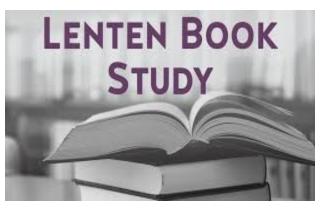
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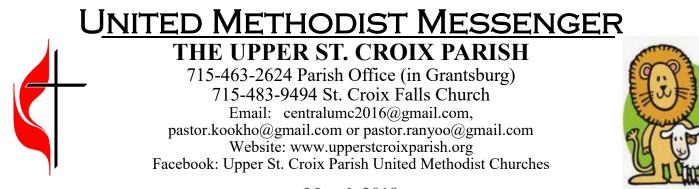
ADAM HAMILT

#### *Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It by Adam Hamilton*

5 Sessions on Wednesdays in March & April

3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, and 4/10 10:30 am at Central and 6:00 pm at St. Croix Falls





**March 2019** 

I want to share part of my sermon from Jan 20, 2019 with you as we wait for the results from the upcoming 2019 Special General Conference being held February 23 - 26, 2019. I Hope and pray that this sermon will help you (the congregation) with how we solve this issue in the love of God as children of the same God and the same church family.

#### "Let Us Stay United. -1 Corinthians 12:1-11-"

In all ages, it is not easy to recognize and respect the diversity of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. People usually tend to reject or feel threatened by something different or something new. However, obviously, each one of us is given different gifts of the Holy Spirit. If we all received the same gift, with no difference at all, it would be rather strange. The Message records 1 Corinthians 12:7 this way: "Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful." The Corinthians misunderstood something different as something wrong. But, different is different. How can we say you are wrong because you are different?

Although we all have received various gifts of the Holy Spirit abundantly, we do not use them wisely in the church. We do not use them to be one with Christ and one with each other and to work together, united in Spirit. Instead we continue to disunite and to judge each other. However, we need to remember that in spite of all the differences, we are one, united with Christ and with one another in the Spirit of God.

For a long time, the United Methodist Church could not be truly united in one Spirit because many people have different understandings of Human Sexuality. Even though we believed that the Bible is definitively the primary source of our faith and theological reflection for United Methodists, each party – fundamentalist and progressivist-have different ways to interpret the scripture. They fight each other with completely different interpretations on the same scriptures. They interpret them to strengthen their voice. However, for all Christians, the focal point of the Bible should always be Jesus Christ. In Matthew 22:37-40, Jesus gave us the great commandment: love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and love your neighbors as yourself. All the Laws and the Prophets depend on these two commands.

Until now, we spent so much time and energy trying to define who is right and who is wrong, but from this effort, the only thing that we have found out is just how different we are from each other. Now it is the time to sincerely pray and think about how we speak together about all the differences. Since we are different, we need each other. Argument, conflict, judgement, and division are not the way forward. We need to focus on how we walk together for the kingdom of God and go altogether for it beyond our differences.

Remember, whether you support the fundamentalist or progressivist viewpoint or just stay in the middle, each one of us is a neighbor to each other whom Jesus taught us to love. As we have always been, by the Spirit of God we are one in Christ and one with each other in ministry to all the world until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Let us stay united. Praise God. Amen.

**STAY UNITED** 



Blessings, Pastor Kook Ho



### Well Done Wisconsin

His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy steward; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Matthew 25:21

I want to echo the gospel writers, my faithful sisters and brothers, "Well done, good and trustworthy stewards!" We have so much to celebrate as the Wisconsin Conference. I am inspired and excited by your faithfulness in moving together through a challenging and often difficult year financially. As the cabinet, Council on Finance and Administration, Personnel Committee, and the leadership of our boards and agencies pulled together to make significant financial decisions, we were able to make appropriate adjustments to both finish with our budget in the black AND to pay our general church apportionments 100%!

This was not easy, and at times felt almost impossible, but we walked by faith, rather than by sight, and pulled together in amazing ways to do excellent ministry with fewer resources. One reason for this is that our leaders collaborated in significant ways. Instead of protecting budgets and competing for resources, we worked together as one conference, helping all to do the best way possible. In the biblical tradition of the church in Corinth, those in our conference with more resources shared abundantly with those who had less, and we were able to cover our missional needs.

And our local congregations stepped up as well, supporting our Mission churches and critical ministries not fully funded this past year. There were painful cuts to staffing, and some of our important ministries were deferred, but the way we worked together to find creative solutions was miraculous. We offer great thanks to our Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation for their guidance and support through this time. Much appreciation goes to our Council on Finance and Administration for the new and improved accountability processes for our budgeting and spending.

