

Upper St. Croix Parish  
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**MAY GOD’S LIGHT GUIDE YOUR WAY IN 2020  
AND ALL THE YEARS TO COME.**



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# UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

## THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

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**January 2019**

Pastor Jenny Lee, Ph.D.

### Account of Hope

*“<sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light,"; and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness.” (Genesis 1:3-4)*

*“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it”*  
(John 1:1-5, NRSV).

We may see many lights at the stores and on the streets in the season of the holiday. The lights give us feeling warm and lovely mind. Most people in this season are more generous than other times. They would share their gifts and love with one another as if they would pay it forward for the gratitude of a year. Besides, they are generous to themselves. In this season, most people end up a year reviewing many things and begin with making new plans for a new year. I think that lots of lights lead us to be generous and to have new hope. Every year in this season, we are filled with hope, joy, and love. This hope is like a light, and it comes with the light. When we are filled with joy, we do not care about hope.

On the other hand, when we are in despair, we would be eager to find hope as if the light is shiny more in the darkness than in the brightness. The Apostle John says, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” If you find even a tiny light, do not disappoint for it. If you walk toward the light, someday you are among the light with joy.

We sometimes forget that a small light has great power, which gives us hope. I had the experience of a little light that gave me a big hope, and the light guided me in a way. It was a few years ago when I was a seminarian. I was writing my final paper. I was about almost to be done for my paper. My feeling was higher because after finishing my paper, I would be free during the whole summer. At that moment, however, the electronic power is suddenly gone. I felt panic because my computer was also gone. I felt the whole world are dark. The light was gone. I lost hope. I felt my paper on a computer was also gone. I could not see anything around me because it was deeply dark.

I felt almost cry. I had no idea. Even I couldn't cry out because my feeling was too much panic. So, I just kept silent until my emotion became fine from that happens. After I was calm down a little bit, I started to pray. After for a while, I opened my eyes. I recognized I can see around me in the darkness. And I could see my desk and my computer in darkness, even though it was dim.

I opened my drawer in the desk; I found a box of small candles for a birthday cake. I lit a candle. Till then, I did not know that a tiny candle makes it bright around me. When I saw the little candles, my disappointment disappeared. I tried to find hope through a tiny candle. Suddenly, I whispered by myself, “Let it be light.” I thought that if this small candle makes like this much bright around me, how bright the light of God is! I was looking at the light the candle made.

### ***FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED...***

Eventually, I felt calm and peaceful. The candle was melting as if it is tearing. The tiny candle was melted shortly. I lit the other candle, and I went to the basement to find the box of power with the small candles. However, I had to light another candle on my way. These small candles could guide me to the basement where was the box of power. I used several candles until I got there. Finally, I got the power back. My paper was back to my computer also. I thought that the small candles were useless at first, but it was beneficial for me.

Each one may be weak, but they could work together to be strong. Each candle may sacrifice themselves for others. As like it, we may be weak, but our Lord is strong. If we light a fire of love continually, someday we may see the bright world filled with love and hope. We try to find hope because we have experienced disappointment as if a light is much more brilliant and shines in the darkness. I believe that people who are in despair and hopelessness may find a way to go for hope even though they could not find the way yet. Therefore, if you were in darkness or despair, do not panic. Stay there for a while, and you may see what you need. It may guide you toward a way to find the light. Hope begins from the reality of despair, which means where you are. At the moment you are out of the despair, you may find hope because “God separated the light from the darkness.”

We prayed to be the light in the world sharing candlelight at Christmas Eve service. I hope we make the world bright. We would be Christians like a road sign toward hope. Someday we may see the world filled with bright light. May 2020 be a blessed year that everyone who is looking for hope finds it out.

