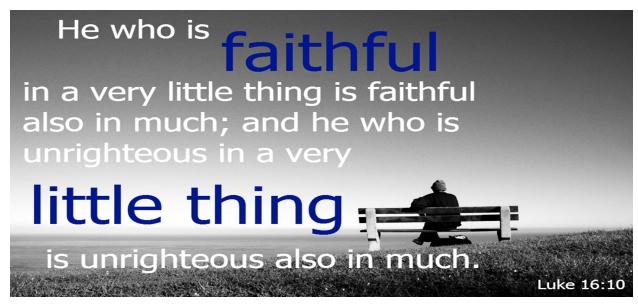
Upper St. Croix Parish Grantsburg, St. Croix Falls, Atlas, Wolf Creek P.O. Box 128 Grantsburg, WI 54840



A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE



"Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy." (1 Corinthians 4:2)

The Apostle Paul's statement about stewardship is a definition. To be a steward means to have been given a trust.

It is amazing how much God is willing to entrust to mortals. We are entrusted with the well-being of God's creation, with the mysteries of the Gospel, with spreading of the Gospel to all the nations of the Earth, and with the health of the Church. That's a lot of trust.

What do we do to earn that trust? Nothing. As it is with the unmerited grace that is offered to us as disciples, so it is with the unmerited trust offered to us as stewards. We say, "Yes" to the invitation and then, if we follow the plan, we grow and mature in stewardship.

Jesus points the way to growth in stewardship by admonishing us to start small. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?" (Luke 16:10-12).

In stewardship, faith is not what you believe, it is what you do to grow the Kingdom.

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

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Or call 1-888-903-9863

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"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight." - Proverbs 9:10

Traditionally, the United Methodist Church celebrates Aldersgate Day on May 24 to commemorate the day in 1738 when John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, experienced assurance of his salvation. He had a Holy Spirit moment through his Aldersgate experience. While he was walking on Aldersgate Street, he listened as someone was reading Martin Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans, and this led him to experience his Holy Spirit moment. "While he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that He had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death." Later, before John Wesley died, he said his last words that "The best of all is.. God is with us."

As I remember "Aldersgate Day" and the life of John Wesley, I hope and pray that all my parishioners including my soon to be born baby would have at least one unforgettable Holy Spirit moment so that they would know and confess that "the best of all is God is with us." During this time of being pregnant, I have prayed a lot for my first baby and thought about what kind of person this one would be. Millionaire? Celebrity? Smart person? Healthy person? It all sounds very tempting, but I truly want my child to be a man of God who loves God first and makes God a priority. Because I believe that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight" as Proverbs 9:10 said, and "The best of all is.. God is with us."

Through a mentoring meeting, I came to know about the web site called "Father's love letter." It has a love letter from God based on Bible verses and it is written in 100+ languages. I was very touched by each phrase of this letter, and it was another Holy Spirit moment for me. I read this letter over and over for my soul and for my baby's soul. And I would like to share it with you all for your soul! I hope and pray that you also have a Holy Spirit moment through God's love letter for you.

Blessings,

Pastor Ran



FATHER'S LOVE LETTER

An intimate message from God to you.

My Child

✓ You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1 I know when you sit down and when I am familiar with all your ways. Psalm 139:3 Even the very hairs on your head you rise up. Psalm 139:2 are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31 For you were made in my image. Genesis 1:27 In me you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28 For you are my offspring. Acts 17:28 I knew you even before you were conceived. I chose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1:11-12 You were not a mistake, for all your I determined the exact time of your birth and where you days are written in my book. Psalm 139:15-16 would live. Acts 17:26 You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14 I knit you together in your mother's womb. Psalm 139:13 And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalm 71:6 misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. 1 John 4:16 And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. 1 John 3:1 Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. 1 John 3:1 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. Every good gift that you receive comes from my Matthew 7:11 For I am the perfect father: Matthew 5:48 hand. James 1:17 For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. Matthew 6:31-33 My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11 Because I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3 My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore. Psalm 139:17-18 And I rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17 I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32:40 For you are my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5 I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah 32:41 And I want to show you great and marvelous things. Jeremiah 33:3 If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Deuteronomy 4:29 Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart. Psalm 37:4 For it is I who gave you those desires. Philippians 2:13 I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20 For I am your greatest encourager. 2Thessalonians 2:16-17 I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34:18 As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. Isaiah 40:11 One day I will wipe away every tear from your eves. Revelation 21:3-4 And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. Revelation 21:3-4 I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus. John 17:23 For in Jesus, my love for you is revealed. John 17:26 He is the exact representation of my being. Hebrews 1:3 He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you. Romans 8:31 And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. 1 John 4:10 I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. Romans 8:31-32 If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me. 1 John 2:23 And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Romans 8:38-39 Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. Luke 15:7 I have always been Father, and will always be Father. Ephesians 3:14-15

