

thinking in this time of reflection, refresh us as your rain waters the earth, and restore our strength that we might live faithfully according to your promises. Give us courage to step over to see what you see, and help us open our minds to see others and understand. Use us as the means of your grace to heal all nations. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

After each prayer request:
Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,
All: Hear our Prayer.

PRAYER SONG

UMH 487

This is our prayer. This is our prayer, O God!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION/PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Unison

Thank you, God, for hearing our prayers and restoring our strength. Thank you for drawing us apart from our selfish ways and self-serving pursuits. Let our offering today fulfill your purposes, not ours. Let these gifts summon others to follow Christ. Let them know they joy of breaking bread with the Great Physician who offers healing to all who dare to trust your mercy. Amen!

We Go Forth to Love God and Serve One Another

*CLOSING HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See

UMH 454 (1 & 3)

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Jenny Lee

*POSTLUDE

Toni Koons (G)/Sharon Asp (A & SCF)

Worship Resources "Taught by Love" by Lavon Bayler.

Upper St. Croix Parish United Methodist Church

The 2023 Parish Ministry Theme:
"Fill My House" (Luke 14:23)

Peace with Justice Sunday



Grantsburg-Central,
Since 1897



Atlas, Since 1887



St. Croix Falls,
Since 1859

SUNDAY SERVICES:

NO ONLINE SERVICE AT THIS TIME

9:00 AM at Grantsburg (9:15 AM, Sunday School)

10:00 AM at Atlas (Sunday School-summer break)

11:15 AM at St. Croix Falls

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Upper St. Croix Parish
Grantsburg: Central, Atlas, St. Croix Falls
June 11th, 2023
Peace with Justice

*Please stand if you are able.

***PRELUDE** Toni Koons (G)/Sharon Asp (A & SCF)
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
PASSING OF THE GREETINGS

Peace be with you!
(*Waive your hands at one another*)

We Celebrate New Life in Christ

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Responsive

God calls us out of places known and secure.
God invites us into a living, trusting relationship.

Happy are those whom God chooses as a heritage.

God's counsel to every generation comes to us.

God continues to bring new worlds into being.

God is constantly offering new opportunities to us.

We are called away from empty pursuits.

God wants to employ our talents for the common good.

Let us worship God with our whole being.

Let us use all our talents to praise our Creator.

Praise God with instruments we have made.

Sing praises with voices God has given. Amen.

***DEDICATING HYMN** *O God of Every Nation*

UMH 435 (vs. 1 & 2)

OPENING PRAYER Responsive (The Book of Worship)

From self-righteousness that will not compromise, and from
selfishness that gains by the oppression of others,

O Lord, deliver us.

From the lust for money or power that drives to kill,

O Lord, deliver us.

From trusting in the weapons of war, and from distrusting the councils
of peace,

O Lord, deliver us.

From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about other nations,

O Lord, deliver us.

From suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation,

O Lord, deliver us.

From words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice, and hatred;
from everything that prevents us from fulfilling your promise of peace,

O Lord, deliver us. Amen!

Proclamation of God's Word

***THE GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 9:9-13; 18-26

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. 10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

18 While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." 19 And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. 20 Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, 21 for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." 22 Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. 23 When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, 24 he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. 25 But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. 26 And the report of this spread through all of that district.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SHARING OF MISSION PROJECT

Deb Hammer (Chair of Mission Committee at G-Central)

We Respond to God's Word

RESPONDING PRAYER Unison

God of all nations, by whose word the heavens were made and in whose dominion the universe continues to expand, stretch our

JUNE CHURCH MISSIONS

ATLAS

Mission committee chair: Peggy Frederickson

INK JET RECYCLING PROGRAM:

Atlas collects and recycles ink jet cartridges and cell phones year-round.



LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT

Requested items: Bread, eggs, milk, cheese, fresh vegetables (carrots, potatoes), fresh fruit (apples, oranges), canned meat, dish soap, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, paper towels. They appreciate any and all donations.

We appreciate your ongoing support!

1. We will focus on financial support of our church to help expand our ministry.
2. We will also be supporting Peace with Justice- Richard Hodes MD's ministry.

