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JULY/AUGUST, 2024

**FIRST UMC
NEWSLETTER**

Mineral Point News
By: Donna Toay

We live in very interesting and funny times.

We live in times where we see many humans, but not humanity.

We live in times where the rich have more rooms than children and the poor have more children than rooms.

We live in times where smart phones bring you closer to those who are far, but distance you from those who are closer.

We live in times where we open Facebook, more than the HOLY Book.

We live in times where a single mother can look after 10 children, but 10 children can't look after a single mother.

We live in times where the rich walk miles to digest food, while the poor walk miles to search for food.

We live in times where women are paid to be naked, while others have no clothes to cover their nakedness.

We live in times where our contact lists are huge, but our relationships are poor.

We live in times where our possessions are more, but our appreciation is less.

We live in times where we know how to earn a good living, but somehow, we forget how to live a good life.

We live in times where many know the price of everything, but not the value of anything.

Indeed, we live in a strange world.

MAY GOD HELP AND GUIDE US!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

We have no fundraising planned for now. Our church has been very viable with our past fundraisers. We had a successful Garage Sale, Silent Auction, Christmas Bazaar, Soup Suppers, and Pasty Sales. We are taking some time off during the hot weather.

On September 25th we will be doing a brat and dessert sale at Jammin' on the Porch at Orchard Lawn starting at 5:30. Myles Talbott Dyad is featured. Please plan to help with this fundraiser.

UPCOMING DATES:

July 24th 6-8:00 Jammin' on the Porch "Point Five"

August 2 & 3 – NW Basic Lay Servant Course

August 3rd S E District Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries (Basic Course)

August 8th 6:30 Ad Council meets at FUMC.

August 9 & 10th Stewardship Conference at Pine Lake

August 9th 6-8:00 Jammin' on the Porch

August 10th Paint the Point Show & Sale

August 13th 1:00 Ladies Group meets at 1st

August 16-17th Blues Fest, Orchard Lawn

August 17th S E District Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries (Basic Course)

August 24th MP Chamber Street Party

August 28th 6:00-8:00 Jammin' on the Porch

August 29-September 2 Iowa County Fair

September 8th Choir Starts up again at 1st

Sept. 12th 6:30 Ad Council and Trustees meet at 1st

September 13th 5:30 Jammin' on the Porch

September 14th Mineral Point Car Show

September 22nd First Day of Autumn

September 25th 5:30 Jammin' on the Porch & FUMC's fund raiser

September 27 Cornish Festival Pub night

September 28th Cornish Festival Taste of MP, Walker House Pasty Meal, Opera House performance, etc.

THANK YOU!!!

We appreciate your help on the fundraisers. Lots of people really stepped up. Everyone also appreciates all the work Karla Vogel has been doing on cleaning the church and Rich and Karla for keeping our flower beds looking so nice. Thanks to Al Martin for doing the lawn. Thanks to all our organ players and our choir for leading us in Biblical hymns. Thanks to those who hand out bulletins and greet the people entering the church. It takes a lot of people working together to keep our church at its best. If I forgot to mention someone and what they did, it is not intentional. Everyone is appreciated for all they do.

LADIES GROUP:

The Ladies group has been meeting monthly. We would like to enlarge the group. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00. Mary Martin has been sending out birthday, anniversary and other cards from our church and doing the birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for the Mineral Point Visitor. We have been going over the membership list. We have an opening and closing prayer and some biblical readings. We discuss any business that may come up.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

If you're what you do, you'll always need to be more.

If you're what you have, you'll always need to acquire more.

If you're what others say, you'll always need to please people.

But if you're who God says you are, you'll find freedom and rest.

No one has the right to define you, except the one who made you. (Ian Simpkins)

Close your eyes and imagine the best version of you possible. That's who you really are, let go of any part of you that doesn't believe it.

UMC BISHOPS CONDEMN DIVISIVE RHETORIC AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE:

Following the recent assassination attempt on former President Donald J. Trump, the world is in deep sorrow and reflection. We absolutely condemn this act of violence. As people of faith, we are called to love one another and follow the example of Jesus Christ, who showed us the way to love, peace, and reconciliation. Christ calls us to be peacemakers in a world that often resorts to hate, violence, and division.

NEW BISHOP:

Bishop Dan Schwerin has been assigned to the new Northern Illinois-Wisconsin Episcopal areas as of September 1st

HAPPY SUMMER!!!!

Please submit your articles to Donna Toay at djtoay@outlook.com or Marcia Ajer at pohume@gmail.com!

July Birthdays

Trevor Stephenson
Mary Jane Rideout
Marcia Ajer
Marissa Yancy
Dylan Lesser
Karen Jorgeson
Gene Potterton
Julie Olson
Jane O'Flarity
Pastor Michael Hammond
Patti Thomas
Ray Van Matre
Dave Cline
Joyce Harris
Heidi Miller
Zade Fitzsimmons
Janet Cline
Brad LaDow

July Anniversaries

Dave and Janet Cline
Brock and Jenny Dochnahl
Marissa and Jonathan Yancy
Bob and Pat Snyder

August Birthdays

Palmer Hansen
Ling Miller
Debbie Dolphin
Tom Dolphin
Jacob Edge
Jean Van Matre
A.J. Rury
Merisa Paynter
Donna Toay
Sydney Owens
Maci Muchow

August Anniversaries

Ray and Carol Paynter
Dick and Geri Austin
Dave and Diane Palzkill
Jon and Bobbi Jo Rury

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“WHAT A FRIEND!”
JESUS IS...

