

Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg, St. Croix Falls, Atlas
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Keep
Christ in Christmas!

- love your enemy
- give to those who ask
- feed those who are hungry
- help the homeless
- forgive more
- let your light shine

UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

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December 2019



Pastor Jenny Lee, Ph.D.



“Then Moses ordered Israel to set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter. That is why it was called Marah. And the people complained against Moses, saying, “What shall we drink?” He cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood; he threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.” (Exodus 15:22-25a, NRSV)

I served as an intern Chaplain at Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove, Illinois, from September of 2016 to February of 2017. There is a statue at the center of the main building in the Medical Center. The statue was made of wood and shows a man carrying a sick person on his shoulder, which is identified with Jesus the Healer in its powerful depiction of caring service. It shows us Jesus Christ, who draws all humankind into his mission of healing and benediction. All employees in the Medical Center, who come into the building through the employees’ entrance, may see the statue.

When I got there on the first day, I was very impressed. I wondered how one could design it like this: All employees pass by this statue whenever they come in and out of the building. I mean, all kinds of employees like doctors, nurses, pharmacists, social workers, case managers, cooks, cleaners, and even volunteers in the hospital, they all pass by the statue when they go to their workplaces if they come in through the employee’s entrance. Also though they may come in other entries, they pass by the statue at least once a day because it stands on the center of the circular hallway of the main building. The statue reminds all employees that the Healer is not the doctors, not the nurses, or not any medications, but only Jesus Christ. It also makes all employees humble before God, even though they are tremendous experts on some points. The statute is the symbol that Jesus Christ is in the center of our lives.

When I read the scripture, Exodus 15:22-25a, I recalled the statue of Jesus the Healer. In the scripture, Moses, Miriam, and the Israelites have finished singing just now, which praise God after they have crossed over the Red Sea. It is time to journey on the wilderness toward the promised land of God. Moses leads the Israelites into the desert, and they go for three days without finding water. Imagine traveling on foot in the desert, going for three days without water. This was a life-threatening situation. Finally, they found some water, and their hopes looked to like to come to the truth, but their dreams disappeared in very short because it was the bitter water. It was undrinkable. The Israelites named the place “Marah,” which means “bitterness.”

Imagine literally dying of thirst, finding water, and then discovering that it was bitter water. It must be a terrible situation for the Israelites, which has given hope for a moment and taken it out. When the Israelites came to this bitter water, they grumbled against their leader Moses. Moses, in turn, cried out to God. God showed Moses a piece of wood that Moses promptly threw into the water. Immediately, the water was made sweet, and the Israelites were able to drink it.



We may notice some kinds of implications are here. The message for us is clear: Whatever the bitter obstacles that we encounter in life's journey, we can count on God to transform them, to redeem them for good, as God leads us to Elim. When we cry our Marah out to God, God can “sweeten” them, that is, to make them drinkable, to turn them into a resource for the next step of our journey. God is big enough to deal with, redeem, and even transform whatever the problems we might face.

FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED....

Who could judge the Israelites that they were lacking faith in God? Who may say that our faith is better than theirs if we might face that kind of situation? We all might be weak in the difficult circumstance like a life-threatening situation. We might be grumbling to God for thirsty, hungry, feeling sick, feeling cold, and all kinds of daily lives.

As Israelites had to be delivered from their grumbling, mumbling, bitter selves, we may need deliverance from our grumbling in our daily lives. We have to learn that God is set to bring about that deliverance and be patient, rather than grumbling. God brought the Israelites out of a Pharaoh-centered mindset to a God-centered mindset for walking with God toward the promised land of God.

