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First Monday Meal

5:30 p.m., Monday, June 3 & July 1

Feed My Starving Children

7:30 a.m., Thursday, June 20
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Finance & Stewardship Meeting

July 11 at 7pm

Church Council Meetings

June 19th & July 17 at 7pm



The Worship committee would like to thank you for your generous donation of \$684 collected on Mother's Day. This offering has been sent to the Illinois Great Rivers Conference for Our Conference, Our Kids.

I would like to thank the Pastor/Parish Committee for recognizing my retirement on Sunday April 28th. I appreciate the kind words, the extra treats provided by Dave & Judy Diekhoff and the two beautiful cakes by Joanna Adair. *Bev*

We would like to thank the First Monday Meal, Bev Groenewold, Desiree Krowlek, Janet Zimmer, Beth Zimmer, and Phil Sampen, for the delicious meals provided after Marjean had cataract surgery.

Lisa Shay and Marjean Dirks



Congratulation to our 2019 Graduates:

College: Mitchell Carr

High School: Tessa Carr, Tonya Tarter, Beth Day-Wright



Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Norma Brenneman who passed away on May 10, 2019.



We welcomed Janet Graul into the fellowship of our church on May 5, 2019.

“Dream: Awake of Asleep Unlock the Power of God’s Vision”

by Dr. Mark Rutland

With graduation upon us at the writing of the article, with students leaving, teachers retiring, with dreams and visions abundant for what’s ahead in the journey, with Delavan UMC Vision statement already in place, with pastor’s groups that I have attended speaking of moving congregations in that direction, with the deadline of this paper pressing, I intend to speak on a little book I read this week, the title and author above.

This book touched this retired school teacher, now preacher’s heart and I found myself tearing up especially with Dr. Rutland’s 5th-grade school teacher and her class. On Mondays, she always took an hour out of the day dedicating it to Dreams. The rules in her class were that everyone had to share a dream they have their lives. No one was allowed to laugh at someone else’s dreams, roll their eyes, or make a wise crack. Mrs. Burkett would dream along with each child entering into their world and their dream and encouraged her class to do the same.

One particular session, Rutland zeros in on starting with Mazie who I wanted to be a movie star. Mrs. Burkett chimes in, “Oh good. I can get some popcorn and watch the lion roar and there is Mazie Birchfield’s name. Oh Mazie, I’m so proud.” Now Rutland is looking at this large girl with stringy hair but is hearing his teacher’s voice so soothing and he says to himself, “Could Mazie? Could she? Ever? Yes, yes, I actually thought it possible. A movie star. Mazie Birchfield suddenly looked different to me. Maybe, just maybe...” Dreams or visions have that effect on us sometimes.

Other students tell their dreams and then it is Rutland’s turn. He says he wants to be book writer and here I am reading his book, one of many that I purchased at the last Covenant Keeper’s. Throughout the book, only 100 pages, he shares dreams and visions of the biblical characters focusing on Joseph and his dreams.

Not all dreams and visions are well received. Remember Joseph’s brothers and how they reacted to Joseph’s dreams. Rutland goes on to explain: “The power of a dream received can polarize a society, transform a culture, start a work or end an evil... Faith, not fear, receives dreams and keeps them nourished when all reason dictates otherwise.”¹ For Rutland, “Joseph had laid on the dream, as the dream laid hold of him.”²

Congratulations are in order for all the graduates and retirees. Thank you for your service but don’t forget to continue to dream! Have vision of what God has for you. Hold on to it and don’t let go. You just might see yourself doing something you’ve always dreamt doing. I know I have. Love you Church!

Pastor Charlie Graul

¹ Rutland, 6-7.

² Ibid, 5.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



June 4: Rebecca Johns	June 13: Tom Ross,	June 21: Carolee Whisler
June 7: Howard Kleine	Dow Wirth,	June 23: Lydia Eidenmiller
June 8: Bryan Tomm	Doug Lowry,	June 25: Dacota Krowlek,
June 9: Jim Bale	Savannah Lay,	Ethan Isenburg
June 10: Steve Jeckel	Miley Harper	June 27: Rick Brewer
June 11: Molly Gresham	June 14: Sherri Federice	June 29: Sheri Evans
June 12: Morgan Tarter	June 17: Nancy Behrends	Greg Schroeder
	June 20: Madyson Harper	June 30: Josh Allen
July 1: Carolee Meisinger	July 10: Amber Huebner,	July 20: Bev McWhorter,
July 3: Arlyn Musselman	Anisha Tietjen	Michael Scott
July 4: Velma Tammeus	July 11: Payton Jeckel	July 21: Olivia Carr
July 5: Doug Zimmer,	Benjamin Orndorff	July 22: Ed Allen,
Nora Krohn,	July 12: Colan Eigenbrod	Mark Lessen,
Bryce Perry	July 13: Jordan Zimmer	Luke Wilson,
Janet Graul	July 14: Mick Fortney,	Zack Bale
July 6: Kathy Dorsey	Earlene Schroeder	July 23: Brittini Bell
July 7: Linda Allen,	July 15: Chuck Bedell	July 24: Mary Lee Springer,
Holly Tarter ,	July 16: Matt Skinner,	Gary Orndorff,
Macie Harper,	Matthew Perry	Janice Orndorff,
Caleb Harper	July 17: Sandra Franks	July 25: Trent Perry
Robert Parrish	July 18: Judy Diekhoff,	July 27: Kevin Isenburg
July 8: Stephanie Bright,	Marsha Dirks,	Charlie Graul
		July 31: Dean Smith

We wish God's blessings to those of you celebrating a birthday in June and July.

Please notify the church office of any additions or corrections.

