

MILACA UNITED METHODIST

July 2018 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
- Vacation Bible School
- UMW
- Much, much, more!

July 2018 from Pastor Joyce

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you. Isaiah 43:2

This was our memory verse for this year's Vacation Bible School. We had a team of amazing River Guide volunteers who worked hard before, during and after to make it a wonderful week for the children/rafters who came to be with us. They committed them-



selves to leading students of all ages into a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ as they empowered those students to experience the ride of a lifetime with God.

They helped the kids to learn on day 1 that Jesus calls us to a great adventure with God. Day 2 we learned that Jesus loves us and accepts us for who we are. Day 3 brought a lesson that taught us that Jesus sees us and will always be our friend. Day 4's lesson reminded us that Jesus invites us to rest and remember all that God has done for us. Our final day we learned that Jesus empowers us with his presence to share the Great Adventure with others.

Our Milaca UMC River Guides during VBS week were: Snack - Betty Anderson, Mary Patten & Christie Barnes. Crafts - Cyndee Greene, Maggie Barnes, & Brenna Jefferson. Pre K & Kindergarten - Brenda Holmgren, Megan Johnson & Ryan Blesi. 1st – 3rd Grade - Jere Day, Sharla Alley & Juni Hillcrest. 4th – 6th Grade - Frank Crooms & Peggy Crooms. Science – Dorothy Moe & Elizabeth Slostad. Music – Dayna Hillcrest. Recreation - Dayna Hillcrest, Ryan Alley, & Billy Barnes. Bible Storyteller - Lynne Olson, Assembly Time – Juni Hillcrest, Billy Barnes, Elizabeth Slostad & AJ Coughlin. All around helper - Rick Olson, and myself. Treats for the staff – Arne Pearson. Special treats for the kids – Delores Quam. My deepest apologies if I forgot to name someone.

I can't name everyone who helped because there were so many, but my sincere thanks to all who donated decorating supplies, helped decorate, moved pews, worked to put everything back in place, contributed money to fund VBS, or helped in any way – I greatly appreciate it.

Find Adventure on the river!

Find Acceptance on the river!

Find Joy on the river!

Find Rest on the river!

Find Peace on the river!

Blessings and see you in church! Pastor Joyce <><

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY

July 1st – VBS Celebration & Communion

July 8th – “The City of God” Psalm 48

6 pm Java & Jesus meal & worship

July 15th - Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

July 22nd – “Pasport Power” Eph 2:11-22

July 29th – Pastor Kevin Preaching &

Change Shaker Collection



Together with their families Jeff Stobb & Mary Roden joyfully request the pleasure of your company at the celebration of their marriage. Your presence will be the greatest gift they can receive. The celebration is Saturday July 7th.

Wedding

Schedule for the day:

3:00 Wedding Ceremony at Church

4:00 Reception in Fellowship Hall

6:00 After Party at Stobb residence

12879 100th St. Milaca MN



SUMMER IS UPON US

The days will be longer, the week-ends 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 re-main 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.



CHURCH HOT DOG STAND AT MILACA PARADE UPDATE

We fed a lot of people and therefore had a very successful night and raised over \$1100, after paying our bills we netted just over \$700.

Thanks to so many who helped: Lynne Olson for organizing and recruiting volunteers, Jody Walbridge for ordering our supplies, AJ Coughlin, Stacy & Jim Coughlin, Dale & Sharon Gilbert,

Carolyn Ingle, Terry Wade, Rick Olson, John Hillcrest, Peggy Crooms, Pastor Shirley Nelson, Arne Pearson, Elizabeth Slostad and Pastor Joyce. I hope I didn't forget anyone, if I missed your name I apologize and know that we certainly appreciated your help. We also had a great time serving together and watched a wonderful parade.

Pastor Joyce is **on call** for jury duty in District Court in downtown Minneapolis for the months of July and August. If she is needed she will get a Letter to Report about a week in advance and will let the congregation know of this development. This shouldn't interrupt Sundays, but she may not be available during the day if she should be called to report or is serving on a jury. You can always reach her on her cell phone 763-742-4241.



Please pray for the following:

The family of Ron Bowe.

The family of Joyce Anderson Sr.

The family of Mary Fuller.



Hands On Mission Opportunity: Pack Meals at FMSC

Saturday August 18th 11:30-1:30 pm

at the Coon Rapids location

We have agreed to send 12 volunteers to work to pack meals for starving children around the world. Sign up on the sheet on the table in the Gathering Space.

