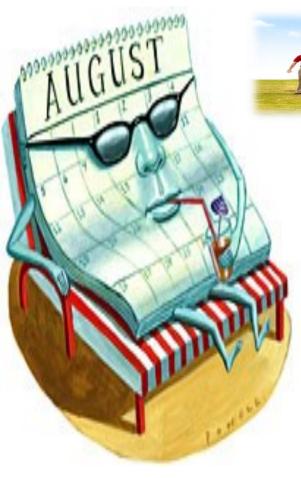
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8/4 Reaching Out-SCF Mission at Music on the Overlook

8/6 Joint Worship Service & Baptism at SCF UMC

8/18-8/10 USCP VBS at Lake 26

8/12 Atlas Thrift & Bake Sale

8/18 St. Croix Falls Pie & Ice Cream Social

8/23-8/25 Pastor's Vacation

8/26 Central UMC Pie & Ice Cream Social

United Methodist Messenger

THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH



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August 2017

It's been a year since I began serving the Upper St. Croix Parish. When I first came to Chicago from Seoul, South Korea in 2012 to study Theology, I never imagined that I would be a pastor in the States and serve in Wisconsin. Also, last year in July, when I started ministry here, I never imagined that I would be a mother. As I look back at my years past, not many things happened as I had planned. I just walked through the doors that God led me toward and opened for me. Some doors were very easy and exciting to go through, but some were very hard and tough. However, since I trust in God and God's plan, I just walk through following God's guidance.

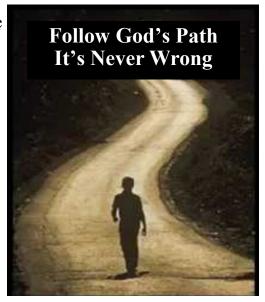
ONE YEAR AND COUNTING



When my bishop appointed me to serve the Upper St. Croix Parish, I was so worried because there was nothing familiar for me. I did not even know where St. Croix Falls was. But I followed and obeyed God faithfully. Now, one year later, I have fallen in love with my four churches - Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls, and Wolf Creek - and all the nice people. This is the reason why I have no choice but to love God and trust in God's plan. Although I took my step without knowing where I was going, eventually God led me to be in the best place. Therefore I am expecting God's work every single day in hope.

Sometimes, you may feel like you are walking in a dark tunnel without knowing where are you going or where it ends. However, as you keep going, trust in God and you will see the brightest light in the end, which God prepares for you. Don't lose your hope and stay in faith. And remember, God never has given you up. God's steadfast love is forever!





A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

GIVING The Righteous Will Live by Faith August 2017



"³For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means" (2 Corinthians 8:3)

Paul wanted the church in the wealthy trading center of Corinth to give generously to his mission to Jerusalem. To encourage them he noted how freely the churches in poorer Macedonia had already given.

So, how were the Macedonians able to give "beyond their means?" How is that even possible? It is possible because if we have faith, then God will provide. If we have faith, we can give even more than we might think we are able.

In their book, *The 33 Laws of Stewardship*, Dave Sutherland and Kirk Nowery point out three ways we can live into this kind of faith. The first is to **get rid of a scarcity mindset**. We have more than enough already on hand to pay for all our hoped for mission and ministry! But if we need to, we can in faith call on God for as much as we need.

Second, "when you think about giving, and specifically when you make a commitment to give, don't focus on your limitations, but on [God's] limitlessness." How much faith does it take to believe that God can do more than we can? Why trust in yourself, when you can trust in God?

Finally, extend the limits of your spiritual comfort zone. We are here to assist the Holy Spirit in establishing the Kingdom of God. Business as usual won't do the job. Can we be like the Christians in Macedonia who gave beyond their means? And not just giving beyond our means. How about—in faith and with God's help—praying beyond our means, engaging with church and community beyond our means, ministering to the least and the lost beyond our means, and testifying in thought, word and deed to God's meaning in our lives beyond our means.

We are called to be stewards of the abundant Grace we have been given through Jesus Christ.

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Visit the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at www.wumf.org or Facebook/wumf.org
Or call 1-888-903-9863



MISCELLANEOUS

Central UMC's Capital Fund and Equipment Replacement Fund

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

At Central we have had both a Capital Fund (CF) and the Equipment Replacement Fund (ERF) since 2013 when the ERF was established. These funds give members who wish to contribute towards future capital needs, a choice where to designate their contributions. General property maintenance is budgeted for on an annual basis.



Essentially, the CF has been around for years to provide funds for specific capital projects such as building additions or the purchase of furniture or other long-tern assets. In many cases a specific Capital Fund Drive has been established for those purposes over the years.

