

Methodist Messages

Newsletter ~ March 2011



*From Believers
to Disciples*

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Service Times:

Sundays at
8:30 am & 10 am

The Forum:
Saturdays at 6pm

PASTOR'S LETTER

What Happened to Lent?

You might have wondered what happened to Lent. Here we are already in March and there has been no mention of the season of Lent. Did we decide to skip it this year? The short answer is: No. Lent is just very late this year. Be patient. Lent will begin on March 9, which is Ash Wednesday. Lent is late, because Easter is late. In fact Easter is the latest it has been since 1943, and just one day short of the latest it has ever been.

You may have noticed that unlike Christmas, which is always December 25th, Easter bounces around. The date of Easter is calculated as the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring. This year that doesn't occur until April 24. Because Easter is so late, we are going to try something a little different for the "Sunrise service." We are going to hold that early morning service outdoors at our church cemetery. The great miracle of Easter occurred when Jesus rose from his burial place to bring us all life. At Joyce cemetery we will publically proclaim again the Easter good news of the Resurrection. In many warmer locations churches traditionally hold sunrise services outside. It's usually too cold in Minnesota, but with the late Easter we're going to give it a shot and do something different.

We'll also start the Lent-Easter period a little differently. Instead of the youth leading a Holy Week service, they will be leading the Ash Wednesday service. Please join us at that service on March 9 to enter into the 40 days of prayer, repentance, sacrifice and service that is Lent. We haven't forgotten about it. It's just a little late this year.

May you have a holy and meaningful Lent.
Pastor Mark

Wednesday Dinners

The March winds will be blowing and we hope you will be warm enough to join us. Thank you for coming to dine with us. This month sit at a new table and make a new friend. You never know what you can share.

2nd - Italian/Red sauce

9th - Breakfast

16th - Going A little Green

23rd - Tacos

30th - Potatoes-N-Ham

Thank you to all our dessert warriors. You make life SWEET!

Grief Support Group

What is grief? Grief is the normal process of reacting to a loss. Coping with grief has a large range of emotions. Grief doesn't just happen after someone dies, there is grief while someone you love is dying, you grieve the physical death and there is grief of illness. Any traumatic event, major life change or significant loss – a rape, a divorce, even major financial losses, job losses can cause grief.

We all experience grief throughout our lives and it is important to be able to seek support during these times. Grief does not necessarily have to be recent, many times grief is unresolved and we carry it through our lives for years. You have be support to others with prayers, thoughts and good fellowship.

Your grief support group meets every Monday at 6:30 PM in the Chapel. If you have questions please contact Cindi Foster at her home 763-434-9020 or the church office at 763-755-6990.



THE SOLID ROCK SILENT AUCTION/SPAGHETTI DINNER/HOME CONCERT IS SATURDAY, MARCH 26, AND YOU ARE INVITED!



We hope you will set aside this date and make plans to attend this fun evening of fellowship and worship. Tickets for the spaghetti dinner can be purchased at the door: \$10 per person (\$35 per family) and children 5 and under are FREE!

A variety of terrific services, gift certificates, handmade items, and gift baskets have been donated for the Silent Auction and donations are still being gratefully accepted. If you are able to donate, please contact Shelley Snell (767-2374) or Deb Mahoney (755-8503) as soon as possible so that we may catalogue your donation.

Donated food items are also appreciated for the Bake Sale and the Spaghetti Dinner - look for the Post-It note board in the narthex for donations such as bread, Parmesan cheese, salad dressing, etc. Take a Post-It note or two and help make this year's dinner the best ever! Donated food items - including donated items for the Bake Sale - need to arrive at church by noon on Saturday, March 26. See Sherry Wesdorf for questions.

On March 26, the Silent Auction is from 4:00-6:30 pm, the Spaghetti Dinner is from 4:30-6:30 pm and Solid Rock's "His Love" Home Concert begins at 7:00 pm. All proceeds go toward Solid Rock's summer mission trip - don't miss this wonderful opportunity the support the awesome ministry and mission work of our Solid Rock Singers.

Also, volunteers are needed to help make this year's Silent Auction/Spaghetti Dinner on March 26 the best ever! Please prayerfully consider helping with dinner serving, set-up or clean-up, auction set-up, table watching, or take down/clean-up. Remember that Solid Rock Singers who volunteer will receive money into their account for their time worked! Sign up on the SRS bulletin board in the center hallway, or contact Wendi Jarson or Shelley Snell if you are able to volunteer. Thank you in advance for your help!

THE GIFT OF TIME

A Day to Catch Up on Your Creative Projects or to Learn New Creative Projects

If you enjoy knitting, scrapbooking, quilting, crocheting, sewing, rubber stamping or another hobby, bring your supplies and join us for a day of creativity!

If you want to make some creative projects, these classes will be taught throughout the day.