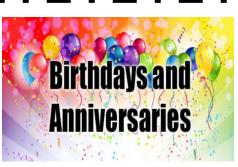
Almighty God

My question is... Will you be my child? John 1:12-13 Love, Your Dad

I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32

GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS

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Laura Harmon	6/1
Keith Lehne	6/2
Nolan Johnson	6/2
Rachel & Alex Bakker	6/6
Brian T. Nyland	6/9
Rod Dahl	6/9
Deb Hammer	6/15
Jack & Sharon Samuelson	n 6/17
Judith McCann	6/20
Tracy Finch	6/20
Catherine Michaels	6/21
Cindy Michaels	6/22
Elaine Frees	6/24
Nicole Johnson	6/25
David Wadsworth	6/27
Emily Rahkola	6/28
Tiffani DeMarre	6/29

A GLANCE AT CENTRAL'S OFFERING INCOME THROUGH APRIL 2017

Coffee Fellowshin



Funds		Apr-17	Year-	to-date 2017
General Fund Gifts	\$	8,104.00	\$	26,298.00
Loose Offering	\$	293.50	\$	746.60
Upper Room	\$	-	\$	13.00
Total General Funds	\$	9 207 50	<u>.</u>	27.057.60
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Equipment Replacement Fund	\$	84.00	\$	253.00
Capital	\$	84.00	\$	168.00
Missions & Specials	\$	71.00	\$	1,228.00
Other-Pastors Youth Fund	\$	25.00	\$	1,800.00
Designated Memorials-Choir	\$	300.00	\$	300.00
Undesignated Memorials	\$	130.00	\$	130.00
United Methodist Men	\$	131.00	\$	131.00
All Funds	\$	9,222.50	\$	31,067.60

GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS

STEWARDSHIP TASK FORCE UPDATE

Apportionments are a critically vital way we engage in the work of God's salvation. Through giving, the good news of Jesus Christ is not only proclaimed, but mentored, nurtured and shared around the globe. We could not be in such important and impactful work were it not for the faithful, sacrificial giving of individuals, congregations and conferences throughout the United Methodist Church. What we give is not just a nice thing, it is also a matter of salvation in body, mind and spirit for the giver.

We cannot do everything, but we can do just about anything we put our hearts and minds to. It is not resources we lack, but faith and imagination. When the vision is big enough and compelling enough, the financial resources appear. The reason we struggle to pay our apportionments is not that we lack adequate funds, it is that we are unaware of the amazing grace and wonderful work our apportionments make possible.

Our apportionments have been reduced for 2017. We should pay our apportionments first ~ each and every month pay our apportionments on time rather than waiting to see what we have left. With our apportionments having been reduced, we should start putting God first. He has provided us with an extraordinary opportunity. We should prayerfully consider what it would mean in our congregation to make paying our apportionments on time a top priority.



JUNE MEETING

June 20th ~ 6:30 pm Grantsburg UMC

JUNE MISSION: Central will fundraising for Paul Webster The Rev. Paul L. Webster is a missionary with Global Ministries. Originally from New Richmond, Wisconsin, Webster has been serving at the Mujila Falls Agriculture Centre in Kanyama, Zambia, since 1992. Mujila Falls is located in northwestern Zambia near the source of the Zambezi River Webster's work as a rural economic development specialist serves the needs of impoverished communities by addressing root causes of poverty. Through training and education in small animal husbandry, sustainable agriculture, tree nurseries, and much more, Webster is helping communities in Zambia provide for themselves an income from small-scale, family-based production activities. Webster said, "God has provided abundant land, water, and plant and animal resources to Africa; it is up to N

animal resources to Africa; it is up to Christ's church to provide knowledge, faith, and hope to its people."





