



Methodist Messages

Newsletter ~ May 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

No Mother's Day Brunch

For the first time in many years we will not be serving a Mother's Day brunch at the church. With our busy schedules and Mother's Day coming just two weeks after Easter we thought that we'd do something different this year.

This may come as a shock to some. "We've **always** had Mother's Day brunch at the church!" But in fact we haven't. It was just ten years ago when someone thought, "Wouldn't it be a great ministry to serve brunch on Mother's day?" Others were recruited to help, and soon a tradition was born. Perhaps it will return next year, or perhaps it won't. It will all depend on someone having a passion for this ministry.

This is not a recruitment message. This is a message about how ministry happens at Coon Rapids UMC. God inspires people with a passion for a ministry. They step out in faith. The rest of the church comes alongside them to make it happen. And a new ministry is born. That ministry may happen once, or it may last for decades, but it all starts with an idea and a passion.

Has God been placing an idea in your mind for reaching the world for Christ? Do you have a passion for some ministry? Step out in faith. Talk to others. Pray about it. Perhaps your idea will become the next Mother's Day brunch or Solid Rock Singers or Saturday worship service. It all begins with an idea and a passion from God. What passion has God given you? Tell me about it.

Pastor Mark

Church Membership

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, May 8th at both services. You can join by visiting with Pastor Bill, either before or after that date, but you must attend on May 8th to take the membership vows. Contact Pastor Bill for more info.

Wednesday Dinners

May is here and we are still cooking to serve the Lord. This is your last chance this season to invite someone to dinner. The cost is \$3. The fellowship is Great. There is always enough food. Wednesday May 4th ~ Willy will be back in the kitchen (Peruvian meal), 11th ~ ham-n-potatoes, 18th ~ tacos, 25th ~ our last meal: we are grillin' for you! Thank you to all who served. You are a great team. Thank you to all those who came early and set up: the Simpson family, RoseMarie, our young disciples Annabelle and Hunter. Thank you to all of our sweet treat warriors. Thank you to all those who stayed and helped put away tables and chairs. Thank you for always serving the Lord with a kind heart. See you in the fall. *Mark 12:30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*

Attention Men: We will be going up to Ely to open Camp Ko-Wa-Kan again this year to get it set up for the season. For those who aren't aware, the Minnesota Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church owns a Boundary Waters base camp called Camp Ko-Wa-Kan. **For several years a group of men have been going up Memorial Day weekend to meet with men from several other churches to set this base camp up for the season. We go up on Friday afternoon/evening (as determined by the men going) to do site cleanup and set up chores late Friday evening and all day Saturday. (We have been known to make a DQ run on Saturday evening.) After a lakeside worship service with communion on Sunday, we do a few finish up details and leave around noon so we are home Sunday night.

This gives us a chance to spend the holiday with our families on Monday. So check your schedules & make your plans. We'll have a sign-up soon.



Ladies, United Methodist Women will be having a planning meeting Sunday, May 1, after the second service in the library. We will be planning the summer activities and discussing possible ideas for the fall. We welcome all women of the church to this meeting.



Women's Retreat

Join us for a one-day exploration of all that God is... And wants to be...in our lives...

Discover all that "GOD IS" with the Coon Rapids UMC Prayer Team, the Coon Rapids UMW, and 6:4devotion, the Energetic, Spirit-led, Spirit-filled music group from Champlin UMC.

****Mission Project to Benefit Alexandra House****

Saturday, May 14th

9:00am - 3:00pm, \$30.

Coon Rapids United Methodist Church

Sign up in the hallway beyond the Welcome Desk

Call to register at 763-755-6990 or email:

laurenhdz@comcast.net

****Registration and Light Breakfast begins at 8:30am****

On Saturday, May 21st, Great River Greening needs volunteers to help restore Shingle Creek in Brooklyn Center. Volunteers will stabilize the banks of Shingle Creek by planting dogwood and willow shrub live stake cuttings. Individuals of all ages are welcome! To register, contact the Mark Turbak at volunteer@greatrivergreening.org or 651-665-9500 ext. 11.



Church-wide Garage Sale: Friday, May 6th, 8am-6pm & Saturday, May 7th, 8am-3:30pm

The Solid Rock Singers are requesting donations to help support their mission trips. Items can be dropped off at the church on Thursday, May 5th, 5:30-10pm. If you need items picked up, please call the contact numbers below to make arrangements. Please no old-style TV's or computer monitors; flat screens are acceptable. Clothing should be clean and gently used (or new). Large appliances cannot be accepted, and mechanical equipment should be functioning or easily repairable. If you want to take a tax donation, please take photos of your donation and bring a list to the sale for a staff member's signature. Your support in past years has been truly outstanding and very much appreciated! For donation pick up, call: Jim Miles, 763-755-7987, or Gary Mertz, 763-757-2445.



United Methodist Women is collecting items for UMCOR layette kits. Many newborns do not have even the basics necessary for keeping them warm, clean, and dry. The kits will be sent to areas of the world with great need (this may include Japan). The kits will be taken by our delegates to Annual Conference the end of May. Please have all items to church by May 15. You may also donate money and we will by needed items. All items should be new and in original packaging. Please do not prewash them. Thank you for helping God's youngest children. Each kit contains:

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 diaper pins
- 2 onesies or undershirts (size newborn to 3 months)
- 2 gowns or sleepers (size newborn to 3 months)
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt (open in the front)
- 2 infant size washcloths
- 2 receiving blankets (30 x 30 or 30 x 32 in size)

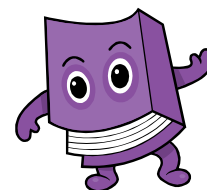
Library News

We are adding DVD's, CD's, Video Cassette tapes and Audio Cassette tapes to the library collection. They will be interfiled with the books, not separate in their own section. We hope that this will make it easier for anyone using the library to find them, having them close to the books on the same subjects.

