

Upper St. Croix Parish
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Happy Father's Day
to the many faithful
men, whether they
have children of their
own or not, help to
nurture, support,
guide, protect, love
and provide for the
children in their
homes, their church-
es, their communities
and around the
world. Thank you!



UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

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June 2019

And Jesus said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. (Luke 7:14b-15)

Rise and Be Bold! Jesus Is Calling Your Name.

I prepared this article specifically for our church graduates (Linda Harmon, Mikala Hammer, Rachel Tooze, Olivia Brock [High school] & Zach Manley [College]), but especially the high school graduates. I want to share it with not only with them but also all of congregation. Please, bless their new journey and keep supporting them spiritually and physically.



I think I am still young. I am just 35 years old and got married 4 years ago. Also, I did not have much experience with public life, but I have felt and agreed it was a great time when I was a student at middle school, high school, college, and graduate school.

Of course, I totally agree that it is a difficult thing to go to a school every day. Also, sometimes you can think you don't have much freedom because of your parents and regular school life, however, it is also true that it is a great thing to live with your parents and family.

Living with family means that you can share not only your joys but also your concerns, sadness, and difficulties with close relational people.

However, it is time that as a high school graduate you may leave your parents and family. It means you need to get up yourself and go to college and also take on a lot of responsibilities yourself.

Finally, almost all of you will take more than tens of thousands dollars in student loans automatically. One of my colleagues is 62 years old but he still has to pay off his student loans over the course of 30 years. This loan will be your soul mate unconditionally well into your future.

The actor Robert De Niro's speech at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts four years ago was "Yay! Congratulations! You made it, but you are xxxx". Yes. Robert De Niro used F-word for emphasizing lots of hardships, difficulties, and some problems to face in the real world to graduates. (It is a fun and meaningful speech, so I recommend you watch a full version of his speech on YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Y1hyAf8xy0>)

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

However, remember this Gospel message. Jesus clearly said to you, "Young man, I say to you, get up!" It is 100% true that you will have a happy church and worldly life after graduation. You will also definitely face difficulties, despair, and problems, and it will sometimes have made you hopeless and frustrated in your future life, not only in the secular world but also at church. But don't worry about it. As your pastor, I will give you only one perfect method to solve your upcoming problems.

Do not depend on wrong methods to solve your problems. Lean on Christ Jesus. Read the Bible and remember Jesus' teaching and pray for solutions to your problems.



You may think that I am just saying this because I am the pastor. Yes. I know these are traditional and classic Christian methods, but they clearly work and may help you.

Remember, the Holy Spirit is to be with you wherever you are, whatever you do, even when you are having a hard time. Your parents are praying for you with love. Your pastors are also praying for you every day. Your church family is praying for you and your new journey. You are not alone, because even when you leave our city we are still with you spiritually. Our Lord, Jesus Christ and Holy Spirit is always with you.



The church was here. The church is currently here. The church will be here as your home church with the Holy Spirit.

Bless your new journey and love you in Christ Jesus.

Joint Worship Service

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16TH
10:30 AM AT CENTRAL UMC**

**11:30 am Fellowship following service
hosted by the pastors' family in
celebration of Pastor Ran's Ordination
and Caleb's 2nd Birthday!**



HARD CHOICES IN TROUBLED TIMES

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. John 14:27

Immediately it struck into my mind, "Leave off preaching. How can you preach to others, who have not faith yourself?" I asked Bohler whether he thought I should leave it off or not. He answered, "By no means." I asked, "But what can I preach?" He said, "Preach faith till you have it; and then, because you have it, you will preach faith." John Wesley

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live,... Deuteronomy 30:19

There are many people in our United Methodist Church today who are not experiencing the peace of Christ in their hearts, minds, and spirits. Rarely in our history has there been such division, such hurt, such disagreement, such anxiety, and such widespread discontent. This is one of the reasons that we changed our Annual Conference theme to "Wilderness." Wilderness is not our destination, but it is an accurate appraisal of our current reality.

The hard question that challenges us at this moment in time is this: do we still believe there is a Promised Land on the other side of the wilderness? Are we still moving toward a "future with hope?" Is there ANY possibility we can make this journey together?

I understand that many people are feeling desperation and hopelessness. There are many who feel our only future is to divide, go our separate ways, and continue our journey with only the like-minded and acquiescent. To some people, the integrity of the body of Christ has been so badly compromised that they no longer choose to fight for unity.

