

Upper St. Croix Parish United Methodist Church
Grantsburg, St. Croix Falls, Atlas
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MARCH 2022



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A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Blessed to be a Blessing **March 2022**

In their book, *The Generosity Challenge*, Kristine Miller and Scott McKenzie share the results of a 2017 Barna Group study on prayer called, *Silent and Solo: How Americans Pray*. The study found that 79% of American adults have prayed in the last three months. What was the content of those prayers?

- Gratitude and thanksgiving – 62%
- The needs of family and community – 61%
- Personal guidance in crisis – 49%
- My health and wellness – 47%
- Confession and forgiveness – 43%
- Things I suddenly feel compelled to pray about – 43%
- Safety in my daily tasks or travel – 41%
- A sense of peace – 37%
- Blessings for meals – 37%
- Specific requests for others – 34%
- Several others at lesser percentages

First, let me note that I love that gratitude and thanksgiving top the list of prayer subjects. Part of spiritual, emotional, and mental wellness can be found in gratitude practices. Miller and McKenzie do point out that something important is missing from this list, however. There is no mention of listening to God, no mention of asking "God, what do you want me to do, how do you want me to live?"

These questions, for us as individuals and for our churches, are key part of our stewardship practices. Our faith teaches us that God gives us good things for a purpose that is greater than satisfying our own needs and desires. We are blessed to be a blessing. It is important for our prayers of gratitude to be followed by an openness to the movement of God's Spirit.

May God grant you the courage to ask, "Lord, what can I do in gratitude for all you have already done for me?"

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

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THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

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March 2022



Pastor Jenny Lee, Ph.D.



Ash and Lent

“By the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust, you shall return.” (Genesis 3:19)

A few days ago, we discussed an Ash service and the Lent season at our Administrative Council meetings: how can we keep our Ash service and Lenten season effectively and safely. While discussing the Ash service, we were curious if we should keep it only on Wednesday. We have held Ash service on “Wednesday” as the Christian tradition. However, since the COVID 19 pandemic has hit around the world, the pandemic changed worship styles and our lifestyle. Based on the pandemic era we are living in, we should consider if it is safe for our congregation whenever we plan worship services or activities. Because of the pandemic the church had to develop a new technology culture holding online worship services, workshops, Bible studies, meetings, etc. On the positive side, they are easy and convenient ways for everyone to gather.

Christian culture might have changed over this era, but we should keep faith the core, not the style. The heart is faith in that Jesus Christ is the Lord, our Savior. Based on our faith in Jesus Christ, we practice activities, worship, meetings, bible studies, mission work, prayers, meditations, and fellowship, according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit so that we grow to Christlikeness. John Wesley calls every Christian’s practice “the means of God’s grace” because we grow in the knowledge and grace of God through Christian rituals. As such, we can understand “Ash” and “Lent.” The date and style don’t matter, but their meanings matter. Again, the value is that we know those meanings and keep them. Therefore, let us review the importance of the Ash service and Lent.

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent is from the Anglo-Saxon word, “*lencten*,” which means “spring.” Namely, Lent is the season of preparing renewal and of celebrating Easter. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians. So, usually, the church performs the baptism on Easter after preparing with repentance during the Lenten season. The first Sunday of Lent describes Jesus’ temptation by Satan; and the Sixth Sunday (Passion/ Palm Sunday), Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem, and his subsequent passion and death. Because Sundays are always little Easters, the penitential spirit of Lent should be tempered with joyful expectation of the resurrection.

There are the Great Three Days - Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday), Good Friday, and Easter Day. These three days are the climax of Lent and a bridge into the Easter Season. These days proclaim the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection. For these three days, the community may journey with Jesus from the upper room, the last supper, to the Cross, to the tomb, and the garden of resurrection.

