



Pastor Susan Oeffler

May 2019

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

A Helping Hand at Benjamin House

The Church & Society and Invitation and Member Care Committees have combined to do just that for Benjamin House. We have committed ourselves to the 3rd Wednesday of every month which began March 20th. We prepare an evening meal once a month and serve it to the residents and they do the clean up. 20 women, children and men enjoyed chicken casserole, salads, and brownies in March. It was much appreciated and we enjoyed sharing the food and conversation with them.

Benjamin House is a wonderful agency that is helping its people get on their feet. It assists with schooling, finding jobs, housing, and medical needs. Their biggest service is to show they care. And we can care as well in our small way by preparing a meal for them.

Will you help, too?? You can help serve or prepare food, but most of all visit with the residents and show a friendly smile. The next meal will be Wed. May 15th (which is covered by Larry Neve, Lisa Mink, and Heather Madison) but we are looking for June. There will be a schedule in the church office so you can call 715-234-3919 or email at office@ricelakeumc.org. Find a friend or 2 and pick your month to help. Call Cheryl Hedgecock at 715-475-1075 or Sue Tollander at 715-354-7934 if you have any questions.

Meal Prep for Benjamin House

The Church and Society Committee have served one dinner at Benjamin House and it went well. It is similar and as easy to plan and prepare as any food you may have helped with at church. The attached sheet has most of the information you will need, but if there are questions, call Cheryl at 715-475-1075 or call Amy at Benjamin House. Below are a few added suggestions.

1. Get together with the people who have agreed to help and plan the food you want to serve. We had a casserole, salads, and brownies. You make the food at home and warm up there or you can make the food there. They have a well-stocked pantry that you can check out and use if you want. There's lots of pasta and canned goods. Call Benjamin House and ask to stop to see what is available.
2. Three people are plenty to help serve the food. Others may prefer to make the food and drop it off with whoever will be serving.
3. Benjamin House knows our church is scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of every month, but you still need to call to confirm it the 1st of the month.

The residents really appreciate the meal and we enjoyed sharing it with them as well as visiting with the people. A big thank you for helping those less fortunate!

May Lectionary, Etc.

May 5, 2019

Holy Communion

Acts 9:1-6, 7-20

Psalm 30

Rev. 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

May 12, 2019

Graduate

Recognition

Mother's Day

Festival of the

Christian Home

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Rev. 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

May 19, 2019

Prayer Partner

Sundaes

Nursing Homes

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Rev. 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

May 26, 2019

Acts 16:9-15

Psalm 67

Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29



Wisconsin Annual Conference Kits

This year for Annual Conference we will gather supplies for **Hospitality Kits**. These kits remain within the state and help people locally. Hospitality kits are given to persons who are entering a shelter, such as Harbor House, Superior. Complete kits must be to the church by June 9th for delivery to Ann Conf. **Place each Wisconsin Annual Conference Kit in a 1-gallon plastic zipper bag and label as a WAC Kit!

WAC Men's Kit

1 antiperspirant, 1 bar of soap,
1 toothbrush, 1 toothpaste, 1 washcloth,
1 comb, 1 hand sanitizer, 1 nail clipper,
1 disposable razor, 1 travel-size tissue packet,
1 travel-size shampoo,
6 adhesive plastic bandage strips (plain),
lip balm (approximate cost: \$10)

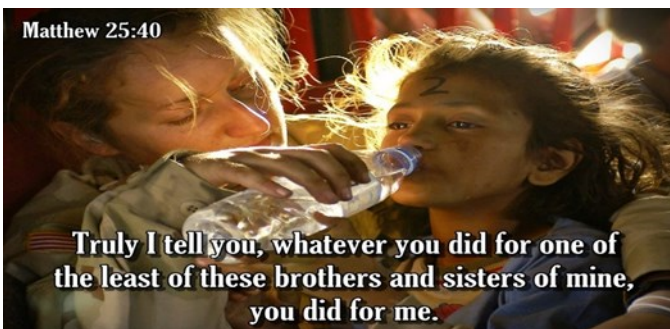
WAC Kid's Kit

1 toothbrush, 1 toothpaste, 1 washcloth,
1 kid shampoo, 1 book/activity book,
1 comb, 1 travel-size tissue packet,
6 kids' adhesive bandage strips,
1 pack of ponytail holders OR
toy cars and box of crayons
(approximate cost: \$11)

WAC Women's Kit

1 antiperspirant, 1 bar of soap,
1 toothbrush, 1 toothpaste, 1 washcloth,
1 comb, 1 hand sanitizer, nail clippers and
emery board, 1 sewing repair kit,
1 travel-size tissue packet, 1 lip balm,
1 travel-size shampoo,
6 adhesive plastic plain bandage strips

*There is no shipping fee for Wisconsin Conference Hospitality Kits. However, we will take cash and check donations to Harbor House, Northcott, UM Children's Services and Solomon Outreach.



