

Racine UMC Newsletter

401 East Main Street, Racine, MN 55967

October 2023

Seasons of Life
By Kathy Hawkins

The seasons of time go sailing through the years
From tiny babes to grown adults leaving us looking in the mirror

The first day of pre-school has come with much
trepidation

Allowing parents practice in the skills of negotiation

Hiding behind the legs of nervous mom and dad
A toddler leaving behind the only life they ever had

As the child grows in stature and in questioning mind
The walls of elementary school fills their time

Learning to read, write, and solve problems in math
Nights of doing flashcards instead of splashing in the bath

Middle school sneaks up in an intimidating way
Switching teachers for classes and finding the locker at
the end of the day

Physical education classes that cause all to sweat when
we run with speed

Learning the rules and moves of the games we chose to
soon succeed

High school comes with a drivers license and activities
galore

While family watches from the bleachers, auditorium, and
behind the stage door

Sports, band, choir, drama, clubs, and leagues we partake
Means sharing a car and giving the daily schedule a shake

On to college, vocational school, or a job to give us
direction

Our friends from school days we remember with great
affection

No matter the path our life takes or intersections that
come along

The seasons of life for each of us is different and helps
make us strong

The gears continue to turn as our age grows with each
dawn

Cherish those times and friends you made from days
bygone

As the wheels on the bus continue to go round and round
Keep reaching for the stars as there are limitless bounds



OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

Worship on Sundays:
In Sanctuary at 8:30am
&
Racine UMC Facebook
Page
FM Radio 89.7 @8:30am
Pastoral Support Team

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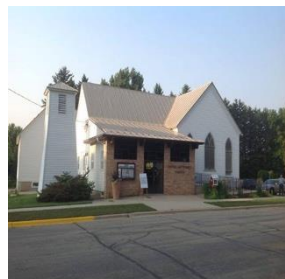
Racine UMC Office hours
Thursdays
5-7pm
Office Phone: 507-378-4801

Grace and Peace in the name of Jesus Christ:

If you have items you would like to be published in the newsletter, please contact our church secretary, Norma Kenning, by the 3rd Thursday of the preceding month by emailing your information

to: Racine UMC

(rsucmc@hmtel.com) Or by bringing your information to Norma during office hours (Thursdays, 5-7)



The light of God remains to shine bright in the community of Racine only by your generous giving heart! If you would like to donate a gift,

you may send donations to the address above or deliver it in person during Sunday morning worship services.

Calendar of Events

(Subject to change and/or be added to as the need arises)

October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 am Worship 	2 Food Shelf 9-11 am	3	4	5 Food Shelf 6-8 pm	6	7
8 8:30 am Worship 	9 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day Food Shelf 9-11 am	10 Ad Council Meeting 6:30pm	11	12 Food Shelf 6-8 pm	13	14
15 8:30 am Worship 	16 Food Shelf 9-11 am	17	18	19 Food Shelf 6-8 pm	20	21
22 8:30 am Worship 	23 Food Shelf 9-11 am	24	25	26 Food Shelf 6-8 pm	27	28
29 8:30 am Worship 	30 Food Shelf 9-11 am	31 		Friends and family of all ages are invited to stop by the Racine UMC on Halloween night from 5-7pm for community woodfire oven pizza and Ice Cream. Plus some fun activities for the kids!		

October Worship Schedule

World Communion Sunday

October 1, 2023

Pastor Bridget Leading



How do we deal with conflict? Well, we can go down the all too familiar route of quarreling and testing which are common human experiences and we in the church certainly do not claim freedom from that. Or we can find our way to common ground through the love for others that we have been taught. The parable today from Matthew asks us to pay attention to whether our words match our deeds. Do we live out the faith that we profess? Do we approach even those with whom we disagree with grace and love?

19th Sunday of Pentecost

October 8, 2023

Pastor Jon Leading

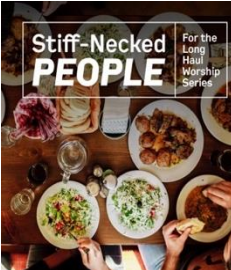


How do we view the commandments? We honor them; we treasure them; we wish there was more obedience to them in the world out there. But do we see them as descriptive of our lives? Rather than seeing them as normative to everyone, what if we decided to see them as something we chose to be the guide for our lives? And what if we wanted to move from beyond the letter of this law into the spirit, what might that look like?