To every church that paid their apportionments in full, thank you for your leadership and witness; and to those who faithfully paid as much as they could, we express appreciation as well. If every church will work toward 100% payment, we will see amazing things happen in the Wisconsin Conference.

All of this excellent news lays a firm foundation upon which we build our Launch Out! campaign. I want to share with you the excitement and passion people are beginning to express about our faith-raising campaign. And I emphasize FAITH-raising, not just fund-raising. People are not responding because of financial need but due to a transformative vision for vital, life-giving, life-saving, disciple-making ministry in Wisconsin's future. People are catching the vision and making substantial investments in the future ministry of our Conference. While a few voices question the timing of this campaign – given short-term financial challenges and the uncertainty of the upcoming special session of General Conference – the vast majority want to stay focused on exciting ministry and the ways we can honor and glorify God through our stewardship and service. Many say that regardless of what happens in February, the work of God must go on.

In times of anxiety and uncertainty, our faith is put to the test. I am proud and excited to say that Wisconsin Conference is passing this test with flying colors. We are preparing to Launch Out! in faith, to do God's will, to share in God's work, and to bring God's realm to fruition in each and every one of our faith communities. Blessings to you all. Well done, good and faithful stewards!

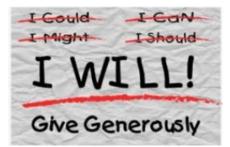
Grace and Peace,

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung



# GIVING Why Do I Give March 2019

The wicked borrow and do not repay, but the righteous give generously. *(2 Psalm 37:21)* 



People give to the church for a variety of reasons that form a hierarchy of motivations. Where they fall on the hierarchy is related closely to how much, proportionately, they give; how willingly they give; how they respond to being asked to pledge their support to the mission and ministry of the church, and how openly they talk about their giving. What motivates you to give?

Some people feel **called** to give out of their faith. Giving generously feels right and natural. It is a part of their discipleship. In turn, they are grateful for their own blessings including a place in the church where they can contribute.

Some people feel **fulfilled** by giving. They derive joy, energy and good feelings from giving. They value the church in their lives and want to support it so it is there for others.

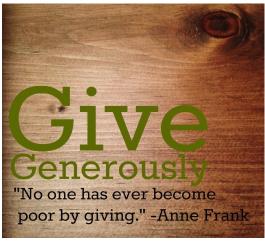
Some people **value** giving as a duty. It is the right thing to do and creates good in the world. Giving influences the community for good and connects the giver with the community.

Some people would feel **guilty** if they did not give. They feel giving is something they should do, even if they would rather not. Alternatively, that fear they will be shamed if they do not give.

Finally, some people feel **coerced**. They feel their situation compels them to give.

Which of these describes why you give? Which do you think would be most pleasing to God? Next month, how to move up the hierarchy...

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

# **GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS**

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Lent ... not just for bellybuttons





Funds	Jar	nuary 2019	Ye	ar-to-Date 2019
General Funds Gifts	\$	4,940.00	\$	4,940.00
Loose Offering	\$	131.00	\$	131.00
Upper Room	\$	2.00	\$	2.00
Other			\$	-
Total General Funds	\$	5,073.00	\$	5,073.00
Equipment Replacement				
Fund	\$	84.00	\$	84.00
Capital	\$	50.00	\$	50.00
Missions	\$	1,100.00	\$	1,100.00
Specials	\$	30.00	\$	30.00
A/C Fund	\$	20.00	\$	20.00
Other-Pastors Youth Fund	\$	25.00	\$	25.00
Central's Youth Fund	\$	-	\$	-
Undesignated Memorials			\$	-
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All Funds	\$	6,382.00	\$	6,382.00

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

# GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS

MARCH MISSION

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The March mission project is collecting seed packets for the Jackson Area Ministries Green Thumb Gardening Project. Check the mission board for the type of seeds needed. In 2018 3,235 families in 19 south eastern Ohio counties received seeds, tomato plants and/or seed potatoes. There were 26 Community gardens were planted.







MARCH MEETING

**ADMIN COUNCIL** 

**MEETING** 

**Tuesday, March 19** 

6:30 pm

**Central UMC** 

Sat., March 9th 8:00 AM Central UMC

**Devotions -** Charles Wright **Refreshments -** Floyd Drohman

# BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!

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

#### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S**

Our main topic of study for 2019 will be "Living Simply" to follow through with our church's "Treasures" study, financial campaign theme and a UMW mission study "What About Our Money". We will be gathering ideas for reusing, repurposing, reducing waste, organizing our homes, recycling and living in harmony with our planet. Also, to tie in with this year's 150 Year Legacy Celebration, we hope to resurrect some of the depression/war era recipes and practices of those women who have gone before us. Bring your ideas, in writing, to the meetings. We also welcome ideas from non-members. Place them in the UMW mailbox at church or send them to LuAnne Martell at Ibmavon@gmail.com. Hopefully all of the submitted ideas can be compiled into a booklet.

