



# MILACA UNITED METHODIST



May 2017 Newsletter

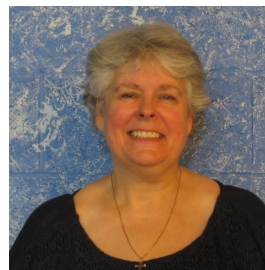
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



**Men's Walleye Fish Dinner**



**Reverend  
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- Much, much, more!

## May 2017 From the Pastor

I want to share with you this devotional From "In Touch: Daily Readings for Devoted Living"

By Charles Stanley:

People love inspiring stories. Biographies of the down and out who make great use of a second chance tend to top best seller lists. But few people have a life of such drama – most of us are quite ordinary. Sadly, some believers think that being a "regular" person make their faith story or testimony unexciting and therefore less valuable. Nothing could be further from the truth. What the Lord has done for any of us is just as extraordinary as what he did by redeeming those with a past of more noticeable sin.

A personal faith story or testimony is a way of expressing what God has done and is doing in one's life. It's a powerful tool for getting someone who is unchurched (one who has never really had any church experience) or dechurched (one who was a part of church but left for some reason) interested in spiritual matters. No matter how commonplace our words may sound compared to someone else's, they are our words about our faith story, and the Lord will see to it that they impact the hearers who need them.

Let me give you an example. Suppose an 8 year old girl named Tina receives salvation. When she is 18, she will be able to tell her friends of God's grace (unconditional love) and greatness. She can explain that God made the gospel clear to her as a child and yet reveals something new every day. When Tina is 80, she will have a lifetime of stories about service opportunities to share with others. Her faith story or testimony may not be exciting according to the world's standards, but it is spiritual gold.

You have no idea how far reaching your faith story can be. Scriptures says, God's words will not return to God without completing the work that God sent them to do (Isaiah 55:11). When you share your faith, you are carrying the good news to a needy world. And the story of Jesus' saving grace is always inspiring.

Blessings and See You In Church!

Pastor Joyce <><



**TELL YOUR  
STORY**

## May Worship Schedule



May 7<sup>th</sup> – Communion

May 14<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Sunday

6 pm Java and Jesus Meal & Worship

May 21<sup>st</sup> – Graduation Celebration

May 28<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day Sunday

## High Tea - Wednesday May 3rd, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Milaca UMC is the place to be for a delicious afternoon tea. Bring a friend, relative, or neighbor and enjoy the tempting and tasty variety of sweet and savory treats that will be served. A freewill offering will be received to benefit local charitable groups. This event is sponsored by the United Methodist Women.



## Youth Group Schedule for May

May 3rd – No Youth Group due to High Tea

May 10th – 5:30 supper 6:00 upcoming missions

May 17th – 5:30 supper, 6:00 class

## Early Birthday Present for Pastor Joyce!

We had so much fun last time – we're doing it again! **12 volunteers needed this time.**

### Hands On Mission Opportunity: Pack Meals at FMSC

Mark your calendar for **Saturday June 3 from 2-4 pm** at the Coon Rapids location. We have agreed to send 12 volunteers to work to pack meals for starving children around the world. There are jobs that allow you to sit down for the entire packing session. Signup sheet is on the table in the Gathering Space.



# Sunday Worship Events For May – Mark Your Calendar:



## May 7th

Communion Sunday and the Choir will be with us again to share their gift of music.

## May 14<sup>th</sup>

Mother's Day Sunday – please be with us in worship as the Sunday School children share special music and a gift with us.



## May 21st

Graduation Sunday – the following youth: **Hailey Stobb and Sam Walbridge** are graduating this year and we will honor them in worship and a cake reception hosted by the UMW will follow church.

## May 28<sup>th</sup>



Memorial Sunday – we will remember those who gave their lives while in service to this country, and any person whom we have loved and has left this life for life eternal with the Lord. Please feel free to bring a picture of your loved one(s) and place them along the communion rail. (On Veterans Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> we honor all who have served their country.)





## 2017 VBS – Hero Central

**June 26th – 30th, 1-4 pm**

Hero Central VBS has everything you need to help your kids discover their strength in God and realize that they are God's heroes!

Sessions include:

Session 1 - Samuel Anoints David (1 Samuel 16:1-12)

Session 2 - Abigail Saves the Day (1 Samuel 25)

Session 3 - Jesus Goes to the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

Session 4 - Beatitudes (Matthew 4:23-5:12)

Session 5 - Pentecost (Acts 2:1-41)

We need lots of teachers, and helpers with things like: snacks, crafts, science, recreation and other events. Let Pastor Joyce know if you'd like to help out with this terrific mission to our community!