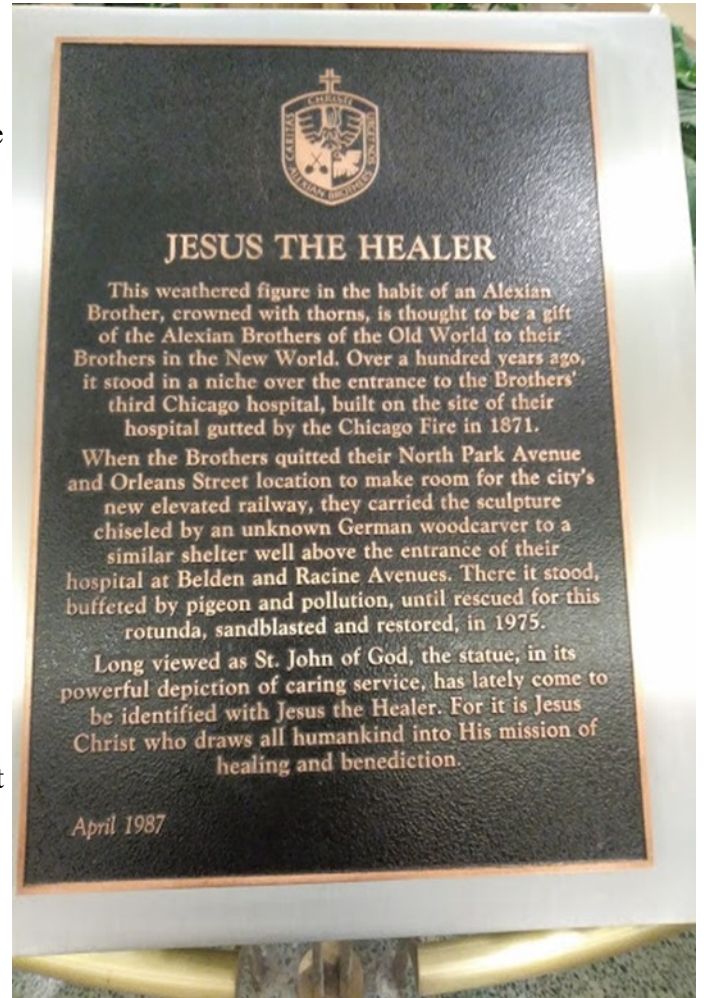
Let us think that as soon as Moses threw a branch of the tree into the center of Marah, the bitterness turned to sweetness. This text makes it clear that the emphasis is on the transformation of the Israelites. As if when God's word came to be among us, so we may see the light in the darkness. Jesus came to us as a human being to heal our bitterness in the world. If we put anything other than our Lord Jesus Christ in the center of our lives, we may grumble in our daily lives. Remember how the bitter water became sweet.

As you know, water is a resource of our lives which means we cannot live without water. This water heals us as well as it makes us live. The reason God transformed the water is to treat the Israelites. "I am the Lord who heals you." God is the One who heals the heart, who can transform the bitter waters of the heart to waters of renewal. Again, notice that this internal transformation is the main point of the text, for God does not say, "I am the Lord, the One who heals the *water*," but "I am the Lord who heals *you*."

God transforms the heart through the words. The Gospel John says, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. . ." (John 1:14) Jesus is the source of our lives, the Living Words. As we receive and follow Jesus, as we become Jesus-centered, we discover a healing transformation being worked within our hearts. It is the internal journey from the bitter waters of Marah to the promised land.

As I mentioned about the statue Jesus the Healer in the Alexian Brothers Medical Center, we may put our Lord the Healer in the center of our lives. The statue is a symbol to remind all employees the Healer is only our Lord Jesus Christ, and you should put him in the center of your works. When we follow Jesus Christ as his disciples, we may transform our bitter situations in our lives, in our community, in our country, and in our world as God wants to heal us, to redeem us, and to restore us.

The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church teaches us, "The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." To transform the world, we should put Jesus the Healer in the center of our lives because only our Lord Jesus Christ may change the bitter world to the sweet world. We hear much painful news about grumbling, shouting, fighting, and death. But, we know without God's grace we cannot do anything. Let us listen to God's Words, and put our Lord Jesus Christ the Healer in the center of our lives so that God heals all humans, all creatures, all communities, and all the nations



Blessings!
Pastor Jenny



A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

What is God Calling Me to Give ~ December 2019

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. (Psalm 72:12-14)

Congratulations to Reedsburg UMC that, in one campaign this fall, increased annual giving by 32 percent. Yes, by nearly one-third.

They did it by using the Stewardship program New Consecration Sunday (NCS), which emphasizes tithing and proportional giving. According to our denomination, tithing, giving 10 percent of income to the church, is "God's standard of giving". The NCS program emphasizes giving a proportion of income moving toward and then, perhaps, beyond tithing.

Moreover, New Consecration Sunday focuses on the question, "What is God calling me to do?" rather than on the question, "What does the church need in order to pay its bills?"

