

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

September

Train a child in
the way he should
go, and when he is
old he will not
turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6



GOOD LUCK THIS YEAR!

UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

715-463-2624 Parish Office (in Grantsburg)

715-483-9494 St. Croix Falls Church

715-483-9904 Parsonage

Email: centralumc2016@gmail.com,

pastor.kookho@gmail.com or pastor.ranyoo@gmail.com

Website: www.upperstcroixparish.org

Facebook: Upper St. Croix Parish United Methodist Churches



I have written a series of easily understandable articles for many months, continuing in the September newsletter, to explain Methodism through my ministerial experiences and theologies.

This month, I wrote a short article about Holy Communion based on Methodist theology. I hope these articles will help you better understand Methodism as it pertains to Holy Communion and confirm and develop your faithful identification as a Methodist.

Any questions and thoughts for the pastors about Methodism and the article are welcome!

Q) What Is the Meaning of Holy Communion in the United Methodist Church?

The second sacrament is Holy Communion. Where baptism represents the outward sign of an inward cleansing and initiates us into the body of Christ, Holy Communion is the continuous sacramental relationship with Christ through the table. Holy Communion, like baptism, is an “act of worship” and a means of grace. Through Holy Communion, we “open ourselves to the divine love that’s already there.” It is an experience of God’s love, and for us, it is thanksgiving to God for what God has done for us. It is an act of worship, an act of participation, and an act of remembrance.



Through Holy Communion, we worship God with thanksgiving and participate in God’s family meal, across the ages and the world, as we remember Jesus’ death and resurrection. Through the breaking of the bread, we remember Jesus’ body that was broken for us. Through the wine, we remember Jesus’ blood that was shed for us. In all, we remember Jesus’ death on the cross as the atonement of humankind.

Holy Communion is not only remembering that Jesus died for us, it is also remembering Christ died, was raised, and then ascended into heaven. We celebrate the victory of Jesus’ resurrection within the presence of Jesus. Finally, Holy Communion is the time to remember that Jesus will come again. The promise of Jesus’ coming gives us assurance and hope that sin and death will be defeated. Through Holy Communion, we have a foretaste of the final victory.

United Methodists consider the sacraments to be holy. Baptism and Holy Communion have great importance in terms of United Methodist theology and also in practical ministry.

Blessings,
Pastor Kook Ho

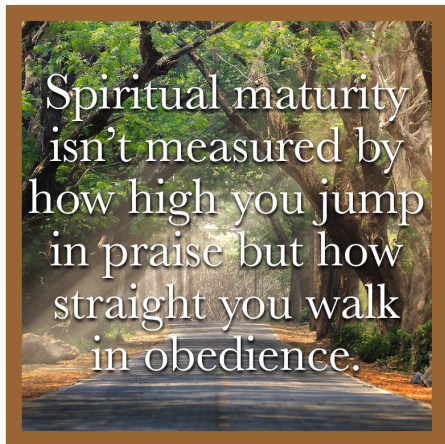


A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

GIVING

Spiritual Maturity in Stewardship September 2018

I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready... (1 Corinthians 3:1–2)



The goal of discipleship is spiritual maturity. As Scripture tells us in Hebrews 6:1, “Therefore let us go on toward perfection, leaving behind the basic teaching about Christ, and not laying again the foundation”. The aim of mature spirituality is to have the same mindset as Christ Jesus, but usually comes in stages of commitment whether it be prayer, presence, service, witness, or giving.

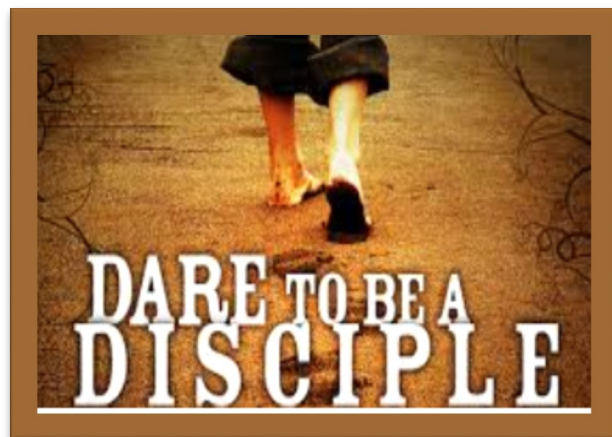
Previously, we identified four stages of giving. In **Stage 1**, people spend on themselves and give to God from what is left over. They usually give little or nothing. They are not ready to commit.

