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**Open Minds,
Open Hearts,
Open Doors.**

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Pastoral Ponderings...

by Pastor Penny Lacey

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noun: a feeling of fellowship with others, as a result of sharing common attitudes, interests, and goals.

"The sense of community that organized religion can provide"

Jesus often spoke of the importance of community in the gospels and from the definition of *community* it would appear this would involve people just like ourselves. I believe Jesus had a different idea of what community means. You might remember how he called Zaccheaus down from a tree and invited himself to dinner! You probably could not find a more unlikely bunch of people sharing a meal than the sinners and Jesus in Matthew 9:10. Jesus has an affinity for the least and unlikely, the broken and lost. On the other hand, we also need to surround ourselves with like-minded Christian brothers and sisters who will help encourage and strengthen our faith. Jesus reveals His heart to each one of us as we

share and gather in the intimacy of His love as His Church. Worship/community is not something we take lightly because we know it is not about us, instead it is a day set apart to praise the One who makes all things possible. I thought I would share this reading from the Book of Acts with all of you:

Acts 2:42-47 The Fellowship of the Believers
42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe[a] came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

by Carol Millington

What is United Methodist Women?

United Methodist Women is a supportive, inclusive Christian membership organization where women like you grow spiritually, develop as leaders and serve and work to create a world in which all women, children and youth thrive, United Methodist women is celebrated as the women's ministry of the United Methodist Church.

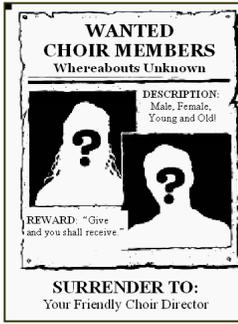
We will be asking you to help us deliver Valentine Bags to members of our church who are unable to join us on Sundays. Please come to church on February 8th to

share this mission project with us.

Our next UMW meeting is scheduled as always on the third Monday of the month, it will be February 16th. Join us for fellowship as we gather together to do the work Jesus has taught us to do.

Stone Soup

At Stone Soup this year we will be making pillowcases for ConKerr Cancer. We will be making these pillowcases and collecting them on May 3 to be delivered to children who are in our area hospitals to put smiles on their faces. (con't on next page).....



*We are the Round Lake
United Methodist
Church...
Opening doors,
Opening hearts,
Opening minds!*



Coffee Hour

*Each Sunday after
service we meet in the
Tobin Room for a
Coffee Hour and
Fellowship.*

*If you would like
or are able to host
this time
or help set up
or clean up after
please sign up on the
bulletin board in the
Narthex.*

Thank You!

UMW (Con't from pg 1)....

Also, during this year, we will be knitting hats and making felt scarfs for the children of Cheryl's Lodge. At Christmas this year we will be decorating a tree with mittens donated by

you. So if you see any sales, keep this in mind. If you'd like to help us and learn something new or if you'd just like to come support us, we'd love to have you join us any Monday 1-3pm.

Trustees Report...

Trustees welcome back Doug Madigan and Terry Reynolds to another three year term. Donna Alaskey has also agreed to serve again so she will be voted in at a later date.

At our first meeting of the year, we elected our officers for the year 2015. They are as follows: Doug Madigan – President, Terry Reynolds – Vice President, Jean Halme –

by Jean Halme

Secretary. Dave Meurs, John Davey, Helen DeVoe, Barbara Gregorek, Duane Colson are also members of Trustees. If you have any concerns regarding the church properties, please feel free to contact a committee member.

The next Trustee meeting is Wednesday February 4, 2015 at 7pm. We welcome everyone.

Administrative Council

Our last Council Meeting for 2014 was filled with positive objectives for 2015.

The Finance Committee (Dominick DeLorio, Katie Madigan, Kathy Washburn, Jean Halme) continues to be creative in helping the church to move forward with the needs of the Church and Parsonage.

The Pastor Parish Relations Committee is chaired by Tamara Russell. Members are Nancy Lapine, Dave Meurs, Eugene LaDue, Linda Brown, Norma Davies, John Halme, Larry Brehmer and Megan Dudley should anyone like to contact these individuals with questions or an issue.