The pastor and lay leadership of Reedsburg UMC carefully and enthusiastically followed the steps laid out by the NCS program. They started planning two months before Consecration Sunday and invited a guest leader (full-disclosure it was this writer).

In recent years, Reedsburg UMC has not emphasized pledging. So, it was a pleasant surprise when 40 giving units completed a commitment card. Of these, 25 pledged an amount greater than their giving over the previous year. This accounts for the 32 percent increase.

Pastor Vicki Brantmeyer told me that the church has passed a budget for 2020 that not only is balanced, but also has a five-figure surplus.

What is God calling you to give in 2020? One percent of income more could mean increasing your giving as little as \$5 to \$20 per week.

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

War No More

*He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more. Isaiah 2:4*



This year will be the 101st observance of Veteran's Day in the United States. For some this poses an ethical dilemma – those who oppose war, but honor, value, and support the brave men and women who selflessly serve to defend their country. It is not always easy to stand against war, while supporting soldiers. Military veterans sometimes feel disrespected when they hear a pacifist opposition to warfare.

Yet, following centuries of bloodshed it is difficult to agree that violence is the best pathway to peace. Our Hebrew scriptures are full of battle, conquest, pillage and violence, but our Savior is the "Prince of Peace." Blessed are the peacemakers. Christ offers a heavenly and spiritual peace to the community in John. In the face of enemy aggression, we are invited to turn the other cheek.

There is a wide gulf between the ideal and the real. God's will and vision for all creation may be a "peaceable kingdom," but our lived reality is regularly one of competition, conflict, and attack. In a day when those who cry "peace, peace," find no peace, it is reasonable to wonder if it is even humanly possible.



And perhaps it is not humanly possible, but is it possible for God? Do we truly believe that peace is God's will for God's people? Careful reading of our gospels and the writings of the Apostle Paul leave little doubt: peace is a central tenet of Christian faith. In the face of injustice, Christians stand for justice. In the face of oppression, Christians call for compassion. In the face of violence, Christians call for mercy. In the face of war, Christians stand for peace.

This will not always be a popular position. But even from a pacifist position, Christians still honor the conscience of the men and women who choose to take up arms in defense of their country, their values, and their liberty. There is no greater love than that a person would lay down her or his life for another.

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I am not aware of a single family that cannot share stories of members who served faithfully to defend nation, state, family or way of life. To honor their decision is to honor our God-given right to follow our conscience and to live in alignment with our deepest values and convictions. While we may not all agree on what those values should be, it is not difficult to honor an honest and sincere sense of duty.



So, in the shadow of this Veteran's Day, I encourage us all to reflect deeply on the values, beliefs, and commitments that guide and shape our lives. We would want nothing more than each of these to be respected by others. And so, we remember how important the Golden Rule is for a strong and civil society: "do unto others as we would have them do unto you." Some of us may pursue a life in the military, while others adopt pacifism. Some may support technology, some education, some religion, some business. All will determine that which is right for them. Rather than judging, let us adopt a simple prayer: "Lord, may each of us live with integrity, using our gifts and knowledge and resources for good in the world. Help us to do all within our power to create, to heal, to build up, and never to destroy. Amen."

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung



teach me, teach me
to walk in His light

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GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS

Liturgists
 Dec. 1 Barb Loomis
 Dec. 8 Joint Service-SCF
 Dec. 15 Steve Briggs
 Dec. 22 _____
 Dec. 29 _____

Ushers
 Dec. 1 _____
 Dec. 8 Joint Service-SCF
 Dec. 15 Valetta Walton
 Dec. 22 _____
 Dec. 29 Charles Wright

Church Doors on Sundays
 Open _____
 Close Hammer Family

Sunday School
 (Older/Middle/Kindergarten)
 Dec. 1 Shayna Snyder
 Dec. 8 Joint Service-SCF
 Dec. 15 Barb Loomis/_____/_____
 Dec. 22 _____/_____/_____
 Dec. 29 _____/_____/_____

Coffee Fellowship
 Dec. 1 Kayleen Branstad
 Dec. 8 Joint Service-SCF
 Dec. 15 _____
 Dec. 22 _____
 Dec. 29 _____

