



The Parish Print

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Pastor Appreciation

October is Pastor Appreciation month and on Sunday, October 21st the congregation showed their

appreciation for Pastor Joy with cards and a cake. We feel very blessed and thankful to have someone like Joy to lead our congregation.

Thank you Pastor Joy!



MUMS will be having a potluck in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, November 14th at noon. Park and Carole Hollenbeck will be our

hosts. Please bring \$1.00 to cover the cost of the meat and a dish to share.

MUMS will be meeting at the Manteno High School on Tuesday, December 4th at 8:30 a.m. for a band and choir concert. A breakfast will be served. There is no charge for this. All seniors are welcome to join us. Please call Sue Cronin at [468-9765](tel:468-9765), by November 14th if you would like to go so we know how many tables to reserve.



Honor Our Veterans

On Sunday November 11th we will be having only one worship service at 9:30 a.m., so we can Honor Our Veterans. We want to say thank you for their service with a small gift during our worship service. We will have special music by the Brass Quintet. Please join us in this thank you! Due to this special worship service there will be no Sunday school on Nov. 11th.



The United Methodist Women want to thank everyone for helping make the Swiss Steak Supper a success. Thank you to all for the monetary or food donations plus for all the hard work.

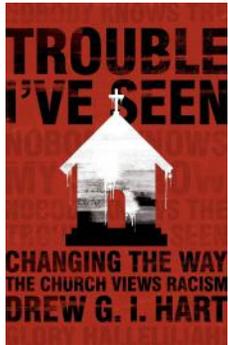
Our next meeting will be November 6th at 7pm in the fellowship hall. Ladies, please come join us for an evening of fellowship and dessert.

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BOOK REVIEW

Nurturing for Community

"Trouble I've Seen" by Drew G. I. Hart:



What if all Christians listened to the stories of those on the racialized margins? How might Church be changed by the trouble they've seen? In this provocative book, theologian and blogger Drew G. I. Hart places police brutality, mass incarceration, anti-black stereotype, poverty and everyday acts of racism within the larger framework of white supremacy. Leading readers toward Jesus, Hart offers concrete practices for churches that seek solidarity with the oppressed and committed to racial justice.

Social Action

"Hospitable Planet" by Stephen A Jurovics:



Stephen Jurovics' book is an important work of witness and states the faith and connection to God should lead us to save and heal our planet from a looming environmental catastrophe. Based primarily on the Five Books of Moses, this book speaks to people of faith, offering a handbook on the Bible's greatest mandate for mortal existence - to choose life for the earth and all its inhabitants. Churches can massively reduce their impact on God's good earth if they understand the Bible's mandate and develop practical skills to decrease their energy use.

United Methodist Foundation

Information about the New Tax Law:

The new tax law can help You and Your Church when you take advantage of Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD). People who are 70 1/2 must take a distribution each year from their IRA accounts (required minimum distribution – RMD) This distribution is determined by an IRS formula and is subject to federal income tax. With a QCD, the IRA owner redirects the taxable distribution to the church and the distribution then is NOT federally taxable to them. This technique is becoming very popular since the new tax law (TCJA) greatly increases the standard deduction for both individual and couples. It is estimated that for approximately 95% of income tax filers, using this higher standard deduction will be more beneficial than using itemized deductions.

For more information, contact your financial advisor, or Rev. Ted Frost, Director of the United Methodist Foundation, tfrost@igrc.org, 217.529.3217; Cell: 217.741.5466; PO Box 3487, Springfield, IL 62708-3487



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Bishop to host meetings on 2019 General Conference

Bishop Frank J. Beard has announced he will host meetings throughout the Illinois Great Rivers Conference discussing the three plans which have been offered as plans for A Way Forward with regard to the issues of human sexuality and unity.

The following six sites have been confirmed:

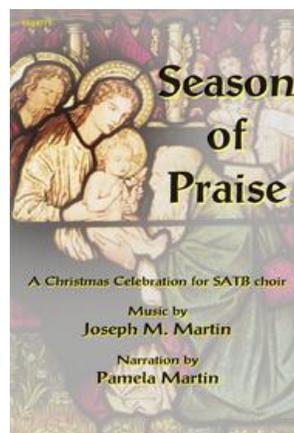
- Sunday, Nov. 11 -- Edwardsville St. Johns UMC, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 12 -- Jacksonville Grace UMC, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov. 15 -- Marion First UMC, 7 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, Nov. 17 -- Chatsworth UMC, 10 a.m. to noon
- Sunday, Nov. 18 -- Peoria First UMC, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 19 -- Arthur UMC, 6 to 8 p.m.

If you are planning to attend one of the General Conference briefing sessions, Bishop Beard is asking that you register in advance as a courtesy to our venue host. We are wanting to have adequate seating for those wanting to attend

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8:00 am – Noon Friday*



The combined choirs of the Manteno United Methodist and Manteno Presbyterian Churches will present the Christmas Cantata, *Season of Praise* on December 2 at the Methodist Church at the 10:30 Service and again on the 9th at the Presbyterian Church at 10:30! See you there!

