

CIRCUIT



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Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

Shout Out from Susan...

Who's Hands are These?

Hands are powerful tools. My grandpa had strong, calloused hands for farming, working in the woods and fighting fires, yet when he took my hand as a little girl and held it in his I didn't notice the calluses, instead I felt love radiating through his hands into me. I thought about my Grandpa while visiting my dad. He has the same touch as his father. Without any spoken words, when I touch his hands to let him know that I am with him, I've noticed a gentleness in the way he holds my hands that binds us in love. No words need be spoken. The simple touch of a loved one brings comfort and strength to the weary.

The hands of Jesus combine strength, gentleness, love and more. His hands were the strong hands of a carpenter and the gentle hands of a healer. Mighty works were done by his hands with such a gentle touch. Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, laid hands on the children and blessed them, healed the sick, and gave sight to the blind man. These hands of love were hands that forgave the adulterous woman and ate with the tax collectors. The same gentle hands were pierced as he was nailed to the cross. Finally, breathing his last breathe, Jesus called out to God, saying, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit," transferring the touch of his hands and ministry into the hands of God.

Through the acts of Christ, we receive the assurance of being held in the caring hands of God. When we endure tough situations, Christ is reaching down to us and holding us firmly in his grasp, similar to my grandpa who stretched his hand out to me, picked me up and carried me through the woods when I was too tired to walk any further. My grandpa was responding as the hands of Jesus offering love and compassion. As followers of Christ, we are called to be the hands of Christ reaching out to the world and drawing people closer to God. Every effort to reach out to someone is an expression of sharing God's love through our hugs and warm greetings.

Every day we need the human connection. I was told that an average person needs 6 hugs a day to survive and 12 hugs per day to thrive! For some people, this human touch may be the only hand that touches them all week long. What ways can you put your hands to work to show your faith in God? How can your hands do the ministry Christ calls you to do? Never forget: as the body of Christ, we are the hands that will make a difference if done in love. In Christ's peace, *Pastor Sue*

Keep saving bottles for Missions to fill with homemade laundry soap. The best bottles are the 2-quart juice bottles. When we replenish the supply at the food pantry we take 20+ bottles to them so there is always a need. Thank you for your help.

June Lectionary, *Etc.*

June 2, 2019

Holy Communion

Acts 16:16-34

Psalms 97

Rev. 22:12-14, 16-

17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

June 9, 2019

Confirmation

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b

Roman 8:14-17

John 14:8-17, 25-27

June 16, 2019

Father's Day

Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalms 8

Roman 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

June 23, 2019

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Psalms 42

Gal. 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

June 30, 2019

LOUD Offering

2 Kings 19:1-15a

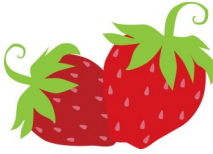
Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20

Gal. 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62



June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Strawberry Fest will be coming in early July; the weather will determine the date. Watch for more details to come. 		On May 22 nd , 30 people showed up for our Senior Scams program originally scheduled with Officer Olson but instead was with Officer Taylor who did a fine job. The presentation and lunch was fantastic!				1
2 <i>Holy Communion</i>	3	4	5 1:00 pm UMW Meeting	6	7	8 1:00 Maki Graduation Party
9 <i>Confirmation Sunday</i>	10	11	12 Circles Meet	13 10:00 Church & Society	14 ← Annual Conference	15
16 <i>Father's Day</i>	17 4:00pm News-letter Deadline Annual Conference →	18 10:30 am Missions	19 5:30 pm Serving Benjamin House	20 10:30 Prayer Shawl with pot-luck <i>Everyone is invited!!</i> 7:00 Ad Council	21	22
23	24	25 9:00 am News-letter Folders	26 8:30 am Men's Breakfast	27	28	29 Visitors sleeping over
30 <i>LOUD Offering</i>			7:30 pm SPRC Meeting			

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

Rice Lake's service is at 10:30 am.
Rice Lake Sunday School is at 9:00 am every Sunday

United Methodist Women

UMW Meeting is on June 5th at 1:30 pm.

Hospitality --- defined by Merriam Webster's Dictionary as "the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers". At our June 5th (1:30 pm) UMW meeting we will share what makes our homes unique and inviting for 'ministry'.