What makes Feed My Starving Children different

Five important elements contribute to FMSC's missional heart and call to feed God's kids:

Our Christian Mission - *We believe Jesus Christ has called us to feed the hungry and serve those in need. Jesus is the reason that Feed My Starving Children exists. We strive to follow his calling every day in all that we do.*

Food is the Foundation - *"Hunger is the world's biggest solvable problem." – World Food Programme. We believe that food is the foundation for all other progress. To a starving child, hope can only truly begin once a reliable source of nutritious food has been established. FMSC produces three special MannaPack™ meal formulas developed by food scientists to specifically stop malnutrition.*

Food Distribution Partners - *FMSC does not have its own staff distributing food around the world. We donate meals to an exceptional network of missions and humanitarian organizations.*

Developing Sustainability - *Food assistance is a vital component in the process of transitioning individuals, families and communities out of chronic hunger and poverty and into self-sufficiency.*

Volunteerism - *Volunteers enable us to do what we do, every day. We couldn't do this work without YOU. Volunteers pack all of our meals, and their donations pay for them. We don't receive free ingredients or government aid. It takes both packing and donating to feed kids!*

We're sponsoring a radio program!!!

It's called "Spiritual Threads." Here's a description from the creator of the program Steve Fredlund, "I am convinced this program is going to help many people who have struggled with spiritual questions feel like they are not alone and give them hope to regain their spiritual joy, while engaging all of us who have wrestled with some of faith's trickiest questions." The show airs on Saturday mornings at 9 am on KBK 95.5 on your FM dial beginning June 30th.



Here's the wording that will end the show and give details about our church:

"Milaca United Methodist Church is proud to support the Spiritual Threads podcast & radio show because we believe that asking questions is an important part of our faith journey.

We are a diverse church that doesn't subscribe to long lists of do's and don'ts and we invite you to wear the clothes you are comfortable in. We usually meet on Sunday mornings at 10:00am but move that to 9:30am from April-October. On the 2nd Sunday of each month at we also do an light meal with a short, casual time of worship starting at 6pm.

Pastor Joyce Slostad and the entire crew at Milaca Methodist Church welcome you to come hang out with us any time it works.

You can find us online at milacamethodistchurch.org or directly by calling 320.982.6325 or emailing milacaumc@gmail.com."

Eventually Pastor Joyce may be on the program in person with Steve Fredlund the creator and host. Please give this endeavor your support by listening each week to hear what "Spiritual Threads" will be explored.



Devotionals for July – August are available.

You can find them on the glass counter in the Gathering Space. A donation of \$1 is appreciated but not necessary. The devotional is provided by the United Methodist Women group of our church – we thank them for this ministry that connects so many in our church to God and Christ on a daily basis.



Missing You

By Jere L. Day

June 8, 2018

A pall has descended upon us,
Life snuffed out, suddenly gone,
A man of integrity, grit and pride
Has left us for reasons unknown.

Times from long ago are remembered,
From a journey of eighty years, hunting times,
Fishing trips to Canada and Mille Lacs,
Family times of love at the cabins,
Birthdays, weddings, and anniversaries
All met with fun, joy and laughter.

Many talents and jobs had he,
Opinions strong and loyalty be
The things he believed and honored
He let you know his feelings with dignity.

Always talked about the Vikings, this year-
Berated the Twins when they lost,
How tame the Wild can be in losing.
Volunteering the time to be church member
For morning coffee dishes and Christian women,
Times for cookie walks and fish fries,
He helped us all out a lot.

How do you summarize a life
Of being a father, husband and community member
so rich and deep with good times?
A journey begins and ends, our lives do too,
Ashes to ashes and dust to dust
With his parents in Austin he will rest
And be blessed in God's grace, loving grace-
Love and missing you Ronnie.



July Calendar Items:

1st - VBS Celebration & Communion

Jail Ministry 1:00pm

**7th – Wedding- Jeff & Mary 3pm,
Reception Following Fellowship Hall
After Party at Stobb Residence
12879 100th St, Milaca 6:00pm**

8th – “The City of God’ Psalm 48

Java & Jesus 6:00pm

10th – Women’s Connection

12th – Church Council 6:30pm

13th -15th – Mission U @ Kelly Inn, St Cloud

15th – Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

22nd – Passport Power Ephesians 2:11-22

Newsletter Items Due

29th – Pastor Kevin Preaching

Change Shaker Sunday

Church Bowling League.

We are looking for area churches to enter 1 (5 person) team into a Church bowling fun league at Back Alley Bowl in Milaca.

These teams are made up 5 mixed men and women, any combination. Teams cannot be an all male or all female.

This church league would bowl the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 2 pm each month from September through May starting on September 16th.

Cost \$12.00 per person (bowling and shoe rental) plus any prize fund money (if applicable).

If you have a team and would like to register or need more information, call or email.



- 18—Travis Hall
- 21—Judy Erickson
- 22—Jan Anderson
- 24—Phil Anderson Jr
- 25—Mary Alley
- 26—Marsha Bungler
- 27—Bob Hoffman

Birthdays:

- 1- Sharon Gilbert
- 1—Elizabeth Slostad
- 6- Kymberlee Nelsen
- 10- Linda Day
- 14- Carolyn Ingle
- 14—Danielle Walbridge
- 16—Jody Walbridge



- ### *Anniversaries:*
- 6—Bob & Cyndee Green



High Rise Meal

July

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

Menu:

Upcoming At a Future Date