Altar Flowers
 Dec. 1 _____
 Dec. 8 Joint Service-SCF
 Dec. 15 _____
 Dec. 22 _____
 Dec. 29 _____

Acolytes
 Dec. 1 _____
 Dec. 8 Joint Service-SCF
 Dec. 15 _____
 Dec. 22 _____
 Dec. 29 _____

Shoveling
 11/27 & 12/1 _____
 12/8 & 12/15 _____
 12/22 & 12/29 _____

Dec. Counter _____

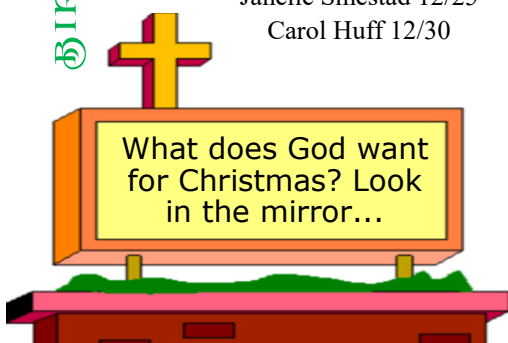


BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Ashley Bistram 12/3
 Florence Buggert 12/5
 Mikala Hammer 12/7
 Edna McCann 12/9
 Brian Lund 12/10
 Justin Paulson 12/10
 Becky Fossum 12/11
 Janice Lee 12/12
 Daniel Harmon 12/16
 Ali Goepfert 12/18
 Kim Wheeler 12/18

Charles & Mary Lou Wright 12/23
 Kylie Pewe 12/24
 Mike Giles 12/24
 Grant Manley 12/25
 Janelle Smestad 12/25
 Carol Huff 12/30



A GLANCE AT CENTRAL'S OFFERING INCOME THROUGH OCTOBER 2019



Funds	October 2019	Year-to_Date 2019
General Funds Gifts	\$ 4,135.00	\$ 56,365.12
Loose Offering	\$ 97.04	\$ 1,255.64
Upper Room	\$ -	\$ 13.00
Sunday School		
Pie & Ice Cream Social	\$ -	\$ 500.11
Harvest Supper	\$ 1,526.50	\$ 1,526.50
Total General Funds	\$ 5,758.54	\$ 59,660.37
Equipment Replacement Fund	\$ 336.00	\$ 924.00
Capital	\$ 200.00	\$ 590.00
Missions	\$ 369.44	\$ 2,238.56
Specials	\$ 30.00	\$ 504.00
Other-Pastors Youth Fund	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,029.00
A/C Fund	\$ -	\$ 20.00
UMM	\$ -	\$ 145.00
Undesignated Memorials	\$ -	\$ 2,760.00
All Funds	\$ 6,718.98	\$ 68,870.93

GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS

Central UMC
Dec. 4th
6:00 pm



UMW UPDATE....

Our annual Christmas Heritage Boutique will be November 30th from 9 am to 3 pm at church. This is our main fund raiser for the year so we would appreciate your time to help set up on Friday and/or to work during the sale on Saturday. Also, we need your donations of baked goods, hand crafted items and gently used Christmas decorations. You will find sign up sheets on the kitchen counter in church. Invite your friends and family to join us for coffee, baked treats and shopping!

We will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of UMW at our Christmas Luncheon on December 11th, 2019. We are inviting former Eve Circle members along with all women of the parish. Social hour will start at 11am. Lunch will be Italian catered by Mia Mangia and will begin at noon. Lunch will be followed by a 150th Legacy Program directed by Terry Giles. Terry has made some very nice posters and a scrapbook depicting United Methodist Women's work and events at the local, district and state level. These items will be on display. We are hoping many will join us. See you at noon on Dec 11th!

Attention members, if you kept a Thank Bank this year please bring it to church with you on December 1st. On order to achieve as a Five Star Unit our Thank Bank money must be turned in by early December.

MISSIONS UPDATE

October Mission
Trick or Treat for UNICEF

Trick or treat for UNICEF raised \$94.44. Thank you for your support.

We are still collecting items for the SOX BOX (mittens, gloves, scarfs, socks, long underwear). The donations will be made available at the Christmas Store which will be on December 7, 2019.



