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“A Little Good News”

We sure could use a little good news today! The weather has been creating havoc, shootings have occurred in New Zealand and the Netherlands, violence is reported regularly on TV news coverage, newspaper articles detail people attacking and criticizing each other instead of working things out, a baby is found dead along the roadside in Minnesota... how about a little good news?

Back in 1983 the topic was also raised about “A Little Good News”, a song recorded by Canadian country music artist Anne Murray. In the United States, it was a #1 hit single, staying a total of 20 weeks on the country charts overall. In the song, Anne Murray expresses despair over all of the violence and suffering she reads about in newspapers and witnesses on TV news coverage, and notes how wonderful it would be if, for just one day, the newspapers and television news anchors had nothing to report, because they had “nothing bad to say”.

The lyrics are: I rolled out this morning.... kids had the morning news show on
Bryant Gumbel was talking about the fighting in Lebanon
Some senator was squawking about the bad economy
It's gonna get worse you see we need a change in policy

There's a local paper rolled up in a rubber band
One more sad story's one more than I can stand
Just once, how I'd like to see the headline say
Not much to print today can't find nothing bad to say

Because... Nobody robbed a liquor store on the lower part of town
Nobody OD'd, nobody burned a single building down
Nobody fired a shot in anger...nobody had to die in vain
We sure could use a little good news today

I'll come home this evening...I'll bet that the news will be the same
Somebody takes a hostage...somebody steals a plane
How I wanna hear the anchor man talk about a county fair
And how we cleaned up the air...how everybody learned to care

Whoa, tell me... Nobody was assassinated in the whole Third World today
And in the streets of Ireland all the children had to do was play
And everybody loves everybody in the good old USA
We sure could use a little good news today

Again, this was written in 1983 and yet we seem to be in a worse situation today. People are mean to each other, will not have dialog together and many have to have it their way. Where does the change start? It starts with you and me!

Old fisherman wisdom says when you are faced with a rapid current, slow down. Take careful steps. Set your foot down firmly, slowly, or you may be swept away. We need to slow down and take time for each other, to treat each other with respect and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. We sure could use a little Good News today!

Pastor Bud

“The Associate’s Corner”

Pastor Yang

Why Christians Need Church

Sometimes going to church on Sundays can be a drag even to the most dedicated members. At times it may feel as though the congregation is just repeating the same things but on a different week. If a congregation is just repeating itself week after week – then what's the use of church? Couldn't a person just sit at home and listen to some televangelist and get the same thing? Can't a person just be a Christian by themselves?

The short and sweet answer is “No”.

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 12:12 - 31 that Christians have responsibilities and functions as part of the Body of Christ. Each of us serves a function and a God given purpose within in the church whether it be in mission, devotion, fellowship, teaching, preaching, or just moral support - we depend on each other to support and make strong the Body of Christ. There is no "I" in church community as Paul points out in verse 19...."If all were a single member, where would the body be?" (NSRV).

Notice that the examples given in the first paragraph asked questions from a singular or a personal point of view. There was no “Us” or “We” there was only "I" and "Me". We should never enter a church thinking – “What can the church do for me?” - but instead we should be asking - "What can I do for the God and the church?". Many times the reason why church seems boring and repetitive is because the lack of imagination and the inability of the congregation to change or try new things. Once a community starts to ask “What can we do for you?” - instead of “what can you do for me?” – the dynamics of worship and the meaning of Sunday changes as well.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" - Matthew 18:20 (NRSV)

Being a Christian is not an individual thing it's a communal and shared experience. Worship should not be static but should also change as we grow in our faith and understanding of God in our lives. With this church will have more meaning and the community overall will be more fruitful and lively.

Amen!



Mid-Week Lenten Services

7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 3
Fennimore

Wednesday, April 10
Stitzer

Holy Thursday
Thursday, April 18
Stitzer

Good Friday
Friday, April 19
Fennimore

A Soup and Sandwich Supper will be offered from 6:00 – 6:45 PM in Fellowship Hall on April 3 and 10.





United
Methodist
Women

**Fennimore
UMW News:**

No Foolin' ... Spring is finally here!
Happy April, everyone!

