

Upper St. Croix Parish United Methodist Church  
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# A STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

Quick fix or lifestyle change?  
August 2023

I have tried just about every diet known to humanity through my adult life. Low carb. Counting calories. Intermittent fasting. Weight Watchers. I've lost weight on them all. I've gained weight on them all.

One commonality I have found between losing weight and not, no matter the weight loss system, is my approach to the diet. Do I see it as an overall diet and activity lifestyle change? Or is it simply something I need to suffer through to achieve a goal weight? The former is more about health and less about numbers on a scale but requires a plan and discipline. The latter frequently allows me to get to the number but is often unsustainable in the long-term, resulting in rebound weight gain.

I would argue that we, in the church, too often approach stewardship as a crash diet. We take four weeks in the fall to talk about the importance of giving generously, we look at the church budget, and then ask people to make a pledge to support the ministries. In my mind, this approach tends to resemble (ineffective) fundraising rather than Christian Stewardship. It has little chance of either impacting people's lives or truly funding life-giving ministries.

True Christian stewardship is about discipleship. It is about lifestyle. Its goal is helping people learn how to relate to their finances and possessions in terms of their faith and their relationship with God. Success is determined on the metrics of financial healthiness, not on the number on the scale (i.e., the income line on the church budget).



This type of stewardship cannot be contained to just three or four weeks in the fall. It is about helping equip people to earn enough to meet their needs, to learn how to get and stay out of debt, to use tools like a spending plan (i.e., a budget) to wisely save and spend thoughtfully, and to experience the full benefits to giving extravagantly. I believe churches need to be as committed to helping people learn how to be faithful financial stewards as we are helping people learn how to pray.

I have learned – whether it comes to dieting or learning how to be a faithful steward – I will never fully arrive. But I am slowly learning that the true treasure of each is in the experience and the growth each journey offers.

Are you interested in helping people in your congregation take this journey? Consider helping your pastor or stewardship team put together a yearlong stewardship plan which may include offering a financial wellness class like Financial Peace University or Saving Grace, holding an appreciation celebration thanking people for all they give to make a difference in the church and community, and simply making time to regularly talk about the challenges and joys of faithful financial stewardship.

Rev. Jason Mahnke, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation

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Or call 1-888-903-9863

# UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

## THE UPPER ST. CROIX PARISH

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August 2023



Pastor Jenny Lee, Ph.D.

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### Come and See!

*People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”*  
(Luke 18:15-17)

Blessed are the children who love God’s house and God’s Word! Since I became appointed to the Upper St. Croix Parish, I have been passionate about the Children and Youth Ministry. Some of you may think we don’t have many children at church. That was true and that’s why I was passionate about the children’s ministry. Our three churches in the Upper St. Croix Parish do not have enough children. We need to have children and youth ministry if we want to develop our church ministry.

This August, it will be my fifth year with the parish. Finally, we have our own Vacation Bible School (VBS). In Grantsburg-Central’s case, we have one child in Sunday School. She attends Sunday service and Sunday school regularly. Atlas has five kids. They attend Sunday service and Sunday school regularly as well. St. Croix Falls doesn’t have kids attending Sunday school, but at times they have kids at service, which still gives us hope that they will have Sunday school again soon. They are like mustard seeds for our future ministry. We hope they grow in faith and become good Christian leaders who lead society and the world.

The Youth Director, Shayna Schmid, and I discussed how kid’s ministry is essential and planned to have VBS this year, and we applied for the VBS grant. Finally, we received a grant of \$1500. We have 10 kids who have signed up so far and we have about 20 volunteers who have signed up to help with VBS. What an amazing grace!

When your grandchildren visit your house, your house is full of joyful energy. It is the same at the church. If you bring your grandchildren to church, the church will be full of joyful noisy, happy energy and vitalization. Bring your kids and grandkids to church so that our church will be revitalized through them. Again, children’s ministry is very precious for our church’s future. Jesus also stressed, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it” (Luke 18:16-17). Please come and see how the kids enjoy the VBS program, and how the volunteers work sincerely for them.

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## FROM THE PASTOR CONTINUED...

Our VBS is held from August 7<sup>th</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Grantsburg-Central. Please come and see how great the VBS program is. They will be mustard seeds for the Kingdom of God. They may grow in faith as the little disciples of Jesus and transform the world. What may feel like a minimal effort on your part to support VBS may bring a big vision of our church ministry to life and it can make things happen! So, come and check out VBS! It's sure to fill your heart with joy!

