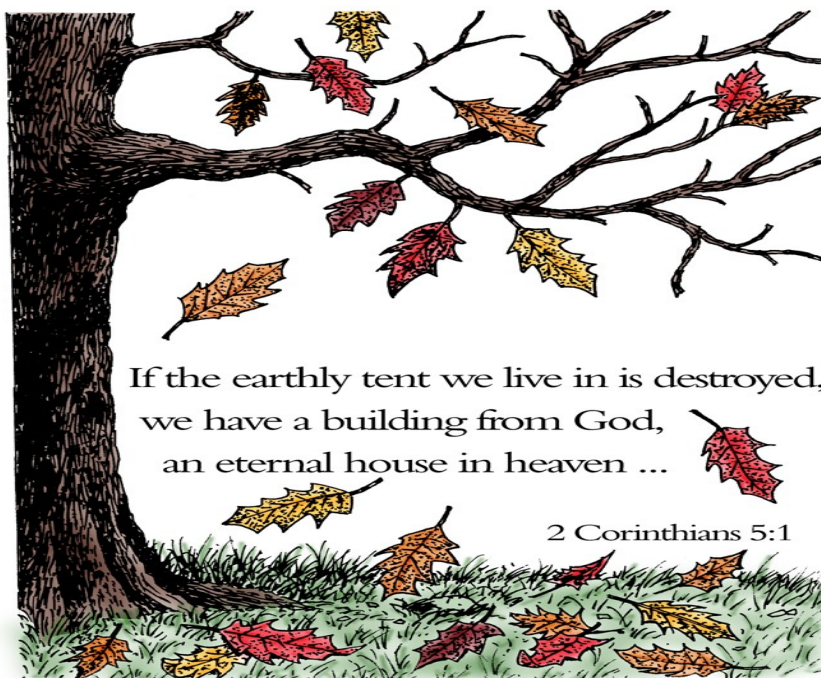


MILACA UNITED METHODIST

October 2017 Newsletter

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



**Reverend
Joyce Slostad**



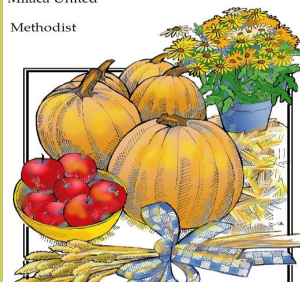
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- Sunday Service 9:30am
- Coffee & Fellowship Following Service
- Bible Studies
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OCTOBER 2017 PASTOR'S PAGE

I'm very excited about all the hospitality and outreach that we have coming up this month.

So as we prepare for guests I have a couple of questions for you. Do your eyes twinkle? Can the person sitting next to you Sunday morning or at an event see the twinkle? Can people, young and old, tell if you are happy to be at Milaca UMC or not happy?

Every time people are our guests, they are watching us especially those new to church. They are looking for evidence that we care and love people as much as Jesus does. They are looking into our hearts and into our faces wanting to see the face of Jesus reflected in our faces. Let us be the face, hands and feet of Jesus for them.

The UMW will be hosting their Annual Salad Luncheon on Oct 4th – be sure to invite your friends!

Wednesday Oct 4th is also the evening we will be delivering flyers to our church neighborhood telling families about our Red Brick Learning tutoring program. Come at 6 pm and help deliver invitation flyers to the few blocks around the church – just a little walking and many feet make for fewer steps. Wednesday Oct 11th is Registration Night for Red Brick Learning – if you can contribute a dessert that would be greatly appreciated.

We are collecting bar soap as our church's contribution to the Operation Community Connect (see article elsewhere in this newsletter). Bring your bars in by Tuesday Oct 17th. This event is designed to help anyone in our community with needs they might have – there is no income limitation. Many giveaways and services will be available to any who attend. A free delicious lunch is included.

Saturday October 28th is our Booyah Feed – this is an All Church Fundraiser. We need everyone's help to make this a success and it's a lot of fun to work with new people and get to know them better (see the detailed article elsewhere in this newsletter). There are all kinds of jobs for any ability. Look for a veggie donation, dessert sign up and a job sign sheet to be passed around the congregation.

Blessings, and See You in Church!

Pastor Joyce<><



WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

1st – Communion, Sermon Series: “I Am the Light of the World” – Knowing God’s Guidance.

8th – Sermon Series: “I Am the Good Shepherd” – Knowing God’s Care.

15th – Sermon Series: “I Am the True Vine” – Knowing God’s Power.