You may wonder why we have 40 days for Lent. The number 40 is significant in the scripture, which is a period of testing or trial. It relates to the 40 days Noah spent in the Ark during the great flood, the 40 years Israel spent seeking the Promised Land after the exodus from Egypt, and to the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness after his baptism. Therefore, the 40 days of Lent symbolizes an invitation to 40 days of renewal and to 40 days of preparing ourselves to receive the Good News of Easter.

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FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED...

Overall, Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper. When Good Friday and Easter eventually come, it is not just another day at church, but we feel an opportunity to receive the overflowing of graces God offers. The use of ashes is a sign of mortality and repentance. The imposition of ashes can be a powerful nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation. Again, receiving Ash means that we confess, first God made us with dust in his image. Second, we sinned, and third, we are born again in Jesus Christ by the grace of God. Receiving Ash is a reminder to ourselves not to lose an opportunity to reconcile with God and with people around us if we commit hurtful or unjust characteristics.

So, during the Lenten season, I encourage you to set a time and set a place for your contemplation, meditation, devotion, or prayer about what our Lord did for us on the Cross and what we want from God in our life. Let us pass through 40 days of Lent well, having an opportunity to receive more of God's grace. The Cross is where our faith stands. Christ's sacrifice and subsequent resurrection are the real core of the Christian faith. Without the Cross, there would be no salvation, without the resurrection, no hope. That is why Good Friday and the following Easter Sunday are the most important dates to Christians, even more than Christmas. Please remember how much God loves us. And what Jesus our Lord did for us. Please remember what the gospel of John says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Blessings,

Pastor Jenny

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS



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GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS



WORSHIP
VOLUNTEER
opportunities



Central UMC is holding church services with a Zoom service at 8:30 am on Sundays. We are looking for volunteers to help out at each service. Sign up sheets are available at the church. We appreciate your willingness to help out!

Most all of us are vaccinated, but we respect everyone whether masks are on or off. As we are still living with the Coronavirus we are encouraging people to avoid hugging or shaking hands with each other.



We welcome everyone to join us for Coffee Fellowship after service each Sunday. Please be safe.



Megan Branstad 3/5
Dan Rahkola 3/16
Mike Alderman 3/17
Paulie Kratchmer 3/18
Rene Wright 3/20
Kayleen Branstad 3/23
Majesty Rehbein 3/27
Emma Rahkola 3/31

Peter & Kayleen Branstad 3/14



A GLANCE AT CENTRAL'S OFFERING INCOME THROUGH JANUARY 2022



Funds	January 2022	Year-to-Date 2022
General Funds Gifts	\$ 5,545.00	\$ 5,545.00
Loose Offering	\$ 146.00	\$ 146.00
Upper Room	\$ -	\$ -
Apportionments		
Total General Funds	\$ 5,691.00	\$ 5,691.00
Missions		
Youth Fund	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Specials	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
Memorials	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,100.00
Other	\$ -	\$ -
All Funds	\$ 6,946.00	\$ 6,946.00

GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS & MISC.

MISSIONS GIVING

March Mission—No information available at time of printing.

UM Men's Meeting March 12th

8:00 am at Central UMC

The United Methodist Men will meet the 2nd Saturday of every month at 8:00 am.

No masks are required.



IN MEMORY

Bill Shepherd, former Pastor of Atlas and Central churches died on December 20, 2021. You can see his obituary and parts of his memorial service on the Casperson Funeral Home website link below:

[Obituary for Joseph William Shepherd | Casperson Funeral Home & Cremation Services, LLC](#)



Admin Meeting

March 15th
6:30 pm
Central UMC

BE A “BACK-PACK BACKER”!

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



Thanks to the UMW - We have a sparkling, clean, decluttered and sanitized kitchen. We met on February 9th at 10:00 am and by noon we were ready to enjoy lunch together. Many hands make cleaning fast and fun!

Our next meeting will be on March 9th at 1:00 pm.

Come and enjoy fellowship while we discuss our upcoming projects for Missions, the all church Rummage Sale and our Annual Heritage Sale. We will have a craft project for us to work on. All are welcome. Hope to see you.