Blessings,

Pastor Jenny



7-27-2023, Volunteer's meeting for VBS



7-27-2023, Youth, who will be helpers at VBS

## Stewardship Conference at Pine Lake August 11-12, 2023

### ***Stewardship from the Ground Up – 2023***

**Stewardship Conference at Pine Lake hosted by the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation**

Calling all Stewardship Teams, Finance Committees, Church Councils, Accountable Leadership Boards, and Pastors! You are invited to the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation's Annual Stewardship Conference at Pine Lake Camp on August 11 & 12. This year's theme is *Stewardship from the Ground Up* and will feature workshops on vital stewardship techniques and essential stewardship practices that have been and continue to be important for local congregations and other ministries.

You can come in-person for just the day (Friday from 3 pm-8 pm or Saturday from 9:15 am-4:15 pm) for \$20, for the full retreat (Friday 2 pm – Saturday 4:15 pm) for \$80 if you're sharing a room or \$125 for your own room, or attend virtually via Zoom for \$40\*. (Meals and beautiful location included for in-person options.)

Questions? Contact Rev. Jason Mahnke, Director of Programming and Campaigns, at [jason@wumf.org](mailto:jason@wumf.org).

\*The main presentations will be available virtually via Zoom, but some of the breakout sessions during the Conference will not due to technical limitations.

[Click here to register!](#)

### **Description & Rate**

Friday & Saturday - Double Occupancy Room + Meals (Friday Supper, Saturday Breakfast & Lunch) \$80.00

Friday & Saturday - Single Occupancy Room + Meals (Friday Supper, Saturday Breakfast & Lunch) \$125.00

Friday Only (August 11th only - sessions and Friday supper) \$20.00

Saturday Only (August 12th - sessions and Saturday lunch) \$20.00

Attend Virtually (via Zoom) \$40.00



# GRANTSBURG: CENTRAL NEWS



## T E A M Together Everyone Achieves More

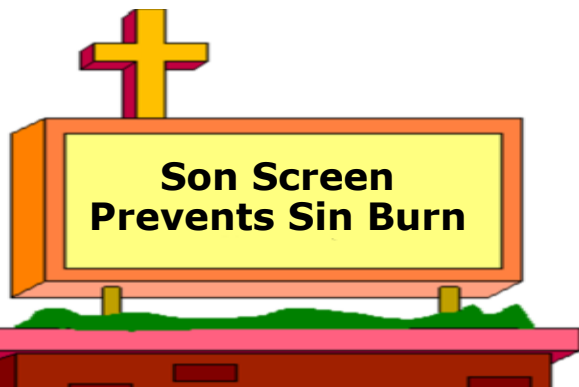
Central UMC is holding church services with a Zoom service at 9:00 am on Sundays. We are looking for volunteers to help out at each service. Sign up sheets are available at the church. We appreciate your willingness to help out!

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.



Peter Branstad 8/3  
Corey Smestad 8/7  
Charles Wright 8/15  
Valetta Walton 8/20  
Adeline Dauer 8/22  
Landon Smestad 8/30



## Offering Income through June 2023

Funds Description	June 2023	Year-to-date 2023
General Fund Gifts	\$ 3,617.00	\$ 21,255.00
Loose Offering	\$ 25.50	\$ 268.78
Easter	\$ -	\$ 595.00
Total General Funds	\$ 3,642.50	\$ 22,118.78
Special Offering	\$ -	\$ 440.00
Missions	\$ 200.00	\$ 649.00
Pastor's Youth Fund		\$ 110.00
All Funds Total	\$ 3,842.50	\$ 23,317.78

# GRANTSBURG: MISSIONS & MEETINGS & MISC.



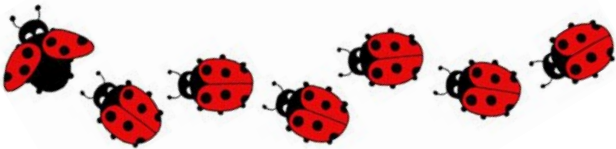
**The August UMW Meeting has been cancelled.**  
We will be focusing our efforts on supporting VBS. We will meet again in September where we will have a book and puzzle exchange and elect officers.  
Questions-please contact Mary McNally.



