

MILACA UNITED METHODIST

June 2018 Newsletter

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors



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Java & Jesus Band

Jerry Day

Richard Currott

Vicki Fox

Dayna Hillcrest

Pictured left

- Sunday Service 9:30am
- Coffee & Fellowship
Following Service
- Bible Studies
- Youth Group
- Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School
- UMW
- Much, much, more!

June 2018 From Pastor Joyce

Hard to believe the weather that Minnesota has experienced lately, from a record setting April snowfall to almost 100 degree temperatures during Memorial Weekend – don't worry, if you don't like the weather just wait a few minutes and it will change.



As we enjoy all that God's creation has to offer in the summer, I encourage each of us to not let things crowd Jesus and church out of our lives. Though we take vacation from work and routine – do we really want to take a vacation from our spiritual lives and the One who gives us life? Make a point to worship this summer, whether it is here at Milaca UMC or somewhere else; while vacationing or just visiting different churches or denominations to see what's happening in other parts of the Christian world.

Blessings and See You in Church!

Pastor Joyce <><



June 3 – Communion.

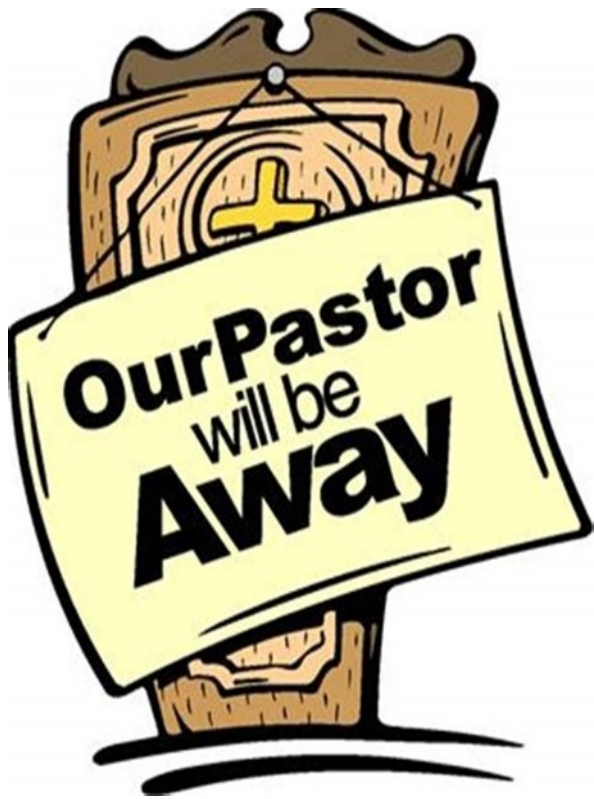
June 10 – Pastor Shirley Nelson will be preaching
6 pm Java and Jesus meal & worship

June 17 – Father's Day

June 24 – Change Shaker , VBS decorating

Be sure to recycle your bulletins and other papers into the red bin by the coat rack. Plastics, cardboard, cans and other recyclables can go into the bin in the kitchen. Many thanks to those who collect our bins from church and take them to their house so the contents can be recycled.





Pastor Joyce will be gone June 6-10

She and her sister will be taking a trip to Ohio for a reader/author conference.

She will also be gone to Annual Conference

May 30 - June 1 in St Cloud

You may reach her by cell phone at

763-742-4241. She and Lay Delegate Peggy Crooms will be staying overnight Wednesday & Thursday at the Comfort Inn & Suites in St Cloud.

Vacation Pastoral Care Supply

Please contact Rev. Shirley Nelson if you have a pastoral care need during June 6-10. She can be reached on her cell at 218-750-0663.

CHURCH HOT DOG STAND AT MILACA PARADE JUNE 21

The youth group has grown smaller as more youth graduate and we need the congregation's help with this fundraiser. Lynne Olson is recruiting volunteers for a variety of jobs – both standing and sitting tasks are available. We also need to borrow items like canopies, large coolers and gas grills.

If you can't help, but will be attending the parade be sure to visit the food stand (corner of Teals parking lot by Olson Park) and partake of a delicious old fashioned grilled hot dog, chips & drink. Or better yet, volunteer and support your church – we have a lot of fun – join us!!!!



