter and the attendance on Sunday mornings will be lighter. Summer is a time of change from our usual routine, a time for getting away from home, a time for vacations and recreation. We need the rest and relaxation of summer as much as we need the routines and activities of the rest of the year. Attendance gets lighter as does the giving, but the needs of God's ministry remain the same, **please be sure your giving is current especially over the summer months.** If you're not able to be in church because of vacations or time at the lake or cabin, please mail in or drop off your tithes and offerings at the church office.





Happy July 4th!! I can't believe summer is half over and seems like it just started.

June 9th we served Christian Women and it was a good group of ladies that came. It was another big month for us as 70 ladies attended. We served raspberry and apple French toast, sausage and watermelon slices. There were lots of compliments and thanks for all our years of serving them. They were getting more community ladies attending each month, which is good for us also.

Thursday, June 11th we went to the Dining Site for lunch a week early as our June Picnic potluck was on our regular Thursday to go. There was a small group this time of only 6 ladies. All Methodist are able to come to the lunch, not just the UMW. It is a good lunch for only \$4.00. Keep The July date in mind and join us.

Sue Olson hosted our Picnic potluck at her house of Thursday, June 18th at noon. A small group of 12 ladies attended. We decided on how to split the proceeds of \$563 from the High Tea to the different charities. The Scholarship Fund will get \$250 and each of the following will receive \$75 each: Salvation Army, Pearl Crisis Center, Food Shelf and Dining Site. The \$13 balance will go to HHH in September when Candy Jacobsen will be guest speaker at our Fall Kick Off meeting. HHH is Holiday Helping Hands.

The UMW doesn't meet in July or August. The only thing we have is Christian Women unless something unexpected comes up.

July 14th	Christian Women
16th	Dining Site
14th -18th	Mission U and Mission U too at St John's Collegeville

See you in church!

**Audrey Bowe,
UMW President**

July Calendar Items:

July 5th – Pastor @ Jail Ministry 1:00pm
July 7th – Finance Meeting 6:30pm
July 8th – Men's Group 7:00pm
July 9th – Tooth Brush Weave Class 6:30pm Fellowship Hall
July 11th-15th – Youth Mission Work Camp
July 11th – Youth Deliver J&J Invites and Work at Church
July 12th – Youth Work at Church
July 12th – Java & Jesus 6:00pm
July 13th – Youth Work in the Community
July 14th – Youth Work at Member Home
July 14th – Christian Women
July 14th-18th – Mission U @St John's University
July 15th – Youth go to Bunker Beach Water Park
July 16th – High Rise Meal 11:15am
July 20th-27th – Pastor Joyce out of the Office
July 22nd – Men's Group 7:00pm
July 26th – Peggy Crooms Leading Worship
July 26th – Change Shaker Sunday
July 26th – Deadline for August Newsletter
July 28th – Pastor Meet w/ District Sup. at Cross Winds Church



High Rise Meal Thursday, July 16th

Price \$4.00 Meal at 11:30

Please be there by 11:15

Liver & onions or beef patty, mashed potatoes & Gravy, mixed vegetables, wheat bread and honeydew melon

Senior Surf Day

Seniors are invited to a free session on learning to surf the internet. Space is limited and pre-registration is required, contact Senior LinkAge Line® at 1-800-333-2433.

Date: Wednesday July 15th

Time: 1pm-3pm

Location: Mora Public Library

Contact: Senior LinkAge Line® 1-800-333-2433

Sponsored by: Mora Public Library & Central MN Council on Aging



1- Sharon Gilbert
1- Elizabeth Slostad
3- Ken Johnson
6- Kimberlee Nelsen
7- Nancy Rockwood
10- Linda Day
14- Carolyn Ingle
14-Danielle Walbridge



16- Jody Walbridge

18- Travis Hall

21- Judy Erickson

22- Jan Anderson

24- Phil Anderson Jr

25- Mary Alley

26- Marsha Bunger

27- Bob Hoffman

Anniversaries:

6—Bob & Cyndee Green

16—Cliff & Judy Erickson