

The Grapevine

"I am the vine, you are the branches.

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit" John 15:5a

A newsletter for the family and friends of the United Methodist Churches of
Coloma-Calvary and Westfield-Faith

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Pastor's Column

This year Easter Sunday is also April Fool's Day. For many people, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is nothing more than a joke. It is so unbelievable, that it fits right in with a classic April Fool's prank.

Although April Fool's Day didn't exist at the time of Jesus, still Mary Magdalene and the other disciples had questions. How was the stone rolled away? What was the meaning of the folded grave clothes? Why was the tomb empty? What had happened to Jesus?

They didn't yet understand the Scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to the place where they were staying.

Mary stood outside near the tomb, crying. As she cried, she bent down to look into the tomb. She saw two angels dressed in white, seated where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head and one at the foot. The angels asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

She replied, "They have taken away my Lord, and I don't know where they've put him. As soon as she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Thinking that he was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him and I will get him. Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabbouni" (which means Teacher). (John 20:9-16 CEB)

Mary Magdalene first believed that someone had carried off Jesus' body. In fact, she didn't recognize Jesus when he appeared to her, but thought he was the gardener. So she wondered if the gardener had taken Jesus away. It must have made sense to her, as nothing else did until Jesus spoke her name. Then she realized that Jesus was alive. She still didn't understand, but she recognized the risen Christ.

Do we recognize the risen Christ? Do we realize that the Resurrection happened – that it's not an April Fool's joke or prank? Or do we still seek to understand that which can't be understood, but must be taken on faith?

This Easter, let us hear with ears of faith as Jesus calls us by name.

Pastor Joan

Pastor Joan’s phone numbers are: office 608-296- 2739; home 608-296- 7023. Pastor Joan is usually in the office from 9:00am-noon Monday through Thursday. She will make appointments at other times.



Worship on Thursday, March 29 will be at First Presbyterian Church at 7:00. Pastor Joan will provide the message. We will remember the Last Supper and other events from Jesus' final gathering with his disciples before his crucifixion.



He is Risen!



You are invited to start your Easter celebration at Pine Lake Camp at 6:30 AM., Sunday, April 1st. If you arrive early enough you can watch the sun rise over beautiful Pine Lake from the board walk, lake shore or from the comfort of the dining hall. The community choir will be singing and leading congregational Easter hymns. Pastor Joan Frost and Pastor Janet Ruark will share in the retelling of the Easter Story as we celebrate our Risen Savior with our families, friends and neighbors.

Pine Lake Camp is located at W8301 County Road M, only 7 miles west of Westfield; a beautiful drive early in the morning. This service has continued for more than 60 years and has become a tradition that more than 100 folks look forward to each year, no matter what the weather brings.

Don and Elaine Mevis managed the camp for many years and are still very much involved with the camp. Since Elaine knows her way around the camp kitchen, she has graciously and expertly prepared cinnamon rolls and sticky buns each year for our enjoyment after the service. Coffee and milk are served with the rolls.

Invite a friend and join us this Easter. Make it your family tradition.



Vacation and On Call

Pastor Joan will be vacationing with her family in Alabama from Monday, April 2 through Sunday, April 8. While she is gone, Pastor Alyson Janke of the Wild Rose Presbyterian Church will be on call April 2 and 3. Her phone number is 608-547-9096. Pastor Janet Ruark of Westfield Presbyterian Church will be on call the remainder of the week. Her phone number is 651-271-7816.

Breakfast with the Pastor

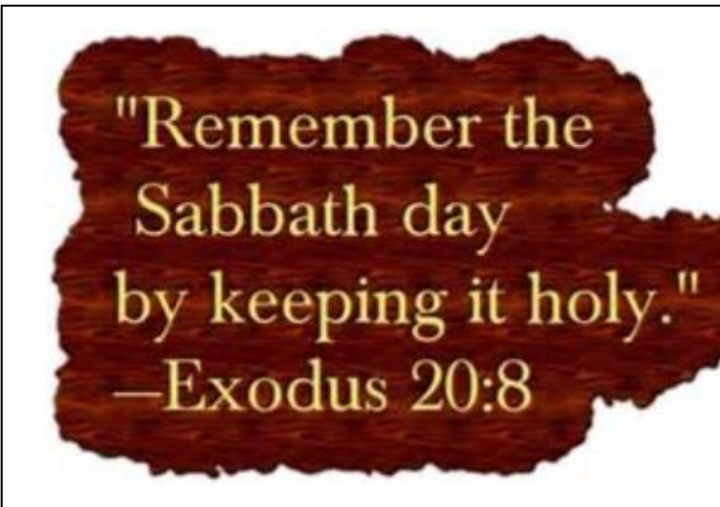
Pastor Joan will be in Coloma at the Red Hill/Royal Cafe for breakfast with members and friends of the Calvary UMC on Tuesday, April 10 at 8:30am. Come by to share in a meal and fellowship.