20th Sunday of Pentecost

October 15, 2023

Pastor Jon Leading



Stiff-necked is one of those descriptions that we don't use nearly enough. Our focus this week might seem harsh. It might also lead us to point fingers at those out there or over there who are stiff-necked. Rarely do we realize that we are the ones in need of a neck massage. To be honest we are some of those who make light of the invitation at times; we are those who attend but don't bring our wedding garment, don't enter into the spirit of the call to discipleship. We are often halfhearted at best. So, today let our worship be our opportunity to reengage, to recommit to the journey of discipleship.

21st Sunday of Pentecost

October 22, 2023

Renee Wilson Leading

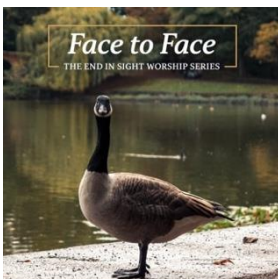


We are a pilgrim people; we have a destination in mind as we move forward in our journey of faith. It may seem at times that we are just wandering aimlessly, doing our best to stay clean in an increasingly messy world. But the deeper truth is that we are heading somewhere. We are on a quest toward the kingdom of God. Sometimes we call it a kin-dom as a reminder that this is a corporate journey; it is a community vision. But whatever we call it, it is the vision that Jesus shared again and again with images both powerful and subtle.

22nd Sunday of Pentecost

October 29, 2023

Guest Speaker



Today We continue to envision what it would be like to live in the kin-dom of God as a community of faith. But this week, we focus on the doing. It is important for us to understand that loving God and loving neighbor is not about cultivating attitudes or about generating feelings or emotions.



October EVENTS

Tuesday, October 31st

Racine UMC will host their annual
Spooktacular Community Halloween Event
Stop in and enjoy-Woodfire Oven Pizza
Ice Cream

Fun activities for all the little goblins
5-7pm



We would like to extend our appreciation to the Lions club for their very generous donation of 524 pounds of nonperishable food items to the Racine Food shelf. It is a blessing to have community working together for all our members.



Wykoff Community Clothing Drive



Wykoff United Methodist Church

CLOTHING DRIVE and GIVEAWAY

at

WYKOFF COMMONS

(Former School Building, 201 W. Bartlett Street)

Saturday, Oct. 21 & Saturday, Oct. 28

10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

and

Wednesday, Oct. 25

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

CLOTHING COLLECTION DATES AND TIMES

Thursday, Oct. 12

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 13

1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Drop off at Wykoff Commons

or

Clothing pickup available

Call 507-346-1056

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BROWNSDALE UMC

ANNUAL CHICKEN BISQUIT DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH

4:30 -7PM

Upcoming Conference Opportunities

ConneXion Retreat on MNsource: Self-paced, online. Are you a lay person looking for support in naming and claiming your call? The ConneXion Retreat experience is now available on MNsource for those who haven't attended an in-person retreat.

Website: www.mnsource.org

Orientation to Interim Ministry: Sept. 28, 10-11 a.m., online. This is for any clergy curious about, or called to, this unique form of ministry. Experienced interim pastors will share about interim ministry training, discuss lessons learned, and answer your questions.

Writing and Leading Prayers for Worship: Oct. 10, 17, and 24, 7-8 p.m., first two sessions online, last optional session at Richfield UMC, Minneapolis. Laity, learn how to write and lead prayers for your church and brush up on public speaking skills in this workshop led by Rev. Nate Melcher. Website: www.minnesotaumc.org

Lay Speaker Certification Series: Nov. 3, 10, and 17, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., online. Have you attended a ConneXion Retreat and feel ready to take the next step in your ministry? Begin this certification process so you can preach and provide pulpit supply beyond your local church. Website:

Walk to Emmaus: Men's Walk, Oct. 26-29; Women's Walk, Nov. 2-5; Lakeview Methodist Healthcare Center, Fairmont. Experience Christian spiritual renewal and formation. Meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

"Gray Area Thinking®" Inclusivity Training: Nov. 5, 6-8 p.m., St. Francis UMC. Attend this free diversity and inclusion training by Ellie Krug. Learn about building a just and inclusive world and fostering positive change.

If you are interested in any of the above opportunities, you may contact your Pastor or the Laurie Huston of the district office at: msgs-mnumc-2107@brtapp.com





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HALLOWEEN
HAUNTED

JACK O LANTERN
MONSTER
OCTOBER
PUMPKIN
SCARY
SKELETON
SPIDER

SPOOKY
TOMBSTONE
TREAT
TRICK
VAMPIRE
WITCH
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Our mission is
to make disciples
of Jesus Christ for
the transformation
of the world

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 am in person
Online
Radio 89.7 FM

Church Website

<https://www.umcracinemn.org>



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