My deepest hope and prayer through this messy and hurtful time is that God's Holy Spirit might inspire and work through our better natures, that we might make the healthiest, most sustainable, and least damaging choices possible. Once we burn our bridges, we limit our options, perhaps to our detriment. So, a very important first step is to acknowledge that what we are doing is making choices.

One lay person in our conference wrote, "you leave me no choice but to leave The United Methodist Church." It doesn't matter whether this person is conservative or progressive, liberal or traditional – what matters is that she has given away her power by saying she has no choice. I want to say that no matter how upset we are, no matter how angry we may be, no matter that others make decisions we disagree with, we still have choice. We may not choose to feel frightened or angry or anxious or confused, but we still have power to decide how we will respond.

Every time I write or speak about what is happening in our denomination and our conference, some people like what I say, some vehemently dislike what I say, some have no idea what I am saying. If I say, "I will work to lead a church that welcomes ALL people," I get a wide variety of responses. Some people praise me, some say I do not go nearly far enough, some say I go too far, but it is not as interesting to me what people say as how they say it. Some will tell me they disagree with me, some that they do not understand how I can say what I do, some say they are disappointed by what I said, but others insult and say terribly personal things. These people choose how they will disagree with me.

I am calling upon the beautiful people of the Wisconsin Conference to carefully, mindfully, kindly, compassionately, and with mercy and justice in mind, choose how you will live through this time of division and hurt and anxiety. Choose life over death; choose blessing over curse; choose hope over despair; choose grace over judgement and condemnation. Choose to preach faith and love and hope, even when you don't feel it. Choose to be patient and gentle and generous so that you might be numbered among the peace-makers that Jesus blesses. And above all, don't give up. Choose to fight for a church that equips all people to be gifted and used by God for the transformation of the world. Choose to look at all we can be, not where we fail and where we disagree. The good that God calls us to be is greater than any bad of human design. Choose God and let us make our way through the present wilderness to a future brimming with hope and promise.

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung



GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS



June 2
June 9
June 16
June 23
June 30

Liturgists

John Elmgren
Carol Drohman

John Elmgren

Ushers

June 2
June 9
June 16
June 23
June 30

Dave Huff

Valetta Walton

Coffee Fellowship

June 2 Kay Lamphere
June 9 Kayleen Branstad
June 16 Sharon & Dave Huff
June 23 Mark Harmon
June 30 Brad Rehbein

Mowing

5/26 & 6/2
6/9 & 6/16
6/23 & 6/30

Dave Huff



June 2

Altar Flowers

Terry Giles (In celebration of
Pastor Ran's ordination)
Kayleen Branstad

June 9
June 16
June 23
June 30

Acolytes

June 2
June 9
June 16
June 23
June 30

June Counter

Open
Close

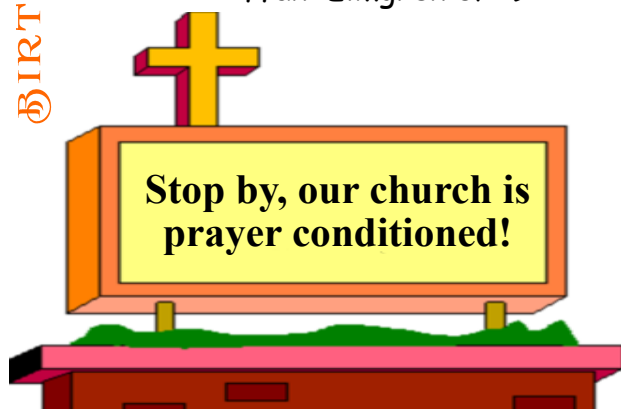
Church Doors on Sundays



BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES



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 2019



Funds	April 2019	Year-to-Date 2019
General Funds Gifts	\$ 6,656.00	\$ 24,472.99
Loose Offering	\$ 132.00	\$ 501.53
Upper Room	\$ -	\$ 7.00
Other		\$ -
Total General Funds	\$ 6,788.00	\$ 24,981.52
Equipment Replacement Fund	\$ 84.00	\$ 336.00
Capital	\$ 50.00	\$ 200.00
Missions	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,423.00
Specials	\$ 25.00	\$ 260.00
A/C Fund	\$ -	\$ 20.00
Other-Pastors Youth Fund	\$ 1,739.00	\$ 1,814.00
Central's Youth Fund	\$ -	\$ -
Undesignated Memorials		\$ -
UMM	\$ 145.00	\$ 145.00
UMW	\$ -	\$ -
All Funds	\$ 8,841.00	\$ 29,179.52

GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

NEXT MEETING

June 12th, 2019

1:00 PM

Central UMC

Jean Kissack, a district officer from Spooner, will be here to speak on "Homelessness in Northwest Wisconsin".

