

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

Pray continually. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (Common English Bible)

When I was a teenager. I know that I prayed when I was younger, but it was as a teenager that my prayer practice really took off. Being active in my church youth group helped me to learn different ways to pray, such as "popcorn" prayer, and "chain" prayer. I also learned that there were a variety of types of prayer, such as "intercessory" (praying for others) and "praise" (in honor of God).

When I was in college, the chaplain of the United Methodist Wesley Foundation, at Arkansas State University encouraged us to *Pray continually*. As I respected Rev. Jim, I made an effort to do this. While it wasn't always easy to balance my studies, social life, and prayer practices, I found that the prior two were easier to manage when I made prayer a priority rather than doing it last. The challenge for me to *Pray continually*, was continuity. I found it difficult to be consistent in prayer.

That challenge didn't cease when I went to seminary. If anything, as the academic pressures increased, time for prayer decreased. (Somehow I found time for a social life, though). I consider my spiritual self to have been saved through the auspices of the local church I attended, Wheadon United Methodist Church. Rev. Greg Dell and Carol Larson (the lay pastor) encouraged me to resume prayer practices which I had abandoned. Many other people at Wheadon also inspired me through their examples to *Pray continually*

Although I could go on to describe in detail my prayer life during my first and only appointment in Arkansas, and at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary when I worked as an administrative assistant, and during my thirty plus years of pastoral ministry in Wisconsin since then, I will refrain from doing so. What is more important is where I am now.

The words of 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Pray continually, are at the center of my life. I constantly seek ways to increase the opportunities for learning more about prayer and ways to live out prayer every day, especially at Calvary and Faith UMC's. For this reason, I plan to take a group of people to the

Breakthrough Prayer Initiative Training Event in Stevens Point on Saturday, June 30. (You can find more about this event elsewhere in this newsletter).

If you have any interest in prayer and how it influences not only our personal lives, but our churches and our communities, plan to join me at this event. I will be taking at least five people with me from each church. Don't wait for a personal invitation (even though I will be approaching you individually). Come and talk with me about this event and its possibilities for setting us on fire!

In Christ's peace,

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.

Sisters, We Still Have a Long Way to Go



Being a United Methodist bishop brings me many joys and great satisfaction. I am constantly engaged in conversations about vision for the future, unlimited possibilities, and discernment in God's will for our Church. I serve with so many gifted men and women, in so many levels and capacities of the Church. Most days, I am proud, humbled and honored to be an Episcopal leader.

Then there are days when I feel burdened and sad. When we received the news that the two constitutional amendments concerning gender equality were defeated, I was deeply troubled. What did this mean? Were we saying women are not equal to men? Were we saying there should not be equal treatment and inclusion? Come on! This is not true of the Church I serve! We are rich in our diversity, beginning with gender diversity. Women are created in God's image. Women are led by God's Holy Spirit. Women are gifted to lead. I am proud that The United Methodist Church has long championed the rightness of women in ordained ministry, and in every leadership function at every level of the Church. And I feel very confident that the failure of these

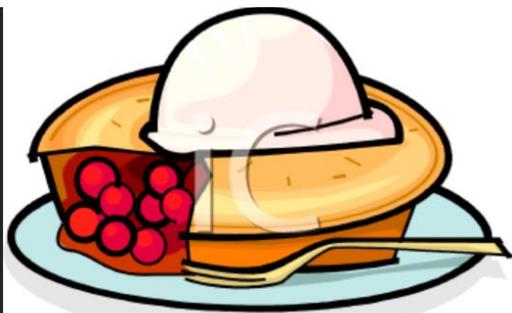
constitutional amendments to pass has more to do with other factors than respect and acceptance of women as equal in every way to men.

But, my sisters, we still have a long way to go. There is still sexism in our Church; as there is racism, and other forms of division and exclusion. We have come far – and need to celebrate that – but we still must do better. My heart goes out to every female colleague – and indeed to all our women in The United Methodist Church – for ways they feel dishonored, disrespected, and dismissed. The hurt this has caused is tragic.

