



# The Parish Print

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The **United Methodist Women** hosted the spring district meeting on April 27. It was a celebration of 150 yrs. of United Methodist Women. Eight women in Boston started the organization 150 yrs. ago. It was a wonderful day of fellowship. If you have



noticed the tree in the narthex, the names hanging on the tree are women who have been mentors or important ladies in our current members lives. Methodist women strive to develop a creative,

supportive fellowship and expand concepts of missions throughout the world. We want to thank all of you for your generous donations through the year that help us to support our missions.

There will not be a meeting on May 7 as that will be our spring banquet. Our next

gathering will be June 4 at 6pm in the fellowship hall.

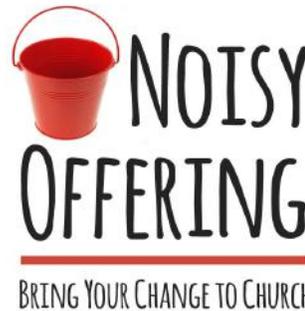
We have invited the UMW ladies from Bradley Wesley and Kankakee Trinity to join us. It will be a potluck and a fun night of fellowship. Ladies please come and join us. Bring a dish to share. We will furnish drinks and place settings.

**MUMS** will be meeting in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, May 15th at 12 O'clock for a "Picnic" lunch. Our hosts are Miles and Sue Turner and they will be grilling hamburgers. Please sign on the clip board if you are going to come. Bring a dish to share and a dollar to cover expenses.



## Sunday School

On Sunday May 19th the children will be doing the 9:00 a.m. church service. They will also be doing a noisy offering.



This is the last Sunday of the regular Sunday school year. During the summer church

service there will be a one room Sunday school for children up to 5th grade.

Regular Sunday school will resume at 9:00 a.m. on September 8th. Have a wonderful summer.

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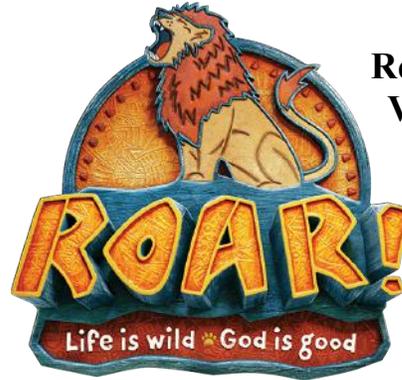
## Supplies Needed

If you have any Lego's or blocks the Sunday school

could borrow for the summer, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Terry Daly, 815-468-8165.

Thank you very much.



## Register now for Vacation Bible School!

June 9th - June 13th  
6:00-8:00pm

<https://forms.gle/uWAWxgUntpLXEiBD9>

## Vacation Bible School Volunteers Wanted!

We need you to volunteer for a fun-filled week of Vacation Bible School!

Sign up on the clipboard or here:

<https://forms.gle/ZChLWSEMrFdP6MBe8>



## HELP WANTED

Seeking an Individual to Prepare the Communion Table

When: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month (both service 9:00 am & 10:30 am)

(only one time during the Summer Services)

Description: Purchase bread for communion and to break, purchase juice and gluten free crackers. (You can be reimbursed on these expenses, just keep the receipts for the church)

Cut bread to place in communion tray

Pour juice into (2) Chalices

Place gluten free crackers on dish

Place bread to break on dish

Clean-up is required after last service and storing communion supplies.

*1 Chronicles 29:9 - The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly.*

Contact: Jeanine Lauridsen, Worship Team Chair at (815) 383-9181 or Rev. Joy Schlesselman at (309) 256-1316.



The church is selling gift cards again. Place an order online or get an order form in the church office.

Join us in raising money for our church simply by using gift cards where you're already shopping. It's easy, rewarding, and fits perfectly into your busy life.

Start earning today:

1. Join by creating an account on [MyScripWallet.com](http://MyScripWallet.com) OR [ShopWithScrip.com](http://ShopWithScrip.com).