**VBS Training Day Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**

### 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.



# **Our new cross made by a friend of the Barnes Family and holes drilled by our Sunday School Children**

**Nails representing our sin given to Jesus  
on the cross on Palm Sunday.**



**Flowers representing  
the new life of**

**Resurrection on  
Easter Morning**





## Fish Fry / 2017



Well another fish fry has come and gone this spring and as usual the food was the big hit! Because the fall and winter fishing season was not good, we didn't get as much fresh caught fish donated this year so we relied on purchased fish this year making our costs higher. I want to thank all those who donated and prepared food items for the dinner; Dale Gilbert,(for oil and supplies for salads, cheesecakes, cookers, etc.) Bruce Cochran and Jere Day for making cheesecakes, Jeanette Hanenberg for her expertise, salads, potatoes and sherbert dessert and supplies. Right now we have grossed \$1846 from ticket sales and donations making our proceeds the third highest ever! When all the bills for ads and fish are paid we will update profits and projects for the proceeds the Men's Group / church programs that will be funded.

I also want to thank all the people who donated items for the decorations and their labor for there would be no successful dinner without them.

Thanks especially to these groups:

Kitchen staff: John Day, Shawn, John DeMares, Ryan Quinn, Dale Gilbert family (sisters Cindy and Cathy), Arnie Pearson, Jeanette Hanenburg, Paul Ash, and Phil Anderson

Waiters/ hostess: Pastor Joyce Slostad, Bruce Cochran,, Matt and Peter Slostad,Joel Bryson, Arnie Pearson, John Hillcrest, Brad Barnes, Jeff Stobb.

Ads, auction: tickets Jim Fladmoe, Laurel Fladmoe, John Day ( signs)  
Frank Crooms decorations and Leslie Vaccari for decorating the hall.

Decorations: Myla Tolmie, Leslie Vaccari, Jere Day.

Clean up crew: ) Frank Crooms, (dishwasher extraordinaire) Terry Wade, Jim Fladmoe, Jeff Stobb and everybody else listed above! It was a great team effort and you know what? Everyone HAD FUN DOING IT! Thanks mostly for the friendships that were nurtured and rekindled!

I know I will forget someone to thank for all this as well, so please excuse me if I did. Hallelujah!

God is so good to us!

Jere Day & Men's Group





I hope everyone had a nice Easter. We had a very good day at our daughter in St Michael. Most of the family made it there.

This month the Circles met and also in May. Our next UMW meeting is in June with our Picnic Potluck at Sue Olson's house.

Tuesday, April 11th we served the Christian Women brunch and there were 64 ladies present. The group keeps getting bigger each month. They were served a hash brown egg bake, muffins and pineapple slice with strawberry. They meet again on May 9th.

On Saturday, April 22nd four of us went to Forest Lake for our Big Waters District Gathering. It was very interesting and different topic this year. The topic was—Won't You Be My Neighbor - Building community with new Americans. There was a panel of three that were asked questions and each answered about different subjects concerning people of different nationalities, etc. We broke for two sessions, one was with 2 ladies and one was with a professor on Muslims and their religion. We didn't get any pamphlets so it is in our memory. (mine not so good) He explained the Quran and their beliefs. Not a lot different from the Bible. Some written information would have been nice to bring back.

We received two certificates; Five Star Unit and Mission Today. I will be putting them up in our UMW showcase.

The High Tea was Wednesday, May 3rd from 3-5:00pm. We have changed the menu a little with some different things. Hope everyone had a good time.

Graduation Sunday will be May 21st with 2 graduates: Hailey Stobb and Sam Walbridge. We will be serving cake and punch & coffee after church.

Mission U is at Kelly Inn, St Cloud, July 14-16.

Happy May Day

Audrey Bowe, UMW President



***Dear United Methodist Church,***

***Thank you for your support during the Food shelf March Campaign!***

***We received \$575. Pastor Discretionary Fund \$79.62 and thank you for hosting the 4-H Mystery Dinner \$675.***

***Thank you for helping us feed our neighbors! God Bless!***

***Carol Mueller, Pantry Board Member***

*The centerpiece flowers that were on the tables were given to us in appreciation for all us ladies do for them. We divided them up between us. It is so thoughtful of them.*





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

**May 3<sup>rd</sup> – High Tea 3:00-5:00pm**

Ministerial Meeting 8:30am

No Youth Group

4<sup>th</sup> – Prayer Breakfast @ Alliance 7:00am

7<sup>th</sup> – Communion Sunday & Choir 9:30am

Jail Ministry 1:00pm

9<sup>th</sup> – Christian Women

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

Men's Group 6:30pm

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

14<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day Celebration 9:30am

Java & Jesus 6:00pm

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

18<sup>th</sup> – Mary Martha

High Rise Meal 11:15am

**21<sup>st</sup> – Graduation Sunday 9:30am**

Newsletter Items Due

25<sup>th</sup> – VBS Training 6:30pm

28<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Sunday 9:30am

Change Shaker Sunday

30<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Day



***Birthdays:***

10– Taylor Ash

23– Cindy Haugen

23– Jessica Hall

26– Larry Moe

30– Jean Cliff



***Anniversaries:***

2—Jim & Stacy Coughlin

16– Rick & Lynne Olson

21– Dick & Judy Stewart

30– Dale & Sharon Gilbert



**High Rise Meal**

Thursday, May 18th

Seating at 11:15am

Dinner served at 11:30am

Cost \$4.00

**Menu:**

Roasted turkey and stuffing,  
whipped potatoes with gravy,  
broccoli Normandy,  
dinner roll and peaches.