United Methodist Men's June Meeting

Saturday, June 10th ~ 8:00am at church

Devotions: Charlie Wright Refreshments: Art Bistram



PLEASE NOTE:

The Garbage and Recycle pick-up day at Central has changed to Wednesdays.

United Methodist Women's

There will be no regular meeting in June.

June Bookclub selection:

Love in a Headscarf

by Shelina Zahra.

Monday, June 12th

4:30 pm at LuAnne Martell's Home

UMW Tea Party June 14th at 1:00 pm Grantsburg UMC

Kayleen Brandstad and Terry Giles have been working on some surprises.

Please mark you calendar for June 28th as the UMW Ladies will be traveling to Superior to Harbor House. Additional details to follow.

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

ATLAS NEWS



Liturgists

June 4	Carole Lahti
June 11	Sue Olson
June 18	Toni Koons-Joint Service
June 25	Roxane Brock
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Ushers

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June 4	Sue Olson
June 11	Colleen Norenberg
June 18	Carole Lahti-Joint Service
June 25	Lowell Paulson

Coffee Fellowship

June 18 Joint Service

Cleaning

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

6/4 & 6/11	Georgeanne Koons
6/18 & 6/25	Max Hauble

Nursery

June 4	
June 11	
June 18	
June 25	
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INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

Offerinas:

May 7 776.00 May 14 \$ 520.00 \$ 655.00 May 21

May 28 \$ Unavailable

Total \$ 1951.00 (as of 5/21)

\$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses.

May shortage = -\$ 1327.84

Thank you for your faithful financial support.



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING Sunday, June 25th 12:00 pm at Atlas UMC

TABLE & CHAIR USE POLICY: Please

note that the only tables that can be taken from the church are the older wooden tables. All items loaned out should be cleared with a council member and signed out on the

sign-out sheet and signed in when returned.



Troy Olson 6/5 Charlie Olson 6/7 Jamie & Mike Steffen 6/16 Shane Tooze 6/19 Don & Colleen Schween

6/28 6/29 Taryn Gaffey





DO YOU KNOW

the whereabouts of our 30-cup coffee maker? If you borrowed is and forgot to return it, please do so at your earliest convenience. If you know who may have it, please contact them and confirm whether it was returned or not.

Thank you!



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!





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! One man's trash is another man's treasure!



LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT

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



June: Cereal

Thank you for your support!

MAY MISSION ~ INGATHERING KITS

Thank you to all who donated items for the Ingathering Kits. Your support is greatly appreciated and will go a long way to help those in need in our own community.









The Pioneer Home is having a Craft and Bake Sale on June 17th from 8 am– 12 pm. They are asking for donations. Please sign up on the clipboard if you would like to support their efforts! Thank you!



June 4 ~ Confirmation Sunday @ SCF and WC June 12 ~ Pioneer Home Annual Meeting 7:00pm

June 17 ~ Pioneer Home Craft and Bake Sale 8:00-12pm

June 18 ~ Joint Service @ Atlas 10:30, coffee @ 9:30

Aug 8-10 ~ Vacation Bible School at Lake 26

Aug 12 ~ Atlas Thrift Sale

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Monthly Report ~ April 2017

Households Served Luck School District 56 Unity School District 19 Adults 101 Children 33 Other

134 New Families: Unity 0, Luck 4, Other 0 Total People

USDA Food Received NON-USDA (Donations) 354# 1437#

Groceries Purchased 380# Volunteer Hours 76 1/2

Items Needed: Canned meats (8 grams of protein or higher) and Peanut Butter.



ST. CROIX FALLS NEWS



HELPING HANDS

Liturgists

All of June Sharon Asp

Ushers

All of June Marjorie Broker

Altar Flowers

All of June Karen Sciacca

Coffee Hour

June 11 Steve & LeAnn Sylvester June 18 Joint Worship Service

June 25 Karen Sciacca

Communion / Paraments

June 4 Charlie & Joan Zeigler

Money Counters

All of June Karen Sciacca

St. Croix Falls' Wannigan Days The River Spirit Celebration

Second Weekend of June 9-11, 2017 For more information go to

www.wannigans.com





JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & LeAnn Sylvester



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MISCELLANEOUS



Wednesday, May 31st 5:00—8:00 pm

Pizza, Games, Crafts, Videos

All youth (grades 2-12) of the Upper St. Croix Parish are invited to come to Central UMC to celebrate the end of the school year. We will play games, make crafts, watch videos and make pizzas together.