The ERF was established to provide a source of funds to meet emergency capital needs to replace items that may wear out or become damaged such as a furnace or a major appliance. Donations to this fund are conservatively invested, until needed, with the Wisconsin Conference UMC to insure their availability when needed. Financial support into the ERF acts to insure funds are available to keep Central's equipment in good operating order.



A MESSAGE FROM THE SALVATION ARMY....

We are sure at this point you are feeling a little overwhelmed with our pleas for help in bell ringing. Thank you so much to those of you who are helping by volunteering your time! It is so needed. Our funds are VERY low right now and everyone helping makes a difference. If you feel you can help, www.ringbells.org or call us at 715-349-8744. (See pictures of our last round of voluteers on page 6 of the newsletter)



AND FINALLY... Below is an updated needs list for the shelter-any help you can give would be much appreciated. Thank you so much for helping us to serve those in the most need.

Diapers size 2, 3, 4
Garbage bags 13 gal kitchen size
Dish soap
Cleaning supplies (bathroom and kitchen)
Canned goods
Light bulbs 60 watt
Toilet paper-badly needed
Paper towel
Shampoo and conditioner
Deodorant for men and women
9 volt batteries for smoke detectors z
Copy paper for the office
Kleenex



Items can be dropped off at Faith House M-F 7am to 3pm.

Thank you!

Angela L. Moulton Media and Fundraising Manager St. Croix, Polk and Burnett Counties Salvation Army

GRANTSBURG: CENTRA

Aug. 6 Aug 13 Aug. 20 Aug. 27	Liturgists Joint Service at SCF Steve Briggs John Elmgren Kim Wheeler
Aug. 6 Aug 13	Ushers
Aug. 20 Aug. 27	Charles Wright

Church Doors on Sundays

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Open Close

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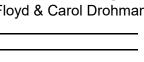
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Coffee Fellowship Joint Service at SCF Floyd & Carol Drohman





Joint Service at SCF



Joint Service at SCF

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Peter Branstad	8/3
Erica Harmon	8/3
Greg Huff	8/3
Jodi Elmgren	8/4
Ronald & Sally Aldorfer	8/4
Corey Smestad	8/7
Kathy Lund	8/10
Keith & Kate Lehne	8/13
Lona Siebenthal	8/14
Carli Blakeslee	8/15
Scott Bunting	8/15
Charles Wright	8/15
Jack Samuelson	8/16
Kristin Zastrow	8/19
Valetta Walton	8/20
Adeline Dauer	8/22
Carol Drohman	8/22
Mike & Carol Alderman	8/25
Floyd & Carol Drohman	8/28
Cody Gloneck 8/28	
Art Bistram	8/30
Landon Smestad	8/30

A GLANCE AT CENTRAL'S OFFERING INCOME THROUGH **JUNE 2017**



Funds	J	une 2017	Ye	ar-to_Date
				2017
General Funds Gifts	\$	4,644.00	\$	36,941.00
Loose Offering	\$	45.00	\$	909.76
Upper Room			\$	18.00
Total General Funds	\$	4,689.00	\$	37,868.76
Equipment				
Replacement Fund	\$	84.00	\$	337.00
Capital	\$	50.00	\$	318.00
Missions & Specials	\$	110.00	\$	1,573.00
Other-Pastors Youth	Ť			
Fund	\$	25.00	\$	1,870.00
Designated	Y	25.00	Ÿ	1,070.00
Memorials-Choir			\$	300.00
Undesignated			Ţ	300.00
Memorials	Ś	10.00	\$	195.00
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UMMen			\$	131.00
All Funds	\$	4,968.00	\$	42,592.76



We're Not Dairy Queen, but we've got Great Sundays!

GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS

United Methodist Women's

There is no regular meeting in July.

Book Club

Host: Terry Giles
Location: Terry's Home
Date: Monday, August 14
Time: 4:30pm
Book Discussion: "The White
Umbrella" by Mary Francis Bowley.
Everyone is welcome!

Please join us for a fun Ladies Night Out on August 16. The regular UMW meeting will start at 4 pm at the church. The agenda will include the election of officers and planning for events this fall. We will gather for supper immediately following the meeting at the new Taco Restaurant in Grantsburg. Please call

Terry at 715 460 2400 or

Mary at 715 791 8010 for dinner reservations.

All women of the Upper St. Croix Parish are welcome!

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGERS







Thank you to all those who volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army in July. Although we don't have pictures of all our bell ringers (Dave Huff, Pastor Kookho, Steve Briggs, and Bob Branstad) we do have photos of Russ and Mikala Hammer, LuAnn Martell and Sue Olson (Atlas). Your help was GREATLY appreciated!