On February 13th we had a cleaning crew of five to work in the kitchen. Thank you to all who came to help. When I arrived back at church at 4:00 pm to bake pizzas for the Go Fish Kids, it felt good to walk into a newly cleaned kitchen. We still have some silver to clean and it has been pointed out that there is brass to clean from the church altar so I'll try to organize another cleaning day in the spring. At noon we quit for lunch and fellowship. Kayleen brought her delicious Chicken Taco Soup and fresh bread to supplement our bag lunches. Pastor Ran joined us for lunch and the meeting that followed. We planned the menu and worker shifts for the March 13th Blood Drive. Please (all congregation) take a look at the church clipboard sign up sheet to see how you can help. We also talked about the 150 Year Legacy Celebration in Eau Claire on March 23rd. Information about the days activities and registration are in the February "Weaver" newsletter that I've pinned to the bulletin board. A great deal of work has gone into planning a great day. Please consider attending. UMW is willing to help with a hotel room for those who want to drive down on Friday, March 22nd. For mission giving, our unit will be donating to the church general fund in conjunction with the church February mission and to the Youth Fund for their summer trips. Members were encouraged to read books from the UMW Reading Program. Books from 2014-2019 apply towards completing reading levels this year. Titles can be found online, search UMW Reading Program and click "all books".

The next meeting will be at 1:00 pm, at church, on April 10th. Pastor Ran will be speaking to us about the Butterfly House in St. Croix Falls. We will have a "prayer bead" craft. Valetta will serve refreshments.

LuAnne Martell, UMW President.



# Make A Difference



#### Liturgists

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Mar. 24 Mar. 31	Roxane Brock	

#### Cleaning

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

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3/24 & 3/31

#### Sunday School

	(Older/Middle/Primary)
Mar. 3	Mariah Gaffey/Kristie Olson/Cheryl Olson
Mar. 10	Jamie Steffen//
Mar. 17	Mariah Gaffey/Jamie Steffen/
Mar. 24	/Kristie Olson/
Mar. 31	

#### Fellowship

**ADMIN COUNCIL** 

**MEETING** 

Sunday, March 17th

12:00 pm

Atlas UMC

Mar. 17 Mariah Gaffey



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Feb. 3	
Feb. 10	
Feb 17	
Feb. 24	
Total	

736.67 190.00 935.00 <u>\$ Unavailable</u> \$ 1861.67 (as of 2/17)



\$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses. Feb. shortage = \$1417.17

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

#### **Plant 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!





Chaz Norenberg 3/3 Mariah Gaffey 3/8 Colleen Adams-Schween 3/10 Wren Rae Grimes 3/12 Barry Norenberg 3/16 Chase Steffen 3/23 Meryl Walsten 3/25 Don Schween 3/28









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**ONGOING SUPPORT** On Communion Sunday, March 3rd you are invited to bring food

SAVINGS

SUNDAY

MARCH **10TH** 

TURN

YOUR **CLOCKS** 

ONE

HOUR

for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Luck. We do keep a basket out for donations brought at any time as well.

March: Canned Vegetables

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

Households Served 41 Adults 54 Children 18 **Total People** 72 USDA Food Received 850# **Groceries Purchased** 

Luck School District 22 Unity School District 18 Other New Families: Unity 2 Luck 0, Other 1 NON-USDA (Donations) 1349# Volunteer Hours 51.5

**Items Needed:** Meat product (canned ravioli etc 8 grams protein or higher) Cereal and Juice.



# 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, kidfriendly soups, personal hygiene items...please be sure your items have not expired. Thank you!



HUNGER

**Communion Sunday: March 3rd** 



#### THANK YOU FROM THE SCF FOOD SHELF

Thank you for your generous donations and the awesome support for the food shelf. There is a "Big Give" coming on April 30th. Will you consider giving big to your local food shelf and to the other organizations in the county? To give to the Food Shelf, write out a check to St. Croix Falls Food Shelf C/O United Methodist Church, PO Box 458, St. Croix Falls, WI 54024 or you can go online to https://www.mightycause.com/story/St-Croix-Falls-Food-Shelf

Thank you so much!



