

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg, St. Croix Falls, Atlas, Wolf Creek
P.O. Box 128
Grantsburg, WI 54840



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



Come Worship With Us!

Mar. 25 PALM SUNDAY

Mar. 29 MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30 pm Service at Central UMC
(Joint Service for Central & Atlas)

Mar. 30 GOOD FRIDAY

6:30 pm Service at Atlas UMC
(Joint Service for Central & Atlas)
7:00 pm Service at St. Croix Falls UMC

Apr. 1 EASTER

7:00 am Sunrise Service at Central UMC
Pancake Breakfast Following Service
8:15 Service at Wolf Creek UMC
9:00 Service at Central UMC
10:00 Service at St. Croix Falls UMC
11:00 Service at Atlas UMC

United Methodist Messenger

THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

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I prepared a series of easily understandable articles to **continue February** to explain about Methodism through my ministerial experiences. I hope these articles will help you better understand Methodism and confirm and develop your faithful identification as a Methodist.

Q) What Is the Primary Characteristics of United Methodist Polity?

The superintendency of bishop and district superintendents is such a unique system in United Methodism and the United Methodist Church. The word “superintendency,” derived from a Biblical word, *episkopos*, was applied by John Wesley.

General Superintendency and naturally the superintendency are used to indicate the district superintendent. In any case, “the term ‘superintendency’ indicates the oversight of the connection.” The roles of bishop and district superintendent express very well the idea of superintendency. They have enormous responsibility during their term. As the administrator and the worker overseeing the connection with United Methodists, they have to seek an ideal balance between pressure from and asking from local churches and conferences.

The itinerancy is also a unique system in United Methodism. “Methodism began in England and America as a missionary cadre of preachers bound in connection with each other to spread the gospel and scriptural holiness over the lands.” Methodism’s starting point was missionary work at that time, so all preachers in United Methodism agreed to an itinerant system. Even though time has passed, still the presence of the itinerancy system is observed in the United Methodist Church. “Itinerancy is best suited to making sure the clergy leadership is available to as many local churches as possible.” Through itinerancy, lots of small local churches receive stable clergy leadership. Not only small churches, but also many cross-cultural clergy persons receive merit from itinerancy. According to the Book of Discipline, the open itinerancy is defined that “means appointments are made without regard to race, ethnic origin, gender, color, disability, marital status, or age, except for the provisions of mandatory retirement.”

This itinerancy shows strongly the connectionalism among three offices. The minister needs to agree to go to appointed places; the district superintendent has a duty to send each minister to local churches that ministers fit very well; and finally, the local church members have a duty to receive open itinerancy as their Sr. pastor. If they do not cooperate, the system of open itinerancy will not exist and stay in United Methodism. The Book of Discipline explained connectionalism: “Integrally holding connectional unity and local freedom, we seek to proclaim and embody the gospel in ways responsible to our specific cultural and social context while maintaining.” Going further, the Discipline says that worldwide connectionalism is our duty for mission working beyond national and regional boundaries.

This connectionalism flows through all of United Methodism’s systems and workings. For example, the basic role of bishop as superintendent is to connect local churches and ministers. Beyond their local area, the Central Conference bishop’s role expands their works to mission locations. Likewise, open itinerancy shows very well United Methodist’s effort to overcome racial, ethnic, and gender minority problems in U.S. Going further, this open itinerancy helps the United Methodist Church to work together with various people in the world without prejudice. This connectionalism applies to United Methodist seminaries.

According to Wesley’s “Catholic Spirit” and the ecclesiola in ecclesia as one of UM’s character, they accepted various professors and students from different denominations. I think this policy can represent our denominational value, “Open hearts, open minds and open doors.”

Blessings,

Pastor Kook Ho



GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS

Liturgists

April 1
April 8
April 15
April 22
April 29

Carol Drohman
John Elmgren
Kim Wheeler
Carol Drohman

Ushers

April 1
April 8
April 15
April 22
April 29

Valetta Walton
Charlie Wright
Charlie Wright

Church Doors on Sundays

Open
Close

Mowing

All April
Brad Rehbein

Counter

All April
Mary McNally

Coffee Fellowship

April 1
April 8
April 15
April 22
April 29

Bob Branstad & Sally Aldorfer
Carol & Floyd Drohman & Valetta Walton



Altar Flowers

April 1
April 8
April 15
April 22
April 29

Russ & Deb Hammer
Julie Branstad
Kayleen Branstad in Honor of Allison's B-day
Bevan Branstad in Honor of Audry
Pauline Kratchmer

