

MILACA UNITED METHODIST

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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



Blessings of the Animals



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September 2016 - From the Pastor



Dear friends, let's love each other, because love is from God, and everyone who loves is born from God and knows God. The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love. This is how the love of God is revealed to us: God has sent his only Son into the world so that we can live through him. This is love: it is not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son as the sacrifice that deals with our sins.

1 John 4:7-10 CEB

This month I want to share a devotional from Charles Stanley's In Touch magazine:

One of the biggest troubles many people face is a feeling that the Lord couldn't possibly love them. Yet, the scripture reading above clearly tells us God does love us. Far from just saying so with words, God has also given us ample proof. Creation itself is an expression of the awesome way God cares for us. God designed this earth as the perfect habitation for humanity and provides us with the necessities of life. But the highest expression of God's love is manifested in the provision for our eternal needs. God sent the Son to redeem us from sin so that we could be forgiven and reconciled to God – and then live with God in heaven forever.

Why, then, with all this evidence, do so many of us still doubt God's love? Perhaps the reason is that we are looking at it from our own limited perspective: since human beings cannot love others unconditionally, we doubt that the Lord can. After all, worldly logic considers it reasonable to be loving towards people who measure up to our standards but to hold ourselves aloof from those who don't.

Or maybe we just feel unworthy of God's love. Well, here's news for you: No one is worthy. God's love is based not on whether we are deserving but on God's character – we need to understand that love isn't simply something God does; it's who God is (*God is love* verse 8 from above).

Divine love is a demonstration of God's commitment to our greatest good. It's like the ocean's tide. You can stand on the shore and say, "I don't believe in waves," but that doesn't stop them from coming. Likewise, nothing you do or feel will stop God's love from washing over you.

Remember that you are a precious and loved child of God – always!!!

Blessings and see you in church

Pastor Joyce <><

Big Waters District: Change the World Day

A Day with Bishop Ough

Saturday, September 17, 2016

at Coon Rapids United Methodist Church

10506 Hanson Blvd. NW Coon Rapids, MN

9 a.m. - Gathering for coffee and fellowship

9:30-11 a.m. – *Radical Attentiveness*: a workshop on prayer led by Bishop Ough

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. - One group serving at Feed My Starving Children while three mini-workshops offered for those remaining at the church

2-4 p.m. - Worship and concert

4:30-6:30 p.m. - Second group serving at Feed My Starving Children



\$15 registration fee includes morning snacks and

Featuring: Bishop Bruce Ough, Resident Bishop of Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area

Ben Utecht, Christian performer, former NFL Super Bowl champion and author of *Counting the Days While My Mind Slips Away*

Mini-workshops: How to Multiply at Any Stage (Ben Ingebretson)

How to Create a Newsworthy Event (Christa Meland)

Update on Our Journey to Vitality (Bishop Ough)

Worship and Concert: Bishop Ough's message *Sent* will focus on the dynamics of being sent into the world to make a difference, Ben Utecht will perform

Lay and clergy are encouraged to come . . . for the whole day or part of the day!

Coming for the full day? Register at <https://mnumc-reg.brtapp.com/BigWatersDay>.

Bringing a group just to pack meals at Feed My Starving Children? Contact Laurie at laurie.huston@minnesotaucm.org or 612-230-6153.

Questions? Contact Laurie at laurie.huston@minnesotaucm.org or 612-230-6153.



WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

Sept 4th – Communion, Labor Sunday

Sept 11th – Blessing of the backpacks

Sept 18th – Special Music

Sept 25th – Change Shaker Sunday

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 763-742-4241 cell

Tuesdays – 12:30 – 8:30 (on Bible Study nights – earlier other times)

Wednesdays – 9:30 – 8:30 (10-1 [usually] offsite at scripture study)

Thursdays – 9:30 – 5:00 (later if council or finance meeting)

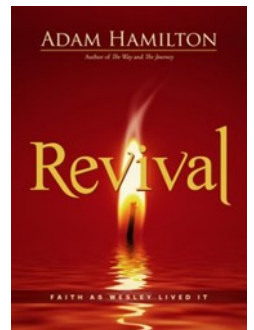
Friday – day off

Sunday mornings

SMALL GROUP STUDY OPPORTUNITY – OPEN TO EVERYONE – NO PREVIOUS BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE NEEDED!!!

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 a large print participant book is available. The class will have 6 sessions. There will be 2 options for classes, the same session will be held on Tuesday nights at 6:30, beginning Sept 13th and Thursday mornings at 10:30, beginning Sept 15th. You only need to attend one of the sessions each week. Sign up on the sheets outside Pastor Joyce's office – so a book can be ordered for you. Cost for the book is \$15.





BOOYAH FUNDRAISER – WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 26

Booyah (also spelled booya, bouja, boulyaw, or bouyou) is a thick meaty stew. Its origins are murky, with immigrants from Hungary to Belgium laying claim to the original recipe. Most fans presume the name comes from a corruption of the French word for broth, bouillon.

But this great community supper and fundraiser is undoubtedly a thing of the Upper Midwest, with booyahs a rite of autumn in parts of Wisconsin and Michigan, too. They are akin to lutefisk dinners and smelt fry feeds, where individuals work together to nourish hundreds of mouths at once.