## Ad Council Meeting

August 15th

6:30 pm Central UMC Grantsburg



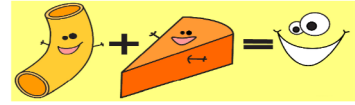
## **UM Men's Meeting**

**August 12th**

8:00 am at Central UMC

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

**BE A "BACK-PACK BACKER"! REMEMBER ...**  
**Every Sunday Is MAC 'N CHEESE SUNDAY!**



Can you donate a box or two (or more) of Macaroni and Cheese in support of the Salvation Army's "Happy Kids Back-Pack Program"? This program provides back-packs full of food to help feed families over the week-ends throughout the school year. Thanks for caring for those in need in our own community.

## **HERE'S THE SCOOP!**

### **PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL**



**August 27th, 2-5 pm**

**Central UMC,  
Grantsburg**

**FREE WILL DONATION**



## **MISSIONS GIVING**

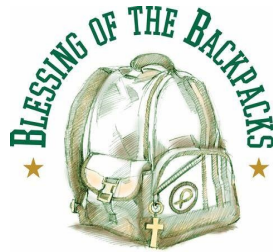
**August Mission:** We will collect school supplies which will be distributed on August 17th. We appreciate your ongoing support of our monthly missions. Thank you!



# ATLAS NEWS

**In-person (indoor) worship services Sundays at 10:00 am.**

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



A joint church service has been scheduled for August 27th at Atlas Park. We will also be blessing the backpacks for our students and teachers going back to school as well as blessing our pets! Please be sure your pets are on a leash!

A picnic lunch will be served after the service. Please bring your own lawn chair if possible.



	Noah Dennison 8/2
	Reed Olson 8/1
	Rachel Tooze 8/27

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING



**Next Meeting**  
**August 18, 2023**  
**1:30 pm**  
**Atlas UMC**



## INCOME TOWARD ATLAS' BUDGET

**Offering: \$4080**  
**Expenses: \$4614**

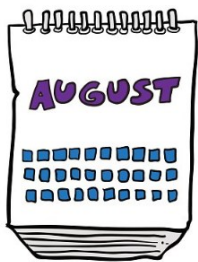
*Thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministry of Atlas church!*

## 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!







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# ATLAS UMC ANNUAL THRIFT AND BAKE SALE

August 5th - 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Please spread the word!



Thank you to all who have supported the upcoming Atlas Thrift & Bake Sale. We have received donations from throughout the parish to help support this event. Thank you also to those members from Atlas who volunteer so much of their time, talents and resources to make this a successful event! We are so blessed!

**BRING ON THE SHOPPERS!**

Donations for the Thrift & Bake Sale can be dropped off at Atlas in the basement any time. Please contact Colleen Adams - Schween so the church will be open. She can be reached at 715 557 2322. The church will be open Friday, August 4, 2:00 - 5:00 pm for bake goods to be dropped off.

Thank you for your support of our fundraising efforts !

**Atlas United Methodist Church  
Annual Thrift and Bake Sale  
Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**



Downtown Atlas  
2110 295th Avenue/County Road B  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

\*\*\*\*\*\$5/BAG SPECIAL BEGINS AT 12:00\*\*\*\*\*

Most Items  
Free Will  
Offering

Household items, holiday  
decor, clothes, books,  
picture frames  
and much more!!



Lots of great baked goods for  
sale as well!!!

## LOAVES & FISHES NEEDS OUR ONGOING SUPPORT

You are invited to bring food for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Luck . As we are not currently holding church services, please drop your food shelf donations off in person at the food shelf.

### August Collection:

School Supplies and/or Pasta & Rice Products



## LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY Monthly Report ~ June 2023

Households Served	44
Adults	70
Children	10
Total People	80
USDA Food Received	2,238.74
NON-USDA (Donations)	\$1,196.68
Volunteer Hours	73







## 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: 8/6/23**



## HELPING HANDS

### Volunteers for the month

Liturgist	Karen Sciacca
Money Counter	Peter Gionis & Karen Sciacca
Usher	Jim Andrews
Bell Ringer	Jim Sciacca
Fellowship	3rd Sun. of the month-Ad Council
Flowers	Church Gardeners
Communion	Jim & Karen Sciacca

In-person/Zoom services will be held Sunday's at 11:15 am.

We hope to see you there!