The March Birthday Party and Bingo went well last month at Divine Rehabilitation and Nursing. Thank you to all the ladies who helped. The residents appreciated your smiling faces and the treat!

I hope you were able to attend our first Quarterly Meeting on March 28th. It was good to be together for fellowship. It's been a long time since our potluck Christmas meeting in early December. Our next Quarterly Meeting is the last Wednesday in June. Hope you can make it.

Volunteers and Bakers Needed!

April holds something new for us. The UMW and the church Youth are combining forces and providing a food stand for John Draggs' auction on April 13th.

John has sold his farm and will be moving to Arkansas to be near his children. We will surely miss him, but know the importance of being with family. Many blessings John.

That being said, we need volunteers to help that day and also are asking the ladies of the church to make desserts for the sale. We need **Brownies, Rice Krispie Treats, Bars or Cookies.**

We will be prepping for the sale on Friday, April 12th at the church and if you could bring them there, we will wrap them individually to take the next day. (your pans will not go to the sale). If you can help, please put your name on a sign up sheet we will have on the UMW bulletin board near the fellowship hall or call one of the UMW officers.

If you can help the day of the sale please sign up as well or call one of the UMW officers
(listed in next column).

UMW Officers

Kim Cathman 822-3196
Judy Nelson 822-3355
Lori Budzinski 822-6727
Audrey Doan 822-6527

Save the Date!

Calling all aprons!
Dig out your moms apron!

The Mother Daughter Banquet is Saturday evening, May 11. Tickets will be for sale on the three Sundays before, April 21st, 28th and May 5th. Cut off day is May 5th. Our theme centers around "Mom's Apron" and we do have a short program with a speaker, Tracey Atkinson from BMZ. The menu is being finalized and we will let you know soon. I think there is Apple something involved!?!?

Enjoy this wonderful weather.
A kind word is like a spring day.



Thank you

We would like to express our gratitude to our church family for prayers, support, kindness, and expressions of sympathy during this very sad and difficult time. We give special thanks to Pastor Bud for the heartfelt message, Sandy Henkel for providing music, Derek and Tim Freymiller for the media, and the United Methodist Women for preparing and serving the meal for Lilly's service. We appreciate each of you taking time out of your Sunday to make the service for Lilly so special. Also, we'd like to thank Pastor Yang for coming to the hospital to bless Lilly and Faith, Family, Friends and the Christian Education Team for their generosity.

God Bless and Thank You!
John, Lora, Eliot and Brynn Bierman

April 2019 Mission

Grant County Cancer Coalition

Who?

Grant County Cancer Coalition is a strictly volunteer, non-profit organization that will help cancer victims and their families in Grant County, Wisconsin.

Why?

Grant County Cancer Coalition's goal is to be able to help those that are dealing with their fight against cancer. They want to be there for them to help conquer their battle!

Mission Statement

To assist cancer patients living in Grant County Wisconsin. As applications are submitted, each will be given a case number, allowing as much confidentiality as possible, with only one board member knowing the applicant's name. They are dedicated to being fair to everyone and it is their hope to be able to meet the needs of everyone who applies.

Assistance is available up to 3 times with a maximum funding amount of \$1,200.00 each time.

For more information about Grant County Cancer Coalition, please visit:

www.grantcountycancerco.org



As you may already know, we are building a garage at Fennimore United Methodist Church! We will be starting as soon as the weather improves a bit.

But first, we need to sell our current storage shed. We will be accepting bids through April 10. The shed dimensions are 12' x 10'.

If you would like to place a bid, please contact Joe Grimme (608) 485-0196 or stop into H and N.

April Food Pantry Needs:

Mixed Vegetables
Oatmeal
Canned Fruit
Ramen Noodles
Shampoo
Toilet Paper

*They will
be done*

Easter

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

You're invited to join us this Easter!

Everyone is welcome here!