Blessings,

Pastor Jenny



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# A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

## Closing the Gap ~ January 2020

*12For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. (2 Corinthians 8:12)*

This year, join me in taking care of the problematic and typical shortfalls in our local church budgets. Many stewardship books propose **a step of 1% of income** per year as you grow toward tithing. In Wisconsin, if the roughly 34,000 giving households increased their giving by an average of 1% of income in 2020, **our churches would receive \$18 million more in 2020 than in 2019**. Overall, we would increase our giving from 3% to 4% of our collective income.

If you make the median income in Wisconsin, then one percent is about \$600. That is \$11.54 per week in 2020. Coming up with another \$12 per week for the church may take some effort and sacrifice, but you can see that for most families earning the median, this would be doable.

If your household earns \$100,000 per year, one percent is \$1,000, or about \$19 per week. If your household earns \$25,000 per year, one percent is \$250 or just under \$5 per week.

**Generosity is not a big check; rather, it is these weekly increments** that today you will resolve to give to God in 2020. If you have already pledged, tell them you want to change it, or just starting giving the additional \$5 or \$12 or \$19 or whatever is 1% of your income over and above your giving last year.

If most giving units increased their giving in this way, **your church would close the budget gap** that people have been worrying about. Apportionments would be paid and delayed maintenance would be done. More importantly, your congregation would be able to feed the hungry, help the poor, send youth on mission trips, sponsor missionaries and do good in many other ways. **Isn't this why you are a church?**



Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

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# FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD: FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

*Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; Romans 13:11-12*



Some might say that today we are wandering in great darkness. Division in our culture, division in our church, division in our politics, division in many communities and homes. Division equals darkness. We feel we are living in dreary, depressing, darkening days.

In the days preceding Jesus and Paul, the Jewish people found themselves living in dark days. We might romanticize first century Palestine and surrounding areas as “simpler times” but think for a moment all the things we have that they did not. Electricity for lights, for warmth, for cooking; running safe, clean water; abundant transportation; multiple communication devices covering long distances; public and private schools for all ages; access to all kinds of food, furniture, appliances, equipment. Today, literacy is high, science and technology have expanded our horizons, good scholarship and research have expanded our minds and our understanding. All these wonderful things are truly gifts from God, but they were not part of the cultural reality at the time of Jesus and Paul.

We look at medicine, at science, at language, at history, at almost any discipline we can think of and we have emerged from darkness into light. We have evolved to understand that slavery is wrong, beating children is not okay, polygamy and stoning people are unacceptable – even though our scriptures not only allow, but recommend these things. We have come from darkness into light.

We have come to an awakened respect for women, for people of other cultures, for those with physical and cognitive limitations that would have been viewed as demonic in the first century. Through sound and solid biblical study, we come to see that we must be careful not to impose modern and post-modern, western, moralistic meaning to pre-modern, primitive, and Middle Eastern/Mediterranean writing and thinking. By God’s grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are continuously moving away from darkness into light.

But this is not of our own doing. No matter how advanced our thinking and reasoning; no matter how sophisticated and cultured our manners; no matter how technologically and scientifically adept we have become, all this is the natural evolution of the creation by God. Some rebel against science – but science is a gift from God. We know about germs and viruses, many of us have excellent health care (though sadly many do not), many have access to amazing medications (while others do not), and most of us will live long, happy lives that the vast majority of people in the first century could not conceive (nor over half the world’s population today). Dental care, vision care, hearing care – we should never take these things for granted, and wherever possible we should strive to make them readily available to anyone and everyone who needs them. We live in an enlightened and enlightening time, because God is not finished with us yet.

BE THE LIGHT 

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## SOUL FOOD CONTINUED...

We of the middle- and upper-classes in the United States have a nearly impossible task of understanding and relating to the concept of living in darkness. Yet, in every one of our communities there are people living in desperate need of food, clothing, shelter, and basic medical attention. We have refugees and immigrants living in daily fear that they or someone they love will be deported. We have a growing population of children and young people terrified to go to school for fear of being shot. We have people having to fight daily to be accepted, treated with dignity and respect, and to be allowed basic human rights denied them. Millions of people live under a shadowing cloud of darkness.