2. Enter our enrollment code: L8FL41D863681

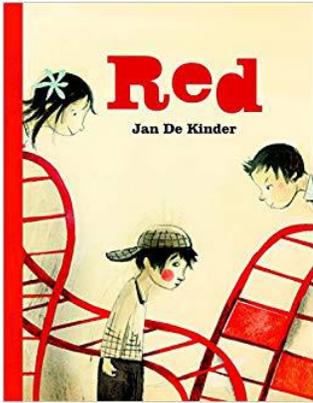
3. Link your bank account to enroll in online payments and place your first order.

Contact Jenny Stawick by text at 815-468-0057 if you have any questions.

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## BOOK REVIEW

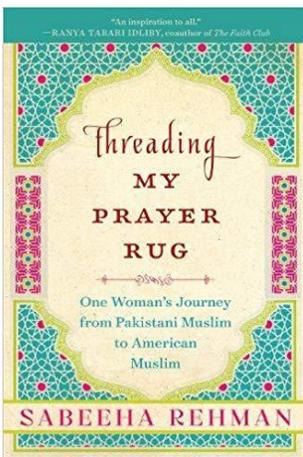
**Leadership and Development** *Red* by Jan De Kinder.



In this poignant story, a girl finds it funny when her classmate starts blushing on the school playground. Her friends laugh along with her, but one student takes the teasing too far. Torn

between her sympathy for her classmate and her fear of the bully, the girl must make a difficult choice. This heartfelt book will inspire readers to find the courage to take a stance against bullying and show compassion toward others.

**Education for Mission** *Threading My Prayer Rug - One Woman's Journey from Pakistani Muslim to American Muslim* by Jake McGlothlin.



*Threading My prayer Rug* is a richly textured reflection on what it is to be a Muslim in America today. Beginning with a sweetly funny moving account of her arranged marriage, the author undercuts stereotypes and offers

a refreshing view of an American life through Muslim eyes.



The Outreach Committee would like to invite you to become a summer greeter. We are planning on trying a different way to say good

morning this summer.

Please see myself, a member of the Outreach Committee, or the church office for more details.

Thanks, Lale Schram



**Link for Church Giving:**

[www.aplos.com/aws/give/MantenoUnitedMethodistChurch/general](http://www.aplos.com/aws/give/MantenoUnitedMethodistChurch/general)

The screenshot shows the donation page for Manteno United Methodist Church. It includes a 'Your Information' section with fields for First Name, Last Name, and Email. Below that is a 'Donation' section with buttons for \$50, \$100, and \$250, and a 'DONATE NOW' button. There are also options for 'One Time Gift' or 'Recurring' and a 'Purpose' dropdown menu.

# Pastor's Page

If you didn't see me the end of April and beginning of May, I was in Belleville, Illinois, for the 5-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation. The theme of the week was: "Peace-ing Together a Broken World." Our first morning speaker, Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, from the Wisconsin Conference, clarified that what we are doing is Peace-ing Together IN a Broken World. We are limited people and we have a lot of brokenness in the world, but we have a role and responsibility, as people of faith, to do the work of peace. It begins with us.

But none of us is expected to make peace alone. The Academy for Spiritual Formation intentionally creates a small community for these 5 days, worshiping, praying, listening together. I have been through Academies before, and although the experience is short term, I go away still feeling that I am a part of a community greater than myself.

Being together means we can help each other. We can represent Christ to each other. We can hear, listen, and really see each other. We can welcome each other, and welcome ALL of who we are, welcome the parts of us that we don't even want to welcome in ourselves! And we can pause to receive the welcome that God, in God's true Self, is giving us in this moment, in this place.

The Academy was held at the King's House Retreat Center, at just the right time! We were surrounded by amazing flowering pink and white dogwood trees! Together they make a breath-taking impression—so much beauty! How can you not believe in a

loving God, creating these flowers and trees for the sheer joy of those who see them—and also for the benefit of the environment?! It occurred to me that I am like just one of those flowers on just one tree. I have a purpose and a role, but the great beauty comes when what I have to offer is joined TOGETHER with others! Each flower is fragile and temporary. But the tree will continue to come back each spring, bringing more flowers, which together will inspire, as well as offer oxygen into the atmosphere. Even after the most frigid of winters!!