Acolytes

April 1
April 8
April 15
April 22
April 29



Sunday School

April 1
April 8
April 15
April 22
April 29

No Sunday School
Barb Loomis
Brad Rehbein
Barb Loomis
Barb Loomis

Potluck

April 4th
Deb Hammer



APRIL BIRTHDAYS &
anniversaries

Monica Loomis 4/1

Carol Alderman 4/14

Judy Lien 4/16

Allison Branstad 4/17

Daryl Anderson 4/18

Jim & Barbara Loomis 4/25

A GLANCE AT CENTRAL'S

Offering Income through Feb. 2018

Funds	February 2018	Year-to_Date 2018
General Funds Gifts	\$ 7,874.50	\$ 13,873.50
Loose Offering	\$ 257.75	\$ 482.80
Upper Room	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Sunday School	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
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Total General Funds	\$ 8,237.25	\$ 14,461.30
Equipment Replacement Fund	\$ 84.00	\$ 168.00
Capital	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00
Missions	\$ -	\$ 75.00
Specials	\$ 41.00	\$ 101.00
Other-Pastors Youth Fund	\$ 25.00	\$ 100.00
All Funds	\$ 8,437.25	\$ 15,005.30

CENTRAL'S CURRENT MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

April Showers

Stock The Church List 2018

- ✦ Coffee - Regular (Approx. 2# can)
- ✦ Coffee - Decaf (Approx. 2# can)
- ✦ Paper Plates (9" Dinner, Dixie Ultra)
- ✦ Cold Cups (approx. 9 oz.)
- ✦ Paper Towels - Rolls
- ✦ Mini Moos/Creamers (Individual cups)
- ✦ Toilet Paper
- ✦ Tissues
- ✦ Dish Soap
- ✦ Hand Soap - Pump (12 oz)
- ✦ Hand Sanitizer - Pump
- ✦ Room Deodorizer - Spray
- ✦ Room Deodorizer - Pod



In April we will be collecting items to restock the church for the next 12 months with supplies (paper products, cleaning supplies, etc.) Please see the suggested list for items that the church is in need of.

Thank you!



United Methodist Women

APRIL MEETING

Wednesday, April 11th in the Central UMC Fellowship Hall. Host: Terry Giles

MAY MOVIE NIGHT

In lieu of the book club this year we are planning to do five "Movie Nights". Our second movie "Hidden Figures" will be shown at 6:45 pm, after the Potluck, on Wednesday, May 2. Please feel free to invite your friends. All are welcome! Light refreshments will be available.



GREEN THUMB GARDENING PROJECT

Running Through Mid-April

During April we will continue collecting vegetable seeds for the people in the Appalachian region of Ohio. The Green Thumb Gardening Project allows people to grow food to feed their families year round.



April 17th, 2018
6:30 pm
Grantsburg UMC

United Methodist Men's Monthly Meeting

Saturday, April 14th
8:00am at church

Discussion: Easter Breakfast Preparation

UM Men will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday at Grantsburg!



Watch the weekly bulletin for additional information!

APRIL MEETING

April 22nd

4:00-6:00 pm

Grantsburg UMC



GO-FISH FUN NIGHT AT CENTRAL

Wednesday, April 18th, 5:00-6:30 pm



BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!



REMEMBER ... Every Sunday Is
MAC 'N CHEESE SUNDAY!

APRIL POTLUCK

Wed, April 4th
6:00 pm
Central UMC



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April weather, rain and
sunshine both together.

Liturgists

April 1	
April 8	
April 15	Toni Koons
April 22	Sue Olson
April 29	Wendell Hauble

Ushers

April 1	Sue Olson
April 8	
April 15	Colleen Norenberg
April 22	
April 29	Maxine Hauble

Coffee Fellowship

April 15	Briana Olson
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Cleaning

(Note the date starts with the Sunday to be cleaned and the rest of that week is your responsibility also.)

3/25 & 4/1	Maxine Hauble
4/8 & 4/15	Briana Olson
4/22 & 4/29	Sue Olson

Sunday School (Nursery/Older/Younger Teachers)

April 1	Cheryl Olson/Jamie Steffen/Mariah Gaffey
April 8	/Kristie Olson/
April 15	/Jamie Steffen
April 22	/ /
April 29	/ /

PLANET GREEN

INK JET RECYCLING PROGRAM

Do you have used ink jet cartridges or old cell phones? Every one that you donate to the church provides extra money to fund Atlas Church's ministry and outreach. Thank you for your continued support of this program!



