

MILACA UNITED METHODIST

August 2016 Newsletter

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Stay in the Word



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



AUGUST FROM THE PASTOR

The summer is slipping by all too quickly. I hope everyone survived the floodwaters and high temps – oh the joys of summer in Minnesota! If you don't like the weather, don't worry, give it an hour and it will change. And remember those sub-zero winters temperatures? They will be here all too soon – so maybe we shouldn't complain about the heat.



Matthew is moving out this week and that started me thinking about life transitions and how challenging they can be. Jesus reminds us that he will always be with us no matter the circumstances in Matthew chapter 28:19-20, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

So I trust that Christ will surround Matthew and all our recent graduates and uphold them and lead them into a blessed future – that promise is for all of us, not just those leaving for college or entering a new phase of life – all of us have been given this assurance, we just need to let go and let God.

See You In Church!

Pastor Joyce

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST



7th – Communion

14th – 6 pm: Java & Jesus meal & service

21st – Worship in the Park, Blessing of the

Animals, Cookout & Potluck,

Java & Jesus musicians

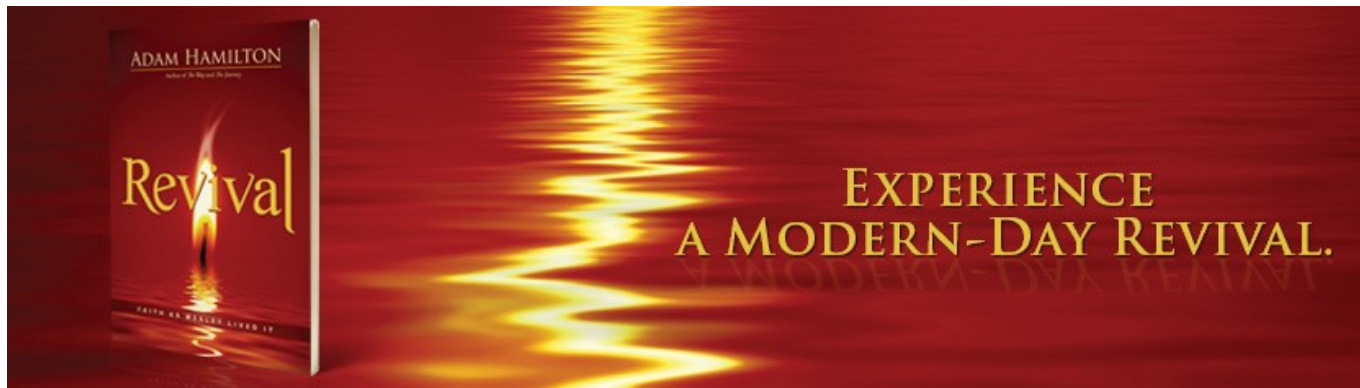
28th – Change Shaker

WORSHIP IN THE PARK SUNDAY AUGUST 21ST COOKOUT & POTLUCK

Join us at the Lions Shelter picnic area for a wonderful outdoor service which will include a blessing of the animals and music by our Java & Jesus musicians. Service is the regular time at 9:30 and following worship we will gather around the picnic tables for food and fellowship. Hot dogs and brats will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you can't or don't want to make anything, but want to contribute to the day you can help pay for the cookout items, just write "outdoor worship" on your check or envelope.



SMALL GROUP STUDY OPPORTUNITY



REVIVAL: FAITH AS JOHN WESLEY LIVED IT

Beginning the week of September 11th we'll start a new study by Adam Hamilton who once again uses his captivating, storytelling talent to take us on a six-week journey through England tracing the life of John Wesley. Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to twenty-first-century Christians, calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed. Wesley's story is our story. It's our heritage, it defines our faith, and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion. All videos are close captioned and large print participant book is available.

There will be 2 options for classes, the same session will be held on Tuesday nights at 6:30 and Thursday mornings at 10:30. You only need to attend one of the sessions each week.

PASTOR JOYCE'S SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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



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Mondays – work from home, 763-742-4241 cell

Tuesdays – 9:30 – 4:30

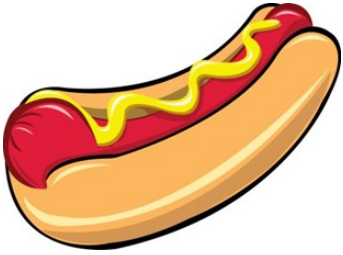
Wednesdays – 9:30 – 4:30 (at scripture study from 10 -1 & Farmer's market 2-5)

Thursdays – 9:30 – 4:30

Friday – day off

Sunday mornings

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY FOR PARKING LOT – AUGUST 19TH



We have been given a wonderful opportunity to have a hot dog stand at the 1st National Bank of Milaca's birthday celebration on Friday August 19th to sell hot dogs, chips and pop. There is a kid's party from 5-7 pm and then a street dance from 7-11 pm for adults. We would like to involve many people in this project and hopefully some new ones! If you can't physically help – lend us something. Only can help a little? There will be 1 hour shifts – short enough for anyone. We'll need

the following items & 1 hour shift helpers – look for a sign up chart to appear soon in the gathering space.

