



# MILACA UNITED METHODIST



July 2017 Newsletter

## Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



**Vacation Bible School 2017**



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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!

July 2017 from Pastor Joyce

*Do good! Seek peace and go after it.*

Psalm 34:14b



This was our memory verse for this year's Vacation Bible School. We had a team of Super Hero volunteers who worked hard before, during and after to make it a wonderful week for the children who came to be with us. They committed themselves to leading students of all ages into a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ as they empowered those students to discover their strength in God.

They had hearts of love for the children and youth; courage to handle all the tasks before them, to lead and share the good news of Jesus Christ with the children. They had wisdom to see the children through God's eyes and affirm and acknowledge them as made in God's image. They placed their hope in God and shared that hope with the children. At Pentecost the Holy Spirit brought power to the believers and our leaders shared with the children the power of the Holy Spirit in their own lives.

Our Milaca UMC heroes during VBS week were: Betty Anderson, Christie Barnes, Cyndee Greene, Laurel Fladmoe, Jere Day, Sharla Alley, Dona Kerwin, Marie, Sager, Matt Slostad, Juni Hillcrest, Hailey Stobb, Elizabeth Slostad, AJ Coughlin, Jayde Flores, Dayna Hillcrest, Kari Grulke, Lynne Olson, Rick Olson, Frank Crooms, Peggy Crooms and myself. My deepest apologies if I forgot to name someone.

I can't name everyone who helped because there were so many, but my sincere thanks to all who supplied treats for the staff, helped decorate (especially Bruce Cochran & Dale Gilbert for hanging our backdrop), contributed money to fund VBS, or helped in any way – I greatly appreciate it.

### **Hero Code**

God's heroes have heart!

God's heroes have courage!

God's heroes have wisdom!

God's heroes have hope!

God's heroes have power!

Blessings and see you in church!

Pastor Joyce <><





Pastor Joyce will be out of the office to deal with clearing out her mother's house from July 7<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>

She will be available by cell phone at 763-742-4241.

### **Out of the office Pastoral Care Supply**

Please contact Rev. Kevin Dunn if you have a pastoral care need during July 7-16. He can be reached on his cell at 320-492-3425.

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY**

July 2<sup>nd</sup> – VBS Celebration & Communion

July 9<sup>th</sup> – Lynne Olson will lead worship

6 pm Java & Jesus meal & worship

July 16<sup>th</sup> - Hymn Sing – Jere will lead worship

July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Pastor Joyce preaching

July 30<sup>th</sup> – Change Shaker Sunday/Service

Project Day – Making birthday

kits for the Milaca Food Pantry



## **SUMMER IS UPON US**

The days will be longer, the week-ends 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 re-main 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.



**FAITH FEST - SATURDAY JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10AM – 4 PM**  
**AT THE MILLE LACS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS**

Free admission

Local Praise Bands

Including our Java & Jesus Group

Food, fun and family

Children's activities

Sponsored by Freshwater United Methodist Church

**CHURCH HOT DOG STAND AT MILACA PARADE UPDATE**

We fed a lot of people and therefore had a very successful night and raised over \$1300, after paying our bills we netted just over \$900.

The profits from the stand will go towards funding for our ministry outreach programs of VBS and Java and Jesus.

Thanks to so many who helped: Lynne Olson for organizing and recruiting volunteers, Jody Walbridge for ordering our supplies, Stacy & Jim Coughlin, Dale & Sharon Gilbert, Carolyn Ingle, Joel Bryson, Brenna Jefferson, Terry Wade, Laurel Fladmoe, Rick Olson, Dayna Hillcrest, and Arne Pearson. I hope I didn't forget anyone, if I missed your name I apologize and know that we certainly appreciated your help. We also had a great time serving together and watched a wonderful parade.







I can't believe June is over that means the 4th of July is almost here and summer is half over.

On June 13th we served Christian Women their monthly brunch. There were 61 ladies served and they enjoyed a tater tot egg bake, watermelon and cherry nut bar. It was a new recipe and very tasty.

June 15th we had our noon pot luck luncheon at Sue Olson's home. She has a lovely garden in back and it was very nice. Lots of good food. There were 10 ladies present. We had a short meeting to decide on the local charities to give our High Tea proceeds to. They are: \$250 Scholarship Fund, \$50 Pearl Crisis Center, \$50 Elim Home for hearing devices, \$50 Milaca Library, \$50 Dining Site, \$50 Milaca Salvation Army and \$50 Police Dept, Drug & Safety Program.

Also, we decided to order more Green & Black hymnals so there are enough to fill all the pews. The Black ones will be in memory of Vincent Stobb and the Green ones with Memorial Money from Lorraine Wade.

The UMW will also be paying for the cost of tuning the piano in the Fellowship Hall. It is \$100 and Pastor Joyce said it is in good condition, just in bad need of fine tuning. Moving it has some chance for it to jar out of tune. We will have to leave it in the Fellowship Hall and work around it.

Bonnie's daughter, Linda, would like to know if anyone has yarn they aren't using. If so, she could use it for all the things she makes for church. Bring to church if you do. Thanks.

Mission U is coming up the 14th-16th of July at Kelly Inn in St Cloud this year. If anyone is interested in going (they need one more to fill two rooms), please let Peggy Crooms know. UMW will pay the fee as a scholarship from us. I have the books for two studies.

We don't meet again until September for our Kick Off meeting on the 21st.

Christian Women is July 11th

Have a Happy July 4th

See you in church!

Audrey Bowe, UMW President



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEMORIES



### *Birthdays:*

1- Sharon Gilbert  
1—Elizabeth Slostad  
6- Kymberlee Nelsen  
10- Linda Day  
14- Carolyn Ingle  
14—Danielle Walbridge  
16—Jody Walbridge  
18—Travis Hall  
21—Judy Erickson

22—Jan Anderson  
24—Phil Anderson Jr  
25—Mary Alley  
26—Marsha Bunger  
27—Bob Hoffman

### *Anniversaries:*

6—Bob & Cyndee Green

## July Calendar Items:

2<sup>nd</sup> – Choir Rehearsal 10:45am  
4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day/ Office Closed  
7<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> – Pastor Joyce Gone  
9<sup>th</sup> – Choir 8:45am  
Sing Gathering 9:15am  
11<sup>th</sup> – Christian Women 1:00pm  
13<sup>th</sup> – No Church Council  
14<sup>th</sup> – Mission U @Kelly Inn St Cloud  
16<sup>th</sup> – Choir Rehearsal 10:45am  
18<sup>th</sup> – Elim Home Worship Service 6:15pm  
20<sup>th</sup> – High Rise Meal Seating @ 11:15am  
Church Council 6:45pm  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Choir Rehearsal 8:45am  
Sing Gathering 9:15am  
Newsletter Items Due  
30<sup>th</sup> – Change Shaker Sunday



### **High Rise Meal**

Thursday, July 20th

Seating at 11:15am

Dinner served at 11:30am

Cost \$4.00

### **Menu:**

Barbecued chicken,  
potato salad, coleslaw, peaches  
and wheat bread.