

MILACA UNITED METHODIST

May 2018 Newsletter

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



Fish Fry 2018



Reverend
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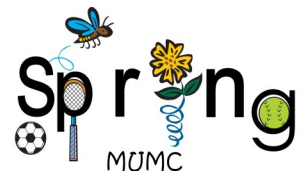


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- Sunday Service 9:30am
- Coffee & Fellowship Following Service
- Bible Studies
- Youth Group
- Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School
- UMW



May 2018 From the Pastor

My healing from hip replacement surgery has gone well and the therapy I'm receiving strengthens me more and more everyday – so I look forward to being back in the office on May 1st in the afternoon (I have a therapy appointment that morning). And I will be greeting at the door for the UMW Ladies Tea on May 2nd.

I cannot fully express my thanks to you for allowing me the time to have and recover from the surgery. I can walk without pain and although I'll never be able to hop up and down on my right leg – my mobility has definitely increased.

I want to say a big thank you to the worship team for all that they did while I was away – Dayna Hillcrest, Jere Day, the Choir, Pastor Shirley Nelson & Pastor Kevin Dunn – all worked together to bring you meaningful worship experiences. The pastoral care that Pastor Shirley and Pastor Kevin provided to me and others who needed it will be long remembered and appreciated.

Thank you to people who stepped up and did work and jobs that I asked them to fill in for while I was gone and to people who helped out spontaneously in any way that they could. I am truly grateful for your efforts.

I'm looking forward to preaching on May 6th when we will celebrate our graduating seniors – Adrian Coughlin & Jon Hall. There will be a gift bag for each of them in the gathering space that Sunday if you would like to give them a card or small gift. And we will enjoy a cake and punch reception for them sponsored by the UMW.

There are many exciting events happening in worship this month – see the separate page that describes them all – you won't want to miss a Sunday!

I am blessed to serve as your Pastor and can't wait to be back among you to serve and worship together our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Blessings and see you in church May 1st!!!!

Pastor Joyce



May Worship Schedule

May 6th – Communion, Graduation Sunday

May 13th – Mother's Day Sunday

6 pm Java and Jesus Meal & Worship

May 20th – Pentecost Sunday – wear red

May 27th – Trinity, Memorial, & Change Shaker Sunday

High Tea - Wednesday May 2nd, 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Milaca UMC is the place to be for a delicious afternoon tea. Bring a friend, relative, or neighbor and enjoy the tempting and tasty variety of sweet and savory treats that will be served. A freewill offering will be received to benefit local charitable groups. This event is sponsored by the United Methodist Women.



Red Brick Learning Schedule for May

May 2nd – No RBL due to High Tea

May 9th – End of Year Celebration with children & families

May 16th – Volunteer Appreciation Celebration at 4 pm

United Methodist Camping Brochures

They are on the table in the gathering space. Find out about the many opportunities of camping for various interests for all ages and even families! Employment for those 18+ is also available through our camping program visit the web site www.campminnesota.org and click on summer employment if you're interested.



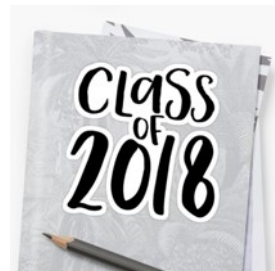
Sunday Worship Events For May – Mark Your Calendar:



May 6th

Communion Sunday and we will celebrate our upcoming High School graduates: Adrian Coughlin & Jon Hall. We will honor them in worship and a cake reception hosted by the UMW will follow church.

Also graduating this month from Hamline University:
Annie Bunker & Joshua Slostad.



May 13th

Mother's Day Sunday – please be with us in worship as the Sunday School children share special music and a gift with us.

May 20th

Pentecost Sunday – wear red (representing the flames of the Holy Spirit) and come celebrate the birth of the Christian church and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples.



May 27th

Memorial Sunday – we will remember those who gave their lives while in service to this country. (On Veterans Sunday November 12th we honor all who have served their country.)

2018 VBS June 25th – 29th 1-4 pm



We need to borrow the following items: (please label your items)

Life jackets	Kayaks	Inflatable rafts/boats	Paddles
Small tent	Logs for sitting	Artificial Christmas trees	

Two Training Sessions: Sunday May 20 following fellowship time

Sunday June 3 following fellowship time

Volunteers need to attend both sessions please.