How can this be? Jesus made two amazing statements that we should contemplate during this Advent season. The first (John 8:12 and 9:5), “I am the light of the world.” God sent Jesus as light – God “glorified” Jesus (to glorify means “to fill with light”) – to dispel the darkness and give new hope, purpose, and meaning to our lives. No matter how deep and vast the darkness might be, we cannot get lost in it as long as we have Jesus in us and with us.

The second statement may be even more amazing (Matthew 5:14), “You are the light of the world.” As we live our Christian discipleship in the world, God glorifies us through Christ Jesus to be light to each other! What an amazing concept. We are God’s glory shining in the world. We are to be, individually and together, a beacon of hope, care, kindness, forgiveness, and love. When Christ is in us, there should be no darkness at all. I ask you to pray with me this Advent time that the glorious light of God in Christ will shine in our hearts, that together we might glorify God, and through our witness to amazing grace and unconditional love God might use us to transform the world.

Grace and Peace,  
Bishop Hee-Soo Jung



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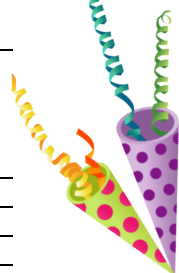
# GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS

**Liturgists**  
 Jan. 5 Kim Wheeler  
 Jan. 12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 26 \_\_\_\_\_

**Ushers**  
 Jan. 5 Charles Wright  
 Jan. 12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 19 Charles Wright  
 Jan. 26 Charles Wright

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

**Sunday School**  
 Jan. 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 26 \_\_\_\_\_



**Coffee Fellowship**  
 Jan. 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 26 \_\_\_\_\_

**Altar Flowers**  
 Jan. 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 19 Kayleen Branstad in  
 Jan. 26 \_\_\_\_\_

**Acolytes**  
 Jan. 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 26 \_\_\_\_\_

**Shoveling**  
 1/5 & 1/12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1/19 & 1/26 \_\_\_\_\_

**Jan. Counter** \_\_\_\_\_



## A GLANCE AT CENTRAL'S OFFERING INCOME THROUGH NOVEMBER 2019

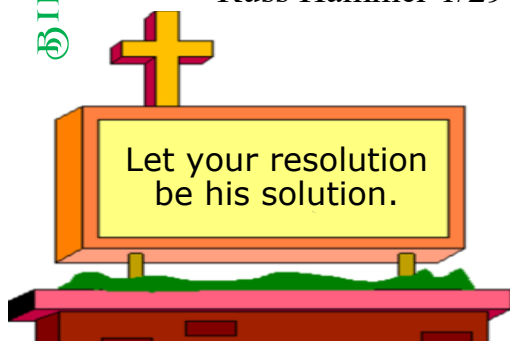


Funds	November 2019	Year-to_Date 2019
<b>General Funds Gifts</b>	\$ 6,115.00	\$ 62,480.12
<b>Loose Offering</b>	\$ 88.75	\$ 1,344.39
<b>Upper Room</b>	\$ -	\$ 13.00
<b>Sunday School</b>		
<b>Pie &amp; Ice Cream Social</b>	\$ -	\$ 500.11
<b>Harvest Supper</b>	\$ -	\$ 1,526.50
<b>Total General Funds</b>	\$ 6,203.75	\$ 65,864.12
<b>Equipment Replacement Fund</b>	\$ 84.00	\$ 1,008.00
<b>Capital</b>	\$ 50.00	\$ 640.00
<b>Missions</b>	\$ 285.09	\$ 2,523.65
<b>Specials</b>	\$ 20.00	\$ 524.00
<b>Other-Pastors Youth Fund</b>	\$ 25.00	\$ 2,054.00
<b>A/C Fund</b>	\$ -	\$ 20.00
<b>UMM</b>	\$ -	\$ 145.00
<b>Undesignated Memorials</b>	\$ -	\$ 2,760.00
<b>All Funds</b>	\$ 6,667.84	\$ 75,538.77

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



Dan Harmon 1/2  
 Lenora Benge Briggs 1/2  
*Mike & Terry Giles 1/6*  
 McKenna Marek 1/10  
 Jim Loomis 1/14  
 Pauline Bistram 1/15  
 Aruya Paulson 1/22  
 Max Dauer 1/27  
 Russ Hammer 1/29



# GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS

## UMW UPDATE....

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Christmas Heritage Boutique a success through your work, donations, shopping, or coming for coffee and greeting our visitors. The committee for the boutique were Mary McNally, Valetta Walton and Linda Hokanson. They spent many hours organizing and preparing for the sale and did a wonderful job.

