

MILACA UNITED METHODIST

July 2016 Newsletter

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



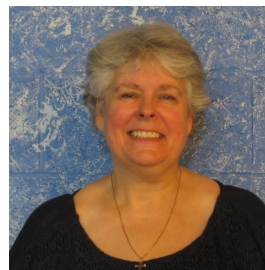
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VBS 2016



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



July 2016 from Pastor Joyce

I'm the least important of the apostles. I don't deserve to be called an apostle, because I harassed God's church. I am what I am by God's grace, and God's grace hasn't been for nothing. In fact, I have worked harder than all the others—that is, it wasn't me but the grace of God that is with me. So then, whether you heard the message from me or them, this is what we preach and this is what you have believed.



1 Corinthians 15:9-11

The apostle Paul had a certain mindset that we as Christians would be wise to use as a model for our faith lives. In Paul we recognize these attitudes:

Humility. Paul never lost sight of how far God's grace (unconditional love) had brought him. He frequently reminded his followers of his role in persecuting the church (1 Tim. 1:13), and his gratitude for his salvation from that former life never diminished. The book of Acts records the almost constant turmoil and heartache of Paul's travels, and yet he continued to praise the Lord for the privilege of serving.

Dependence. To describe the source of his strength, Paul used these words: "I am what I am by God's grace" (1 Cor. 15:10). He knew what it was like to depend upon one's own goodness and work to be religious – and he wanted no part of it. Paul desired more of Jesus Christ and none of himself (Phil. 3:8).

Conviction. At the end of his life, Paul was as confident as ever that God was real, in charge, and worthy of all honor, glory and praise (2 Tim. 4:6-8).

Do you see these attitudes in yourself? If not, borrow a page from the apostle Paul's "playbook." Praise Jesus for all he has done for you, and then get busy, asking Jesus to work through you – in His strength – to make disciples for the transformation of the world (the mission of the United Methodist Church).

Don't allow God's grace to be poured into your life in vain – be an active part of the team bringing about His kingdom.

Blessings and see you in church!

Pastor Joyce <><



PASTOR JOYCE'S SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Below is Pastor Joyce's general schedule, but adjustments will be made due to need (ie. nighttime meetings, visits & 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 763-742-4241 cell

Tuesdays – 9:30 – 4:30

Wednesdays – 9:30 – 4:30 (out of the office for clergy scripture study group from 10 am – 1 pm)

Thursdays – 9:30 – 4:30

Friday – day off

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 3rd – Communion, Myla will be our
accompanist

July 10th – Myla will be our accompanist
6 pm Java & Jesus meal & worship
– pulled pork sandwiches

July 17th – Marilyn Anderson will provide
special music

July 24th - Hymn Sing

July 31st – Change Shaker Sunday



SUMMER IS UPON US

The days will be longer, the week-ends 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 re-main 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.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!!!



We had a great week of VBS with lots of new children attending our program – the numbers could have been higher, but the week was filled with energy, learning, and fun.

I want to say a personal thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the week a fantastic success! Our Lifeguards: Joyce Anderson Jr., Sharla Alley & AJ Coughlin (also the computer) in the Pre – K and Kindergarten room, Laurel Fladmoe and Matt Slostad working with 1st – 3rd Graders, Jere Day and Hailey Stobb also 1st – 3rd Graders and Peggy & Frank Crooms who worked with the 4th – 6th Graders.

Thanks to Lynne Olson our Epic Ride Bible storyteller and leader of worship on June 12th, Dorothy Moe and Cyndee Green our science experts, Tresa Neis, Sandra, Tilly Bergstrom, Chris Duca & Elizabeth Slostad who led crafts, Dayna Hillcrest & Myla Tolmie who led recreation time, Christie Barnes and Betty Anderson who supplied us with yummy snacks, and Juni Hillcrest who performed her heart out as Snappy the Crab.



Many, many thanks to Frank Crooms who did an awesome job building a surf shack, a palm tree, surfboards and a huge sign displaying our daily wave words – all these items made our set look truly authentic – thanks for all your hard work. Thanks to Jeff Stobb for providing high quality cardboard for Frank's building projects. A big thank you to all who stayed after church on June 5th and helped transform our sanctuary and gathering space into a beach

wonderland – I can't remember everyone who was there, but you were appreciated.

