



FAMILY FUN EVENING

DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022

LOCATION: CHURCH LAWN

TIME: 5:00-7:00PM

WE WILL PROVIDE A CAMP FIRE,
HOTDOGS, LEMONAIDE
S'MORES AND Lawn GAMES!

Envelope included for your weekly giving Envelope.

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Reedsburg United Methodist Church

CALENDAR FOR AUGUST 2022



DATE	TIME	EVENT
August 7	9AM	IN PERSON, FACEBOOK PREMIERE OR YOUTUBE WORSHIP
	10AM	ADULT/CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL
	1PM	OACIÓN WORSHIP SERVICE
	3:30PM	WORSHIP ON REEDSBURG TV STATION 11.1
August 14	9AM	IN PERSON, FACEBOOK PREMIERE OR YOUTUBE WORSHIP
	10AM	ADULT/CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL
	1PM	OACIÓN WORSHIP SERVICE
	3:30PM	WORSHIP ON REEDSBURG TV STATION 11.1
August 15		NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
	6:30PM	SLB Meeting
August 21	9AM	IN PERSON, FACEBOOK PREMIERE OR YOUTUBE WORSHIP
	10AM	ADULT/CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL
	1PM	OACIÓN WORSHIP SERVICE
	3:30PM	WORSHIP ON REEDSBURG TV STATION 11.1
August 28	9AM	IN PERSON, FACEBOOK PREMIERE OR YOUTUBE WORSHIP
	10AM	ADULT/CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL
	1PM	OACIÓN WORSHIP SERVICE
	3:30PM	WORSHIP ON REEDSBURG TV STATION 11.1

Praise God for blessings bestowed:



Congratulations to Darel and Marvalene
Pliner on 63 years on August 8!



Open hearts.
Open minds.
Open doors.

The U.M.C. News

REEDSBURG United Methodist Church



July we learned about making connections in the community, especially the people who live in our neighborhood. August we will be offering a sermon series that is a great opportunity for you to invite your neighbors to worship, as we look at building up families in the sermon series titled, Family Foundations. We will talk about things like:

- Choosing healthy priorities
- Breaking unhealthy patterns
- The importance of unconditional love
- The church as a resource for families

These worship services are available on Sundays: live and in person at 833 3rd Street, here in Reedsburg, AND online at both Facebook Premier, and YouTube at 9:00 am CT or later AND Reedsburg TV Station channel 11.1 at 3:30 pm. If you do not have access to any of these worship platforms, you may request a hard copy of the sermon manuscript by calling the church office at 608-524-3913. A downloadable manuscript is also available from our website reedsburgunitedmethodistchurch.org.

You are always encouraged to invite someone to join you in worship by any of these methods.



In Loving Memory and Remembrance

Please keep the family of Harvin Ziech in your prayers, May they have eternal rest granted unto them O Lord, and *let perpetual light shine upon them.*

September Newsletter DEADLINE — August 15th

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- If you are sick, PLEASE attend worship at home.
- Following the guidance of the CDC, RUMC recommends people wear masks during indoor events such as worship. However, it is still optional.
- We will continue to provide ample hand sanitizer so you may maintain good hygienic practices for the health of yourself and those worshiping.
- We are taking attendance through the use of connection cards that may be deposited in the offering baskets that continue to be stationed at all exits/entrances leading into the sanctuary.
- While we have lifted the need for social distancing, we do ask that you respect other people's boundaries, regarding distance/hugs/handshakes. Please do not be offended by and please do not shame those who choose to continue some of the guidelines they have practiced over the last 12+ months.



" The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Sauk County (ADRC) is seeking volunteers to serve Reedsburg area adults age 60 and older and adults with disabilities: 1) Volunteer Driver Escorts to transport clients to their out-of-town medical appointments, 2) Home-Delivered Meal Drivers to deliver lunches to homebound clients, and 3) Dining Center Volunteers to help service lunches at the ADRC's local dining center. Volunteer Driver Escorts and Home-Delivered Meal Drivers receive mileage reimbursement. For more information, please contact Keri Luther at the ADRC, (608) 355-3289 or 800-482-3710 or keri.luther@saukcountywi.gov."

Mission Statement:

"To build a Christian community where we become deeply committed followers of our Lord Jesus Christ who know God with our heads, love God with our hearts and serve God with our hands."

Our Vision:

"As disciples of Jesus Christ we will be transformed by Him to change lives within our church, community and world."



To help with
**FUNERAL
LUNCHEONS**

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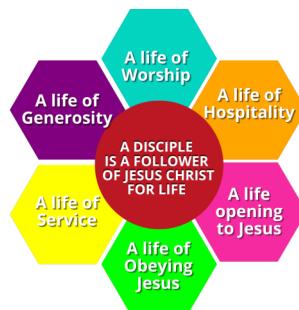
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A Message From Pastor Vicki



"Once upon a time, the Church was dying. Every day, people were losing touch with the basic practice of the Christian faith. One day,

Phil [Maynard] wrote a great book to help persons learn and live the basics of the Way. Because of that, millions of new and immature Christians had a guidebook. And because of that, churches all over were nurturing and maturing disciples of Jesus, until finally, the Church was alive and growing again!"

That is the first paragraph in the forward written by UMC Elder, Life coach, Trainer, and Consultant, Dr. Larry Ousley, PCC, in Phil Maynard's book, "Foundations: An Introduction to Christian Practices." Dr. Ousley then casts the following challenge, "Whether this is a fairy tale or part of God's vision for the future depends on us."

