

MILACA UNITED METHODIST

November 2017 Newsletter

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Stewardship



Giving



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**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

- Sunday Service 10:00am
- Coffee & Fellowship Following Service
- Bible Studies
- Youth Group
- Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School
- UMW



NOVEMBER 2017 PASTOR'S PAGE

**New Service time -
10am
(Nov - March)**

Giving Thanks – Cultivating an attitude of gratitude

In these days of political disagreements it can be hard to think about being thankful, but we have much for which to give thanks. I encourage you to begin a list of things that you are thankful for and add at least one item each day during November. By the time you get to Thanksgiving you will have at a minimum of 23 things on your list. I'll get us started:

1. I'm thankful for a congregation that is more than willing to help when asked.

Whether it's the Salad Luncheon, Red Brick Learning, Funerals or a Booyah – people are there when needed.

Take a few moments each day to reflect on something for which you can be grateful – I truly believe it will change your outlook on life!

Blessings, and See You in Church!

Pastor Joyce<><

Remember to set your clocks back an hour on **November 4th**. This way you will be ready for the new service time of 10 am and not show up an hour and a half early for church. But if you do, stay and have a cup of coffee with Pastor Joyce.





Worship Schedule

NOVEMBER WORSHIP – New worship time 10:00 am

- 5th All Saints and Communion
- 12th Worship 10:00am
- 19th Stewardship Sermon, Thanksgiving Sunday, Decorating for Christmas
- 26th First Sunday in Advent – Start of new sermon series on Joseph and his role in Jesus' birth and life.

NOVEMBER 5TH AT 10:00 AM

On this coming Sunday we will be honoring all those saints who have touched our lives and gone to heaven this past year. From our membership Lorraine Wade and Ardelle Palmquist. You will have the opportunity to have a loved one's name lifted up in our list of saints during the worship service.



JAVA AND JESUS – Casual worship experience & free meal

Sunday November 12

6:00 meal – Turkey Dinner

6:30 worship time – lots of music & a short message



This service is intended for members of our church, those who don't have a church home or anyone who has a need for spiritual and physical nourishment. The service is led by Dayna Hillcrest, Jere Day and Pastor Joyce. Meals provided by the Outreach Committee and members of the congregation.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP

All who can stay and help are greatly appreciated; there are tasks for all heights and skill levels: from putting up the tree, wrapping garland around the communion rail, arranging the manger scene and hanging decorations. Please be a part of a team who helps to beautify the church for the Christmas season.





COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING

EVE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY NOV 22 AT 7 PM

Pease Christian Reform Church

All in the community are invited to attend. Pastor Theresa Nelson of Tibbets Brook Chapel will be our preacher for the evening. Pastors from many of the churches in town take part. There will be refreshments served after the service.

MAKE PLANS FOR THE COOKIE WALK –

SATURDAY DECEMBER 2ND 8:30 am – 1 pm

Start searching your cookbooks for those yummy recipes of cookies, candies, breads and other goodies. Set aside some jars of jelly, jam, preserves, salsa, and pickles to share. Check your closets, attics & basements for new or gently used items for our treasures room. Also, if you are a crafter we will gladly accept any of your projects. Reminder there is an absolutely beautiful queen size quilt that will be raffled. Be sure to invite your friends to meet you at the Milaca United Methodist Church for a day of Christmas cheer and shopping. Coffee and cinnamon rolls are available in the morning and a soup luncheon will also be served.



We will meet the following Wednesdays:

November 8th at 5:30 for supper

November 15th at 5:30 for supper

We will be sharing in a study of Joseph and the role he played in the Christmas story and in raising Jesus, the son of God.



UPDATE ON OUR EFFORTS

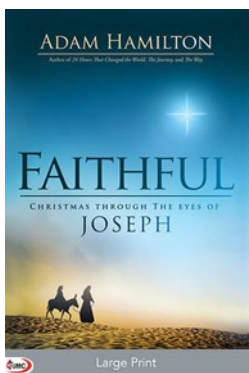
BOOYAH FEED - All Church Fundraiser

We raised just about a \$1,000 and served not as many folks as last year, but way more to go orders. Many thanks to everyone who donated food items, prepped all the veggies, got up in the middle of the night to stir the kettle, worked the day of our event, or contributed in any way –

your efforts are greatly appreciated.