Booyah often requires up to two days and multiple cooks to prepare; it is cooked in specially designed "booyah kettles" and is usually meant to serve hundreds or even thousands of people. The name also refers to the event surrounding the meal. Booyah is a quintessential fall tradition, a community gathering and a childhood memory all centered on a stew of epic proportions.

This is an all church fundraiser. Look for sign up board for the following job types:

tickets/money taker

pre-day cook

day-of cook

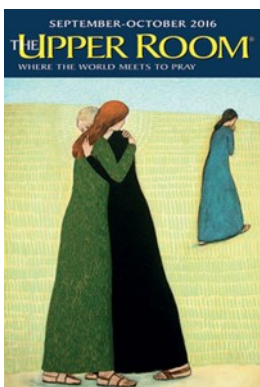
dinning room helper

kitchen helper

pie provider

server

clean-up



SEPT/OCT UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE

The UMW encourages you to make use of this devotional from the United Methodist Church. They can be found on the counter in the gathering space, a \$1 donation to cover costs is appreciated, but not required. Regular and large print devotionals are available.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP AT CHURCH?

GET INVOLVED!

Wednesday Night Alive – youth group for 6th -12th graders: 5:30 – 7:00, snacks and meal donations for a group of 6 (youth and adults) are welcomed. See Pastor Joyce to volunteer to provide a meal.

Sunday School – preschoolers – 6th graders HELPERS 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, drive for meals on wheels, etc.

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

Java & Jesus – worship with us, help with the meal 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.

SEPTEMBER 11th 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.



OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN'S – SUMMER OF SERVICE



They made 50 encouragement bags and delivered them to the Police and Sheriff Offices.

They cut and tied 6 blankets for the children at our mission in Nuevo Progreso Mexico.



They made new bookmarks for our hymnals.

They served us delicious food at fellowship time.



They acted as ushers and greeters for a worship service.

Our Sunday school children are: Ryan Alley, Johnny Anderson, Maggie Barnes, Oliver Barnes, William Barnes, Charlie Hoffman, Izzy Hoffman, Brenna Jefferson. Share a word of thanks to them and their teachers: Christie Barnes & Joyce Anderson Jr.



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5TH 11 AM - 1 PM

Encourage your friends and neighbors to attend this UMW fundraiser. Sweet & savory salads, relishes, bread, meats, cheeses, beverage, and bars for dessert are included. Tickets are \$7 and carry outs are available.



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 11TH

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. **HELPERS NEEDED** – Please talk with Lynne Olson if you'd like to help!

WEEKLY YOUTH GROUP

Beginning September 14th for youth 6th – 12th Grade
Feel free to come up to church right after school on Wednesdays 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 will follow from 6-7 pm

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Alive



Another month has passed already. I have been recuperating from another angioplasty, having two more stints put in. Hopefully that will be all for awhile. It sure gives you a scare and I plan on taking my recuperation slowly, plus I don't have the energy. I start cardiac rehab, so that will help. Thank you for all your prayers and good wishes. I am doing well.

The ladies served Christian Women on Tuesday, August 9th with 65 ladies attending. They served raspberry French toast, ham and fruit. They meet in September on the 13th.

Our UMW Kick Off meeting is September 15th with lunch at the Dining Site and meeting following at church at 1:00pm.

Circle of Hope called last week to see if we would be able to serve the September 1st meal, as they had no one to do it. We accepted, so that is added to our schedule.

The Salad Luncheon Committee will be meeting soon to start planning the luncheon, which is Wednesday, October 5th. More info coming soon.

Thanks again for all your prayers. I hope to see you in church soon.

Have a safe and blessed Labor Day.

Audrey Bowe

President UMW



September Calendar Items:

- 4th – Jail Ministry 1:00pm
- 7th – Ministerial Meeting 8:30am
- 8th – Church Council 6:30pm
- 11th – Java & Jesus 6:00pm
- 13th – Christian Women
Revival Study 6:30pm
- 4th – Youth Supper 5:30pm Youth 6:00pm
- 15th – Revival Study 10:30am
High Rise Meal seating at 11:15am for 11:30am meal
UMW Kick Off 1:00pm
- 17th – Big Waters District Change the World Day
- 20th – Revival Study 6:30pm
- 21st – Youth Supper 5:30pm Youth 6:00pm



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- Jenny Berglund

21- Bonnie Samuelson

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

September Meals on Wheels Schedule

Sept 1—Peggy Crooms and Sue Olson

Sept 2—Peggy Crooms and Judy Schwieger

Sept 6-9—Betty Anderson and Carolyn Ingle

Sept 12-16—Jere Day and Frank Crooms

Sept 19-23—Rick and Lynne Olson

Sept 19-23—Larry and Dorothy Moe

Sept 26-30—Mary Alley and Judy Schwieger



High Rise Meal

Thurs, Sept 15th at 11:30am
(be there by 11:15) Cost \$4.00

Menu:

**Touchdown tacos, royalty rice,
game on green beans,
ballroom brownie**