



MAY SCRIPTURES

May 7

4th Sunday of Easter, Communion

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Message: Do I Have to Suffer?

May 14

5th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

Scripture: John 14:1-12

Message: Legacy

May 21

6th Sunday of Easter, Communion

Scripture: Acts 17:22-31

Message: Where They Are

May 28

Ascension Sunday, Memorial Day

Scripture: John 17:1-11

Message: Prepared



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.

EDUCATION

The Last day of Sunday School will be May 21st. Stay tuned for VBS dates.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 14-17, 2017,
"Maker Fun Factory: Created by God, Built for a Purpose" 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

For all 3 year olds (as of Sept. 1, 2017) through those entering 5th grade this fall. For registration forms please call church office at 507-356-4553 or download from our web sit at www.piumc.org.

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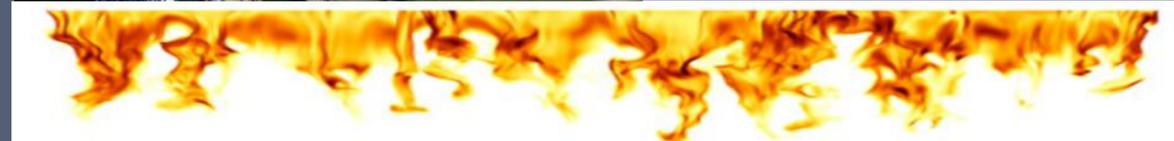
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Pastor Carolyn's Conundrums:

Pentecost is commonly referred to as the birthday of the church. This is because it is the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, empowering them to step out and speak up. Why is this important? Well let's look at the events and see.

Once Jesus was crucified, the disciples locked themselves in a room. After all, they felt their lives were at stake. Jesus was just killed and they could be next. Even after Jesus appeared to them to prove that he lived, they still stayed barricaded in the room. Jesus appeared again and again and told them not to be afraid and to go spread the good news. The disciples still stayed in a closed room.

Again on Pentecost, we find them all together inside. But on this day, God sent the Holy Spirit.

² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:2-4)

They started speaking different languages. This is important because this is a festival day and there are many different nationalities in Jerusalem. Because they are speaking in these different languages (that they didn't know) many were able to hear and understand the good news.

Standing up and addressing the crowd outside is a giant step forward. Until this day, they had not yet truly stepped forward to do that which Jesus was sending them to do. The power of the Holy Spirit not only equipped the disciples for sharing the good news, the Holy Spirit gave them the courage to do it.

Pentecost is Sunday, June 4th. On Pentecost our Confirmation Class will be taking the vows that were made at their baptism for themselves. This is a very important step in their faith journey. I would encourage you to attend on that Sunday to support them, but also pray for them as they prepare for that day. This year's Confirmation Class: Madisyn Collins; Tony Collins; Randy Lange; Triston Meyer; Anne Simpson; Zach Snyder.

May we live as Pentecost people! May God's Spirit descend upon us and send us out to speak and live for Christ.

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MAY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7pm Trustee Meeting	3 9am BB 11:30am Rotary 3:30 Confirmation 6pm Meal 6:30pm Children Worship	4 National Prayer Day 	5	6 2pm Service at PH
7 9am Sunday Worship Communion/Choir 10:15am SS & Fellowship	8 6pm Girl Scouts 7pm Boy Scouts	9 6pm May Buffet 	10 9am BB 11:30am Rotary 3:30 Confirmation 6pm Meal 6:30pm Children Worship	11 11:30am Ministerial	12	13 9am—12pm Confirmation
14 Happy Mother's Day! 9am Sunday Worship 10:15am SS & Fellowship	15 6pm Lions Dinner	16 Pine Chips Deadline 7pm Finance Meeting 	17 6pm Last Wednesday Meal 6:30pm Children Worship	18 10am Bible Study at PH	19 Early Release from School	20
21 9am Sunday Worship Communion/Choir 10:15am Last Day of SS Fellowship	22 6pm Girl Scouts 7pm Council	23	24 3:30 Confirmation	25 4:30pm Evangelism	26	27
28 9am Sunday Worship 10:15am Fellowship	29 OFFICE CLOSED 	30	31 3:30 Confirmation Rehearsal	PC = Pastor Carolyn NS = No School EG = Evergreen	PH = Pine Haven BB = Better Brew SS = Sunday School	

