

October 2020

Racine UMC Newsletter

401 East Main St., Racine, Mn 55967

Worship: Sundays

Church Parking Lot Service @9am (beginning October 11th)



Online Worship Services available
through Racine UMC Facebook Page or via email

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

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Pastors Notes... *When I was young, I just loved the change of summer season into fall. Oh yes, I mourned those summer days that were behind me but walking out into the crisp fall day always gave me a sense of adventure.*

The neighborhood most days had the aroma of burning leaves. I must say the smell of burning leaves to this day brings a comfort and peace to my soul. I would jump on my bike and off through our little town I would go in search of a friend to spend the day with.

Soon we would be back in my yard together and grabbing a couple of racks and on to the project of making leaf houses. My folks always put out fall décor in the yard and I just loved it! My Dad would resurrect the "Old Witch" he had constructed out of rod iron and we would dress her in the perfect witchy outfit. She would stand in front of her cauldron stirring her brew with a corn stalk teepee behind her and surrounded by pumpkins. This was the perfect set for us youngsters to create a whole world of imaginary ghosts and goblins, spells and scares. Evening would come and all the neighborhood kids would gather to play kick the can and other games. Friends, fun and a day filled with laughter, those are memories I treasure.

Soon fall turned into winter and winter into spring and the cycle of life continued. So, here we are back to the changing of our seasons. I walked out my door today to the crisp fall air and the smell of my neighbor burning leaves. I couldn't help but feel those old childhood feelings rumbling. "Boy," I thought

"wouldn't it be great to not have a care in the world and just have a day of fun in the fall leaves?" Hmmm..? What is stopping me? Well, I believe my neighbors would think I have gone off the deep end if they drove past and saw me laying in my leaf house starrng up at the sky and giggling all to myself.

Isn't that the sober truth about growing up? We reach a point where we suppress our inward desires of silliness and fun for fear of what others might think of us.

If you could throw caution to the wind, where would your adventures take you? Who would you invite to join you?

Friends, if 2020 has taught us anything it is that our chapters can be changed dramatically. God has a way of stopping us in our tracks and re-directing our attention. Through this year one thing has rang clear to me. Live in the moment and waste not an opportunity to find joy. With that thought - Darn it! I am going to do it!!! I am going in search of my "happy" no matter what others may think. I pray you have the courage to find your happy also!

I encourage us all to change with the season! Let us change from living by others expectations to having the confidence to invite others to join in our adventures. Who knows, we might just have some long deserve fun together.

If you are looking for me, I will be in my leaf house! The door is always open to company.



The Way to Start your Day...

Go outside and face the East and greet the Sun with a blessing, chant or song that you made yourself and keep for early mornings. Do not fret if you do not know how to make a song it is very simple. First, don't try to think what words to use until you're standing there alone. When you feel the Sun, you'll feel the blessing, chant or song too. Just open your heart and release it. You see, a morning needs to be greeted. A new day needs to be honored. It is our responsibility to welcome the Sun and create a good day for it. We must also make a good world for it to live in one day at a time. So, as you rise out of bed tomorrow remember to look to the East and offer your blessing. And if you are very lucky there may be a time when the sky thanks you back with colors of beauty and magic. **Now that's the way to start a day!** *Special thank you to Bonnie Hotopp for sharing this.*

Calendar of Events

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

October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Food Shelf Open 6-7pm ----- Office Hours	2	3
4 Online Worship "Communion"	5	6	7	8 Food Shelf Open 6-7pm ----- Office Hours	9	10
11 Online Worship Church Parking Lot worship @ 9 am	12  Columbus Day	13	14	15 Food Shelf Open 6-7pm ----- Office Hours	16	17
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25 Online Worship Church Parking Lot worship @ 9 am	26	27	28	29 Food Shelf Open 6-7pm ----- Office Hours	30	31  Daylight Savings Weekend! Time to Fall Back

Tips on Reading the Bible Daily

Plan Length: 365 days

Estimated Completion Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2021

Now don't get discouraged! We are in this together.

Third month of daily biblical connection. If you miss a few days no worries, you can catch up at your own pace.

Below is the reading schedule for October

1. Start reading the Bible today -- there is no
2. Set aside a specific time each day. Set your great, but feel free to use any time that works
3. Read the Bible for the sake of learning, not a short prayer to God before you begin, asking understanding, then be refreshed by the words you read!



better time, and there's no reason to wait. schedule and then stick to it. Mornings are consistently for you. simply to accomplish your next reading. Say the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom and