My commitment is to lead a Church for all God’s people. I am not a bishop who takes sides; I am a bishop who makes space for as many as possible. I am a better pastor, bishop, and man because of the wonderful, gifted women who have nurtured and mentored me along the way. I will continue to do everything in my power to challenge sexism in all its forms, and to bring healing and wholeness to our body of Christ. There can be no unity when one part of the body denies the worth and value of any other part of the body (1 Corinthians 12:12-26) and I believe in a body of all, for all. I invite you to be in prayer with me that we may one day become the Church that honors and celebrates every child of God equally and equitably. Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung



Ice Cream and Pie Social

You are invited to the Ice Cream and Pie Socials held by Calvary UMC. The socials will be on Thursdays, June 21st, July 19th , and August 16th from 4:30-6:30pm at the Ann Follett Community Center in Coloma. The menu includes BBQ, hot dogs, homemade pies, ice cream, and beverages. Come to eat and stay to meet and mingle!



Singing in the Great Outdoors

There will be three opportunities to gather with people of all ages at Calvary UMC for a time of singing, food, and fellowship. Join us at the firepit behind the church from 6:00-7:30pm on Wednesdays, June 20, July 18, and August 15. We will sing, roast marshmallows and eat treats, sing, play games, and sing. A fun time is guaranteed!



Farewell Celebrations for Rev. Forrest R. Wells, North Central District Superintendent from 2015-2018

Rev. Forrest Wells has accepted the appointment of District Superintendent of the South East District of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, UMC. Please join us as we say farewell at one of the following locations:

- *Drop in Reception, Sunday, June 10, 2018 from 2:00-4:00pm at the Tomahawk United Methodist Church, 1104 School Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487.*
- *Formal Reception, Sunday, June 24, 2018 from 3:00-5:00pm at the Tomah United Methodist Church, 1105 Butts Ave., Tomah WI 54660. “Sending Forth With Our Blessing” will be held at 3:30pm.*

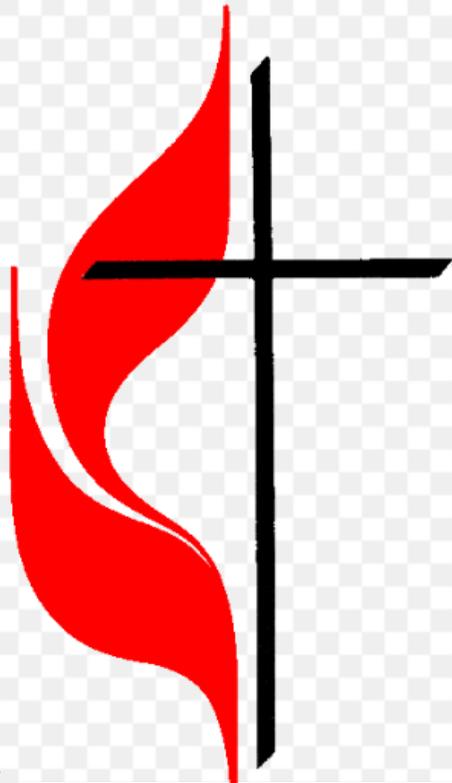
Gifts in honor of the celebration may be designated to one of the following:

- *Harbor House Crisis Center (Advance 7788)*
- *Northcott Neighborhood House (Advance 7250)*

Checks made payable to WI Annual Conference may be brought to the receptions or mailed directly to: WI Annual Conference, Finance Department, 750 Windsor Street, Sun Prairie WI 53590.

Pastor Joan will be attending the Drop in Reception on Sunday June 10 in Tomahawk.

She can take three people with her. Please let her know if you are interested in going.



