



# Methodist Messages

*Newsletter ~ July 2011*



## PASTOR'S LETTER

### No Talking

One of the things I use to stay in love with God is The Upper Room devotional booklet. In the last issue there was a reflection by Mary Joyce from Karnataka, India. She wrote about her father, who had died in 1979. She said that where she grew up it was the custom that daughters could not talk with their fathers. Though she loved her father dearly, she could only show her affection by obedience, never words.

What a shocking thought. Imagine if you couldn't talk with your family or friends. We go crazy now if they don't respond to our text in 30 seconds. What would it be like to have no communication whatsoever? Thank God that we can talk with those we love – especially with God. The Upper Room always ends with a prayer for each day. It reminds me to use the great freedom I have to talk with God. No one can stop us from praying but ourselves. May your July be prayerful and prayer-filled.

*Pastor Mark*

PS: If you want to use The Upper Room for your own walk with God, copies are available on the literature table outside the church office.

*More people, loving God  
more deeply, serving others  
more joyfully*

#### STAFF

Senior Pastor:	Mark B. Miller
Associate Pastor:	Bill Reinhart
Secretary:	Becki Mizell
Administrator:	Cathi Weber
Youth:	Cullen & Jenni Tanner
Children:	Kayla Christensen
Music Director:	Jo Franta
Organist:	Pam Yenor
Pianist:	Deb Salonek
Outreach:	Lauren Snell
Council Chair:	Nancy Mahowald
Custodians:	Jerry & Joyce Bartlett
Day Care Directors:	Linda Fruland Kim Creasey
Wedding Coord:	Margo Tyson

## See Summer Challenge Update



#### Service Times:

Sundays at  
8:30 am & 10 am

*The Forum:*  
Saturdays at 6pm

**SUMMER CHOIR IS BACK...but with a twist!**  
**You'll have to come to find out....** Please join us at church this summer to be a part of an awesome time of worship and learning new choral music. Everyone is invited to participate! Rehearsals are Wednesdays, August 3, 10, 17 and 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the music room at church. We will have a special night of worship on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, and also at both services on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. Sign up in the narthex, or contact Jenni Tanner at 763-754-6419 or [jennic29@msn.com](mailto:jennic29@msn.com) for more info. I hope to see you there!!!!

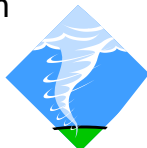


#### **New or Changing Addresses**

Are you moving or attending another church? Let us know your new address and phone number so we can keep our records current and our postage costs down. Call the Church Office or email [Cathi@coonrapidsumc.org](mailto:Cathi@coonrapidsumc.org) or [Becki@coonrapidsumc.org](mailto:Becki@coonrapidsumc.org)  
 Thanks for your help!



This year we have witnessed many natural disasters: earthquakes, tsunami, floods, and tornados. There will surely be more, unfortunately. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is a first responder. 100% of the money you donate to a disaster will go to aide in that disaster. To donate, please go to [umcor.org](http://umcor.org). This will be the fastest way for your money to get to them. You can designate which relief program you want to help.



#### **Recycling**

- ◇ Recycle your dead batteries in the bucket under the table by the bulletin boards.
- ◇ Empty Ink Cartridges can be put in the box on the table.
- ◇ Eye Glasses will be donated to the Lion's Club.



## United Methodist Women

UMW sponsors a reading program every year. For Plan I, you need to read 1 book from 4 of the following categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. You also need to read articles from the Response Magazine which is in the church library. A list of some of the books that apply and are owned by our church members or Anoka UMC's UMW is on the bulletin board. If you wish to borrow one of the books listed please sign up on the sheet. For a complete list of books and more information, contact Gail Chalbi--763-755-3365 or [gchalbi1146@q.com](mailto:gchalbi1146@q.com).

#### **July UMW Events**

Thursday, July 14, Concert at the Coon Rapids Dam-7 p.m.  
 Saturday, July 16, Needles and Thread Group, Multipurpose Room-9-11:30 a.m.  
 July 12-15, July 15, or July 15-17: School of Christian Missions: See table in hall for registration information. This is an awesome time of spiritual growth, learning about world and church issues, and fellowship. The studies this year include Joy to the World: Mission in the Age of Global Christianity, Haiti: Challenges and Hope, and The Journey: Forgiveness, Reconciliation Restorative Justice. If you want to know more talk to Vonda Atkinson, Gail Chalbi, Norma Cooley, or Pat Drinville.

**The United Methodist Women** will be attending the Minnesota Sinfonia: Family Pops Concert at the Coon Rapids Dam on Thursday, July 14, at 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, a bag lunch if you desire, and a love for music and good fellowship.