MISSIONS

The mission box for May is for the offering taken at the Minnesota Annual Conference. This year, the Annual Conference theme is "Encounter the Spirit: Live Expectantly." Funds from this year's offering will go toward the following:

- United Methodist University of Sierra Leone - School of Applied Health Sciences will get 60% of the total offering received. This will allow them to expand the University by creating a School of Applied Health Sciences and improve the accessibility and quality of health care in Sierra Leone.
- Emma Norton Services will receive 30% of the total offering received. This is a twin-cities based non-profit that helps provide safe, affordable housing along with many other services to help families and individuals on a path toward stability.
- Volunteers in Missions will receive 10% of the total offering received. Mission trips transform not only the lives of those helped, but also the lives of volunteers. This part of the offering will help offset the cost to first time volunteers on mission trips.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

In April, the adult Sunday School class 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 Heritage (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.

BUMPER FUND



With the warmer weather and the longer days, we start thinking about summer. Do you remember our "Summer Bumper" fund? It is an initiative started by the Pine Island United Methodist Church Finance Committee a few years ago to help support our church's vision and mission through the summer months. The Summer months are usually a slow period for giving as many of our members head off to enjoy time with their friends and families, explore new areas or just find time to get away and relax.

Summer Bumper is the opportunity for each member to give just that little bit extra so that we can continue to support our ministry, fellowship, and worship through June, July, and August as fully as we do throughout the rest of the year.

A special "Summer Bumper" giving envelope will be available at the church, or mail your checks to the church office. Please specify in the memo portion of your check "Summer Bumper" so that they can be credited to the "Summer Bumper Fund."

WAB NEWS



Fellowship Hour

Donations of 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.

MAY BUFFET, 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 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 7pm.

Save the Date for the Harvest Home Dinner

October 7, 2017



Harvest Home Dinner. Saturday, October 7, 2017; the event that we call on everyone to pull together to help prepare and serve the most delicious turkey dinner in the area. Many people in the church and community would be disappointed if it didn't happen. That's why we need everyone's commitment to either be available that day or in the days prior to make it all possible. Your Harvest Home Dinner Team members are Margie Berg, Kris Gillard, Cher Knutson and Rachel Lange. We count on everyone to lighten our load and make it a success.

And be thinking of things you might donate for the Bazaar if you are doing Spring cleaning and find items you no longer have need for but may be just what someone else is looking for. Individual items or collections fixed in a basket are always welcome.

CALLING ALL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

You may remember women's groups in the past called "Ladies' Aid," "Circles" or "United Methodist Women" - groups that served a variety of purposes over the years. The present day Women's Advisory Board (WAB) is a rather informal group of dedicated women who plan events and provide food in a variety of settings - most notably, the Harvest Home Dinner but also May Buffet, Lions Club monthly meetings/meal, a meal for the Spring clean up crew, funerals, Wednesday night suppers (on a rotating basis with other committees) and others. Funds raised go back into the church and community based on need. You can imagine that a good many people with a variety of talents are needed for the WAB to function effectively. That is why we are asking you to consider becoming an active part of this vital group. We have FUN while serving (and ALWAYS have a good meal!) Please contact Vicky Mancilman, Chair WAB at 507-356-4671.



PINE ISLAND SHARING SHELF

May is Crackers (including saltines and graham) month.

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

By Cheryl Finnegan

Lydia Dohrman is one of the newest members of UMC. She is the daughter of Becky and Brent, is 20 months old, and loves animals. She has her dog Teddy, her grandma's cat Olly, and she loves the sheep on her grandma's farm. She even gets to ride them occasionally.