The Trustees chairperson is Doug Madigan and the members are John Davey, Jean Halme, Helen DeVoe, Barbara Gregorek, Duane Colson, Dave Meurs and Terry Reynolds. You may contact any one of these members should you have any building related problems with the Church or Parsonage.

The Nominations Committee is headed up by Pastor Penny and the members are: Nancy LaPine, Katie Madigan, Shelda Roerig, Helen DeVoe, Marilyn DeLorio, Will Roy, Dave Meurs, Carol DeMartino and John Halme. These individual build relationships with the Congregation. If anyone would like to be a part of the selection process, you would contact one of the members of the committee and see what would work best for you. We are all volunteers and when working as a team, it spreads out what needs to be done and it take less time to get the job done because of the number people involved. There is lots of fellowship in our church.

Chairperson Joyce Meurs

Prayer Ministry is chaired by Nancy LaPine. She sets up prayer vigils and prayer chains. Any questions, please contact her.

Flower Ministry is Gail Dean and Carol DeMartino – Decorate with love. Order flowers for different events throughout the year.

Lay Servants: Nancy LaPine, Lay Member to Conference and Barbara Gregorek

Safe Sanctuaries: Pastor Penny, Barbara Gregorek, Dominick DeLorio

Usher Steward: Dave Meurs/John Davey – Volunteer to help with the lighting of candles, Hymns on board, ushering, making sure the hearing devices are working...etc.

Greeters: Eloise Wood – Volunteer to welcome people into the Sanctuary. Chit chat about this and that.

Care Ministry: Mina Cranston, Carol Millington – These two individuals look for you to keep them informed of anyone in need of people who are sick and need meals, cards to brighten their days or even a phone call to say "Hello".

The Admin Council is made of all the Ministries with the Chairpersons attending with reports of their activities. Anyone can attend and anyone can have a concern or suggestion put on the agenda by contacting Joyce Meurs.

Please consider joining one of the ministries and becoming part of the bigger picture, so much goes on behind the scenes. It is all about your Church and the fellowship of the whole congregation. We do have lots of fun! Looking forward to more new beginnings in 2015.

Want Calendar details? Check out the interactive version @ RoundLakeUMC.weebly.com
Want to update or add your event, birthday, anniversary, etc.? See Barbara Gregorek after Sunday Service
or Email it to RoundLakeUMC@gmail.com Attn: Calendar Event!

Crossword
Challenge

Fruit of the Spirit



FAITH
GENTLENESS
GOODNESS
JOY
LONGSUFFERING
LOVE
MEEKNESS
PEACE
TEMPERANCE



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Counters, Readers and Ushers... by Jean Halme

February 1st ~

Usher(s): *tba this could be you*
Greeter(s): Duane Colson
Counter(s): C.Christopher/W.Agnew
Reader(s): Duane Colson

February 22nd ~

Usher(s): *tba this could be you*
Greeter(s): John Davey
Counter(s): T.Reynolds/L.Milkins
Reader(s): Joyce Meurs



February 8th ~

Usher(s): *tba this could be you*
Greeter(s): Meghan Dudley
Counter(s): S.Roerig/J.Halme
Reader(s): Katie Madigan

Interested in volunteering to be a Usher, Counter or Reader? Sign up on the bulletin board after church, see Jean Halme or send an email to:

February 15th ~

Usher(s): *tba this could be you*
Greeter(s): Carol & Carl Millington
Counter(s): B.Washburn/J.Halme
Reader(s): Jean Halme

RoundLakeUMC@gmail.com
with Attn:
Counters/Ushers/Readers
in the subject line.

ROUND LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ORGAN REPAIR

Our J.W. Steere & Son organ installed in 1907 is in need of major repair. Administrative council has approved the proposal by Andover Organ Company to have the repairs done in 2016 at a cost of \$11,400.

Finance has set up an organ repair fund.
Finance has a detailed plan, approved by council, to collect funds for the repairs:

Starting on the first Sunday of January 2015 (Jan 4th) and continuing each 1st Sunday the dollar offering will be designated for the organ repair fund.

Also, all rents from use of the church, \$300 from general funds (will be flexible) will be set aside monthly, a portion of parking fund raisers will put in the organ repair fund. Other fund raisers such as an organ concert would go to this endeavor. Ideas from the congregation are welcome!

