

MILACA UNITED METHODIST

August 2015 Newsletter

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



"Let the little children come to me..."

Matthew 19:14, NIV



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AUGUST FROM THE PASTOR



Taste and see how good the Lord is!

The one who takes refuge in him is truly happy!

Psalm 34:8

As the days of summer begin creeping into August and I have availed myself of all the tasty baked goods and fresh produce at the Milaca & Champlin Farmer's Markets, I thought of the above verse. When you're enjoying the juicy goodness of a peach, or a slice of ripe red tomato,

or fresh corn on the cob do you ever think about the fact that all of this summer bounty is here because of God? I'll admit I often forget how blessed I am by simple things such as these. Let us give thanks to the Lord who provides us with all of what summer means in Minnesota and provides it for our enjoyment and delight. Taste and see how good the Lord is and give thanks.

Blessings and see you in church!

Pastor Joyce

PASTOR JOYCE'S SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Her schedule is subject to change due to appointments and evening activities, so these hours are just a guideline of when she hopes to be in the office. Please call ahead to be sure she's at church and available to you.

Mondays – work from 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

Sunday mornings



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST



2nd – Communion, “Managing the Munchie”

9th – Jere Day leading worship “Bread of Life”

16th – “Bread of Heaven”

23rd – “Armour of God”

30th – Myla's Final Sunday - potluck

Change Shaker, “A New Song”

POTLUCK CELEBRATING MYLA'S MANY YEARS OF MUSIC MINISTRY WITH US



After many years of faithful service to our congregation Myla is retiring. We want to celebrate her ministry with us by sharing in a fellowship potluck meal. Cake will be provided so bring an entrée or side dish for all to enjoy. Here's an opportunity to make the most of all the beautiful summer fruits and vegetables.



SAVE YOUR RECIEPTS & UPC CODES

In case you didn't know the UMW is asking everyone to save their Teals receipts and the UPC codes from any Our Family products. These are turned in for rebates and the money has been used for mission work as well as helping to pay for things around the church. Place your receipts and codes in the labeled box on the counter in the gathering space – that's all you have to do. We have earned much income through this program that goes toward church projects.



JAVA AND JESUS – Casual worship experience & free meal

Sunday August 10

6:00 meal – chicken & rice casserole

6:30 worship time – lots of guitar music



This service is intended for those who don't have a church home and have a need for spiritual and physical nourishment. Led by Dayna Hillcrest, Jere Day and Pastor Joyce. Meal provided by the Outreach Committee and members of the congregation.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A JAVA & JESUS MEAL?

A donation of \$75 will provide a nourishing meal for those that come to us for a helping of food and faith. You can place your donation of any amount in the offering plate with "Java & Jesus meal" in the memo. Your donation can remain anonymous.



YOUTH GROUP DAY AT VALLEYFAIR

Thurs. August 20 (Note date change!)

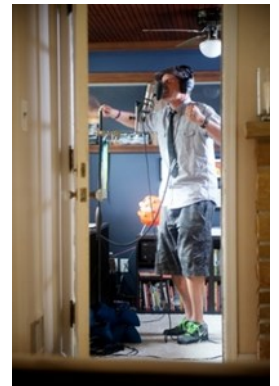
We needed to change the date from Wednesday the 19th to the 20th due to a conflict. We will carpool from Milaca leaving early in the morning and return late evening. Friends are welcome, but they'll need to fill out a Quick Trip Slip for permission. Entrance to the park cost will be paid

by the youth fund, but \$\$ for food, beverages and any other items will need to be brought with you.

ALL CITY YOUTH – CHRISTIAN CONCERT IN REC PARK

Sunday August 30 from 5-8 pm

(rain location – Trinity Lutheran Church)



Christian Rapper/Hip Hop Artist "Agape" will perform for us and it will be a great evening for all the youth in the area. This is the perfect opportunity to invite your friends to attend with you. Members of Trinity Lutheran church's Guatemalan Mission Team will be selling food in support of their trip – so bring some \$\$ for food. Our group will make a donation to World Hunger from the youth fund as our admission fee.

You can find out more about Agape at his website www.hiphopoutreach.com

Is my church up to date
on apportionments?

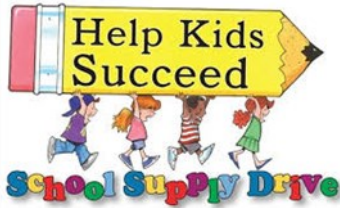
Apportionment Gifts

Thank you to those of you who have made your per member gift of \$85 to cover your apportionment. Our apportionments are just under \$12,000 and we have not paid any of that amount to date. Remember

to mark your apportionment gift in the memo of your check or on the envelope so we can credit your giving accordingly and you may make payments over time from now to the end of the year to fulfill this commitment.

Books from the Church Library

Some of the older no longer used books from the church library are on the table in the gathering space and are available for the taking.