For a craft, we will make homemade "Poo-Pourri". LuAnne will bring the supplies but we are looking for others can bring 2-3 ounce spray bottles new or recycled (LuAnne does have a few to share).

Kayleen will provide refreshments.

**We hope many can attend.
LuAnne Martell, UMW President**



Join us for our annual Dairy Day on Friday, June 14th as we celebrate all things Dairy! Fun for the entire family!

Samples galore! Free ice cream cones, cheese samples, all-you-can-drink milk stand, giveaways, discounts, bounce house, petting farm, state-sanctioned tractor pedal pull for kids (adult classes too), corn pit, live music, local vendors, face painting, tractor display & more! This event is free to attend and is one of our favorite days of the year!

Burnett Dairy is located 5 miles east of Grantsburg, WI on Hwy 70. Come back for more information as we continue to add more dairy fun to our event page. Hope to see you at Burnett Dairy on Friday, June 14th!

**UNITED METHODIST
MEN**

**JUNE
MEETING**

Sat., June 8th

**8:00 AM at
Central UMC**

Devotions:
Charles Wright

Refreshments:
Dave Huff



**Church
Meeting**



**ADMIN COUNCIL
MEETING
Tues., June 18th
6:30 pm at
Central UMC**

**BE A "BACKPACK
BACKER"!**

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



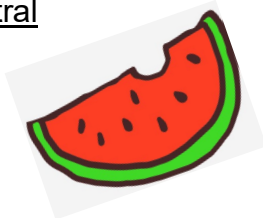
**Can you donate to help
support the backpack
program?!**



June 2
June 9
June 16
June 23
June 30

Liturgists

Joint Service @ Central



June 2
June 9
June 16
June 23
June 30

Ushers

Joint Service @ Central

Cleaning

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

6/2 & 6/9
6/16 & 6/23
6/30 & 7/7



Fellowship

June 16 Joint Fellowship @ Central



ADMIN COUNCIL
MEETING
Sun., June 23rd
12:00 pm
Atlas UMC

INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET



May 5	\$ 805.00
May 12	\$ 573.67
May 19	\$ 295.00
May 26	\$ Unavailable
Total	\$ 1673.67 (as of 5/19)

\$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses. **April shortage = \$1605.17**

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

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."

—BILLY GRAHAM



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!

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

June Events



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The Pioneer Home is having a Craft and Bake Sale on June 15th from 8 am– 12 pm. They are asking for donations.

Please drop off donations at United Pioneer Home by the 14th if you would like to support their efforts! **Thank you!**

LET'S GET READY! Atlas UMC Annual Thrift and Bake Sale

The date of this year's sale has yet to be determined but please keep the sale in mind when you're doing your summer cleaning. Before you toss those items out remember 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.



LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT

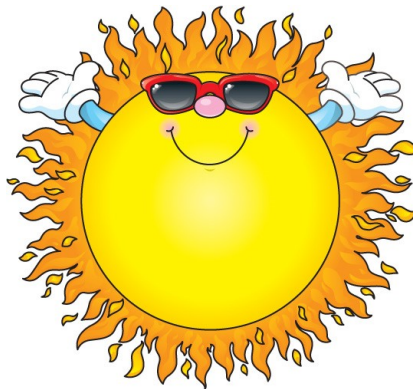
On Communion Sunday, June 9th you are invited to bring food for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Luck. We do keep a basket out for donations brought at any time as well.

June Collection: CEREAL



F - forever with his family
A - always there for you no matter what
T - the only one who's there
H - he's my hero till the end
E - encouraging in everything i do
R - really the only one...no one can beat him he's the best!!!

Happy Father's Day



LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Monthly Report ~ April 2019

Households Served	106	Luck School District	63
Adults	191	Unity School District	43
Children	42	Other	0
Total People	233	New Families: Unity 0 Luck 3, Other 0	
USDA Food Received	1090#	NON-USDA (Donations)	1406#
Groceries Purchased	60#	Volunteer Hours	62

Items Needed: Peanut Butter & Cereal

Did you know...that the need for food shelf support in the summer is greater than any other time of the year as children are not getting the food they were receiving at school.





Liturgists

June 2, 16 & 23 Karen Sciacca
June 9 & 30 Peter Gionis

Ushers

All of June Marjorie Broker

Altar Flowers

All of June Kathy Gionis

Coffee Hour

June 9 Steve & LeAnn Sylvester
June 16 Administrative Council
June 23 Kathy & Peter Gionis

Communion / Paraments

June 2 Kathy & Peter Gionis

Money Counter(s)

All of June Jim Andrews

Potluck

Jim & Fay Andrews

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...please be sure your items have not expired. Thank you!