Special thanks to Dale Gilbert and Bruce Cochran for our super hanging backdrop. And thank you to Rick Olson who blew up many, many inflatables. Thanks to Arne Pearson and Marilyn Anderson for providing treats for the staff. Thanks to Arne Pearson and Joel Bryson for their help and games they provided.

If I missed anyone – I'm truly sorry – it takes a village to raise children and the village of Milaca UMC really pulled together to make a difference in the lives of those who were with us at VBS.



Pastor Joyce <><





Summer has arrived and hope everyone is staying cool.

This year our Christian Women day didn't fall during VBS so they and us were pleased. We served 58 ladies on Tuesday, June 14th. They were pleased with the brunch of Farmer's Casserole, grapes and muffins. Next month they meet on July 12th.

Thursday, June 16th we met at Sue Olson's home for our annual pot luck lunch. There were 12 ladies attending. We had a short meeting after and decided what charities we were giving the High Tea money to. The total was \$542.00 and we rounded off to \$550.00. We decided to give \$250 to the Scholarship Fund in Marian Ash's memory and the rest was divided equally between four others which are: Dining Site, Elim Home for hearing aids, Historical Society and Crisis Center. Each one will receive \$75.

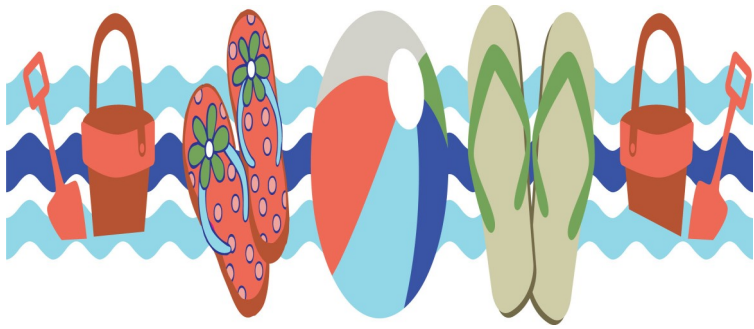
We also will be giving a check for \$300 to the church to give to Emma Norton Services as per letter asking for a church donation per member. (approximately \$2 a member) The money will come out of the Teal receipts and UPC code fund which is a congregation fund. Keep saving them. It is a way for everyone to give without using extra money.

Thursday, June 23rd we went to the Dining Site for lunch. It is a week late because we were at Sue's on our normal day.

No meetings until September when we have our Kick Off meeting September 15th. Mission is July 12th—15th.

Have a Happy Safe July 4th

**Audrey Bowe
President UMW**



July Calendar Items:

10th – Java & Jesus 6:00pm

12th – Christian Women 9:30am

12th – 15th – Mission U at St John's

14th – Church Council 6:30pm

19th – Pastor leads Elim Home worship

24th – Newsletter items due

27th – Dist. Super. here for Clergy Consults in Fireside 12-5

31st – Change Shaker Sunday



Menu:

Barbecued chicken, scalloped potatoes,
squash, wheat bread and peaches.



Anniversaries:

6—Bob & Cyndee Green

16—Cliff & Judy Erickson

1- Sharon Gilbert

1- Elizabeth Slostad

3- Ken Johnson

6- Kymberlee Nelsen

7- Nancy Rockwood

10—Linda Day

14—Carolyn Ingle

14—Danielle Walbridge

16- Jody Walbridge

18—Travis Hall

21—Judy Erickson

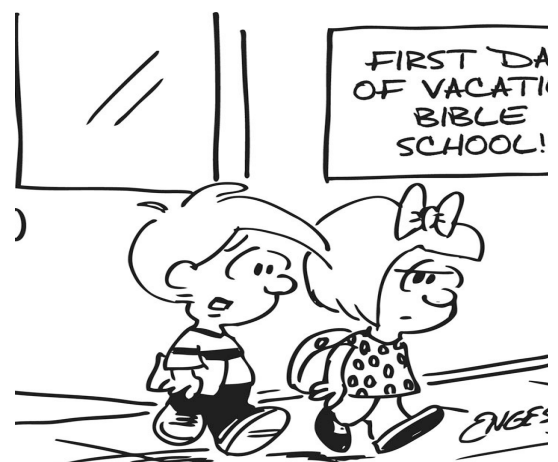
22—Jan Anderson

24—Phil Anderson Jr

25—Mary Alley

26—Marsha Bunger

27—Bob Hoffman



"Just when ya think you're done,
t's already back-to-school time!"