

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg, St. Croix Falls, Atlas, Wolf Creek
P.O. Box 128
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*A million hearts would be
too few ...to carry all of
God's love for you!*



UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

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I have gotten some questions from church members about the uniqueness of the United Methodist Church's rules, theology, history, doctrine, etc. compared with other Christian denominations. I think that we know and recognize very well our identification as Christians but sometimes we don't know clearly understand our identification as Methodists. For this reason, I prepared a series of easily understandable articles 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 Wesleyan Quadrilateral?

United Methodism follows a specific theological framework: Scripture, tradition, experience and reason. According to the Book of Discipline, which constitutes the law and doctrine of the United Methodist Church, "The living core of the Christian faith was revealed in Scripture, illuminated by tradition, vivified in personal experience and confirmed by reason." The importance of these four guidelines is that belief is 'revealed, illuminated, vivified, and confirmed,' which is the means of verifying and embracing our faith firmly.



For example, during my time of Clinical Pastoral Education, my supervisor asked me whether or not I would baptize a stillborn baby at the parents' request. I answered, "Yes," based on what has been revealed in Scripture, illuminated by tradition, vivified through my personal experience and confirmed by reason.

I remember Jesus visiting the house of Lazarus, who was dead. Jesus went to comfort the family of Lazarus and cried with them. According to these passages, love always came first over the law for Jesus Christ. In the disputes with the Pharisees and the Sadducees over the Sabbath, Jesus showed love first.

Following the example of Jesus, United Methodists provide baptism to stillborn babies. The tradition of United Methodism is to follow the love of Jesus instead of defining what is right or wrong based on the law. Love came first during my Clinical Pastoral Education experience.

I understand these four criteria to be a critical part of theological interpretation, each making significant contributions yet working together with Scripture as the primary way to witness in the United Methodist context. Through Scripture, tradition, reason and experience, we can maintain a healthy and creative tension between doctrine and reality.

Blessings,
Pastor Kook Ho



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church™

A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

GIVING
Consistency Counts
February 2018

Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. ²On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come. (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)

Give with consistent gratitude • Give to God first
Give with consistent sacrifice • Give with consistent praise

Paul was clearly a believer in consistency. He encouraged the Corinthians to donate regularly on the Sabbath to store up funds for relief of their poor brothers and sisters in Jerusalem. We still collect donations in our churches on a weekly basis on the Sabbath (although some of us give biweekly, monthly or even annually).

We also set aside time in each worship service to express our gratitude to God and to praise God for the many blessings God gives us (for which gratitude our gifts are a token). This we do consistently. Not during a season of thankfulness or holiday of praise, but every week.

Many consistently put God first as well: giving to God before taking anything for themselves. One faithful son of our congregation gives an annual gift at year-end. I surmise this is from a bonus he receives and he gives the church a tithe from it.

Moreover, we give with consistent sacrifice. If the gift means nothing to you, then it means nothing to God. Conversely, the greater the cost the greater the gift. This does not necessarily mean the size of the gift in dollars, but rather the labor that went into earning it, the needs forgone that allowed it to be given, and the recognition that others' needs are as important as our own.

May we all pray to be consistent in our faithfulness!

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

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GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS



Liturgists

Feb. 4 Steve Briggs
Feb. 11 Carol Drogman
Feb. 18 John Elmgren
Feb. 25 _____

Ushers

Feb. 4 _____
Feb. 11 _____
Feb. 18 _____
Feb. 25 _____

Church Doors on Sundays

Open _____
Close _____

Snow Removal



Snow removal will be handled by Brad Rehbein. If additional help is needed he will reach out assistance.