Becky Page and Brent Dohrmann met and were friends at Riverside Community College in Austin. Becky was studying cosmetology and Brent was studying carpentry. Three years after graduation, they met again and started dating. They were married on September 6, 2013 - on the same day in the same South Dakota chapel as Becky's parents.



Both Becky and Brent grew up on farms - Becky south of Pine Island and Brent in West Concord. Becky was raised in the Lutheran Church and Brent in the Church of Christ. Her parents brought Becky and her four older sisters to church every Sunday. She fondly remembers youth group mission trips and lock-ins. Becky is grateful for that direction from their parents. She said, "If we hadn't had that we wouldn't have that need to go to church."

They spent a year visiting churches to find one that suited their needs. Becky said that they chose UMC because everyone was welcoming and inviting. "We knew it was our home."

She said that UMC is more laid back than many churches, simple and family-based. They like the small town atmosphere of Pine Island where everyone knows everyone else. Eventually, they'd like to move out to the country and own animals, but are content for now. They satisfy their love of animals by caring for her mother's sheep.

Becky works as a clinical assistant at the Mayo Clinic. Brent is a foreman at Hutton Inc. of West Concord, which designs and installs agricultural water management systems. In addition to being out on the farm, they enjoy camping. Brent golfs and with his brother, takes part in lawn tractor pulls which are like the larger tractor pulls, but with garden tractors. Brent's John Deere lawn mower is equipped with a snowmobile mower. One of their group's tractors has a helicopter mower. They compete in West Concord Survival Days and in Ellsworth, Wisconsin. Someday, they'd like to bring a similar event to Cheesefest.

Most of their time is spent with family, especially Lydia who never sits still.

LAST WEDNESDAY DINNER

The last Wednesday dinner will be May 17. It will be put on by the Education Committee and will be a cook out (brats, hot dogs, and s'mores) in the Church parking lot (weather permitting).

DID YOU FIND??

The word to look for this month is "Crenlo." If you find the word in this month's Pine Chips, please email or call the Church Office. Please leave a



message as to where you found it in Pine Chips. The winner will be treated to coffee (or an alternative beverage if you do not like coffee) with Pastor Carolyn.

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Marilyn Collins was born and raised on a farm just south of Pine Island to Aaron and Mildred Mosher. She attended Harkum country school in Dodge County. In the eighth grade she moved into town with her parents when her brother took over the farm. One of the most significant facts of her childhood was when she was struck with polio at the age of eight and was hospitalized at St. Mary's Hospital, in quarantine, for two weeks.



She went to work at Universal Ford in Rochester following graduation, and in 1958 she and Gary were married at PIUMC. They lived in Winona following their marriage as Gary was finishing his last two years of college. Marilyn worked at Watkins during that time. Gary's first teaching job took them to Battle Creek Michigan, where he taught Industrial Arts and Driver Ed for the next two years.

After returning to Minnesota, Gary worked for one year at Crenlo in Rochester. For the next 27, years he taught Industrial Arts and Driver Ed in Pine Island. Marilyn worked at PIUMC for 25 years and eight years for an independent financial advisor in Rochester. She and Gary recently returned to PIUMC to worship. Gary passed away on November 14, 2016.

Both were part of the Global Ministries of the Methodist Church as NOMADS, Nomads On a Mission Active in Divine Service, which provides volunteer labor for United Methodist organizations. The group channels volunteers to do a long list of needed actions including repairs for churches, disaster, rebuilding, maintenance, sewing, flooring and much more. Gary and Marilyn did one three-week project a year for 10 years, which took them to Texas, Arizona, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Today, Marilyn enjoys her two daughters, Debbie and Becky, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren. She loves being outside working in the yard, quilting, and being with the family.

Her advice to others is to "Learn to enjoy each day to the fullest and don't sweat the small stuff."



FROM THE OFFICE

Cathy will be out of the office on May 1,2,3,4. Please contact Pastor Carolyn with any problems.

MARCH FINANCE

Monthly income: \$12,578 Monthly Expenses: \$12,290

Attendance is holding steady while giving is up slightly.