### July Mission Offering to be given to Living Stones School

The walls are up and the roof is under construction, but there is still need for additional funds to complete the roof, add doors and windows, and build bathrooms. The school is bringing hope to the small village of Kagera...just a few miles from where Dr. Livingstone ministered to people of the area in the 1860's. Not much has changed for these people in nearly 150 years. In the USA we are living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. But in the village of Kagera the people are still living as they did in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. We now have a chance to improve their lives much in the same way that Dr. Livingstone improved lives. Please consider supporting this mission project with your prayers and financial gifts. Also, please keep Bukwe in your prayers. He has been quite sick. We have sent him money so that he can get medical care. Pray for his physical healing, his continued safety, and for wisdom while he continues to carry out what God has started. If you would like more information on Living Stones School, please talk Tim Gurr (763-780-3809).



It's time to start thinking about school supplies again. Soon there will be sales of the many items needed by students. We have been able to help some of our daycare students with backpacks filled with all their supplies. We also have given much needed items to Anoka County residents. This year the need is even greater. We are partnering with Mississippi Elementary School and one of the requests is school supplies. In particular they need markers (Classic colors), glue sticks, Fiskar scissors, folders, composition notebooks, colored pencils, and crayons. Other items needed by our daycare students and Anoka County are pencils, rulers, white glue, pink erasers, pens, pencil sharpeners, pencil boxes, notebooks (wide-ruled), protractors, compasses, calculators, backpacks, water colors (Prang or Crayola), 3-ring notebooks, facial tissue boxes, and Clorox wipes. Please have your donations to church by August 14. Thank you for making the beginning of the school year a pleasant time for all.



## Library News

### NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY—

#### Children's Books--

Henrietta Stays Out All Night, by Tom Broadbent (Donna Smith's nephew). PRE FIC BRO  
Beautiful Bible Stories, by Patricia Summerlin Martin. J 220.95 MAR

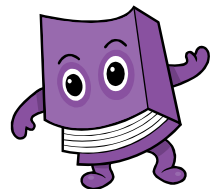
#### Adult Books--

Walking the Bible: A Journey By Land Through the Five Books of Moses, by Bruce Feiler. 915.6 FEI  
All Nature Sings: Creation and New Creation Through the Eyes of Scripture, by J. Robert Jacobson. 242.2 JAC

Handbook of Denominations of the United States, 12th Edition by Mead, Hill, and Atwood. 200.97 MEA  
Islam: A Short History, by Karen Armstrong. 297 ARM.

The Essential Koran: An Introductory Selection of Readings from the Quran, translated & presented by Thomas Cleary. 297 CLE

Mother Teresa: In My Own Words, compiled by Jose Lois Gonzalez-Balado. 248 MOT



The library is open 9:30 to 10:00 Sunday morning between services each week. Come in and check out our new books. Remember to sign out the books you borrow.

# ***Vacation Bible School***

***Where God is  
Wild about You!***

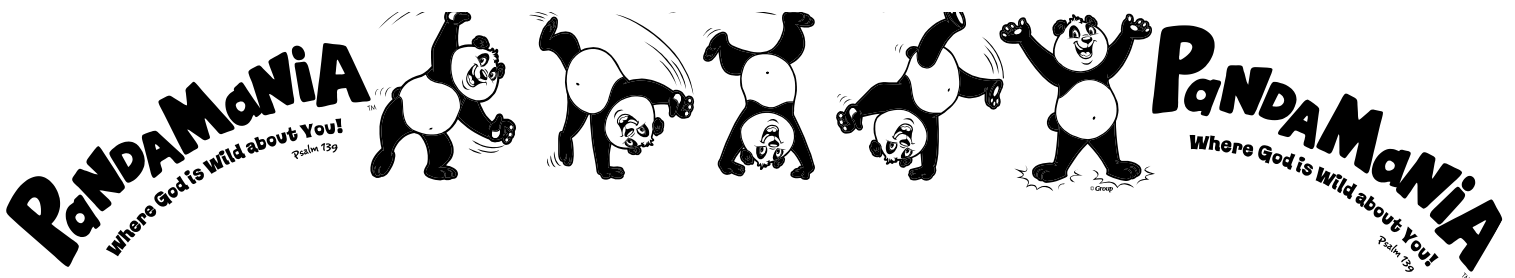
July 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
9 a.m. - Noon



**MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!  
SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE!**



Children Ages 3 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Register on our  
website! [https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/e3/  
coonrapidsumc](https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/e3/coonrapidsumc)



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10506 Hanson Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids 55433

**COMING SOON!**

VBS	July 25-29	9-noon
BWCA trip	August 1-6	
Summer Choir	August 27	6pm
	August 28	8:30 & 10am
Rally Sunday	Sept. 11	

*Have you remembered your church in your will?*

*The Monthly Newsletter is now available on our website: [coonrapidsumc.org](http://coonrapidsumc.org).*