GRANTSBURG

Mission committee chair: Deb Hammer

BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"!

REMEMBER ... Every Sunday Is MAC



'N CHEESE SUNDAY! Supporting the Salvation Army's "Happy Kids Back-Pack Program"

We will be supporting "Peace with Justice" Richard Hodes MD's Ministry

(Please see the June newsletter or the church bulletin board for additional details)

ST. CROIX FALLS

Mission committee chair: Kate Murtaugh



Food Shelf
(Communion Sunday)



Sailor Hat Offering:

The Sailor Hat offering will go to support CRA & the Butterfly House

Thank you for your support!

TODAY'S SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

Ministers

All God's People
Pastor Jenny Lee

Central:

Pianist
Liturgist
Acolyte(s)
Mowing
Fellowship
Counter
Cleaning
Sunday School

Toni Koons
LuAnne Martell
Willow Nyland
Russ Hammer/Dave Huff
Volunteer Needed
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Charlie Glonek and Sandra Erickson
Younger/Older
LuAnn Martell/Barb Loomis

Atlas:

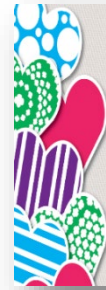
Pianist
Liturgist
Usher
Acolyte(s)
Cleaning
Sunday School

Sharon Asp
Sue Olson
Colleen Adams-Schween
Chase Steffen
Volunteer Needed
Younger/Older
Summer Break-VBS coming soon

St. Croix Falls:

Pianist
Liturgist
Usher(s)
Money Counter
Bell Ringer
Flowers
Fellowship

Sharon Asp
Kathy Gionis
Jim Andrews
Peter Gionis
Jim Andrews
Ladies of the Church
Ad Council Members



"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; **they have the heart.**"

Worship Leaders During Annual Conference and Pastor Jenny's Vacation

June 11: Deb Hammer (G) Mission Project Presentation (G, A, SCF)
June 18: Barb Loomis (G), Rev. Tom Cook (A), and Kathy Gionis (SCF)
June 25: Rev. Deb Lind will preach at all three churches (G, A, SCF)

Please note all three churches should have a liturgist as they typically do.



Break through Prayers: Please pray for those who are suffering from illness whether physically, emotionally or spiritually.

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) Online service is not available of the service on June 11th, 18th and 25th. But we will send you a weekly bulletin and written sermon through post mail and email. If you have any questions regarding the mailing weekly materials, please contact our parish secretary, Colleen Norenberg.
- 2) Our Sunday Sermons are on the website at upperstcroixparish.org under Sermons!
- 3) recorded videos are not available on June.

This Week's Calendar:

Today: Peace with Justice Sunday
God bless you all!

Sunday Worship Services:

6/11: Peace with Justice Sunday

9:00 am	Grantsburg (9:15 am, Sunday school)
10:00 am	Atlas (no Sunday School)
11:15 am	St. Croix Falls

6/9-6/12 Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church at Green Bay
Pastor Jenny and Barb Loomis (G) are attending.

6/12 7:00 pm United Pioneer Home's Annual Meeting (A)

6/14 1:00 pm UMW Meeting (G)

6/16 5:30-8:00 pm Youth Family Game Night (G)
(Youth and their family are invited) (G)

6/13-6/27 Pastor Jenny's Vacation. In case of emergency contact her via text. She will have very limited access to email.

PLEASE NOTE: WHEN WRITING A CHECK PLEASE MAKE IT PAYABLE TO YOUR INDIVIDUAL CHURCH. WHEN THE OFFERING IS MAILED IN WE ARE THEN ABLE CREDIT THE APPROPRIATE CHURCH. THANK YOU!