Check out our website and Facebook page for details. We hope you can join us!



News from the St. Croix Falls Food Shelf: We have increased our clients from 60 to 107 as of last month. We are doing great with donations and are able to serve all. We received some energy saving products too if anyone needs LED light bulbs, water saving showerheads, or weatherization kits, come and get them for free. Our Hours are: Mondays 9-11 am ~ Wednesdays 3-6 pm ~ Fridays 9-10 am Thank you all for your generous donations.



**St. Croix Falls**

**August 20th**

**12:15 pm**



**Sally Schmitt**  
**8/1**



## AUGUST MISSION



The Sailor Hat Offering will go to support Interfaith Caregivers !

Thank you for your support!





## THE AUGTOBERFEST

**Saturday, Aug 19, 2023**  
**12:00pm to 4:00pm**  
**Central Burnett County**  
**Fairgrounds**  
**Webster, WI**

The Webster Area Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its first annual "Augtoberfest" event on Saturday, August 19, at the Webster Fairgrounds from 12 – 4 p.m.

Augtoberfest was inspired by the "Oktoberfest" events which took place on the third Saturday in August every year for over 20 years in Danbury. Many people in Burnett County looked forward to this annual event because they loved to dance to the music of the "Dan Zimmer Polka Band", be entertained by the "River City Cloggers", eat German food and enjoy German beverages. Unfortunately, due to the declining number of volunteers, the Danbury Lions Club can no longer host this event. Nancy Meindel, a fan of the Danbury Oktoberfests, didn't want to see it come to an end, so she sought other organizations willing to host the event. When Nancy approached the Webster Chamber of Commerce, she met Mary Smoliak (current Chamber President and co-owner of Boone Docks Marine) who was on board and very enthusiastic about having an Oktoberfest in Webster. One volunteer suggested changing the name to the more appropriate "Augtoberfest" since it will be held in August. Augtoberfest will be held as it was traditionally, on Aug. 19, which is the third Saturday. The music and entertainment will be the same as always. German food from Chuckwagon Diner and beer from The Tap will be available for purchase. There is a cost for admission, but children 17 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

# MUSIC ON THE OVERLOOK

## ST CROIX FALLS FRIDAYS

### 6 PM JUNE - AUGUST FREE

**Thank You 2023 Sponsors!!!**  
 City of SCF, Royal Credit Union, Xcel Energy The Drive In, The Dalles House, ACV Church SC Auto Body, Falls Chamber, SF Insurance Polk County Abstract & Title, Festival Theatre Mohr Than Memories Vintage, Cobbler Shop First Resource Bank, Valley Sweets Candy MidWest One Bank, Shipping & Handling Friends of SCF Library, Johnson Motors SCF Edina Realty, Easy IT Guys, Be Wild Burgers TF Scenic Boat Tours, SCF Downtown Shops, Sir Smoke A Lot's BBQ, Bont Chiropractic The River Group, Traprock Brewing & YOU!

**IF RAIN WE MOVE TO THE DALLES HOUSE**



**JOYANN PARKER SOUL DIVA**  
AUGUST 11



**ALLIANCE CHURCH OF THE VALLEY PRESENTS "STUMBLING SAINTS"**  
AUGUST 18



**WANNIGAN DAYS & DOC BONT'S POLKA POLICE DANCE PARTY & BLUES W/ HURRICANE HAROLD**  
JULY 14 (FRIDAY)



**MALLRATS 90'S PARTY & BINGO**  
TEEN PARTY FT. MEAT & MORE!  
JULY 15 (SATURDAY)



**PATCHOULI "World Class Folk & Guitar Music"**  
JULY 21

**KIDS NIGHT • AUG 25**  
[MUSICONTHEOVERLOOK.COM](http://MUSICONTHEOVERLOOK.COM)

**COUNTY FAIR JULY 27-30**



**ROE FAMILY SINGERS BLUEGRASS**  
AUGUST 4



**It's County Fair Time!**

**Burnett County Fair**  
**8/24-8/27**  
**Burnett County**  
**Fairgrounds-**  
**Grantsburg, WI**



**FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

**August 18th**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Central UMC-**  
**Grantsburg**



## ZOOM VIDEO WORSHIP SERVICE

**9:00 & 11:15 am Sunday's**

There will be a parish-wide ZOOM video service at 9:00 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.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### 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

## SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

### SWIMMING, BOATS & WATERCRAFT



Apply sunscreen frequently. Lotion is best.  
Watch your children near & in the water.  
Use flags to alert boats of swimmers.  
Follow the rules: life vests, age limits, certifications.  
Keep a first aid kit handy.  
Avoid storms on the water.

