

Upper St. Croix Parish  
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# UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

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**June 2018**

For June I am continuing the series of articles trying to explain Methodism in an easily understandable way, 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 Our Understanding (as Methodists) of Evil as It Exists in the World?**

We believe God is perfectly good and all-powerful. God created the best of all possible universes (Genesis 1:31). However, humans fell down to sin and evil because they used their free will, given by God. Human disobedience to God leads to evil. The immoral human nature brings evil.

First, systematic evil causes social problems like unemployment, homelessness, crime, and the gap between the rich and poor. It is not only a personal problem, but also a national and global problem. When I was a missionary, I witnessed this systematic evil in the Chechen Republic in the south of Russia. The nation of Chechen had some wars with Russia. Even though the war was finished, many people still lived in poverty and suffering. Yet there were many millionaires who were oil tycoons and had political power in Russia. Their houses looked like palaces. They had security through terrorism. Many Chechen people called them the Modern Tsars. Due to this broken system, the majority of the Chechen people live in poverty. Also, many children, youth and young adults follow and fall down to extremist Islam ideas. One of the main reasons for this is the economic hardship and injustice experienced by so many in the Chechen republic. Clearly, systematic evil causes human suffering and misery in the Chechen republic and all over the world.

Second, evil is both an individual and collective action. According to Genesis, humans were created in the image of God. However, the image of God in humans was broken because of the disobedience of humankind. This means individual evil is rooted in human disobedience towards God. Human corruption causes selfishness, greed and maliciousness. Violence, murder, racism, and discrimination came from human corruption. Beyond human evil, there is collective evil like Islamic State (ISIS), the extremist Islamic terrorist group in the Middle East. This is news to us. Several years ago, they captured some American and Western European journalists and cut off their heads. They even uploaded a video of it on to YouTube. Many people could not repress their astonishment. Of course, the Islamic State is only a small minority of Islam, so we should never make the mistake of hasty generalizations about the religion of Islam, but it shows how extreme theology and groups can be evil in the world.

Even though we have some problems in the world, I believe we will overcome our problems with God's grace. One of the most important things in the good news of Jesus Christ is that God gives us the power to overcome evil through God's grace (Romans 8). Also, we need to be self-controlled and alert to the evil power that is around us. Jesus taught us to pray "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." We should seek holiness and try to achieve Christian perfection as United Methodists and as Christians.



# GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS

**Liturgists**  
 June 3 Steve Briggs  
 June 10 John Elmgren  
 June 17 Kim Wheeler  
 June 24 Carol Drohman



**Coffee Fellowship**  
 June 3 Kay Lamphere  
 June 10 Bob Branstad & Sally Aldor  
 June 17  
 June 24 Valetta Walton



**Ushers**  
 June 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 June 10 Valetta Walton  
 June 17 \_\_\_\_\_  
 June 24 \_\_\_\_\_

**Altar Flowers**  
 June 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 June 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 June 17 \_\_\_\_\_  
 June 24 \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Doors on Sundays**  
 Open \_\_\_\_\_  
 Close \_\_\_\_\_

**Acolytes**  
 June 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
 June 10 \_\_\_\_\_  
 June 17 \_\_\_\_\_  
 June 24 \_\_\_\_\_



**Mowing**  
 All of June Rehbein Family



Laura Harmon 6/1

Keith Lehne 6/2

Rachel & Alex Bakker 6/6

Rod Dahl 6/9

Deb Hammer 6/15

Judith McCann 6/20

Elaine Frees 6/24

Tiffani Elmgren 6/29

## A GLANCE AT CENTRAL'S OFFERING INCOME THROUGH APRIL 2018



FUNDS	April	YEAR-TO-DATE
General Fund Gifts	\$ 5,960.36	\$23,768.36
Loose Offering	219.35	853.32
Upper Room	-----	7.00
Sunday School	-----	<u>100.00</u>
Total General Funds	\$ 6,179.71	\$24,729.18
Equipment Replacement Fund	84.00	536.00
Capital Fund	50.00	200.00
Missions	-----	160.00
Specials *	65.00 *	388.00
A /C Fund	-----	20.00
Youth Fund	25.00	150.00
Undesignated Memorials	175.00 **	275.00
UMM	<u>418.00</u>	<u>418.00</u>
All Funds	\$ 6,996.71	\$26,876.18