Date & Time:

Saturday, April 2, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Location:

Coon Rapids United Methodist Church
10506 Hanson Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433

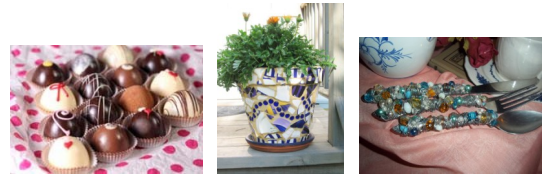
 No Stairs; Limited Wi-Fi Available

Cost:

\$15.00 Ages 16 - Adult
Reserves Table Space & a Chair for 12 Hours

\$5.00 for electricity per table (limited availability)
Bring your own extension cord and power strip.

Children Can Scrapbook From
12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. With A Paid Adult
\$5.00/Child Ages 9-15



- #1 Make delicious candies and elegant truffles for yourself or to give away. Cost: \$10.00
- #2 Decorate a clay pot using tiles and glass beads to uniquely display a beautiful plant.
Cost: Small \$5.00; Medium \$7.00; Large \$10.00
- #3 Impress your guests with two beautiful beaded serving pieces. Cost: \$12.00
- #4 Accessorize your outfits with custom fabric pins or fabric hair clips. Cost: \$3.00 each
- #5 Make five different hand-stamped greeting cards with envelopes. Cost: \$10.00
- #6 Pamper your hands in a luxurious paraffin wax. Cost: \$3.00

Included in the Cost:

Lunch: Soups/Salads/Dessert
Dinner: Pizza & Chocolate Fountain
Beverages: Coffee and Tea

The Gift of Time is a fundraiser for Great Commission Ministries, to support missionary, Shaly Moyal. Shaly grew up at Coon Rapids United Methodist Church and is the daughter of Sherry & Greg Wesdorf.

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Coon Rapids United Methodist Women

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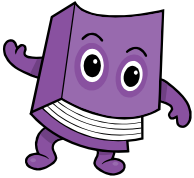
REGISTRATION

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, Zip _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

- \$15.00 12 Hours for Ages 16-Adult
- \$5.00 3 Hours Scrapbooking for Ages 9-15
- \$5.00 Electricity
- Class #1, \$10.00; Class #2 \$5 \$7 \$10
- Class #3, \$12.00; Class #4 \$3.00 each;
- Class #5 \$10.00, Class #6 \$3.00

Make Checks Payable to: CRUMC
Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.
Registration fees are nonrefundable.

Mail payment & registration to: Sue Lehrer
2275 132nd Lane NE, Blaine, MN 55449



LIBRARY NEWS

NEW BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY—

The Dead Sea Scrolls: A New Translation, Translated by Michael Wise, Aregg and Cook. 296 DEA

The Dead Sea Scrolls: Words That Changed the World, by Science Museum of Minnesota 296 SCI

The Copper Scroll and Search for the Temple Treasure, by Hershel Shanks 296 SHA

The Meaning of the Dead Sea Scrolls, by James Vanderkam and Peter Flint 296 VANS

These four books were a gift from Tom Demaree to our church library. We are especially grateful for these fascinating accounts of the historical documents that are such an important part of our religious heritage. Thank you, Tom.

The library is open 9:30 to 10:00 Sunday morning between services each week. Someone from the library committee will be there to help you during this time. Come in and check out our new books. Remember to sign out the books you borrow.

In partnership with the Minnesota Conferences of the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church

United Theological Seminary is pleased to announce our spring 2010-2011 Academy classes.

For more information, including class descriptions and registration, click on the below links or see our Web site at:

www.unitedseminary.edu/CommunityPrograms/academy.asp.

New or Changing Addresses

Are you moving, a winter snowbird, 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 or
Becki@coonrapidsumc.org**

Thanks for your 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



CELEBRATE SPRING! The UMW spring bazaar will be Sunday, March 20 from 8:30 to 12:00. Buy your spring gift needs for Easter, graduation, weddings, Mother's Day, and just for fun. We will be selling crafted items, baked goods, and gently used items. All the money earned from the bazaar will go to helping complete Living Stones School.

Attention Ladies. UMW needs your help to make the spring bazaar a success. Set up will be Saturday, March 19, from 10a.m. to 2p.m. If you can help with this contact Shar Foster (651) 483-2279 or Marylee Greeley (763) 757-6742. Help is also needed during the bazaar. Call Gail Chalbi (763) 755-3365. There is a sign-up sheet on the center bulletin board across from the office. Bring your donated items on Saturday from 10 to 2. Baked goods may also be brought on Sunday before the first service.

Thank you for your help in making this a great fund raiser.

Knitters and crocheters: we will be making layette kits in April and May. Get a head start on your sweaters and look for further details in April.