CELEBRATE



Rice Lake will be recognizing Graduates on Sunday, May 12th with cake after service.

Rebecca Wallin graduated with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Western Governors University.

Taylor Maki and Anna Taylor are graduating from high school.

And from Canton:

Cole Halvorson and Austin Durand are also graduating from high school.

CONGRATULATIONS!



The Maki Family would like to request your presence at Taylor Maki's graduation party/open house. The party will be held at First United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 8, from 1-4 pm.

Please come and wish Taylor well on her next chapter/adventure, as a high school grad. Please stay for tacos, a "candy bar", beverages, and some yard games.

Taylor will be attending UW-EC/BC here in Rice Lake and has plans to major in psychology. Hope to see you there!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 3:30 Confirmation class 6:00 UMW Meeting 7:30 SPRC	2 4:00-7:00 Missions Chicken Dinner 6:30 World Day of Prayer @ Red Cedar	3 2:00 Canton UMW @ Norske	4
5	6	7	8 Circles 1:30 Invitation & Member Care 3:30 Confirmation	9 1:30 Gifts & Memorials	10	11
12 Mother's Day Graduation Sunday Festival of Christian Home	13	14 6:00 Finance	15 3:#0 Confirmation Class 6:00 Serving Benjamin House	16 10:30 Prayer Shawl	17	18
19 Prayer Partner Sundays Coffee with Pastor Sue Nursing Homes	20 4:00 Newsletter Deadline	21 6:00 Worship Meeting 7:00 Trustees	22 11:00 Senior Scams 3:30 Confirmation Class?	23 7:00 Ad Council	24	25
26	27 Office Closed Memorial Day	28	29 8:30 Men's Breakfast 9:00 Folders 3:30 Confirmation Class	30	31	

Canton's service is at 9:00 am.
Canton Sunday School is at 9:00 am every other Sunday

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Shout Out from Susan

Celebrating the Christian Home



When my kids were in middle school, I received a phone call that one of the family pet birds had died. They were in distress but unfortunately, I was too far from home to help them. About an hour later, I received another call from the kids telling me it's ok they had everything under control. Chad, my youngest, took the bird and buried it under the apple tree and Chelsey, middle child, grabbed a hymnal and performed a funeral. They sang a few of their favorite hymns and then prayed for the bird.

Yep—growing up in a Christian home is Dangerous! While other kids are doing normal kid things, my kids were doing a funeral for a bird. Christian families have their own unique set of cultural and lifestyle norms. Pets have funerals, children sing hymns and praise songs, they like communion bread dipped in grape juice, Christmas Eve is celebrated with candle-light service and Easter sunrise morning service comes before searching for Easter baskets. Prayer is said before meals and at bedtime, scriptures and Bible stories are part of regular conversations and their vocabulary includes biblical and church words like narthex, resurrection, Pentecost, and sanctification.

My children were so accustomed to the church lifestyle that when the church parking lot was full of cars for the Retired Teachers luncheon, my youngest was upset because he wasn't invited to their potluck lunch! At the same time, my children grew up comfortable in the church environment. Church was an extension of their home and a place of comfort and love. Growing up as Christians opened their minds to the struggles of people and how they overcame tremendous obstacles and difficult life situations. They have helped people homeless from tornados recover their valuables and opened their hearts to a family who stayed with us because they were facing severe domestic abuse. They grew up with What Would Jesus Do? And learned how to live it in everyday life. Christian families don't

always meld with society norms because we are following Christ and instilling Christian values into our family.

Part of parenting is teaching your children about their faith. How Jesus loves them. About his life and salvation. What it means to go to church and why. Parenting is about planting seeds of faith in hope one day when children are grown up they can make the right decisions in every circumstance. Parenting is a gift from God. Not everyone who is a parent does parent well. While some who are not biological parents are the best at parenting.

While I may joke about the idea of being raised Christian as dangerous, there are some serious dangers. If we become too complacent with our lifestyles, we forget the awe and wonder of Christ and his radical way of living. We might stop seeing the work of the Spirit in and around us. We can easily forget the necessity to keep growing in faith and the need to share this great love with other people. Or even worse to claim you are Christian but live as though you never met the risen Savior.

