

September 2019 from the Pastor

An Autumn Day by Carla Largos Signes

Pumpkins in the fields,
Gold among the brown,
Leaves of rust and scarlet,
Slowly tumbling down;
Birds that travel southward,
Lovely time to play;
Nothing is as pleasant
As an autumn day!



Autumn is one of my favorite times of year, the last of the garden waiting to be shared or stored for the winter months, the smell of bonfires, and the taste of a freshly picked apple – these things are special to me.

God's word is also special – this is what Psalm 19 says:

*The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure,
making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear,
enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey,
and drippings of the honeycomb.*

May we make God's word part of our daily enjoyment of life.

See you in church!

Pastor Joyce



WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

Inviting Music begins at 9:15

Sept 1st – Communion, Labor Sunday

“Soul Dismorphia” Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sept 8th – “Making the Most of Our Regrets” Psalm 139:1-6 13-19

Java & Jesus at 6 pm

Sept 15th – Blessing of the backpacks for anyone, SS launch

Sept 22nd – “Have a Good Cry” Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Sept 29th – Change Shaker Sunday, “The Price of a Clean Life” 1 Timothy 6:6-19

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 15th

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 reminder that they are a precious child of God.

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 15TH

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 program called Red Brick Learning which begin September 18th.

NATIONAL
BACK TO
CHURCH
SUNDAY



Our Missional Efforts On August 24th

Resulted In:

7 volunteers from MUMC =

73 boxes packed =

15,768 Meals =

43 kids fed for a year at a cost of \$3,784.32

Come be a part of the team at our *next packing day of Saturday Nov, 2nd* from 11:00 – 12:30, we'll be taking 15 volunteers including our youth!

Many thanks to all who participated: Jim & Laurel Fladmoe, Elizabeth Slostad, Andria Polifka, Lynne & Rick Olson, & Pastor Joyce.



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.



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
- Sunday mornings



Red Brick Learning Wednesdays 2019-2020 K-5th



Students have snack, worship, sing, play, read the Bible, pray, and earn reading minutes, beads and patches. Students learn about the peace of having Jesus as their friend!

- K-5th grades
- Limit of 12 participants (first registered = first accepted)
- Transportation to church and snack provided
- Healing prayer for family available after program
- Every Wednesday that Milaca school is in session 3:10 – 5:00 pm
- Deep Blue Kids Curriculum used: <https://www.deepbluekidsbible.com/>
- Earn beads, badges, vests for learning: verses, vocab, prayers, songs and more!
- Reading minutes tracked

Wednesday Schedule

3:10 - 3:45: Transportation from school, check-in, snack, and interaction with peers and adults

3:45-4:15: Worship and song

4:15 - 4:40: Bible reading

4:40 - 5:00: Games

5:00: Parent pick up; Family prayer available with Pastor Joyce

DATES: (* indicates celebration Wed. Students enjoy bingo with prizes, special craft or party!)

September 18, 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30*

November 6, 13, 20

December 4, 11, 18*

January 8, 15, 22, 29

February 5, 12, 19, 26

March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 1, 8, 15*, 22, 29*

Registration

1. In person at 310 3rd Ave NW Milaca MN 56353
2. Contact Pastor Joyce Slostad: 763-742-4241 or email: pastormilacaumc@gmail.com
3. Online at milacamethodist.org, or directly at:
 - a. [1st time Registration](#)
 - b. [Returning Participant Registration](#)

BRING FRIENDS TO JOIN IN THE FUN


Milaca United Methodist Youth

FUN NIGHT



Activities



- Movie
- Camp Fire
- Non organized games
- Food 

On Saturday September 14 6-10pm

Grades 6-12

310 3rd Ave NW.

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Church Phone (320) 982 6325

Or

Pastor Joyce's phone

(763) 742-4241