\*Native American Sunday \$65

\*\* Lorin Wedin from Taylor Funeral Home



# GRANTSBURG MEETINGS & EVENTS

## UNITED METHODIST MEN

There will be no meeting  
in June. The next meet-  
ing will be held on:

**Saturday, July 14th**  
**8:00am at**  
**Central UMC**

**Devotions:**  
**Steve Briggs**

**Refreshments:**  
**Dave Huff**



United  
Methodist  
Women  
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

**The next regular meeting will be held  
on June 13th at 1:00 pm in the  
fellowship hall. LuAnne Martell will  
be hosting.**



Central will be holding a rummage sale on Friday, June 1st (8am until 5pm) and Saturday, June 2nd (8am until noon) in conjunction with Big Gust Days in the village of Grantsburg.

You may bring donations for the sale throughout the month of May and set them in the large basement room, on the window side. If you have very large items or outdoor type items please wait and bring them in starting May 29th.

There will be a sign up sheet on the church clipboard during the month of May. We will need people to help set up on Wednesday and Thursday before the sale, people to work during the sale and people to help pack up after the sale and get the church ready for Sunday service.

Proceeds will go into the equipment replacement fund towards furnace replacement. Please be generous with your donations, time and purchases.

If you have questions or miss the sign up sheet and can help out call LuAnne Martell at 715-222-3016 or Kim Wheeler at 715-431-1857.

## SAVE the DATE...VBS July 31-August 2nd

### 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. Please contact Kim Wheeler if you'd like to volunteer to help out!



# GRANTSBURG MISCELLANEOUS



## Central's 2017 Finances in Review

We finished 2017 in good financial condition. Central's financial support and expenses were nearly equal and we paid 100% of our Apportionments.

At the Charge Conference Oct. 23, 2016 we approved a total budget of \$101,627, of that \$68,459 was Shared Expenses and \$33,187 was Central's operations and maintenance. The total of \$101,627 was further reduced by St. Croix Falls support of the Parish in the amount of \$6,720, and an Apportionment reduction on \$5,743. Leaving an amount of \$89,164 that was needed to meet our projected budget.

Our actual expenditures were \$84,957. Our income was \$85,413 which included General Giving (\$74,158), Fund Raising (\$1,498), Rental Income (\$6,000), Equitable Compensation (\$3,520), and Misc. \$237.

2017 was a good year for Central. In addition to meeting our financial obligation, we were able to save money for future expenses. We have established designated funds for an emergency Equipment Replacement Fund, a Capital Fund, and a Rental Reserve Fund. These should ensure that we are capable of meeting any unanticipated expenses.

2018 Looks to be a promising year with some notable changes coming. Given the strong support the congregation has shown over the past 28 years by completing Phase I, II, and III of the Building project without debit and joining the Upper St. Croix Parish.

With Faith and a positive attitude, we are in a good position to grow and prosper in our Church Family, Parish, and community outreach.

Mike Giles  
Finance Chair





## 2018 Annual Conference Entitled....



**June  
15th -18th**



- June 1-2: Rummage Sale at Central UMC**
- June 3-5: Pastors to NIC Annual Conference after services on the 3rd**
- June 11: UPH meeting at 7:00 pm**
- June 13-14: Pastor Kookho to Parish Youth Group Retreat at Wisconsin Dells**
- June 16: UPH Craft and Bake Sale**
- June 15-18: Pastors and church members to WI Annual Conference**

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### Sisters, We Still Have a Long Way to Go

*Published: 16 May 2018*

Being a United Methodist bishop brings me many joys and great satisfaction. I am constantly engaged in conversations about vision for the future, unlimited possibilities, and discernment in God's will for our Church. I serve with so many gifted men and women, in so many levels and capacities of the Church. Most days, I am proud, humbled and honored to be an Episcopal leader.

Then there are days when I feel burdened and sad. When we received the news that the two constitutional amendments concerning gender equality were defeated, I was deeply troubled. What did this mean? Were we saying women are not equal to men? Were we saying there should not be equal treatment and inclusion? Come on! This is not true of the Church I serve! We are rich in our diversity, beginning with gender diversity. Women are created in God's image. Women are led by God's Holy Spirit. Women are gifted to lead. I am proud that The United Methodist Church has long championed the rightness of women in ordained ministry, and in every leadership function at every level of the Church. And I feel very confident that the failure of these constitutional amendments to pass has more to do with other factors than respect and acceptance of women as equal in every way to men.