The Merry Market organized by the Grantsburg Alliances of Churches, will be on December 1, 2019. Located at Brickfield Brewing, 130 W Olson Drive, Grantsburg. This is a holiday craft and bake sale. The Grantsburg Alliances of Churches is having the bake sale to raise money to help fund the Salvation Army's Backpack Program for the Grantsburg School District. Please see the clip board at church to sign up to bake something if you are interested.



Please join us as we decorate the church for Christmas on Dec. 4th followed by a potluck dinner.

*Jesus is the Reason
for the Season.*

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S DECEMBER MEETING

**Saturday, December 7th
8:00 AM at Central UMC**

**Devotions: TBD
Refreshments: TBD**



ATLAS NEWS



Liturgists
 Dec, 1 Colleen Adams-Schween
 Dec. 8 Joint Worship Service
 Dec. 15 Colleen Adams-Schween
 Dec. 22 Roxane Brock
 Dec. 29 _____

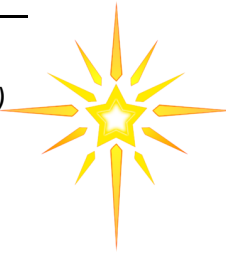
Ushers
 Dec, 1 _____
 Dec. 8 Roxane Brock JWS
 Dec. 15 _____
 Dec. 22 _____
 Dec. 29 _____

Fellowship
 Dec. 15 Cheryl Olson

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

12/81 & 12/8 _____
 12/15 & 12/22 _____
 12/29 & 1/5 _____

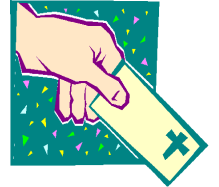
Sunday School
 (Older/Middle/Kindergarten)
 Dec, 1 Program Practice
 Dec. 8 Joint Worship Service
 Dec. 15 Program Practice
 Dec. 22 Christmas Program
 Dec. 29 No Sunday School



INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

Offerings:

Nov. 3	\$ 2991.75
Nov. 10	\$ 691.00
Nov. 17	\$ 274.00
Nov. 24	\$ Unavailable



Total \$3956.75 (as of 11/24)

\$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

No meeting in Dec.



Are you part of the Inn crowd, or are you one of the Stable few



Copelan Grimes 12/13
 Jeff Tooze 12/13
 Patrick Grimes 12/18
 Brody Woltz 12/19
 Brittney Woltz 12/22
 Madison Frenette 12/28

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!



We will collect mittens, scarves, hats, gloves, etc. and decorate the tree on Dec. 1st. Our donations will be taken to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry... they will help keep our neighbors in need warm this winter. Thank you for your kindness.



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LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT

On Communion Sunday, December 1st 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.

December:
CANNED STEW



Operation Christmas Child Results

Thank you to all who supported the Operation Christmas Child mission. Atlas donated 36 boxes to this heartwarming, love giving charity.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Dec. 1 ~ Mitten Tree Sunday
Dec. 1 ~ United Pioneer Home Christmas Tea
Dec. 7 ~ Atlas Christmas Coffee, Craft and Bake Sale 9:00-1:00
Dec. 7 ~ Charge Conference at Central 3:00
Dec. 8 ~ Joint service and lunch @ SCF 10:00
Dec. 22 ~ Christmas Program and Potluck
Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve service @ Atlas 4:00pm
Dec. 25-27 ~ Pastor Jenny @ Korean Clergy Retreat @ WI Dells

Christmas Special Offering ...

10% of our tithe will go to support the St. Croix Falls and Luck school back-pack program...let us all give thanks! Envelopes will be available in the church entry for this offering.



LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Monthly Report ~ October 2019

Households Served	70	Luck School District	31
Adults	117	Unity School District	39
Children	27	Other	0
Total People	144	New Families: Unity 3 Luck 6, Other 0	
USDA Food Received	1624#	NON-USDA (Donations)	803#
Groceries Purchased	535#	Volunteer Hours	65

Items Needed: Canned meats (8 grams of protein or higher), Cereal & Soup.



ST. CROIX FALLS NEWS



REMEMBER THE FOOD SHELF

On Communion Sundays, you are invited to bring in donations for the SCF Food Pantry... just be sure your food items have not expired.

