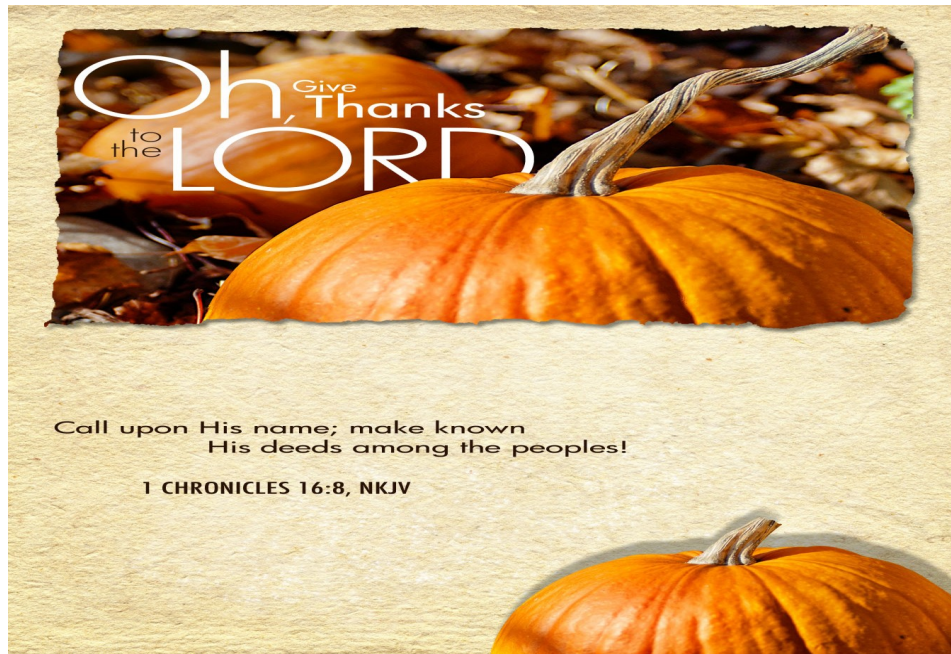


MILACA UNITED METHODIST

October 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



OCTOBER 2018 PASTOR'S PAGE

I'm very excited about all the hospitality and outreach that we have coming up this month.

Every time people are our guests, they are watching us especially those new to church. They are looking for evidence that we care and love people as much as Jesus does. They are looking into our hearts and into our faces wanting to see the face of Jesus reflected in our

faces. Let us be the face, hands and feet of Jesus for them.

The UMW will be hosting their Annual Salad Luncheon on Oct 3rd – be sure to invite your friends! We will have this year's upcoming Cookie Walk Quilt on display and tickets for sale.

We have anywhere from 10 – 15 children and youth in the buildings on Wednesdays from 3-5 pm. We'd love to have more friendly faces and "buddies" on hand so the children and youth know that lots of folks at our church care about them.

We are collecting bar soap as our church's contribution to the Operation Community Connect (see article elsewhere in this newsletter). Bring your bars in by Tuesday Oct 16th. This event is designed to help anyone in our community with needs they might have – there is no income limitation. Many giveaways and services will be available to any who attend. A free delicious lunch is included.

Blessings, and See You in Church!

Pastor Joyce <><

WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

7th – World Communion, Sermon Series:

“The Real Thief That Comes in the Night”

14th – Sermon Series: “A Good Risk”

6pm Java & Jesus

21st – “Deep Work”

28th - Change Shaker Collection “Personal Priest”

Nov. 4th – Communion, All Saints Sunday – Remembering those we have lost this year.





WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 3rd FROM 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. Tickets are \$7 and carry outs are available. **Salads can be dropped off on Tuesday Oct 2nd from 4:30 – 8:00 pm and Wednesday morning beginning at 8 am.** Thank you to everyone who is providing salad, desserts, or helping in any way.



PASTOR JOYCE'S 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. Best # to reach her 763-742-4241:

Mondays – work from home 763-742-4241 cell

Tuesdays – 9:30 – 8:00 (I stay late for Bible study)

Wednesdays – 9:30 – 6:00 (10-1 [usually] offsite at scripture study)

Thursdays – 9:30 – 5:00 (later if council or other meeting)

Friday – day off

Sunday mornings

SAVE YOUR RECIEPTS & UPC CODES

The UMW is asking everyone to save their

Teals receipts and the UPC codes from any Our Family products. These are turned in for rebates and the money has been used for mission work as well as helping to pay for things around the church. Place your receipts and codes in the labeled box on the counter in the gathering space – that's all you have to do. We have earned thousands of dollars through this program.





JAVA AND JESUS - OCT 14TH AT 6:00 PM

A casual worship experience and free meal

6:00 Dinner – Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches

6:30 Worship – lots of music and a short devotional

This service is open to all people: members of the church and folks in our community (especially our surrounding neighborhood). Invite someone to attend with you!!!

OUR CHURCH'S DONATION TO THE 13th ANNUAL OPERATION COMMUNITY CONNECT (OCC)

Each year the church's in Milaca volunteer to donate item for this event which benefits those in our community. **Bring your bars of soap to church by Tues. Oct 16th.** Find out about all that is happening and the services available at OCC on the flyer posted in church.



PLEASE DON'T FORGET THOSE WHO CAN'T BE IN WORSHIP WITH US

Consider sending a card, note or letter:

Marilyn Anderson - Elim Home

Darlene Bekius – Elim Home

Judy Erickson – at home

Tresa Neis

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Hands On Mission Opportunity: Pack Meals at FMSC

Saturday November 3rd 11:30-1:00 pm

at the Coon Rapids location

Carpool from church at 10:15

We have agreed to send 15 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!*



Beginning Friday Oct 26th at 8 pm – ending Saturday Oct 27th at 10 am.