Day 62 - Numbers 30-31; Mark 9:30-50

Day 63 - Numbers 32-33; Mark 10:1-31

Day 64 - Numbers 34-36; Mark 10:32-52

Day 65 - Deuteronomy 1-2; Mark 11:1-19

Day 66 - Deuteronomy 3-4; Mark 11:20-33

Day 67 - Deuteronomy 5-7; Mark 12:1-27

Day 68 - Deuteronomy 8-10; Mark 12:28-44

Day 69 - Deuteronomy 11-13; Mark 13:1-13

Day 70 - Deuteronomy 14-16; Mark 13:14-37

Day 71 - Deuteronomy 17-19; Mark 14:1-25

Day 72 - Deuteronomy 20-22; Mark 14:26-50

Day 73 - Deuteronomy 23-25; Mark 14:51-72

Day 74 - Deuteronomy 26-27; Mark 15:1-26

Day 75 - Deuteronomy 28; Mark 15:27-47

Day 76 - Deuteronomy 29-30; Mark 16

Day 77 - Deuteronomy 31-32; Luke 1:1-23

Day 78 - Deuteronomy 33-34; Luke 1:24-56

Day 79 - Joshua 1-3; Luke 1:57-80

Day 80 - Joshua 4-6; Luke 2:1-24

Day 81 - Joshua 7-8; Luke 2:25-52

Day 82 - Joshua 9-10; Luke 3

Day 83 - Joshua 11-13; Luke 4:1-32

Day 84 - Joshua 14-15; Luke 4:33-44

Day 85 - Joshua 16-18; Luke 5:1-16

Day 86 - Joshua 19-20; Luke 5:17-39

Day 87 - Joshua 21-22; Luke 6:1-26

Day 88 - Joshua 23-24; Luke 6:27-49

Day 89 - Judges 1-2; Luke 7:1-30

Day 90 - Judges 3-5; Luke 7:31-50

Day 91 - Judges 6-7; Luke 8:1-21

Day 92 - Judges 8-9; Luke 8:22-56

Congratulations!
You finished your Third Month

Food Shelf

Thursdays 6 pm - 7 pm

PLEASE **CONSIDER** **VOLUNTEERING** **TO HELP OUT** **AT OUR FOOD** **SHELF!**

We are very thankful for the dedicated volunteers that have kept the doors to the food shelf open these past months. Let us show our appreciation to them by offering our time so they may have the opportunity to step back and take a very necessary break.



If you are available on
Thursday from 6-7pm
contact Tracy Hoover
Tracy. Hoover
(sunshine2002tj@aol.com)
(507)254-0928

We also continue to distribute 20 backpacks a week to families.

The backpacks are the boxes that Channel

One is providing

it feeds a family of 4 for one week.

Donations are welcome in the form

of monetary funds

instead of food to promote

social distancing and the safety

of our volunteers and the people donating.

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Mark your calendars!
Fill the gas tank!!

**Racine UMC will be offering a “Drive-In”
Worship Service experience**

WHEN: Starting Sunday, October 11th
TIME: 9:00am

**We will continue to provide the weekly live stream
Worship service via Facebook and email option.**



**We are still following safety measures due to the ever present and contagious
Covid-19 virus.**

See the safety protocol information following this announcement.

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Parking Lot Worship Service Protocol

As the United Methodist Church, it is important for us to service our neighbor while we honor the traditions we observe as a worshipping and serving community of faith. We are commanded by our Methodist beliefs that:

We are people that **do no harm**. We practice physical distancing to minimize harm to others, especially the vulnerable among us.

We are people that **do all the good we can**. We care for the spiritual and physical needs of our neighbors, providing food, emotional support, and supporting our health care system.

We are people that **stay in love with God**. When we love God through prayer, praise, and worship, we grow in love of our neighbor. Love of God and love of neighbor are inseparable.

With these principles in mind, we have established these procedures to help us gather in worship at Racine UMC.

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Protocols for Safe Worship

- All vehicles are asked to enter via Main Street and Exit only via Oak Ave.
- Only fully enclosed vehicles will be allowed for the protection of all participants, this means no JD gators or golf carts unless fully enclosed.
- Car windows are always to remain up and have enough masks in the vehicle for all occupants in the event that personal contact is needed for safety reasons only.
- People will always stay in their cars before/during/after worship and listen to service via their FM radio
 - Vehicles will be spaced at a minimum of 4-6ft apart
- The entire Church building will remain locked and no one will be allowed entry, this means that church restrooms will not be available for use. If a member of your car needs a restroom, we ask that you carefully exit the parking lot using the marked exit and head home to use your personal facility.
- Children's moments will be part of worship service, but we ask that children stay in their vehicles, however, children's church will not be provided during worship until pandemic threat has ended
- We Thank those who so generously continue to support the church financially, for safety purposes we will continue to receive offering via the USPS. Your donations may be sent to:

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- Holy communion will be led by pastor and each person will be asked to bring their own elements
 - No fellowship

Services will continue to be recorded and posted on YouTube and Facebook.

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Please do not attend worship outdoors if you are feeling unwell or feel as if you are particularly at risk. We want this to be as safe as possible for all who attend. We recognize that these procedures sound inhospitable; they are not. They are in place to keep people as safe as possible during a time when we are all at risk for Covid-19.

The CDC counts church and religious gatherings as one of the highest risk activities for contracting Covid-19. **Our denominational leadership and our commitment as Christians who chose to do no harm and love our neighbor compel us to act wisely and prudently in this time. Please help us by following these protocols and procedures.**

Blessings - Leadership of Racine UMC

As an Organization that receives Government assistance through our food shelf, we are required by Minnesota state Law to provide information about voter registration.

ELECTION DAY REGISTRATION



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To register at your polling place on Election Day, bring one proof of residence listed below.

① **ID WITH CURRENT NAME AND ADDRESS**

- Valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit or ID; or a receipt for any of these.
- Tribal ID with name, address, photo and signature.

② **PHOTO ID PLUS A DOCUMENT WITH YOUR CURRENT NAME AND ADDRESS**

Approved photo IDs

Choose one. Can be expired.

Driver's license, state ID
or learner's permit
issued by any state

U.S. Passport

U.S. Military or Veteran ID

Tribal ID with name,
signature and photo

Minnesota university, college
or technical college ID

Minnesota high school ID

Approved documents

*Choose one. Can be shown on
electronic device.*

Bill, account or start-of-service
statement due or dated within
30 days of the election for:

- * Phone, TV or internet
- * Solid waste, sewer,
electric, gas or water
- * Banking or credit card
- * Rent or mortgage

Residential lease or rent
agreement valid through Election
Day

Current student fee statement

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Our mission is
to make disciples
of Jesus Christ for
the transformation
of the world

Sunday Morning Schedule

Online 9:00am

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