22nd – Sermon Series: “I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life” – Knowing God’s Way

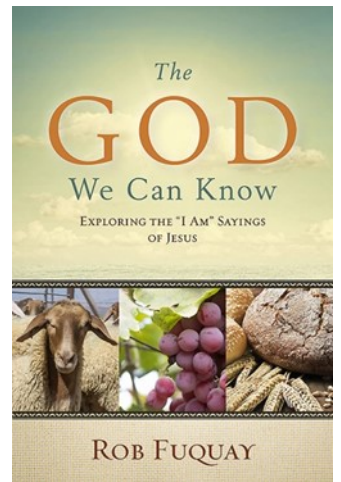
29th - Change Shaker, Sermon Series: “I Am the Resurrection and the Life” – Knowing God’s Possibilities.

Nov. 6th – Communion, All Saints Sunday – Remembering those we have lost this year

SERMON SERIES FOR FALL

We'll 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 asked by Jesus, “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.



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. Best # to reach her 763-742-4241:

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 [usually] offsite at scripture study)

Thursdays – 10:30 – 5:00 (later if council or finance meeting)

Friday – day off

Sunday mornings



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4TH FROM 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. **Salads can be dropped off on Tuesday Oct 3rd from 4:30 – 8:30 pm and Wednesday morning beginning at 8 am.** Thank you to everyone who is providing salad, desserts, or helping in any way.

YOUTH GROUP

We meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. This is for youth 6th – 12th Grade. Feel free to come up to church right after school on Wednesdays and have a snack, do your homework, socialize with friends or just hang out with one another and Pastor Joyce. Supper will be at 5:30 and youth group activities will follow from 6-7 pm. Our first event on Oct. 4th will involve taking flyers for Red Brick Learning to the houses around our neighborhood.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Alive



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. **The rebate amount increases to 2% for the remainder of 2017 – bring in those receipts!**



JAVA AND JESUS - OCT 8TH AT 6:00 PM

A casual worship experience and free meal

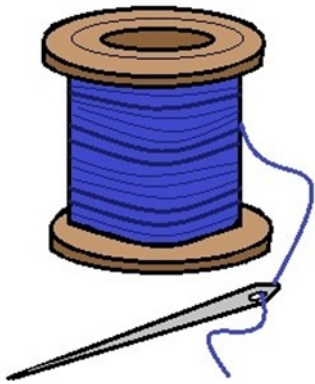
6:00 Dinner – Tacos

6:30 Worship – lots of music and a short devotional

This service is open to all people: members of the church and folks in our community (especially our surrounding neighborhood). Invite someone to attend with you!!!

OUR CHURCH'S DONATION TO THE 12th ANNUAL OPERATION COMMUNITY CONNECT (OCC)

Each year the church's in Milaca volunteer to donate item for this event which benefits those in our community. **Bring your bars of soap to church by Tues. Oct 17th.** Find out about all that is happening and the services available at OCC on the flyer posted in church.



QUILTING HELP NEEDED – TRAINING PROVIDED!

If you can hand stitch your help is truly needed. The quilt being made for this year's Cookie Walk is more complex and requires more hand quilting. The quilters meet every Wednesday from 1 – 4 pm and would welcome your help. If you'd like more information about the quilting talk with Delores Quam, Peggy Crooms, or Joyce Stobb.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET THOSE WHO CAN'T BE IN WORSHIP WITH US

Consider sending a card, note or letter:

Bob & Marilyn Anderson

Darlene Bekius

Judy Erickson

Mary Fuller

Ardelle Palmquist

Tresa Neis

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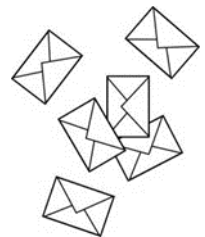
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BOOYAH FEED WEEK OCT 26TH – 28TH

The Booyah Committee hopes you're getting excited about this all church event – there's room for everyone to have a roll, er, role in this outreach and fundraising endeavor! Here's the schedule for the week:

Thursday 26th 10:00 am – 4 pm drop off donations for the Booyah stew itself

Friday 27th – 2 work shifts:

9 am-12 pm (10 people needed)

Veggie prep

Decorate tables in dining room

Prepare chicken for roasting

1:30 pm – 4:30 pm (8 people needed)

Debone cooked chicken thighs

Roast bones & start broth in roasters

Set tables in dining room

Saturday 28th

Drop off your desserts any time before 2 pm

2 am – 5 am (3 people needed) Outdoor cookers (begin the Booyah & stirring)

5 am – 8 am (2 people needed) Outdoor cookers (adding ingredients & stirring)

8 am – 11 am (2 people needed) Outdoor cookers (adding ingredients & stirring)

11 am – 2 pm (2 people needed) Outdoor cookers (adding ingredients & stirring)

2 pm – 5 pm (2 people needed) Outdoor cookers (adding ingredients & stirring)

5 pm - 7 pm (4 people needed) Outdoor cookers (stirring & bringing Booyah to the kitchen)

4 pm – Prepare for serving (# needed in front of each category)

2 Cashiers

2 Booyah Servers

2 Dessert Table

5 Kitchen

2 Handling Carryout Orders

5 Dining Room

2 Dishing Up Dessert

3 Dishwashers



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

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Worship Helpers



Those Assisting in Worship

Information & Training Day

Sunday Oct 1 @ 11 following fellowship

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 to have you attend. Lead by Pastor Joyce.

