

MILACA UNITED METHODIST

October 2015 Newsletter

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



Salad Luncheon



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9:30 am
- Coffee & Fellowship
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OCTOBER

October 2015 from the Pastor

Praise the Lord.

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;

praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with the drum and dancing,

praise him with the strings and pipe,

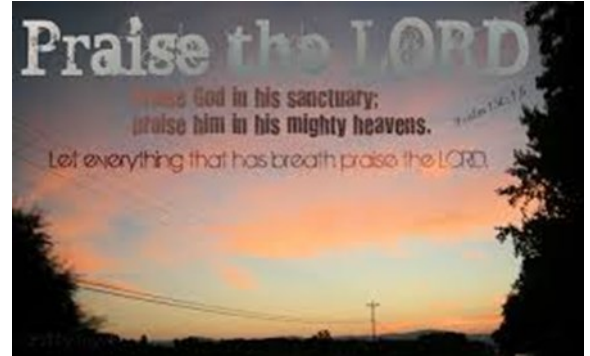
praise him with the clash of cymbals,

praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord.

Psalm 150



My heart has been heavy these past few weeks. Many folks have not been in church and I want you to know that you are missed! We are a community of believers who seek to come together weekly to give thanks and praise to God. If you are upset over the financial asking of the church please know that your presence with us and worship of God is just as important as any financial giving. The situation arose of a financial need and we asked the church members for help with that need - it was never the intention to have people stay away from church. It is understandable that some can give and some cannot – either situation is okay. We give in many ways through our time, talents and sharing about our church with others. Please don't stay away from worship which feeds your soul and blesses you with the presence of your church family. I apologize for any hurt that may have occurred and pray that you will find it in your heart to return to worship.

God's Blessings and see you in church.

Pastor Joyce <><



Oct 4 – World Communion Sunday – Youth will serve

Oct 11 – Stewardship Sunday – Potluck Lunch

Coats & Bar Soap due

Oct 18 – Choir will sing

Oct 25 – Change Shaker \$ collection

As some of you may have already heard,
Clifford Erickson (Wife: Judy) is at home on
Hospice Care as of Saturday, 9/26/2015.



We are creating a keepsake CD as a celebration of Cliff's life.
These are recordings from family and friends of Cliff that he will be
able to listen to anytime he'd like. Here are some ideas to help
get you started,

"A quality about you that I really admire is..."

"A story about you that always makes me smile is when you..."

"A story or joke that I think you'd appreciate is..."

"You are unique because..."

"Something you did that made an impact on me is when you..."

"I call you my friend because..."

"Always remember that you are.... "

"You are special to me because... "

"My first impression of you was..."

We'll have this available until 8:00 pm on Thursday, October 15th, so please mark your calendars. We ask that you take a few moments and leave a message, story, memory of Cliff or let him know why he's special to you. You can speak up to 30 minutes per call and can call as many times as you'd like.

Here's how to record your message:

- 1) Call LifeOnRecord, 1-800-606-0697 by 8:00pm on 10/15/2015.
- 2) When prompted, enter your invitation number: 15611
- 3) Record your message after the tone. When finished, you can either hang up or press the # key. If you press the # key, you'll be given options to listen to your recording, accept your recording, or re-record it.

Please feel free to share this information to others that know Clifford so they can contribute to the keepsake as well.

Remember, this is a surprise for Clifford, so if you do talk to him, try not to say anything about this.

We would like to thank each and every one of you for helping make this a wonderful gift for Cliff's Celebration of Life.

Brad & Maureen Erickson

SERVICE & GIVING OPPORTUNITIES:

10th Annual Operation Community Connect

OCC is a one day resource fair on Oct 15 from 10am – 2 pm @ the High School, for anyone living on a little: including seniors, teens, singles, and families with children. The goal is to connect people to needed services that they were unaware of or did not have access

to. Put on by community volunteers who, for one day out of the year bring together

local agencies, businesses and churches to help people living on a little. There will be door prizes, children's activities and a free lunch. Some of the services offered are:

Employment, Veterans Services, Social Security, Flu shots, Haircuts, Energy Assistance, and so much more. See the flyer on the doors for more info and the full list of services available.



Churches are asked to collect an item that is given away at this event ours is: BAR SOAP. Please leave your donation in the tub in the gathering space the next 2 Sundays – Oct 4th & 11th.



For Our Neighborhood

When we asked at the school supply drive what others needs families had, winter coats and boots came up again and again. They will be able to get boots at Operation Community Connect and we are helping with the coats. *Take a coat tag from the board in the gathering space if you can donate a clean, gently used coat. The tag lists gender and size.* **Please bring any coats to church and hang**

them in the designated area before Sunday Oct 11th. The day of the coat giveaway is Wednesday Oct 14th. We will feed our neighbors a Spaghetti meal and then distribute coats – your help would be appreciated!

Thank you for helping our friends around the church neighborhood keep warm this winter.

Stewardship Sunday – Oct 11th Potluck to follow worship

Please try and return your pledge cards on Oct 11th in worship. The Finance Committee bases the 2016 budget on the giving indicated on those cards so getting them into the church in a timely manner helps them in their work. If you are not able to give financially, your time and talents are greatly appreciated also. Plan to stay for an after

Stewardship



Youth Group Schedule for October



5:30 - supper

6:00 – class, confirmation, mission or fun

Oct 7 Whole group discussion – what is Advent?

Oct 14 Winter Coat giveaway mission night

Oct 21 Separate group discussion time

Camp In/Camp Out Overnight Event

Friday Oct 2nd @ 7 pm – Saturday Oct 3rd @ 9 am.