Here is a list some of the CD's and DVD's being added (They will be held on the NEW BOOK shelf):

CD's:

- The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch--CD921 PAU
- The Listener's Psalms & Proverbs--CD221 LIS
- Women of Faith: audio devotions for women on the go--CD242 WOM
- Inspired by-The Bible Experience: New Testament--CD220.5 INS
- The Audio Bible drama--Faith Comes By Hearing--CD220.5 AUD



DVD's:

- Homelessness in Anoka County. Coon Rapids CTN Studios-- DVD305.5 HOM
- Bonhoeffer: Pastor, pacifist Bazu resister, a documentary film by Martin Doblmeier--DVD921 BON

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The library is open 9:30-10:00 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 the borrower's card when you borrow a book, and leave it in the brown box or with the attendant.

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.



Mission Prayer Corner

- *Pray for the Minnesota Annual Conference and the recipients of our Love Offering.
- *Pray for Shaly Moyal and her ministry to the college students at Drake University and the youth of Des Moines.
- *Pray for Tom Swartz and his work with foreign students in Omaha. We were pleased to have him and 3 of the students as our guests at the Solid Rock spaghetti supper and homecoming concert.
- *Pray for retired missionary Carolyn Eddans.
- *Pray for Miracle Ranch. Pray for the nurturing of the children placed in their care. Pray that the olive crop be fruitful and that the planned olive oil operation becomes a reality.
- *Pray for those who serve meals and the guests that are served through Simpson Shelter and Meals-on-Wheels.
- *Pray for those who receive food from ACBC and our own church food shelf.
- *Pray for the women who are recovering from addiction or abusive situations at Emma Norton Services.
- *Pray for the women who have left abusive relationships and are staying at Alexandra House.



The May Mission offering will be for the conference Love Offering. 30% of the offering will go to Haiti Recovery to help rebuild schools and churches that were demolished or severely damaged during the earthquake. 30% will go to Justice for Our Neighbors. JFON serves vulnerable, low income people, such as victims of domestic abuse, children who immigrate without parents, and refugees fleeing persecution because of race, religion, or political opinion by providing legal services, education, and advocacy. 30% will go to Recovery Ministries in Minnesota. (15% will go to the Recovery Church in Saint Paul which primarily serves people in recovery from addictions. 15% will be made available through grants to local churches to assist them in their ministries to individuals in recovery and to families affected by drug and alcohol abuse, providing education, support, and spiritual guidance.) The remaining 10% will go to Volunteer in Mission Scholarships. VIM encourages volunteers to become involved in service to others. This includes OC ministries. We have had a number of our own members participate in these mission trips. For more details see the mission bulletin board in May. The Love Offering will go with our delegates to Annual Conference the first week of June. Please give generously for these worthy ministries of our church.



Help pack food for the hungry of the world at Feed My Starving Children on Thursday, May 12, from 6-7:30 p.m. FMSC recently sent 600,000 meals to Japan following the earthquake and tsunami. They still have their regular contacts of orphanages and schools that rely on these meals. Many hands are needed to meet these needs. Also, more funds are needed for food supplies. When you come pack the food, consider bringing a donation of cash, toilet paper, and paper towels. There are also items for sale in the FMSC market place which help pay for food supplies. Sign up on the center mission bulletin board. For those wishing to carpool, we will leave the church parking lot at 5:45. For more information contact Gail Chalbi at 763-755-3365.



Do you know someone suffering emotionally from a past abortion decision? Maybe for years? Let them know about Rachel's Vineyard Retreat. This non-denominational Christian overnight weekend retreat is a beautiful opportunity for hope and healing for women and men who have been impacted. Past participants have said "So many lost years. I should have come sooner". Registration is completely confidential. The deadline to register for the May 13-15th retreat is May 5th. The cost is very reasonable for lodging and 6 meals at a beautiful retreat center in the woods. Contact Debbi Stocco: rvineyard@nationalrd.com, 651-206-8926.

May UMW Events:
 Sunday, May 1-11:00 planning meeting
 Saturday, May 14-Retreat at Coon Rapids UMC-call Lauren Hernandez for more information
 Saturday, May 21-9:00-11:30 a.m.-Needles and Thread-come help make quilts (cutting and sewing) or knit and crochet.

Vacation Bible School

**Where God is
Wild about You!**

July 25th-29th, 2011
9 a.m. - Noon



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



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

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| <i>Saturday, May 7</i> | <i>8am - 3:30pm</i> | <i>Solid Rock Singers Garage Sale</i> |
| <i>Sunday, May 8</i> | | <i>Happy Mother's Day!</i> |
| <i>Thursday, May 12</i> | <i>6:30pm</i> | <i>UMMen Wild Game Dinner</i> |
| <i>Saturday, May 14</i> | <i>8:30am - 3pm</i> | <i>Women's Prayer Retreat</i> |
| <i>Sunday, May 15</i> | <i>8:30 & 10am</i> | <i>Puppet Musical during service</i> |
| <i>Sunday, May 22</i> | <i>8:30 & 10am</i> | <i>Confirmation during service</i> |