**ADMINISTRATIVE
COUNCIL MEETING**
Sunday, April 15th
12:00 pm at Atlas UMC

INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

Offerings:

Mar. 4	\$ 810.00
Mar. 11	\$ 351.50
Mar. 18	\$ 447.50
Mar. 25	Unavailable
Total	\$ 1609.00 (as of 3/18)



\$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses. **Mar. shortage = - \$ 1669.84**

*Thank you for your faithful financial support
of the ministry of Atlas church!*



BIRTHDAYs & ANNIVERSARIES

Deb Mattson 4/13
Selena Frenette 4/15
Lois Cruthers 4/16
Toni Koons 4/16
Doug Kunze 4/21
Lowell Paulson 4/24
Dustin Kunze 4/26

April



APRIL MISSION

GREEN THUMB GARDENING PROJECT

We'll continue collecting vegetable, melon and herb seeds through mid-April for the people in the Appalachian area of SE Ohio. Jackson Area Ministries' gardening project makes resources available to feed many hungry families. Please remember ~ NO tomato seeds. They prefer to distribute small tomato plants.



COMMUNION SUNDAY DONATIONS

April: Church Supplies

On Communion Sunday, April 1st and throughout the month you are invited to bring in church supplies to help restock the church. Items needed:

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| -Paper plates | -Dish soap | -Garbage bags |
| -Paper towels | -Toilet bowl cleaner | -Coffee |
| -Toilet paper | -Dish towels | -Cups |
| -Other: any supplies you notice the church needs | | |



10% of our Easter offering will be donated to the Youth Group Fund. Thank you for your support!

KIDS FUN SUNDAY



Sun., April 22nd
12:00—1:00 pm
Atlas UMC

Bring your friends!
All are welcome!

DATES TO REMEMBER



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| March 25 | Palm Sunday |
| March 25 | 12:00 Kid's Fun Day |
| March 29 | Maundy Thursday service at Central 6:30 |
| March 30 | 6:30 Good Friday Service at Atlas |
| April 1 | Easter Service & Easter Egg Hunt in Sunday School |
| April 22 | 12:00 Kid's Fun Day |
| April 23-25 | Pastors in Chicago for Provisional Elder Residency |
| 4/26 – 5/3 | Pastors on Vacation |
| April 28 | Feed My Starving Children at SCF Fairgrounds |
| June 13-14 | Joint Summer Retreat at Wisconsin Dells |

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Monthly Report ~ February 2017

Households Served	71	Luck School District	44
Adults	111	Unity School District	27
Children	39	Other	1
Total People	150	New Families: Unity 2, Luck 1 Other 0	

USDA Food Received	829#	NON-USDA (Donations)	876#
Groceries Purchased	360#	Volunteer	72



Items needed this month:

Coffee, canned fruit and Personal items (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc)

St. croix falls NEWS



Pastor Ran Yoo 4/12

HELPING HANDS

Liturgists

All of April Peter Gionis



Ushers

All of April Marjorie Broker

Altar Flowers

All of April Peter & Kathy Gionis

Coffee Hour

April 8

April 15 Administrative Council

April 22 Steve & LeAnn Sylvester

Money Counters

All of April Jim Andrews

Communion / Paraments

April 1 Steve & LeAnn Sylvester

Potluck



APRIL & MAY MISSIONS

SCF School Store

Donating hygiene items and toiletries for the St. Croix Falls School Store where they provide these items for students in need.

SAILOR HAT OFFERING

FOOD SHELF



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

April 8th

11:00 am, following church service at St. Croix Falls UMC



April 18th
6:00 pm
St. Croix Falls UMC

YOUTH GROUP

April 8th
4:00-6:00 pm
SCF Parsonage

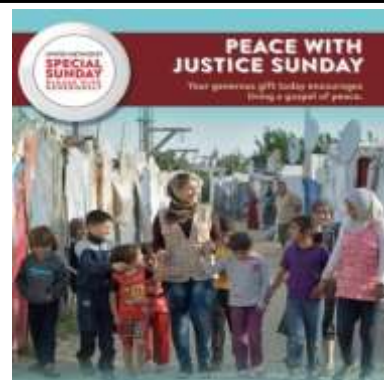




Easter Blessings



ST. CROIX FALLS FOOD SHELF...As you may have heard, the GIVE BIG SCV fundraiser is running through April 24th...i am asking for donations to the St Croix Falls Food Shelf. Our goal is to raise \$1500. Please think about donating...online to: www.givebigscv.razoo.com/organization/St-Croix-Falls-Food-Shelf or send a check to: St Croix Falls Food Shelf, C/O United Methodist church, P.O. Box 458, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024. THANK YOU for your donation! - Sharon Asp



Special Offering

April 15, 2018

Your gift encourages and empowers aspiring leaders within the Native American community. Your decision to give educates seminarians and empowers outreach within the Native American culture. Thank you for your support!

