

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

OCTOBER 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!"

On September 18 and 19 I was home sick with a stomach bug. After I was feeling a little better, I had a lot of time to think. One of the things I started thinking about was the finances of Calvary UMC and Faith UMC. At this time, both churches are several thousand dollars behind on our yearly budget. This means that our regular expenses have been greater than our offerings. While this shortfall is not a reason for panic, it does mean that we need to take a look at our giving and at the reasons behind our giving.

The founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, offered a high ideal for giving, and for our entire approach to living. It's found in Wesley's sermon, "The Use of Money," which is included in our United Methodist doctrinal standards.

Here is Wesley's own brief summary, which is the foundation of our teaching: "Gain all you can.... save all you can.... give all you can." As he develops each of these points in his sermon, his message is plain. We are to seek to "earn all we can" in ways that are helpful to ourselves and others, never harmful. We are to "save all we can" by being frugal in our expenses. And then, having earned all we can and spent only what we must to care for our own basic needs and those of our family (which we are never to neglect!), we are to give everything else away.

Indeed, Wesley says, "render unto God, not a tenth, not a third, not half, but all that is God's." For some of us, after earning and saving all we can, while caring for our family's basic needs, there may not be much left over. For others, there may be much indeed. The important action is that we give!

The United Methodist Church, in its Book of Discipline, emphasizes tithing as a "minimum goal of giving" and encourages local churches to find creative ways to become "tithing congregations with an attitude of generosity." The church asks all those being ordained to "teach and model generous Christian giving with a focus on tithing as God's standard of giving." *I meet that standard of giving, personally.*

United Methodists value the tithe as a benchmark for giving, one we encourage our members to move toward and, once achieved, move beyond. We believe our giving should be both more challenging and more gracious to the whole world than simply trying to give a tithe of our income. We also believe that there is joy in giving, and the greater the generosity the deeper the joy.

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.

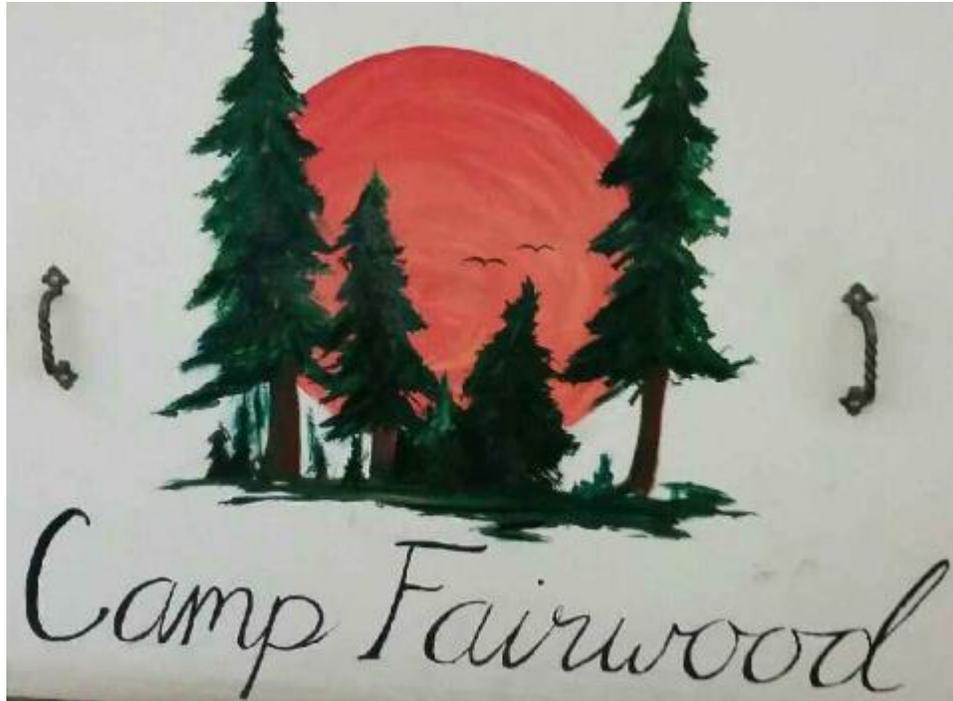
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Pastor Joan at School for Ministry October 3-5

Pastor Joan will join other Wisconsin United Methodist pastors at the Green Lake Conference Center October 3-5 for the *School for Ministry*. An annual event of the Wisconsin Annual Conference, this year's *School for Ministry* will be focused on “Cultivating Intercultural Leadership for Diversity-Oriented Churches.” All clergy leaders in the WAC are expected to attend for learning and sharing.

“Church leadership in the 21st century requires more and more attention to diversity and inclusion at every level. As a result, many leaders today are looking for effective ways to promote shared understanding between people with different values, experiences, practices, identities, and cultures. In addition, church leaders are looking for ways to carry forward the mission of Christ in diverse communities.”

If you have an emergency and need Pastor Joan October 3-5, please call her cell phone at 715-281-8787 and she will respond to you.