This is an overnight event. There will be tents for sleeping or you can be inside as well.



Bring: a sleeping bag, pillow, warm sleeping clothes, warm outdoor clothes, a treat to share and a filled out quick slip (sent via e-mail or see Pastor Joyce for a copy).

We'll play games, be outside for a campfire (hot dogs & s'mores) watch a movie and other stuff. Please eat supper at home, we'll have treats and breakfast on Saturday morning. Friends are welcome to come but they must bring a signed quick slip.

Milaca VFW &

United Methodist Church Halloween Party

Saturday October 31st 5-7 pm

Costume Judging – Prizes Awarded

Free Activities:

Games, Crafts

Pumpkins

Face Painting

Meal, Treats



Shine for
Jesus





Fall has arrived and too soon for me. The next thing will be snow and Christmas. How time does fly!

The first couple of weeks in September started out slow and the next two weeks were very busy.

We served 60 ladies again this month at Christian Women. It is always a pleasure and blessing to see them and how they appreciate our food and hospitality. It is work, but very rewarding and also covers out reach to the community. Our mission is to please and bless them for coming.

On Wednesday, September 16th we served the lunch for Dorothy Cooper's funeral. She was a lifetime member of the UMW and a very active lady in her younger years. Prayers to her family.

Thursday, September 17th was our Fall Kick Off UMW meeting. We had lunch at the Dining Site and returned to church to have our meeting. We had invited Candy Jacobsen from Holiday Helping Hands as our speaker/program for the month. She gave a very informative talk on the start of the program and how it works now. Everyone that registered for it has to be a Mille Lacs county resident and the children go to the area schools. We gave Holiday Helping Hands \$150, \$137 from Missions and \$13 left from High Tea. We will have more information in November.

The exhaust fan over the stoves in the kitchen has been cleaned and is in good working order. They came on August 27th and the UMW paid the bill.

We hope you enjoyed the Salad Luncheon; tickets were \$7, the same as the prior year. We had an excellent turn out and lovely weather! Thank you to all that furnished a salad and helped in the kitchen. Thanks.

Saturday, October 3rd is the Annual Fall Gathering at Alexandria UMC. There are five going and hope the weather stays nice.

The flowers on the altar are in memory of the three ladies that passed away this last year. Peggy Crooms got them at the Memorial service at Duluth UMC, Saturday, September 19th. They are for Toby Henschel, Nellie Palmquist and Dorothy Cooper.

Grace Sarah meets Monday, October 5th at 10:00am to start preparing for Cookie Walk. Mary Martha meets Thursday, October 15th at 1:00pm.

The November meeting is Election of Officers for next year. Anyone that is interested in an office, please feel free to speak up. Pray about it and decide our speaker will be Sheryll Kjør from Circle of Hope.

Until next month have a blessed month.

Audrey Bowe,
UMW President



One of our UMW members gave this to me.

A pastor never gets to say, "I'm off duty." Never gets to punch out at 5. Never gets to have a normal schedule. We don't know how many sleepless nights they spend on their knees praying for their church. How much opposition they face. How many family opportunities they miss. We can't carry their burden for them, but we can do what the Bible tells us to:

Pray for them. Encourage them. Support them.

By blessing them we will only be blessed in return.



October 1st – Ministerial meeting 8:30am

Rebel Jesus Bible Study 10:30am

2nd – Youth Camp Out, Camp In 7:00pm Friday-
9:00am Saturday

3rd – UMW Annual Conference Alexandria

5th – Grace Sarah Circle Cookie Walk Prep, Lunch

6th – Rebel Jesus Bible Study 6:30pm

7th – Youth Meal 5:30pm Class Confirmation 6:00pm

Disciple Bible Study II 7:00pm

8th – Rebel Jesus Bible Study 10:30am

Council meeting 6:30pm

Kitchen & Fellowship Hall Jodi Walbridge

10th – Missional Journey Workshop 10:00am-4:00pm

11th - Pledges Due

Java & Jesus 6:00pm

13th – Christian Women

Rebel Jesus Bible Study 6:30pm

14th – Youth Meal 5:30pm Coat Distribution 6:00pm

Disciple Bible Study II 7:00pm

15th - Rebel Jesus Bible Study 10:30am

High Rise Meal 11:15am

Mary Martha

20th - Rebel Jesus Bible Study 6:30pm

21st – Youth Meal 5:30pm Class/Confirmation 6pm

Finance meeting 6:30pm

Disciple Bible Study II 7:00pm

22nd - Rebel Jesus Bible Study 10:30am

25th – Change Shaker Sunday

Newsletter deadline

27th - Rebel Jesus Bible Study 6:30pm

28th – No Youth

Disciple Bible Study II 7:00pm

29th - Rebel Jesus Bible Study 10:30am

31st – VFW & Church Halloween Party 5-7:00pm



Thursday October 15th Cost \$4.00, time 11:30am,

Be there by 11:15am.

Roast beef w/horseradish, whipped potatoes w/gravy,
green bean casserole, dinner roll, sliced peaches.



1- Gayle Ash

4- Bob Anderson

9- Dorothy Cooper

9- Jonathan Hall

10- Julius Kapushinski

11- Penny Nelsen

12- John Cooper

13- Peggy Crooms

18- Cliff Erickson



23- Maggie Barnes

24- Ron Bowe

25- Audrey Bowe

28- Dayna Hillcrest

29- Tyler Haugen

Anniversaries:

15—Bruce & Deb Cochran

16—Todd & Lori Hoffman

17- Dave & Jane Johnson

17- Travis & Jessica Hall

23- Don & Myla Tolmie