

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

JULY 2018

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Pastor's Column

Independence Day is my favorite U. S. holiday. What more could you ask for than an excuse to go to parades, grill out, and watch fireworks? I really enjoy the entire day. And, let's not forget the reason for the celebration – the American colonies declared their independence from Great Britain, which led to the revolutionary War, and eventually to the United States of America!

As July 4 approaches, I think about the Constitution of the United States and all that arose from that original Declaration. Amendment 1 to the Constitution* establishes the right of religious freedom for all people. We are able to gather at Calvary UMC and Faith UMC for worship and other activities in large part because of this freedom.

At our recent Wisconsin Annual Conference in Middleton, WI, one of the special guests was Bishop Eduard Khegay from the Eurasia Episcopal Area. At the service of Licensing, Commissioning, and Ordination on Sunday, June 17, Bishop Khegay gave his sermon, The Way of Christ, based on Mark 8:34-38.**

Khegay discussed what the way of Christ means in our modern life. "Today we live in a different era. At least in my country and in your country, I don't see anybody killed or crucified because of faith. But try something like reforming your church, or try something to transform your community, and you may learn what the suffering and hostility is. I'm sure many of you have experienced that already in your ministry and your life."

On this July 4, let's all make room in our day for a prayer of thanks that we do have religious freedom in this country. Let's be grateful that we can express our faith in Jesus Christ without being afraid of negative consequences. Let's be aware of all of the rights we have in our daily lives.

* "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble; and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." 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



welcome Celebration

Rev. Tsuker Yang has accepted the appointment of District Superintendent of the North Central District. Please join us for a welcoming Celebration on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at Wausau, First UMC, 903 3rd Street, Wausau WI 54403. You are invited to the 1:00pm Installation, with a Reception to follow.



Ice Cream and Pie Social

The next Calvary UMC Ice Cream and Pie Social will be on Thursday, July 19th at the Ann Follett Community Center from 4:30pm-6:30pm. Come for BBQ, Hot Dogs, Ice Cream, Homemade Pies and Beverages and stay for Fellowship.



United Methodist Now

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Rummage Sales

Weekly Rummage Sales continue on Saturdays from 9am-11am at 453 Westfield Road in Coloma. You will find bargains galore at the Rummage Church, sponsored by Calvary UMC. Donations can be dropped off on Thursdays from 9am-10am.

Breakfast

Breakfast with the Pastor

Join Pastor Joan for breakfast on Tuesday, July 3 at 8:30am. She will be at the Red Hill/Royal Cafe in Coloma.



Worship services at Calvary UMC and Faith UMC will be casual on Sunday, July 22. Wear your favorite t-shirt and shorts to worship! Our time of worship will be contemporary and informal.



Picnic at the Parsonage

The Young Families Group of Westfield: Faith UMC will have a Picnic at the Parsonage on Sunday, July 22 following worship. This pot-luck picnic will include food, games, fellowship, and fun. Please bring a dish-to-pass, and lawn chairs. Pastor Joan will provide beverages, table settings, hot dogs, and buns.

Just a reminder, we are still collecting for the Marquette County food pantry. The donation basket is out but looks rather empty. Please non-parishable food anytime you are able. Many families are in need all year long. Hunger does not take a vacation.

Thank You



That Ragged Old Flag

Vietnam Era Veteran William Schmudlach, Hancock, recited from memory the poem “That Ragged Old Flag” (written by Johnny Cash) during Sunday’s worship service at the Coloma Calvary United Methodist Church. During this part of the narration, William is telling “the visitor at the courthouse square” how the flag is to never touch the ground, but, held up and folded each night until it is displayed the next morning. Holding a torn and faded flag is his grandson, Alex Schmudlach, who will be 10 on June 4. The flag was owned by William’s father, Forrest Schmudlach, who served during World War 2.



Bill Schmudlach of Coloma Calvary UM Church holds up a caricature of Methodist founder John Wesley. Bill attended the United Methodist Annual Church conference June 15-17 in Madison.

Is your home in need of repairs?

CAP Services Rehab Program may be able to help!

The CAP Services Rehab Program has funds available to assist moderate to low-income homeowners in our service area to make necessary repairs to their homes. These funds are available as a 0 – 2.25% simple interest 30-year deferred loan, which is due upon the sale of the home or you no longer live in the home.

Call for more information & an application – 715-343-7146

At the pearly gates, St. Peter greeted a minister and congressman and gave them their room assignments.

"Pastor, here are the keys to one of our nicest efficiency units. And for you, Mr. Congressman, the keys to our finest penthouse suite."

"This is unfair!" cried the minister.

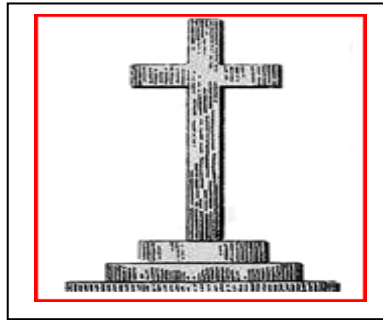
"Listen," St. Peter said, "ministers are a dime a dozen up here, but this is the first congressman we've ever seen."

At the pearly gates again, a taxi driver and minister are waiting in line. St. Peter consults his list and says to the taxi driver, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

St. Peter next greets the minister saying, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

"Just a minute," says the minister. "That man was a taxi driver, and he gets a silken robe and golden staff while I get a cotton robe and wooden staff. How can this be?"

"Up here, we work by results," says St. Peter. "While you preached, people slept; while he drove, people prayed."



Our eyes on Calvary...

Our steps by Faith...

Those serving in the month of
JULY 2018`

Ushers/Cleaners

Liturgists

Ushers

2 nd John & Joni Wilson

9 th Sam & Kayla Rugg

16 th Brooks & Molly Buchholz

23 rd Paul & Leslie Schmidt

30 th Fred & Teresa Posthuma

Liturgists

2 nd Terry Johnson

9 th Shannon Mitchell

16 th Allen Ely

23 rd Yvonne Lundquist

30 th Jill Hockerman

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



The family of Mary Jean Christensen, Wally King, Donna Sims, 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

CC – Coloma Calvary; WF – Westfield Faith; POP – Prince of Peace, Coloma NA – Narcotics Anonymous; Pastor Joan Frost Office Phone: 608-296-2739

Friday is Pastor’s Day off

July 2018

Sunday, July 1

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

Tuesday, July 3

8:30am CC Breakfast with Pastor

Saturday, July 7

9:00-11:00am CC Rummage Sale

Sunday, July 8

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

Wednesday, July 11

9:00am Clery Group

Tuesday, July 3

9:00-11:00am CC Rummage Sale
1:00pm DS Tsuker Yang welcome
1st UMC Wausau

Sunday, July 15

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

Tuesday, July 17

6:00pm-CC Trustees
6:30pm CC Ad Council

Wednesday, July 18

9:00am Clery Group
6:00pm CC Campfire

Saturday, July 21

9:00-11:00am CC Rummage Sale

Sunday, July 22

Wear a t-shirt to worship
9:00am-CC Worship
10:00am-CC Sunday School
10:30am-WF Worship
Young Families picnic at parsonage

Wednesday, July 26

9:00am Clery Group

Thursday, July 26

6:30 WF Ad Council

Saturday, July 28

9:00-11:00am CC Rummage Sale

Sunday, July 29

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

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