# MARCH MISSIONS

#### **Community Referral Agency**

**Community Referral Agency provides** support and services to Polk and Burnett County's victims of family violence.

#### Serenity Home

Serenity Home offers shelter to families and single individuals in the Balsam Lake area, including Polk County.

#### **Butterfly House**

The mission of the Butterfly House is to provide a safe, sober residence for women in recovery, peer-to-peer fellowship and support, and educational experiences that will aid them in the transition back into their families and communities.

Liturgists

All of March Karen Sciacca

# SONAI Ushers



All of March Marjorie Broker

#### **Altar Flowers**

All of March Peter & Kathleen Gionis

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Jim & Fay Andrews Administrative Council Joan Zeigler

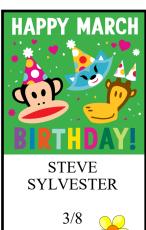
#### **Communion / Paraments**

Peter & Kathleen Gionis

All of March Jim Andrews









#### **MARCH FUN FACTS:**

- 1. March is when animals start to come out of hibernation.
- 2. The name March comes from the Roman god of war, Mars.
- 3. The telephone was patented in March 1876
- 4. Birthstone is Aquamarine
- Signs: Pisces 2/19-3/20 or Aries 3/21-4/19
- March is National Nutrition Month!



KIDS FUN SUNDAY

> Atlas UMC Sunday, March 31st 12:00 pm

All children are welcome!

#### PARISH YOUTH & PARENT MEETING

Sunday, March 24th 4:00 pm SCF Parsonage



GO FISH & FRIENDS

FUN NIGHT

Wednesday, March 13th

5:00-6:30 pm

Central UMC

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD UPDATE

Here is an update on last year's collection results...

- International grand total boxes collected 10,600,000
- Upper Midwest Region total 526,850
- Since 1993 over 167 million shoe boxes has been delivered to over 160 countries
- In 2017 over 4 million children enrolled in the Greatest Journey follow-up lessons with over 1.9 million expressing a decision to be Christ followers.
- 8,801,607 shoeboxes were packed in the United States in 2018

What an amazing way to spread the word and God's love around the world!



The United Methodist Women are sponsoring the American Red Cross Blood Drive on March 13th at T-Dawgs Convention Center.

Beverages and snacks are served all afternoon to those who donate blood. The workers will have lunch provided in the afternoon from 2:30-3:30 pm as well. The Canteen and lunch are organized and food provided by Central Church and the United Methodist Women. T-Dawgs will provide the beverages.

There is a sign up sheet on the clipboard if you are able to donate food or your time please indicate that on the sheet. Carol Drohman and Valetta Walton are the co-chairs for this event. If you have any questions please let them know.

We are also looking for blood donors! Please mark your calendar, stop by and help others in need. You donation saves lives!

MARCH 13, 2019 12:00—6:00 PM T-DAWGS CONVENTION CENTER GRANTSBURG





At the last Youths and parents meeting at Central on Jan 13, we decided to have a youth fundraising event for the Summer Retreat (Expected to be in the Middle of June) and the Summer Mission Trip (July 21-

26 in Superior, WI). We will have a Spaghetti Dinner &a Silent Auction to support these two youth events. We are asking for donations from the churches to maximize our fundraising efforts. Please, donate food and auction items if possible to help support this event. Please see the clipboard at each church for addition information and to sign up! You can also support this event through your presence, prayers, and spreading the word! We are a small group but we can do BIG things through Christ.



Sunday, April 7th 4:00-7:00 pm

Central United Methodist Church, Grantsburg WI



Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" and the reverent spirit of Lent is tempered with joyful anticipation of the Resurrection.

#### HOW SHOULD I OBSERVE LENT?

There is no one prescribed right way. We are each encouraged to find our own method of confronting our sinfulness, remembering our mortality and giving thanks for the gift of salvation we receive through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Some common practices are fasting or abstaining from certain things, reading your Bible, prayer, service work and making time for rest. You determine what is right for you...



# **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

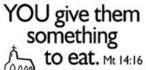
# Family Pathways Food Shelf—2000 US Hwy 8, St Croix Falls Phone: 715-483-2920

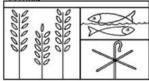
Open Monday 9–5 pm, Tuesday 9-5 pm, Wednesday 12 pm– 6 pm, Thursday 9-5 pm, Friday 9–5 pm, & Saturday 9-Noon











#### **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 <u>http://www.rubyspantry.org/distribution/distschedule.htm</u>

#### 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 II 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.