Borrowing:

3 Large coolers

2 gas grills

2 canopies

2 plastic folding tables 6-8'

Helpers:

4 grill masters

10 counter helpers

5 money takers (sit down job)

4 set up stand

6 clean up and take down

PARKING LOT PROJECT

We were given a starter gift of \$5,000 towards finishing the parking lot. 3 estimates were received and the full job of paving and re-striping the entire lot will be about \$15,000 (maybe a bit less as oil prices have come down). The Church Council voted to ask the congregation to contribute to this project. The Men's Club has already given a gift of \$350, and other groups are planning to give as well, but we need your help. Mark your gift "parking lot". If you can't give financially perhaps you could help with our hot dog stand – see the article above.





Is everyone staying cool in this heat wave? The rain is welcome for all the lawns and gardens, but, not so for the flooding.

We served our largest group of ladies for Christian Women on Tuesday, July 12th (day of the flood). There were 68 ladies that attended that day and we served them a sausage breakfast sandwich, cheesy potatoes and dish of cherries. It went over very well. They are so appreciative of being at our church and hope we don't stop serving them. We will as long as we can, but, we are all getting older and need some young ladies to help us.

Peggy Crooms and Sue Olson attended Mission U at Collegeville July 12-15th. They had a good spiritual time.

Thursday, July 21st there were 8 of us that went to the Dining Site for lunch. It was very good and all you could eat for lunch.

There is nothing coming up for us in August except for Christian Women, which is always the Tuesday following the second Monday of each month.

I am enclosing a thank you that we received from the student who received the nursing scholarship we sponsor for the Scholarship Program at school. It is the first thank you we have received from the recipient.

Our next meeting is September 15th with lunch at the Dining Site and meeting 1:00pm at the church.

Happy August!

Audrey Bowe
President UMW



United Methodist Women,

Hello, my name is Jennifer Studniski and I want to thank you for making the Milaca United Methodist Women Scholarship possible. I am so appreciative that you made the opportunity available through the Milaca Dollars for Scholars.

I am extremely grateful for the chance to receive the scholarship to help pay for my college education. This upcoming fall I will be attending St Cloud State University, majoring in nursing. I hope to graduate as a Registered Nurse with a Bachelors Degree of Science. As of right now, I am working in a nursing home and really enjoy what I do, so I believe I am headed down the right path. I love helping people, and know that nursing is the perfect profession to fulfill this. Throughout my high school career I put a lot of time and dedication towards my studies and actually graduated top of my class! I am hard working and can promise the scholarship will not be wasted nor disrespected by any means. Thank you so very much!

Jennifer Studniski



7th – Pastor @ Jail Ministry 1:00pm

9th – Christian Women 9:30am

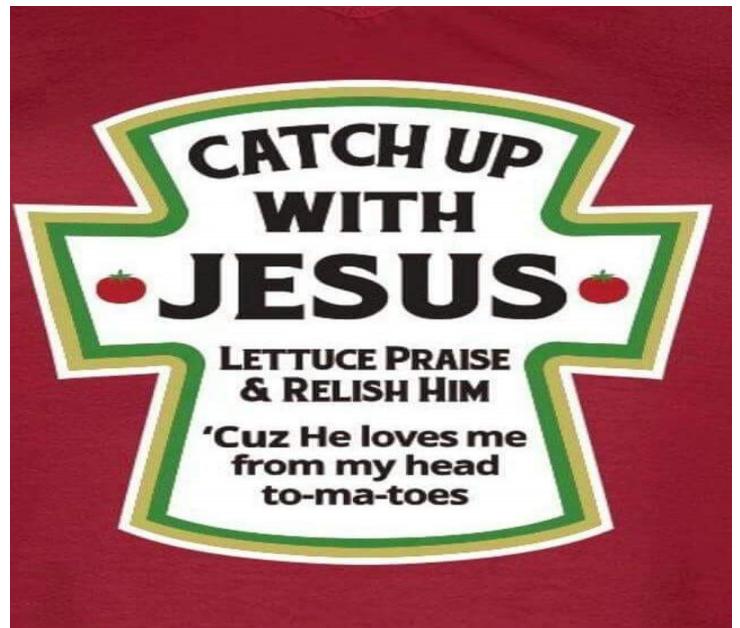
11th – Church Council 6:30pm

14th – Java & Jesus 6:00pm

18th – High Rise Meal be there at 11:15am for 11:30am meal

21st – Newsletter items due

28th – Change Shaker Sunday



Menu:

Menu; Pork riblets, O'Brien potatoes, broccoli Normandy, wheat roll, cookie.



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

21—Paul & Gayle Ash