### GRILLING, COOKING & CAMPFIRES

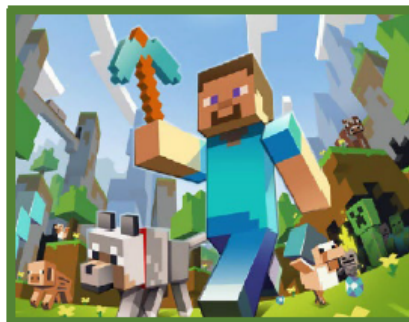


Don't use outdoor grills, smokers or deep fryers indoors.  
Keep a fire extinguisher or garden hose nearby.  
Follow any fire restrictions posted by the U.S. Forest Service.  
Don't start camp or grill fires with gasoline!  
Fully extinguish fires before leaving them.

### MINECRAFT THEMED VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Is your child looking for something to do this August?

Parents  
need a  
break for  
a few  
hours?



*Don't feel  
like  
cooking for  
the kids?*

Have us entertain and feed them dinner!!

UPPER SAINT CROIX PARISH is having an  
evening VBS August 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> nightly  
from 4:30-7:30 pm.

Where: 301 N PINE STREET, GRANTSBURG  
When: August 7-10 4:20-7:30 each night  
Who: Children Ages Kindergarten to 6th grade  
Register by calling or texting Shayna at 920-312-2857  
Register by July 14 for free t-shirt.  
Registration closes July 28 at 6pm.



We look forward to seeing everyone at our  
Minecraft themed Vacation Bible School!



# Visioning the Common Future: Seeking God's love together

I am grateful that we had a graceful Annual Conference and give thanks to God. We believe that the Annual Conference has always been conducted as a holy conference.

First, my thought is that the whole church and mission belongs to God. So, we believe that The United Methodist Church belongs to Christ's church and the difference making we do is in the name of Jesus Christ. Because it is the Church of God, our practice and love are built around God's great will. It is our prayer to reaffirm together that the church is a holy community and to vitalize God's mission in the world.



It is a prayer that we must once again be convinced that God is the reason for our church's existence and gather all our devotion to love the church. "He's the centerpiece of everything we believe, faithful in everything God gave him to do." (Heb 3:4)

The spirit that was calmly talked about in the flow of the Annual Conference is the intuition that the church is seeking a new vision. Everyone showed an attitude of seeking and asking how to love God more and how to build a more dynamic church. As we seek answers to such questions, we must again have a strong faith that God is the Lord of the church and the sole Creator of our lives.

The reality facing Wisconsin churches is that it is a time for each community to be awakened as it seeks new possibilities. We believe that new possibilities can be realized where we regenerate and strengthen our theology, missions, and worship of the church centered on God. We must seek God's presence more strongly and pray more deeply. We must seek new possibilities through him.

Second, it is the idea that we must honestly face the many challenges that the church is struggling today. Looking at the reality of the changing world with good and creative eyes is an honest faith that clearly faces one's own conflicts. Even if there is no answer, I think again that we must lead and love the church that struggles to understand God's will more clearly. Without the attitude of honest seeking, we cannot enlighten the world and there is no way to help those who are struggling in difficulties. Even if the church cannot be the answer, we must have the humble thought that the church is a community that asks and seeks answers together.

We sit tight in our hearts and seek the guidance of the Lord at Annual Conference that denominations have been separated and churches have gone on different paths due to the reality of churches in disagreement centering on the issue of human sexuality. It is unavoidable to ask how to understand different theological frameworks and understandings, ideological differences, and other controversies, and understanding of God's creation amid changes. "The Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit." (Ps 34:18) As the psalmist said, I believe that the Lord is close to the souls who are in pain and conflict. I have a strong conviction that we cannot give up loving each other even if we cannot understand each other. I believe that spiritual discernment is the ability of direct prayer that makes us love.