Next Sunday (June 18th, Father's Day) Volunteers:

Central:

Pianist	Toni Koons
Liturgist	Volunteer Needed
Acolyte(s)	Willow Nyland
Mowing	Russ Hammer/Dave Huff
Fellowship	Volunteer Needed
Counter	Volunteer Needed
Cleaning	Charlie Glonek and Sandra Erickson
Sunday School	Younger/Older LuAnn Martell/Barb Loomis

Atlas:

Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	Colleen Adams-Schween
Usher	Cheryl Olson
Acolyte(s)	Copelan Grimes
Cleaning	Volunteer Needed
Sunday School	Younger/Older <i>Summer Break-VBS coming soon</i>

St. Croix Falls:

Pianist	Sharon Asp
Liturgist	Karen Sciacca
Usher(s)	Jim Andrews
Money Counter	Peter Gionis
Bell Ringer	Jim Sciacca
Flowers	Ladies of the Church
Fellowship	Ad Council Members



THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Deb Hammer 6/15

Jamie & Mike Steffen 6/16

Sally Aldorfer 6/17



Deb Hammer

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share Central's June mission with you.

Dr. Rick Hodes is an American doctor who is from Long Island, New York. He is currently the medical director for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (which I will abbreviate as JDC) in Ethiopia and of the JDC's Spine and Heart Project.

Rick received his first degree in geography from Middlebury College. He lived for three years in Alaska and it was there that he realized that he wanted to be a doctor. He took premed classes at the University of Alaska and enrolled in medical school at the University of Rochester. He trained in internal medicine at Johns Hopkins University.

Rick first went to Ethiopia during the famine of 1984 and returned in 1985 on a Fulbright Fellowship to teach medicine at Addis Ababa University for one year. He extended his stay and taught for 2 ½ years and managed an outpatient cardiac clinic.

In 1991, JDC hired Rick to be their medical director in Ethiopia. He was responsible for the medical care of the Ethiopian immigrant Jews who had been selected to go to Israel. On May 24-25, 1991, Operation Solomon took place and 14,400 Jews were evacuated to Israel. Rick was on the last flight out and spent time in Israel to help organize health records and plan for the continuation of important treatment for diseases such as tuberculosis.

In 1994 JDC sent Rick to the Kibumba Refugee camp located outside of Goma, Zaire, where more than 1 million Rwandan refugees fled during the Rwandan civil war between the Hutus and Tutsis. This war was a well-planned, low-tech genocide. It was in Goma where I met Rick.

I worked for the International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Somalia and was about to start a week of R&R. I was in the IRC office in Nairobi, Kenya, when I met an IRC staff member who was in charge of setting up a program in the refugee camp. He asked me to spend my break in Goma, Zaire.

Rick and a couple of his JDC health staff were staying on the IRC compound in Goma where we lived in tents in the yard.

On my first day in the Kibumba refugee camp, I worked closely with Rick. The living conditions in the camp were horrific. The camp was located on volcanic rock. The outhouses were nicknamed the "litter boxes" since sand was trucked in and waste was removed. At the time I was there, shelters consisted of a piece of plastic draped over sticks and held down by rocks. There were multiple health issues including cholera and shigella outbreaks and a lack of clean water and food. All supplies had to be trucked in. As we drove up to the camp, there were hundreds of bodies piled on the side of the road of souls that had passed in the night. A scene that was repeated every day.

The first patient we visited was a woman Rick had seen the previous day after she had just given birth. She was lying outside and was in emotional shock. Her baby was in the "tent" and was hypothermic, with almost no heart rate and a low respiration rate. We started chest compressions on the baby and I was about to start mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and Rick stopped me. He told me that

the HIV risk was too high. I wondered why we continued to do chest compressions until the baby passed. This was not logical practice for medical triage. Reflecting on the situation, I feel that Rick did not want the baby to die alone. While listening to one of Rick's many interviews to prepare for this presentation, he mentioned that he had consulted with a Rabi prior to going to Goma. He was concerned about the ethical decisions he would face knowing not everyone could be saved. Do I treat a mother, because if she dies, who will care for her children? Do I not treat the elderly since they have had full lives? The Rabi got back to Rick after speaking with his peers, and Rick was advised to treat all individuals as they came to him, since every life has value.