THE UPPER ROOM
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Upper Room Devotionals Still Available

You can find them on the counter in the Gathering Space. They are simple devotionals, but a great way to start or end your day. May – June are there and July – August will be coming soon.

2018 Vacation Bible School – Rolling River Rampage

June 25th – 29th, 1-4 pm



Register on paper or online at www.rrrcokesburyvbs.com/milacaunitedmethodist

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!

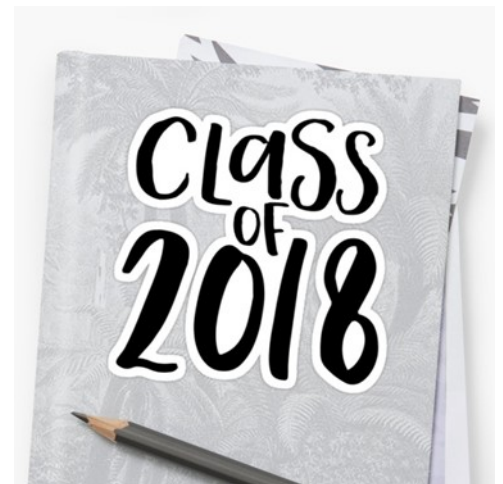
How About Our Graduates!

On May 6th we honored in worship Adrian (AJ) Coughlin and Jon Hall. They received a gift from the United Methodist Women, a gift from Pastor Joyce & the congregation, we prayed over them in church and had a cake reception in their honor.

Here are their plans:

AJ Coughlin – will be working hard this summer earning money to allow him to move to the Twin Cities where he hopes to continue earning good money for his future.

Jon Hall – will be reporting for basic training at the end of July as he is joining the Minnesota Army National Guard with future plans for school.

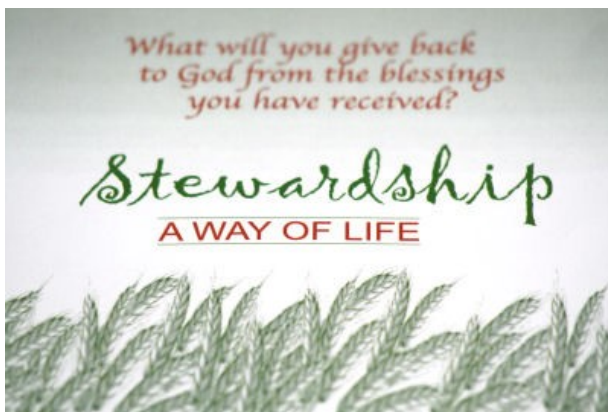


Help Us Decorate for VBS – on June 24th



If you're looking for a small time commitment to help our VBS program, please consider being part of the decorating team on June 24th after fellowship time. We will transform the sanctuary and other parts of the church into a riverside wilderness site. We have a river to create and a forest of trees to build. Come join the fun!

Also donations of home-baked items for the VBS Staff to enjoy while they are working at church during the week of June 25-29 are greatly appreciated. It's nice to have something sweet with your break time cup of coffee or lemonade.



SUMMER GIVING

Summer is upon us. The days will be longer, the weekends 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 remain 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.

RANDOM KNOWLEDGE

A Little History of Pentecost. It's wonderful how the Old and New Testaments tie together.

Remember Passover, one of the most important festivals of the year.

Originally there were 2 distinct festivals. Passover – a ritual sacrifice of an animal to ward off evil from the home and the Festival of Unleavened Bread, which celebrated the Barley Harvest, the first harvest of the year.

When the Israelites were dramatically freed from slavery, the two festivals became one.

Passover, means “to pass over” or “to spare”. The Hebrews had been told to mark the doorposts with the blood of a lamb –so when God struck down the First born, the Hebrews would be spared, which of course set off their release from slavery and the journey to the Promised Land.

The **Barley harvest** was celebrated on the second day of Passover.

Pentecost, a celebration of the Wheat harvest, was celebrated 50 days after Passover.

