



AUGUST SCRIPTURES

August 6
9th Sunday after Pentecost,
Communion
Guest Speaker

August 13
10th Sunday after Pentecost
Guest Speaker

August 20
11th Sunday after Pentecost,
Communion, Outdoor Worship
Scripture: Matthew 15:10-20
Message: Wash Up

August 27
12th Sunday after Pentecost
Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20
Message: Upon this Rock



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.

PASTOR CAROLYN ON VACATION

Pastor Carolyn will be on vacation from July 23 – August 13. In case of Pastoral Emergency please call Pastor Dave Neil 507-732-4291 or 507- 696-3386 or Reverend Rick Ormsby 507-412-1946.

Guest Speakers: August 6 - Pastor Ruth Phelps, August 13 - Pastor Bruce Buller



OUTDOOR WORSHIP
Sunday August 20 at 9am

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Report from the Bishop:



Episcopal Address: Acts 2 Congregations— Live Expectantly
By: Christa Meland Bishop Bruce R. Ough's Episcopal Address
Wednesday morning encouraged Minnesota United Methodists to live expectantly by claiming and putting into practice the dynamics that led to vitality, growth, and missional passion in the primitive church. "Our Journey Toward Vitality is producing much kingdom fruit," Bishop Ough said. "There are many signs our congregations are growing in our capacity to love God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world." The Book of Acts is a lively record of both the means (or methods) and the ends (or fruit) of God's Spirit activity in and through the first-generation church, said Ough. Likewise, the record of the early church in the Book of Acts is a contemporary blueprint for the means (or methods) and the ends (or fruit) of the Holy Spirit's activity in and through each of us. The fruits are clearly identified in the second chapter of Acts: Persons were demonstrating wonders and signs of

God's kingdom-inverting and kingdom-multiplying power. Persons were receiving the good news and being saved. Persons of all nations, races, tongues, and life circumstances were added to and included in the faith community. In terms of the method that gives rise to the fruitfulness, Ough pointed to Bishop Robert Schnase's Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. Radical hospitality: Out of genuine love for Christ and for others, Acts 2 Congregations take the initiative to invite, welcome, include, baptize, teach, and support newcomers as they grow in faith and become part of the Body of Christ, Ough said. Although we continue to see a decline in the number of people received into membership on profession of faith in the Minnesota Conference, there are positive indicators of our radical hospitality. In 2016, we saw an 11 percent increase in the number of youth and adults we baptized and a 3.5 percent increase in our racial/ethnic and multi-racial membership. Passionate worship: Out of a deep desire for people to be fed, forgiven, healed, and transformed, Acts 2 Congregations conduct worship that creates expectancy, that moves people figuratively and often literally to their

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tiptoes, eager to drink in the Spirit, Ough said. They understand that people are searching for worship that is authentic, alive, creative, and enthusiastic. Only 23 percent of our 350 congregations are showing growth in average worship attendance, Ough said. This number needs to be at least 40 percent in order for us to become a conference growing in average worship attendance. He pointed to Minnetonka UMC as an Acts 2 Congregation that has built its growth in numbers and vitality around the practice of passionate worship.

Intentional faith formation: Out of a concern that people grow in their love of God and neighbor and be formed into the image of Christ for the sake of the world, Acts 2 Congregations ensure that all followers of Jesus, from grandparents to toddlers, mature in faith and grow in discipleship through learning, nurture, and accountability in small groups, Ough said. In Minnesota, the total number of small groups, including Sunday school, increased by 4 percent in 2016. We also had an 8 percent increase over 2015 in the number of young adults in small group ministries (on top of a 5 percent increase last year). Nearly 25,000 persons participated in Christian formation groups through our congregations in 2016. Ough pointed to Hilltop UMC in Mankato as an Acts 2 Congregation in which intentional faith formation within small groups is key to its growth and vitality.