United Methodist Men's August Meeting

Sat., August 12th ~ 8:00am at Central UMC



Devotions: Charlie Wright

Refreshments: Dave Huff



AUGUST MISSION COMMUNITY REFFERAL AGENCY

CRA's mission is to work for societal changes necessary to eliminate both personal and societal violence against all people.

They provide assistance to Victims and Survivors of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Polk, Burnett and Barron Counties by collaborating with legal, medical, human services and other agencies.

All Services are Free and Confidential

We will be focusing on our efforts on collecting/ purchasing bedding. Please check out the Missions Board at church for more details.

BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!

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



AUGUST MEETING

Aug. 22nd ~ 6:30 pm Grantsburg UMC

ATLAS NEWS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP



PLEASE NOTE...
FELLOWSHIP AT
ATLAS IS SERVED FROM
10:30 AM-10:55 AM
THE 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.

INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

Offerings:

 July 2
 \$ 925.00

 July 9
 \$ 340.00

 July 16
 \$ 170.00

 July 23
 \$ 572.25

 July 30
 \$ Unavailable

 Total
 \$ (as of 7/23)

\$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses.

July shortage = -\$ 1271.59

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

August

	Liturgists
Aug. 6	Joint Service at SCF
Aug 13	Sue Olson
Aug. 20	Toni Koons
Aug. 27	

Ushers

Aug. 6	Joint Service at SCF
Aug 13	Cheryl Olson
Aug. 20	Sue Olson
Aug. 27	Lowell Paulson

Coffee Fellowship Colleen Adams-Schween

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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.)

7/30 & 8/6 Che 8/13 & 8/20 Max 8/27 & 9/3

Aug. 20

Cheryl Olson Maxine Hauble





ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING Sunday, August 20th 12:00 pm at Atlas UMC

PLANET GREEN INK JET RECYCLING PROGRAAM



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!



Reed Olson 8/1 Edna Newman 8/12 Rachel Tooze 8/27



Van & Roxane Brock 8/22



GOINGS-ON & Whatnots

LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT

On Communion Sunday, August 6th you are invited to bring food for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Luck and supplies needed by Atlas Church. We do keep a basket out up front for donations brought at any time as well.

August: School Supplies & Pasta







Information on sponsoring and/or participating in this event is available at each of the Upper St. Croix Parish Churches.

Atlas UMC Annual Thrift and Bake Sale

Saturday, August 12th will be the date of this year's sale. When you're doing your summer cleaning be sure to keep the thrift sale in mind before you toss those items out!

If you have of any big ticket items that you plan to donate to the sale we'd like to know ahead of time for advertising purposes OR if you need help or would like someone to pick up and drop off your donations, please contact Roxane Brock at 715-327-5610 or roxane.a.brock@gmail.com.

Set up for the sale will be Friday, August 11th from 1:00 - 5:00 (or until done) - please have your bake sale items to the church during that time or prior to 9:00 am on Sat., Aug. 12th. You are welcome to drop off your items prior to Friday, however, we are asking to please unpack and display your items - tables will be set up the week before the sale.



Be sure to spread the word! Posters are available at the back of the church to hang around town. This is one of the two big fundraisers we do at Atlas. And you're going to want to let people know to stop by early so they don't miss out on all the great deals and wonderful baked good. You know what they say...the early bird gets the worm (or the cookies)!



LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Monthly Report ~ June 2017

Households Served 89 Luck School District 49
Adults 156 Unity School District 40
Children 31 Other 7

Total People 187 New Families: Unity 5, Luck 2, Other 0

USDA Food Received 995# NON-USDA (Donations) 393#

Groceries Purchased 1065# Volunteer Hours 70 1/2



Silent Auction

Items Needed: Canned meats (8 grams of protein or higher) canned fruit, Mac & Cheese and cereal.

ST. CROIX FALLS NEWS



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.



COMMUNION SUNDAY: August 6th

Liturgists

All of August Karen Sciacca

Ushers

All of August Steve Sylvester

Altar Flowers

All of August Betty Doolittle

Coffee Hour

August 13 Betty Doolitlle

August 20 Administrative Council

August 27 LeAnn Sylvester

Communion / Paraments

August 6 Steve & LeAnn Sylvester

Money Counters

All of August Karen Sciacca

Potluck

August Marjorie Broker

Jim & Fay Andrews 8/22

SALOR HAT OFFERING SCF Food Shelf

Preparation for the September Church Invitation Event

FROM YOUR LOCAL FOOD SHELF...

