



# MILACA UNITED METHODIST



June, 2019 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!

June 2019 From Pastor Joyce

Hard to believe the weather that Minnesota has experienced lately, snow in May & lots of rain, but 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 2** – Communion.

**June 9** – Pastor Shirley Nelson will be preaching  
6 pm Java and Jesus meal & worship

**June 16** – Trinity Sunday & Father's Day

**June 23** – VBS decorating

**June 30** – VBS Celebration  
Sunday

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 4-10**

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

### **She will also be gone to Annual Conference**

**June 18 - 20 in St Cloud**

You may reach her by cell phone at 763-742-4241. She and Lay Delegate Peggy Crooms will be staying overnight Tuesday & Wednesday 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 4-10. She can be reached on her cell at 218-750-0663.

### **CHURCH HOT DOG STAND AT MILACA PARADE JUNE 20**

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!!!!



### **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.



# 2019 VBS      June 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 1-4 pm

Explore Where God's Power Can  
Take You!



**Donations:** Financial donations are greatly appreciated. Our program is free, but it does cost the church about \$20 for each child to attend. Consider sponsoring some children!

Keep an eye out in the bulletin for items you can donate for us to use.

## **Training Session: Sunday June 16**

Volunteers please, please, attend this session.

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!

One small step for your kids...one giant leap for God's Kingdom!

Blast off with the first VBS to land on Mars! Cokesbury's *To Mars and Beyond* will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Beginning in your Assembly area—an outpost on Mars—they'll lift off to distant planets on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Add to the adventure with out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine!

The theme verse (Vector Verse) is "*Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us.*" —Ephesians 3:20, CEB

Sessions include:

- Session 1 - **Go Beyond with Faith!** Daniel Trusts God in the Lions' Den (Daniel 6)
- Session 2 - **Go Beyond with Boldness!** Queen Ester Takes a Stand (Esther 4-9)
- Session 3 - **Go Beyond with Kindness!** The Good Samaritan Helps a Fellow Traveler (Luke 10:25-37)
- Session 4 - **Go Beyond with Thankfulness!** Jesus Heals 10 Lepers (Luke 17:11-19)



## **2019 Love Offering for Missions**

**Milaca UMC will be receiving your love offering all the first two Sundays in June. Please mark your envelope or check with “Love Offering” so it can be directed accordingly.**

The 2019 Annual Conference session—taking place June 18 - June 20 in St. Cloud—is themed “Dare to Reach, Love Boldly,” and funds from this year’s Love Offering will go to three projects:

Lao Samphan Methodist Church (60 percent), Volunteer Lawyers Network (20 percent), and Volunteers in Mission Scholarships (20 percent). The second part of the Love Offering involves giving to God names of acquaintances who do not know Christ, for whom we are committed

to “dare to reach” through our prayers and our witness of compassion, love, and hope.

### **Lao Samphan Methodist Church**

The United Methodist Church’s presence in Laos is growing through the Lao Samphan Methodist Church (“Samphan” means “united”). Rev. Daniel Yang, a Minnesota elder now serving as a United Methodist missionary in Laos, oversees new church development, training and equipping leaders, and pastoral support. Yang and other leaders are working to establish a Methodist presence in 17 provinces in Laos, develop committed church members and leaders, build relationships with national and local government, and build a resource training center and dormitory. They’re also creating programs to support the socio-economic development of both church members and communities in Laos, one of the poorest countries in the world. Love Offering funds will be used to further these efforts.

### **Volunteer Lawyers Network**

Established in 1966, Volunteer Lawyers Network helps thousands of people each year by providing civil legal services to people living in poverty. It connects immigrants, single parents, the working poor, prior offenders, the LGBTQ community, and others with top lawyers in the state, who donate their time to support equal access to justice. All services are provided at no cost to clients, 7,300 of whom were served in fiscal year 2018. Love Offering funds will go toward the Immigrant Legal Services program, through which volunteer lawyers and staff partner with community organizations—including Northfield UMC—to provide culturally competent services to immigrant and refugee neighbors.

### **Volunteers in Mission Scholarships**

Mission trips change the lives of participants by giving them an opportunity to grow in faith and gain a new perspective of the world. Through the United Methodist Church’s Volunteers in Mission program, teams spend up to two weeks working on mission projects domestically or abroad.

Most teams from Minnesota are engaged in hands-on projects that build infrastructure to ensure that nutritional, medical, and educational programs in developing countries become sustainable and locally run. Team members pay their own way, and the Love Offering helps to offset the cost for first-time participants.

## UMW

It is Memorial Day and it seems the month just started. May has been a very busy month for us.

It started out with the High Tea on Thursday, May 3rd. It was a lower count than other years and felt it was because it was changed to Thursday instead of on Wednesday. We had a total of \$463.00 and about 50 ladies. Linda Jacobson took pictures and they are in the photo album at church. It was decided what charities we will be dividing it up to at our picnic in June. Our June meeting (picnic) will be June 13th because of conference and the parade.

We served Tom Olson's funeral on Friday, May 10th. Our sympathy and prayers to the family.

Tuesday, May 14th we served Women's Connection at 9 a.m. There were 58 ladies that attended and they enjoyed a brunch of Denver breakfast casserole, pull-apart sticky buns and peaches with blueberries. They were very pleased with our service and keep telling us how they appreciate our serving them every month. There were only 4 of us that were able to serve so we were very busy.

UMW met on Thursday, May 16th and Betty Anderson and myself had the program and served the lunch. There were 9 of us ladies that attended. We are getting smaller all the time. We welcome anyone that would be interested to attend our meetings.

In June we have Women's Connection and our meeting at Sue Olson's home for our picnic meeting. We are not having meetings in July and August. Next meeting is September.

Have a very blessed Memorial Day with family.

God's Blessings





### *June Calendar Items:*

June 2	9:30	Worship with Communion VBS Training after fellowship time
June 4 – 10		Pastor Joyce out of town
June 8	10:00 am	Church building & grounds clean up
	2:00 pm	Highway Cleanup – meet at Long Siding
June 9	9:30 am	Worship – Pastor Shirley preaching Sunday School
	6:00 pm	Java and Jesus
June 12	9 – 5:30	District Superintendent having private clergy conversations
June 13	12:00 pm	UMW Potluck Picnic at Sue Olson's home
	1 – 4 pm	Milaca Food Pantry Training
	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
June 16	9:30 am	Worship – Trinity Sunday & Father's Day
June 18-20		Annual Conference – Pastor & Peggy attending
June 20	4:00 pm	All Church Hot Dog Stand at parade
June 23	9:30 am	Worship – Decorate for VBS after the service
	1 – 5 pm	Baby Shower for Jere & Linda's granddaughter
June 24 – 28	1 - 4 pm	To Mars & Beyond Vacation Bible School
June 30	9:30 am	Worship – VBS Celebration
July 1- 8		Pastor Joyce out of the office for vacation



### ***Birthdays:***

- 1- Matthew Slostad
- 1- Sam Walbridge
- 2- Stacy Coughlin
- 2- Lynne Olson
- 5- Pastor Joyce Slostad
- 8- William Barnes
- 16- Terry Wade
- 18- Dorothy Moe
- 21- John Day
- 21- Junia Hillcrest
- 28- Delores Quam
- 29- Annie Bunger



### ***Anniversaries:***

- 7- Chet & Tilly Bergstrom
- 14- Ron & Audrey
- 17- Jim & Laurel Fladmoe
- 24- Ron & Corky Webb
- 30- Dale & Sharon Gilbert