In **Stage 2**, people take responsibility and wonder what equal shares of the goal (e.g., church budget) are. Of course, this fails to recognize that households have different levels of resources. People at this stage are ready to give regularly and many of commit to pledging.

In **Stage 3**, people want to put God first in their lives, even if they must change spending habits and attitudes toward having things. They understand that an offering to God is intended to be a sacrifice. They look to move toward tithing, giving ten percent of their income to God, by increasing the percentage of income they give each year.

In **Stage 4**, people want to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. They see even what they spend on their own needs to be support for their discipleship. Often, their giving to church substantially exceeds the 10 percent tithing mark. Where are you in your discipleship journey? Is this the year, you make a change? Let's pray for one another as we grow together.

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

Spread Scriptural Holiness Over the Land

In the "Large" Minutes, John Wesley summarized his understanding of Methodism's purpose: "What may we reasonably believe to be God's design in raising up the Preachers called Methodists? A. To reform the nation and, in particular, the Church; to spread scriptural holiness over the land."



United Methodists take note: we are here to reform the nation and spread scriptural holiness over the land. We cannot sit idly by while injustice occurs, oppression exists, and violence is commonplace. We are a people committed to evangelism – spreading the good news of Jesus Christ – missions – caring for the vulnerable, those at risk, and those who have never been introduced to the gospel – and social justice – those oppressed, violated, and unjustly treated. These are priorities set for us by John Wesley himself, and the source from which he drew these conclusions was the Holy Scripture.

Wesley was concerned that those not well-acquainted and deeply invested in our Christian scriptures would err in four important ways:

- focus on membership and its retention to reverse the trend of membership decline,
- lack of theological reflection,
- disinterest in sustained Christian practices or spiritual disciplines, and
- reluctance to engage the other, particularly across socio-economic boundaries, including wealth-sharing.

These four problems could only occur if church leaders – particularly pastors – failed to understand the Bible. It could be argued that these four concerns pretty well define our Church in the 21st century. Perhaps if we hope to turn our denomination around in the United States, we need to recommit to a scriptural holiness that worries less about numbers, more about theological engagements, recovers and embraces essential spiritual practices, and commits to radical and transformational justice.

The United Methodist Church is a scriptural holiness Church. I offer a challenge to all our laity and clergy leadership that reflects these four Wesleyan concerns:

- Let us focus on the quality of our ministries, and reach out to new, young, and diverse people.
- Let us make theological reflection and Christian conversation a top priority.
- Let us recover and embrace an active practice of the means of God's grace.
- Let us engage with the poor, the hungry, the homeless, the ill, the imprisoned, the stranger, the deprived, and the dispossessed wherever and whenever possible.

If we will address just these four issues of our faith, we will engage in a level of scriptural holiness unheard of in our age, and we will live as empowered and gifted Christian disciples actively participating in God's miraculous transformation of our world.

Grace and Peace,

Amazon Smile

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the Upper St. Croix Parish.



Between April 1st and June 30th we received \$9.35 from Amazon Smile. This money will be used to support our parish's next generation. Thank you to those who are using the link below when shopping through Amazon. Please feel free to share this link with anyone you know who shops through Amazon. You receive the same products at the same price yet you can make a big difference in supporting our youth!

Copy and past the address below (or click on the link if you're seeing it electronically) into your browser and then bookmark the page for future use. Once you log into your account you can bookmark that and it will save your information if you make that selection! Thank you for your support!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/23-7429002>

MISCELLANEOUS



Youth Group & Parents will meet on
Sun., Sept. 23rd at 4:00 pm at the
St. Croix Falls Parsonage to kick-off this
year's Youth Group Meetings

All youth 6th grade and older are invited!