Youth Group participants age 6th – 12th grade are invited.

Bring your sleeping bag or blankets, pillow & sleep clothes and a sweet or salty snack to share. We'll have a campfire – wear warm clothes to be outside, watch movies, play games, and get ready for the Wednesday Oct. 31st Halloween Party for Red Brick Learning & Youth Group. Hot dogs, s'mores, beverages, & breakfast will be provided.



SATURDAY DECEMBER 1st from 8:30 am – 1 pm

It will be here before we know it!

- Start searching your cookbooks for those yummy recipes of cookies, candies, breads and other goodies.
- Set aside some jars of jelly, jam, preserves, salsa, sauce and pickles.
Check your closets, attics & basements for new or gently used items for our treasures room.
- Also, if you are a crafter we will gladly accept any of your projects.
- Reminder there is an absolutely beautiful queen size quilt in red and white that will be raffled.

Be sure to invite your friends to meet you at the Milaca United Methodist Church for a day of Christmas cheer and shopping. Coffee and cinnamon rolls are available in the morning and a luncheon will also be served.



Notes of THANKS

A thank you card was received from Peggie, Judy Schwieger's sister;

To UMC,

I can't thank you enough for the service, the food and music you did for Judy.

Her church was so important to her so I will let you decide where you want to
Use the memorial money. I did receive some more days after the service so I will
donate a small amount to the animal rescue and the Alumni Band.

God bless you all. There may be a few people I did not have addresses for. I'm
working on that.

Any more funds come in I will send to the church.

And a thank you letter from Audrey Bowe;

I would like to take this time to send a Big Thank You to all the congregation for all their prayers, support, cards, memories,
and the ladies for the delicious lunch. Pastor Joyce for a healing service for Ron. That helped us to understand his death.
Everything was really appreciated. Also I would like to thank you for your concerns, prayers and cards that I got recovering
from my knee surgery. It went very well and I think I'm able to start to do things at church. Thanks again for everything.

Her letter continued, saying;

We served 50 ladies at the Women's Connection on Tuesday, Sept 14th. They enjoyed a breakfast casserole of hash
browns, ham and cheese, muffins and a watermelon slice. Their next meeting is on October 9th.

At our September meeting the Grace Sarah Circle joined the Mary Martha circle so we will be UMW only. They will meet
on the 3rd Thursday each month, except July and August when we don't meet, and at the same time—1:00 p.m. at church. Grace
Sarah was down to only 4 members.

The subject of a new convection oven was discussed and it was voted on to use some of the Salad Luncheon money plus
the memorial donation from my husband's memorial money designated for it. A committee will be decided on to purchase it now
and not wait any longer.

Also we decided to give more to the Project 219—The 150 Anniversary Project instead of just our coffee money.

Peggy and Joyce Stobb went to Stillwater for the Big Waters Fall Gathering that was held on September 21st and 22nd.

The Salad Luncheon is Wednesday, October 3rd from 11 to 1 p.m. and hope everyone will be able to attend and donate
food.

Saturday October 6th it is the UMW Annual Gathering at Hastings, Minnesota. There are 3 of us going for sure. Anyone
else that would like to go, let me or Peggy know.

Our UMW meets on Thursday, October 18th at 1:00 p.m. at church. We will be filling in yearly events then for the calendar.

November meeting will be election of officers.

Until then see you in church.

October

October Calendar Items:

Oct. 2—11 a.m. Surprise the World Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Surprise the World Bible Study

Oct. 3—8:30 a.m. Ministerial Meeting
Salad Luncheon 11:00 to 1:00
3 to 5 p.m. Red Brick Learning & Youth Group

Oct. 4—6:30 p.m. SPRC Meeting

Oct. 5—4:30-7:30 Milaca Food Pantry Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Oct. 6—UMW Annual Conference in Hastings, MN

Oct. 7—9:30 a.m. Worship “The Real Thief That Comes in the Night”

Oct. 9—11 a.m. Surprise the World Bible Study
Women’s Connection

6:30 p.m. Surprise the World Bible Study

Oct. 10—3:00-5:00 Red Brick Learning & Youth Group

Oct. 11—6:30 p.m. Church council

Oct. 13—10:00-11:30 a.m. SPRC Meeting with the District Superintendent

Oct. 14—9:30 a.m. Worship “A Good Risk”
6 p.m. Java & Jesus—smoked, pulled pork

Oct. 16—11 a.m. Surprise the World Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Surprise the World Bible Study

Oct. 17—3:00-5:00 Red Brick Learning & Youth Group

Oct. 18—1 p.m. UMW Meeting
10:00-2 Operation Community Connect at High School

Oct. 20—2 p.m. Memorial Service for Pat Day, visitation at 1 p.m.

Oct. 24—3:00-5:00 Red Brick Learning & Youth Group

Oct. 25—11 a.m. Surprise the World Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Surprise the World Bible Study

Oct. 26—7 p.m.—9 a.m. on the 27th, Youth Group Lock-In

Oct. 30—11 a.m. Surprise the World Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Surprise the World Bible Study

Oct. 31—3 to 5 p.m. Red Brick Learning & Youth
Group—Halloween Party

Nov. 3—10:15 carpool for Feed My Starving
Children



October



Birthdays:

1- Gayle Ash

9- Jonathan Hall

11- Penny Nelsen

13- Peggy Crooms

23—Maggie Barnes

25- Audrey Bowe

28- Dayna Hillcrest

29- Tyler Haugen



Anniversaries:

15—Bruce & Deb Cochran

17—Travis & Jessica Hall