The Rolling River Rampage has everything you need to help kids experience the ride of a lifetime with God! The theme Bible verse is "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." — Isaiah 43:2, CEB

Sessions include:

Session 1 - Jesus Calls the Disciples (Matthew 4:18-25)

Session 2 - Jesus Accepts Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42)

Session 3 - Jesus Walks with Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

Session 4 - Jesus Shares a Special Meal (Luke 22:14-20)

Session 5 - Jesus Makes a Promise (Matthew 28:16-20)

Be a part of a week that is filled with fun, Bible learning, recreation, crafts, science, snacks and so much more. Please let Pastor Joyce know if you'd like to be a part of this short-term, ministry outreach, team!

2018 Love Offering for Missions

Milaca UMC will be receiving your love offering all the Sundays in May. Please mark your envelope or check with "Love Offering" so it can be directed accordingly.

The theme of the 2018 Annual Conference session—taking place May 29-June 1 in St. Cloud—is "Discover Joy, Live Deeply," and funds from this year's Love Offering will go to three projects:



Puerto Rico Hurricane Recovery Trips (65%)

In response to Hurricane Maria, Volunteers in Mission (VIM) trips from the Minnesota Annual Conference to Puerto Rico will commence in the fall. As teams are formed and team leaders are trained, most of the funds will be used for construction supplies bought and used on the island. Some of the funds will cover the purchase of hygiene kit and cleaning bucket supplies. Additional funds will be used for scholarships for first-time VIM participants.

Park Avenue UMC Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools Program (20%)

The Freedom Schools Program is a six-week summer day camp experience for children. Its mission is to ensure that every child receives "a healthy start, a head start, a fair start, a safe start, and a moral start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities." Each year, about 50 scholars are part of Park Avenue UMC's program, which aims to address the "summer slide" and to close the achievement gap. Mornings are spent improving reading skills. In the afternoons, children participate in enrichment activities, including art, cooking, gardening, music/dance, and physical education. Love Offering funds will cover expenses for reading curriculum materials and for young adult mentors.

NUMAS Haus (15%)

NUMAS Haus provides emergency shelter and support services to homeless single women and their children in New Ulm and surrounding Brown County. Adjacent and connected to First UMC in New Ulm, clients are able to live there for up to 90 days as they complete a program that includes counseling, health and financial management, parenting and food preparation skills, and obtaining access to county social services and vocational training. Upon completion, participants are encouraged to secure permanent housing but may not immediately be able to pay market-rate rent. Love Offering funds will be used to help families with transitional rent assistance for six to 12 months.

RANDOM KNOWLEDGE

Word Wealth: Bless, Blessed, Blessing

Bless: from Barach (bah-rahch); to bless, salute, congratulate, thank , praise, to kneel down.

Barach is the root word from which baruch (Blessed One) and barachah (Blessings) are derived.

In Old Testament times, people got down on their knees to receive a blessing.

God gives a blessing to have a rich, full life. The first action of God, the Creator to a newly created man and woman was to bless them (Genesis 1:28)

The Aaronic Benediction (from Aaron, the High Priest) epitomizes God's promise of blessing to His people.

"The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."

In this blessing we have 'to bless' means to enjoy an increase in prosperity because Yahweh will keep the worshiper from harm.

'Make his face shine upon you' implies taking pleasure in the worshiper with the result that the Lord will be gracious or favorable to the worshiper. To 'lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace'; is the provision of all things necessary for the well-being of the recipient.

In Luke 6:28, Jesus says, "...bless those who curse you , and pray for those who spitefully use you."

In this verse the root word is eulogeo (yoo-log-eh-oh), from where we get 'eulogy' and 'eulogize', from eu = well or good, and logos = speech or words). Eulogeo is to speak well of, praise, extol, bless abundantly, invoke a benediction and give thanks. When God blesses people, He grants them favor and confers happiness on them.

And finally, from Proverbs 31:28, "Her children rise up and call her Blessed." Here Blessed comes from ashar (ah-shar). Happy, Blessed, prosperous, successful, right, contented. In Genesis 30:13, Leah have birth to a son and said, "I am happy for daughters will call me Blessed." (Daughters here means sisters in the faith) And then she named her son "Asher" meaning "Happy One".