If you have any questions
please call me 715 791 8010.

~ Mary McNally

ATLAS NEWS

**In-person (indoor) worship services
Sundays at 9:45 am.**

We will be needing volunteers so please check the sign up sheets if you are able to help. Thank you!



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!

LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT

March Collection: Canned Vegetables

Our donations will be taken to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry... they will help our neighbors in need .

Thank you for your kindness.



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

**Next Meeting is 1:30 pm
March 22, 2022**



INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

Offerings:

February	\$ 2130.00
Other	\$ Unavailable
Total	\$2130.00 as of 2/20/22



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

\$3278.84 - Needed per Month to cover expenses.
\$1148.84 shortage .



Chaz Norenberg	3/3
Mariah Gaffey	3/8
Colleen Adams-Schween	3/10
Dorothy Miller	3/11
Wren Grimes	3/12
Barry Norenberg	3/16
Deloris Olson	3/18
Wendell Hauble	3/22
Chase Steffen	3/23
Meryl Walsten	3/25
Don Schween	3/28

Mark Your CALENDAR



March 10 ~ Lenten Bible Study begins @ 6:30 by zoom

March 16 ~ Craft group begins @ 1:00

April 7 ~ Bishop's Day @ Holy Trinity Church

April 9 ~ Easter Craft and Bake Sale @ Atlas

April 10 ~ Palm Sunday

April 17 ~ Easter Sunday



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ATLAS UMC

EASTER CRAFT & BAKE SALE

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

Spring is almost here! Stop by and shop a variety of wonderful homemade treats and crafts-they will make great Easter basket stuffers and gifts!

Goodies of All Kinds!
 Breads * Bars * Cookies * Candies * Cupcakes * Jellies
 Homemade Crafts

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LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

Monthly Report ~ January 2021

Households Served	30	Luck School District	17
Adults	53	Unity School District	13
Children	<u>3</u>	Other	0
Total People	56	New Families: Unity 0 Luck 0 Other 0	
USDA Food Received	1200#	NON-USDA (Donations)	0
Groceries Purchased	781#	Volunteer Hours	51

Items Needed: Juice, toilet paper, bar soap, shower gel and peanut butter.

Thank You!





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: 3/6/22



HELPING HANDS

Volunteers for the month of March

Liturgist	Karen Sciacca
Money Counter	Peter Gionis
Usher	Kathy Gionis
Fellowship	3rd Sunday of the month- Admin Council
Flowers	Kathy Gionis
Communion	Karen Sciacca

In-person services will be held Sunday's at 11:15 am. We hope to see you there!

We will still also hold ZOOM Video services at 8:30 am and 11:15 am every Sunday. Check out our website and Facebook page for details. We hope you can join us! Thank you!



St. Croix Falls UMC Exterior Planting Facelift



We will have Abrahamson Nursery Give our church a flowering plants, trees and bushes face lift in May/ June. They will remove any very sad looking trees, plants and weeds. We are all looking forward to the improvements.

St. Croix Falls
Admin Council Meeting

March 17th
4:00 pm via Zoom



MARCH MISSION



The Sailor Hat
Offering for February
will go to Polk County
Drug Court

Thank you for your
support!



Steve
Sylvester

3/8

Godly Grief and Deep Change



“For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation” (2 Cor 7:10 NRSV).

There is a long way to wholeness taken through suffering or loss. It is the spiritual geography of proclamation that once passed through wilderness. When we sense such maps are before us, we often wonder if there is another way. Deep into a pandemic we have much to reckon with: grief, the reminders of unequal health outcomes for persons of color, and the strains of schooling from home to name a few.

Many of us would prefer to practice a faith that did not ask us to face godly sorrow. Yet faith without honest reckoning does not equip us for the long haul, or for a harvest of personal and social holiness.