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.



Red Brick Learning – our missional outreach ministry to the neighborhood around the church.

Updates: \$1000 grant received from MN Annual Conference.

Donation of \$ to cover snacks for all participants for the whole year.

Donation of a storage shed from Milaca Building Supply.

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, 1st – 6th grade 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: Games – especially spelling or word games, elementary level books & possible other items.

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

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 time with songs and prayer/parent pick up



It is October already and fall is here. I think we have enough rain for awhile.

We served our usual monthly brunch to 48 ladies at Christian Women on September 12th. A smaller group again and we had Jimmy Dean Breakfast Casserole, Muffins and grapes. It was very Tasty!

Our September UMW Kick Off meeting was on September 21st with lunch at the Dining Site and met at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Grace Sarah served a delicious apple dessert. All the Thank You's were read from the donations to the various charities we gave to with the funds from the High Tea.

The mugs we ordered for the church and UMW. Salad Luncheon was discussed and was agreed we will keep the price at \$7.00 for another year and then see what happens.

It was voted and accepted to serve the snacks for Red Brick Learning. We serve from 2:30-4:30 every Wednesday.

The floors will be refinished on October 5th-October 7th. (Fellowship Hall, halls, kitchen and first Sunday School room)

Joyce Stobb shortened the white round table cloths and they looked really good. Thanks!!

The Annual UMW Gathering is in Hutchinson on October 7th. The last day to register is Sunday, October 1st. Contact Peggy.

Circles meet in October. Our November meeting is election of officers and also plan next year's calendar.

Grace Sarah meets October 2nd and Mary Martha October 19th.

Teal's receipts are going to be worth 2 cents instead of 1 cent from October 1st to December 30th. Be sure to turn them in during this time as we will get double money back.

Until next month, see you in church.

UMW President

Audrey Bowe



October Calendar Items:

1st – Worship Servant Training 11:00am

2nd – Grace Sarah Circle 10:00am

4th – Ministerial Meeting 8:30am

Salad Luncheon UMW 11am-1:00pm

Youth Supper 5:30pm Youth Group 6:00pm

Men's Group Move Furniture for Floor Work

5th – The God We Can Know 10:30am

Floor Refinishing 5th-7th PM

6th – Floor Refinishing

7th – Men's Group – Move Furniture Back

Annual Conference @ Hutchinson UMC

Put Rooms Back After Refinishing

8th – Java & Jesus 6:00pm

10th – Christian Women

The God We Can Know 7:00pm

11th – Red Brick Learning Registration Night 7:00pm

No Youth

12th – The God We Can Know 10:30am

Church Council 6:45pm

15th – Training For All Red Brick Learning Volunteers 11:00am

17th – Pastor Elim Home Worship Service 6:15pm

The God We Can Know 7:00pm

18th – Red Brick Learning Launch Day 3:00-5:30pm

Youth Supper 5:30pm Youth Group 6:00pm

19th – The God We Can Know 10:30am

Mary Martha Circle

Operation Community Connect at High School

10:00am-2:00pm

22nd – Newsletter Items Due

24th – The God We Can Know 7:00pm

25th – Red Brick Learning 3:00-5:30pm

26th – The God We Can Know 10:30am

Booyah Ingredients Drop Off All Day

27th – Booyah Preparation Various Shifts

28th – Booyah Preparation All Day

Drop Off Desserts By 2:00pm

Booyah Serving 5:00-7:00pm

29th – Change Shaker Sunday



28– Dayna Hillcrest

29– Tyler Haugen



Anniversaries:

15—Bruce & Deb Cochran

17—Travis & Jessica Hall



High Rise Meal

High Rise Meal, October 19th.

Seating 11:15-Served at 11:30, \$4.00.

Birthdays:

1– Gayle Ash

4—Bob Anderson

9– Jonathan Hall

11– Penny Nelsen

13– Peggy Crooms

23—Maggie Barnes

24—Ron Bowe

25– Audrey Bowe

Menu:

Pork w/sauerkraut, parslid potatoes,
harvard beets, marble ryebread
and apple crisp with topping.