In the early days of the camp, we focused on saving lives through rehydration. We carried large buckets filled with bags of IV fluids and the supplies needed to rehydrate individuals. Rick introduced an innovative technique called peritoneal hydration where a needle is placed directly into the abdomen, allowing large volumes of IV fluids to be given rapidly. The fluid is absorbed over time. This was a technique he had learned in a cholera epidemic in Ethiopia during the 1980s.

I returned to Somalia, and Rick remained in Goma for 8 months. He and his team set up a 120-bed field hospital in a dozen tents in the camp. One day Rick found Taka, a Rwandan refugee child near death on the roadside in Goma, and took him to the Israeli field hospital that saved his life. Rick's work is his life, not just a day job. After being released from the hospital Taka moved into Rick's tent for several months. Taka had reconstructive plastic surgery at NYU Medical Center in New York. Taka was adopted by a JDC volunteer and her husband. They are Lutherans from Minneapolis, MN. Rick loved to point out the importance of different religions working together.

I crossed paths with Rick again when I was working in Rwanda. I mentioned to him that I was applying to the University of Washington for graduate school, and he immediately asked if he could write me a letter of recommendation.

During the spring of 1999, JDC sent Rick to Albania for seven months during the height of the Serbian campaign of ethnic cleansing in Kosovo. Rick started up three emergency medical clinics for refugees and supervised Kosovo doctors.

Rick has been serving the underserved for thirty-nine years. Years ago, along with his JDC director job, he set up a clinic at Mother Teresa's Catholic Mission in Addis Ababa. He also has a second clinic in a hospital in Addis Ababa and travels to many other villages.

Rick has become the only specialist in Ethiopia handling tuberculosis of the spine and severe scoliosis. He manages heart disease including untreated congenital heart defects, complications from rheumatic fever, and other heart diseases and arrhythmias. He treats cancers and other primary healthcare issues.

Over the years, Rick has developed networks for medical support. He consults with specialists all over the world. The majority of spine surgeries are performed in Ghana, and some are performed in the United States. There is much more to correcting a spine than surgery alone. Spine patients are sent to Ghana in groups of twelve to 15. The older patients care for the younger ones since family members

do not go with them. Patients can be in traction for 3 to 6 months prior to their surgery. Heart patients needing surgery are sent to India. Cancer/tumor-related surgeries are performed in multiple places around the world. He consults with oncologists on treatment plans and he is able to purchase low-cost medications from India.

One of Rick's goals is to provide opportunities for Ethiopian doctors to be trained so patients can receive care at home. This is done by bringing specialists to Ethiopia to train Ethiopian doctors and fundraising to send Ethiopian doctors to different countries for training.

Rick fundraises to cover the entire cost of his patients' care. When he first started to manage orphaned children with TB of the spine, he was unsure how he would handle it financially. After prayer and receiving a message from God, he adopted a son to put him on his health insurance and took him to Texas for surgery. His son stayed with a host family while he recovered. Rick then adopted a second son to pay for his treatment. He has legally adopted five children, all of whom attended school and some have been to the States for college. His home is filled with his children and patients who move into his place so they can be monitored morning and evening. Having 20 guests/patients at one time is normal. Rick faces many daily challenges, which can include having no running water, no electricity, and limited resources.

Rick's medical tools are limited; he diagnoses and treats using his physical examination skills and a stethoscope. When necessary he arranges and pays for patients to have MRIs, x-rays, and blood work.

Rick's work is life changing. He tells a story of a concerned uncle whose nephew needed spine surgery but was scared to have it. Rick invited his patient and uncle to come to his home in the evening to talk. As Rick and the Uncle sat down to tea, Rick asked one of his sons to take his patient outside and talk to him teenage to teenager. Thirty minutes later, they came back inside and the boy wanted the surgery. His surgery was successful. Years later, the uncle and his nephew visited Rick. Rick found out that the young man had just graduated medical school.

[Video]

Thank you for letting me share Dr. Rick Hodes' work with you. Also, please take a minute to look at the photos on the mission board I brought with me today. More information on Rick can be found on the internet by searching his name.

Please consider making a donation so Rick can continue his life-changing work. A special offering will be collected today, or you can make a donation on his website: <https://rickhodes.org>.