

Reverend Jim Altman

November 2015

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

What we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we (need to) know (now) is, that when it is revealed we shall be like (Jesus) because we shall see him as he really is." (I John 3:2)

The apostle Paul said, "Now we see (ourselves) in a mirror dimly . . . Now we know (only) in part." The reflection that looks back at us in that mirror is not 100% true. Yes, there were fewer wrinkles a couple of years ago, and maybe more hair and less gray. But the selves that Paul is referring to are our spiritual selves. And though our outer selves may waste away daily, he says our inner selves can be renewed. And this is the self we'll carry into eternal life. The book of Job actually declares that when we are done with our outer selves, that's when we actually begin to see God/Jesus as he truly is. "Whom my eyes shall behold and not those of another." (Job 19:27)

The good news is that we don't have to wait until our flesh is destroyed to see perfection looking back at us in the mirror. Jesus is right here in our Bibles for us to see everyday, anytime we want to look. And he tells us in those very same Bibles that there are many ways to see him even more clearly: two of us can just gather together in his name and he is there with us; we can feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the sick or imprisoned and we've done it to him. We can just love one another, without fear or reservation, in the same way Christ loved us, and we will be as perfect as he is.

Looking in that mirror, it should be possible to see a little more perfection every day. But the discerning eye needs to be looking for the right things. We need to look for the twinkle in the eye and not the bags under it. We need to look for the radiance under the skin, not the wrinkles on it. We need to listen for the joy under the voice and not whether it's smooth or cultured or grammatically or politically correct. Physically beautiful people may crowd the pages of magazines and assault us from our TV screens, but their reign is temporary; theirs is not the stuff of eternal life.

Perfection can be ours in this life. So said John Wesley. It doesn't require a special diet. There's no income threshold. It's not dependent on the absence of physical blemish or handicap. It's available to anyone who would model themselves after Jesus Christ.



Scriptures & Sermon Titles

Nov 1st

All Saints Day
Psalm 24:7-10
Isaiah 25:6-9
Unshrouded"

Nov 8th

Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Who Built Your House?"

Nov 15th

Blessing of the Hunt
Charge Conference
Hebrews 10:16-25
Mark 13:1-8
When Time Expires"

Nov 22nd

Christ the King Sunday
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37
Not of This World"

Nov 29th

First Sunday in Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Luke 21:29-36
The Days Are Surely Coming "

Canton United Methodist Church News

“Let us hold on firmly to the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise. Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love and to do good. Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer.” Hebrews 10:22-25

Pope Francis said recently, “If the church is not surprising, it is not growing.” In recent weeks, we have been surprised a few times....So....maybe...! FORGET THE MAYBE...WE ARE IN THE FAITH CHAPTER OF HEBREWS! Hebrews 11:1 *“TO HAVE FAITH IS TO BE SURE OF THE THINGS WE HOPE FOR, TO BE CERTAIN OF THE THINGS WE CANNOT SEE!”*

Several weeks ago, Pastor Jim’s sermon was “Why persist in integrity” along with scripture on Job. He said so many worthwhile things that morning, and I couldn’t remember everything as I write now but: “We are subjected to frustrations because God wants to perfect us.” “We need to follow the example of Christ.” Job 42:12 The conclusion of Job: “The Lord blessed the last portion of Job’s life even more than he had blessed the first”.

Thanks to Arlene, with her constant pain, she “made new” the big wreath in fall splendor. Looks most welcoming!

Sunday School will meet on November 8th and 22.

We had a UMW meeting on October 14th. Five were present, and we heard October’s message, End the Silence, End the Violence. Beverly Berger suggested a 2nd offering on some Sundays, to be used perhaps to pay the fuel bill, or some other necessity. On Sunday, November 1st, we will celebrate UMW Sunday. We will honor Caroline Boortz with a Special Mission Recognition UMW Pin for her many years of service to the Canton Church. We thank you Caroline, and we miss your smile and the twinkle in your eye!

Prayers for: Sharon Hagberg, Dan McDonald, and Marilyn Rowe



Anniversaries and Birthdays

November Birthdays

- 4- Cody Halvorson
- 5- Bonnie Pannier
- 10- Stephanie Doeden
- 16- James Christorf
- 23- Pastor Jim

November Anniversaries

- 9- Paul & Stephanie Doeden
- 17- Del & Michele Halvorson



Red Bird Mission 2016

If you're already planning for 2016, consider adding a trip to Kentucky to your calendar. We have reserved the week of August 6 through August 13 at Red Bird Mission Work Camp in eastern Kentucky.

Members and friends of our congregation have been going to Red Bird, a United Methodist mission, since 1996 and each trip has provided new experiences and opportunities for growth. Typically, our group has done home repairs in the surrounding communities, often in very rural areas tucked back in the hills and hollers. There is also work to be done on the Mission campus, in the community store or craft shop, and at the Red Bird School.

If you are a teen or an adult of any age, please consider this opportunity to reach out to those in need, to enjoy fellowship with old and new friends, and to see a unique part of the country. No specific skills are necessary, just a willingness to pitch in. Further information will be forthcoming as we start to plan and raise money for this trip. Please contact Lisa Mink if you're interested or have questions.

United Methodist Women

The next UMW meeting is November 11 at 1:00 pm. Grace Circle is serving.



FALL BAZAAR



Remember our “2015 FALL BAZAAR”

November 7th from 1:00 – 3:30 pm

at the First United Methodist Church in Rice Lake.

The week prior to the event will be busy with set-up by each area. Please keep in contact with your chairwoman or chairman for details.

A Big “Thank You,” to all who are volunteering! Through your efforts the church missions program will receive substantial support!

REMEMBER TO BRING A FRIEND OR TWO.....