But, my sisters, we still have a long way to go. There is still sexism in our Church; as there is racism, and other forms of division and exclusion. We have come far – and need to celebrate that – but we still must do better. My heart goes out to every female colleague – and indeed to all our women in The United Methodist Church – for ways they feel dishonored, disrespected, and dismissed. The hurt this has caused is tragic.

My commitment is to lead a Church for all God's people. I am not a bishop who takes sides; I am a bishop who makes space for as many as possible. I am a better pastor, bishop, and man because of the wonderful, gifted women who have nurtured and mentored me along the way. I will continue to do everything in my power to challenge sexism in all its forms, and to bring healing and wholeness to our body of Christ. There can be no unity when one part of the body denies the worth and value of any other part of the body (I Corinthians 12:12-26) and I believe in a body of all, for all. I invite you to be in prayer with me that we may one day become the Church that honors and celebrates every child of God equally and equitably. Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung



# ATLAS NEWS

June 3  
June 10  
June 17  
June 24

## Liturgists

Toni Koons  
Roxane Brock

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June 3  
June 10  
June 17  
June 24

## Ushers

Don Schween  
Cheryl Olson

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## Coffee Fellowship

June 24

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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.)

6/3 & 6/10  
6/17 & 6/24

Cheryl Olson

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## INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

### Offerings:

May 6	\$ 2332.50
May 13	\$ 1656.63
May 20	\$ 1180.00
May 27	\$ Unavailable
Total	\$ 5169.13 (as of 5/27)



\$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses.

May overage = \$1890.29

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



## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

July 15th

12:00 pm at Atlas UMC



Thank you to Meryl Walsten and Marjorie Mattson for planting flowers in the front planter in memory of Dorothy Melin. A beautiful gesture for a beautiful woman.

ICE CREAM, SHAKES & POPSICLES  
SIZZLING BBQ  
FUN IN THE SUN  
poolside  
DAD, DADDY, DADA  
SUMMER  
FLIP FLOPS  
Sunglasses

## 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







# Missions GOINGS-ON & Whatnots

The **May/June missions** for the Ingathering at Annual Conference are needed by Sunday, June 10.

We are looking for donations of the following items:

- ✦ Bath hand towels
- ✦ Toothpaste 2.5 oz. or larger and toothbrushes
- ✦ Bath wash cloth
- ✦ Bar soap/razors



## Atlas UMC Annual Thrift and Bake Sale



**Saturday, August 4th** will be the date of this year's sale. The sale will run from 9:00 am-1:00 pm with the dollar bag sale starting at noon. 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!

### 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  
Taryn Gaffey 6/29



**The Pioneer Home** is having a Craft and Bake Sale on June 16<sup>th</sup> from 8 am– 12 pm. They are asking for donations. Please drop off donations at United Pioneer Home by the 15<sup>th</sup> if you would like to support their efforts!

**Thank you!**



### LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT



On Communion Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> you are invited to bring donations for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Luck. We do keep a basket out for donations brought at any time as well.

**June: CEREAL**

## LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY Monthly Report ~ April 2018

Households Served	57	Luck School District	31
Adults	92	Unity School District	25
Children	<u>22</u>	Other	1
Total People	114	New Families: Unity 3, Luck 1, Other 0	
USDA Food Received	1285#	NON-USDA (Donations)	698#
Groceries Purchased	1185#	Volunteer Hours	64

**Items Needed: Juice, Peanut butter and boxed potatoes.**





# ST. CROIX FALLS NEWS



## Liturgists

All of June Sharon Asp

## Ushers

All of June Jim Andrews

## Altar Flowers

All of June Karen Sciacca

## Coffee Hour

June 10 Steve & LeAnn Sylvester  
June 17 Administrative Council  
June 24 \_\_\_\_\_