A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE METHODIST CHURCH IN HONDURAS



TODD TUCKER, JAMES INGOLD, TIM BYRNE,
RONNIE JONES AND CLAY MARTIN

Singing Southern Gospel favorites

from Bill Gaither and Ernie Haase & Signature Sound



SUNDAY

November 18, 2018 at 6:30 PM
Wesley United Methodist Church

502 East Front Street • Bloomington, Illinois

FREE ADMISSION: A freewill offering will be taken with all proceeds going to support the construction costs of the United Methodist Church and Conference Center in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

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“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength!” Philippians 4:13

Here it comes again—another whirlwind of special days, a season of remembering, giving thanks, and giving gifts. And finally, it leads to the beginning of the next year—2019: how did we get here so fast?

Whoa! I want to say, “Slow down the time!” Even though I know the clock doesn’t tick any faster than it did 20 or 30 years ago, it can seem like it! Maybe we want to slow down the clock when we have a list as long as an arm of things to get done. You may have heard the saying, “The Lord put me on this earth to accomplish certain specific things. Right now, I’m so far behind I will never die!”

Yet, sometimes the clock does seem to tick too slowly. When we were kids it was because we couldn’t wait for Christmas to come! But for grown-ups, time slows down when we go through hard times. I think especially of people who pass many hours and days alone. You never know the difference you can make by reaching out with a phone call or a loving-kindness to someone who is lonely.

I’m glad “The Holiday Season” always begins with the spirit of giving thanks. In the church, we begin November this year with a Celebration Sunday, to give thanks for the way our church makes a difference in our community and the world. Even as we each

consider our “Estimate of Giving”, let this grow out of gratitude that our giving expands when it is combined with the gifts of United Methodists and Christians around the world!

As we move toward the end of 2018, we may not know what the future holds, but we know that our loving and grace-filled God will be there with us! Thank you, God, for the promise of your presence and your Spirit, in every minute, hour, day, and year!

Amen.



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November 4: Celebration of Ministries of Our Church, Ken Miller preaching

November 11: Veterans Day: “Thanking a Veteran” Hebrews 9:24-28 {**One Service at 9:30**}

November 18: Thanksgiving Sunday: “Open Your Eyes!” Luke 17:11-19

November 25: “Jesus Reigns, Not King or President!” John 18:33-40; Luke 21:25-36

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Moments With Miles

Well, it's been a busy month in Manteno, Illinois, my hometown, out there amidst the rapidly disappearing corn and bean fields. The annual fall harvest is in full swing with 82% of the corn already in and 74% of the beans. Take a drive out into the country these days and you will be amazed at the vast vistas that open before you now that the fields are empty. You can literally see for miles. It inspires awe; at least it does for me.

Since we have had several frosts, the trees have changed their color and a profusion of red and gold against azure blue skies can be seen everywhere. It's a beautiful time of year. Even though we are experiencing some moderate temperatures currently, I'm proud to say I have almost all of my garden winterization done.

Speaking of frost, boy was I ever wrong on my last month's prediction! But I'm still holding on to my forecast of flaky white stuff by Thanksgiving. In any case, for you *Game of Thrones* fans out there, allow me to quote: "Winter is coming!"

If you recall, last month I wrote about we as Christians accomplishing more by working together in fellowship. Proof positive of that could be seen at our annual Swiss Steak Supper. I don't have the exact figures, but I do know that we served over 500 dinners that night. 500...just pause and let that sink in for a moment.

With Thanksgiving rapidly approaching, many of you know what it takes to prepare a full Thanksgiving meal for your family and loved ones. It's an all day job to be ready to serve a group of family and friends numbering anywhere between four and twenty. A 12 to 20 pound turkey or ham; stuffing or mashed potatoes, or both; vegetables; salads; pies and deserts all must be ready at the same time. It's a daunting task.

Now let me throw a couple of numbers at you: 415 pounds of meat and 20 gallons of gravy. That's what we as a church, working together accomplished at the Swiss Steak Supper. I use those numbers because that's what I know. I can't even imagine the pounds of potatoes, vegetables, the vast variety of salads, or the huge number of pies that were also a part of our dinner. Add to that the gallons upon gallons of drinks, serving, set up and clean up, and our fantastic Bake Sale. Imagine one person, or even ten trying to prepare that amount of food and accomplish that much work. It would be impossible.

And yet, as a church, brought together by our love of God and our Savior, Jesus Christ, we can accomplish this seemingly impossible task. For as it says in Ephesians, chapter 2 verse 10: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works."

Together, in Christian fellowship, we are unstoppable! Praise the Lord!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	2	3
4 Daylight Saving Time Ends Youth Group – 4pm	5 Bible Study – 7pm	6 Election Day	7 Diwali Yoga – 9am Men’s Bible Study – 6pm	8 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	9	10
11 Veterans Day	12 Veterans Day (Observed) Bible Study – 7pm	13	14 Yoga – 9am Men’s Bible Study – 6pm	15 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	16	17
18	19 Bible Study – 7pm	20	21 Yoga – 9am Men’s Bible Study – 6pm Choir – 6:30 Bells – 7:30	22 Thanksgiving Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	23	24
25	26 Bible Study – 7pm	27	28 Yoga – 9am Men’s Bible Study – 6pm Choir – 6:30 Bells – 7:30	29 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	30	