Easter Services and Events:

6:30 AM: Sunrise Worship (F) *Hosted By Youth*
7:00 AM: Sunrise Breakfast (F) *Hosted By Youth*
8:00 AM: Worship (F)
10:00 AM: Worship (S)
10:30 AM: Worship (F)
6:30 PM: Sunday Evening Worship (F)

(F) Fennimore
(S) Stitzer

SIMON PETER

Flawed But Faithful Servant



Our Christian Education Main Area is in need of a little "spruce up" this spring. The back wall is in need of a new coat of paint and we thought it would be fun for the kids if a mural or some type of Christian artwork was painted on it. If you are interested in doing this or submitting an idea, please contact me (Holly Straka) at (608) 778-2999 or via email, hollymstraka@gmail.com.

Upcoming Dates:

VBS Work Night —
Thursday, April 4
6:00 to 8:00 PM (*come whenever able*)

Easter Program Practice —
Saturday, April 13
9:00 to 11:00 AM

"Resurrection Eggs" Easter Program —
Sunday, April 14
10:30 AM
(Palm Sunday)
All are invited!

NO Christian Education —
Sunday, April 21 (Easter)

Last Day of Christian Education (until Fall) —
Sunday, May 5

Vacation Bible School —
Sunday, June 9 — Thursday, June 13
5:30 PM to 8:00 PM



Searching For Truth

Looking for something to do while your children are in Sunday School (Fennimore United Methodist Church)?

Wanting a closer relationship with Jesus? Or looking for how God's word pertains to your life today? Join us on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 AM. We will be using the Upper Room Devotional Book to guide our discussion to start. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Glen Klais at (608) 778-4953 or Christine Klais (608) 822-5578 (Text or Call).

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Lost but not *Forgotten*

We extend our Deepest Christian
Sympathy to the families of:

Lilly Bierman

Steve Becker

Vacation Bible School

Mark Your Calendars NOW!
It'll be out of this world!

Fennimore United Methodist Church

To Mars and Beyond!

Explore Where God's Power Can Take You with 2019 VBS: To Mars and Beyond. Galaxy voyagers will journey from their galactic outpost on special missions to collect power sources. Along the way, we'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with us, too!

Theme Bible Verse:

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us. (Ephesians 3:20)

Date: Sunday, June 9 —
Thursday, June 13
Time: 5:30 — 8:00 PM
FREE Meal at 5:00 PM
Monday — Thursday

Watch the bulletin for upcoming VBS work nights/days and keep an eye out in the Lobby for a sign up sheet with volunteer opportunities!



Who's Serving in Fennimore in April?

Ushers

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
4/7/2019	Dave and Ann Stenner	Kim and Chris Cathman
4/14/2019	Bobbi Jo Pink Family	Confirmation
4/21/2019	Mitch and Natalie Tollefson	Rod and Jackie Wehrle
4/28/2019	Sue Hentschel and Audrey Doan	Confirmation

Kid's Time

Date	8:00 AM
4/7/2019	Maggie Kartman
4/14/2019	Krista Demo
4/21/2019	Confirmation
4/28/2019	Confirmation

Greeters (Sanctuary)

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
4/7/2019	Chris and Pam Kreul	Linda Stephensen Karen Rosemeyer
4/14/2019	Curt and Kathi Freymiller	Confirmation
4/21/2019	Handfelt Family Cecelia Hollister	Carl and Betty Austin
4/28/2019	Torgerson and Lang Family	Confirmation

Communion Assistants

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
4/7/2019	Burkum's, Stenner's, Klais' and Kreul's	Rod and Jackie Wehrle

Liturgist

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
4/7/2019	Ann Stenner	Kim Cathman
4/14/2019	Brady Pink	N/A
4/21/2019	Phil Alm	Jackie Wehrle
4/28/2019	Linda O'Kane	N/A

Acolyte

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
4/7/2019	Kiera Kartman	
4/14/2019	Corbin or Brogan Demo	Ethan Sheckler
4/21/2019	Ava Winkers	
4/28/2019	Drew Torgerson	Jackson Sheckler



Remember our Friends at:

Orchard Manor
Doris Schneider

Good Samaritan Center
Nip Leffler, Dave Lindow, Gerry McReynolds,
Dennis Freymiller, Jeannette Schneiderwind

Sunset Fields
Donna Blackburn and Paul Rector