Risk-taking mission and service: Acts 2 Congregations help persons identify and claim their unique mission and service, said Ough. They challenge unjust systems that impoverish and dehumanize persons. They take risks to engage the hurts and hopes of the world precisely because the Holy Spirit compels them to incarnate Christ's unconditional, self-denying, life-giving love. The total number of Minnesota United Methodists engaged in mission has increased 6 percent since 2014—and the number of people sent out on Volunteers in Mission teams increased by 13 percent in 2016. Our congregations served 259,834 persons through community outreach, justice, and mercy ministries last year—representing a 15 percent year-over-year increase.

Extravagant generosity: Acts 2 Congregations invite people to align their hearts and resources with God's purposes. They have discovered that generosity enlarges the soul, realigns priorities, connects people to the body of Christ, and expands Christ's mission, said Ough. Acts 2 Congregations model that generosity and understand that it is at the heart of discipleship. In 2016, Minnesota churches gave \$10.7 million, including apportionments, to serve others; this represents a 4 percent increase from 2015. We now stand at more than \$3.7 million given or pledged to our Reach • Renew • Rejoice initiative.

All of these provide evidence of the Spirit's work among us, but the infusing of the Spirit goes far beyond just numbers, Ough said. The work of the Spirit is to fill what Pascal called the "Godshaped emptiness inside us." "We are incorporated into God's mission—we become a part of God's reconciling, transformative mission— through the Holy Spirit living within us," Ough said, adding that his unceasing breath prayer is simply, "Come, Holy Spirit. Come; fill me." Standing in the way of such fullness, however, are any number of things that might crowd the space in which the Spirit might work. Fears, doubts, and feelings of insecurity block God's ability to flood churches and leaders with imagination. Deceit and resistance to change stifle God's purposes. Exclusionary practices, prejudice, scarcity, and complacency also keep God's people from living fully and joyfully. "Here is the gospel truth: When our hearts are filled with the fullness of God...they overflow with love," said Ough. "The love must go somewhere; it cannot be contained. That is what happened at Pentecost. This is what gave rise to the Acts 2 church. This is what fueled the Christ movement. When the God-shaped emptiness that only God can fill is filled with the fullness of God, everything is turned upside-down."

Carl and Vicky Mancilman

Carl and Vicky Mancilman will be married 44 years in September and are known for their ability to support and work well together with activities at home, church, and the community. They started their married life on the family dairy farm in Lake City, where Carl worked with his father for 12-1/2 years. As with all farmers, there were many challenges.

They received many awards for their activities with local and state positions in the Lake City Jaycees. Vicky co-chaired and raised funds for the Lake City swimming pool. She taught "First Care" First Aid Safety for Farm Accidents through the farm bureau in Wabasha and Olmsted County for which she received the Meritorious Achievement Award in 1984 from the governor. Carl was instrumental in getting infant car seats provided for newborns going home at the Lake City Hospital.

Vicky worked as a beautician for several years, then trained as a nurse at the Red Wing Vocational School. She is retired from her work at the Mayo Clinic, first as a staff nurse, then as a registered data abstractor. Carl works at Mayo in specimen kit ordering and plans to retire in November 2018.

The couple and their five children moved to Pine Island in 1989 to 10-1/2 acres in the area known as the "road to nowhere." Both continue to be involved in the community. When Vicky was president of the Pine Island Jaycees, she led them to the number two chapter out of 240 in the state. She initiated the Pine Island Community Thanksgiving Dinner. At our church, both Carl and Vicky have served on many committees. Currently, Carl is co-chair of the Men's Group. Vicky has chaired the Harvest Home Dinner for seven years, the Sesquicentennial, and the Women's Advisory Board. Both help congregation members serve dinner at Lions club meetings. They also help with coffee before and after service. They would really like to see others share in providing refreshments for fellowship, which provides an opportunity for members and newcomers to chat and get to know one another.

Vicky said, "I enjoy doing things at church. It's my home. People have been supportive of us during good times and bad."

They both like boating and fishing. Carl has a fishing boat and Vicky has a pontoon, dubbed the "Party Boat" by their grandchildren. Carl takes ice fishing trips up north. Last year, he, Bob Madsen and four other guys caught over 2,000 fish in Canada. Most were catch and release and daily delicious dinners. Carl also enjoys woodworking, driving his tractor in parades, and hunting with kids and grandkids.

