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Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors.

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Pastoral Ponderings

Rules are easy to follow, until you have to follow them. What I mean by this is that we can read a set of rules, which seem to make perfect sense, yet living within the boundaries of the rules may be difficult. John Wesley had rules he called the, *Three Simple Rules of Life*. Initially what caught my attention was the word "simple," the simpler the better……right?

Here are the Wesley's 3 General Rules
"Do No Harm,
Do Good and
Stay in Love with God."
Simple maybe, easy… think again.

Notice how broad Wesley's rules are. "Do No Harm" to whom? Do no harm to anybody or anything, including God and ourselves. Do no harm, might include for example, our words, actions, and spending habits. Wesley's second rule calls for us to be merciful in every possible way by attending to the physical and spiritual needs of the world. Lastly, we are to stay in love with God. We do this by attending to our relationship with God through prayer, reading the Scriptures and participating in the Lord's Supper regularly.

These are all examples of what we call Wesleyan living, living out our faith. Not always easy, but as we live out our faith, we start to look at things differently; the lens of our life takes on a different perspective. Will we always get it right? No, but quoting Dr. David Watson, "The Holy Trinity infuses the world around us with new meaning"[1] and we claim as Paul did to the Galatians, "it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (NRSV Gal 2:20).

Pastor Penny

United Methodist Women (UMW)

Thanks to Pastor Penny for sharing a program at our UMW meeting on April 20 about Fair Trade products. By choosing Fair Trade products, you are not only accessing high quality products, you are making a difference in the lives of the people who grow and craft the products. Fair Trade insures that men, women and children are not forced into slavery and they are paid fairly for their products and services. It was a very enlightening program, if you'd like to learn more about it you can check out their website www.FTRN.org.

Don't forget our Garage Sale in May 10th when you're cleaning out your closets, attic or basement. Free your life and get rid of those things you haven't used in years! You can bring items to church Monday, May 5 1-3pm (Cont on next page)…

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

God didn't promise days without pain

Laughter without sorrow

Nor sun without rain

But he did promise strength for the day,

Comfort for the tears

And light for the way

--author unknown

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

Wednesday, May 7 6-8pm, Friday, May 9 10-12pm and 8-9am Saturday morning. The garage sale will be on Saturday May 10 9am-3pm. Please no clothing, electronics and if you donate any large items you will need to return to pick them up by 2pm on Saturday. If you'd like to help, please give Marilyn a call 899-7203.
We will be having a continental breakfast, so please come join the fun and purchase a treasure for yourself!
Have you heard of Little Dresses for Africa? Our Pastor Penny has a trip scheduled in June to Mozambique, part of her schooling. So we've decided along with Malta Ridge UMC and All Saints Church to sew little dresses for Pastor Penny to take along with her to give to the little girls there. We will be cutting, trimming and sewing these dresses on Tuesday afternoons, if you'd like to help in any way please call Carol 899-2418. Please we are asking if you have any cotton material, elastic, bias tape, rick rack, lace or any trims we might use for the dresses to bring them to church. Our last day to work on the dresses at church will be May 19, so please come join us and help put a smile on a little girl's face.
May 19 at 6:30 will be our next UMW meeting. Tamara Russell will be sharing devotions, Carol Fairbanks will be giving an inspirational program and Jean Halme will be serving a delectable dessert. Hope to see you there!

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds that you plant."
Robert Louis Stevenson

Trustees Report...

Thank you to all who came and helped with our Spring Cleanup. We were able to wash down all the woodwork in the sanctuary as well as the Tobin room and office. Raking was also done outside around the church property.
Once the warmer weather arrives, completion of the door project will start. This is tentatively scheduled for the first or second week in May.
We continue to monitor the parsonage and have just finished painting the living room, dining room and hall. Trustees have also decided to convert the boiler from oil to gas as a cost saving measure. This will be done in the warmer weather.
Our next meeting will be Wednesday May 7th at 7pm.

My Witness... by Barbara Gregorek

You have all watched me grow in my faith since I was a child attending Sunday School in this church to bringing my children and husband here, joining One Achord and becoming a part of the Lay Speaking Ministry. From being terrified of being in front of anyone to speak at all to sharing my faith with all of you and others has been a large part of my faith journey.
I believe that everyone has something to say and something worth hearing. There is room in our day, our week and our month to listen to what others need to say! Please, share the message that has been given to you to share by contributing a short article, poem, thought, etc. for in this area of our monthly Torch!
You may not believe that what you have to say that is important, or that anyone would want to hear it, but you will be surprised to see the change you can make by sharing. We are meant to be in mission…sharing is a large part of that mission. Jesus often told people to witness and not be ashamed of witnessing…Please witness to us so we can encourage you in witnessing to others.