Communion Sunday: June 9th



St. Croix Falls UMC Potluck

June 19th ~ 6:00 pm

Please join us and if able bring a dish to share!

All are welcome!



Admin Council Meeting
June 9, 2019
11:00 am following service



Steve & LeAnn Sylvester

6/29

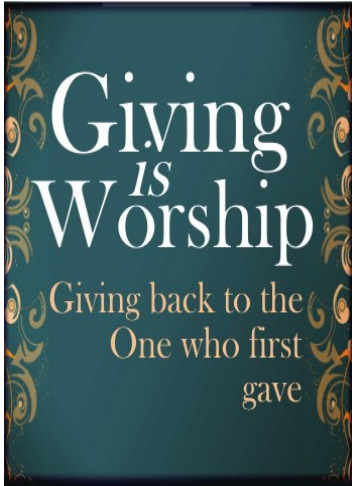
JUNE MISSION Youth Group Support

We will use funds to support the upcoming Summer Retreat & Mission Trip!

GIVING

Are You Giving In All the Ways You Should?

June 2019



Are you giving to the church in all the ways you could or should be giving? You may be supporting this year's budget, but what about the future of the church, missional support, and special projects? Are you providing for these as well?

I think of the church's assets and giving as an ice-cream cone. The church's assets such as the building, parsonage, and endowments as the cone. Essential, but not very appetizing all by themselves.

Annual budget giving is the first scoop. It is needed and provides basic support and flavor to the church. However, too often, this is where we stop thinking about supporting the church. What about other scoops?



What about missions? Mission-related giving can include apportionments (sometimes paid with the annual budget, sometimes not), conference projects, Special Sundays, UMCOR, national and international advance projects and support of individual missionaries. Are you thinking about your offering for missions this year? These are usually donations over and above what is collected for the annual budget.

What about planned giving? Planned giving provides for the future of the church when you are no longer around. Have you included the church in your will or as a beneficiary to your investment accounts or life insurance? Ten percent is a good number, leaving plenty for your family.



Finally, what about special projects. Capital fundraising can support new ministry, ministry growth, new building or renovation and maintenance of existing structures. Remember the Imagine No Malaria campaign a couple of years back that raised over one million dollars?

Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

Visit the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation at
www.wumf.org or [Facebook/wumf.org](https://www.facebook.com/wumf.org)
Or call 1-888-903-9863

what's happening



YOUTH GROUP SUMMER RETREAT GREEN BAY, WI

June 12th & June 13th

WISCONSIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

GREEN BAY, WI

June 14TH - June 17th



ANNUAL CONFERENCE



YOUTH GROUP MISSION TRIP

SUPERIOR, WI

July 21st - July 26th



CHANGING THE WORLD ONE LIFE AT A TIME

The first Methodist Social Creed in 1908 focused on working conditions and health care for workers and the community. We continue this advocacy and others like it through donations collected on Peace with Justice Sunday. Can we count on your support?

JUNE 16th ~ Special Offering Collected

Miscellaneous Stuff

WORLD CHAMPION SNOWMOBILE WATERCROSS

7/19-7/21

Memory Lake Park,
Grantsburg WI



WANNIGAN DAYS RIVER SPIRIT CELEBRATION

July 19, 2019 - July 21, 2019



The 61st Wannigan Days River Spirit Celebration in St Croix Falls/Taylor's Falls is the #1 St Croix Valley summer entertainment reunion. Make plans for a weekend of family fun, a large scale food & music festival, fitness 5k & 10k City of Trails Run, Kids games and the area's best arts & crafts fair on Main street. Fun for everyone.

POLK COUNTY FAIR

7/25-7/28 ~ St. Croix Falls, WI

The Polk County Fair is THE event to attend during summers in Polk County, Wisconsin. People of all ages gather for fun, excitement, and community at this well-loved event.

MUSIC ON THE OVERLOOK

Most Friday's ~ Jun 7, 2019 - Aug 23, 2019



Music on The Overlook
2019 St Croix Falls Summer
Fridays Downtown 6:30 pm
Free Family Friendly Concerts
If Rain Go To The Dalles House Stage



musicontheoverlook.com

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://](http://www.rubyspantry.org/distribution/distschedule.htm)

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.

"If you love me, feed my sheep."

John 21:15-19