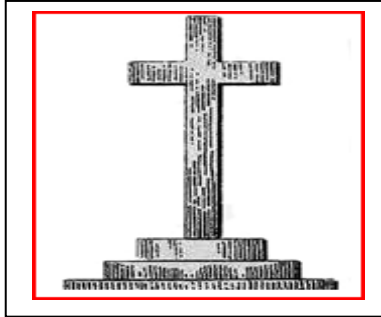


Sabbath Retreat at Grace UMC in Wautoma

Pastor Joan will be the Guest Speaker at Grace UMC's Congregational Sabbath Retreat on April 12 from 9:00am-1:00pm with lunch included. Her reflection time will be from 9:30-10:00am.

This is an opportunity to join with other United Methodists to focus on 1) What is the Sabbath, 2) The importance of Sabbath for the Pastor, Lay Leaders, and the whole people (Clergy and Lay Persons), 3) Types of Sabbath practices. The scriptures for the retreat will be Exodus 20:8-11 and Deuteronomy 5:12-15. If you are interested in this Sabbath Retreat, please let Pastor Joan know.





Our eyes on Calvary...

Our steps by Faith...

Those serving in the month of
APRIL 2018

Ushers/Cleaners

Liturgists

Ushers

1 st Brooks & Molly Buchholz

8 th Paul & Leslie Schmidt

15 th Fred & Teresa Posthuma

22 nd Jill Hockerman & Jo Barus

29 th John & Joni Wilson

Liturgists

1 st Joni Wilson

8 th Donna Schmidt

15 th Karen Alexander

22 nd Terry Johnson

29 th Allen Ely

Please hold the following persons and ministries in thought and prayer.



Wally King, Taylor Bustos, Robert Rosanske, Barb Ely, LeeAnn & David Casper, Kathy Gray, Peggy Quinn, Pastor Joe & Pat Adkins. Victims of natural disasters, those who are unemployed, those who are separated from loved ones, particularly deployed military persons, people who need the Lord's presence.

Please contact Terry Johnson in the office if you wish to be on the prayer list or if you know someone who has a request. 608-296-2739

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April 2018

Events in the Life of the Church

Friday is Pastor’s day off.

Thursday, March 29

7:00pm Maundy Thursday service
at First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 1

6:30am “Son Rise” service at
Pine Lake Camp
9:00am-CC Worship
9:15am-WF Sunday School
10:00am-CC Sunday School
10:30am-WF Worship

April 2 thru April 8

Pastor Joan on Vacation

Wednesday, April 4

9:00am Clery Group
6:00pm-WF Choir Practice

Sunday, April 8

9:00am-CC Worship
9:15am-WF Sunday School
10:00am-CC Sunday School
10:30am-WF Worshi

Tuesday, April 10

8:30 Breakfast with Pastor at
The Hill/Royal Café Coloma

Wednesday, April 11

9:00am Clery Group
6:00pm-WF Choir Practice

Thursday, April 12

9:00 am – 1:00pm Sabbath Retreat at
Grace UMC in Wautoma

Sunday, April 15

9:00am-CC Worship
9:15am-WF Sunday School
10:00am-CC Sunday School
10:30am-WF Worship

Wednesday, April 18

9:00am Clery Group
6:00pm-WF Choir Practice

Sunday, April 22

9:00am-CC Worship
9:15am-WF Sunday School
10:00am-CC Sunday School
10:30am-WF Worship

Monday, April 23

6:30 pm-WF Ad Council

Wednesday, April 25

9:00am Clery Group
6:00pm-WF Choir Practice

Sunday, April 29

9:00am-CC Worship
9:15am-WF Sunday School
10:00am-CC Sunday School
10:30am-WF Worship