More details about this project are available from: Trustees who have the details on the repairs needed and finance about the repair fund.

Please note: All offerings for the organ repair can and will be added to your regular giving. To do this please put your name and/or envelope number with your contribution. One time donations are certainly acceptable. Big or small all donations are important for the continued joy of listening to the beautiful sounds our organ!
~ Kathy Washburn

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Upcoming Scriptures for Worship by UMC GBOD



Sunday, February 1st, 2015 ~
Deut 18:15-20; Ps 111 (UMH 832);
1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Sunday, February 8th, 2015 ~
Isa 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (UMH 859);
1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mk 1:29-39

Mission Offerings....

February 8 - **VIM Maine Mission Trip** Supports the work of members of the Round Lake UMC and Valley Falls UMC for the United Methodist

A Note From Pastor...

I just want to let everyone know a couple changes regarding worship planning. Mina Cranston has taken on the role of Usher Coordinator which is the same as the Head Usher, we have just changed the name of the position. **I want to extend a special thank you to Dave Meurs for his diligent service covering this role up until now....great job!** Thanks to all people who have been signing up with Mina. Also, Katie has taken on the role of Worship Coordinator....thank you Katie!! One other opportunity you might consider: We are looking for a small group of people interested in learning how to use the projector for the overhead during worship in the event that Barb is away and unable to be in worship.

ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT NOTE.....If you are interested in great fellowship, community, a few laughs, and great opportunities to participate in different mission projects that help to make a difference in the lives of people around the community, country, and world.....**COME TO STONE SOUP** on Mondays at 1:00 in the Tobin Room. Right now they are working on *"Giving sick kids a reason to smile....one pillowcase at a time!"* They are making adorable pillowcases for children in hospitals around the country. If you don't know how to make a pillowcase.....Carol/Ruth/Marilyn would be happy to show you! If you don't want to make one that is fine, bring a project and work on it, if you don't have a project or don't know how to knit/crochet, **NO PROBLEM!!** Join us and enjoy a time of sharing and relaxing together.

ALSO: Don't forget ALPHA being offered by myself and Father Eric on Thursday Nights, dinner (free) starts at 6:15, class starts at 7pm. This event is held in the community room of All Saints.

Sunday, February 15th, 2015 ~ Transfiguration Sunday
2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6 (UMH 783); 2 Corinthians 4:3-6;
Mark 9:2-9

Sunday, February 22nd, 2015~ 1st Sunday in Lent
Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH756); 1 Peter 3:18-22;
Mark 1:9-15

by Katie Madigan

Economic Ministry in Salem, Maine. Mail checks to Sheri St Cyr, United Methodist Economic Ministry, Salem ME. The 2015 trip is scheduled for July 25-August 1.

by Penny Lacey

ALSO: I am leading a Bible Study at High Pointe Adult Living on Route 9, a few minutes from the church, every other Wednesday at 11:00 in the 2nd floor community room. There are people of all denominations who have joined and the first gathering was such a blessing! Bring your Bible and join us if you can. We are going to be studying Jonah using a Bible Study that I wrote last month. The next session will be held on February 11....come on out and check it out. If you don't have a Bible....no problem, I will bring extras.

Malta Ridge UMC will be having their monthly Potluck/Movie Night this Saturday January 24th starting at 5:30. Stay as long as you like, leave when you like. We pass around a dish, some people watch a movie, some play board games, and the kids join us for all the fun as well.

Malta Ridge "Out to Lunch Bunch" go to lunch the first Friday of every month. If you would be interested in joining this fun group I will let you know where they will be going in February. **Round Lake UMC UMW are putting together Valentine bags for people who need a little lovin' care this Valentine's Day. They are asking for donations for the bags. This is an amazing mission that touches the hearts of people who need to know how much we care. Please see Carol if you need any ideas or want to make a monetary donation which will be used to shop for items needed.**

DON'T FORGET SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST! PLEASE BRING IN CANNED/DRY GOODS THAT WILL BE DONATED TO THE LOCAL FOOD PANTRY.

Pastor Penny



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Happy
Valentine's
Day

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