Wisconsin Annual Conference

One With Each Other is the theme for the 2018 Wisconsin Conference United Methodist Church’s Annual Conference to be held at the Marriott Madison West in Middleton, Wisconsin from June 15-18, 2018. While there, Lay Members Terry Johnson of Faith UMC and Bill Schmudlach of Calvary UMC and Pastor Joan Frost will worship, engage in the business of the WAC, and share times of fellowship. Please keep them in your prayers as they participate in this vital time to *Imagine Wisconsin Anew*.



Find Bargains Here!

Come to the Calvary UMC Rummage Sales at 453 Westfield Road, Coloma. The sales will be offered on Saturdays from 9am-11am, June 2 through October 6. All sorts of items are available, including clothing for men, women, and children, and a variety of goods for the household and kitchen. Donations of items can be taken in on Thursdays, from 9am- 10am. New items are added weekly. Come and see what’s NEW!



Vacation Bible School in Coloma

Vacation Bible School will be held from Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29 from 9:00am-3:00pm (9:00am-noon on Friday) at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Coloma. Crossways Camping Ministry counselors will be featured as VBS leaders.

VBS is sponsored by a partnership of Calvary UMC, Faith UMC, Prince of Peace ELCA, and South Burr Oak UMC. Morning snacks and lunches will be provided by the churches. Afternoon activities will include Outdoor and Indoor Games with Jim Carroll, Therapy Dogs with Karen Robotka, Canvas Painting with Linda Roberts, and a Camp Carnival with the Crossways counselors.

Children ranging in age from 3 years old to 6th grade are welcome to attend.

Please preregister.



Pastor Joan on Vacation

Pastor Joan will be on vacation from Thursday, June 21 through Tuesday, June 26. She will be traveling to Clarksville, AR to visit with her twin brother, John and sister-in-law, Julia. Pastor Joan will also spend time with her nephew, Robert, who lives in New York City. Arrangements have been made for Rev. Pam Priewe, pastor of the Wild Rose UMC and the Hancock UCC to be on call for emergencies. Her cell phone number is 920-210- 2207.



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

Thank You

Looking Ahead to July

- Saturday, July 14, Installation for North Central District Superintendent Tsuker Yang at First UMC in Wausau
- Sunday, July 22, *Wear a T-shirt to Church* at Calvary UMC and Faith UMC
- Sunday, July 22, *Picnic at the Parsonage* for Faith UMC Young Families Group

Prayer

Breakthrough Prayer Initiative

Every church recognizes prayer as important. But what happens when a congregation unites to pray collectively and consistently for God to break through in new and miraculous ways? You can launch your congregation into the kind of church wide breakthrough prayer initiative that fuels the atmosphere of possibility and the entire focus begins to shift from inward to up-and-outward. It's easier than you think – and the results will make spiritual history right in your own community and beyond.

Breakthrough prayer can be added into what already happens in the daily life of your congregation – and this workshop will provide equipping plus many stories, practical examples and ideas of how other United Methodist congregations across the country have done so with innovation and impact. Additionally, learn how you can utilize breakthrough prayer through key aspects of your weekly worship service, and develop your church's heart to reach its neighborhood with the message and love of Christ.

The Wisconsin Annual Conference Cabinet is sponsoring this Breakthrough Prayer Initiative Training Event on Saturday, June 30, 2018 from 10am-3:30pm at Stevens Point: St. Paul UMC. Rev. Sue Nilsen Kibbey, Director of Missional Church Consultation Initiative (MCCI) in the West Ohio Annual Conference, will be the featured speaker. West Ohio launched MCCI in 2011 to provide churches and their pastors with an intensive consultation and clergy coaching model designed to intervene in local churches that are currently plateaued, are in decline, or are on the way “up” but not sure what should come next. MCCI is designed to jumpstart a new life cycle of ministry fruitfulness.

The event is free, with lunch included. Each church must bring a team consisting of the pastor, plus at least five of your members in order to attend, and in order that implementation of the training is effective.