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Prayers for growing to thriving community

Carolee Meisinger

Robert Valouche

Courtney Pyle and family

Randy Hardin

Lori Walsh

Angela Franklin

Court Houston and family

Ruby & Gerald Lowry

Dan & Jill Dannhorn

Karen Boswell—my teammate Chandler's Grandma

The Brenneman family

Angela Franklin

Delavan United Methodist News

First Monday Meal News

Thanks, AS ALWAYS, for the great help in preparing, serving, and cleaning-up at the First Monday Meals. We will need to be even more efficient in cleaning-up after the meal in Fellowship Hall on June 3, as Vacation Bible School will start the next day. Last month we served 135 meals, which included 23 deliveries and 42 carry-outs.

Our next meal, which will be served on Monday, June 3, will include your choice of grilled butterfly pork chop or brat, baked beans, chips and dessert. Serving will begin in Fellowship Hall as soon as the meals to shut-ins have been filled, usually a little before 5:30 p.m.

If you know of anyone that would enjoy a meal and is not able to come to Fellowship Hall, please contact the church office 244-8800 or Joanna Adair at 657-1895 to arrange for a delivery in Delavan.

This ministry to our community could not happen without your continued support. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for food donations. We appreciate everyone's willingness to serve AND for those who come to enjoy the meal. See you June 3rd.

P.S. The menu for July will be sub sandwich (made with Common Ground bread), your choice of potato salad or chips, applesauce and dessert. YUMMY!!



Vacation Bible School News

Get ready for Safari Adventure! "ROAR!" is the theme for our annual VBS to be held Tuesday-Friday, June 4-7. Classes for students age 3 through 6th graders will spend the week learning that even though life is wild, God is Good! All of the fun and favorite VBS activities will be there: Bible stories, snacks, games, music, and crafts. Students who are age 3 through finishing 2nd grade will attend at the United Methodist Church and students finishing grades 3-6 at the Presbyterian Church. Crosswalk Fellowship is also a sponsoring church.



Vacation Bible School is our most important outreach to the children of our community. There is a way for each and every person to help out. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help! We have a need for Preschool-age classroom teachers, class helpers, group leaders (the children will be attending various stations and we need leaders to get them there) and craft, game & snack helpers as well. There will be sign-up sheets soon for donations for snack items and other things needed for the VBS. If you can help, or to find out more information, contact Sally Lessen (696-2593) or Earlene Schroeder (244-7644 or 349-4711). Most importantly, please be praying for the VBS planning, the staff, and those children who will be our students!

About Feed My Starving Children

Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) is a Christian nonprofit dedicated to providing nutritious meals to children worldwide. FMSC meals are hand packed by volunteers and sent to an incredible network of partner organizations who distribute them to those in need. Nearly 1.2 million volunteers packed more than 333 million FMSC meals in 2017. More than 90 percent of total donations go directly to feed kids.



UMW to Volunteer at Feed My Starving Children

UMW will be taking a day trip to Aurora, IL to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children. On Thursday, June 20th, we will be leaving church at 7:30am. Stopping for early lunch at Panera Bread. Volunteering from 12-2:00pm in Aurora @Feed My Starving Children, then shopping at Aurora Outlet Mall. Should be home by 9:00pm. Contact Beth Zimmer@244-7417 or you can sign up on the bulletin board at the church.

Illinois River District Mission Trip

August 3-10th, 2019



United Methodist in the Illinois River District are invited to go to Project Cure in Denver August 3-10th, 2019, to help deliver life saving supplies to areas of need. Surplus medical supplies are collected and transferred to people around the globe who desperately need them, and lives are saved. Project Cure is

helping to bridge staggering health resource gaps in the developing world by empowering doctors and nurses with the tools they need to treat disease, deliver vaccines, perform life-changing surgeries and ensure safe childbirth. Please prayerfully consider God's call to YOU to serve. Mission Trip arrangements being made through: Pekin First UMC, 1315 Court St., Pekin, IL 61554. email: info@pekinfirst.org or jmclarey@pekinfirst.org. Cost: \$420 (plus 8 Suppers, 8 Lunches)

*The Lord doesn't call the equipped;
He equips the called.*

Ephesians 4:11-13
Ephesians 4:14-16
1 Corinthians 12
John 2
1 Peter 4:10-11
Matthew 25:40
Hebrews 10:24-25
Ephesians 3:20

Take-Them-A-Meal Ministry

The outreach committee would like to expand the ministry of providing a few meals to those in need after getting out of the hospital, surgery, ill, had a baby, etc. We will be using the website: takethemameal.com to sign up for the meals when there is a need. If you would be interested in helping with this ministry by donating food towards a meal or providing a meal, you can contact Beth Zimmer@212-0364. WE will be relying on the congregation to notify us when there is someone that would benefit from receiving these meals so please call Beth or the church.



Christmas in July

Last year during the Christmas season our church gave presents to our angels within our community and 32 stockings to each angel. Education is promoting this ministry during the month of July by gathering stocking



Christmas gifts for kids in our community

stuffers to fill the stockings such school supplies and small items that will fit into the stockings. Please mark any monetary donations "Angel Giving". Watch out for more information in the church bulletins in the coming weeks.

Interesting Thought

Cell Phone vs. The Bible

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone.

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go hmm...Where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phones, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnect because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think—"Where are my priorities?"

APRIL OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

April 7: Offering \$4,235 Attendance: 99
April 14: Offering \$1,868 Attendance: 88
April 21: Offering \$2,546 Attendance: 117
April 28: Offering \$3,911 Attendance: 91

Finance & Stewardship will be meet July 11th at 7:00 p.m.