

MILACA UNITED METHODIST

September 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
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September 2017 - From the Pastor

*I want to share with you more information about Red Brick Learning – our missional outreach ministry to the neighborhood around the church. We had a very productive informational meeting last Wednesday with 13 folks in attendance who are thinking about helping. We need more – **We need you!** This is a very exciting opportunity for our church to have a signature ministry – something no other church in the community is doing to meet a need, identified not by us, but by the Milaca Elementary School to help struggling readers.*

Mission: Introduce parents and students to the love of God and the saving grace of Jesus Christ, coupled with improving reading skills.

Need: Services are limited for elementary students who struggle in reading. Many families, especially children, have not been introduced to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

What is provided: snacks, adult and student spiritual and emotional support, guidance toward resources, tutoring for student, positive interaction with adults, prayer, school supplies, singing and worship, introduction to the Bible, activities in reading, books.

Advertising avenues: Church bulletin and newsletter, flyers, word of mouth, door to door campaign, support from Jeff Meyer (vice principal Milaca Elementary), Steve Voshel (Principal Milaca Elementary).

Donations needed: School supplies, weekly snacks, games, books

Volunteers: Snack preparer, tutors, chaperones, sign in and out, worship leaders, donation and supply coordinator, volunteer coordinator, parent coordinator, worship and music coordinator.

Background Checks for all Volunteers are mandatory.

Proposed schedule:

3:10 - 3:20: Students must arrive and check in.

3:10 - 3:45: Snack, interaction with adults, games and activity (inside or out)

3:45-4:00: Worship

4:00-5:00: Reading - students

Spiritual, emotional, resource help - parents

5:00-5:15: Closing with songs and prayer/parent pick up

Blessings and See You In Church!



WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

Sept 3rd – Communion, Labor Sunday

Sept 10th – Blessing of the backpacks, kids & teachers

Sept 17th – Sermon Series "The God We Can Know"

Sept 24th – Change Shaker Sunday, choir sings

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 offsite at scripture study)

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

Friday – day off

Sunday mornings



THE UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

SEPT/OCT COPIES ARE AVAILABLE

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.

The Upper Room magazine's mission is to provide a model of practical Christianity, accessible in varied formats, to help people feel invited and welcomed into God's presence to:

listen to scripture as God's personal message, linking their stories to God's story;

commune with God in prayer;

see their daily choices and small acts of obedience as part of God's work;

realize our connection through Christ as a universal family of believers;

encounter the living Christ and be transformed into Christ's likeness.



25th Anniversary Celebration for

Pastor Joyce and Peter

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday September 9th from 2-5 pm

A renewal of vows service will be held in the sanctuary followed by a Luncheon Open House in the Fellowship Hall.

SEPTEMBER 10th 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 10TH

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.



TO: Dakotas and Minnesota Conference Pastors
Lay Members of Annual Conference
Local Church Lay Leaders
Chairs of Local Church Administrative Councils or Leadership Teams

FROM: Bishop Bruce R. Ough

RE: Conversations on a way forward

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The 2016 General Conference called upon the Council of Bishops to guide The United Methodist Church in finding a “way forward” through the four decade-long divide we have had on the matter of homosexuality. As a result, the Council formed a Commission on a Way Forward to assist the bishops with this task. The Commission will make its final report to the Council of Bishops in May 2018 and the Council, in turn, will make its recommendation to a called session of the General Conference in February 2019.

This fall (September–November), I will be hosting 15 regional conversations across the Dakotas-Minnesota Area regarding the Commission’s work. I am eager to keep you informed about their deliberations and progress and, more significantly, gather your thoughts about a way forward. I am interested, among other things, to dialogue about how you see The United Methodist Church remaining united in the presence of significant cultural, regional, and theological differences.

I encourage you to pre-register for the regional gathering you would like to attend. Your pre-registration will assist the host congregations to prepare appropriate meeting space and hospitality. You can register for any regional gathering that is convenient for you. Each gathering will last approximately two hours. If you have any questions, please contact your district superintendent or Sheilah Kyburz in the Area office (sheilah.kyburz@dkmnareaumc.org or 612-870-4007).

I look forward to this opportunity to engage in this crucial conversation with you. I urge you to continue to pray, seeking God's guidance and blessing for the Commission and the Council.

Bishop Bruce R. Ough

The location closest to Milaca UMC is:

Sartell, MN: First UMC of the St. Cloud Region (1107 Pine Cone Rd.), Sun. Oct. 8, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

35th



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4TH 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.

