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Stitzer United Methodist Church  
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## **“We Must Pray for One Another”**

Now on that same day two (disciples) were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went into stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scripture to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem. (Luke 24:13-16, 28-33)

One of my favorite spiritual writers is Henry Nouwen. In *Compassion: A Reflection On The Christian Life*, he writes: “To follow Christ means to relate to each other as Christ did to us – in servanthood and humility. Discipleship is walking together on the same path. While still living wholly in this world, we have discovered each other as fellow travelers on the same path and have formed a new community. We have become a new people with a new mind, a new way of seeing and hearing, and a new hope because of our common fellowship with Christ. Compassion, then, can never be separated from community. Compassion always reveals itself in community, in a new way of being together.”

In *Here and Now: Living In The Spirit*, he writes:

“We often wonder what we can do for others. It is not a sign of powerlessness when we say: “We must pray for one another.” To pray for one another is, first of all, to acknowledge, in the presence of God, that we belong to each other as children of the same God. Without this acknowledgement of human solidarity, what we do for one another does not flow from who we truly are. To pray, that is, to listen to the voice of One who calls us his ‘Beloved,’ is to learn that that voice excludes no one. Where I dwell, God dwells with me and where God dwells with me, I find all my sisters and brothers.”

We hear or are told of a tragedy or death or of someone dying and we do not know how to respond or what to say. Sometimes it is better to not say anything and just listen. But all of the time it is important to pray. We must have compassion for one another as we would hope someone has compassion for us. Praying for one another is a sign of compassion and reveals that we care. In our society today more and more it is about me and not about us. As followers of Christ we are called to be in fellowship and community and lifting one another up. In this Easter season, let us pray for one another. When we do, do not be surprised to feel a warm burning in your heart. God bless.

*Pastor Bud*

posters or make promotions for the church without pay or being recognized. For all those who come to service and church events. These and a number of MANY MANY others ...

*Thank you. We are blessed by your presence, love, dedication, humbleness, and work.*

Pastor Yeng Yang

*Have you said thank you to the up-keepers of your church?*

Each week I meet dozens of church members and non-members alike both at Fennimore and Stitzer UMC during the weekday. They come not to meet me but to attend meetings, help with the upkeep of the church, deliver various things, or come to make sure things are running smoothly as they should. Often times these inactions during the week go unseen or unnoticed since they happen on a weekday. Without these happenings though the church could not operate nor the grass kept short and tidy.

Even on the weekends and on Sunday dozen of teachers volunteer to teach and watch our children, we have our piano and organist, choir, band, welcoming committees, and many others who help out often times thanklessly throughout the week.

As I thought about all the hard work that goes into keeping the church operational on a weekly basis I was reminded again just how much happens in the background of church without anyone noticing. The person who controls the sound during services. The custodian who works endlessly to make sure the church and its grounds looks spiffy and clean. The numerous people in the congregation that visit and support one another and others inside and OUTSIDE the church. The secretary that takes care of everything from the monthly newsletter to the Sunday bulletin. The church members who make the coffee every morning before everyone arrives on Sunday. Those who post



*Attention Fennimore Folks!*

A friendly reminder that Worship Times will change on **Sunday, May 19** to 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM.

### **May Food Pantry Needs:**

Vegetable Soup  
Chicken Noodle Soup  
Mixed Vegetables  
Canned Fruit  
Shampoo  
Toilet Paper

### **Stitzer Methodist Cemetery**

On **Monday, May 6** the annual Stitzer Methodist Cemetery Meeting will be held at **7:00 PM** in the Church Fellowship Hall.

*All are invited to attend!*



United  
Methodist  
Women

**Fennimore  
UMW News:**

*Thank you*

*A Big Thank You!* Thank you to all who made the Food Stand at John Draggs' Auction a success!

The grill team (Dave S, Bob M, Kevin K), all the workers (Ladies and Youth) and for all those who donated donuts and goodies. We were overwhelmed at the response for the bars and donuts. Many from our church, Stitzer UMC, Jan's family and Bible Study Group donated bars and cookies. They were a huge hit and so delicious. We actually had folks come back and ask for specific ones and they bought them up. The abundance of bars, the hard work of all the helpers really reflected the love and many good memories we all have of Jan and of John. John and his sons were so appreciative that we took this food stand on. Many hands make light work is an old saying and it sure proved itself that day. Thank You all and God Bless!