FORGIVING
RICH IN LOVE
INVITING ALL
EVER FAITHFUL
NEXT TO HELP
DELIGHTED WITH US

PRAYER OF THE MONTH:

“Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.”

John 15:15 KJV

Please remember to pray for the people on our prayer list:

Dave & Janet Cline

Barbara Hirsh

Rose Mohlmann

Ray Paynter

Mt. Horeb School District

“Our thoughts and prayers are with the teachers, students and staff at Mt. Horeb Middle School... “Lord, in your mercy, we pray for safety and security. We ask for your Spirit to provide peace in this crisis. May Your love and grace be in and through this time. Amen” Rev. Krysta Deede

On April 12th & 13th the “church” garage sale, bake sale and brat sale went well with over \$1,100 made. Thanks to all who brought items and to all that worked any part of the church garage sale weekend!

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GOD FAVORS TRUE PRAYER

God says, "What is true prayer?"

It is telling God what is in your heart, communicating with God as you grasp His will, communicating with God through His words, feeling especially close to God sensing He is there before you, and believing you have something to say to Him.

Your heart feels filled with light, and you feel how loveable God is.

You feel especially inspired and listening to you brings gratification to your brothers and sisters.

They feel that the words you speak are the words within their hearts, the words they wish to say as though your words were a substitute for their own.

This is what true prayer is.

After you have engaged in true prayer, your heart will be at peace and will know gratification.

The strength to love God can rise up and you will feel that there is nothing of greater value or significance in life than loving God.

All this proves that your prayers have been effective. Have you ever prayed in such a way?

If God answers your prayers declare Amen.

From: Donna Toay

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12th 1:30 Ladies Group meets
March 14th 6:30 Trustees meet
March 17th 9:45 Church (5th Sunday of Lent, and St. Patrick's Day)
March 18th last day to order your soup
March 19th is the first day of spring!
March 20th pick up soup order 4:00-6:00
March 23rd SW District Lay Person Training via Zoom 9am-11am, no registration required
March 24th Palm Sunday Service
March 28th 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service
March 29th Good Friday (see website for pastor's message)
March 30th 10:00 a.m. SHARP, MP Health Services, 109 N Iowa Street, Annual Easter Egg Hunt!
March 31st 9:45 Easter Service
April 6th 10:00 a.m. BUS leaves from Trinity for one hour gentle spiritual nature hike Sardeson Preserve, FREE and open to the public, families welcome! See brochures for more information.
April 11th 6:30 Trustee's meet
April 11,12,13th City wide Garage Sales
April 27th Pasty Sale in morning
June 7-10 Annual Conference at the KI Center in Green Bay by invitation only to Church Lay Leaders. Early bird registration runs until April 3, 2024.

WELCOME

Welcome Pastor Michael Hammond to our First United Methodist Church of Mineral Point and Parish of the Hills! We are so enjoying your sermons! Attendance is UP!

We also want to welcome Logan and Hannah Hansen and Palmer to our congregation. It is so nice to see some younger people in our congregation!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who work on our pasty sales and our soup suppers making them a success and to all our buyers for their fund raising support! We have good cooks in our church!!!

Our shut-ins enjoyed Christmas fruit trays and Valentine cookie/candy trays made by the Women's group. The visits were enjoyed as much as the cookies!

SOUTHWEST DISTRICT LAY PERSON TRAINING via ZOOM

We invite you to join District Lay Leader, Robin Kelby, for a two-hour training session on Saturday, March 23, from 9am-11am on Zoom. Robin will be sharing strategies for how we can more effectively serve our churches as Lay Leaders and Lay Members to Annual Conference. Even if you do not fill these particular roles in our church today, you can learn how to connect with United Methodists in our region and across the world! Please share this link with others in our congregation. No registration is required. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89148130225?pwd=DkBfzEcByyzsyQHq5FGhKxDB0OLZdy.1>
Meeting ID: 891 4813 0225, Passcode: 374902

MARCH BIRTHDAYS: Bob Baker, Jack Flesh, Beth Gribble, Jason Walrack, Kay Schaaf, Marilyn Owens, Jerilyn Owens, Owen Stephenson, Al Martin, Diane Palzkill, Sophia Stephenson, Jason Hirsch

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES: David and Holly Adams, Bill and Barb Hirsch

APRIL BIRTHDAYS: Jaron Walrack, Bryce Acherman, Dick Austin, Shelby Owens, John Toay, Jr., Tom Toay, Paul Thompson, McKenzie Wells

APRIL ANNIVERSARY: Mark and Pam Paynter

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Lord, grant me wise eyes to see clearly all that stands before me. Please allow me to constantly listen to your voice and help me discern between good and evil. May you illuminate every step of my journey, guiding my direction and granting me wisdom. In these most challenging times, help me to lean on you tightly. You are my steadfast rock. In Jesus name, Amen.

Please submit your articles to Donna Toay, Mary Martin or Marcia Ajer!

MAY YOU BE A SPECIAL BLESSING IN EVERY LIFE YOU TOUCH! HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY! HAPPY EASTER!