The weather hampered some shoppers but those who did come seemed to enjoy themselves and found Christmas gifts, decor and cookie plates to start the season's preparations.

We had a lovely luncheon on Dec. 11th. The food, catered by Mia Mangia, was delicious. Thank you to Barb Loomis and Pastor Jenny for the Korean treats. Thank you to Terry Giles for the "Heritage" program and Barb Kallman for accompanying us as we sang Christmas carols.

Four members received UMW pins in recognition of multiple years of UMW leadership. They were Kayleen Branstad, Terry Giles, Barb Loomis and LuAnne Martell. Congratulations ladies!

There will be a planning meeting for 2020 at 10am, January 15th. We will meet at church. This meeting is for officers and any member who wants to have input into the year's activities and studies. Our next General meeting will be on February 12th following kitchen cleaning and lunch.

## UNITED METHODIST MEN'S JANUARY MEETING

**Saturday, January 11th  
8:00 AM at Central UMC**



**Devotions &  
Refreshments:**

**Steve Briggs**

## MISSIONS UPDATE

### November & December Missions

#### *Operation Christmas Child*

Central UMC donated 16 shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

#### *Sox Box*

Donations of socks, mittens, and other warm items were used for the Christmas store.

### January Mission

#### *Souper Bowl of Caring*

The January mission will be focusing on the Grantsburg Food shelf and Souper Bowl of Caring which will collect soup and financial support for the local food shelf. The Super Bowl in scheduled for February 2, 2020.



[tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org)

Thank you for your generous ongoing support of our monthly mission projects.

## NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT CHURCH SERVICE



On January 8th, Central UMC will hold its first Wednesday night worship service after the potluck. The hope of the worship committee is that this will make it easier for families with children, as Wednesday is reserved for church events in the Grantsburg School District. This will also mean that there is no worship service on Sunday, January 12. We will try this as a congregation for 4 months and see how it works. The members of the worship committee welcome all feed-back.

**Upcoming Dates:** January 8, February 12, March 11, and April 15

**Note:** There will be no Service the Sunday following these dates at Central.



## Admin Council Meeting

6:00 pm ~ January 14th  
Central UMC



# ATLAS NEWS

# January

**Liturgists**  
 Jan. 5 Sue Olson  
 Jan. 12 Colleen Adams-Schween  
 Jan. 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 26 \_\_\_\_\_

**Ushers**  
 Jan. 5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 12 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jan. 26 \_\_\_\_\_

**Fellowship**  
 Jan. 19 \_\_\_\_\_

**Cleaning**  
 (Note the date starts with the Sunday to be cleaned and the rest of that week is your responsibility also.)  
 12/29 & 1/5 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1/12 & 1/19 \_\_\_\_\_  
 1/26 & 2/2 \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday School**  
 (Older/Middle/Kindergarten)  
 Jan. 5 Mariah Gaffey/Colleen Adams-Schween/Briana Olson  
 Jan. 12 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / Josie Grimes  
 Jan. 19 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /  
 Jan. 26 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ /



## INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

### Offerings:

Dec. 1	\$	No Service
Dec. 8	\$	880.00
Dec. 15	\$	510.00
Dec. 22	\$	536.00
Dec. 29	\$	Unavailable



Total \$1926.00 (as of 12/22)  
 \$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses. **\$1352.84** shortage for Dec.

