



MILACA UNITED METHODIST



October 2019 Newsletter

Open Minds, Open Doors



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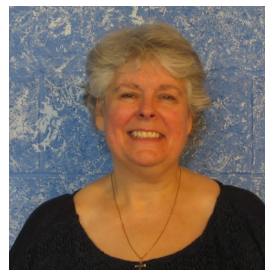
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- Sunday Service
9:30am
- Coffee & Fellowship
Following Service
- Bible Studies
- Youth Group
- Sunday School
- Vacation Bible School
- UMW
- Much, much, more!



OCTOBER 2019 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 there. Let us be the face, hands and feet of Jesus for them.

The UMW will be hosting their Annual Salad Luncheon on Oct 2nd – 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 20 – 25 children and youth in the buildings on Wednesdays from 3-5 pm. We'd love to have more friendly faces, "table buddies", and folks who could pick kids up at school on hand so the children and youth know that lots of folks at our church care about them.

We are collecting tooth paste as our church's contribution to the Operation Community Connect (see flyers hanging up in church). Bring your items in by Tuesday Oct 15th. 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

6th – World Communion, Sermon Series:

"God and Suffering"

13th – Sermon Series: "Why Do My
Prayers Go Unanswered"

6pm Java & Jesus

20th – Sermon Series: "Why Is God's Will So Elusive?"

27th - Change Shaker Collection, Sermon Series: "More Than Conquerors"

Nov. 3rd – Communion, All Saints Sunday – Remembering those we have lost this year.





WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 2nd 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 1st anytime 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 – 9:00 – 5:00 (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 13TH AT 6:00 PM

A casual worship experience and free meal

6:00 Dinner – Always something delicious!

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 14th 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 toothpaste to church by Tues. Oct 15th.** 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:

Bob Hoffman – at home

Darlene Bekius – Elim Home

Judy Erickson – at home

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Hands On Mission Opportunity: Pack Meals at FMSC

Saturday November 2nd 11:00-12:30 pm

Carpool from church at 9:45

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!*

YOUTH LOCK-IN



Beginning Friday Oct 25th at 7 pm – ending Saturday Oct 26th at 9 am.

Youth Group participants age 6th – 12th grade and friends are invited to attend.

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 brainstorm decorating idea for the Thursday Oct. 31st Halloween Trunk or Treat Event in our parking lot. Hot dogs, s'mores, beverages, & breakfast will be provided.

Cookie Walk

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7th 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. We need extra cookies and goodies from everyone at church this year to make up for those folks we've lost.

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, pastel multi - colored queen size quilt with a light blue backing, that will be raffled. Look for it on display.

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.



A New Event for MUMC this Fall

Thursday Oct 31st from

4:30 – 6:30 pm.

We had good support in church on Sept 29th for a church sponsored non-scary option for Trick or Treaters. They would come to our church parking lot, begin at our welcome station where they would get a collection bag, have an opportunity to talk with a church member and be invited to our programs and sign up right then and there! They would then walk to each vehicle and receive a treat or Christian giveaway. Others who have held such events say they are a safe way for kids to have supervised fun on Halloween.

Additional support is needed for this event, especially in terms of vehicles present. If you have a 2nd vehicle and can bring one to the event we'll find someone to hand out treats or Christian giveaways that we will purchase – so financial donations are also needed.

Please look over the list of needs below and contact Pastor Joyce at 763-742-4241 or call the church and leave a message 320-982-6325 indicating how you can help.



___ I can provide a vehicle(s) #___

___ I can provide non-scary fall decorations (things you already have – no need to buy)

___ I can provide an XL bag of wrapped treats (at least 50 pieces or more)

___ I can provide individual giveaways (pencils, or \$ to purchase Christian giveaways)

___ I can provide financial support \$___

___ I can hand out treats or giveaways (you don't need to provide a vehicle)

___ I can talk with guests about our programs and share a cup of hot cider with them

___ I can help people sign-up for the programs we offer

15 Ways to Pray for Your Pastor

A UMC.org Feature by Joe Lovino

The life of a United Methodist pastor is filled with a variety of responsibilities. They preach, teach, visit, counsel, lead, consult, communicate, budget, clean, and so much more.



Pastoring a church is not a job that can be done well under the pastor's power alone. Every pastor relies heavily on God's guidance, strength and peace as they live into their call.