Mission Prayer Corner

- *Pray for Living Stones School. We are close to finishing the school and then need to furnish it.
- *Pray for Shaly Moyal and her work with college students at Drake University in Des Moines.
- *Pray for Tom Swartz as he brings foreign students in Omaha to Christ.
- *Pray for retired missionary Carolyn Eddans.
- *Pray for Miracle Ranch and the children who live there. Pray for the staff who nurture them.
- *Pray for those who prepare and serve meals at Simpson Shelter and the guests who receive them. May the love of the Lord shine through our service.
- *Pray for safety of the drivers for Meals-on-Wheels and for the spirits of those who receive the meals.
- *Pray for those who receive food from ACBC.
- *Pray for the abused women at Alexandra House that they find peace.
- *Pray for the women at Emma Norton who are putting their lives back together.
- *Pray for the newborns and low income mothers who receive baby supplies from Bundles of Love.
- *Pray for the infants who will receive the baby hats lovingly crafted by the women of our church.



March Mission Offering

“One Great Hour of Sharing”

Your offering matters! We're part of the team called United Methodist Committee on Relief. Our team helps around the world with children's health and wholeness, missionaries, church leader training, church planting, social justice, clean water and sanitation, health care, sustainable agriculture and many other life-giving projects.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering given by United Methodists underwrites the cost of doing UMCOR business. That means that 100 percent of every other gift given to an UMCOR project will be spent entirely on that project and not on home-office costs.

Spring Forward - March 13



CEAP Volunteer Needs

The Blaine office is still looking for more help in the food shelf. Call Kathy Cotter at 763-783-4931. In Brooklyn Park, they have two Meals on Wheels routes open. Please give Kay Blake (763-450-3679) a call if you would like to help deliver meals to the homebound and give them a friendly connection during their lonely days. Last year, CEAP volunteers donated 29,938 hours of their time!

Thank you!

March is Minnesota Food Share Month.

There are still many families who are struggling financially. In 2010 there was a 13% increase in food shelf use over 2009. We will be collecting food and other items as follows:

Sunday, March 6-personal care items, paper products, and baby supplies

Sunday, March 13-dinner: canned meats, tuna, packaged dinners, vegetables, dessert

Sunday, March 20-lunch: peanut butter, soups, canned fruits, pudding and Jell-O cups

Sunday, March 27-breakfast: cereal, pancake mix, syrup, jelly, canned juices

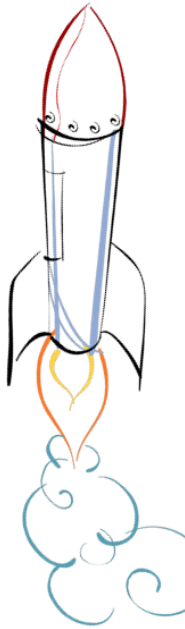


Food Collection

Children's Ministry March 2011

What's Been Happening in B.L.A.S.T. Sunday School?

You just have to walk down the Sunday School hallway to find out! Come and check out the Banner wall that the kids (grades 1st-5th) have been working on for the last 8 weeks. The unit was titled, "Who is Jesus?" and each banner is a name for Jesus with small projects the kids made to go along with the name. Each week the lessons have been about who Jesus is and His many different names. The kids will continue with a new unit starting in March called, "The Garden of Gethsemane," for the season of Lent. The children seem to really enjoy the different methods used for teaching each week. They include science, cooking, video, storytelling, art and games.



Red Cross Certified Babysitting Course

Saturday, March 12th, 2011
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Ages 10 years and up
Boys and Girls are welcome!
\$20.00 per person
Bring a Bag lunch
Snacks and drinks provided

Instructor: Dave Teske

Participants will learn:
Feeding, diapering, safe handling, first aid, choking, rescue breathing, safety, finances, advertising and much more!

Please pick up and fill out a registration form from the info counter in the church narthex and return to Kayla Christensen or her office mail box by Sunday, March 6th. Checks payable to Coon Rapids UMC.

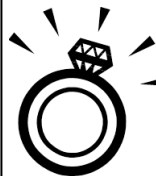


One Way Street Puppet Festival



Coming to CRUMC
April 29th & 30th for more info go to
www.onewaystreet.com
and click on Puppet Festivals

Thanks to all who attended the Belgian Waffle Breakfast Fundraiser! We raised \$650.00 for our Children's Ministry! Some of the money will be used to purchase more die-cuts for our collection and scholarships for upcoming children's events. Thank you CRUMC for continuing to show how important our children and youth are to our church family!



WANTED: YOUR UNWANTED JEWELRY!

Children's Ministries is interested in your unwanted jewelry. Costume jewelry, good jewelry, junk jewelry, ugly jewelry, pretty jewelry – you got it, we want it! We are hoping to collect enough jewels to have a jewelry sale as a fundraiser. The kids may make new items out of the old jewelry! Could be interesting, could be fun! So clean out your boxes, drawers and dresser tops and donate all your precious jewels to support all our precious little jewels at CRUMC! Drop off your treasures at Kayla's office door or the church office. Thank you!

See online Calendar
www.coonrapidsumc.org

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Coming Soon!

Lent Begins March 9

March 9	Ash Wednesday	Noon ~ Service 7pm ~ Special service lead by the Youth
March 12	9am ~ Babysitting Clinic SET Your Clocks Ahead Tonight	
March 20	UMW Bazaar	
March 26-27	Solid Rock Musical - See article for details of Silent Auction and Dinner	