

# MILACA UNITED METHODIST

November 2016 Newsletter

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



**Beginning November 6th Worship Is At 10:00am**

**November thru March - Service Will Be At 10:00am**



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## **New Service time – 10am Begins Nov. 6**

The Church Council discussed and voted to let the congregation decide if they would like to change the service time to 10am from November through March. Votes were collected over 2 Sundays and the results were as follows:

25 In Favor

9 Not in Favor

6 Don't Care

This will allow a little extra time for folks to get ready, the sun will be a bit higher and the temperature will hopefully be a bit warmer. We will return to a 9:30 start time the first Sunday in April.

### **Giving Thanks – Cultivating an attitude of gratitude**

In these days of political disagreements it can be hard to think about being thankful, but we have much for which to give thanks. I encourage you to begin a list of things that you are thankful for and add at least one item each day during November. By the time you get to Thanksgiving you will have at a minimum of 24 things on your list. I'll get us started:

1. I'm thankful for a congregation that is more than willing to help when asked.

Blessings, and See You in Church!

*Pastor Joyce*<><

**Remember to set your clocks back an hour on November 5th. This way you will be ready for the new service time of 10 am and not show up an hour and a half early for church. But if you do, stay and have a cup of coffee with Pastor Joyce.**





## Worship Schedule

### NOVEMBER WORSHIP – New worship time 10:00 am

- 6<sup>th</sup> All Saints, communion, Myla will be on the piano
- 13<sup>th</sup> Children sing in worship, Myla will be on the piano
- 20<sup>th</sup> Christ the King Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday
- 27<sup>th</sup> First Sunday in Advent – Start of new sermon series

### NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> AT 10:00 AM

On this coming Sunday we will be honoring all those saints who have touched our lives and gone to heaven this past year. From our membership and Susie Quinn. You will have the opportunity to have a loved one's name lifted up in our list of saints during the worship service.



### JAVA AND JESUS – Casual worship experience & free meal



Sunday November 13

6:00 meal – Turkey Dinner

6:30 worship time – lots of guitar music

This service is intended for members of our church, those who don't have a church home and have a need for spiritual and physical nourishment. The service is led by Dayna Hillcrest, Jere Day and Pastor Joyce. Meals provided by the Outreach Committee and members of the congregation.



### DECORATING FOR ADVENT – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup> FOLLOWING WORSHIP

All who can stay and help are greatly appreciated; there are tasks for all heights and skill levels: from putting up the tree, wrapping garland around the communion rail, arranging the manger scene and hanging our theme decorations of bells. Please be a part of a team who helps to beautify the church for the Christmas season.





## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

### EVE SERVICE

NOV 23 AT 7 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church

All in the community are invited to attend.

Rev. Tim Bauer will be our preacher for the

evening. Pastors from many of the churches in town take part. There will be refreshments served after the service.

### YOUTH GROUP FOOD DRIVE

The Youth Group will once again be doing a Thanksgiving food drive. We ask the community to help by giving them food collection bags with a note of the items needed which we pick up the following week from their front porches. They look to our congregation to give their support in also bringing bags of food by Sunday November 13th. The Youth always look forward to seeing how much food is collected. Items needed are: stuffing, jarred or canned gravy, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin, canned corn, canned green beans, cream of mushroom soup, instant mashed potatoes, canned french fried onions, and any other thanksgiving meal type items.



### MAKE PLANS FOR THE COOKIE WALK –

#### SATURDAY DECEMBER 3RD

Start searching your cookbooks for those yummy recipes of cookies, candies, breads and other goodies. Set aside some jars of jelly, jam, preserves, salsa, and pickles to share. Check your closets, attics & basements for new or gently used items for our treasures room. Also, if you are a crafter we will gladly accept any of your projects. Reminder there is an absolutely

beautiful quilt that will be raffled. Be sure to invite your friends to meet you at the Milaca United Methodist Church for a day of Christmas cheer and shopping. Coffee and cinnamon or caramel rolls are available in the morning and a soup luncheon will also be served.

## UPDATE ON OUR EFFORTS

### BOOYAH FEED - All Church Fundraiser

We raised just over \$1,000 and served about 125 folks (including to go orders). Many thanks to everyone who donated food items, chopped & prepped all the veggies, got up in the middle of the night to stir the kettle, worked the day of our event, or contributed in any way – your efforts are greatly appreciated. **We are selling frozen**

**Booyah for \$5 per quart bag.** See Pastor Joyce if you would like to make a purchase – it makes for a nice beginning to a meal that you can give to your neighbors or a friend who is under the weather.