Please email or text
Kim Wheeler at 715-431-1857 or
kimwheeler 70@yahoo.com
to RSVP so we can
plan enough food.

JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 18th Atlas UMC

9:30 am Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service



2017 Wisconsin Annual Conference! "One With Christ"

Join us June 16-19 at the Madison Marriott West as we enter a new quadrennium and rejoice in our unity with the Lord with our theme One With Christ. Your presence and gifts will add to our connections in ministry as we gather together in holy conferencing.

Vacation Bible Camp ~ August 8-10 at Lake 26



Benefits of VBS...

- † Children learn about religion through fun, age-appropriate activities.
- † Life lessons help every child learn how to be a good person and a friend to others.
- Perfect for younger children to get a feel for camp without having to go away overnight.
- * Kids meet new friends who share their beliefs.
- You don't have to be a church member to attend VBS.

Vacation Bible School is a wonderful opportunity for kids to socialize and learn more about religion in a relaxed setting. VBS has something for everyone. While activities are centered around teaching kids about God, VBS combines fun and learning without the formality of a Sunday service. Watch the bulletins and July newsletter for more details.



Readers & Greeters

June 4 Marcie Marquardt

June 11 Josh Davidsavor

June 18 Linda Chouinard

June 25 Donna Blair

Coffee Fellowship

June 25

Cleaner for June

All Month:

Wolf Creek News

REMEMBER THE FOOD SHELF

On Communion Sundays, you are invited to bring in donations for the SCF Food Pantry.



COMMUNION SUNDAY: June 4th



SERENITY HOME UPDATE

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone!

The Polk County Board of Supervisors agreed to renew our lease for 3 years!

Our homeless our housed, the hungry will be fed and the community will be served in great part because of your support!

I can not thank you each enough for the sharing of emails, your attendance and your prayers.

Moving Forward: Serenity Home has been told we have 3 years and a new location will have to be secured for our shelter.

Please be in prayer about where God may be leading our shelter.

Thank you and blessings to you all!

PS... As for Business as usual, We still could use clean up volunteers and silent auction items for our June 9th Backpack Fundraiser at The Amery Fire Hall
The Fundraiser benefits ALL of Polk County.
Please call 715-268-2275 or my cell 715-497-4438 if you have additional questions.

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

IMPORTANT DATES ... MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY
June 4th

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 6/16-6/19



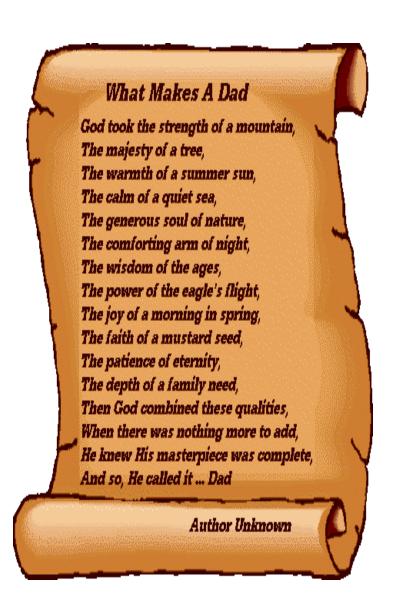
FATHER'S DAY June 18th



JOINT SERVICE June 18th 9:30, Fellowship 10:30 Service



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY DAD'S!



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FATHER'S DAY FUNNIES....

"You can tell what was the best year of your father's life, because they seem to freeze that clothing style and ride it out.", Jerry Seinfeld

Teacher (on phone): You say Michael has a cold and can't come to school today? To whom am I speaking?

Voice: This is my father.

— Submitted by Mike I., Midland, Mich.

Aftershave

Belt Book

Card Chocolate

Compass
Cuff Links
Golf Balls
Grilling Tools
Hat

Hat Keyring Mouse Pad

Mug Pen

Phone Case Pocket Knife

Razor Slippers Socks Tile Wallet

Watch

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 Food Shelf

"If you love me

**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 appear in page

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)

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



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.

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 Thursday 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