There are many more instances of bless, blessing, and blessed in Scripture. Look in a Concordance. We say "God Bless You".

We mean for God to bestow a full and rich life filled with goodness, love and joy – and every adjective presented above.

Don't forget to "Count Your Blessings" always and all the time.

Therefore, God Bless you all!

Pastor Shirley

Hello, in this column, I intend to share random bits of knowledge and inspirational quotes.

Things like background information on the lives and times of people from the Bible, for better understanding.

Deeper definition of words and events for better clarity. And other items for inspiration and application to our daily lives.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please give me a call.

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The VERY first thing I want to say is a very HUMUNGOUS THANK YOU! to everyone for support given while filling in for Pastor Joyce.

So many people were willing and helpful; Dayna and the musicians, Jim Fladmore and computer operators, Melissa for leading singing, Jere for sharing preaching and general worship information. Also, There are several people I asked last minute to help out and they all stepped up and did what needed to be done to my eternal gratitude. And the whole rest of the congregation for your generous and kind thoughts.

May God Richly Bless Each and Everyone,

Thank you, Pastor Shirley





Fish Fry / 2018

Well another fish fry has come and gone this spring and as usual the food was the big hit! This year, as well as the last three years, we relied on purchased fish this year making our overall costs higher. I want to thank all those who donated and prepared food items for the dinner; Dale Gilbert,(for oil and supplies for salads, cheesecakes, cookers, etc.) Arne Pearson, Frank Crooms, and Jere Day for making cheesecakes, Jeanette Hanenberg for her expertise, salads, potatoes and sherbert dessert and supplies. Right now we have grossed \$2649 from ticket sales and donations, bake sale and crafts, making our proceeds the highest ever! When all the bills for ads and fish are paid we will update profits and projects for the proceeds the Men's Group / church programs that will be funded.

I also want to thank all the people who donated items for the decorations and their labor for there would be no successful dinner without them.

Thanks especially to these groups:

Kitchen staff: John Day, Johnna Schwindt, Brynn, Shawn Day, John DeMares, Ryan Quinn, Dale Gilbert family, Deb And Bruce Cochran, Arne Pearson, Mary Alley, Sharon Gilbert) Paul Ash, and Phil Anderson.

Waiters/ hostess: Pastor Joyce Slostad, Bruce Cochran, Peter Slostad, Arnie Pearson, John Hillcrest, Calvin Alley, Kevin Dunn, Brad Barnes, and Billy.

Ads, craft/bake sales and tickets: Jim Fladmoe, Laurel Fladmoe, John Day (signs) Frank Crooms decorations and Leslie Vaccari for decorating the hall.

Decorations: Myla Tolmie, Leslie Vaccari, Jere Day.

Clean up crew:) Frank Crooms, (dishwasher extraordinaire) Jim Fladmoe, Paul Ash, Brad Barnes, Chet and everybody else listed above! It was a great team effort and you know what? Everyone HAD FUN DOING IT! Thanks mostly for the friendships that were nurtured and rekindled!

I know I will forget someone to thank for all this as well, so please excuse me if I did. Hallelujah! God is so good to us!

Jere Day & Men's Group



April has been a very hectic month for me and my husband. He slipped on the ice at the end of our driveway and broke his hip. He had partial hip replacement surgery and is now recovering at Elim, doing rehab therapy. He is doing very well, but, will be there a couple more weeks.

April 10th was our monthly serving the Women's Connection brunch. There were 46 ladies present and they enjoyed oven baked French toast, ham slice and cantaloupe with blueberries. Several wanted the recipe and all were very pleased. Each month they thank us for serving them and our continued service. It was our 14th year of serving them.

Monday, April 9th we had our meeting for the High Tea and got everything planned. The High Tea is May 2nd from 3-5pm. Keep the date open and plan to attend and you may be asked to help.

Mary Martha Circle met Thursday the 19th with a small group. We didn't have much to discuss, so it was short.

The Big Waters Spring Gathering was in Brainerd on Saturday, April 21st. Sue Olson, Tillie Bergstrom, Peggy Crooms and myself attended. It was beautiful weather and we had a good meeting. We received our 5 Star Unit Award and Mission Today certificate for 2017. The men served us a very delicious lunch. We were home in time to attend the Fish Dinner.