Their vast garden provides flowers, vegetables and the enjoyment of outdoors. They enjoy 13 grandchildren and a great grandchild on the way in July, when they will be able to take a five-generation picture. Keeping up with all the activities – dance, football, wrestling, soccer, baseball, chorus, basketball and more is challenging, but they take it in stride with joy.



The Lunch Bunch is meeting at Charlie's Eatery & Pub in Rochester on Sunday, August 20, at 11am. Come out and join us for good food, good fun and good conversation.

JUNE FINANCE : Monthly income: \$14,366.28 Monthly Expenses: \$9,821.47
Giving is up and attendance is holding steady.

Annual Conference Report:

• **Theme:** The theme of this year's Annual Conference was "Encounter the Spirit: Live Expectantly!" We focused on what it means to be an Acts 2 church and to fully claim our identity as people of Pentecost—filled with the Holy Spirit and called out into the world to share our faith and be the presence of Christ to others. We explored the importance of being evangelistic disciples and sharing our stories with others—and just like the earliest followers of Jesus in Acts 2, we came together for teaching, breaking bread, fellowship, and prayer.

• **Bishop's Episcopal Address:** Bishop Ough's Episcopal Address Wednesday morning encouraged Minnesota United Methodists to live expectantly by claiming and putting into practice the dynamics that led to vitality, growth, and missional passion in the primitive church. He explored five characteristics of fruitful, Acts 2 Congregations—radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith formation, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity—and provided a snapshot of how Minnesota congregations are embracing and living out those practices. A few examples: In 2016, our conference saw an 11 percent increase in the number of youth and adults baptized; a 4 percent increase in the number of people in small groups; a 15 percent increase in the number of people reached through community outreach, justice, and mercy ministries; and a 4 percent increase in the amount given to serve others.

• **Missional Report:** On Tuesday afternoon, through a spoken Missional Report, Annual Conference attendees learned about and celebrated a variety of Holy Spirit breakthroughs in our midst—places where God is on the move. A few examples: Four churches have launched public worship within the past year, a Hmong ministry in Robbinsdale baptized 18 people in a single day, there are more than 50 church-school partnerships in the conference, and Fridley UMC started a new worship service to reach Liberian immigrants in its community.

• **Camp revival at the park:** On Tuesday evening, attendees gathered at Lake George Park to celebrate and enjoy fellowship. They listened to live music from the choir at Brooklyn UMC in Brooklyn Center, assembled birthing kits to be distributed around the world, enjoyed food and drinks, and heard from Rev. Junius B. Dotson, Discipleship Ministries' general secretary, who talked about reordering our priorities and relentlessly focusing on making disciples.

• **Teaching session with Rev. Junius B. Dotson:** Rev. Junius B. Dotson, Discipleship Ministries' general secretary, gave a teaching session that was about the importance of focusing on the "why." He said many churches have lost focus and mistake activity for accomplishment. Discipleship begins when churches and church leaders reconnect with the "why" of their processes, and as a result develop mature disciples that can repeat the processes with others. He said churches must be intentional, innovative, relentless in their pursuit of the "why" of discipleship, and hopeful. "We should always be asking: What role does this activity, event, or program have in helping us make disciples?" he said

• **Acts 2 Talks:** Four individuals shared TED-style Acts 2 Talks that painted a bold, provocative vision for the church. The talks focused on everything from embracing failure to how to make disciples to a personal faith journey to a church's fruit tree program that's helping it reach out to its neighbors. A couple of quotes:

· Rev. Cullen Tanner: "The life of ministry should be like music in the ears of our world...We need to offer one another enough grace to hit some wrong notes—maybe even a lot of wrong notes—if we want to create the kind of music that makes the world want to sing along."
· Steve Fredlund: "People like me are looking for a place...with a grounded perspective of God and faith—but where questions are not only allowed but welcomed and celebrated...where the primary goal is not to convince everyone to think the same way instead to hear and share different perspectives from each person's own journey...where everyone is invited to participate in this redemptive movement."





