

# MILACA UNITED METHODIST

April 2016 Newsletter

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



**Invitation Sunday, April 3rd**



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# APRIL

April 2016 From Pastor Joyce,

There is an inspirational song by Avery and Marsh called "Every Morning Is Easter Morning". It captures the truth that Christians are an Easter People. We are a new creation and meet each new day in the power of our Living Lord, Jesus Christ. Resurrection is more than an event in the long ago and the far away; it becomes a present experience in the heart of the believer that transforms all of life. You can almost feel the joy and the throb of new life as you read the words:

*Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!*

*Ev'ry day's resurrection day, the past is over and gone!*

*Goodbye guilt, goodbye fear, good riddance!*

*Hello Lord, hello sun!*

*I am one of the Easter People! My new life has begun!*

*Daily news is so bad, it seems the Good News seldom gets heard.*

*Get it straight from the Easter People: God's in charge! Spread the word!*

*Ev'ry morning is Easter morning from now on!*

*Yesterday I was bored and lonely; but today look and see!*

*I belong to the Easter People! Life's exciting to me!*

Blessings and See You in Church!

Pastor Joyce <><





## Coming Up - Invitation Sunday – April 3rd

Ask God using the prayer below to show you who you might invite to attend with you on April 3rd. Tell them you will pick them up and that there is a delicious brunch following worship.

Prayer for Invitation Sunday:

Lord, place upon my heart some people that I know, that are in my circle of friends, that I already have a relationship with and can ask to come to church with me on April 3rd. Give me courage to not be afraid to share the relationship I have with you with them. Amen.

Names of the person or people God gives you:

## Sermon Series: Facing Issues That Divide –

### Building Bridges & Tearing Down Walls.

4/10 – Practicing Politics, Keeping Faith;

4/17 – Immigrants & the Bible;

4/24 - A Christian Response to Radical Islam;

5/01 - Christianity and Healthcare.



## Youth Group Schedule for April

April 6th – 5:30 supper, 6:00 Class

April 13th – 5:30 supper 6:00 upcoming missions

April 20th – 5:30 supper, 6:00 class

April 27th – 6:00 Confirmands only



## Winner, winner, walleye dinner.

**Walleye Dinner Saturday April 23, seating times  
5:30 & 6:30 pm**

Meal includes: walleye, baked potato or rice pilaf, side salad or Korean seafood salad, beverage, and cheesecake for dessert.

A \$12.00 donation benefits the church and community groups. Church members are encouraged to buy tickets for the 6:30 seating session. Sponsored by the Milaca UMC Men's Group.

**Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 – 5:00 pm**



Tell your friends Milaca UMC is the place to be for a delicious tea. A tempting and tasty variety of sweet and savory treats will be served. A freewill offering will be received to benefit local charitable groups. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women.



### **Reminder of Our Giving to the Ministry of the Church**

We have been doing very well in our giving and are able to meet our expenses each month – thank you for that. Just as you do, the church has bills to pay, salaries to disburse and ongoing expenses for ministries and programs that are more easily handled when everyone is up to date with their offering. Thank you for your giving – The Finance Committee.

### **United Methodist Camping Brochures**

They are on the table in the gathering space. Find out about the many opportunities of camping for various interests for all ages and even families! Employment for those 18+ is also available through our camping program visit the web site [www.campminnesota.org](http://www.campminnesota.org) and click on summer employment if you're interested.



## Important Dates For May – Mark Your Calendar:

### May 8<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation Sunday – please be with us in worship as **Garret Hall** and **Elizabeth Slostad** take the vows of confirmation and are received into the membership here at Milaca UMC.



### May 15<sup>th</sup>

Pentecost Sunday – please wear red (if you can) to represent the flame of the Holy Spirit at work in your life and in our church.



### May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Graduation Sunday – the following youth: **Junina Hillcrest, Lydia Larson, Kimmie Seppala, and Matt Slostad** are graduating this year and we will honor them in worship and with a reception following church.



## 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 re-bates 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 more than \$500 dollars in just the first 3 months of 2016 through this program!





## Vacation Bible School:

**June 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 pm.**

Please let Pastor Joyce know how'd you like to help with this year's VBS program.

