

# MILACA UNITED METHODIST

September 2015 Newsletter

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



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- Sunday Morning Service  
9:30 am
- Coffee & Fellowship  
Following Service
- Bible Studies
- Youth Group
- Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School



## September 2015 from the Pastor

*Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all. He chose to give us birth by his true word, and here is the result: we are like the first crop from the harvest of everything he created.*



James 1:17-18 Common English Bible

As the seasons change we can see God's bounty reflected in the world around us. Fall holds so much promise of new things, children go back to school, some adults also go back to school, the crops are ripening, corn and tomatoes are bursting with flavor and the lull of the summer changes over to more activity. It just seems that people are ready to start new things in the fall and the church has so many opportunities for involvement:

**Wednesday Night Live** – youth group for 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> graders – following school, snacks and meal donations are needed. See Pastor Joyce or Dayna Hillcrest.

**Sunday School** – preschoolers – 6<sup>th</sup> graders TEACHERS NEEDED – see Lynne Olson

**Bible Study** – Tuesday evenings 6:30-8 or Thursday mornings 10:30 – Noon, let Pastor Joyce know if you are interested.

**Missions** – bring: food for food shelf, help w/ a youth project, work at the pantry

**Worship** – sign up to usher, greet, read scripture, host fellowship time, etc.

**Java & Jesus** – worship with us and welcome the people from the community who are coming. See Dayna Hillcrest or Jere Day.

**Share your Gifts** – through various projects and ministry teams

God's Blessings and see you in church.

Pastor Joyce <><

*Worship Schedule*

**Sept 6** – Communion, blessing of the backpacks

**Sept 13** – 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sunday school

**Sept 20** – Choir will sing

**Sept 27** – Change Shaker \$ collection



### **School Supply Drive Results**

Leader: Dayna Hillcrest, meal: Outreach Committee, many helpers the day of the event and the support of the congregation in bringing items. 12 families were served and 30 children & youth received school supplies provided by MUMC! This is how we are the hands of Christ to the world.

### **PASTOR JOYCE'S 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 – 12:30 – 8:30 (on Bible Study nights – earlier other times)

Wednesdays – 9:30 – 8:30 (10-1 at scripture study)

Thursdays – 9:00 – 5:00 (later if council or finance meeting)

Friday – day off

Sunday mornings

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**



### **SEPTEMBER 6 DURING WORSHIP**

All children and anybody going back to school are invited to come to church and receive a blessing for the coming school year. They will be gifted with a backpack tag with a Christian symbol to place on their backpack which reminds them that Christ is always with them.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13TH

Children Pre-school thru 6th grade are welcome to join us.

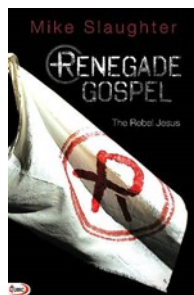
We are inviting children throughout the community to be a part of our Sunday school so if you have children in your neighborhood without a church home, please share their address with us and we will send an invitation to them.

TEACHERS NEEDED – Please talk with Lynne Olson if you'd like to help!

## WEEKLY YOUTH GROUP – EVERY WEDNESDAY

Beginning September 16<sup>th</sup> for youth 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Feel free to come up to church right after school and have a snack, do your homework, socialize with friends or just hang out with one another and Pastor Joyce. Supper will be at 5:30 and youth group activities or confirmation class will follow from 6-7 pm



## BIBLE STUDY "RENEGADE GOSPEL – THE REBEL JESUS"

Tuesday Evenings 6:30 – 8pm, beginning Sept 22

Or

Thursday Mornings 10:30 – Noon, beginning Sept 24

Who was Jesus, really? Wasn't the central figure to the Christian faith a man who denied all preconceived notions about what God should look like? Wouldn't associating with him have meant joining a rebel movement? Doesn't it still? Renegade Gospel is a church study that challenges believers to come to terms with the real Jesus—the rebel Jesus. The six-session program provides a participant book (\$12), leader's guide and a DVD. Large print participant book is also available (\$14). **Please sign up for the day you wish on the sheets outside Pastor Joyce's office.**

Topics include:

- Discovering the Rebel Jesus
- Revolutionary Lifestyle
- The Most Important Question You Will Ever Have to Answer
- Seeing Jesus Today



## 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 a tremendous amount of money for the church through this program!



### JAVA AND JESUS

Casual worship experience & free meal

Second Sunday of every month - September 13

6:00 meal

6:30 worship time – lots of folk music



This service is intended for those who don't have a church home and have a need for spiritual and physical nourishment. The service is led by Dayna Hillcrest, Jere Day and Pastor Joyce.

Lots of folk music, some scripture and a short devotion make up the worship time. Meal provided by the Outreach Committee and members of the church.

We have been serving anywhere between 25-35 people each month.

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A JAVA & JESUS MEAL?

A donation of \$50 will help 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 or be acknowledged whichever is your choice.





