

MILACA UNITED METHODIST

September 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!



2018 From the Pastor

I have been watching the funeral service for Senator John McCain and it caused me to reflect on all the wonderful people who have left our church family this past year to join the family of God in heaven.

We are certainly saddened that they are no longer a physical part of us, but at the same time we rejoice in knowing that they now rest in the presence of God, they are side by side with Jesus Christ. This is the promise of eternal life given to every one of us as believers in Christ. This is our hope in the face of death.

When the Apostle Paul talks about death he says this:

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

"Death has been swallowed up in victory."

"Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Death does not get the victory, because as people of faith, we triumph over sin and death through Christ's sacrifice on our behalf and our belief in him as the Son of God. When we believe and truly live our lives based on Christ's teachings we defeat the powers of death and evil in this world.

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Blessings & See You In Church!

Pastor Joyce Slostad

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER



Sept 2nd – Communion, Labor Sunday

Sept 9th – Children focused worship, Blessing of the backpacks for kids & teachers, SS Launch Party, Java & Jesus at 6 pm

Sept 16th – Sermon Series: Stories of Jesus That

Changed the World – “Small, but Mighty... Hidden, but Here” Invite a friend or neighbor to: Back to Church & Sunday School, worship followed by a Fellowship Meal

Sept 23rd – Sermon Series “Did You Remember to RSVP?”

Sept 30th – Sermon Series “The Lost Parables” Change Shaker Sunday

THE UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

SEPT/OCT COPIES ARE AVAILABLE

The UMW encourages you to make use of this devotional from the United Methodist Church. They can be found on the counter in the gathering space, a \$1 donation to cover costs is appreciated, but not required. Regular and large print devotionals are available.

The Upper Room magazine's mission is to provide a model of practical Christianity, accessible in varied formats, to help people feel invited and welcomed into God's presence to:

- listen to scripture as God's personal message, linking their stories to God's story;
- commune with God in prayer;
- see their daily choices and small acts of obedience as part of God's work;
- realize our connection through Christ as a universal family of believers;
- encounter the living Christ and be transformed into Christ's likeness.

SEPTEMBER 9th SERMON – “JESUS AND HIS PARENTS”

This will be a special Sunday with the content of the service being focused on children and their families that we have invited to be in worship with us this day using the resources found in our SS and Red Brick learning curriculum.



All children and anybody going back to school are invited to come to church and receive a blessing for the coming school year. They will be gifted with a backpack tag with a Christian symbol to place on their backpack which reminds them that Christ is always with them.

The service will be followed by a Launch Party in which there will fellowship treats as usual, but also an opportunity for children & parents to meet their SS teachers and visit their rooms.



BACK TO CHURCH, BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 16TH

Children Pre-school thru 6th grade are welcome to join us. We are inviting children throughout the community to be a part of our Sunday school so if you have children in your neighborhood please take a few moments to personally invite them to join you for worship and share with them the flyer that has all the info needed about our Sunday school and the Wednesday after-school tutoring program called Red Brick Learning which begin September 19th.

The Outreach Committee and all who wish to help will be providing a delicious meal after the worship service.

**NATIONAL
BACK TO
CHURCH
SUNDAY**



NO BOOYAH THIS YEAR

The Church Council voted to not have the Booyah this fall due to our emphasis on recruiting for Sunday School and Red Brick Learning which included room renovations and donations from the congregation. Pastor Joyce appreciates all the donations of food, work and time that has gone into this event in the past. The Council will reassess in the summer of 2019 to see if we should have one next fall.

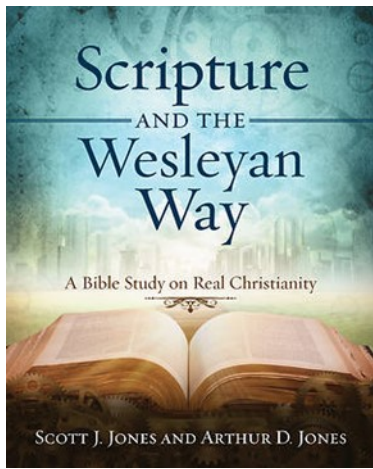
COMING UP:

36th



WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3rd, 11 AM - 1 PM

Encourage your friends and neighbors to attend this UMW fundraiser. Sweet & savory salads, relishes, bread, meats, cheeses, beverage, and bars for dessert are included. Carry outs will be available.