Due to the fact that the air conditioner was paid off, the funds in the bank are really low. We need around \$800 to keep up and pay the bills. I'm asking everyone to help in some way...every little bit helps -whether \$1 or \$50, it all goes to a wonderful cause!

Thank you so much!

Sharon Asp, Director



CHARLES ZEIGLER

8/17



ST. CROIX FALLS



In August St. Croix Falls will be collecting a FREE WILL OFFERING to support the St. Croix Falls School Backpack Program.



We will be going to Music on the Overlook on Friday, August 4th to invite people to our church. This is sure to be a well attended evening as it's USA's #1 Tribute to Elvis Presley by Steve Marcio. At this event we will be handing out personalized pens and inviting people to our church. We will go out on this mission several more times but the dates are to be determined.



The Sailor Hat Offering and the Cell Tower Tithe will go to support the preparation of the "SCF Church Invitation Event" in September.

Watch for additional information in the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters. Thank you!





ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, Aug. 7th-6:00 pm at St. Croix Falls UMC



Wednesday, August16th 6:00 pm St. Croix Falls UMC

Please join us for a potluck supper and bring your favorite dish to share if you are able!

here's the scoop...

St. Croix Falls UMC is hosting a BBQ, Pie & Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 18th! Free Will Offering will go to support the SCF School Backpack Program. Watch the bulletin and website for additional details about this tasty event!

...Stop by and enjoy a "yummy" treat.





ST. CROIX FALLS UMC INVITATION SUNDAY

September 17, 2017

We will invite new people and old members to attend our service. Watch the Newsletter & Bulletins for additional information on this exciting event!



Readers & Greeters

August 6 Donna Blair

August 13 Barb Davidsavor

August 20 Myrna Westen

August 27 Marcie Marquardt

Coffee Fellowship

August 27____

Cleaner for August

All Month:

MISSION GIVING

For the third quarter of 2017 (July, August and September) we will be supporting the Salvation Army through mission donations.



PRAYER - WIRELESS
ACCESS TO GOD WITH
NO ROAMING FEE.

Wolf Creek News



Jeff & Sue Bergin

8/2

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Lyle Jahn 8/5 Travis Davidsavor 8/7



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 2017 AT WOLF CREEK

(Although this is from a few months back it was such a great picture we just had to share it when we received it!)





THERE ARE SOME
QUESTIONS THAT
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CALEB'S BABY SHOWER HIGHLIGHTS



There was a full house for Caleb's baby shower on July 15th! Thank you to all who worked hard to make this is wonderful celebration for the pastor's and their family!

Caleb was on his best behavior and it was great to see Pastor Ran looking so well. We were also fortunate enough to meet Pastor Ran's mother, who looks young enough to be her sister!

There were many fabulous salads and dishes to enjoy along with all the amazing gifts from handmade sweaters, blankets and scrap books, to diapers and highchairs.

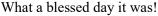
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UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Starts on Tuesday, August 8 at 2pm Ends on Thursday, August 10th at 11am



Vacation Bible School is returning to Lake 26 camp near Danbury WI and will be an overnight camp for all ages. There will be bible study, crafts, activities for kids and adults, free time, swimming, kayaking, fellowship, worship, music and food! Our theme is "God's Work of Art" and we will study and discuss how we were created and designed by God for his purposes.

ALL ARE WELCOME FROM THE ENTIRE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

Children going into grade 3 and older may come without a parent/guardian. Children grades 2 and younger must have a parent/guardian with them overnight (you may make arrangements with other adults attending camp to be responsible for your child if you cannot be there—kids attending without a parent must be able to take care of their own needs). We encourage adults to attend camp and enjoy fun and fellowship with your church family. There is no charge for the camp, each church will pay their share of the expenses based on attendance of the camp. Friends are welcome!

If you are not able to come for the whole time, please feel free to join us when you can. Lake 26 camp is about 45 minutes from Grantsburg, just east of Danbury, WI. The lake is good for fishing, and adults do not need to be present the whole time. Also, we are looking for kayaks and other watercraft to borrow for the campers to use.

Registration forms were mailed to all UPSC families with children and are also available at each church. Please complete the forms and return to the church office or to Kim Wheeler directly. If you would be willing to take charge of a craft or activity, please indicate on the form. VBS Leaders are invited to come to camp a day early to prepare (and have some adult fellowship time by the campfire). Questions can be directed to Kim Wheeler at 715-431-1857 (call or text) or email kimwheeler 70@yahoo.com. Thanks!

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)



"If you love me, feed my sheep."

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

Amerv

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



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

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

Phone: 715-501-4657



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.



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