### How Can I Help?

Prayer Partner

Lifeguard Group Leader

Snacks

Crafts

Drama

Decorating

Singing

Games

### What Can I Donate or Loan to VBS?

Beach towels

Beach toys

Beach chairs

Beach wear

Surf boards

Kick boards

Beach themed anything

Money

**Participant training: Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**



**Hope all had a happy Easter. March was a busy month for us and our church. It was the UMC's month to help serve coffee at Elim Home on Sunday afternoon. I would like to thank the ladies that helped. They are: Joyce Stobb, Tilly Bergstrom, Marilyn Anderson and myself. Thank you ladies for helping!**

**Our Wednesday to serve the Lenten Soup Luncheon was March 9th. There were about 40 people we served. The count this year was way down from other years. The free will offering was \$115 and we added from the Teal's UPC fund to send a check of \$200 to the Food Shelf.**

**On the 15th of March we had our monthly Christian Women Brunch and there was a very nice group of 60 ladies that came. We served them scrambled eggs, ham, caramel rolls and half a banana. The rolls were a big hit. This is our 13th year of serving these ladies and our main money maker for the UMW. They are truly a blessing to us and also we are to them.**

**We gave a \$100 from our Mission Fund to the Circle of Hope for their new incentive programs.**

**We have set up Project 19 as our fund to raise money for the 150th Anniversary Legacy Fund, which we will be collecting from the lunch at our meetings. The Anniversary date is March 23, 2019 when UMW turns 150 years.**

**The High Tea will be Wednesday, May 4th from 3:00-5:00pm. The committee will be getting together to make plans for this the first part of April. Keep the date open for this day.**

**We closed our meeting by reciting the UMW Purpose.**

**The Spring Big Waters Gathering is Saturday, April 23rd at the UMC in Monticello, MN. Early registration is \$8.00 and at the door \$9.00. Please let me or Peggy Crooms know if you can go to it.**

**The Circles meet this month, our next UMW meeting is June 16th, Potluck at Sue Olson's.**

**Blessings until next month,**

**Audrey Bowe, President**

## April Calendar Items:

### **3<sup>rd</sup> – Invitation Sunday & Brunch**

4<sup>th</sup> – Grace Sarah Circle 1:00pm

6<sup>th</sup> – Ministerial Meeting 8:30am

Youth Supper 5:30pm Youth Class 6:00pm

10<sup>th</sup> – Java & Jesus 6:00pm

12<sup>th</sup> – Christian Women 1:00pm

13<sup>th</sup> – Youth Supper 5:30pm Youth Mission 6:00pm

Men's Group Final Planning 7:00pm

14<sup>th</sup> – Church Council 6:30pm

20<sup>th</sup> – Youth Supper 5:30pm Youth Class 6:00pm

Men's Group 7:00pm

21<sup>st</sup> – High Rise Meal 11:30am

Mary Martha Circle 1:00pm

22<sup>nd</sup> – Fish Dinner Prep: 12:00pm-?

### **23<sup>rd</sup> – Fish Dinner 5:00-7:00pm**

24<sup>th</sup> – Change Shaker Sunday

Newsletter Items Due

27<sup>th</sup> – Big Waters Gathering @ Monticello

Confirmants Only 6:00pm



**Saturday, April 23rd 5:00-7:00pm**

**Save the Date**



Thursday, April 21st 11:30am Cost \$4.00

Beef enchilada hot dish, black beans,  
Spanish rice, lettuce, key lime cake



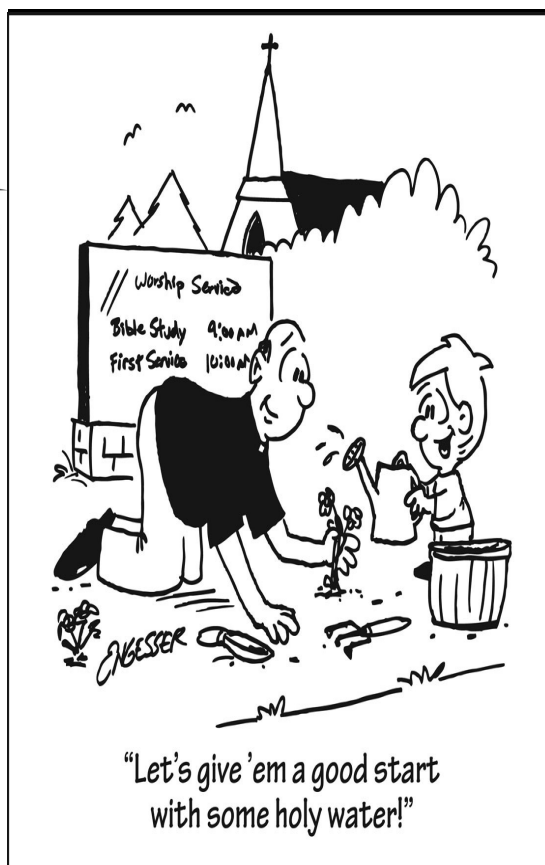
**12- Lori Hoffman**

**14- Troy Gilbert**

**14- Hailey Stobb**

**28- Joyce Anderson Sr**

**29- Mary Fuller**



## *Anniversaries:*

**19th—Lance & Melissa Gubrud**