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



Josie Grimes 1/1  
 Kenneth Olson 1/13  
 Aryanna Mattson 1/20  
 Renee Tooze 1/26

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

**January 20th  
 6:00 pm**



## Winter Driving in Wisconsin

Know before you go this winter season with the 511 Wisconsin Traveler Information System. By downloading the free 511 Wisconsin Smartphone app, following [@511WI](#) on Twitter, or visiting [www.511wi.gov](http://www.511wi.gov) you can access these current statewide travel resources:

- Road conditions
- Travel times
- Traffic delays
- Incident alerts
- Construction closures
- Traffic cameras



511 Wisconsin is a 24/7 travel service provided through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.



## PLANET GREEN INK JET RECYCLING

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!



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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD**  
**Collecting Soup and/or \$1.00**  
**to support Loaves & Fishes**  
**Food Pantry**

**LOAVES & FISHES**  
**NEEDS OUR**  
**ONGOING SUPPORT**

On Communion Sunday, Jan. 5th  
 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.



**OLD FASHIONED**  
**CHRISTMAS CRAFT &**  
**BAKE SALE RESULTS...**

We are grateful that so many of you  
 shared your many talents at this yearly  
 church fundraiser! Thanks to you we  
 raised over \$1800! This yearly event  
 helps raise much needed funds to  
 support the church, its ministries and  
 its expenses throughout the year. We  
 couldn't do it without the dedication  
 and support of so many of our  
 members and friends of the church.  
 We are truly blessed.



**JANUARY**  
**MISSION**

**We will collect**  
**donations**  
**for the**  
**food shelf....**

If you don't have time  
 to **pray** & **read**  
**scriptures**, you're  
 busier than **God**  
 intended you to be.

[www.savingmoneywithbecky.com](http://www.savingmoneywithbecky.com)

**LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY**  
**Monthly Report ~ November 2019**

Households Served 69  
 Adults 121  
 Children 27  
 Total People 148

Luck School District 25  
 Unity School District 44  
 Other 0  
 New Families: Unity 2 Luck 2, Other 0

USDA Food Received 1380#  
 Groceries Purchased 1216#  
 NON-USDA (Donations) 2198#  
 Volunteer Hours 55



**Items Needed: Peanut Butter, 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: 1/5/20**



HELPING HANDS

### Liturgists

All of Jan. Sharon Asp

### Ushers

All of Jan. Marjorie Broker

### Altar Flowers

All of Jan. Kathy & Peter Gionis

### Coffee Hour

Jan. 12 Kathy & Peter Gionis  
Jan. 19 Administrative Council  
Jan. 26 Marjorie Broker

### Communion / Paraments

Jan.5 Kathy & Peter Gionis

### Money Counter(s)

All of Jan. Jim Andrews

### Potluck

Karen Sciacca



## JANUARY MISSION: SALVATION ARMY

January's Sailor Hat offering will go to support the Salvation Army.



### New Year Resolutions to Revitalize My Life!

1. Read Bible
2. Volunteer
3. Heal Relationships
4. Read a Classic Book
5. Date Night w/Spouse
6. Pray Daily
7. Take Vacation
8. Renew Relationships
9. Visit a Museum
10. Share the Gospel!



St. Croix Falls  
Admin Council Meeting

Thursday, January 9th  
6:00 pm

## St. Croix Falls December Mission Update:

Thank you to all who supported the December Mission of making Christmas Baskets for families in the St. Croix Falls area. Below are thank you notes that were received from some of the children who received these baskets.



## The United Methodist Church Special Sundays



The United Methodist Church designates a number of Sundays throughout the year as opportunities for recognizing and supporting particular ministries. The next Special Sunday is Human Relations Day...January 19, 2020. Envelopes will be provided in the weekly bulletin to collect a special offering to support Human Relations Day.