Counter

All Feb. Steve Briggs

Coffee Fellowship

Feb. 4 LuAnn Martell
Feb. 11 Valetta Walton
Feb. 18 Pauline Kratchmer
Feb. 25 Janet Dahl



Altar Flowers

Feb. 4 Julie Branstad
Feb. 11 _____
Feb. 18 _____
Feb. 25 _____

Acolytes

Feb. 4 Max Dauer
Feb. 11 _____
Feb. 18 _____
Feb. 25 _____



Sunday School

Feb. 4 Brad Rehbein
Feb. 11 Barb Loomis
Feb. 18 Shayna Snyder
Feb. 25 Barb Loomis



Potluck

Feb. 7th _____ & _____

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Lydia Benge Briggs 2/4
Stephanie Anderson 2/8
Zach Manley 2/14
Grace Harmon 2/15
Janet Dahl 2/16
Peyton Smallwood 2/17
Sue Bunting 2/17
Deb & Russ Hammer 2/22
Hannah Smestad 2/23
Kenzi Blakeslee 2/23
Adrienne Covey 2/24
Emmons Olson 2/24
Dauntay Erickson 2/27
Riley Rossow 2/28



A GLANCE AT CENTRAL'S OFFERING INCOME THROUGH DEC. 2017

Funds	December 2017	Year-to Date 2017
General Funds Gifts	\$ 5,448.00	\$ 72,981.00
Loose Offering	\$ 453.46	\$ 2,130.82
Upper Room	\$ -	\$ 35.00
Harvest Supper		\$ 1,810.00
Bible Study	\$ -	\$ 12.00
Total General Funds	\$5,901.46	\$ 76,968.82
Equipment Replacement Fund	\$ 84.00	\$ 841.00
Capital	\$ 50.00	\$ 668.00
Missions & Specials	\$ 10.00	\$ 3,053.78
Other-Pastors Youth Fund	\$ 87.46	\$ 2,129.21
Designated Memorials-Choir		\$ 300.00
Undesignated Memorials	\$ -	\$ 195.00
UMMen	\$ -	\$ 181.00
A/C Fund	\$ 20.00	\$ 40.00
All Funds	\$ 6,152.92	\$ 84,376.81

CENTRAL'S CURRENT MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

United Methodist Men's Monthly Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 10th
8:00am at church

Devotions:
Steve Briggs

Refreshments:
John Elmgren

UNITED METHODIST
MEN

United Methodist Women

Cleaning the Church Kitchen & UMW Meeting

Wed. Feb. 21st, 2018~ 10:00 am at
Central UMC



Bring a bag lunch and stay for our first meeting of the year at 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Plans for the new year and our 2018 meeting schedule will be on the agenda.



In lieu of the book club this year we are planning to do five "Movie Nights". Our first movie "The Shack" will be shown at 6:45 pm, after the Potluck, on Wednesday, March 7. Members of our parish family and our communities are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be available.

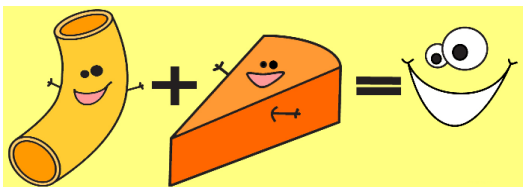
BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!

REMEMBER ... Every
Sunday Is

MAC 'N CHEESE SUNDAY!

Can you donate a box or two (or more) of Macaroni and Cheese in support of the Salvation Army's "Happy Kids Back-Pack Program"?

This program provides back-packs full of food to help feed families over the weekends throughout the school year. Thanks for caring for those in need in our own community.



FEBRUARY POTLUCK

Wed, Feb. 7th-6:00 pm
Central UMC



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY MEETING

FEB. 21ST, 2017

6:30 pm

Grantsburg UMC



Thank you to everyone who so graciously and generously donated to the "SOX BOX" or gave a monetary donation to the Christmas Store. The Christmas Store, which was held at CUMC on Dec. 9th, served 37 families with a total of 99 children! Each child received a new gift and parents had the opportunity to "shop" for additional gently used items.

Thanks again for your support!

The Christmas Store Committee



FEBRUARY MEETING

Feb. 25th

4:00-6:00 pm

Grantsburg UMC

ATLAS NEWS



Feb. 4
Feb. 11
Feb. 18
Feb. 25

Liturgists

Wendell Hauble
Sue Olson
Toni Koons

Feb. 4
Feb. 11
Feb. 18
Feb. 25

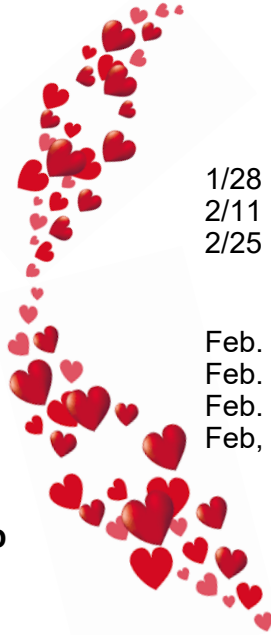
Ushers

Maxine Hauble
Maxine Hauble
Colleen Norenberg
Lowell Paulson

Feb. 18

Coffee Fellowship

Kristie Olson



Cleaning

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

1/28 & 2/4
2/11 & 2/18
2/25 & 3/4

Maxine Hauble

Sunday School (Nursery/Older/Younger Teachers)