The Christian faith was not intended to be lived alone! And with the world in the shape it's in, we have a lot of work to do to bring peace, hope, grace and love to the places where it is needed. And wherever you are, that's where peace is needed! So, be all of who God created and intended you to be. In other words, we are each and ALL intended to allow Christ to live and work in us. Thank goodness, although we do live in a broken world, we are together making a difference... because God is working in us and through us!

Bless you! Rev. Joy

### Sermons for May:

**May 5:** Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30: Saul encounters the Lord.

**May 12:** "My sheep listen to my voice." Acts 9:36-43; John 10:22-30; Psalm 23:

**May 19:** "I am the Alpha and the Omega." Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Revelation 21:1-6:

**May 26:** "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67; Rev. 21:10-22:5; John 14:23-29:

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## Moments With Miles

Well, it's been a quiet month in Manteno, Illinois, my hometown, out there amidst the soggy corn and bean fields. It's definitely springtime in our part of the Land of Lincoln; wet and cold. Things are starting to green up, early flowers are in bloom, lawns have been mowed once or twice, and we are all stuck inside because it's chilly and raining. Easter has come with our joy at the risen Lord, and area farmers are starting to get out into the fields. Not right now, of course, because it's too wet. But be prepared, soon farm equipment will be out on the roads in force – be safe out there folks, and give our farmers some patients while driving. Oh, and a safe planting to all of our farmers!

I've been thinking a lot about what I wrote last month, about not quitting. And the more I think about it the more I believe that it is a broader issue. One of the challenges we have in the Christian Church today is low attendance. I think it's because so many view church as a place you go to sit and just listen for an hour each Sunday. But church is so much more than that. If you stop and think about those members of our church that really seem the happiest to be there, you'll discover that it's the ones who are most involved, the ones that are there doing things other than just for an hour on Sunday, the ones who have a job to do, a job that makes a difference. One of the advantages of having a job or responsibility

in the church is that you get to see and have Christian fellowship a lot more often with your fellow members. And we have some of the neatest people doing things at our church. And I can tell you, it's a lot of fun to see them more than just for an hour on Sunday. I'll give you an example: There is a lovely lady in our church I like to refer to as Mrs. Smiley (not her real name). You can't be in her presence for more than 30 seconds before you are smiling too. And she is one of the busiest people I know in our church. Why is she so happy? I believe it's because she knows that the work she does at our church makes a difference.

We all want to feel that we make a difference that what we do is important. Want to make a difference? Give an hour to the church.

Now I know, life is busy. There are so many things we all need to do everyday. But I'm not talking about every day. I'm talking about just another hour or so each week. If you combine an hour on Sunday and just one more hour during the week doing something for our church, we're still only talking about 1% of your whole week. And that 1% can make a huge difference in your life and in the life of the church and the people in it. Just think, if everyone gave just 1% of his or her time to the church, there is nothing we couldn't accomplish.

Let me end with this warning, if you do give that extra hour to the church, you're going to like the way you feel. It feels good making a difference. You might end up giving more than 1% - but that's a good thing too!

Till next month, my friends...

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Yoga – 9am Blood Drive -2-6pm Men's Bible Study – 6pm Choir – 6:30 Bells – 7:30	2 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	3	4
5 Cinco de Mayo Impact Student Program – 1-4:15pm	6 Foundation Board -5pm Bible Study – 7pm	7 Ladies' Dinner – 6pm	8 Yoga – 9am VBS Meeting – 11:30am Men's Bible Study – 6pm Choir – 6:30 Bells – 7:30	9 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13 Bible Study – 7pm	14 AD Council – 7pm	15 Yoga – 9am MUMS – Noon Men's Bible Study – 6pm Choir – 6:30 Bells – 7:30	16 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	17	18
19 Youth Sunday	20 Bible Study – 7pm	21 Outreach Team – 2pm Parish Print Articles Due	22 Men's Bible Study – 6pm	23 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	24	25
26	27 Bible Study – 7pm	28	29 Men's Bible Study – 6pm	30 Ladies Bible Study – 9am Praise Band – 6:30pm	31	