TIS THE SEASON – to turn up & down the heat!

Please be sure if you turn up the heat (to no more than 68) that you also turn it down (to 58) when you leave the room or building. This helps keep our heating costs down.



4 WEEK - ADVENT BIBLE STUDY – TWO CLASS OPTIONS

We're not that different from Joseph. True, we may not be part of a story that will be remembered for all time, but like Joseph, we encounter circumstances that we'd never choose for ourselves. At times, it can be tempting just to walk away, but Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we don't understand, and faithfully moving forward in the strength that God provides. You have your choice of class sessions on **Tuesday nights at 7 pm or**

Thursday Mornings at 11 am. Both sessions will begin the week of November 27.

Do all the good you can,
by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can,
at all the times you can,
to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.

John Wesley

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 19TH 10:00 AM

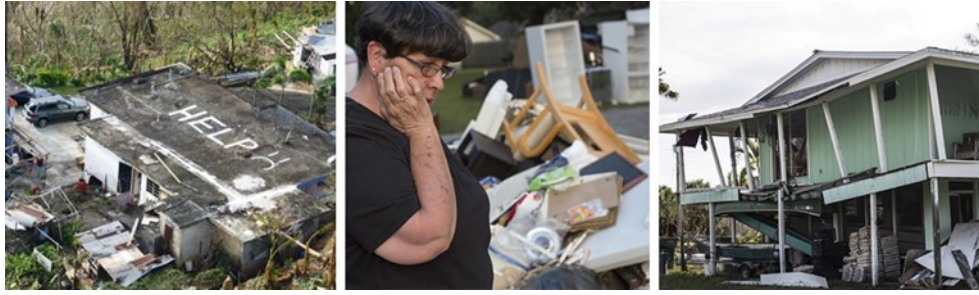
Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

This year's Stewardship Program will be based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship.

We want to encourage people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?" During morning worship on Stewardship Sunday November 19th, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's ministries. You will have pledge cards in your church mailbox on November 5th – those not picked up by November 12th will be mailed. Help us save postage by picking up your church mail. Giving statements through September 2017 are also in your box.

Please fill out a pledge card for November 19th. It is an estimate of your giving which can be changed (up or down) as one's circumstances change. This enables the church to make a responsible ministry budget for the coming year.





Special Thanksgiving offering for UMCOR received in November – Mark it UMCOR

When the righteous cry out, the Lord listens; he delivers them from all their troubles. Psalm 34:17

Our neighbors in Florida, Texas, Puerto Rico, and beyond are crying out. We see it on our televisions, on the internet, and on social media. The Lord hears their cries and is calling us to serve as His hands and feet to deliver them from their troubles. As United Methodists, let us stand together in prayer and support of all of those who have been affected by the horrific storms.

I urge all Minnesota United Methodists to continue your prayers for the people in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico; for those who have been affected by damaging hurricanes and flooding; and for those responders who are coming to their aid.

In addition to prayer, God calls us to action. We are sending Emergency Response Teams to Houston in October and November. There will be future Volunteers in Mission Team trips as the recovery work will be long and extensive. Even if you cannot go in person, you can participate. I encourage each congregation to receive a Thanksgiving offering for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) recovery efforts. UMCOR has been aiding families affected by natural and man-made disasters around the world since 1940 and is noted for these three hallmarks:

1. 100 percent of all funds collected for UMCOR are dedicated to relief;
2. UMCOR provides assistance in areas that do not get much media attention;
- and
3. UMCOR remains until the job is done.

I am fully aware of the generous response many of our congregations and individual Minnesota United Methodists have already made to hurricane relief in past weeks. However, the need at this time is unprecedented. Puerto Rico, in particular, has been utterly destroyed. Hurricane Maria inflicted unimaginable devastation and suffering that will persist for years. The people are crushed in spirit. Thus, I boldly ask you to receive a Thanksgiving offering to continue our relief and recovery efforts. (Your offering can be submitted directly to UMCOR Disaster Response, Advance #901670.)

May we respond freely to the Lord with gratitude and humbleness born of a giving God. Thank you for sharing your blessings and bounty that others might have life.