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

May 27, 2018

Special Offering



FUN FACTS ABOUT EASTER



- ✦ In the US, only 12 of the 50 states recognize Good Friday as a holiday.
- ✦ Peep peep... did you know Americans buy more than 700 million marshmallow Peeps during Easter? This makes Peeps the most popular non-chocolate Easter candy.
- ✦ Americans consume more than 16 million jelly beans during this holiday. That is enough jelly beans to circle the globe not once, not twice, but three times.
- ✦ Are you an ears, arms or tail person? Seventy-six percent of people eat the ears on the chocolate bunny first, 5 percent go for the feet and 4 percent for the tail.
- ✦ During the holiday, more than 90 million chocolate bunnies, 91.4 billion eggs and 700 million Peeps are produced each year in the United States alone.
- ✦ Next to Halloween, Easter is the biggest candy-consuming holiday of the year. Good thing they are almost six months apart, perfect for your yearly dentist check-ups!
- ✦ An estimated \$14.7 billion is spent in total for Easter in the US.
- ✦ The Easter egg is said to symbolize and represent joy, celebration and new life.
- ✦ Easter is the celebration of the resurrection of Christ; it is the oldest Christian holiday and one of the most important days of the year.



Readers & Greeters

April 1 Josh Davidsavor
April 8 Linda Chouinard
April 15 Donna Blair
April 22 Barb Davidsavor
April 29 Phoenix Nelson

Wolfcreek

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Dominic Nelson
4/30



REMEMBER THE FOOD SHELF

On Communion Sundays, you are invited to bring in donations for the SCF Food Pantry. Canned vegetables, fruit or meat, fruit juice, cereal, peanut butter and jelly, kid-friendly soups, personal hygiene items ... just be sure your food items have not expired.



SPRING SAFETY TIPS

Smoke Alarms-[Three out of every five home fire deaths](#) result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Test your smoke alarms every month and [replace the battery at least once a year](#). If the alarm makes a "chirping" sound, replace it immediately.

Smoke alarms should be in every bedroom and in the common areas on each floor of a home. Mount them at least 10 feet from the stove to reduce false alarms, less than 12 inches from the ceiling and away from windows, doors and ducts.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors-Anything that burns fuel can potentially become a source of carbon monoxide, an invisible, odorless gas that can kill. CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each bedroom and on every level of the home. The [safety tips for CO detectors](#) mirror those of smoke alarms: change the batteries, test them and interconnect them, if possible. Also, make sure vents for your gas appliances (fireplace, dryer, stove and furnace) are free and clear of snow or debris.

Family Emergency Plan-The National Safety Council recommends every family have an emergency plan in place in the event of a natural disaster or other catastrophic event. Spring is a great time to review that plan with family members. Have a [home](#) and [car](#) emergency kit. The Federal Emergency Management Agency says an emergency kit should include one gallon of water per day for each person, at least a three-day supply of food, flashlight and batteries, first aid kit, filter mask, plastic sheeting and duct tape, and medicines. Visit the [FEMA website for a complete list](#).

Spring Cleaning-With the warm weather comes a desire to shine and polish your home. But when warning labels are ignored or chemicals fall into the wrong hands, disaster can occur. Learn what you can do to [keep you family safe around poisons in the home](#) by going to <http://www.nsc.org/learn/safety-knowledge/Pages/Poisonous-Household-Products.aspx>

Window Safety-With warmer temperatures arriving, it's important to practice window safety - especially in homes with young children.



A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

*Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow.
(Galatians 6:7)*

From Writing a Money Autobiography by Dan Dick

A money autobiography is a reflection process on the role and influence of money and material possessions in our life. It challenges us to explore the past to see how our attitudes, assumptions, and values concerning money and wealth were formed.

Formative Questions

Reflect on these questions relating to how your family treated money when you were growing up:

- What is your earliest memory of money?
- What is your happiest memory in connection with money?
- What is your unhappiest money memory?
- What attitudes about money did your parents and other family members have?
- Did you feel rich, poor, or neither growing up? Did you worry about money when you were a child? A teenager?
- Where did your money come from? (Did you work for it, receive an allowance, have your parents buy you things, etc.?)
- Who governed how you related to money – how you spent money, saved money, gave money to charity or church?