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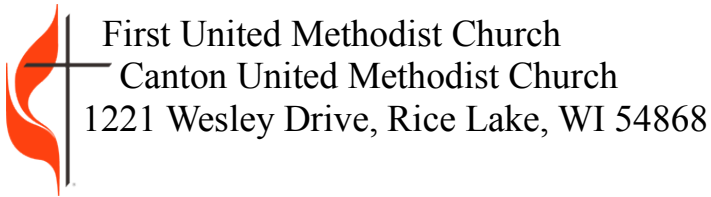
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Dear First United Methodist Church,
Thank you to everyone who helped support me with my fundraising so that I was able to go on two wonderful trips this summer. I had a lot of fun in Washington D.C. and New York and learned a lot. It was also very fun to march at Magic Kingdom for band and spend a great week in Disney World. Thanks- Taylor Maki



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Sunday School: 9:00 am (1st & 3rd Sundays)

All our Rice Lake worship services can be heard on your telephone by dialing (715) 458-3604.

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Pastor- James Altman

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-4:00pm

November Volunteers

Ushers

- 1 Neil & Sue Tollander // Paul & Shirley Toft
- 8 Neil & Sue Tollander // Jerry & Shirley Olson
- 15 Neil & Sue Tolander // John & Lori Rae
- 22 Neil & Sue Tollander // Cecil & Sally Deutsch
- 29 Neil & Sue Tollander // Russell & Karen Rindsig

Greeters

- 1 Lisa Mink
- 8 Pam Petry
- 15 Larry Neve
- 22 Eleanor Falkner
- 29 Pat Krall

Liturgists



- 1 Russell Rindsig
- 8 Mary Pautsch
- 15 Helen Anonich
- 22 Nancy Zabel
- 29 Adora Forward

Committee of the Month

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| *Bob & Joyce Foster | *Pam Petry |
| Brian & Michele West | George & Ginny Swanson |
| Tom & Duana Bremer | The Hanaman Family |
| Pat Krall | Effie Arnold |
| Mille Gadian | Jill Dietz |

Acolytes

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| 1 Caleb Morse | 8 Elliot Morse |
| 15 Bella Wallin | 22 Taryn Maki |
| 29 Lily Rettenmund | |

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>Daylight Savings</i> 9:00 RL Sunday School 9:15 Choir Nursing Homes	2 6:30 Bells 7:30 Dartball	3 9:00 Pastors 11:00 Missions 7:00 Choir	4 Circles 1:00 Lefse Prep 3:30 FUMY	5 8#0 Lefse Baking Bazaar Set-up	6 Bazaar Set-up	7 1:00-3:30 Holiday Tea & Bazaar
8 9:00 C Sunday School 9:15 Choir After service—Worship Mtg	9 6:30 Bells 7:30 Dartball	10 9:00 Pastors 7:00 Choir	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> 1:00 UMW 3:30 FUMY	12	13 2:00 Woodland Village House Church	14
15 9:00 RL Sunday School 9:15 Choir <i>Blessing of the Orange</i> 12:00 Charge Conference &	16 Newsletter Dealine 6:30 Bells 7:30 Dartball	17 9:00 Pastors 7:00 Choir 8:00 Trustees	18 3:30 FUMY	19 10:30 Prayer Shawl	20	21 
22 9:00 C Sunday School 9:15 Choir	23 6:30 Bells 7:30 Dartball	24 9:00 Pastors 7:00 Choir	25 3:30 FUMY	26 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> Office Closed	27	28
29 Loud Offering for Mission Projects	30 6:30 Bells 7:30 Dartball					



November Birthdays

- 2- Lincoln Buergi
- 3- Alex Henderson
- 12- Ken Engel
- 16- Anita Sykes
- 17- Layne Manley
- 18- Candy Bandli
- 19- Mark Berger
- 20- Ken George
- 22- Jeff Wille
- 23- Rev. Jim
- 25- Jason Rae
- 26- John Rae
- 29- Tawni Moin
- 30- Allison Rivard
- 30- Derek Spear

November Anniversaries

- 1- Herb & Mary Jane Melbye
- 5- Marv & Eleanor Nielsen
- 12- Roger & Anita Sykes
- 19- Betsy & Don Gerland

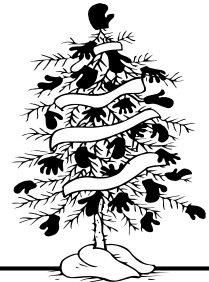
If your birthday or anniversary is not listed then please call the office to update your info. ~Steph

Mission's Committee

Thank you for all of your support again this year for the Blanket Project. This is just one of the projects our Missions Committee supports each year and it represents the support our church gives to people around the world as well as the US. Our blanket in the sanctuary has taken on the look of a patchwork quilt this year with all the white, orange, and yellow cards– adds a bit to our decor for this autumn season! As of this date \$875 has been generously given.

The Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree is a Missions project that provides hats and mittens for children in need. Starting the first week end in December the mitten tree will be in the narthex. Join us this holiday season to help those in need.



Mitten Tree

Heritage Manor

We would like to thank each and every one of you for your continued support for our projects. Your generosity has had a positive impact on countless people in our local community. Speaking of projects, our mitten tree and our Christmas gifts for Heritage Manor are soon upon us. The mitten tree will be put up the first week of December awaiting your gifts of mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. A table for the Heritage Manor Christmas items will also be set-up to receive wrapped and labeled gifts. Hair care is still \$12.00 and there will be a basket for those donations.

Thank you again.

Your Missions Committee



Choir Practice

Choir will focus on the cantata this month. Rehearsals will be every Sunday morning with the exception of the 29th at 9:15 am and every Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm during the month of November.

Please come as much as possible.