

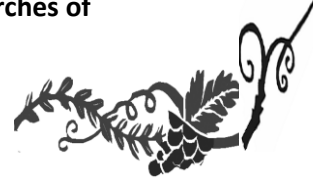
The Grapevine

"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

SEPTEMBER 2018



Pastor's Column

Where did the summer go? The last I knew, there was still time for camping, picnics, swimming, and other August fun and games. Now school has started as well as football and other September activities.

Hey, wait a minute! It's not even Labor Day yet! That means the Westfield Fire Department Chicken BBQ hasn't occurred. And that means there's still time to go to the Faith UMC Ice Cream Wagon in Pioneer Park on Saturday, September 1st! Things are looking up!

And, if that wasn't enough, there's the Camp Fairwood event on Sunday, September 9. All of us folks from Calvary and Faith UMC's will gather at the camp on Pleasant Lake for a worship service, potluck picnic, and lots of fun. I've heard that we might even go swimming, if the weather's good! Things are definitely looking up!

Actually, things are looking up for our two United Methodist Churches as well. I can't help but be excited about another season of Sunday School for children beginning (September 16) and starting an adult Bible study (September 5). There's also the Calvary UMC Sing-a-Long at the Coloma Village Park on Wednesday, September 5. And, let's not forget the opportunities for Sunday worship, the ongoing Rummage Sale, and preparing for New Life Threads.

Altogether, it's an exciting time of year. Some events are new, some are coming around again, and some are ongoing. But all give us a chance to focus on putting God first in our lives. Join with me in this season's activities!

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.

| Pastor Joan Frost | Coloma Calvary | Westfield Faith |
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Camp Fairwood

Faith UMC and Calvary UMC will be worshipping together on Sunday, September 9 followed by a potluck picnic, games, and lots of fun! We will gather at Camp Fairwood (W7905 South Pleasant Road, Westfield) for worship at 10:30am. Go to the camp Dining Hall for worship and the potluck. Please bring a dish to pass and your beverage.

Place settings will be provided by the churches. A sign-up sheet and more info is available at each church. Possible outside activities after lunch include swimming, sand volleyball, hiking, and a giant swing. Let’s carpool to camp for faith, food, fun, and fellowship!



September Sing-A-Long

Do you like music? Do you like to sing? Do you like to have a fun time? Then come to the Coloma Village Park on Wednesday, September 5 at 6:30 for the annual Calvary UMC Sing-A-Long! There will be all kinds of good music, food, and fellowship. Come for a song and stay for the evening!



**IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM
YOUR TREASURER**

As of July 31 our expenses at Westfield Faith UMC have exceeded offerings by \$4,608. If

this trend continues for the rest of 2018 we will have a shortfall of almost \$8,000. This does not include the added cost of the new such as furnace installed this year. Expenses property & liability insurance, utilities and pastoral benefits have risen in the last years. Please consider these facts when you are making your offerings. Remember to use all of the envelopes in your offering book. When you take a break from church for vacation or other reasons our expenses do not get to take a break!

Bible Study

A Bible Study on Elijah

Pastor Joan will be teaching a Bible study based on Melissa Spoelstra's Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season for six weeks during September and October. The classes will all be held on Wednesdays at 3:00pm in Coloma at Kingston Court and at 5:00pm in Westfield at Faith UMC. We will meet on September 5, 12, and 19 and on October 10, 17, and 24.

In Elijah, we will learn the spiritual stamina secrets that helped this great prophet hold on and persevere in faith, including practical habits related to making decisions, caring for the soul, accepting circumstances, mentoring, and finishing well. He doubted and struggled just as we do, but he chose to believe God through it all. As we study his life through a combination of Bible study with personal reflection, application, and prayer, we will grow in faith and develop spiritual stamina that will help us not only to survive but to thrive in every season.

The Coloma United Methodist Church held a campfire/cookout/sing-along Tuesday, Aug. 14 at the church. Leaders were three guitarists: Jim Jeannette, seated right, Pastor Joan Frost, seated left, Kaytlan Huff, standing; Dawn Gollnick, in motorized chair, and Arden Bandt.



Nice turnout for final church picnic cookout/sing-along

The Coloma Calvary United Methodist Church held its final campfire/cookout/sing-a-long Tues. Aug. 14, at the church. In attendance were: first row; Dawn Gollnick, Michael Tripp, Arden Bandt, Lindsey Parker,

Wally King and Fern King. Second row, Kennedi Parker, Clarice Babbe, Mike Hoover, holding granddaughter, Clairissa Hoover, Penny Pine, Michelle Podoll, Kaytlan Huff, Amanda Huff, Joan Jeannette, Pastor Joan Frost(guitar) Judy Wendtland, Mary Jane Schmudlach, Nancy Wellborn, holding Poppy, (owned by Bill and Mary Jane Schmudlach) Alex and Katlin Schmudlach.

Back row, Adam Hoover, holding on shoulders, Calvin Hoover, Jim Jeannette,

Tom Huff and Bill Schmudlach. Not pictured is Anita Hoover, who took the photos.



Our eyes on Calvary...

Our steps by Faith...

Those serving in the month of
SEPTEMBER 2018

Ushers/Cleaners

Liturgists

Ushers

- 2nd Fred & Teresa Posthuma
- 9th Jill Hockerman & Jo Barus
- 16th John & Joni Wilson
- 23Rd Brooks & Molly Buchholz
- 30th Need a volunteer

Liturgists

- 2nd Terry Johnson
- 9th Jill Hockerman
- 16th Allen Ely
- 23rd Katie Showen
- 30th Yvonne Lundquist

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



Wally King, Malcolm Chiles, Mary Smith, Donna Sims, Gert Davey, Robert Rosanske, Barb Ely, Adam Casper, Kathy & David Gray and the Family of Lyle Snyder 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

September 2018

Sunday, September 2

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

Tuesday, September 4

8:30am-CC Pastor Breakfast
10:00am-CC UMW

Wednesday, September 5

9:00am Clergy Group

Thursday, September 6

6:30 CC Sing-A-Long

Sunday, September 9

10:30am Worship at Camp
Fairwood w/potluck picnic

Tuesday, September 11

1:00pm UM Clergy Circuits #12 & #13

Wednesday, September 12

9:00am Clergy Group
6:30pm Joint Finance at CC

Sunday, September 16

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

Tuesday, September 18

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

Wednesday, September 19

9:00am Clergy Group
2:00pm Pastor at Harrisvilla-worship

Sunday, September 23

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

Wednesday, September 26

9:00am Clergy Group

Sunday, September 30

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

Don't forget CC Rummage

Sale every Saturday.


WEB SITE:

www.westfieldfaithumc.com

Check it out



Keep a look out for ‘Breakthrough Prayer Initiative cards at our churches.



Breakthrough Prayer Initiative

Each day, at exactly 4:02 pm, pull out this card and pray with us! Set an alarm, or your watch, or smartphone. (At 4:02 am, too, if you are awake!) God is going to amaze us with breakthroughs we have never even dreamed of!

**“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!”**

Another way is to cut these two and paste them together.