### TIS THE SEASON – to turn up & down the heat!

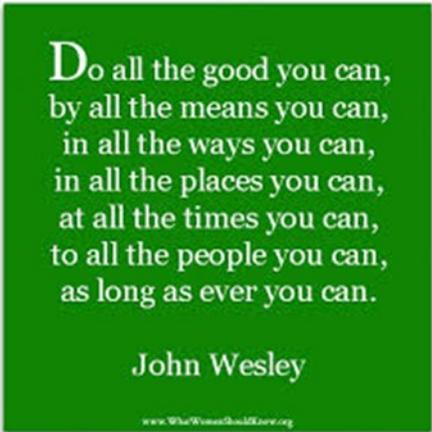
Please be sure if you turn up the heat (to no more than 68) that you also turn it down (to 58) when you leave the room or building. This helps keep our heating costs down.



### BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE - for Ralph Koecher

Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 2 pm

Join us as we celebrate the **70 year** milestone for our beloved Ralph.



## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 AM

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

This year's Stewardship Program will be based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship.

We want to encourage people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on Stewardship Sunday December 4th, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's ministries.

Please fill out a pledge card for December 4th. It is an estimate of your giving which can be changed (up or down) as one's circumstances change. This enables the church to make a responsible ministry budget for the coming year.





NOVEMBER

I can't believe how time flies—I just wrote an article it seems like last week. I am done with cardiac rehab on Monday. My heart is healing very well. Now if the leg would do the same. It is a slow process and with God's help I hope to start getting back to normal.

The ladies served about 60 ladies for Christian Women on Tuesday, October 18th. They meet on November 15th, the second Tuesday following the second Monday of the month.

The Circles met this month. Mary Martha met on Thursday, October 20th. Jeanette said we made \$1761.89 and most of the bills are paid. Thanks to everyone that donated food and their time helping. They served about 220 people this year.

Our November 17th UMW meeting we will be having Kim Harris, District Deaconess speak. We have invited the Ogilvie and Onamia ladies to join us. We will have our meeting at 12:30 before they come. Grace Sarah serves dessert. We will be discussing if we will be sponsoring a family for Christmas. Also, it is election of officers and planning the new year schedule.

Jeanette is having the Christmas lunch on December 15th at noon.

Have a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

See you in church!

Audrey Bowe

President UMW



# November 2016

## November Calendar Items:

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| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Ministerial Meeting 8:30am<br>Clergy Text Study 10:30am<br>Youth Supper 5:30pm Youth 6:00pm           | 15 <sup>th</sup> – Christian Women 10:00am<br>SPRC Meeting 7:00pm                                      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Revival Study 10:00am<br>Pastor Lunch at Elim Home 12:00am<br>Jail Ministry Refresher Training 6:30pm | 16 <sup>th</sup> – Clergy Text Study 10:30am<br>Youth Supper 5:30pm Youth 6:00pm                       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> – All Saints Sunday<br>Java & Jesus Meeting 10:45am<br>Jail Ministry 1:00pm                             | 17 <sup>th</sup> – High Rise Meal 11:30am<br>UMW 12:30pm   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> – Finance Meeting 6:30pm  | 20 <sup>th</sup> – <b>Ralph's Birthday Party 11am-2pm</b><br>Advent Decorating<br>Newsletter Items Due |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> – VOTE  | 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Clergy Text Study 10:30am<br>No Youth   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> – Clergy Text Study 10:30am<br>Youth Supper 5:30pm Youth 6:00pm   | 24 <sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> – Church Council 6:30pm  | 27 <sup>th</sup> – Change Shaker Sunday  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> – Java & Jesus Turkey Dinner 6:00pm  | 30 <sup>th</sup> – Clergy Text Study 10:30am<br>No Youth   |



- 24- *Nicole Alley*  
24- *Betty Anderson*  
26- *Peter Slostad*



## *Anniversaries:*

*No Anniversaries for November*



### **High Rise Meal**

High Rise Meal for Thursday, Nov 17<sup>th</sup>.  
Seating at 11:15am, Dinner served  
at 11:30am. Cost \$4.00.

### **Menu:**

Turkey w/cranberry garnish, whipped  
potatoes & gravy, stuffing,  
green beans, pumpkin pie.

- 3- *Melissa Gubrud*  
5- *Mary Patten*  
10- *Amy Johnson*  
11- *Bruce Cochran*  
11- *Corky Webb*  
13- *Hannah Hoffman*  
20- *James Bungler*  
22- *Chet Bergstrom*  
23- *Ralph Koecher*