Upcoming EVENTS

September 3: Labor Day-Church office closed

September 4: First Day of School
(Grantsburg, Frederic, Luck, St. Croix Falls)

September 9: Blessing of the Backpacks (All churches)
Rally Sunday at Atlas
Grandparents Day at Atlas

September 11: SPRC Meeting at parsonage, 6 pm

September 13: Parish Admin Council Meeting at Atlas, 6pm

September 16: SCF Invitation & Homecoming Sunday, 10 am

September 19: Go Fish Fun Night at Grantsburg, 5:00-6:30 pm
Potluck at St. Croix Falls, 6 pm

September 23: First Day of Fall
Parish Youth & Parents Mtg at Parsonage, 4 pm

September 30: Kids Fun Sunday at Atlas, 12 pm

October 12: Central UMC Harvest Supper, Friday 4-7 pm

November 10: Charge Conference, Saturday 10 am



All students and teachers,
please bring your back-pack
to church on Sunday,
September 9th and they will
all be blessed by Pastor
Kook Ho or Pastor Ran
during the children's message
portion of Sunday's service.

All are welcome to attend so
students and adults should
feel free to extend an
invitation to their friends,
teachers, and neighbors!

We look forward to a safe,
educational and inspirational
school year!



10 REASONS

to bring your child to Sunday School

While sleeping late can be nice, have you considered the benefits of Sunday School attendance for your child. Here are 10 reasons to make it a priority in your family.

1. Age Targeted Teaching: Where else can your kids get Biblical instruction that's focused toward their developmental abilities?

2. Friends: In Sunday School, your child will build positive friendships with their peers by discovering God's Word together.

3. It's Fun: Sunday School is not Disney Land, but our teachers do work hard to teach the Bible in ways that are relevant and fun for kids.

4. Spiritual Mentors: A dedicated teacher can be a Christian role model who supports you and helps inspire the faith of your child.

5. Systematic Bible Learning: Our curriculum is designed to give a broad foundation, so children will understand how all the parts of Scripture point to Christ.

6. Praying Teachers: Our teachers consistently pray for your child's faith to grow. Coming to Sunday School gives another occasion for God to answer those requests.

7. Big Reward For a Small Investment: If you're already coming to church, just come a little earlier. That one change will equal over 800 hours of additional Christian teaching before your child graduates.

8. Send the Right Message: Making Sunday School a priority shows your kids that God's Word really does matter more than pillow-time.

9. Adult Bible Fellowship: While the children enjoy their class, you can fellowship with other adults in your own Bible study group.

10. You'll Be On Time: Families who come to Sunday School always get to worship on time. It's the easiest way to avoid being late.



GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS

Liturgists

Sept. 2
Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30

Kim Wheeler
John Elmgren

Ushers

Sept. 2
Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30

Dave Huff
Charles Wright
Charles Wright
Valetta Walton

Church Doors on Sundays

Open
Close

Mowing

9/2 & 9/9
9/16 & 9/23
9/30 & 10/7

Steve Briggs
Brad Rehbein
Brad Rehbein

Coffee Fellowship

Sept. 2
Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30

Julie Branstad
Valetta Walton
Mary Lou & Charles Wright



Altar Flowers

Sept. 2
Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30



Acolytes

Sept. 2
Sept. 9
Sept. 16
Sept. 23
Sept. 30



Aug. Counter Dan Harmon

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September

Andy Loomis 9/6
David Roelfs 9/12
Don Anderson 9/12
Ravi Roelfs 9/12
Linda Hokanson 9/18
Matt Elmgren 9/19
Jennifer Huff 9/20
Eliza Paulson 9/24
Louise Reisewitz 9/26
Terry Giles 9/26
Doris Olson 9/27
Mariah Zastrow 9/28



A GLANCE AT CENTRAL'S OFFERING INCOME THROUGH JULY 2018



Funds	July 2018	Year-to_Date 2018
General Funds Gifts	\$ 4,682.50	\$ 39,292.86
Loose Offering	\$ 106.50	\$ 1,278.03
Upper Room	\$ 2.00	\$ 14.00
Sunday School	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Garage Salle	\$ -	\$ 1,089.82
Other	\$ -	\$ 175.00
Total General Funds	\$ 4,791.00	\$ 41,949.71
Equipment Replacement Fund	\$ 134.00	\$ 838.00
Capital	\$ 50.00	\$ 350.00
Missions	\$ -	\$ 1,350.00
Specials	\$ -	\$ 462.00
A/C Fund	\$ 40.00	\$ 100.00
Other-Pastors Youth Fund	\$ 375.00	\$ 525.00
Central's Youth Fund	\$ -	\$ 85.00
Undesignated Memorials	\$ -	\$ 32,627.45
UMM	\$ -	\$ 418.00
All Funds	\$ 5,390.00	\$ 78,705.16

GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS



UNITED METHODIST MEN'S SEPTEMBER MEETING

Saturday, September 8th
8:00 AM at Central UMC

Devotions-Charles Wright
Refreshments-John Elmgren

SEPTEMBER MISSION OPPORTUNITY



**MOO...LAH
FOR MILK**

The children will be collecting coins to help purchase milk vouchers to support those in need through The Salvation Army!

**ADMINISTRATIVE
COUNCIL
MEETING**

SEPT. MEETING

**Sept. 18th ~ 6:30 pm
Grantsburg UMC**

United Methodist Women's

UPCOMING EVENTS

UMW Sunday will be held on August 26th. Terry Giles will lead the service and Carol Drohman will serve as liturgist. Please remember to turn in your Thank Banks that morning, or soon after, to Kayleen Branstad, our UMW Treasurer.

Movie night will be moved from September to October and will follow Central's first pot luck of the new school year. On October 3rd potluck will start at 6pm and a UMW movie will be shown starting at 7pm. We are looking for suggestions for the movie ~ PG13 or older.

Please call or text LuAnne Martell at 715-222-3016. Light refreshments will be served during the movie.

Our next general meeting will be held on October 10th, at 1pm in Central's fellowship hall. All women from the local Methodist congregations are welcome to join us!

Stewardship Task Force Update Thank those who give. *By Terry Giles*



There are many ways for everyone to "give" to the church. Of course, we always think of money first ~ but gifts of time and talent are just as important when it comes to "giving" to the church. We need to notice the little things being done in our congregation.

The Stewardship Task Force would like to encourage everyone to take the time to send a "Thank-You" when you see someone being a "giver" to our church...maybe they count the money on Sunday, organize a fundraiser, bring someone to church, help in the kitchen when it isn't their turn, etc. etc. etc. It is important to recognize these acts as "gifts" just as much as we do when someone gives of their treasure.

The Stewardship Task Force have organized a "Thank-You" table where you will find a 3 ring binder with Thank-you cards and envelopes, a church directory for looking up addresses and stamps for you to use. Record who you sent the Thank-You too as well as a brief description as to why it was sent on the form found in the 3-ring binder. Please include your name on the card, not just from CUMC, people like to know who is sending them the Thank-You.

So far only the Stewardship Task Force Members have sent Thank-You notes. Please start using this service as a way to thank our volunteers for what they do for our congregation.

ATLAS NEWS

SEPTEMBER

Liturgists

Sept. 2 _____
 Sept. 9 Toni Koons
 Sept. 16 _____
 Sept. 23 _____
 Sept. 30 _____

Ushers

Sept. 2 _____
 Sept. 9 Cheryl Olson
 Sept. 16 Colleen Norenberg
 Sept. 23 _____
 Sept. 30 _____

Coffee Fellowship

Sept. 16 Sue Olson

Cleaning

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

8/26 & 9/2 _____
 9/9 & 9/16 _____
 9/23 & 9/30 _____

Sunday School (Older/Middle/Primary)

Sept. 2 / /
 Sept. 9 / /
 Sept. 16 / /
 Sept. 23 / /
 Sept. 30 / /



Briana & Jared Olson 9/10

Troy & Kristie Olson 9/10

Dustin & Chelsie Kunze 9/20

Monica Mattson 9/24

Barb Melin 9/25

Kristie Olson 9/28



*Church
 Council*

**ADMINISTRATIVE
 COUNCIL MEETING**
Sunday, Sept. 16th
12:00 pm at Atlas UMC



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!

INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

Offerings:

Aug. 5	\$ 2235.00
Aug. 12	\$ 260.00
Aug. 19	\$ 342.00
Aug. 26	\$ <u>Unavailable</u>



Total \$ 2837.00 (as of 8/19)

\$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses. **August shortage=\$441.84**

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

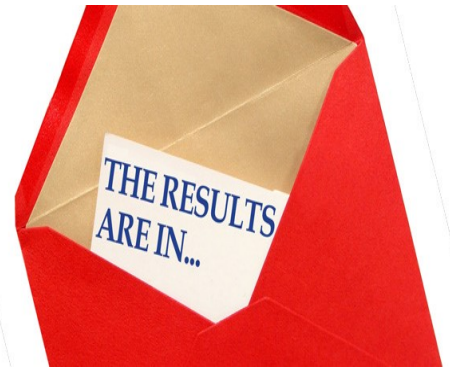


&



Atlas UMC Annual Thrift and Bake Sale

Thank you to all who supported the Atlas Thrift & Bake Sale. We raised over \$1,100 to help cover church expenses through this annual event. Due to the generosity of many and the hard work and efforts of a few dedicated church members, this was another successful year. We depend on the money raised at this event each year to help offset the expenses not covered by weekly offering. We are very blessed and extremely thankful....



Please join us for cake and ice cream following the service to celebrate Rally Day and our Grandparents!

Sunday, September 9th



LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT

On Communion Sunday, September 2nd you are invited to bring food and school supplies for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Luck and supplies needed by Atlas Church. We do keep a basket out for donations brought at any time as well.

September: 100% Juice and Shelf-Stable Milk



SEPTEMBER MISSION *Moolah-For-Milk*

We're asking you to bring in your coins to fill the kids' little milk cartons! On the Sundays of September, the children will be asking for your loose change. Your donations reach into the community and care for children and their families who are in need.



LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY Monthly Report ~ July 2018

Households Served	75	Luck School District	41
Adults	123	Unity School District	34
Children	42	Other	0
Total People	165	New Families: Unity 9 Luck 0, Other 0	
USDA Food Received	876#	NON-USDA (Donations)	645#
Groceries Purchased	1109#	Volunteer Hours	71.5



Items Needed: Peanut butter, canned meats (8 grams of protein or higher), Juice and cereal.

ST. CROIX FALLS NEWS



REMEMBER THE FOOD SHELF

On Communion Sundays, you are invited to bring in donations for the SCF Food Pantry. Canned vegetables, fruit or meat, fruit juice, cereal, peanut butter and jelly, kid-friendly soups, personal hygiene items ... just be sure your food items have not expired. **COMMUNION SUNDAY: September 2nd**



ST. CROIX FALLS UMC INVITATION & HOMECOMING SUNDAY

September 16, 2018

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



Liturgists

All of Sept. Karen Sciacca

Ushers

All of Sept. Marjorie Broker

Altar Flowers

All of Sept. Terra Broxen Ricke

Coffee Hour

Sept. 9 Jim Andrews
Sept. 16 Administrative Council
Sept. 23 Terra Broxen Ricke

Communion / Paraments

Sept. 2 Steve & LeAnn Sylvester

Money Counter(s)

All of Sept, Karen Sciacca



Fay Andrews 9/1
LeAnn Sylvester 9/29

HELPING HANDS



*Church Signs
and Sayings*



Harvest FESTIVAL

SEP
22 - 23



Come celebrate the fruits of this years labor by visiting our vendor booths; start your holiday shopping early or take home a treasure for yourself.

With all of the hard work during harvest, we at the Chateau need to celebrate the fruits of this years labor. Enjoy visiting our vendor booths, start your holiday shopping early or take home a treasure for yourself. We will have food vendors on site for your eating pleasure. Visit the big tent for live music or take a tour of the winery.

Free Admission to a day filled with fun!

Sept 22, 2018 at 11:00 am - 06:00 pm (Sat)
Sept 23, 2018 at 11:00 am - 06:00 pm (Sun)

Live music from 11:30 am-6:00 pm both days. Food trucks both days. Over 15 local artists!

ST. CROIX FALLS



The results are in... St. Croix Falls UMC raised \$692 which will be donated to the St. Croix Falls backpack program. Thank you to all who supported this event. The food was delicious and the event successful thanks to the efforts and generosity of many!

"Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." Luke 6:38



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

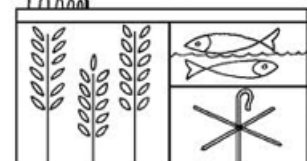
Family Pathways Food Shelf—2000 US Hwy 8, St Croix Falls

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



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