In his book *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church’s Complicity in Racism*, Jemar Tisby asserts that there are benefits to having a sobering conversation with your doctor, as well as getting honest with the Great Physician. Tisby writes: “The goal of this book is not guilt. The purpose of tracing Christian complicity with racism is not to show white believers how bad they are. It is simply a fact of American history that white leaders and laity made decisions to maintain the racist status quo. Even though the purpose of this work is not to call out any particular racial group, these words may cause some grief, but grief can be good” (p.22). At that point Tisby takes us to Paul’s words born of rough patches with the Corinthians: “For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation” (2 Cor 7:10). For Paul, there is a pain that God participates in that brings metanoia. In personal terms, this is a genuine acknowledgment of complicity with harm, coupled with the humble, but strong resolve to change one’s behavior. In corporate terms, our psalms of lament teach us that there are times shared suffering is the road to “letting go of former things,” as Isaiah terms them, so that we have room in our hands to grasp God’s new thing.

Faith without reckoning hurt, harm, loss, more than that—theology without crucifixion—risks being reduced to happy talk, and the nurturance of a false self. Without capacity for being a suffering fellowship, there are too few voices among us that can help mature disciples across their times of pain.

In the Fall of 2019, the Wisconsin Conference began to advance Radical Inclusion and Racial Justice as our continuous mission and ministry direction. Our Anti-Racism Task Force and the Bishop’s Task Force are working together to explore how we can build beloved community together in the Wisconsin Conference. I will ask you to pray and consider study and reflection on Radical Inclusion and Racial Justice. Bryan Stevenson’s ‘Four Pillars to Change the World’ may be a helpful map. His four principles to create change are:

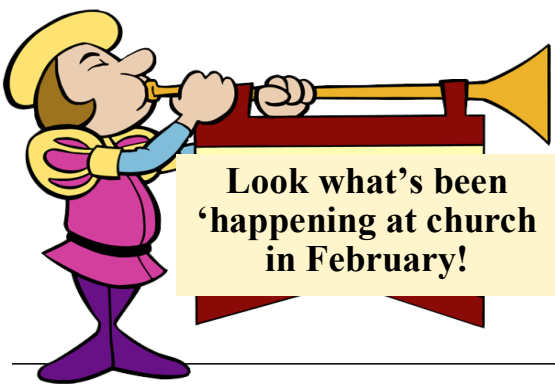
1. Move toward pain, injury, and harm—it is impossible to address or improve a situation by avoiding it.
2. Create space for the narratives of integrity and truth while resisting narratives of fear and division/othering—the less we know about others, the less we value them.
3. Be willing to be discomforted to be faithful witnesses—remember that our discipleship is obedience to God and gospel, not comfort and security. Disciples are sent, often to places they would not ordinarily choose to go!
4. Live as people of relentless hope—believe the best about others instead of the worst. Live toward a potential for good rather than an avoidance of assumed bad.

I would invite you to practice three specific requests in your life of faith:

1. Engage the work personally through prayerful introspection, vulnerability, and discernment for your own journey of transformation.
2. Listen to stories of pain within your context and share your broader anti-racism work with your colleagues.
3. Integrate the sacred work of anti-racism into everyday ministry engagement and leadership.

Paul was able to say, “Now I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because your grief led to repentance” (2 Cor 7:9). I pray that the Wisconsin Conference would experience metanoia that brings salvation and newness. May God’s Spirit draw us closer to God and to each other. Know that I am praying for you. Peace to you.