Cheryl Olson/Kristie Olson/Mariah Gaffey

Feb. 4
Feb. 11
Feb. 18
Feb. 25

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/Kristie Olson/Mariah Gaffey
/ /



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!



Church Council



**ADMINISTRATIVE
COUNCIL MEETING**
Sunday, February 18th
12:00 pm at Atlas UMC

INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

Offerings:

Jan. 7	\$ 1742.50
Jan. 14	\$ 1197.50
Jan. 21	\$ 336.50
Jan. 28	Unavailable
Total	\$ 3276.50 (as of 1/21)



\$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses. **January shortage = - \$ 2.34**

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

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Dorothy Melin	2/17
Betty Wilson	2/18
Debra Kunze	2/19
Dorothy Melin	2/22





FEBRUARY

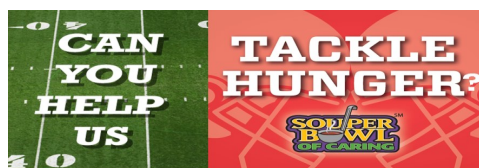
COMING SOON

FEBRUARY MISSION

Souper Bowl of Caring

Youth will be collecting soup and monetary donations for Souper Bowl of Caring which will directly support our local food pantry, Loves & Fishes .

Goal: Utilize Super Bowl weekend to mobilize youth to fight hunger and poverty in our own community.



Jan. 29-Feb. 1 ~ Pastors to Chicago for Provisional Elders Residency
 Feb. 11 ~ CCC and Shady Knoll services in Grantsburg
 Feb. 14 ~ Ash Wed. Service @ Central 7:00
 Feb. 18 ~ Good Samaritan service in SCF
 March 25 ~ Palm Sunday
 March 29 ~ Maundy Thursday Service @ Central
 March 30 ~ Good Friday service @ Atlas
 April 1~ Easter service @ 11:00

Mark your calendar!



LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT



On Communion Sunday, February 4th you are invited to bring food for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Luck. We do keep a basket out for donations brought at any time as well.

February: Canned Soup and/or \$1.00

For God so loved the world
 That he gave
 His only
 Begotten
 Son
 That whosoever
 Believeth in Him
 Shall Not perish,
 but have Everlasting life.
 John 3:16

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Monthly Report ~ December 2017

Households Served	68	Luck School District	38
Adults	118	Unity School District	29
Children	42	Other	1
Total People	160	New Families: Unity 5, Luck 2, Other 1	
USDA Food Received	1020#	NON-USDA (Donations)	1658#
Groceries Purchased	910#	Volunteer	56 1/2



Items needed this month:

Canned Meat product (8 grams of protein or higher) and Personal items (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc).

February

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Joseph Murtaugh 2/2

Kathleen Gionis 2/12

Scott Andrews 2/22



Liturgists

All of Feb. Sharon Asp



Ushers

All of Feb. Marjorie Broker

Altar Flowers

All of Feb. Charlie & Joan Zeilger

Coffee Hour

Feb. 11 Peter & Kathleen Gionis

Feb. 18 Administrative Council

Feb. 25 Karen Sciacca

Money Counters

All of Feb. Peter Gionis

Communion / Paraments

Jan. 7 Steve & LeAnn Sylvester

Soup Supper 2/21_____

Soup Supper 2/28_____

SALOR HAT OFFERING

FOOD SHELF



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING CHANGES THE GAME!

Since 1990, young people have been leading the charge and inspiring others to collect dollars and food weeks leading up to the Big Game. Teaming up with local partners, these groups give 100% of donations to local charities, changing the nation's largest weekend of football into the largest weekend of caring.