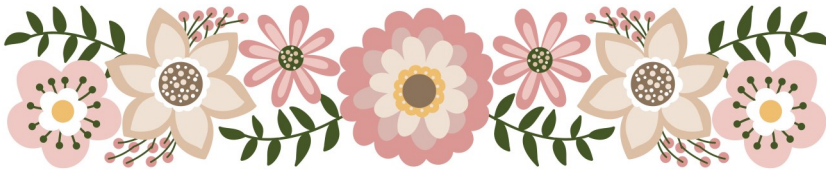
Being raised as a Christian in a Christian home, I am grateful to have a broader concept towards life and all people as my neighbor. There may be times when my kids didn't especially care for their Christian upbringing, like having to get up every Sunday morning for church when others were sleeping in. But watching how they embraced their faith in all aspects of life is a blessing to me as their parent. As I watch them raising their children, I see glimpses of their childhood and faith teachings dictating their decisions, even though they may not realize it yet. My role as a parent will never end even though my children are grown. That is the joy of parenting. ~Pastor Sue



United Methodist Women

UMW Meeting is on May 1st at 6 pm.

Please join us in the library Wednesday, May 1st at 6:00 pm. Katie from the Pregnancy Help Center will present a short talk on their services. Please bring donations of clothing and supplies (size 4T and smaller) to the meeting to show our support for this local organization.



SAVE THE DATE:

May 2, 2019

MISSIONS CHICKEN DINNER

The Mission Committee will be serving their delicious grilled chicken on May 2nd. Serving times will be from 4:00-7:00. Enjoy grilled chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, roll, ice cream, and a beverage. Cost will be \$9.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children. Take-outs will be available.

The proceeds from this annual endeavor will go to our Paste, Paper, and Pencils Project. Thank you for your past support and we look forward to seeing you on May 2nd.



Thank you for participating in the "Prayer Partners" program for 2018-2019. There will be a special recognition of the prayer partner program after worship on Sunday, May 19th.

Everyone in the congregation is invited to join us for ice cream sundaes in honor of the Prayer Partners program.

Hope to see you there!
Candy Bandli



Simple Tips for *Greener Living*

You may have heard the recent news story of a young Cuvier's beaked whale found weak and vomiting blood near the Philippine city of Davao. Within a few hours it was dead. Biologists performed a necropsy and found 88 pounds of plastic in the whale's stomach! The graphic pictures brought the issue of plastic pollution to the forefront. Scientists estimate that about 8.8 million tons of plastic enter the ocean every year. Now, we live far from the ocean but we probably use plastic every day and some types can cause major problems for our local wildlife. Big pieces can entangle animals, and smaller bits can make them sick if accidentally eaten. You can't avoid plastic all the time, so here's a few ways to keep the stuff you have from harming the environment....(courtesy of natgeokids.com)

- ◆ Don't put garbage on top of an overflowing trash can. It'll likely be blown into animal's habitat.
- ◆ Never leave behind fishing gear, especially fishing lines. That way they won't entangle animals.
- ◆ Take old electronics with plastic pieces to a recycling station or back to the electronics store (if they accept the item) instead of putting it in the regular trash.
- ◆ Give single-use plastic a new job, like using newspaper sleeves to pick up pet poo.

Remember, trying to reduce the amount of plastic you use can feel overwhelming. Just getting started is the important part.

Kathy Wagenbach, UMW Program Coordinator

Native American Ministries Sunday on May 5th

One tribe in North America has told this story for centuries: when people “pale as birch” crossed the great water in large canoes, they brought with them “The Black Book.” However, the bringers of the physical Book could not have known what it would mean and look like to be Native and a follower of Jesus.

Today Native Americans—with many unique languages, many unique cultures—honor their heritage, and live as Jesus-followers, led by a rotation of primarily Native American pastors.

Supporting the Ministry of Christ Among Native People

Most Americans today recognize that the history following the arrival of the large canoes bore little resemblance to the one all Christians identify as Creator. That’s why the people of The United Methodist Church, Native and non-Native, are creating a new history. Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we’re able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.

As a member of The United Methodist Church, your gift, on this day, equips Native congregations—like New York’s Onondaga Nation UMC and Nebraska’s Native American Sacred Winds congregation—to worship and serve as only they can.

This work, and hundreds of other ministries, are possible because you give.

Our Giving Allows Native Americans to Encounter, Worship and Serve Jesus

When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

Dr. Richard Twiss, a member of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate from the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota, asked:

“Will we be allowed to develop new ways of doing church that honor God’s purposes for the creative expression of our cultures? Will new ministry partnerships and coalitions form? Will you help be a part of this wonderful process of reconciliation, restoration and release?” Say yes.