In Christ's love,

Bishop Bruce R. Ough

Dakotas-Minnesota Area The United Methodist Church



A Special
THANK YOU



This is a busy time of year, fall, with salad luncheon, Christian Women dinners, doing the floors, launching a new after school program, a booyah feed and the usual coffee and church volunteering too! Lots of people have helped with all of these projects and programs.

I want to express as Lay Leader, a thank you to the men who helped move the furniture from the classrooms, fellowship hall, halls, kitchen and put it back (most of it) again. You know who you are and THANKS! Women of UMW and the church working the salad luncheon, serving Christian Women brunches Tuesdays once a month, and the Java and Jesus volunteers - Thanks and THANK YOU! You know who you are and what you've done! All this plus the usual Sunday coffee lunches, greeters, ushers, computer workers, this is all a part of God's works and service to the community and the church family!

Thank you for your time and volunteering and I hope you have felt God's spirit and presence as you have freely given of your time. THANK YOU again.

Lay Leader
Jere Day





Fall has arrived and it is cool and windy today. Don't like what is coming next.

The Salad Luncheon was a good turn out again this year. A fewer than last year, but, the Bemis funeral was at the same time. Jeanette said after expenses were taken, we made about \$1500, which is good. I want to thank everyone who made salads, bars and worked preparing and serving. Thank you everyone.

The Women's Connection (Christian Women) was a small group again this month with only 47 ladies attending. We served biscuits and gravy, cheesy potatoes and bananas. It was very well received and many apologies for less than they said were coming. The food that was left we took to the DAC and they were very happy to get it.

At our September UMW meeting Jeanette asked if she could purchase the two 100 cup coffee pots. We all voted yes and anyone that needs to use one, she will bring it to church. We use the 60 cup ones because they are so much easier to handle.

The Circles met this month and Mary Martha met on Thursday, October 19th with only 4 of us. We had a short meeting and after we got the potatoes peeled and cooked and also the eggs for Ardelle Palmquists's funeral on Saturday. We served 117 people. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

I received a note from Marilyn and was asked to thank the congregation for their concerns for Bob. His health isn't good. Also, for Marilyn and her health. Prayers for both of them.

Our next UMW meeting is November 16th. It is election of officers and also to plan the new year's calendar.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween. Until next month, see you in church.

UMW President

Audrey Bowe



November Calendar



Nov 1 Ministerial 8:30 am
Text Study 10:30 am at MUMC
Red Brick Learning 3:00 pm

Nov 2 Finance 6:00 pm
God We Can Know Study 7:00 pm

Nov 5 All Saints Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Nov 7 Prayer Vigil 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Nov 8 Red Brick Learning 3:00
Youth Supper 5:30 pm
Youth Class 6:00 pm

Nov 9 Church Council 6:45 pm

Nov 10 Veterans Day Program at High
School 1:00 pm, doors open 12:45

Nov 12 Worship at 10 am
Java & Jesus 6 pm –Turkey Dinner

Nov 14

Nov 15

Nov 16

Nov 19

Nov 22

Nov 23

Nov 26

Nov 28

Nov 29

Nov 30

Christian Women

Red Brick Learning 3:00 pm

Youth Supper 5:30 pm

Youth Class 6:00 pm

UMW 1:00 pm

Stewardship Sunday – return
pledge cards

Decorate for Christmas after
worship

Newsletter items due

Red Brick Learning 3:00

Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00
at Pease Church

Thanksgiving

1st Sunday in Advent

Change Shaker Sunday

Faithful Bible Study 7:00 pm

Red Brick Learning 3:00 pm

Faithful Bible Study 11:00 am

Finance meeting 6:00 pm



Birthdays:

3- Melissa Gubrud

5- Mary Patten

10- Amy Johnson

11- Bruce Cochran

11- Corky Webb

13—Hannah Hoffman

22- Chet Bergstrom

23- Ralph Koecher

24- Nicole Alley

24—Betty Anderson

26- Peter Slostad



Anniversaries:

No Anniversaries for November



High Rise Meal

High Rise Meal, November 16th.

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

Menu:

**Chow mein, rice,
oriental vegetables,
mandarin oranges,**