



MILACA UNITED METHODIST



August, 2019 Newsletter



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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!

August 2019 From Pastor Joyce:



I have just finished a wonderful couple of weeks working with some awesome youth and their leaders at Java & Jesus, the Youth Worship service on July 2^{1st}, and our Youth Mission Camp which happened last week.

The youth were present at the July worship at Java and Jesus – they helped prepare and serve the meal and provided actions to some of the songs. It turned out they were a powerful example to a young person who was a guest at our worship that night.

The youth were wonderful providers of music on the 21st and took leadership roles in the service. They played the drums, the bass guitar, bongos & congas, viola and keyboard. They did a terrific job. They will lead us in worship on August 18th.

Youth Mission Camp started on Tuesday morning with worship at church and talking about what the Bible has to say about service and being a servant of others. Then we headed down to the pocket park in the SW corner of Teals – we weeded, replanted, watered, & mulched this lovely spot in Milaca for all to enjoy. Thanks to Christie Barnes, Cyndee Green & the Olsons for providing our pizza lunch & afternoon snack. In the afternoon we helped out at Betty Anderson's home working on a list of tasks she had for us – we were able to complete them all with supervisory help from Karrie Anderson. We finished our day with the fun activity of tubing down the Rum River.

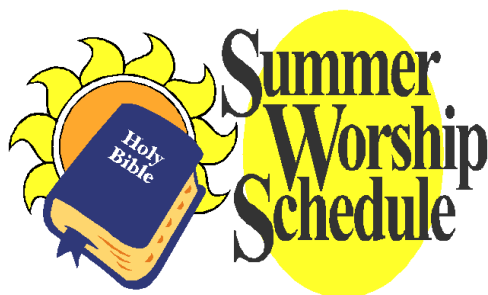
On Wednesday the youth led our worship by finding songs on their phones that we could all listen to and enjoy. Our work was at church cleaning and sorting items left over from VBS and other events that had taken place in the SS rooms – we re-purposed items, put things in recycling and threw a lot of junk away. They began the sweeping and mopping of rooms. Thanks to Dorothy Moe for providing our lunch and snack. In the afternoon the youth worked together to brainstorm the games they would lead at Red Brick Summer Fun. They led the younger children in those games and helped at worship time later in the day. Our fun activity was a cookout/campfire in the back of the church by the gardens.

Thursday brought warmer weather so we worked outside weeding the church garden plots and rearranging the youth room and Sunday school rooms. We completed the tasks of sweeping and mopping of all the rooms. Thanks to Rick Olson and Pastor Joyce who provided lunch on behalf of Lynne Olson who got hurt on Wednesday and ended up with a broken bone in her foot. Our fun activity was an afternoon at Spectacle Beach in Cambridge.

These are incredible youth and I encourage you to thank them for their efforts on behalf of our church – I am very proud of each one of them: Billy Barnes, Maggie Barnes, Emily Blesi, Ryan Blesi, Andy Polifka, Elizabeth Slostad, and Cassandra Toven. And we couldn't have done it without their leaders: Dayna Hillcrest, Olivia McGathey, & Pastor Joyce.

Blessings and See You in Church!

Pastor Joyce <><



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

August 4 th	Communion
August 11 th	Worship in the Park w/ potluck Java & Jesus
August 18 th	Youth Led worship
August 25 th	Hymn Sing

WORSHIP IN THE PARK SUNDAY AUGUST 11th COOKOUT & POTLUCK

Blessing - of the - ANIMALS



Join us at the Lions Shelter picnic area for a wonderful outdoor service which will include a blessing of the animals and music by our musicians. Service begins with inviting music at 9:15 and following worship we will gather around the picnic tables for food and fellowship. All animals are welcome to the park and the service. Pastor Joyce will share a blessing over your pet. A lunch of hot dogs will be provided. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. If

you can't or don't want to make anything, but want to contribute to the day you can help pay for the cookout items, just write "outdoor worship" on your check or envelope.

PASTOR JOYCE'S SUMMER 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 – 9:30 – 4:30

Wednesdays – 9:30 – 6:00 (involved with Red Brick Summer Fun from 2-5:30)

Thursdays – 9:30 – 4:30

Friday – day off

Sunday mornings



SUMMER IS UPON US

The days will be longer, the weekends 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.



Hands On Mission Opportunity: Pack Meals at FMSC

Saturday August 24th 11:00-12:30 pm

at the Coon Rapids location

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!*



Notes of THANKS

Thank you to the Youth Group members for working at my place and helping with my yard maintenance. I greatly appreciate the work you did for me.

Sincerely,

Betty Anderson

Dear Milaca United Methodist Women,

Thank you for thinking of me when giving out scholarships. Thank you for your generous donation into my tuition. I'm thankful for you choosing me. I'm going to St. cloud Technical and Community college. I'm doing a two year IPN program to become a nurse. I'm planning to stay for another two years to become an RN. My goal for my future is to help people and I'm thankful for your support to do so. The future brings excitement and hope for me. Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Elaina Davis

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Summer 2019 Children & Youth Programs

The Red Brick church up the hill
310 3rd



JAVA & JESUS

Join us for youthful praise songs and meal with your family. All ages welcome! Free!

RED BRICK SUMMER FUN

Children and Youth enjoy an afternoon of snacks, games, worship, and songs. Students are sent home with a “Blessing Bag”. A “Blessing Bag” is an easy-to-make, nutritious, take home dinner for their family. Incoming 1st—5th grade. Meet at Red Brick Church (Milaca United Methodist Church: 310 3rd Ave NW Milaca, MN). FREE!

Wednesday, July 17, 24, & 31; 2:30—5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 7, 14, & 21; 2:30—5:30 p.m.

YOUTH MISSION CAMP

Youth learn about the love of Christ by serving others. Youth spend 3 days in the mission field by serving the church, community and the world. Each day ends with a fun activity. End time varies. Incoming 6th - 12th grade. FREE! End time varies.

To register: call 320-982-6325 or visit milacametodistchurch.org



August Calendar Items:

August 4	9:15 Worship – Communion 10:45 Council Meeting
August 7	2:30 Red Brick Summer Fun 5:30 Youth Music Practice
August 11	9:15 Worship in the Park with Potluck 6:00 Java & Jesus – Pizza meal
August 13	10:00 Women's Connection
August 14	2:30 Red Brick Summer Fun 5:30 Youth Music Practice
August 18	9:15 Worship – Youth Led Service 2:00 Youth Leave for Hastings UMC Youth Service
August 20	8:30 Youth Leave for Valleyfair
August 21	2:30 Red Brick Summer Fun
August 24	11:00 Pack Meals at Feed My Starving Children
August 25	9:15 Hymn Sing



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