*****Our Church & Society Committee is working on putting a daytrip together to go to the LCO Honor the Earth Pow Wow held the 3rd weekend of July. Watch for more information regarding this exciting event.***



May Birthdays

- 2- Amy Jacobson (George)
- 2- Braydon Larson
- 2- Sheila Lindloff
- 4- Kelsey (Kilcoyne) Manley
- 5- Larry Neve
- 12- James Bandli
- 12- Hadley Owen
- 14- Curtis Kemmitz
- 14- Heather Madison
- 18- Tyler Kilcoyne
- 18- Ty Rettenmund
- 19- Kristy Babineau
- 21- Fran Drabek
- 21- Bailey Wallin
- 23- Justin Kilcoyne
- 24- James Anonich
- 28- Jordan Turgeson
- 29- Porter Manley

May Anniversaries

- 2- Pete & Candy Bandli
- 23- Ron & Pat Turgeson
- 25- Marvin & Donna Heidenreich
- 26- Pastor K & SunJoo



Canton UMC



- 3- LaGarda Hom
- 6- Emma Gifford
- 6- Michele Halvorson
- 12- Greg Hagberg
- 18- Craig Healy
- 19- Glenn Berger
- 25- Lexi Halvorson
- 26- Marilyn Rowe

If you know of someone's birthday or anniversary that is not listed but would like to be then please let the office know.



Thank you to everyone who has participated in choir this year. Schedules and weather presented some challenges but it has been a good year. We will have our final full rehearsal on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 pm. Have a great summer break.

Festival of the Christian Home/Mother's Day

If you are blessed by your mother's presence this Sunday, look into her eyes and say, "Thank you, Mom!" If your mother lives in another town, pick up the phone – don't text or email – and say, "Mom, you're still the best!" And if your mother has already fallen into God's welcoming arms, revive the gratitude you feel. Angels can deliver your love note to heaven.

United Methodists observe the Festival of the Christian Home on Sunday, May 12, which is also Mother's Day. In addition to the kisses, hugs and thanks you plan to express, remember that many people, for one reason or another, cannot celebrate motherhood or family ties. You are blessed, but others need your prayers.

Changing the world is not just a mother's job; it is a family job. Tie a big bow around your promise to help mothers, fathers and families everywhere fight injustice!

Then let Mom put her feet up while you cook dinner.

Senior Ministries- Making Connections

"Senior Scams"

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND AT 11:00 AM
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1221 WESLEY DR., RICE LAKE

Have you ever:

- ⇒ Received a grandma call from someone claiming to be a grandchild in need of money?
- ⇒ Received a call from someone claiming to be the Social Security office or Medicare?
- ⇒ Received a check from some unknown source?
- ⇒ Received a call or email from Microsoft or Windows about your computer?
- ⇒ Had someone show up at your door after a natural disaster offering to "save you money" on repairs?

These are just some of the scams targeting seniors today. Join us May 22nd to learn about "Senior Scams." Officer Derek Olson with the Rice Lake Police Department will give a presentation, go over the many scams affecting seniors today, and help us understand what we should and should not do. The program will begin at 11:00 am followed by lunch and a Q&A with Officer Olson.

Please RSVP to the church office at 715-234-3919, email us at office@ricelakeumc.org, sign-up sheet in the narthex, and there will be a Facebook event page created where you can RSVP. Deadline is May 20th.

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Sunday School: 9:00 am

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30 am

All our Rice Lake worship services can be heard on your telephone by dialing (515) 739-9163.

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May Volunteers

Ushers

5 Russell & Karen Rindsig / Barry & Mary Stewart
12 Ed & Pam Forrester / Jeff & Debbie Wille
19 Jerry & Shirley Olson / John & Lori Rae
26 Mike & Darlene Plenty / Mike & Dawn O'Brien

Greeters

5 Dana Bundgaard
12 Helen Anonich
19 Pat Asuma
26 Mary Lynn Cherry

Liturgists

5 Heather Madison
12 Helen Anonich
19 Lisa Mink
26 Candy Bandli

Acolytes

5 Miley Turgeson
12 Bella Wallin
19 Kaylie Kraczek
26 Lily Rettenmund

Slide Show

5 Letitia Crisler
12 Bernie Kahl
19 Russell Rindsig
26 Linda Dufner

Committee of the Month

* Pete & Candy Bandli * Cheryl Hedgecock
Russell & Karen Rindsig Pat Krall
Tabitha Zegarowicz Jim & Rebecca Wallin
Lorraine Gustafson

Counters- Pat Moin & Eleanor Falkner