Rice Lake UMC

June Birthdays

- 1- Jodi Rettenmund
- 2- Jeanne Parker
- 3- Jared Taylor
- 4- Harriet Larson
- 6- Pat Moin
- 9- Lorraine Gustafson
- 10-Tim Kraczek
- 10- June Lihрман
- 12-Robert Rettenmund
- 17-Lauren West
- 18-Ben Bandli
- 18-Donna Heidenreich
- 18-Dale Larson
- 18-Matthew Rindsig
- 23-Tom Barkley
- 24-Isabella Wallin
- 26-Brandon Larson
- 27-Cheryl Aune
- 27-Rob Berger
- 29-Rachel Madison

June Anniversaries

- 3- Don & Mary Cherry
- 12-West & Linda Dufner
- 15-Russ & Karen Rindsig
- 24-Pudge & Janet Kohel
- 29-Dave & Rayne Semple
- 30-John & Lori Rae
- 30-Laurie & Donald Damm

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed then please call the office to update your info. Thanks! ~Steph



Canton UMC

June Birthdays

- 1- Stacy McFarland
- 6- Lloyd Snyder
- 19- Brayden Pyrlik
- 23- Jay Healy

June Anniversaries

- 12- Dan & Diane Siewert
- 17- Rick & Sue Boortz
- 18- Lloyd & Rose Snyder



I'm hoping the choir can sing on June 9th for Confirmation. We will have a rehearsal on Tuesday, June 4th at 7:00 pm. We will also rehearse a song to use this summer. See you on the 4th.



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. Hope to see you there!

Simple Tips for Greener Living

I have fond memories of helping my grandmother wash clothes with a wringer washing machine and then carrying the baskets of wet laundry outside to hang on the clothes line. Watching sheets billowing in the wind was kind of relaxing Fast forward 50+ years to the other day when my grandson discovered a hole in our lawn. When I told him it was a pipe for a clothes line pole, he asked "What's a clothes line?" So my project this summer is to resurrect our clothes line and educate my grandson on the joys of line drying laundry.

Hanging clothes to dry on a warm day also saves electricity and your clothes. According to // theartofsimple.net, the dryer weakens the fabric's fibers faster than if they had been air-dried. All that lint after a cycle in the dryer is fabric slowly wearing off your clothes. Line-drying also uses less chemicals. The sun is a natural whitener, so when you put thoroughly wet whites out on the line, the stains fade naturally. No need for bleach. Line-drying also takes care of the need to use dryer-sheets which most likely have many toxic chemical ingredients.

So this summer I'll grab the clothes pin bag, hang my wet laundry out to dry in the fresh air and reconnect (in spirit) with my grandmother.

Kathy Wagenbach,
UMW Program Coordinator

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Sunday School: 9:00 am (resumes in the fall)

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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Ushers

- 2 Neil & Sue Tollander / Paul & Shirley Toft
- 9 Russell & Karen Rindsig / Barry & Mary Stewart
- 16 Ed & Pam Forrester / Jeff & Deb Wille
- 23 Jerry & Shirley Olson / John & Lori Rae
- 30 Mike & Darlene Plenty / Mike & Dawn O'Brien

Greeters

- 2 Donna Cook
- 9 Sally Deutsch
- 16 Fran Drabek
- 23 Pam Forrester
- 30 Eleanor Falkner

Liturgists

- 2 Bruce Kaupanger
- 9 Nancy Zabel
- 16 Paul Toft
- 23 Russell Rindsig
- 30 Letitia Crisler

Acolytes

- 2 Taryn Maki
- 9 Zeik Turgeson
- 16 Lily Davis
- 23 Breanna Kracek
- 30 Miley Turgeson

Slide Show

- 2 Mary Pautsch
- 9 Barb Burdick
- 16 Heather Madison
- 23 Letitia Crisler
- 30 Bernie Kahl

Committee of the Month

- * Mike & Dawn O'Brien
- * Harold Quarderer
- Barry & Mary Stewart
- Dale & Harriet Larson
- Ava Schwartz
- Lorene Millard
- Effie Arnold
- Counter-** Connie Kilcoyne