

June 2018

# GoodNews

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## VBS ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE



**Experience the ride of a lifetime with God!**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 18 through June 21 ~ 5:50-8:00 pm

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Please talk to Heather Briscoe if you would like to help or have any questions.

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**DECORATORS NEEDED!** Wednesdays through June 13th, 7-8:30 pm.

# Grace Notes

## *James' Advice*

Summer schedule is different. School is out. We take vacations. We get out of our routine. All that is good. I want us all to remember that what remains constant is God even as we have a different schedule.

James, the reported “brother of the Lord” and a leader of the church in Jerusalem, writes this Wisdom literature-style letter to the early followers of Christ on how to reflect God in their lives. Pay close attention to the last verses when he tells us to pray with open hearts and “say a quiet yes to God” and kneel humbly before God, that we “get on our feet.” This is from James 3:13-14:10, the Message version.

### **Live Well, Live Wisely**

Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here's what you do: Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It's the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts. Mean-spirited ambition isn't wisdom. Boasting that you are wise isn't wisdom. Twisting the truth to make yourselves sound wise isn't wisdom. It's the furthest thing from wisdom—it's animal cunning, devilish conniving. Whenever you're trying to look better than others or get the better of others, things fall apart and everyone ends up at the others' throats.

Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.

### **Get Serious**

Where do you think all these appalling wars and quarrels come from? Do you think they just happen? Think again. They come about because you want your own way, and fight for it deep inside yourselves. You lust for what you don't have and are willing to kill to get it. You want what isn't yours and will risk violence to get your hands on it.

You wouldn't think of just asking God for it, would you? And why not? Because you know you'd be asking for what you have no right to. You're spoiled children, each wanting your own way.

You're cheating on God. If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and his way. And do you suppose God doesn't care? The proverb has it that “he's a fiercely jealous lover.” And what he gives in love is far better than anything else you'll find. It's common knowledge that “God goes against the willful proud; God gives grace to the willing humble.”

So let God work his will in you. Yell a loud no to the Devil and watch him scamper. Say a

quiet yes to God and he'll be there in no time. Quit dabbling in sin. Purify your inner life. Quit playing the field. Hit bottom, and cry your eyes out. The fun and games are over. Get serious, really serious. Get down on your knees before the Master; it's the only way you'll get on your feet.

*Stay faithful to  
God as God remains faithful to us.*

*Happy Summer!  
Pastor Grace*

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **JUNE 10TH**

**A Special Treat for our Children**

Co-Author, Dionne Celebre, will read her book "Patches" during worship. "Patches" is a children's book on diversity, authored by Claudia Conti and Dionne Celebre, and illustrated by D. Nicki Isabella-Conti

Be sure to attend with your family and have your children bring their friends!



By Claudia Conti and Dionne Celebre  
Illustrated by D. Nicki Isabella-Conti

## *Prayer Request*



Tiegan Smart  
Mary Jensen

Melodies of Compassion in May will go to WILDFIRE! Wesley's 2018 Youth Mission Trip.

To keep our list updated, we will remove names after 30 days. Please notify the office to place/re-place a name on the list. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

Please pray for these South East District Churches in June:

- June 4-10 Oconomowoc/Watertown Regional Ministry (Oconomowoc: Good Shepherd and 202 members, Watertown: Christ and 267, Johnson Creek and 24, Concord and 25, Sullivan and 13 members). Pastors Dan Fahs, Jeff Meyer and Jonathan Loomis.
- June 11-17 Ordfoordville New Horizon UMC. Pastor Jorge Ochoa and 206 members
- June 18-24 Palmyra Pleasant Valley. Pastor Tsuker Yang and 142 members
- June 25-July 1 Pewaukee Gethsemane. Pastor Pete Peterson and 356 members.

## BY EVETTE WINT . . .

I had grown up as a nominal Christian. My family observed all the Christian traditions. I could never go to bed at nights without praying the “Our Father,” neither was I allowed to be absent from Sunday School. Church was compulsory for us. I understood Christianity to be synonymous with good behavior. I taught Sunday School at church in my teenage years and did all the right things a Christian should do.

Then I moved away from home after finishing high school and got caught up in the ungodly things and found myself slowly drifting away from God. I stopped attending church and began partying. The older I grew the more distant from God I became. As my life was developing, I seemed to have everything a young person could think of. I got married and had a son at the age of 22 years.