Turn on the news or drive around the outskirts of your town and you will find what Jesus called "the least of these." Those living in the margins of society, struggling to survive. People like:

- An immigrant teenager in Texas' poorest county, being recruited by a local gang
- A father struggling for sobriety in Little Rock, Arkansas
- An Oklahoma woman recently released from incarceration looking for work

Over and over Jesus served people like this, embracing them. And that's what we want to model as the people of The United Methodist Church. To continue the ministry of Jesus we established Human Relations Day as a Special Sunday that calls all of our churches to participate in helping all God's children to realize their potential.

### **Will You Support the Ministry of Christ Among Those on the Margins?**

Will you continue to support Human Relations Day? Will you continue nurturing at-risk youth, strengthening communities' self-improvement efforts and advocating for the oppressed?

## Miscellaneous

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IDEAS FOR your spirituality

- Join a spiritual community
- Add regular prayer time to your daily routine
- Learn to meditate and start a daily meditation practice
- Frequent a place of worship
- Serve or volunteer more in your religious community
- Read religious text more often
- Grow your understanding through books, videos or podcasts
- Find a spiritual leader or mentor
- Reconnect with nature and the outdoors
- Find inner peace and happiness



1. **Know your dog's limits!** Some dogs are more susceptible to the cold than others.
2. **Check the hood!** Cats often sleep in the wheel wells or under the hood.
3. **Wipe their paws!** During winter walks, your dog's paws can pick up all kinds of toxic chemicals – salt, antifreeze, or de-icers.
4. **Keep them leashed!** More pets become lost in the winter than any other season because snow-fall can disguise recognizable scents.
5. **Avoid the ice!** When walking your dog, be sure to avoid frozen lakes and ponds. Your dog could be seriously hurt or even killed if the ice breaks.
6. **Leave them home!** Just as hot cars are dangerous for pets in the summer, cold cars pose a threat as well! Only take your pets in the car if it is necessary, and never leave them unattended.
8. **Give them shelter!** Ideally, all pets should live inside.



# Prepare! Don't Let a Winter Storm Take You by Surprise

## WINTER CAR SAFETY



## UMCOR SPECIAL SUNDAY'S IN 2020

On these Sunday's there will be Special Offering envelopes available in your bulletin to collect funds to support these ministries.



**HUMAN RELATIONS DAY**  
JANUARY 19, 2020



**UMCOR SUNDAY**  
MARCH 22, 2020



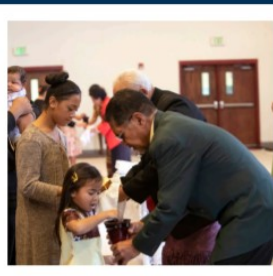
**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY**  
APRIL 26, 2020

## CHURCHWIDE SPECIAL SUNDAYS

Bring Churches Together



**PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY**  
JUNE 7, 2020



**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
OCTOBER 4, 2020



**UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY**  
NOVEMBER 29, 2020



## Go Fish Gatherings



### Upcoming Meetings:

January 8th &  
January 22nd

4:00 to 5:30 pm  
Central UMC

### SPRC MEETING

Tuesday, January 21st  
6:00 pm  
Central UMC in  
Grantsburg

## Confirmation Class

January 8th ~ 6:45 Worship Service at  
Central UMC in Grantsburg-the  
Confirmation Class attends worship  
instead of class.

Atlas UMC  
Jan. 22nd at 6:30 pm



In December an email survey was sent out to all parish members we had an email address for. If you haven't already done so we invite you to take this short survey to help us get our Youth Group program running. Youth Group will help our children learn and grow in their faith. We want to be able to reach as many parish youth as we are able. Please fill out for your youth or have your youth help you. Thank you

Shayna Snyder

Youth Director

<https://surveyhero.com/c/84e866a9>

(You can click on the link or enter the address in your browser address bar.)

# 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

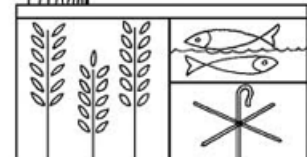
**Family Pathways Food Shelf—2000 US Hwy 8, St Croix Falls**

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.