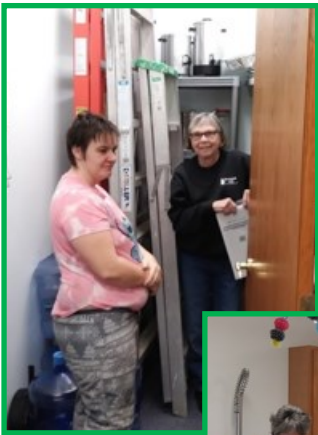
Bishop Hee-Soo Jung



2-6-2022, Children's Time (G)



2-6-2022, Communion Service (G, Pastor Jenny and Assistant Indie Tooze)



2-9-2022, The UMW's Cleaning Day—Below (G, Judy Lien, Paulie Kratchmer, Valetta Walton and Mary McNally) On the Left 2-9-2022, The UMW's Cleaning Day (G, Donna Norman and LuAnne Martell)



2-9-2022, Confirmation Class (G, Barb Loomis, Cameron Smallwood, Chaile Glonck, Peyton Smallwood, and Jennifer Stedman)



2-12-2022, The UM Men's meeting, (G, Russ Hammer, Charles Wright and Pastor Jenny Lee)



2-13-2022, Happy Valentine's Day (SCF, they delivered the flowers and candies to their congregation)



2-13-2022, Happy Valentine's Day (G, Music Director Toni Koons and Pastor Jenny Lee)

2-13-2022, New Visitors with joyful noise (SCF, Amy and Andy Horihan, and Pastor Jenny Lee)



2-15-2022, Administrative Council meeting (Atlas, Cheryl Olson, Sue Olson, Colleen Adams-Schween and Pastor Jenny Lee)





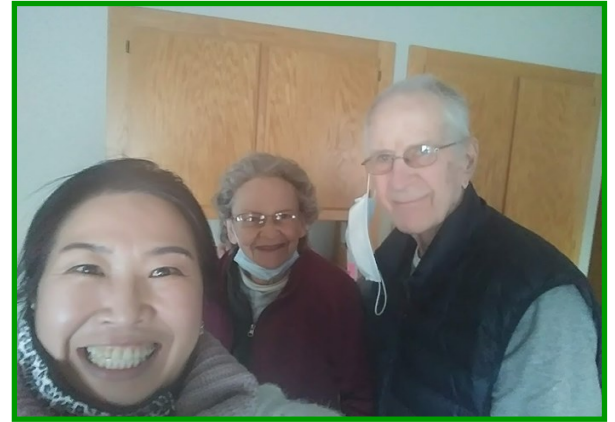
2-16-2022, Youth Gathering (G, From left, Anneliese Snyder, Director Shayna Schmid, Barb Loomis, Charlie Glonck, and Peyton Smallwood)



2-16-2022, Go Fish for Kids (G, LuAnne Martell, Leland Snyder, Willow Nylend, Haven Rehbein, Barb Loomis and Adalyn Snyder)



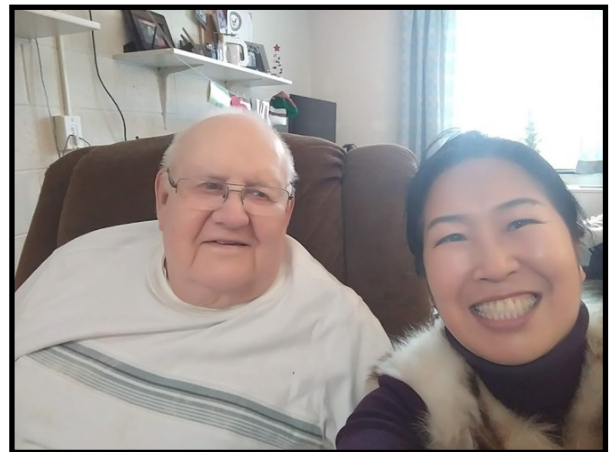
2-2-2022 (G, Don Anderson and Pastor Jenny Lee)