COMMUNION SUNDAY: 12/7



Liturgists

All of Dec. Karen Sciacca

Ushers

All of Dec. Marjorie Broker

Altar Flowers

All of Dec. Marjorie Broker

Coffee Hour

Dec. 8 Jim & Fay Andrews
Dec. 15 Administrative Council
Dec. 22

Communion / Paraments

Dec. 1 Kathy & Peter Gionis

Money Counter(s)

All of Dec. Karen Sciacca

Potluck

No Potluck in December

DECEMBER MISSION

We will be putting together Christmas baskets for families in need!



**Please continue to support
our church missions
through your love, prayers,
and gracious giving!**



The MAGIC
OF
Christmas
IS NOT IN THE PRESENTS
BUT IN
His presence

DECORATE THE CHURCH

Please join us as we decorate the church for Christmas on December 1st after church!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Monte Fay 12/5



CHURCH
COUNCIL

MEE+ING

St. Croix Falls
Admin Council Meeting

**NO MEETING IN
DECEMBER**

Confirmation 2019

Confirmation Class
Atlas UMC
Dec. 11th at 6:30 pm



JOINT
WORSHIP SERVICE
St. Croix Falls UMC
Dec. 8th, 2019
10:00 am

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Saturday,
Dec. 7th, 3 PM

Central UMC
Grantsburg, WI



Miscellaneous

Heritage Christmas Boutique

Saturday, November 30, 2019 ~ 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Central United Methodist Church, Grantsburg, WI

Christmas Vintage Treasures

New and Gently Used Home Decor - Jewelry and
Giftables - Grab Bags - Hand Crafted Assorted
Occasional Cards - Knitted Items

Frozen Entrées To-Go

Soups - Casseroles - Sloppy Joes

Bakery and Candy Shoppe

Cookies - Candies - Sweet Breads

Christmas Craft Corner

Coffee and
treats served
all day!
Free will
donations
appreciated!



Christmas Eve Service Schedule

Please join us on Tuesday, Dec. 24th

10:00 am St. Croix Falls

4:00 pm Atlas

7:00 pm Grantsburg



the Christmas Store

THE CHRISTMAS STORE

Saturday, December 7, 8-10:00 am
Central Church

The Christmas Store was started 50 years ago by two women from Central Church. Throughout the year, they worked hard to find good, reusable toys at rummage sales. Then they would clean them up, make repairs here and there, craft new doll clothes and give them away to children in need in our community.

That tradition continues today, but instead of looking for good used toys, AND because of the generosity of businesses, organizations, individuals and churches in Grantsburg, we are now financially able to purchase a NEW toy for each family who registers to "shop" at the Christmas Store. We have always called it a "store" ~ but everything is free! In addition to toys, each family receives a ham and other fixings for their Christmas dinner.

If you'd like to make a donation to the Christmas Store, make a check payable to The Christmas Store and place it in the offering plate OR send your donation to Janelle Smestad @ 23098 Smestad Rd., Grantsburg OR bring socks, hats, mittens, scarves ... anything warm and put it in the SOX BOX in our sanctuary. Thanks for caring!



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ATLAS UMC

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



**Sunday, Dec. 22nd
10:00 am**

**Potluck following
Service at 11:00 am**



Saturday, December 7th 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Atlas United Methodist Church
Downtown Atlas ~ 2110 295th Avenue ~ County Road B

Stop by, sit a spell and soak up the Christmas spirit while you enjoy coffee, cider and a variety of wonderful homemade treats upstairs and then go down to the basement and shop for unique gift ideas and delicious baked goods:



Breads
Cookies
Candies
Lefse, Rosettes, Krumkake
Gifts-To-Go *(Gifts for those special people who help make your life better ~ i.e. Teachers, postal workers, neighbors, babysitter, co-workers, etc.)*
Homemade Crafts



Elementary Christmas Concert
Grantsburg High School
December 12th
10:00 am and 2:00 pm

Go Fish
Dec 13th
4:00 to 5:30 pm
Central UMC



Youth Group
**Christmas Movie/
Craft Night**
December 13th
6pm-9pm
Central UMC

**Making Homemade
Pizza and Popcorn**

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: **715-520-2397**

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

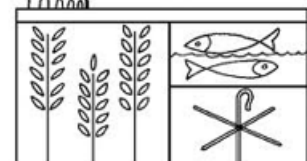
Family Pathways Food Shelf—2000 US Hwy 8, St Croix Falls

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.

