

MILACA UNITED METHODIST

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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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- Sunday Service 9:30am
- Coffee & Fellowship Following Service
- Bible Studies
- Youth Group
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August 2018 From Pastor Joyce:

As I have been enjoying some absolutely glorious summer weather, it caused me to pause and reflect on the beauty of God's creation and what a gift it is to us.

We have been given such a blessing in Minnesota to be able to experience the wonder of all four seasons and the uniqueness of each one.

In this time of year we are celebrating the beginnings of the bounty of the garden either our own or someone else's efforts. But let us not forget who is behind it all, the Apostle Paul wrote, *"I planted, Apollos watered, but God made it grow. Because of this, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but the only one who is anything is God who makes it grow. The one who plants and the one who waters work together, but each one will receive their own reward for their own labor. We are God's coworkers, and you are God's field, God's building."*
1 Corinthians 3:6-9

Take time to enjoy these beautiful warm, but not too warm, summer days and pause and reflect that the God who made all of the incredible things in our world, also made you.

Blessings and See You in Church!

Pastor Joyce <><



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

August 5th Communion, Myla playing
August 12th Hymn Sing, Java & Jesus
August 19th Special Music from "Trilogy"
August 26th Summer potluck



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.

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.



August 19th at 9:30 am – "Trilogy" will perform

A new musical trio has emerged from some very talented ladies at our church. Dayna, Olivia & Vicki will be performing a selection of music with beautiful harmonies. You won't want to miss them, so be sure to be in church.



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!*

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Serving Jesus Christ

August Calendar Items:

9th – Church Council 6:30pm

12th – Java & Jesus 6:00pm

14th – Women's Connection

19th – Trilogy: Inviting Music

Newsletter Items for September Due

26th – Change Shaker Sunday



Birthdays:

5– Dale Gilbert

8– Darlene Bekius

8– Marlene Kunst

12– Oliver Barnes

25– Jamie Hoffman

31– Jean Dahlstrom

31– Dick Stewart

Anniversaries:

1– Calvin & Mary Alley

2– John & Dayna Hillcrest

21– Paul & Gayle Ash

High Rise Meal

August

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

Menu:

Upcoming At a Future Date