Pastor Joan will be taking a group from Calvary UMC and Faith UMC to this event.

Please contact her if you are interested in the Breakthrough Prayer Initiative.

Wow! What a week at Pine Lake United Methodist Camp on May 13-18th. Being a part of our VIM Work Comp with 32 volunteers, for a week that recharges the Spirit and tires you out in a special way. Thanks to the Faith ladies who served us a delicious Thursday evening meal. Pastor Joan, who led us in worship and as always Karen did a great job leading the music .

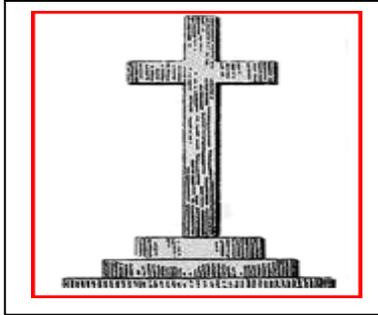
Nick, Pine Lake Camp Director, provided us with a list of 27 projects and necessary materials to provide opportunities for everyone regardless of skills and physical abilities. Needless to say, all projects on the list were not completed. The following are some of the accomplishments:

1. Due to a very large forest harvest of over mature oaks, many hours and many of VIM folks, worked at clean up with chain saws, chipping brush and hauling logs out of the Birch Cabins.
2. Put the boat docks in and hauled down the sail boats and two new paddle boats.
3. Pressure washed and painted the Dining Hall.
4. Repaired Birch Two Cabins where a large tree branch damaged the roof.
5. Several ladies shredded old camp health records that dated back to 1969. They ended up with 35 small garbage bags full.
6. Some of the cleaning projects were: clean Wild Wood Shelter and out houses, Birch Cabins and rake and haul leaves by cabins doorways and paths.
7. Replace benches by the Vesper Site in the main camp area. There are 20 benches that are 16 feet long,
8. Reset 41 tables in the Tent and Trailer area.
9. Repair railing on east end of the Retreat Center.
10. Stain wood on the main camp play ground equipment and put wood chips on the ground,.
11. Straighten volleyball net posts and concrete for more support.

It was a very good week and we left a check to Pine Lake Camp for \$5,000 for maintenance projects.

In His Service

Don Mevis



Our eyes on Calvary...

Our steps by Faith...

Those serving in the month of
JUNE 2018`

Ushers/Cleaners
Liturgists
3rd Kaytlan Huff
10th Sharon Thurber
17th Joan Jeanette
24th Pat Straetz

Ushers
3rd Jill Hockerman & Jo Barus
10th John & Joni Wilson
17th Sam & Kayla Rugg
24th Brooks & Molly Buchholz

Liturgists
3rd Donna Schmidt
10th Karen Alexander
17th Terry Johnson
24th Allen Ely

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



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

June 2018

Saturday, June 9

Dairylicious Pie Sale

Sunday, June 10

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

Monday, June 11

5:00pm WF clean church

Wednesday, June 13

9:00am Clery Group
6:30pm at WF joint finance meeting

Wed June 15th – Mon June 18

Annual Church Conference

Sunday, June 17

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

Tuesday, June 19

2:00pm VBS meeting POP
6:00pm-CC Trustees
6:30pm CC Ad Council

Wednesday, June 20

9:00am Clery Group

Thurs June 21 – June 26

Pastor on vacation.

Thurs June 25 – June 29

VBS at POP 9:00 am to 3:00pm

Sunday, June 24

9:00am-CC Worship
10:00am-CC Sunday School
10:30am-WF Worship
3:00-5:00pm Celebration & send-off
D.S. Forest Wells Tomah
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Wednesday, June 27

9:00am Clery Group

Thursday, June 28

6:30 WF Ad Council

Saturday, June 30

Breakthru Prayer Initiative Training
at
Stevens Point 10:00am – 3:00pm.

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