

MILACA UNITED METHODIST

June 2017 Newsletter

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



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- Sunday Service 9:30am
- Coffee & Fellowship Following Service
- Bible Studies
- Youth Group
- Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School
- UMW
- Much, much, more!

From Pastor Joyce

Hard to believe June is almost here. It felt like summer would never arrive, but the rains and sunshine have got us off to a good start.

As we enjoy all that God's creation has to offer in the summer, I encourage each of us to not let things crowd Jesus and church out of our lives. Though we take vacation from work and routine – do we really want to take a vacation from our spiritual lives and the One who gives us life? Make a point to worship this summer, whether it is here at Milaca UMC or somewhere else; while vacationing or just visiting different churches or denominations to see what's happening in other parts of the Christian world.



Blessings and See You in Church!

Pastor Joyce <><



June 4 – Communion, Pentecost – wear red.

June 11 – Pastor Shirley Nelson will be preaching

June 18 – Father's Day

June 25 – Change Shaker Sunday, Report from Annual Conference by Peggy Crooms, VBS decorating



Peter and I want to extend our thanks to the congregation for your care and support following Joyce's mother, Jean's death. Your cards and words of comfort meant a lot to us. Here is a picture of the beautiful flower arrangement you sent for her memorial service. I felt your presence with me in North Carolina.



Pastor Joyce will be gone June 7-11

She and Peter will be taking a short, early anniversary trip out of state.

She will also be gone to Annual Conference June 20-22 in St Cloud

You may reach her by cell phone at 763-742-4241.

She and Lay Delegate Peggy Crooms will be staying overnight Tuesday and Wednesday at the Comfort Inn & Suites in St Cloud.

Vacation Pastoral Care Supply

Please contact Rev. Shirley Nelson if you have a pastoral care need during June 7-11. She can be reached on her cell at 218-750-0663.

CHURCH HOT DOG STAND AT MILACA PARADE JUNE 15

The youth group has grown smaller as more youth graduate and we need the congregation's help with this fundraiser. Lynne Olson is recruiting volunteers for a variety of jobs – both standing and sitting tasks are available. We also need to borrow items like canopies, large coolers and gas grills. The profits from the stand will go towards funding for our ministry outreach programs of VBS and Java and Jesus. If you can't help, but will be attending the parade be sure to visit the food stand (corner of Teals parking lot by Olson Park) and partake of a delicious old fashioned grilled hot dog, chips & drink. Or better yet, volunteer and support your church – we have a lot of fun – join us!!!!



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. Carpooling from church will be available.



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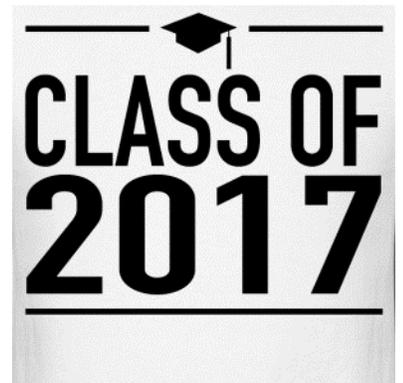
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2017 Annual Conference Love Offering For Missions

Monies given this year will be presented at Annual Conference by Lay Delegate Peggy Crooms. **We will receive this offering on the first 3 Sundays in June, the 4th, 11th & 18th.**

Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for Missions. The offering is brought to annual conference session—a gathering of United Methodist clergy and laity from across the state.

The theme of the 2017 Annual Conference session—taking place June 20-22 in St. Cloud—is “Encounter the Spirit: Live Expectantly,” and funds from this year’s Love Offering will go to three projects:

United Methodist University of Sierra Leone—School of Applied Health (60%) Sierra Leone has one of the lowest life expectancies in the world, and one in every five children die before their fifth birthday. The vast majority of the country’s citizens don’t have access to health services, and there is an acute shortage of trained health professionals. This portion of the Love Offering will be used to expand United Methodist University of Sierra Leone by creating a School of Applied Health Sciences in the city of Bo. Funds may be used for rehabilitating an existing classroom building, hiring staff, preparing a curriculum, and purchasing materials. The school will be adjacent to United Methodist-affiliated Mercy Hospital, where students will receive practical, hands-on training. Midwives, nurses, community health officers, and technicians who graduate from this new institution will significantly improve the accessibility and quality of health care throughout Sierra Leone.

Emma Norton Services (30%) Emma Norton Services helps women, children, and families achieve victory over homelessness, mental illness, and chemical dependency. The Twin Cities-based nonprofit provides safe, affordable housing through Emma Norton Residence, which supports 50 women in transition at any given time, and Emma’s Place, which houses 13 families on a permanent basis. In addition to housing, Emma Norton Services provides case management, peer and individual support programs, youth programs, life skills and out-of-poverty training, mental health support, and advocacy for women with disabilities. Through Emma Norton Services, families receive resources and coaching to equip them on their path toward stability.

Volunteers in Mission Scholarships (10%) Mission trips transform the lives of participants by giving them an opportunity to grow in faith and gain a new perspective of the world. Through the United Methodist Church’s Volunteers in Mission program, teams spend up to two weeks working on mission projects domestically or abroad. Most teams from Minnesota are engaged in hands-on projects that build infrastructure to ensure that nutritional, medical, and educational programs in developing countries become sustainable and locally run. Team members pay their own way, and the Love Offering helps offset the cost for first-time participants.