So, differences and disagreements are obstacles, but with God's love, we must love and depend on each other. We must view differences as grace, consider differences as God's gifts, and view the connected activities of integrating each person's diversity as the image of the church. There, you can feel and experience God's call for the humanity. We recognize neighbors as God's gift, and we seek the discipline to acknowledge our neighbors as a string of spiritual love. Not pretending to love or pretending to understand everything, but knowing God's love even if we can't do it ourselves. Our decision to love each other will open the future of our Conference. We pursue healing and restoration in all situations for all people.

Third, we must become a United Methodist community that envisions and practices new hope together, creating a church that people still feel attracted to, love, and belong to. We must show hope the power to coexist and interdependence, crying together when we cry and laughing together when we laugh.

We graciously did our best to continue and finish the whirlwind of secession with love. We believe that we must send off the departed people and the church with love, and we must pursue a spiritual awakening and desire to create a community of hope for the future. It was a painful process, but I am grateful to the many people who overcame the pain with grace. We must accept again that to be a disciple of Jesus with faith is to love with more courage and to pursue a broader and deeper spirituality. We believe that the hope pioneered by the people of Christ will never fail, and we hope to offer life and light for the world.

I believe that a beloved community initiative will be a Conference practice and spiritual discernment that brings us closer to the reality of such hope. Again, thank you very much to everyone who worked hard for the 2023 Annual Conference. And as a servant leader, I was very moved to the point of gratitude and admiration that all of Wisconsin United Methodists were sincere people seeking grace. Thank you so much for your witnesses and service.

In Christ,  
Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

# SUMMER WORD SEARCH

Look for the words listed below.

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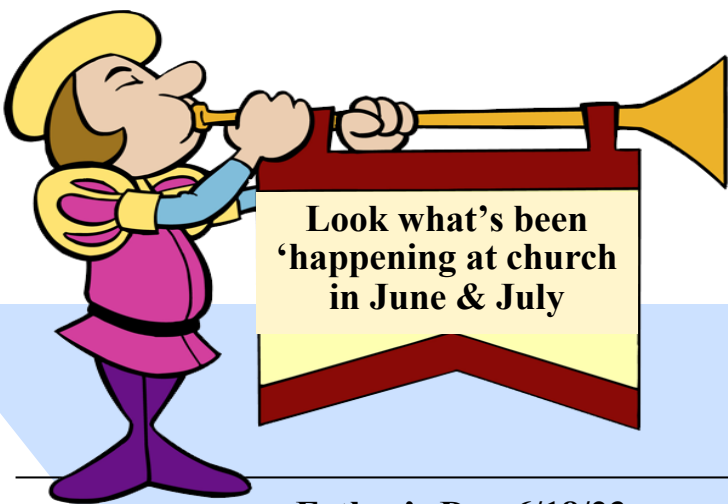
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Hot  
Sand

Fun  
Beach  
Shell

Pineapple  
Water  
Umbrella





## Father's Day 6/18/23



6-18-2023, Father's Day (G: Dave Huff, Russ Hammer, Bob Branstad, Don Anderson, and Charles Wright)



6-18-2023, Father's Day, (SCF: Peter Gionis, Jim Andrews, Steve Sylvester, and Jim Sciacca)



6-18-2023, Father's Day, (A: Lee Frederickson, Wendell Hauble, Rev. Tom Cook and Scott Olson)



7-2-2023, Pastor Jenny led worship service at Continuing Care Center





**7-5-2023, VBS Volunteers Meeting**



**7-7-2023, AD Council Meeting, (A: Sue Olson, Cheryl Olson and Colleen Adams-Schween)**



**7-9-2023, Ad Council meeting, (SCF: Front: Karen Sciacca, Kathy Gionis, Sharon Asp; Back: Jim Andrews, Peter Gionis and Jim Sciacca)**



**7-8-2023, UM Men's Meeting, (G: Dave Huff, Don Anderson, Charles Wright, and Pastor Jenny Lee)**





**7-11-2023 to 7-14-2023, Pastor Jenny attended a retreat of the Association of North Central Jurisdiction at Colorado Springs, CO**