It is useful to create a **money autobiography journal** to record your thoughts, reflections, and feelings. Then, you can return to the money autobiography journal months and years afterward.

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Visit the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at
www.wumf.org or Facebook/[wumf.org](https://www.facebook.com/wumf.org)
Or call 1-888-903-9863

Burnett County Emergency Food Shelves and Distributions

Grantsburg Area Food Shelf *No cost*

Serving residents of the Grantsburg School District
Open Thursday 9:30am-11:30am;
EMERGENCIES ONLY on Tuesday 9:30am-11:30am
Allowed to come 2 times a month
Located between the Library and the Village Hall Office,
320 South Brad St., Grantsburg, WI



Indianhead Community Action Agency- "Connections" *No cost*

Serving all Burnett County residents
Open 10am-3pm Monday, Tuesday & Friday
Located in Webster next to the Holiday Gas Station
(715) 866-8151

Ruby`s Food Shelf- Siren *No cost*

Serving residents of the Siren & Webster School Districts
Open 10:00am-2pm Monday & Friday
10:00am-4pm Wednesday
Closed Thursday

****You`re asked to be there at least 30 minutes before close**
Located at 24534 State Hwy 35/70 (Ruby`s Secondhand)
(715)349-RUBY (7829)



Ruby`s Monthly Food Distributions *Bring own boxes or baskets Donation: \$20*

For dates, times, and locations (no location restrictions at this time), visit <http://www.rubyspantry.org/distribution/distschedule.htm>

Second Harvest Food Distribution *No cost*

First and Third Thursday of every month
Starts at 11:00am until food is gone
Located at Connections in Webster
(next to the Holiday Gas Station)
This distribution is offered to anyone in need of food; please help get the word out

St. Croix Chippewa Commodities Distribution

24663 Angeline Ave., Webster
349-2195, Becky Reynolds
Food distribution: Monday to Thursday 7:30am-4:30pm
(Native American Income Eligible Only)
Closed first week of each month for inventory. Can only receive one time per month. A variety of items are available each month and may include canned meats; juice; canned foods; dry goods; frozen meats; cheese; rice and pasta; fresh produce.



Polk County Food Shelves

Amery

Amery Food Shelf—230 Deronda Street, Amery

Food Shelf is located in the old Amery Regional Medical Center Building.
Call (715) 268- 5999 before 12:00 noon on Wednesday. Leave name and number on voice mail. Open Thursday 2-6 pm.

Area of service: Amery school district only

The Congregational Church—201 Harriman Ave. North, Amery

Food distribution: 9-10:30 am every 2nd Saturday of the month . Registration is 7 am to 9:30 am. **715-268-7390 Special note:** No economic restrictions; however, a \$20.00 donation is asked to help cover the cost of the truck.

Ruby's Pantry —www.amery.ucc.org or office.ameryucc@gmail.com

Area of service: County wide

Dresser

People Loving People --- 103 E. Main Street, Dresser

Monday and Saturday 11 am – 1 pm Wednesday 2 pm – 5 pm

Phone: 715-501-4657

Frederic

Family Pathways Food Shelf—1100 Wisconsin Ave South, Frederic

Phone **715-327-4425**

Open Tuesday 9 am—6 pm, Thursday 9 am—6 pm, Saturday 9 am—12pm

For best service please call for appointment.

Luck

Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry—300 North 1st Street, Luck

Pantry is located in the back of the DBS Hall

Open Tuesday & Thursday 11 am—1 pm

Phone **(715) 472-2003**

Area of service: Luck & Unity School Districts

Osceola

The Open Cupboard Food Shelf—402 2nd Avenue, Osceola

Call for appointment: **715-294-4357**

Open Monday-Friday 8 am – 5 pm

(The Open Cupboard also has used furniture & clothing)

Area of service: Osceola & Dresser school district

St. Croix Falls

St Croix Falls Food Shelf—809 Pine Street, St Croix Falls

Phone: **715-483-9138**

Open Monday 9 am—11 am Wednesday 3 pm—6 pm Friday 9 am – 10 am

Area of service: SCF school district, Dresser elementary, Centuria, Cushing & portions of Balsam Lake & Taylors Falls

Family Pathways Food Shelf—2000 US Hwy 8, St Croix Falls

Phone: **715-483-2920**

Open Monday 9–5 pm, Tuesday 9-5 pm, Wednesday 12 pm– 6 pm, Thursday 9-5 pm, Friday 9–5 pm, & Saturday 9-Noon