Two years later, I got the opportunity to migrate to the U.S. I thought it was my opportunity to bigger things I was missing in my life. But after I arrived, reality hit me. I arrived in the middle of winter, much different from the warm climate I was accustomed to. Life was hard and I became pregnant again with my second child. But already in two years I was totally worn out from boredom because I couldn't drive and so it was difficult for me to get a decent job. More over, the feeling of being alone in a foreign country was like a stone in my heart. I felt even more lost than when I left my home country.

After the birth of my second child, I decided to go back to school to get a job in the health care field. I finished college and graduated. I got a job working the night shift and my husband did day shifts so that he could stay with the kids at night.

Coming home from work one night, my vision became blurred and I could barely see the road. Fortunately, I was able to make it home. I did not hesitate to see the optician the following morning to have my eyes examined. Upon examination, the doctor discovered a tumor on my optical nerve in my brain. What transpired next was a hellish nightmare for my family and me. I was referred to a neurologist and upon further tests, I was told that I had to have surgery immediately. If not for the intervention of God Almighty, I would not be writing this testimony.

My sister from my home country flew in to take care of my immediate family and be at my bedside. I spent twenty one days in the hospital after ten hours of gruesome surgery. When I woke up and found out I was alive, I realized that I had better start listening to God and thank him for sparing me.

I stayed at home for two months and in that time I experienced the closest fellowship



with God that I have ever known, just by myself in my bedroom. I decided to find my way back home to God. I found myself back in my church and my healing slowly began. I just depended on him and there was no going back.

I went back to work at the hospital. I have now worked in the same job for sixteen years, to the glory of God, and I am going from strength to strength, as God is still at work and will continue to do great and mighty things in my life. I am not perfect; I still sin because we are, after all, human, but trusting Jesus and his abundance of grace perfects us and washes our sin. Every trial that he makes us go through is to teach us to be a better person and to glorify his name when you see the miracles he does in your life. Everything he does will always turn out to be sweet in the end. Put your trust in him. Everything belongs to him. He will do great things. Let Christ be the center of your life.

**GRADUATE RECOGNITION**  
**SUNDAY ~ June 10th**  
**Pre-School, Elementary, Middle,**  
**High, College, or Higher**  
**Education**

Wesley would like to acknowledge our 2018 graduates. If you are graduating this year from High School or higher education, please contact the church office [rbrown@kenoshawesley.org](mailto:rbrown@kenoshawesley.org)

Information we would like to know: school graduating from, school attending in the fall, degree earned, job found, etc.

Also, we would like to recognize those who are passing on from Elementary and Middle School levels. Please contact the office and let us know.



**LEARNING OUR FAITH**  
**Summer Learning Sessions**  
**Wednesday Evenings 6:30 pm**

Join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 during June and July for “*Learning Our Faith*” summer learning sessions. Each week will bring various topics of discovery and discussion.

Topics to include:

- Prayer / Public and Private
- John Wesley
- What it means to be a Methodist
- Everyday Witnessing

Topics will be announced in Sunday bulletins.

# Happy Birthday!



- 3 Margaret Christian
- 8 Tyler Shircel
- 10 John Khoury
- 11 Virginia Roders
- 17 Robin Brandt  
Pete Krystowiak
- 18 Cora Shircel
- 19 Kelly Euler
- 20 Isaiah Frieri
- 21 Marna Frank
- 25 Elise Valentine
- 26 Valerie Guilbert
- 28 Dennis Koehler
- 30 Janet Truax

## LAST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE SHALOM FOOD PANTRY



We were able to deliver 116 pounds of food to the Shalom Food Pantry at the end of April. Thanks to all who contributed! Be creative for June. Can you think of things that might be used to create a picnic lunch? Yum!



**United  
Methodist  
Women**

The United Methodist Women Circle will meet at the church at 9:00 am on June 5th. Terry Miller and Alyceann Stevenson will be our hostesses.

Please be prepared to share with the group a favorite vacation you have had.



Wesley volunteers served 35 people a delicious bowl of turkey orzo with spring vegetable soup. In addition to soup, we served chicken with mushroom gravy and mashed potatoes, asparagus, sandwiches, salad, fruit, donuts, coffee and juice to all in attendance.

Thanks to Margie Kugler for preparing the soup and Andrew Hansen for bringing and heating the soup. Sandwiches were made by Dodie Smith and Elaine and Autumn Rust. Those who served were Elaine and Autumn, Pete and Eli Krystowiak, Dodie Smith, Andrew Hansen and Bill Thureau.

Thank you to all for taking part of your Saturday night to demonstrate what it means to be a member of Wesley UMC.

Wesley's next serving date at the Shalom Soup Kitchen is Saturday, June 2nd.