Hurricane Relief Efforts

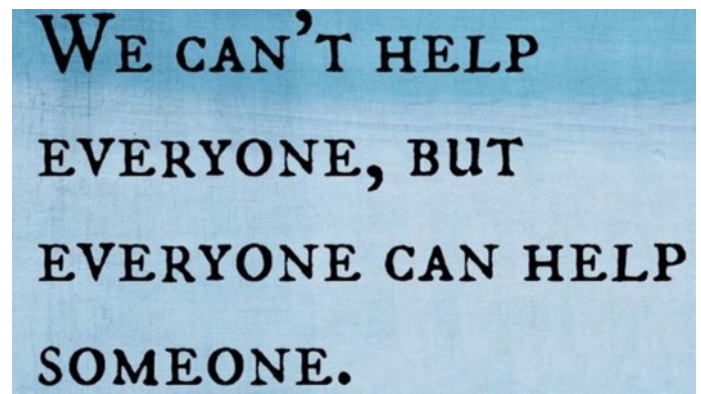
Financial Giving:

We use UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) an agency of the United Methodist Church. Make your donation check out to the Milaca United Methodist Church with "hurricane" marked in the memo or on your envelope. 100% of your donation will go to relief efforts and 0% to administrative costs.

You can place your donation in the offering plate and you will be given credit on your giving statement.

Physical Giving:

Milaca United Methodist Church is working with Da Ran Trucking in Zimmerman who will be sending a truck of donations down next week. Items must be to church by Sunday. They are working with Houston First Baptist Church to distribute the donated items. **Biggest needs right now are baby supplies (diapers, wipes, food & formula), non-perishable food (especially easy to eat items that require no cooking), NEW bedding, and cleaning supplies.**



Worship Helpers



Information & Training Day

Sunday Sept 10 following fellowship

Those Assisting in Worship

to have you attend. Lead by the Worship Team.

All those interested in helping make our worship time more meaningful are encouraged to attend this session to learn more about the importance of the roles of: greeters, ushers, and scripture readers. If you're just interested in learning more or are an experienced helper – we'd love

Meals on Wheels Volunteers

Sept 1 Peggy Crooms and Carolyn Ingle

Sept 5-8 Betty Anderson and Sue Olson

Sept 11-15 Dorothy & Larry Moe, Lynne & Rick Olson

Sept 18-22 Jere Day and Kevin Dunn

Sept 25-29 Frank Crooms and Arnie Pearson

Every Tuesday Bock route: Mary Alley and Judy Schwieger

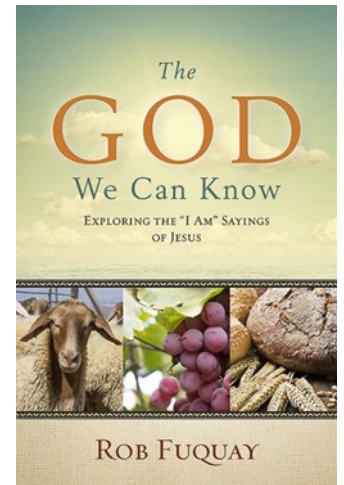
Pick up meals at High Rise Dining Center by 11:15am

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

“The God We Can Know:

Exploring the *I AM* sayings of Jesus” by Rev. Rob Fuquay

The God We Can Know is a 7 week study designed for the entire congregation to explore the “I am” sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. This series will help you find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, “Who do you say I am?”



One by one, Jesus's statements grab our imagination, reveal more about his identity and purpose, and connect us to the God of Moses, who spoke the first “I am.” These significant, yet ordinary images (bread, light, shepherd, vine, and more) give us insightful ways to experience Jesus and point us to a God who wants to be known.

The DVD, filmed on location in the Holy Land, allows you to travel with Rob Fuquay and actually see the places where Jesus stood while disclosing his true identity, and in what context he spoke each “I Am.”

There will be 2 options for classes, the same session will be held on Tuesday nights at 7:00, beginning Sept 12th and Thursday mornings at 10:30, beginning Sept 14th. 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.

Weekly themes include:

- Introduction to “I am” – Knowing God
- I am the Bread of Life – Knowing God's Satisfaction
- I am the Light of the World – Knowing God's Guidance
- I am the Good Shepherd – Knowing God's Care
- I am the True Vine – Knowing God's Power
- I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life – Knowing God's Way
- I am the Resurrection and the Life – Knowing God's Possibilities



2ND ANNUAL BOOYAH FUNDRAISER – SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST

Mark your calendar and please save and freeze some extra produce from your summer gardens for us to use in our kettle.

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 requires 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 a sign up sheet for the following job types:

tickets/money taker

pre-day cook

day-of cook

dinning room helper

kitchen helper

pie provider

server

clean-up



I hope you are making the effort to pray daily Bishop Ough's Prayer from Annual Conference! There are cards on the table in the Gathering Space and here it is for you again. I asked in church on August 20th that we commit to praying this prayer for two months, until October 22nd. Please place it somewhere that you will be reminded to pray it: by your bed, on the bathroom mirror, at your dinning table, or wherever you do your daily devotions.

