



## APRIL SCRIPTURES

**April 2**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**Spiritual Messengers**  
Scripture: Psalm 130

**April 16**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**Choir, Baptism**  
Scripture: John 21:1-18  
Message: Conversation in the Garden



**April 9**  
**Palm Sunday**  
Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11  
Message: Let us celebrate

**April 23**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Sierra Leone Mission Team

**April 30**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
Scripture: Luke 24:13-35  
Message: Thoughts on a journey

**SPIRITUAL MESSENGERS—APRIL 2 AT 9AM SERVICE**  
Spiritual Message will perform a wide variety of Christian music along with some traditional sing-alongs. We will be having a special Children's time.



### Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

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## Pastor Carolyn's Conundrums:

Matthew 28:5-10 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. <sup>7</sup> And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you." <sup>8</sup> So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word. <sup>9</sup> And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

This takes place as the women arrive at the tomb. Notice that the Angel and Jesus greets the women saying "Do not be afraid". They knew that the women would respond with fear. Every time God calls us to do something there is often fear on our part. Sometimes that fear is debilitating. The doubts in our own abilities surround us and we just can't seem to move passed it. That got me wondering about how often we encounter being afraid as we read through the Bible. I researched the word afraid. There are 105 instances of that word in the entire Bible. For all of those times it is when people were called to trust God and do what God had asked.

I started thinking about how God responds to those times, as in our passage above. I researched "Do not be afraid" – Jesus said this phrase 21 times – it occurs in the entire Bible 100 times. After the resurrection Jesus uses the phrase "Peace be with you" 4 times and that phrase does not occur anywhere else in the Bible. That is a total of 104 times that people are told not to be afraid, with most of those being God saying them and the rest are from representatives of God, encouraging individuals to follow where God is leading in spite of their fear. Most accompanied with a reminder that God will be with them and help them. What does all this mean for us? Often one of our reactions we experience when we encounter the Living Lord is fear. It is natural to experience fear when we are called to do things that are outside our comfort zone. It also means that God recognizes that, and promises to help us, to be with us, so that we can move forward courageously. This does not mean we will move forward with the absence of fear, but with the confidence – knowing that all things are possible through Christ who strengthens us.

This Easter may we take the words of Jesus to heart and "Rejoice!" and to not be afraid follow where God leads!

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## MISSIONS

The mission box for April is looking for volunteers. Over the years our Flowers for Friends program has been something many people look forward to.



We are asking this year for volunteers to help with the Flowers for Friends program. There will be a sign-up sheet available in April. It only takes a minute to deliver a flower and give someone a smile. A little longer if you would let them talk with you or paint a flower pot or pot a flower. However you do it, it is a great experience! Delivery is Sunday, May 7th. Look for the sign-up sheet to see how you can help.

The Red Bird Mission Trip which was scheduled for July 22nd - July 30th has been cancelled. Please keep the mission in your prayers as they recover from a fire in one of their dormitories.

The Pie Auction was a big success. Thank you to everyone who brought and bought pies. Thank you to Travis Klindworth for once again being our auctioneer. A great time was had by all!

## MORE MISSION NEWS

Rev. Daniel Yang is a Minnesota United Methodist pastor who has served churches at Hamline UMC and Wheelock UMC, both in St. Paul, for 22 years. In 2016 he was commissioned at the United Methodist General Conference as a missionary leader in his home country of Laos (southeast Asia). In July he returned to Laos to start new churches and to train and equip leaders for a rapidly growing United Methodist Church. When he arrived there were about 66 "house" churches in the country; he hopes to nearly double that number by 2020. Here is a great example of how our United Methodist apportionments have an impact around the world.

## EVANGELISIM

The Evangelism Committee celebrates having served our third annual community dinner in March. We would like to thank those who donated time, materials, funds, and prayers for the project, and those who attended and helped us have a successful event. We are especially pleased to have been able to reach out to a number of people from our community who were not part of our regular attendance.

Linda Brueck, co-chair, Evangelism



## FROM THE OFFICE

The Office will be closed on Monday, April 17



## LOST AND FOUND

We are getting quite a collection of things here at the church. If you are missing a stuffed toy, a jacket or sweater please look up by Pastor Carolyn's office.

## GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

By Cheryl Finnegan

This is the start of a project to help people in the congregation to learn about each other. Cheryl Finnegan will interview people (in no particular order) and write short paragraphs which will appear in Pine Chips and the Sunday bulletins.



Charlene Miller has always lived within a few blocks of Main Street in Pine Island. She was baptized, confirmed and married at UMC. She and her husband John were active in many committees at the church. In addition, Charlene starting teaching Sunday school when she was in high school, and has served as a "pie lady", making and serving pie at the annual Harvest Home dinner.

Charlene and John ran Miller's general department store on Main Street for 30 years. The last three years, after John passed away, Charlene ran the store by herself. Today, Charlene has three children, seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She attends exercise at the Senior Center, enjoys coffee with her friends at Better Brew, loves to travel when someone will take her along and still bakes delicious cookies.