## Communion / Paraments

June 3 Steve & LeAnn Sylvester

## Money Counters

All of June Jim Andrews



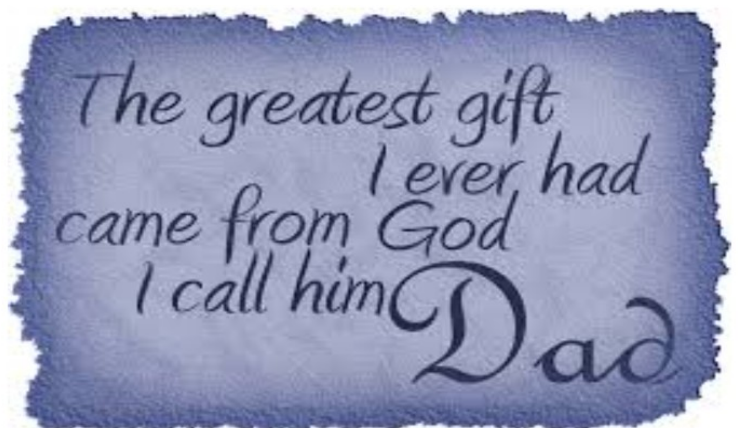
Steve & LeAnn Sylvester

6/29

## June Mission & Sailor Hat Offering:

Habitat for Humanity  
Harbor House

The Cell Tower Tithe will  
be used to support June  
Missions.



**HAPPY FATHERS DAY**  
**JUNE 17TH, 2018**

Helping Hands



## POTLUCK



6:00 pm  
Wed., June 20th

St. Croix Falls UMC

...all are welcome!

# ST. CROIX FALLS



*SCF/TF Rotary, MidWest*

*One Bank & Music On*

*The Overlook present*

**Wannigan Days 2018**

*The 60th Anniversary*

*River Spirit Celebration*

*Taylors Falls, MN &*

*St Croix Falls, WI*

***July 20-22, 2018***



## ***Music on the Overlook***

***Fridays in Downtown St. Croix Falls***

***at 6:30 pm***

***Check out their Facebook page:***

***Music On The Overlook St Croix Falls, WI***

***or their website for more information ...***

***<http://www.musicontheoverlook.com/>***



**Music On The Overlook**  
**St Croix Falls Summer 2018**  
**Fridays Downtown 6:30 pm**  
**Free Family Friendly Concerts**







# Wolf Creek 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: June 3**

### Readers & Greeters

June 3 Barb Davidsavor  
June 10 Phoenix Nelson  
June 17 Marcie Marquardt  
June 24 Josh Davidsavor

### Coffee Fellowship

June 24 \_\_\_\_\_

### Cleaner for June

All Month: \_\_\_\_\_



## June is National Safety Month

**J**une is National Safety Month. Our focus this year is **Summer Safety for Seniors.**

Summer is a time to get out and enjoy the activities the warmer weather presents. It's also a time to be aware of the safety concerns the summer brings. Read the attached fact sheets for more information on the following summer safety issues:

### Summer Poison Hazards

You may not think of being poisoned when you think of summer. However, bites, stings, food poisoning, sun poisoning, poison plants and mushrooms, insect repellents, pesticides, snake bites, and animal bites are all examples of poisons that are prevalent during the summer months.

be dangerous to the average person, and are best left to the professionals.



### Fall Prevention

An older person falls every second of every day, but fortunately most falls can be prevented by making simple changes to one's environment and/or physical state.

### Home Safety Tips

Summer is a great time to evaluate your home for safety hazards. You'll want to prevent falls, safety-proof your home, protect against fire dangers, screen for bathroom hazards, and protect yourself against abuse such as telephone scams and other fraudulent activities.



# A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

## GIVING

### Questions for a Money Autobiography, Pt 3 June 2018

*His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' (Matthew 25:23)*

#### *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.

#### **Management Questions concerning money and wealth**

- In what ways are you a good manager of money? In what ways are you a poor manager of money?
- How do you feel about talking about your finances with other people? Why do you feel this way?
- Do you use credit cards? Do you pay the monthly balances in full? How does buying on credit make you feel? Why?
- How much money do you wish you had in the bank/invested? How did you arrive at this figure? How close is this to what you have?
- How much money do you give to church and charity? Do you tithe? How do you decide how much to give? Where to give?
- Do you have a personal budget? Why? How do you make decisions about what to spend, what to save, and what to give?
- What are your greatest financial concerns? How have you made decisions concerning retirement, insurance, drafting a will, etc? If you have not done so, why not?

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](http://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.



John 21:15-19

# 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](http://www.amery.ucc.org) or [office.ameryucc@gmail.com](mailto: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**