I have included an additional paragraph about our own Red Brick Learning outreach mission initiative – please feel free to clip that paragraph out of this page and add it to your prayer card or simply print this page and use it.



Prayer for Living Expectantly

Gracious and Life-Giving God,

-Pour out your Holy Spirit, like a mighty wind and tongues of fire to, unleash our churches to see kingdom visions, to dream your dreams, and to prophesy to your saving grace and justice.

-Revive the power of the gospel in the hearts of our clergy and lay leadership and prosper their words and works, so that all nations may hear the good news in their own tongues.

-Boldly us me, without limits, delays or excuses, to be a living praise and witness to your love throughout all the earth and a blessing to all creation.

-Bless the outreach ministry efforts of our Red Brick Learning program. We pray for you open the hearts of children and adults from our neighborhood so that they may come to our church. May they benefit from this effort, but also learn more about you and your saving, sacrificial love for them. Work in me to show me children and adults to invite and how I can be personally involved in this ministry.

-Create in me an expectant heart, eager to receive your Spirit gifts and guidance to the glory of Jesus Christ in whose precious and powerful name I pray.

Amen.



SEPTEMBER

Where did the summer go? Labor Day is here, back to school and fall are just around the corner.

The only thing going this month for us is Christian Women, which was Thursday, August 15th. It was a smaller group of only 49 ladies that enjoyed a brunch of tuna noodle pot pie, watermelon and apple cinnamon French toast. It was a new recipe and well received. We keep trying something new occasionally for them. They meet again on Tuesday, September 12th.

The Salad Luncheon Committee met on August 29th to plan the luncheon. It is Wednesday, October 4th at 11:00-1:00pm. Letters will be coming by first part of September.

September 21st is our Kick Off meeting for UMW with lunch at the Dining Site at 11:30 and meeting at 1:00pm. We will be planning the year's calendar.

Big Waters District Fall Gathering is September 23rd at White Bear Lake Methodist Church. Anyone going let Peggy Crooms or myself know for registration. The UMW Annual Conference is October 7th at Hutchinson. Registration deadline for that is September 15th.

Hope everyone has a good Labor Day.

Just a note– We need people to sign up for Fellowship Coffee. You don't have to have a lot of things. Cookies, bars, etc. is fine. If you don't want to bake you can buy cookies or donate money for them. Thanks.

UMW President

Audrey Bowe



September Calendar Items:

3rd - Worship – communion 9:30am

Drop off hurricane relief donations 8:30-12:30

6th - Ministerial Mtg in Pease 8:30am

Pastor away @ scripture study 10:30-1:00

8th – Anniversary Party Set-Up & Prep 2:00pm

9th – Pastor Joyce & Peter's Renewal of Vows Service 2:00pm

25th Anniversary Luncheon Open House 2:30-5:00

10th - Worship – Blessing of the children, teachers & backpacks 9:30am

Worship servant info & training (ushers, greeters, readers) 11:00am

Java & Jesus meal & worship 6:00

12th – Christian Women 1:00pm

Red Brick Learning Directors Meeting 5:00pm

Bible Study – The God We Can Know 7:00pm

13th - Pastor away @ scripture study 10:30-1:00

14th - Bible Study – The God We Can Know 10:30am

17th - Worship, New Sermon Series – The God We Can Know 9:30am

19th - Bible Study – The God We Can Know 7:00pm

21st – Bible Study – The God We Can Know 10:30am

Lunch at Dining Site 11:30am

UMW Kick Off 1:00pm

23rd – Big Waters Fall Gathering at White Bear Lake

24th - Worship – baptism & choir sings 9:30am

25th - SPRC Meeting with the District Superintendent 7:00pm

26th - Bible Study – The God We Can Know 7:00pm

27th - Red Brick Learning – Tutor Training 7:00pm

28th - Bible Study – The God We Can Know 10:30am

Thank you to the following people who worked at the Food Pantry in June:

John Hillcrest

Sue Olson

Joel Bryson

Jere Day

Arne Pearson

Mary Patten

Joyce Stobb

Lynne Olson

Jeanette Hanenburg

Birthdays:



21– Bonnie Samuelson

4 23– Laurel Fladmoe

– 26– Rick Olson

30—Sandi Shoen

Brad Barnes

9—Paul Ash

13– Calvin Alley

15– Tresa Neis

16– Sue Olson

17—Dale Stobb

21—Jenny Berglund

Anniversaries:

7—Ed & Darlene Bekius

12—Peter & Joyce Slostad

17—Frank & Peggy Crooms

27—Randy & Jody Walbridge



High Rise Meal

Thursday, September 21st

Seating at 11:15am

Dinner served at 11:30am

Cost \$4.00

Menu:

Parmesan chicken breast,
baked potato, sour cream, carrots,
wheat bread and cran apple crunch.