Good News at Faith!

We had a good month in August! Our income exceeded our expenses by about \$200! This is great news for our treasury at Faith. It is important that this trend continues throughout the year to help recoup the shortage we have had for the first eight months of 2018.



2 Events on the Horizon at Faith

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 work on Monday & Thursday evenings from 6-8 in the basement. 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. If you have any clean, gently used Fall or Winter items to donate, please bring them to the church or contact Joni at 608-369-0625 to set up a drop off 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 will be available soon for volunteers.

Hello Marquette County faith leaders – (please forward to other faith leaders you know)

I know you are well aware of the **opioid crisis** and have maybe even dealt with its impact on your congregation. Here is an opportunity to be part of the answer to reducing and preventing this crisis.

The Governor is hosting a summit about opioids for faith-based communities. Would you or one/more of your members like to attend? The details are on the attached flyer, which contains a weblink to additional information. There are three different summits, all happening at the end of October. The times for each one are 9am-1pm.

The Marquette County Healthy Communities Healthy Youth (HCHY) coalition could reimburse your roundtrip mileage if you choose to attend, or perhaps a congregation member or carpool attends. We would also love to partner with you on any local efforts you find worthwhile.

Please reach out to me if you curious or possibly interested in attending one of these summit designed specifically for faith-based communities. As the chair of the Marquette County coalition, it is my pleasure to help you access and utilize this critical opportunity.

I can be reached at susan.allen@ces.uwex.edu or 608-297-3139. Thank you!

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Governor’s Faith-Based Summits on Opioids

Faith-based groups, organizations, and individuals are key players in the response to public health crises. You’re invited to join the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to learn how faith-based groups, organizations, and individuals can help end Wisconsin’s opioid crisis by supporting prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery activities.

These free faith-based summits are open to all faith-based groups, organizations, and individuals regardless of your location. Attend the one that fits your schedule.

- Hear how opioid abuse is impacting all communities in Wisconsin.
- Network with like-minded groups, organizations, and individuals.
- Plan next steps in the faith-based response to Wisconsin’s opioid crisis.

[Register Now!](#)

October 29, 2018	October 30, 2018	October 31, 2018
MILWAUKEE	DEPERE	RICE LAKE
Tripoli Shrine Center 3000 Wisconsin Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53208	Norbertine Center for Spirituality St. Norbert Abbey 1016 North Broadway DePere, WI 54115	Red Cedar Church 1701 West Allen Street Rice Lake, WI 54868
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.		



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Contact Mary Raina Haralampopoulos with questions or concerns at
608-267-3783 or mary.haralampopoulos@dhs.wisconsin.gov.

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/opioids



Our eyes on Calvary...

Our steps by Faith...

Those serving in the month of
OCTOBER 2018

Ushers/Cleaners

Liturgists

Ushers

7th Luke & Katie Showen

14th Sam & Kayla Rugg

21st Don & Elaine Mevis

28th Paul & Leslie Schmidt

Litthurgists

7th Joni Wilson

14th Donna Schmidt

21st Karen Alexander

28th Terry Johnson

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



Wally King, Malcolm Chiles, Donna Sims, Robert Rosanske, Barb Ely, Adan Casper, 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

OCTOBER 2018

Monday, OCTOBER 1

6:00pm PPRC @ WF

Tuesday, OCTOBER 2

8:30am Pastor's Breakfast CC

10:00am UMW CC

OCTOBER 3 – OCTOBER 5

Pastor at School of Ministry-Green Lake

Saturday, OCTOBER 6

CC – Rummage Sale

Sunday, OCTOBER 7

9:00am-CC Worship

10:00am-CC Sunday School

9:15am-WS Sunday School

10:30am-WF Worship

Wednesday, OCTOBER 10

9:00am Clery Group

3:00pm Bible Study CC

5:00pm Bible Study WF

6:00pm Choir practice WF

Saturday, OCTOBER 13

CC – Rummage Sale

Sunday, OCTOBER 14

9:00am-CC Worship

10:00am-CC Sunday School

9:15am-WS Sunday School

10:30am-WF Worship

Tuesday, OCTOBER 16

6:00pm-CC Trustees

6:30pm CC Ad Council

Wednesday, OCTOBER 17

9:00am Clery Group

3:00pm Bible Study CC

5:00pm Bible Study WF

6:00pm Choir practice WF

Thursday, OCTOBER 18

6:30pm WF Ad Council

Sunday, OCTOBER 21

9:00am-CC Worship

10:00am-CC Sunday School

9:15am-WS Sunday School

10:30am-WF Worship

Wednesday, OCTOBER 24

9:00am Clery Group

3:00pm Bible Study CC

5:00pm Bible Study WF

6:00pm Choir practice WF

Sunday, OCTOBER 28

9:00am-CC Worship

10:00am-CC Sunday School

9:15am-WS Sunday School

10:30am-WF Worship

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