Please join us as we try to "Change the Game" for those in need and collect cans of Soup and monetary donations for Souper Bowl of Caring to support the St. Croix Falls Food Shelf.

HELPING HANDS

Song of Songs 2:4
**His
Banner
Over Me
Is Love**

WOLF CREEK NEWS



FEBRUARY

Readers & Greeters

Feb. 4 Phoenix Nelson
Feb. 11 Marcie Marquardt
Feb. 18 Josh Davidsavor
Feb. 25 Linda Chouinard

Coffee Fellowship

Feb. 25 **Volunteer Needed**

Cleaner for February

All Month: **Volunteer Needed**

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
February 5th

10 February Fun Facts

1. The Violet is February's flower.
2. Amethyst is the birthstone for the month of February.
3. February was named after the Latin word *februum*, which means *purification* which is associated with the ancient Roman purification ritual *Februa* that was held on February 15 each year. (Now I know why I feel compelled to do a cleanse this month!)
4. February is Black History Month in the U.S.A. and Canada serving as a remembrance of important people and events in African American history.
5. The Boy Scouts of America incorporated in February in 1910.
6. The astrological signs for February are: Aquarius, January 20–February 18 and Pisces, February 19–March 20.
7. The Supreme Court of the U.S. met for the first time on February 1, 1790.
8. Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12, 1809.
9. On February 10, 1962, Astronaut John Glen Jr. became the first American to orbit the earth.
10. Princess Elizabeth became Queen Elizabeth on February 6, 1952.



Brooke Swenson 2/26

Marlyene Jahn 2/28

FUN FACT



February is
National
Chocolate
Lovers Month.

FAMOUS PEOPLE



Ashton Kutcher, Shakira,
Nathan Lane, Drew
Barrymore, Jennifer
Aniston, Jerry Springer,
George Washington,
Michael Jordan, Kurt
Cobain, and Steve Jobs
were all born in February.

BIRTH FLOWER

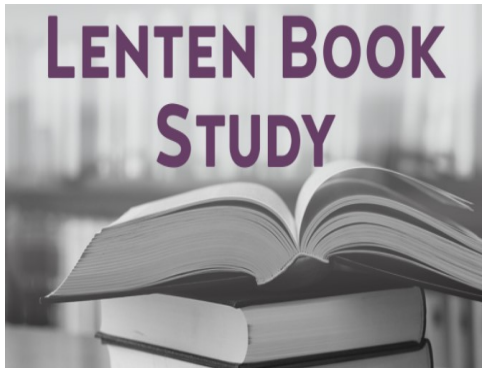


Primrose is
your lucky
birth flower.



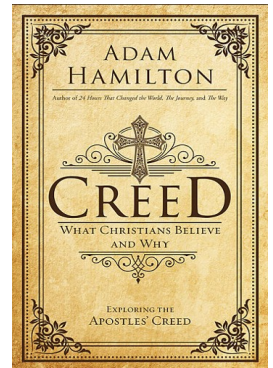
Here's what's
happening!

in February



Lenten Book Study will begin
after the week of
Ash Wednesday (Expected).

Sign-up sheets will be out soon.



FEBRUARY HEART MONTH



80% of Heart Disease and
Stroke Can Be Prevented

7 Steps to Reduce the Risk of Heart Disease



Heart Healthy Nutrition



Eat at Least 5 Servings of Fruits and
Vegetables a Day



Choose Whole Grains Over
Processed (Refined)
Grains and Sugars



Choose Healthy Fats
(Monounsaturated
& Polyunsaturated) Over
Unhealthy
Fats (Saturated & Trans)

Regular Exercise



30 Minutes of Moderate
Intensity Exercise a Day

Tobacco Control

Cigarette Smoke Claims 443,000 Lives in the U.S. Every Year



FEBRUARY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	1	2	3

Friday, Feb. 2nd Groundhog Day

Sunday, Feb. 4th World Cancer Day

Sunday, Feb. 4th Super Bowl Sunday

Wednesday, Feb. 14th Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb. 14th Valentines Day

Monday, Feb. 19th Presidents Day

Sunday, Feb. 25th Longaberger Bingo

Cancer Fundraiser at Tesora's in Siren

Feb 9-25 Winter Olympics in

PyeongChang, South Korea

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



YOU give them something to eat. Mt 14:16