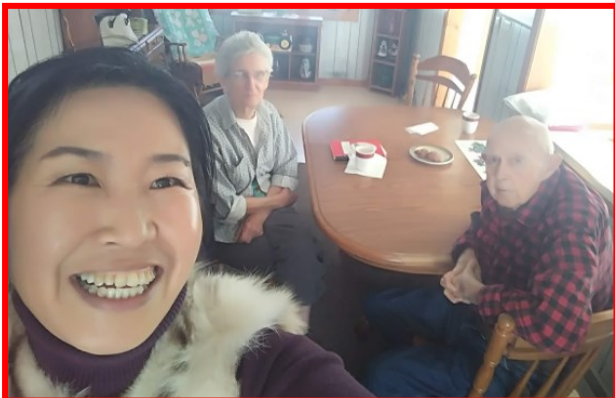
2-3-2022 (SCF, Joan and Charlie Zeigler, and Pastor Jenny Lee)



2-3-2022, (SCF, Lynn Hanson and Pastor Jenny Lee)



2-18-2022, (G, Bevan Branstad and Pastor Jenny Lee)



2-18-2022, (G, Pauline and Art Bistram, and Pastor Jenny Lee)

VISITATION



2-20-2022, (G, Willow Nylend and Pastor Jenny Lee)

MARCH FUN PAGE





Central church will host a free Fat Tuesday/End of Marci Gras supper on Tuesday, March 1st and we invite members of all three parish congregations to join us.

The menu will include egg bakes, fruit, milk, coffee and all you can eat pancakes.

Supper starts at 5:30 pm followed by a Lenten Ash Service at 7:15 pm. We hope many of you will join us for all or part of the evening.

Central will not have an Ash Wednesday Service. The Tuesday evening service will replace that. Questions call LuAnne Martell or Pastor Jenny.

Bring your appetite! We look forward to seeing everyone!

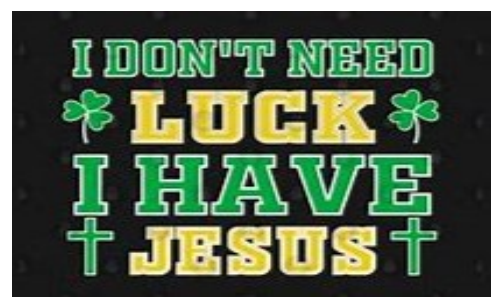


MINISTRY TABLETS AVAILABLE

Just a reminder we have ministry tablets available for all churches to use for their members, please let Pastor Jenny know if you would like to use one.

Our experiences are that users really appreciate them, they are able to hear and see other members during the service.

-Karen Sciacca



ZOOM VIDEO WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 am & 11:15 am Sunday's

There will be a parish-wide ZOOM video service at 8:30 am at Central-Grantsburg and 11:15 am at St. Croix Falls every Sunday until further notice. The worship materials will be mailed out to those without email, emailed out to everyone in the parish we have email addresses for and posted on our website. The sermon and ZOOM login information will also be sent with the service material and posted on our website. The video of the worship service will be posted on the parish Facebook page after the service.

"Upper St. Croix Parish Youth Ministry"



Youth group will meet every other Wednesday, at 6:30pm at Grantsburg. Youth gathering's schedule:

- ⇒ March 2
- ⇒ March 16
- ⇒ April 6
- ⇒ April 20
- ⇒ May 4
- ⇒ May 18

Please pray for our youth ministry!



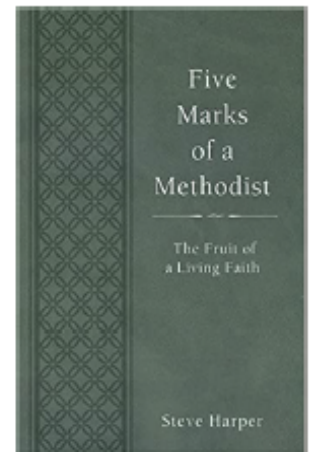
Lenten Small Group Gatherings

We will be starting two new small group gatherings during Lent. The purpose of these gatherings is to continue to help us build good relationships with God and with one another. We are working to help revitalize our faith and our church community. In addition, we will evolve in our faith as disciples of Jesus Christ, and contribute to our local community and the global world.