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
PC = Pastor Carolyn NS = No School SS = Sunday School	PH = Pine Haven BB = Better Brew PCV = Pastor Carolyn on Vacation	1 PCV 6:30pm DCOSS Meeting 7pm Trustee	2 PCV	3 PCV	4 PCV	5 PCV
6 PCV 9am Service w/Communion Guest Speaker will be Pastor Ruth Phelps	7 PCV	8 PCV	9 PCV	10 PCV	11 PCV	12 PCV
13 PCV 9am Service Guest Speaker will be Pastor Bruce Buller	14 10am PC @ Soul Leader pm Girl Scouts 6:30pm Yoga 6:30pm VBS at St Paul Lutheran	15  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 6:30pm VBS at St Paul Lutheran	16 6:30pm VBS at St Paul Lutheran	17 10am PH Bible Study 6:30pm VBS at St Paul Lutheran	18	19 6pm Evangelism at Car Show
20 9am Outdoor Worship Communion Lunch Bunch @ Charlie's Eatery & Pub in Rochester	21 6pm Girl Scouts	22	23	24	25	26
27 9am Service	28  Back to School For High School 6:30pm Yoga 7pm Council	29	30	31 School starts for Elementary 	 FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL FROM VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW	

Annual Conference Report Continued

• **Recognizing those entering new chapter of ministry:** At a Celebration of Life in Ministry worship service Wednesday night, close to 1,000 Minnesota United Methodists gathered to remember 34 friends and colleagues who have died over the past year, honor 20 retiring clergy, and celebrate 7 people being ordained, 10 being commissioned as provisional members, 12 newly licensed local pastors, one person being recognized as an associate member, and one person who completed the course of study for licensed local pastor. Thanks be to God for this group of dedicated leaders!



• **Love Offering:** As of the end of Annual Conference, \$73,192 had been given to the 2017 Love Offering. This year's Love Offering will go to the United Methodist University of Sierra Leone—School of Applied Health Sciences (60 percent), Emma Norton Services (30 percent), and Volunteers in Mission scholarships (10 percent). Donations can continue to be given to the Love Offering throughout the remainder of this year.



MISSIONS

MISSION BOX OFFERING FOR AUGUST IS IMAGINE NO MALARIA.

PINE ISLAND SHARING SHELF: AUGUST IS JAM/JELLY MONTH.

Garden produce is gladly accepted by the food shelf during the summer months! Please feel free to leave fresh produce at the food shelf during business hours: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm, as well as every Wednesday from 9:00-11:00 am. Our clients greatly appreciate the homegrown veggies!

Harvest Home Dinner - October 7, 2017

Harvest Home Dinner is just over two months away. Stamped, self-addressed cards will be sent out very soon to everyone in the congregation so you may indicate how you are willing to contribute to the Dinner. We will hope for 100% return and a strong willingness to help. Past participants will be asked if they will help in the same way as before and others, how they may choose to be involved. Turkey and dressing bakers and potato cookers are particularly needed. Turkeys and potatoes are provided to those who will do the cooking. Cash donations are always welcome. Other ways to help include the corn freezing day held after Sunday service (date to be determined), baking pies at church Oct. 5th or 6th, filling individual cranberry and pickle cups, ticket sales the day of the Dinner and seating guests as tables are ready in the dining room, serving guests in the dining room, cutting pies, setting up areas for the following: receiving pies, serving pies, preparing take-out orders and, of course, the kitchen (including cleaning the week before) and being available on the day of the Dinner for a variety of small tasks. With everyone's help we can make this a great success and have fun doing it! Your HHD Team, Margie Berg, Kris Gillard, Cher Knutson and Rachel Lange.

AN ADVENTURE ON THE ZUMBRO

Limited pontoon rides will be offered, weather permitting, September 9 & 16. The trip is from 1 1/2 hr. to 2 hr. long. Space will be limited; eight to ten people per ride. Reservation sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board by the church office. Please sign up with names and phone numbers in case of cancellation. We have a limited number of youth size life jackets. We will be loading at the Fisherman's Inn dock. More details will follow in the September Pine Chips and Church bulletins.