**7-12-2023, UMW Meeting, (G: Valletta Walton, Mary McNally, Paulie Kratchmer, and LuAnne Martell)**



**7-12-2023, UMW meeting, (G: Kayleen Branstad, and her grandkid, Briella Reid, Judy Lien, and Barb Loomis)**



**7-16-2023 to 7-18-2023, Pastor Jenny attended a Provisional Elder Summer Retreat at Pine Lake Camp**





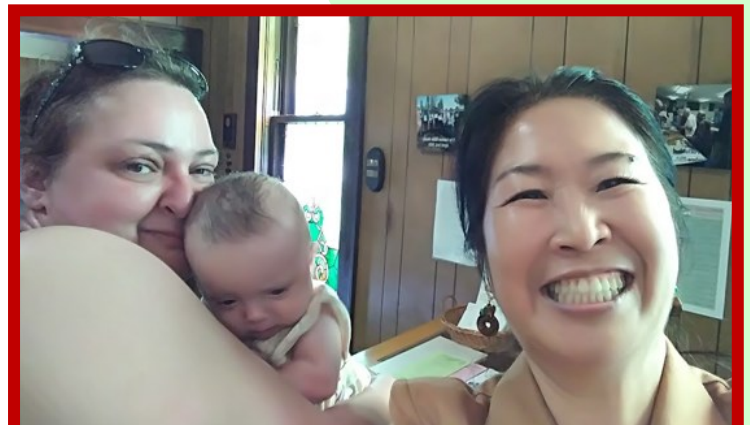
**7-20-2023, Pastor Jenny Volunteers at Loaves & Fishes in Luck**



**7-9-2023, (G: Willow Nyland and Pastor Jenny Lee)**



**7-9-2023, (G: Donna Norman and her kids, Sasha and Sam Chute)**



**7-9-2023, (SCF: Sara Kosler and her child, Harley Kosler and Pastor Jenny Lee)**

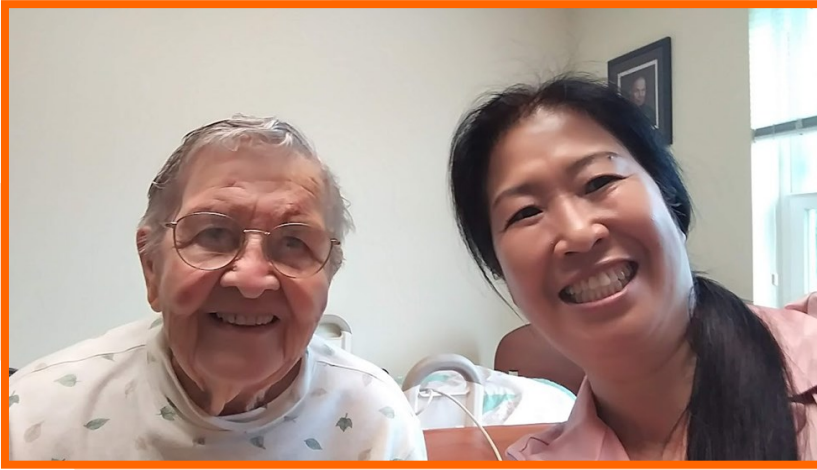


**7-23-2023, (G: Barb Loomis and her grandchildren, Emma Rahkola, and Peyton Smallwood, and Pastor Jenny Lee)**



**7-23-2023, (SCF: Jim Sciacca and his grandkid, Fitz Sciacca, and Pastor Jenny Lee)**

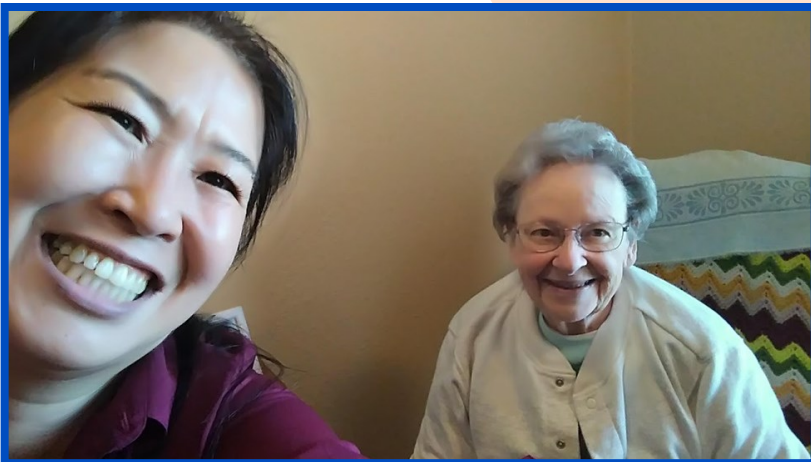




7-7-2023, (SCF: Naomi McLean and Pastor Jenny Lee)



7-7-2023, (A: Dorothy Miller and Pastor Jenny Lee)



7-8-2023, (SCF: Joan Zeigler and Pastor Jenny Lee)



7-20-2023, (SCF: Jim and Karen Sciacca, and Pastor Jenny Lee)



# 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



**NEW**

### **FEED MY NEIGHBOR Community Food Pantry**

316 Wisconsin Ave. - Centuria, WI  
Open to Polk County Residents

Open:

Monday 2 to 5pm

Tuesday 5:30-7:30pm

Thursday 10am to 20pm

Saturday 9-11am

People can visit this pantry twice a month.