We will meet (gather) regularly (once a week) via Zoom. Each group has a leader and an assistant leader (or secretary). Each leader and assistant has the responsibility to communicate with members, and prepare for each gathering. They will also work with Pastor Jenny. These two groups are open to everyone, and they welcome all! Details for each group are below. We hope to see you there!

1. Lenten Bible Study

- Bible Study is open to everyone
- We will be learning about the faith of Methodist Christians
- Books are \$11 each
- Register with Pastor Jenny by February 27th
- Class Schedule: Thursdays during Lent at 6:30 pm via Zoom (3/10, 3/17, 3/24, 3/31, and 4/14)



2. Craft Group Gatherings

- The Craft Group is open to everyone
- We will be making Rice Heating Pads/Bags (We will be sending the Rice Pads to people in need in nursing homes and the Food Pantry)
- NO COST
- Register with Pastor Jenny by February 27th
- Class Schedule: Wednesdays during Lent at 1:00 pm at Central-6 (3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13)
- Questions to Pastor Jenny or Paulie Kratchmer (715-520-2397)



If you are interested in either of these groups, please contact Pastor Jenny.
(Main Office: 715-463-2624, Cell: 773-793-7307, or Email: jennlee1732@gmail.com).

We look forward to gathering-God always shows up, we hope you do too.

Safe Sanctuary Policies of Youth Group/Children (Revised, 2022)

Upper St. Croix Parish United Methodist Church: Atlas, Grantsburg-Central and St. Croix Falls

Definition: Youth 12 to 18, Children (Go Fish/Sunday School) 6 to 12 years

*The policies are approved by Administrative Council and SPRC/PPRC Committee of each church on Feb. 2022, and noticed by Pastor Jenny Lee, Youth Director Shayna Schmid, and Parish Secretary Colleen Norenberg.

- ☐ **Two-Adult Rule**: No fewer than two adults present at all times during any church-sponsored program, event, or ministry. At least one must be screened and trained.
- ☐ **Six-Month Rule**: Prior to volunteering with vulnerable people, an adult should be an active part of the church community for at least six months or meet the requirements of the organization that wants to use our building.
- ☐ **Leader Maturity**: To be a leader with responsibility, an adult must be at least 18-years-old; Adults should model behaviors and rules they wish youth to follow.
- ☐ **Safe Touching**: Touching should never be painful or violent, nor should it be forced upon anyone. "Your body; your choice." Adults should not initiate hugs. Adults should always be the one to end the hug. Side hugs are best.
- ☐ **Photo/Video usage**: Obtain permission before publishing photos or videos (written consent). Carefully observe for identifying information, about location or names. No tagging should be allowed on social media.
- ☐ **Rule of Three**: Youth may be allowed out of direct supervision with specific time/space boundaries, but should always be in groups of at least three.
- ☐ **Communication**: Maintain 'visibility' in all communication. Parents, other adult volunteers, or church staff should be copied on whatever is sent to youth. Obtain parental permission before contacting youth directly.
- ☐ **Notify Parents**: Always give parents advance notice and full information about events. Require written, advance permission when appropriate. Will obtain necessary medical permissions.
- ☐ **Transportation**: Vehicles should be checked for safety. Drivers should be licensed, and approved by parent /church leaders. His/her age must be over 18. Create a plan specifically for safety while driving, especially for long distances. Avoid to have an adult alone with one youth/ one kid. Drivers must provide a vehicle that is in good condition, with working safety features and proof of insurance.
- ☐ **Sleeping Arrangements**: An adult should never share a bed with a child. Genders should be separated and chaperoned by two adults of the same gender. Other adults should have separate sleeping areas from children and youth.
- ☐ **Accident/Incident Forms**: Should be filled out promptly and filed. All forms should be reviewed annually to determine if a pattern is emerging.
- ☐ **Ratios**: The number of children/youths an adult may safely supervise will increase with the age of the child/youth. Based on the Two-Adult Rule, we hold the ratios as Children 6/1 and Youth 12/1.
- **The organizations (out of the church)** like Girl Scouts, if they want to use the church building, may require a federal background check as well as the Two Adult Rule. A member of the church's Trustees will meet with the spokesperson for the organization, review documentation and grant or decline permission to use the building.