One of the best ways we can support our pastors and show them our appreciation is to regularly pray for them. But it can be difficult to know exactly what we should pray for. To help get started, we've assembled fifteen areas of pastors' lives and ministries where they would value your prayers.

1. Spiritual lives

Our pastors' spiritual lives are important to their finding the wisdom, strength and guidance necessary to lead a church. Pray for your pastors' growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ, as the Holy Spirit works through them to serve your congregation and community.

2. Time management

With all of their responsibilities, United Methodist pastors need to become masters of their calendars. John Wesley knew this back in the 1700s. He instructed the preachers, "Never trifle away time." Pray for your pastors to use time wisely, including blocking out occasions for Sabbath rest, prayer, work and family.

3. Families

Speaking of families, it is important to remember that our ministers may also be a spouse, a parent, and a child to parents who have needs. Remember to pray for your pastor's family.

4. Preaching

Delivering a great sermon (and the ones that are less than great) takes hours of study and preparation. Pray for your pastors as they prepare worship services, sacraments and sermons. May they have the words to communicate what God has placed on their hearts.

5. Strength

The work of a pastor requires reserves of spiritual and emotional strength. Ask God to bolster ministers' hearts and minds, especially on days when they feel weak, inadequate, or unqualified.

6. Visiting ministries

Visiting people in hospital rooms, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers, memory centers, hospice units, homes and jail cells, is an important part of your pastor's job. Pray for her or his ability to connect with those who are struggling and to share God's comfort, peace and hope.

7. Leadership

Pastors shepherd their congregations, lead individuals to Christ and guide the church as a witness to the work of God in our communities. Pray for your pastor's ability to lead your congregation.

8. Decision-making

Being a leader includes making difficult decisions. Sometimes that means making a call when the "right answer" is elusive. Other times it is about making an unpopular choice. Pray for God to guide your pastor's decisions.

9. Ministry with the poor

Pastors are called upon to help those who do not have enough food, rent money, or the ability to pay a utility bill. They also lead their congregations to do the same. Pray that your pastor has the wisdom and resources necessary to help those in need, and that he or she might represent Jesus well to those who feel forgotten.

10. Communication

We've all sent a note, email or text that is misunderstood by the recipient. Ministers reach out to so many people, miscommunication is nearly impossible to avoid. Ask God to make your pastor's communication clear and for grace when he or she is misunderstood.

11. Conflict

Conflicts sometimes arise when people miscommunicate and disagree. Some conflicts are serious, while others are petty. Pray for your pastors' strength, wisdom, patience and discernment as they navigate the conflicts that arise.

12. Vision

United Methodist pastors help set the vision for their congregations. Pray that your pastor may clearly see where God is leading your church and for opportunities for ministries to grow in those areas.

13. Finances

Money worries can be a big distraction. Pray for financial peace for your pastor, both with the congregation's budget and his or her family finances.

14. Health

Your pastor's physical health is important. Pray for them to take time to care for their bodies through rest, exercise, and eating well.

15. Encouragement

Pray for your pastors to be encouraged today. Pray that they might know in their hearts the differences they make in the lives of individuals, in your congregation, and in your community.

You can be an answer to prayer when you encourage your ministers. Write a note, text or email to let them know what a difference they make in your life. They will surely appreciate it.





October Calendar Items:

- Oct 1 – 9 am – Set up & drop off salads
10 am – Profiles of Men & Women Bible Study
- Oct 2 – 8 am – drop off salads
9 am – workers show up
11 am – 1 pm Salad Luncheon
3-5 Red Brick Learning & Youth Group
- Oct 3 – 10 am – “Why?” Bible Study
- Oct 6 – World Communion Sunday
- Oct 8 – 10 am Profiles Bible Study
- [Oct 9 – 3-5 pm Red Brick Learning & Youth Group](#)
- Oct 10 – “Why?” Bible Study
- Oct 13 – 6-7 pm Java and Jesus meal & worship
- Oct 15 – 10 am Profiles Bible Study
- Oct 16 – 3-5 pm Red Brick Learning & Youth Group
- Oct 17 – 10 am “Why?” Bible Study
- Oct 20 – Youth Led Worship
- Oct 22 – 10 Profiles Bible Study
- Oct 23 – 3-5 pm Red Brick Learning & Youth Group
- Oct 24 – 10 am “Why?” Bible Study
- Oct 30 – 3-5 pm Red Brick Learning & Youth Group



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