

MILACA UNITED METHODIST

November 2019 Newsletter

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!





NOVEMBER 2018 PASTOR'S PAGE

Worship changing to 10:00 am this winter

Giving Thanks – Cultivating an attitude of gratitude

In these days of political disagreements it can be hard to think about being thankful, but we have much for which to give thanks. I encourage you to begin a list of things that you are thankful for and add at least one item each day during November. By the time you get to Thanksgiving you will have at a minimum of 22 things on your list. I'll get us started:

1. I'm thankful for a congregation that is more than willing to help when asked.

Whether it's the Salad Luncheon, Red Brick Learning, Funeral/Memorial Meals or a new outreach venture like our recent Trunk or Treat, where we had 15 vehicles handing out candy or toys and 85 children attended!!!! Whatever we seek to do for the Lord – people are there when needed.

Pastor Joyce<><

Remember to **set your clocks back** an hour on November 2nd. This way you will be on time for our worship at 10 am and not show up too early for church.





Worship time CHANGED TO 10 AM

3rd All Saints and Communion – Pastor Shirley preaching

10th “Thoughts & Prayers” 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
6 pm Java & Jesus – Turkey Dinner meal

17th “Accept or Decline?” 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

24th “Kings Never Die” Luke 23:33-43 Christ the King Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday
Decorating for Christmas



NOVEMBER 3rd AT 10:00 AM

On this coming Sunday we will be honoring all those saints who have touched our lives and gone to heaven this past year. You will have the opportunity to have a loved one's name lifted up in our list of saints during the worship service.

We will also celebrate communion together.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS – SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24TH FOLLOWING WORSHIP

All who can stay and help are greatly appreciated; there are tasks for all heights and skill levels: from putting up the tree, wrapping garland around the communion rail, arranging the manger scene and hanging decorations. Please be a part of a team who helps to beautify the church for the Christmas season.



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.

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

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

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

Friday – day off

Sunday mornings



JAVA AND JESUS - NOV 10TH 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!!!

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

Tresa Neis

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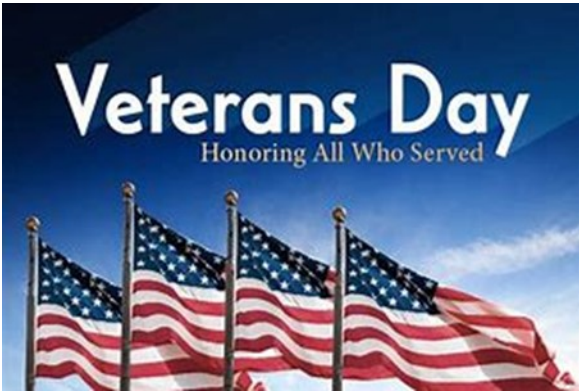


SAVE YOUR RECIEPTS & UPC CODES

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.

TIS THE SEASON – to turn up & down the heat!

Please be sure if you turn up the heat (to 68, unless really cold out) that you also turn it down (to 58) when you leave the room or building. This helps keep our heating costs down.



7th ANNUAL VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

November 11^h at 1:00 p.m.

Milaca High School Main Gym

"A day of remembrance for a lifetime of Service.
Honor, Glory, Pride."

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

NOV 27 AT 7:00 PM

Trinity Lutheran Church

All in the community are invited to attend. Pastors from many of the churches in town take part. There will be refreshments served after the service.



NOV/DEC 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.

UMW

Can you believe this weather? Brrrr!!! Not ready and where is the fall?

In September we served 52 ladies for the Women's connection on Tuesday, September 10th. We've been using some new recipes this year that have gone over very well. Their October 14th meeting we served our largest group of ladies for awhile. There were 60 ladies that came and we served them egg, biscuit and sausage Breakfast Casserole with hash browns and pineapple with raspberries on top. We have been doing some minor replacements so it is gluten free.

September 19th was our kick off fall meeting and a few of us went to the Dining Site for lunch and then to the church for our meeting. We went over the details for the Salad Luncheon. Joyce Stobb had the information for the 'I Want My Mommy' campaign; each person sent a card to their District Representative and Congress to fund the bill Minnesota Maternal Mortality Review Project (MMMRP) bill that is in existence but not functional. We turned our cards in at the Fall Gathering to be delivered to the Capital in person.

Our October 17th meeting was at 1:00 p.m. at the church. We had only eight members there. Our group is getting smaller all the time. All the women are invited to attend the meetings and DON'T have to join, just come and see what we are about! The salad luncheon was discussed and we were down on count this year and have a few suggestions for next year.

Now is election of officers and we will be making the list for Christmas Poinsettias and other wants. Our December meeting will be a Christmas Pot Luck at the church at 12 p.m. We decided to give \$200.00 to Holiday Helping Hands again this year. There is a certificate in our display case from our contributions to the Heifer Foundation. We give quarterly to use for their projects.

We are saving the Teal's stamps for storage containers. When your sheet is full turn it into the church if not saving for yourself. Also keep saving Teal's register receipts and the Our Family product UPC code numbers. The money we get for these is used for church missions as it is all your money. Keep saving. Thank you.

Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving.

God's blessings

November Calendar Items:

Nov 1	6:00	Youth & leaders leave for "The Event" in St. Cloud
Nov 2	9:45	Feed My Starving Children – meal packing
Nov 3	10:00	All Saints Sunday worship & Communion
	11:00	Youth & leaders return from youth event
Nov 5		Election Day – Exercise Your Right to Vote
Nov 6	3:00	Red Brick Learning & Youth Group
Nov 8	12:00	Pastor Appreciation meal at Elim Home
Nov 10	10:00	Worship
	6:00	Java & Jesus worship & Turkey dinner meal
Nov 11	1:00	Veterans Day Program at the High School
Nov 13	3:00	Red Brick Learning & Youth Group
Nov 14	6:30	Church Council
Nov 17	10:00	Worship
Nov 19	6:15	Worship at Elim Home
Nov 20	3:00	Red Brick Learning & Youth Group
Nov 21	1:00	United Methodist Women Meeting
Nov 24	10:00	Worship - Christ the King Sunday, Thanksgiving Sunday, Decorating for Christmas, Change Shaker Offering
Nov 27		NO Red Brick Learning & Youth Group
	7:00	Community Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Trinity Lutheran Church





Birthdays:

3- Melissa Gubrud

5- Mary Patten

11- Bruce Cochran

11- Corky Webb

22- Chet Bergstrom

23- Ralph Koecher

24- Betty Anderson

26- Peter Slostad



Anniversaries:

No Anniversaries for November