### *Calling All Aprons!*

The Mother Daughter Banquet is set for the evening of May 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. The theme is Moms Apron. **So wear hers or your favorite one, if you wish!** We will be serving, Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable and an Apple dessert is the menu. Tickets are for sale in the office during the week and on the next two Sundays between services. April 28<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>. Adults are \$10.00, Kids from 5-11 are \$5.00 and under 5 years are Free. Traci Atkinson of the BMZ Church will be our speaker.

**\*NOTE: If you have any older extra aprons, please dig them out! We would like to use them for decorations, please call Kim at (608) 822-3196. We will label them and return them after the banquet.**

AND

Save the date for our next Quarterly Meeting on June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We would love to see you there.

*Happy Spring, Everyone!*

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### *Upcoming Dates:*

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

VBS Work Night —  
Thursday, May 9  
6:00 to 8:00 PM

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

### **Sign up TODAY! One small step for your kids ... one giant leap for God's Kingdom!**

Blast off! To Mars and Beyond will help kids discover the wonders of God's universe. They'll become Voyagers on a journey through space, exploring where God's power can take them. Along the way, they'll learn how God walked with heroes of the Bible, and that God is always with them, too. Add to the adventure with out-of-this-world fun, learning, and timeless Bible stories that inspire kids to give glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine!

Serving Pre-K through 5th Grade!

# May 2019 Mission

## Golden Cross

United Methodist Ministry

*Your gifts to Golden Cross help:*

*Feed the Hungry, Visit the Sick, Care for  
the Homeless, Clothe the Cold, Visit the  
Forgotten and Show Compassion for all  
God's People*

*The following Health and Welfare Ministries  
benefit from this offering:*

Bellin Health (Green Bay)  
Christian Community Home (Hudson  
Harbor House Crisis Shelters (Superior)  
Morrow Memorial Home (Sparta)  
Schmitt Woodland Hills  
(Richland Center)  
UM Children's Services (Milwaukee)  
VMO at Manor Park (West Allis)  
Cedar Crest (Janesville)  
Evergreen Retirement Community (Oshkosh)  
Hillcrest Family Services (Dubuque)  
Northcott Neighborhood House (Milwaukee)  
Sheboygan Senior Community (Sheboygan)



## 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

### *We need you!*

We would LOVE to have you join us as a VBS  
Volunteer! There are many different  
opportunities available! Contact Chelsea in the  
Church Office OR Sign Up in the Lobby!



# Who's Serving in Fennimore in May?

## Ushers

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
5/5/2019	Stenner's	Rod and Jackie Wehrle
5/12/2019	Kevin Klais Family	Glen Klais Family
5/19/2019 (9:00 AM)	Curt and Kathi Freymiller	
5/26/2019 (9:00 AM)	Judy and Carl Nelson	

## Kid's Time

Date	8:00 AM
5/5/2019	Maggie Kartman
5/12/2019	Krista Demo
5/19/2019 (9:00 AM)	
5/26/2019 (9:00 AM)	

## Greeters (Sanctuary)

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
5/5/2019	Rob and Karla Rands	Rod and Jackie Wehrle
5/12/2019	Roberta Galer	Kim and Christina Cathman
5/19/2019 (9:00 AM)	Torgerson Family	
5/26/2019 (9:00 AM)	Handfelt Family	

## Communion Assistants

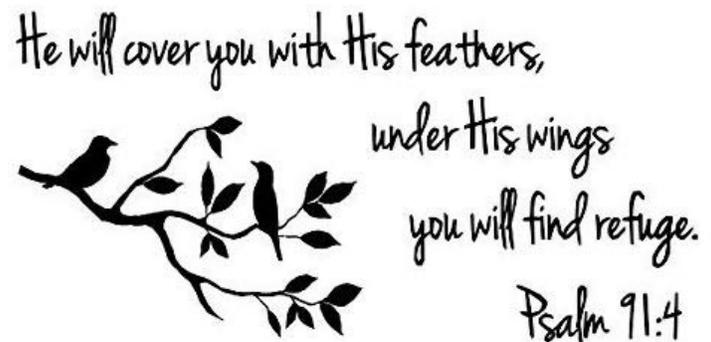
Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
5/12/2019	Stenner's, Rands' and Miller's	

## Liturgist

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
5/5/2019	Ann Stenner	Jackie Wehrle
5/12/2019	Judy Nelson	Kim Cathman
5/19/2019 (9:00 AM)		
5/26/2019 (9:00 AM)	Linda O'Kane	

## Acolyte

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
5/5/2019	Kiera Kartman	
5/12/2019	Brogan/Corbin Demo	Ethan Sheckler
5/19/2019 (9:00 AM)		
5/26/2019 (9:00 AM)		



*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