**Summer is ending and everyone is getting ready for fall and Back to School. What happened to summer?**

**We served another large group of ladies at Christian Women on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. They enjoyed a brunch of zucchini breakfast quiche, sausage, wild rice, grapes and muffins. Lots of compliments and so very glad for us to serve them every month.**

**Friday of that week, the 14<sup>th</sup>, I had a medical scare that put me in the hospital to have angioplasty surgery. They put two stints in my heart on Saturday morning at St Cloud Hospital. It wasn't what I had planned to do for the weekend, but very grateful I went to the doctor when I did. I am doing really well now but have to do Cardio Rehab and get back to normal slowly. Thanks for your prayers on last Sunday! Very much appreciated.**

**September starts the New Year for UMW. We will have our Kick Off meeting on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, starting with lunch at the Dining Site and meeting at church at 1:00pm. Candy Jacobson from Holiday Helping Hands will be our speaker. We give to them each Christmas to sponsor a family in need.**

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> is the Big Waters District meeting I Duluth at the First UMC Duluth. Hopefully we can have a carload to go. On Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> it is the Annual Conference Gathering at Alexandria, Minnesota. More information will be coming for those two events.**

**The first part of September the committee will be meeting to plan our Fall Salad Luncheon. It will be Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**Enjoy the rest of the summer. Have a good and safe Labor Day.**

**Audrey Bowe,  
UMW President**





## **UMW Thank You for Money Donated By Use of the High Tea Funds**

**We Hope you know that the donation you gave is important...and it is greatly appreciated. You made a difference.**

**Milaca Area Pantry**

### **Meals on Wheels—Volunteers for September**

**Sept 1-4 Peggy Crooms**

**Betty Anderson**

**Sept 8-11 Dorothy & Larry Moe**

**Lynn & Rick Olson**

**Sept 14-18 Carolyn Ingle**

**Tresa Neis**

**Sept 21-25 Jere Day**

**Frank Crooms**

**Sept 28-30 Mary Alley**

**Judy Schwieger**

## September Calendar Items:

September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ministerial meeting 8:30am  
 September 6<sup>th</sup> – Blessings of the Backpacks  
 September 6<sup>th</sup> – Jail Ministry 1:00pm  
 September 9<sup>th</sup> – Finance meeting 6:30pm  
 September 10<sup>th</sup> – Church Council 6:30pm  
 September 13<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School Starts  
 September 13<sup>th</sup> – Java & Jesus 6:00pm  
 September 15<sup>th</sup> – Christian Women  
 September 16<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group Meal 5:30pm Class 6:00pm  
 September 17<sup>th</sup> – Lunch at Dining Site 11:30am  
 September 17<sup>th</sup> – Fall Kick Off UMW  
 September 19<sup>th</sup> – District Fall Gathering @ First UMC Duluth  
 September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Bible Study 6:30pm  
 September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Youth Group Meal 5:30pm Class 6:00pm  
 September 24<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study 10:30am  
 September 27<sup>th</sup> – Change Shaker Sunday  
 September 27<sup>th</sup> – Deadline for newsletter  
 September 29<sup>th</sup> – Bible Study 6:30pm  
 September 30<sup>th</sup> – Salad Luncheon

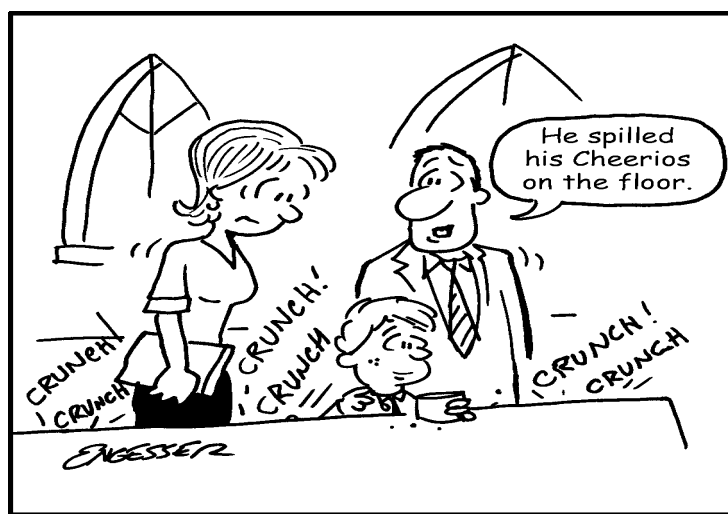


## **High Rise Meal Thursday, Sept 17th**

**Price \$4.00 Meal at 11:30**

**Please be there by 11:15**

**Salmon loaf, baked potato, peas in cream sauce,  
dinner roll, dessert**



4- Brad Barnes  
 9- Paul Ash  
 13- Calvin Alley  
 15- Tresa Neis  
 16- Sue Olson  
 17- Don Hoffman  
 17- Dale Stobb  
 18-Kathy Alley



21- Bonnie Samuelson

21- Jenny Berglund

23- Laurel Fladmoe

26- Rick Olson

30- Charles Cooper III

30-Sandi Schoen

## **Anniversaries:**

7—Ed & Darlene Bekius

12—Peter & Joyce Slostad

17- Frank & Peggy Crooms

27- Randy & Jody Walbridge