Calendar May 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9am Worship 10am Coffee Hc	28 1pm Stone Sou	29 11am Bible Stuc 8pm AA	30	May 1 7pm Choir Prac	2	3
4 9am Worship 10am Coffee Hc	5 1pm Stone Sou	6 11am Bible Stuc 7pm Finance Comr 8pm AA	7 7pm Trustee's Mee	8 7pm Choir Prac	9	10 11:30am Soup & Sa
11 Mothers' Day 9am Worship 10am Coffee Hc	12 1pm Stone Sou 7pm Administrativ	13 11am Bible Stuc 8pm AA	14	15 7pm Choir Prac	16	17
18 9am Worship 10am Coffee Hc	19 1pm Stone Sou 6:30pm UMW	20 11am Bible Stuc 8pm AA	21 6:30pm One Achor	22 7pm Choir Prac	23	24
25 Torch Deadlin 8am One Achord 9am Worship 10am Coffee Hc	26 Memorial Day 1pm Stone Sou	27 11am Bible Stuc 8pm AA	28	29 7pm Choir Prac	30	31

Want more details? Check out the interactive version @ RoundLakeUMC.weebly.com. Want to add your event. birthday, anniversary, etc.? Email it to RoundLakeUMC@gmail.com Attn: Calendar Event!

Counters, Readers and Ushers…

May 4th ~

Usher(s): Dave Meurs

Greeter(s): Ron English

Counter(s): Bob Washburn/Jean Halme

Reader(s): Duane Colson

May 11th ~

Usher(s): Ron English, John Halme

Greeter(s): Carol & Carl Millington

Counter(s): Terry Reynolds/J.Halme

Reader(s): Joyce Meurs

May 18th ~

Usher(s): Ron English, John Davey

Greeter(s): C. Christopher

Counter(s): Nancy LaPine/C.Christopher

Reader(s): Nancy LaPine

May 25th ~

Usher(s): Ron English, Eugene LaDue

Greeter(s): tba

Counter(s): Walt Agnew/Linda Milkins

Reader(s): Jean Halme

Anyone interested in volunteering to be a Usher, Counter or Reader should see Jean Halme or send an email to: RoundLakeUMC@gmail.com with Attn: Counters/Ushers/Readers in the subject line.

Wishlist

At Administrative Council meeting the idea of having a "wish list" posted in the church was brought up. We will post items here for people to see if they can help out…

"We have one at Malta and one time I asked for a flat screen TV for movie night and wouldn't you know, a man in the church who repairs televisions had a perfectly good one for us and just gave it to the church. You never know until you ask."
Pastor Penny

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Upcoming Scriptures for Worship

Sunday, May 4, 2014 ***~Holy Communion ~***
Acts 2:14*a*, 36-41; Ps116:1-4, 12-19 (*UMH* 837); 1 Pet 1:17-23; Lk 24:13-35

Sunday, May 11, 2014 ***~Mother's Day ~***
Acts 2:42-47; Ps 23 (*UMH* 754 or 137); 1 Pet 2:19-25; Jn 10:1-10

Sunday, May 18, 2014
Acts 7:55-60; Ps 31:1-5, 15-16 (*UMH* 764); 1 Pet 2:2-10; Jn 14:1-14

Sunday, May 25, 2014
Acts 17:22-31; Ps 66:8- 20 (*UMH* 790); 1 Pet 3:13-22; Jn 14:15-21

Mission Offerings....

May 4 – Native American Ministries

Sunday (NAMS), celebrated on the third Sunday of Easter, nurtures mission with Native Americans, provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians, recognizes and celebrates the gifts and contributions of Native Americans.

The NAMS offering enriches Native American ministries in the Conference as 50% of receipts go to support programs in our three Native American churches.

May 25 – VIM Maine Mission Trip
Supports the work of members of the Round Lake UMC and Valley Falls UMC for the United Methodist Economic Ministry in Salem, Maine.

Please be Generous!

Care Ministry

Many of our church family are caring for others by sending cards, providing meals, visiting shut-ins in their homes and nursing homes, calling and by doing many other acts of kindness. If you are wondering how you can help or if you know of someone that needs help, please call Mina Cranston at 877-5408 or Carol Millington 899-2418.

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