I read the policies and agree to them for my kids. My kid(s) name is(are) _____

I give my consent for my child/ren to have their pictures published.

Parent(Guardian) Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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: **715-557-1653**

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.



March

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Calendar of the
Upper St. Croix
Parish

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p>Pastor Jenny's Office Hours</p> <p>Grantsburg-Tuesdays and Wednesdays 9 am - 5 pm</p> <p>St. Croix Falls-Thurs, 11am - 4 pm</p>	<p>Colleen's Office Hours (Times are approximate)</p> <p>Remotely: Tuesday's 8:00 am-4:00 pm</p> <p>Friday's 8:00 am-12:00 pm</p>		<p>Check us out on the web at upperstcroixparish.org or on Facebook!</p>	<p><i>Winds of March</i></p> <p><i>Winds of March, we welcome you, There is work for you to do. Work and play and blow all day, Blow the winter cold away.</i></p> <p>UNKNOWN</p>		
		<p>1 5:30 pm Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper (G)</p> <p>7:15 pm Ash Service (G)</p> 	<p>2 Ash Wednesday (No services)</p> <p>6:30 pm Youth Gathering (G)</p>	<p>3 9:00 am North West Clergy Meeting via Zoom</p> <p>10:00 am -12:00 pm, New Ministry Board Meeting via Zoom</p>	<p>4</p> <p>3/4-3/5 Confirmation Retreat at Lake Lucerne</p> <p>5</p>	
<p>6 1st Sunday of Lent (Communion & Ash) Sunday</p> <p>8:30 Worship (G)</p> <p>8:30 Zoom Worship Service</p> <p>9:45 Worship (A)</p> <p>11:15 Worship (SCF)</p> <p>11:15 Zoom Worship Service</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 7:00 pm Provisional Elder Mentoring</p>	<p>9 1:00 pm UMW (G)</p> <p>6:30 Youth Confirmation (G)</p>	<p>10 6:30 pm, Lenten Bible Study Session 1 via Zoom</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 8:00 UMM Meeting (G)</p>

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13 2nd Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings 8:30 Worship (G) 8:30 Zoom Worship Service 9:45 Worship (A) 11:15 Worship (SCF) 11:15 Zoom Worship Service 	14	15 6:30 Ad Council Meeting via Zoom	16 1:00 pm, Lenten Craft Group Gathering Session 1 (G)	17 St. Patirkc's Day 9:00 am North West Clergy Meeting via Zoom 4:00 St. Croix Falls Ad Council Meeting (Zoom) 6:30pm, Lenten Bible Study Session 2 via Zoom 	18	19
20 3rd Sunday of Lent 8:30 Worship (G) 8:30 Zoom Worship Service 9:45 Worship (A) 11:15 Worship (SCF) 11:15 Zoom Worship Service Youth Group Gathering (Tentative)	21	22 10:00 am Deadline to submit Newsletter and Calendar information  1:30 pm Ad Council Meeting (A)	23 1:00 pm Lenten Craft Group Gathering Session 2 (G) 4:00 pm, District New Ministry Team Meeting via Zoom	24 6:30pm, Lenten Bible Study Session 3 via Zoom	25	26
27 4th Sunday of Lent 8:30 Worship (G) 8:30 Zoom Worship Service 9:45 Worship (A) 11:15 Worship (SCF) 11:15 Zoom Worship Service	28	29 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting via Zoom	30 1:00 pm, Lenten Craft Group Gathering Session 3 (G)	31 9:00 am, North West District Clergy Meeting via Zoom 6:30pm, Lenten Bible Study Session 4 via Zoom 		