

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

NOVEMBER 2018

Pastor's Column

"God, we lift our church and our community to you with our prayers. Please do what we cannot do ourselves. Change what we cannot change ourselves, including you changing us – without limits!"

As I was writing this column, my phone started playing Steve Winwood's song *In Your Eyes*. I realized that it was 4:02pm and time for me to join in the Breakthrough Prayer Initiative prayer (printed above). I did so immediately.

After I prayed, I started thinking about the prayer and what it means to me. I like the fact that the prayer was printed in the September newsletter so that everyone who read the newsletter could access it. I also like the fact that it was printed on business cards so that it could be carried around easily. I like the fact that the congregations of Calvary and Faith UMC's are involved in the Wisconsin Annual Conference's Breakthrough Prayer Initiative.

Yet, even though I was one of the instigators of adding this prayer to our joint and individual spiritual practices, I did not use the prayer daily. I meant to. I carried the card around with me. I talked with others about the prayer. I handed out the prayer cards. But, until I actually put that Steve Winwood song on my phone, I had a hard time remembering to pray at exactly 4:02pm. (I also put the prayer in the "Notes" app on my phone so I didn't have to find the card).

It strikes me that being involved in stewardship is like my efforts to pray the Breakthrough Prayer Initiative prayer. We all say we like stewardship and want to be involved in it. We want to care for the earth and to be responsible custodians of the resources given to us. We want to support our churches' ministries and outreach. We want to be a part of something bigger than ourselves.

Yet, we find it difficult to actually put stewardship into practice. We don't like to talk about money. We think it's nobody's business what we give to the church. We worry that our circumstances will change and we'll be unable to fulfill our pledge. And that's just the financial part of stewardship. Wait until we go on to spiritual, environmental, relational, and physical stewardship!

Calvary UMC and Faith UMC are currently in the middle of a stewardship endeavor. I ask you, as members and friends of these two churches, to prayerfully consider your financial giving. I ask you to fill out a giving card and return it to me by Sunday, November 11th. Your financial secretary (Carole Johnson at CUMC and Teresa Postuma at FUMC) and I are the only ones who will see your card.

Thank you.

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.

Pastor Joan Frost

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Stewardship

Calvary UMC and Faith UMC are in the middle of an emphasis on stewardship. In keeping with that, Pastor Joan is preaching a sermon series on different aspects of discipleship. Her sermon on October 28 was on prayer. She will preach about “Our Call” on November 4 and about “Trusting Jesus” on November 11.

November 11 is also our Stewardship Commitment Sunday. You are asked to bring your giving card on November 11 and present it to God during worship.

If you are currently contributing financially to either church, you should have received a letter by now from Pastor Joan with a giving card enclosed. If you have not received such a letter and want one, please contact Pastor Joan at jcftdk12@gmail.com or at 715-281-8787. Thank you.



Saturday, November 3rd we will be having our semi-annual **New Life Threads** clothing give-a-way from 9am until 12:30pm. Anyone interested in working on sorting & labeling items is welcome. We also are in need of volunteers to help on 11/3 for at least the first hour or so, as that is the busiest time.

Wednesday, November 7th we will have our annual **Lasagna Supper** from 4:30-6:30pm. Dinner will include a generous serving of lasagna, garlic bread, salad, beverages and homemade pies for a low price of \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. A sign-up sheet is available for volunteers.

Church Conference

The church conference for Westfield: Faith UMC and Coloma: Calvary UMC will be held on **Monday, November 26 at 5:30 pm. We will gather at Calvary UMC.** Our District Superintendent, Rev. Tsuker Yang, will be present to guide us in celebrating our faith and our lives together. Everyone who is a member of either church will be able to vote on their church's action items. (Note: the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee will meet with Rev. Yang at 5:00pm at CUMC.)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

On **Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00pm** a worship service for Thanksgiving Eve will be offered at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Coloma. Join Pastor Joyce (Prince of Peace Lutheran Church) and Pastor Joan (Calvary & Faith United Methodist Churches) for this special time of offering thanks to God. Prince of Peace is located just off Highway 21 at 409 N. Slater Street.



Our eyes on Calvary...

Our steps by Faith...

Those serving in the month of
NOVEMBER 2018

Ushers/Cleaners

Liturgists

4th Wally King

11th Penny Pine

18st Anita Hoover

25th Arden Bandt

Ushers

4th Fred & Teresa Posthuma

11th Jill Hockerman & Jo Barus

18th John & Joni Wilson

25th Brooks & Molly Buchholz

Liturgists

4th Jill Hockerman

11th Allen Ely

18st Katie Showen

25th Joni Wilson

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



The Family of Pastor Joe Adkins, Timothy Greene, Mary Jane Schudlach, Robert Rosanske, Barb Ely, Peggy Quinn, 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

NOVEMBER 2018

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 1

6:30pm Finance Com @WF

Sunday, NOVEMBER 4

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

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 7

9:00am Clery Group
4:30pm Lasagna Supper
6:00pm Choir practice WF

Sunday, NOVEMBER 11

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

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 14

9:00am Clery Group
6:00pm Choir practice WF

Thursday, NOVEMBER 15

6:30pm Ad Board WF

Sunday, NOVEMBER 18

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

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 20

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

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 21

9:00am Clery Group
6:00pm Choir practice WF

Sunday, NOVEMBER 25

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

Monday, NOVEMBER 26

Charge Conference @CC
5:00pm PPRC
5:30pm Chg Conf.

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 28

9:00am Clery Group
6:00pm Choir practice WF

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