Help Us Decorate for VBS – following worship on June 25th

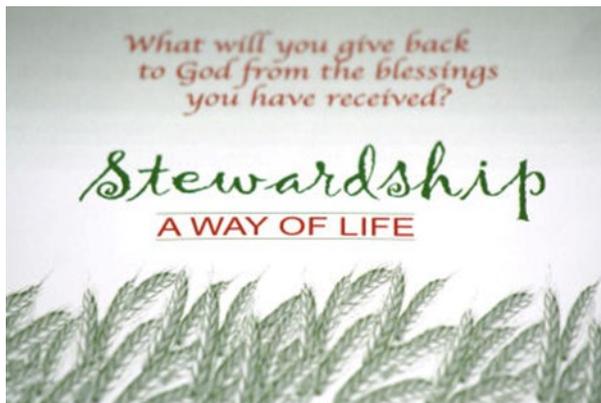
If you're looking for a small time commitment

to help our VBS program, please consider being part of the decorating team on June 25.

After worship we will transform the sanctuary and other parts of the church into Super Hero land. Come join the fun!



Also donations of home-baked items for the VBS Staff to enjoy while they are working at church during that week are greatly appreciated. It's nice to have something sweet with your break time cup of coffee or lemonade.



SUMMER GIVING

Summer is upon us. The days will be longer, the weekends 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 remain 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.



SAVE YOUR RECIEPTS & UPC CODES

The UMW is asking everyone to save their Teals receipts and the UPC codes from any Our Family products. These are turned in for rebates and the money has been used for mission work as well as helping to pay for things around the church. Place your receipts and codes in the labeled box on the counter in the gathering space – that's all you have to do. We have earned thousands of dollars through this program!



I hope everyone had a nice Mother's Day with family. Ours was very nice.

We started May with the High Rise on Wednesday, May 3rd and it was a huge success. Lots of compliments on the food and decorations. Jeanette said we took in \$555.55 (quite a no) which will be divided among local charities at our June potluck at Sue's house. What expense we have will be taken out of the UMW account. I want to thank everyone that made food and decorated for the Tea. Many Thanks!

May 9th was Christian Women and we served about 57 ladies. It was a little smaller group this month. They enjoyed a brunch of mini chicken pot pies, cheesy potatoes and fruit cup. Again, we received lots of compliments and thanks for doing this for them each month. It is work, but also very enjoyable for all. It is a good feeling that they really appreciate our serving them. It is also our Community Mission Project at work.

We will also be deciding at our June Potluck how many hymnals we should get with some memorial money we have. They will be the TFWS and W&S song books.

Graduation Sunday went well. (sorry I had to miss it) and again congratulations to Hailey and Sam.

Our next month meeting is June 15th at Sue Olson's home at 12:00 for potluck. It is our final meeting until September.

Have a good summer and see you in church.

Audrey Bowe,
President UMW



June Calendar Items:

3rd – Feed My Starving Children 2-4:00pm

4th – Pentecost 9:30am Wear Red

7th - 11th – Pastor Joyce Out of Town

8th – Church Council 6:30pm

11th –Pastor Shirley Worship 9:30am

Java & Jesus 6:00pm

13th – Christian Women 1:00pm

15th – UMW Picnic

All Church Hot Dog Stand @ Parade 4:00pm

17th – Hailey Stobb Grad Party

@ Stobb Farm 10am-2pm

18th – Worship 9:30am

Father's Day

20th – 22nd – Annual Conference @ St Cloud, Pastor & Peggy

24th – Sam Walbridge Grad Party

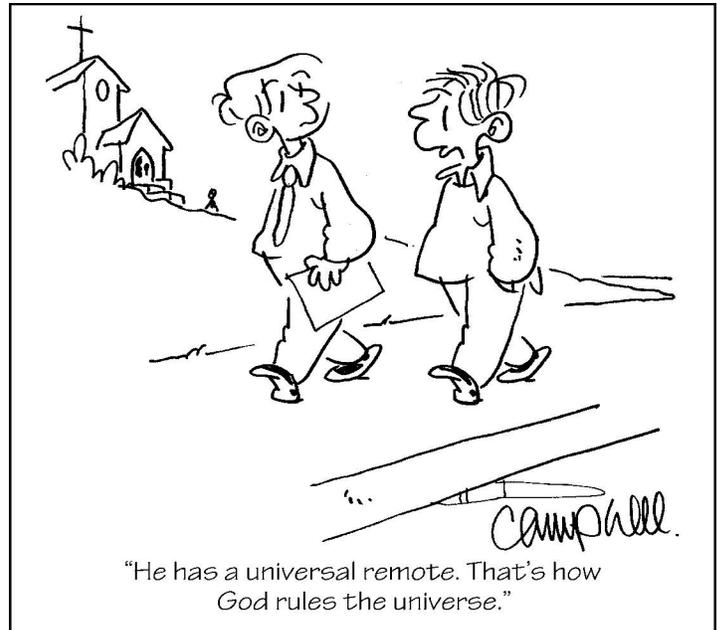
@ Rec Party Community Center 1-5pm

25th – Change Shaker Sunday

Decorate for VBS

Newsletter Items Due

26th-30th – Hero Vacation Bible School 1-4:00pm



18—Dorothy Moe

21—John Day

21—Junia Hillcrest

23—Myla Tolmie

28—Delores Quam

29—Annie Bunger

Anniversaries:

7—Chet & Tilly Bergstrom

14—Ron & Audrey Bowe

24—Ron & Corky Webb



High Rise Meal

Thursday, June 8th

Seating at 11:15am

Dinner served at 11:30am

Cost \$4.00

Menu:

BBQ chicken, potato salad,
coleslaw, wheat bread,
chocolate mousse.

Birthdays:

1—Matthew Slostad

1—Sam Walbridge

2—Stacy Coughlin

2—Lynne Olson

5—Pastor Joyce Slostad

8—William Barnes

10—Neva Hoffman

16—Terry Wade