School Supply Drive

We are seeking donations of the following: notebooks, crayons, markers, glue sticks, scissors, erasers, & pencils. We will use these supplies to help children in our church neighborhood get ready for school. Donations can be left on the table in the gathering space between now and Aug 16th.

Pastor Joyce out of the office August 3-9

Pastor Joyce will not be in the office but you may contact her at 763-742-4241 if you need to reach her.





It's the first of August and fall is fast approaching. It seems summer just started!!

July 14th we served our monthly brunch for the Christian Women. We served about 60 ladies and served Make Ahead Jimmy Dean Breakfast, cherries and assorted muffins. It is a very tasty quiche. One of the ladies said to me that they are so appreciative of us for serving them every month. They enjoy our food, the pleasant and friendly service we give them. They hope we don't stop serving them. They are our community mission outreach project and we also enjoy serving them. This is our 13th year of doing the Christian Women brunch.

That evening we served the meal for the Youth Mission Work Group. They enjoyed the same meal as the Christian Women had for brunch.

Thursday, July 16th was the Methodist day at the Dining Site. We were a small group of only 5 ladies. The rest of the people I think were residents. There were some new faces. Hope for a better turn out next month.

Jeanette has finally got in contact with the fellow to clean the exhaust fan for the stoves. He will be calling and set up a date, hopefully soon.

Coming up in August we will be meeting to plan the Salad Luncheon, which will be September 30th this year. There are five Wednesdays in September so we decided to have it on that date rather than into October when all the rest of the church suppers start.

We don't have anything going on in August except for Christian Women on Tuesday, August 11th.

Keep cool and enjoy the rest of the summer.

**Audrey Bowe,
UMW President**



UMW Thank Yous for Money Donated By Use of the High Tea Funds

Dear United Methodist Women,;

Thank you for your donation. Your contribution will be added to our Scholarship funds and will be used to award scholarships to deserving Milaca graduates.

Your contribution and continued support are greatly appreciated. Thank you!!!

Milaca Scholarship Foundation

We would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$200 to the Milaca Area food shelf. With your contribution, you will be helping us to reach our goal, and the amount of allocated monies from the Minnesota Food Share and the Feinstein Foundation will be larger.

Milaca Area Pantry

Milaca United Methodist Women,

Thank you so much for your donation of \$75 to help our mission with stopping violence and helping victims/survivors go through their struggles. We appreciate your continued support always.

Pear Crisis Center

Milaca United Methodist Women-

Thank you so much for the donation of \$75 to Salvation Army of Mille Lacs County. This will help people in need in this county. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank You-

Salvation Army

Denise Schaapveld

August Calendar Items:

August 9th – Java & Jesus 6:00pm

August 11th – Christian Women

August 11th – Finance meeting 6:30pm

August 13th – Church Council 6:30pm

August 15th – Missional Journey Workshop @ Sartell 10am-4pm

August 20th – High Rise Meal 11:30am

August 21st-22nd – Church Women United

August 23rd – Jere, Dayna, Myla – Special Music

August 23rd – Newsletter deadline

August 30th – Bob, Marilyn, Jere, Dayna & Myla Special Music

August 30th – Change Shaker Sunday

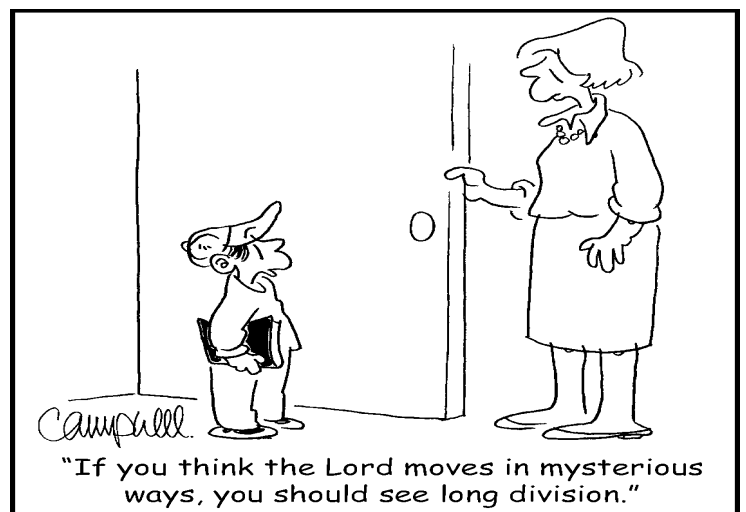


High Rise Meal Thursday, August 20th

Price \$4.00 Meal at 11:30

Please be there by 11:15

Chilidog, potato salad, fresh fruit, puppy chow



5- Dale Gilbert

8- Darlene Bekius

8- Marlene Kunst

12- Oliver Barnes

25- Jamie Hoffman

26- Lorraine Wade

31- Jean Dahlstrom

31-Dick Stewart



Anniversaries:

1—Calvin & Mary Alley

2—John & Dayna Hillcrest

4- Jeff & Tammy Stobb

21- Paul & Gayle Ash