Arlene and Bob Noser were married at the church a week after Charlene and John Miller. Arlene was baptized at the parsonage, along with her mother, father and brother. She was also confirmed at the Methodist Church.

Arlene served in food services at Pine Haven for 20 years. She started as a cook, and advanced to supervisor, then dietary supervisor, taking courses for certification along the way. Bob worked as a hired man, hauled cement blocks, worked as a butcher, farmed and milked cows before he drove the school bus for about 40 years.

Arlene and Bob have two boys, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was a "pie lady" with Charlene for many years. She remembers the lively dances the Youth Fellowship had when Abby LaRock played the piano and her husband Mark played the fiddle. The LaRocks were Roberta Hickey's parents. Reverend Cox kept time by clapping. She also remembers when the four women's circle groups would try hard to outdo each other.

## PINE ISLAND SHARING SHELF

April is Boxed Potato month.



## FEBRUARY FINANCE

Monthly income: \$9,396 Monthly Expenses: \$10,757

Attendance is down and giving is down.

## REPORT ON BAIWALLA UMC

A Minnesota mission team of eight United Methodists spent 12 days (February 5-16) in Baiwalla, a village of about 3000 people in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Among those on the team were Lisa Beyer and Rick Ormsby, members of our church, and Isaac Beach, a senior at Pine Island High School. They will share their experience with us on April 23rd, the Sunday after Easter. They will give a message/slide show at the 9 am worship service. For those with a special interest, Lisa, Rick and Isaac will speak in the adult Sunday School classes--7:30-8:30 am and 10:30-11:30 am.

Pine Island UMC has raised over \$20,000 in the past three years for the ministry of Rev. Judith Banya in Baiwalla; she has been able to visit us twice since returning to her native country in 2013. Through our church a pick-up truck was purchased and shipped to Baiwalla. It is used to transport food, children (and adults), and occasionally to drive local people to the nearest hospital --about four hours away. The current mission project is building a high school, which is being funded totally from Minnesota. Come and hear about this exciting ministry, for which we have been praying weekly.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

In April the adult Sunday School classes begins reading and discussion of the Gospel of Mark. Classes are held at 7:30-8:30 am and 10:30-11:30 am when Sunday School is in session. We meet in the History (conference) Room in the offices area. Join us for lively discussion and warm fellowship. Pastor Rick Ormsby is the facilitator.

## UPCOMING UNIDOS EN CRISTO (UEC) WEEKENDS

**Men at Arlington Hills UMC in Maplewood—June 8-11**

**Women at Arlington Hills UMC in Maplewood—June 15-18**

See Pastor Carolyn, Pastor Rick, or others who have attended for information and sponsorship. There is no charge to participants.

## FAMILY PROMISE



Pine Island United Methodist Church hosts Family Promise guests from Greater Rochester on April 2-8. This will be the first of four weeks we will host between April and November. Family Promise provides much more than an evening meal and overnight housing. It helps people to attend school, gain employment skills, find a job, locate affordable housing, and provides much needed support and encouragement. To participate in this ministry contact Pastor Rick Ormsby or Kris Gillard. While we have over twenty regular volunteers from our church, we can always use more drivers, cooks, launderers, meal hosts, and overnight hosts.

## WAB NEWS



### Fellowship Hour

Donations for baked goods are always welcome, so if you would like to bring something but just don't like to serve call Vicky Mancilman at 507-356-4671.

### Fellowship on Easter Sunday:

We will not be having fellowship time after the 9am Easter Sunday Service.

## MAY BUFFETT, TUESDAY MAY 9



The annual May Buffet will be a build your own deli sandwich affair with chips, fruit, veggies, assorted bars and a beverage. Heather Wright of Tulips and Truffles who will be our speaker. She will include a demonstration of her craft from the new flower shop in town. Cost will be \$5. Dinner will start at 6pm with the program starting at 7.

## Save the Date for the Harvest Home Dinner

**October 7, 2017**



Although the Harvest Home Dinner is several months away, we need all members of the congregation to put the date on your calendar. A save the date postcard was mailed out to all members to serve as a reminder of the event also. The Harvest Home Dinner is a huge undertaking and we need the help of all members of our congregation for this event to happen. Without the full support of the congregation, this event will not happen.

We will need sweet corn and cucumbers for the event. If you are planning on growing corn for the dinner, please let the committee know. When you are planning your garden and are planting cucumbers, please keep the dinner in mind also.

This year the committee will be sending out a card to ask for your willingness to serve in the same manner as you did last year or in a new capacity. We would like you to fill the card out and return it to the committee. This process will help to eliminate many hours of phone calls.



## EASTER SCHEDULE

**12 NOON ECUMENICAL SERVICE**  
**7PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE OF TENEBRAE**



**7AM**  
**8AM**  
**9AM**

**YOUTH SERVICE**  
**BREAKFAST**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE (BRING BELLS)**



# Thank You!

I would like to thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during my brain surgery.

Lane Mancilman