Bible Study led by Pastor Shirley Nelson

“Scripture and the Wesleyan Way” Thursdays at 7 pm beginning September

Wouldn't it be fascinating to attend a Bible study led by John Wesley? Scripture and the Wesleyan Way is an eight-week study that's the next best thing. The Bible was central to John Wesley's faith and the Christian movement he founded. Bishop Scott J. Jones and his son Rev. Arthur D. Jones use Wesley's own words to address questions that many of us in the twenty-first century still struggle with today. Each chapter explores a key

Scripture text and one of Wesley's sermons about the text in order to illuminate his understanding about what it means to be a real Christian. You will be inspired to respond to this call with faith and boldness. An eight-session DVD guides participants through each weekly question found in the book. Each video segment is approximately 8–10 minutes in length and, all videos sessions are closed captioned. **Begins September. A sign-up sheet will be on the window by Pastor Joyce's office. Cost for the study is \$15.00**

Chapters include:

What is the Bible's Message?

How Can I Be Saved?

Am I a Real Christian?

Do I Have to Obey the Law?

Am I a Sinner?

How Can I Connect with God?

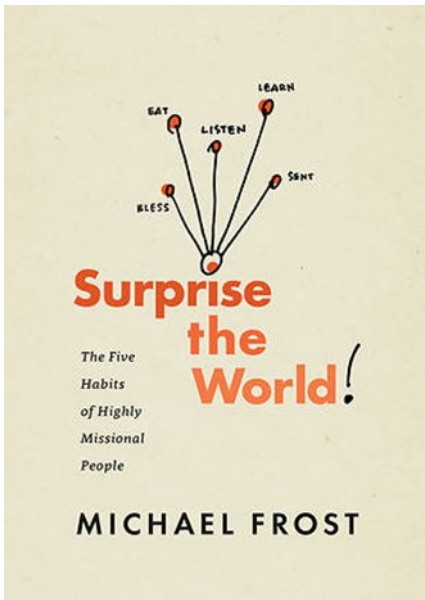
Why is the Christian Life Not Easier?

What about My Money?

Paid Cleaner Needed

We are needing to hire a new cleaner for the church building. The job pays \$10 per hour and averages 3-4 hours per week. These hours can be put in at your convenience with preference for Thursday & Friday cleaning days in order to best prepare for Sundays. Other days may be requested due to happenings in the church where cleaning is needed. If you are interested please contact Pastor Joyce.





Bible Study led by Pastor Joyce Slostad

“Surprise the World”

The 5 Habits of Highly Missional People

Tuesdays at 11 am or at 6:30 pm

Beginning September 25

Christianity is a surprising religion. It has changed the world in remarkable ways throughout history simply through Christians living out their faith. More recently, we've become afraid of a habituated Christianity, thinking that routines will rob our faith of its vitality. The net effect is that we've replaced the habits that surprise the world with habits that mimic the world and both we and the world suffer for this.

This is a 7 week study with practical application for our lives and the life of our church. We will discuss each chapter and brainstorm ways that we can carry out the mission described in the chapter. There is no DVD component.

Integrating the five habits in the BELLS model--Bless others, Eat together, Listen to the Spirit, Learn Christ, and understand yourself as Sent by God into others' lives--will help you spread the gospel organically, graciously, and surprisingly.

Michael Frost, a world-renowned expert on evangelism and discipleship, makes evangelism a lifestyle that is fulfilling, exciting, effective, and easy to live out.

Cost of the study is \$8.00 – sorry **no** large print copies are available.

Sign-up sheets will be posted on Pastor Joyce's door.

Don't Forget - We're sponsoring a radio program!!!

The show airs on Saturday mornings at 9 am on KBEK 95.5

on your FM dial and it began on June 30th.



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."

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 a 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.



Our Missional Efforts On August 18th Resulted In:

157 boxes packed =

33,912 Meals =

92 kids fed for a year at a cost of \$7,460.64

Come be a part of the team at our *next packing day of Saturday Nov, 3rd* from 11:30 – 1:00, we'll be taking 15 volunteers including our youth!