**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: Tuesdays 9:30-11:30am

Thursdays 9:30-11:30,

Third Thursdays 4:00-6:00 pm

Emergency food is always available through the emergency window. Allowed to come 2 times a month  
Located between the Library and the Village Hall Office,  
320 Brad St., Grantsburg, WI 54840.



## 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: \$25*

For dates, times, and locations (no location restrictions at this time), visit [http://](http://www.rubyspantry.org/distribution/distschedule.htm)

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## 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.












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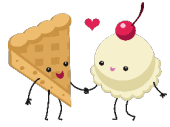


Calendar of the  
Upper St. Croix  
Parish

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<p><b>Pastor Jenny's Office Hours</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday: 9am - 5pm at Grantsburg</b>  <b>Wednesday: 10am - 2pm at SCF &amp; 3pm - 7pm at Grantsburg</b>  <b>Thursday: 11am - 4pm at SCF</b>  <b>Friday: by appointment only</b></p>		<p><b>1</b> 2:00 pm Rotary Club Pontoon Party</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 9:00 am North West Clergy Meeting via Zoom</p>	<p><b>4</b> 2:00 Drop off Thrift &amp; Bake Sale items at Atlas</p>	<p><b>5</b> 9:00 am-1:00 pm Atlas Thrift &amp; Bake Sale (A)</p> 
<p><b>6</b> Communion Sunday</p> <p>9:00 Worship &amp; Zoom Service (G)</p> <p>10:00 Worship (A)</p> <p>11:15 Worship &amp; Zoom Service (SCF)</p>	<p><b>7</b> 4:30-7:30 pm Vacation Bible School (VBS) (G)</p> 	<p><b>8</b> 4:30-7:30 pm Vacation Bible School (VBS) (G)</p> 	<p><b>9</b> 4:30-7:30 pm Vacation Bible School (VBS) (G)</p> 	<p><b>10</b> 5:30 pm Grantsburg Food Shelf Picnic</p> <p>10:00 am to 2:00 pm New Ministry Strategy Team Board Meeting in Green Bay</p> <p>4:30-7:30 pm Vacation Bible School (VBS) (G)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> 8:00 am UM Men's Meeting (G)</p>
<p><b>13</b> 9:00 Worship &amp; Zoom Service (G)</p> <p>10:00 Worship (A)</p> <p>11:15 Worship &amp; Zoom Service (SCF)</p> <p>2:00 pm Youth Bowling Day</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> 6:30pm Ad Council Meeting (G)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 7:00 pm Provisional Elder Mentoring Meeting via Zoom</p>	<p><b>18</b> 1:30 pm Ad Council Meeting (A)</p> <p>5:30pm, Youth Family Game Night at G</p> 	<p><b>19</b></p>



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Parish

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>20</b> 9:00 Worship & Zoom Service (G)  10:00 Worship (A)  11:15 Worship & Zoom Service (SCF)  12:15 pm Ad Council Meeting (SCF)	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 am Deadline to submit Newsletter and Calendar information  	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 11:00 am-1:00 pm Pastor Jenny Vlunteers at Loaves & Fishes in Luck	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 2:30-4:30 pm Pie & Ice Cream Social (G)   <b>Perfect Together</b>
<div>Burnett County Fair 8/24-8/27</div> 						
<b>27</b> 10:30 am Joint Worship Service at Atlas Park (Blessing of the backpacks and our pets)  <div>Burnett County Fair 8/24-8/27</div> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 4:00 New Ministry District Strategy Team Meeting via Zoom.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		<b>29</b>   <i>Colleen's Office Hours (Times are approximate )</i>  <i>Remotely: Tuesday's 8:00 am-4:00 pm</i>  <i>Friday's 8:00 am-12:00 pm</i>