Since it took place 7 weeks or a “week of weeks” (plus one day) after the Barley harvest it was also known as the Festival of Weeks; and in ancient times called Shavuot which marked the day Moses received God’s Laws including the Ten Commandments on Mt. Sinai.

Jesus, also known as the Lamb, was crucified during Passover, rose from the dead on the third day and ascended to heaven 40 days after his crucifixion.

Just before ascending, he told his disciples, “to wait in Jerusalem and you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.”

This coming of the Holy Spirit was 10 days after His ascension falling on Pentecost. **Pentecost from the Greek means fifty.** This was the 50th day after the Sabbath of Passover Week, thus the First Day of the Week.

The filling of the Holy Spirit on the 120 gathered in the Upper Room was very dramatic. As they gathered together in prayer, “a sound like a violent, rushing wind was heard and filled the whole house where they were. Then it seemed that tongues of fire separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

From this beginning, the believers were witnesses of the person of Christ and to the teachings of Christ, and the Word was spread throughout the world. This Day of Pentecost and the infilling of the Holy Spirit was the **Birth of the Church.**





Milaca United Methodist Women

I think summer or spring is finally here. Everything is in bloom and the trees are getting green.

May started out with having Graduation Sunday early on May 6th. Our graduates were Jon Hall and Adrian Coughlin. We served cake, punch and coffee. Congratulations!! Hope you have a bright futures ahead. It was also Pastor Joyce's return from surgery. Welcome back!!

Women's Connection was Tuesday, May 14th with 51 ladies attending. We served them a breakfast casserole , hash brown patty and mixed watermelon and cantaloupe cup. The last couple of months have been a little smaller than earlier. Everyone enjoy it very much.

I will be putting the certificates we received at the Big Waters Spring Gathering in the showcase this week.

Mary Martha Circle met on Thursday, May 17th and we have some things to decide for next year at our UMW meeting in June. We took in \$585.00 for the High Tea and will decide what local charities we will give it to, plus scholarship fund.

The lock on the freezer does not work and is not locked anymore. Please be sure to push the door tightly shut. Thank you!

Coming up events in June will be as follows: June 10th we will serve Chet & Tilly's anniversary lunch after the morning's service in the Fellowship Hall.

June 12th Women's Connection 9:30am

June 14th Lunch at Dining Site 11:30am

June 21st Potluck picnic at Sue's house 12:00noon—Meeting to follow

July 7th Serve Jeff & Mary's wedding reception in Fellowship Hall

July 13th-15th Mission U at Kelly Inn St Cloud

No meetings in July and August

This will be my last article for newsletter until September or October as I am having knee replacement surgery on the 18th of June. Keep me in your prayers.

God's Blessings!

Audrey, UMW President





24th – Worship - Change Shaker Sunday 9:30am

Decorate for VBS after Service

25th –29th Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School 1-4pm

26th – Worship Service at the Elim Home 6:15pm

June Calendar Items:

May 30- June 1 - Annual Conference

3rd – Worship with Communion

VBS Training After Worship

6th-10th – Pastor Joyce Out of Town

10th – Worship - Pastor Shirley Preaching 9:30am

Chet & Tilly Anniversary Celebration Meal 10:30am

Brenda Holmgren Retirement Party-Rockwoods 1-4pm

Java & Jesus 6:00pm

12th – Women's Connection

14th – Lunch at Dining Site 11:30am

Church Council 6:30pm

17th – Worship – Father's Day 9:30am

Newsletter Items Due

21st – UMW Picnic @ Sue's & Meeting

All Church Hot Dog Stand at Parade 4:00pm



21- Junia Hillcrest

28- Delores Quam

29- Annie Bunger



Anniversaries:

7- Chet & Tilly Bergstrom

14- Ron & Audrey Bowe

17- Jim & Laurel Fladmoe

24- Ron & Corky Webb

30- Dale & Sharon Gilbert



High Rise Meal

June 14th

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

Menu:

Upcoming At a Future Date

Birthdays:

1- Matthew Slostad

1- Sam Walbridge

2- Stacy Coughlin

2- Lynne Olson

5- Pastor Joyce Slostad

8- William Barnes

10- Neva Hoffman

16- Terry Wade

18- Dorothy Moe

21- John Day