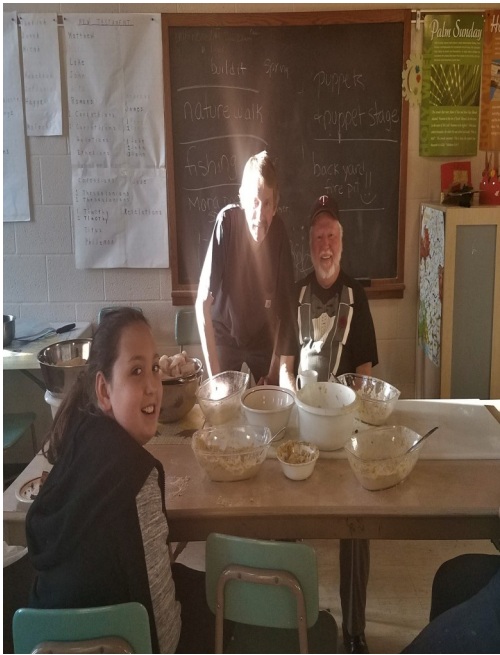
Our High Tea will be this week and we will be preparing for that.

Our next UMW meeting on June 21st will be a pot luck lunch at 12:00 noon at Sue Olson's home. The Circles meet again in May.

Hope everyone has a nice spring May and see you in church.

Audrey,
UMC President







May

2nd – High Tea 3:00-5:00pm

No Red Brick Learning

4th – Ministerial Prayer Meeting @ Elim Home 8:30am

5th – Gubrud & Hunt Shower 1-4:00pm

6th – Communion & Graduation Sunday 9:30am

Aj Coughlin & Jon Hall

Jail Ministry 1:00pm

7th – Grace Sarah Circle 1:00pm

9th – Red Brick Learning Year End Celebration

10th – Church Council 6:45pm

13th – Mother's Day Sunday

Java & Jesus 6:00pm

14th – UMC Clergy Conversation 9-4 Bloomington

15th – Women's Connection 9:30am

16th – Red Brick Volunteer Appreciation 4:00pm

Baccalaureate Service @ High School 7:30pm

17th – High Rise Meal 11:30am

Mary Martha 1:00pm

20th – Pentecost Sunday - Wear Red, Color of Holy Spirit

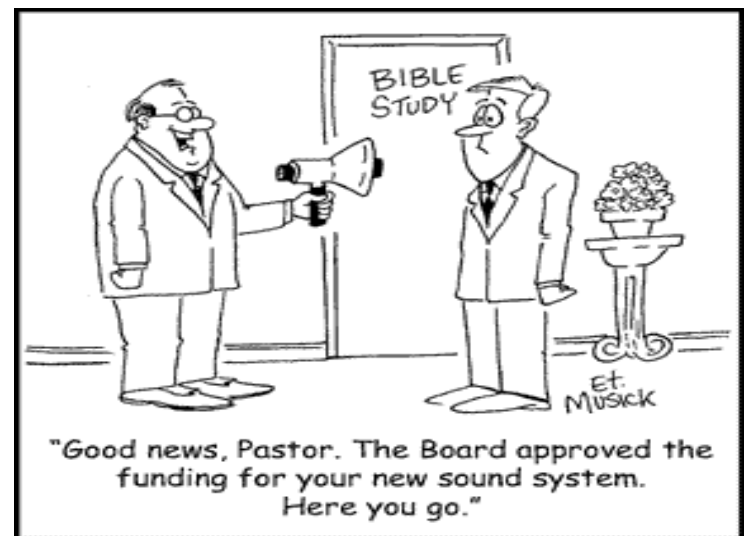
VBS Training After Worship

Newsletter Items Due

27th – Trinity, Memorial & Change Shaker Sunday

28th – Memorial Day

30th – 1st – Annual Conference Pastor & Peggy



May
BIRTHDAYS



May
ANNIVERSARIES



**What's
Cooking?**

Birthdays:

10- Taylor Ash

23- Cindy Haugen

23- Jessica Hall

26- Larry Moe

Anniversaries:

2—Jim & Stacy Coughlin

16- Rick & Lynne Olson

21- Dick & Judy Stewart

30- Dale & Sharon Gilbert

High Rise Meal

May 17th

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



Menu:

Roasted turkey, whipped potatoes
w/gravy, broccoli Normandy,
wheat dinner roll and peaches.