Many thanks to all who participated: Stacy Coughlin, Peggy Crooms, Laurel & Jim Fladmoe, Melissa Gubrud, Lorraine Milke, Pastor Shirley Nelson, Lynne & Rick Olson, & Pastor Joyce

Men's Group News

They voted to send the proceeds from the

Fish Dinner to the following:

\$500 towards the parking lot

\$200 to the UMW to use towards kitchen needs

\$200 to Campus Crusade (Mitch Nelson's mission work at SCSU)

They are keeping \$800 as seed money for next year's meal – approximately the cost of the fish.

The Children & Youth Ministry team wish to thank the Men's Group for the painting they did in the Sunday school & Youth classrooms this past week – everything looks wonderful, up to date and refreshed! Thanks again, guys!



PASTOR JOYCE'S FALL OFFICE HOURS

Her schedule is subject to change due to appointments and evening activities, so these hours are just a guideline of when she hopes to be in the office. Please call ahead to be sure she's at church and available to you:

Mondays – work from home 763-742-4241 cell

Tuesdays – 10:00 – 8:00 (on Bible Study nights – earlier other times)

Wednesdays – 9:30 – 5:30 (10-1 offsite at scripture study)

Thursdays – 9:30 – 5:30 (later if council or another meeting)

Friday – day off



A thank you note was received from the family of Bob Anderson.

Your kind expression of sympathy and friendship
Will always remain in our memories.
Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

A thank you note was received from Pastor Dale.

Pastor Joyce and the congregation at United Methodist Church,
Thank you for the donation of \$75 for Elim.

It was a honor to provide a place for the Anderson family to gather for Bob's funeral.
Marilyn was at her best. She welcomed all who came...both at the beginning and end of
the service.

Much music was sung (led by Dan, Gene and Linda...Marilyn's friends). Marilyn even
joined in on their singing in the dining room during refreshments. She continues to "draw"
from the occasion.

Pastor Dale



september



26 – 3:00 Red Brick Learning & Youth Group

30th – 9:30 Worship “The Lost Parables”

September Calendar Items:

2nd – 9:30 Worship “You Tube It!” based on James 1:17-27

8th – 10:00 decorate for Sunday School Launch

9th – 9:30 Worship “Jesus & His Family”, Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday School Launch Party following worship
6:00 Java & Jesus Meal & Worship

13th – 6:30 Church Council

16th – 9:30 Worship “Small, But Mighty...Hidden, But Here”
Back to Church, Back to Sunday School – Invite someone to attend church with you, Fellowship Meal follows the worship

19th – 3:00 1st Day of Red Brick Learning & Youth Group

20th – 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal

21st – 4:00 Wade/Braden Wedding

23rd – 9:30 Worship “Did You Remember to RSVP?”

25rd – 6:15 Elim Home worship service



September



21—Jenny Berglund

21– Bonnie Samuelson

23– Laurel Fladmoe

26– Rick Olson

30—Sandi Shoen

Birthdays:

4– Brad Barnes

9—Paul Ash

13– Calvin Alley

15– Tresa Neis

16– Sue Olson

17—Dale Stobb



Anniversaries:

7—Ed & Darlene Bekius

12—Peter & Joyce Slostad

17—Frank & Peggy Crooms

27—Randy & Jody Walbridge

RED BRICK LEARNING



Come join us for the
Sunday School & Wednesday After School Programs!

We use an engaging curriculum which seamlessly educates your child from Preschool to 12 grade.

Adult leaders and teachers are trained, loving, caring, and have a passion for sharing the love of Jesus Christ with kids! Our Curriculum: Deep Blue Kids

Pre-K - 5th Grade Sunday School: 9:10 am —10:30am. Breakfast snack, music, worship, children's message, question of the day, Bible lesson, activity, prayer.

K-12th Grade Red Brick Learning and Youth Group Wed After School Program: After School until 5:00 pm. Snack, interaction with positive adults, worship, video, songs, reading minute completion for RBL kids, deep learning and discussion for youth group age 6-12

To find out more information, come to our special

Sunday Service, September 9:

9:30 Worship – bring your backpacks!
10:30 Meet and Greet Launch Party



Call or email from more information:

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