## **WiFi LUNCH**

What a great nine months we have had with our WiFi lunches. We had some great home cooked meals, delicious side dishes and luscious desserts. Our speakers have been entertaining and informative.

A special thank you to Margie Kugler and Margo Fegley for all of the cooking and planning, and Renee Strupp for finding and scheduling our program speakers. Looking forward to September when we start up again.

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand. We will work with each other, we will work side by side. And we know we are Christians by our love.*

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## **MELODIES OF COMPASSION WILDFIRE! 2018 YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

### **WILDFIRE! Includes Worship Opportunities**

Each day the group will begin with a worship service for all the participants. Following the worship they will break into small groups to do mission work throughout the Superior, Wisconsin area. The participants are also encouraged to engage in personal devotional time. In the evening while at recreational areas there are evening worship services. This gives time for the youth to worship, bond, work, and create friendships together – all while growing deeper spiritually.

### **WILDFIRE! Recreational Areas:**

Listed below are sites where the youth can spend evenings relaxing and socializing:

#### **Welcoming Cookout**

**Touring Duluth Minnesota's Canal Park:** This park contains the unique Aerial Lift Bridge, a 4.2 mile long lake walk, a lighthouse pier, the Lake Superior Maritime Visitor Center, the Great Lakes Aquarium, as well as the William A. Irvin floating ship museum.

**Amnicon Falls State Park:** This Park is about 15 miles east of the city of Superior. It features a series of delightful waterfalls and rapids along the Amnicon River. You can view them from a covered wooden footbridge or from the trails along the river. The waterfalls were created by a geological formation named the Douglas Fault.

**Touring Enger Lookout Tower:** This 80 foot tower is located atop Enger Hill in Enger Park located in Duluth, Minnesota. It was constructed in 1939 as a five story blue stone observatory above Lake Superior at an elevation of 531 feet. It is topped by a green beacon that can be seen for miles. It provides perhaps the best scenic overview of the city.

#### **Ropes Course and Rock Wall at University of Wisconsin – Superior**

### **WILDFIRE! Housing**

A church several blocks away provides two buildings for male and female housing. Shower facilities for the youth are at UW-Superior Wellness Center. Since they are group showers you can bring a swimsuit. Adult chaperones have the option of showering at Faith UMC.



## **JUNE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

### **Ushers**

- 3 Terry Miller, Stella Guadalupe  
10 Evette Wint, Marna Frank  
17 Paul & Margo Fegley  
24 Margaret Christian, Karen Lindsey

### **Liturgists**

- 3 Pete Krystowiak  
10 Paul Fegley  
17 Christie Hansen  
24 Alan Mulroy

### **Readers**

- 3 Eli Krystowiak  
10 Andrew Hansen  
17 Alicia Holliday  
24 Anthony Holliday

### **Acolytes**

- 3 Candice Briscoe  
10 Abigail Ricchio  
17 Ava Hansen  
24 Autumn Rust

### **Communion Stewards**

- 3 Julie Brouton, Margie Kugler  
Margaret Christian, Kim Sekas

### **Counters**

- 3 Gale Thompson, Lana Frank-Krause  
10 Donna Jones, Jill Misurelli  
17 Kan Kugler, Paul Fegley  
24 Bill Thurau, Mary Brooks



### **JUNE**

- 3 Valentine & Briscoe Families  
10 Sylvia Bahling, Alyceann Stevenson,  
Bob Dorsey  
17 Sid & Mary Brooks, Bob & Beth Conn  
24 Kelly Euler, Paul & Val Guilbert

### **JULY**

- 1 Len & Alice Hill  
8 Karen Steege, Janet Truax,  
Betty Wolf & Host  
15 Jill Misurelli, Donna Misurelli  
22 Phil & Atha Atkinson  
John & Janie Khoury  
29 Christie & Andrew Hansen Family

### **AUGUST**

- 5 Joan Hall, Joy Delwiche, Dodie Smith  
12 Margaret Christian, Karen Lindsey  
19 Trisha Cannon, Denise Shircel  
26 Terry Miller, Luanne Lindow

### **\*PLEASE NOTE:**

#### ***Coffee hour is served 8:00-10:30***

If you are unable to host on your scheduled day, we would appreciate it if you would find a replacement or contact the office. Thank you.

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**The People of the  
United Methodist Church  
JUNE 2018**

Sunday Worship: 9:00  
Sunday School: 9:00-10:15  
Sunday Adult Studies: 8:00 & 10:30  
Hospitality: 8:00-10:30  
Wednesday Evening Prayer 6:30 pm  
  
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