HOLD IT! I know what you are thinking, "Introduction to Christian Practices? But Pastor, I have been a Christian for umpteen years or so, what use would I have of such learning?" Note in the "fairy tale" he describes does not limit our activities to nurturing new disciples of Jesus Christ, but also maturing the disciples who are already present; yes maturing even those of us who have been Christians for umpteen years or so.

We, who are United Methodists, must never rest on how long we have embraced our title as Christian. Our DNA is all about, as John Wesley puts it, "going on to perfection." As Methodists we understand three kinds of grace (grace meaning unmerited favor); prevenient, justifying and sanctifying grace.

Prevenient grace, comes before we even recognize it, we are oblivious to God's work in our lives. Justifying grace is when we recognize the grace that we were once oblivious to and we embrace it for ourselves. We say, "Aha! There is grace for even a 'wretch like me', (to paraphrase John Newton's hymn Amazing Grace) and I accept it!" Yes, and when I accept the gift that it is, I am justified, just-as-if-I'd never sinned. Theoretically we can rest in this

grace, and we will be fine, but we can hardly claim to be a maturing disciple. To mature in our faith, we must engage in sanctifying grace.

Sanctifying grace is the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit that changes us so that our lives are increasingly conformed to the mind of Christ. John Wesley called this lifelong process as sanctification or becoming "perfected in love." Sanctifying grace draws us toward Christian perfection, which Wesley described as a heart "habitually filled with the love of God and neighbor" and as "having the mind of Christ... walking as he walked."

Retired United Methodist Bishop and prolific writer, William H. Willimon explains, "In the Bible, the word sanctification means to set something apart and make it holy, to commandeer something or someone for special use by God. This Wesleyan emphasis on sanctifying grace is perhaps our most distinctive contribution to the picture of Christian life."

John Wesley took seriously Jesus' invitation to "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." Matthew 5:48. Wesley did not understand perfection to mean moral flawlessness or sinlessness. He understood it to mean perfection in the sense of Christian maturity.

Prevenient grace is there without us doing anything, we benefit from it without even recognizing that it is there. Justifying grace requires our acceptance of the gift of God's grace. Sanctifying grace is when we collaborate with God's Holy Spirit, to grow and mature by: living a life of worship, living a life of hospitality, living a life open to Jesus, living a life obeying Jesus, living a life of service, and living a life of generosity. And Wesley believed we could become perfect in love in *this* life.

Jesus invites us to seek perfection, he's not meaning we will be free of mistakes, temptation or failure. No Jesus invites us to seek perfection in love. For John Wesley, growing as a Christian is all about being filled with love, which happens through the sanctifying grace of God. We may not be there yet; but by God's grace, as we United Methodists say, "we are going on to perfection."



Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace ...

2022 Second Quarter Finance Overview

Christian stewardship is the faithful management of all that God gives so that God can use our gifts to transform us spiritually and to extend Christ's transforming love to others. Financial stewardship keeps us spiritually focused on God, avoiding the trap of selfishness. Jesus summed up the spiritual connection between money and God, as written in Luke 12:34, "Where your treasure is there your heart will be also."

Our stewardship messages have focused on "What percentage of your income is God calling you to give? We, as United Methodists, follow John Wesley's model to "earn all you can, save all you can, and give all you can," to spread the Gospel and help people in need. United Methodists give because, together, we can do what no one individual or single congregation can do alone. We give to make missions and ministries happen. We give to grow in discipleship. We give because we love God and share that love with others.

Thanks to God's grace, and your faithful management of God's gifts, RUMC funds are holding steady, with deposits slightly more than withdrawals at this time. Giving attributed to envelope numbers and giving aligned with the budget are both down marginally from the first quarter. The Money Management Account has proven to be a wise investment strategy earning dividends monthly.

Servant Leadership Board meeting are open to all. The August meeting is at 6:30 pm Monday August 15th. Feel free to reach out to Shelby or Pat at any time.

*Give, and it will be given to you.
A good portion—packed down, firmly shaken, and overflowing—will fall into your lap.
The portion you give will determine the portion you receive in return.” Luke 6:38*

Curt Larson & Pat Jaquish Finance Co-chair



Gentle Chair Yoga!

Ready to increase your strength, flexibility and balance with yoga? Join Judy Martin, Certified Yoga Instructor, for a class suitable for everyone. The class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:00 noon to 12:30 pm. All classes will be held in the Reedsburg United Methodist Church parlor. New participants are welcome at anytime.

****For more information, call Judy at 524-3098.





- We have several worship options on Sundays: live worship in the church sanctuary at 9:00 am, Facebook premier (<https://www.facebook.com/reedsburgumc/>) at 9:00 with a host/ess to greet attendees, YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm55c9m0Q6Uf_F1QKhMMGDw) anytime after 9:00 am and Reedsburg station 11.1 at 3:30 pm. As always, the sermon manuscript is available electronically on our website (<http://www.reedsburgunitedmethodistchurch.org>) or call the church during office hours (9-12 Monday-Thursday at 608 524-3913) to have a hard copy mailed to you.
- We continue receiving all non-perishable food items in the shopping cart inside the church building and the bins outside the 3rd Street entrance to the church.
- Pastor Vicki is available for those comfortable with a visit and serve communion to you directly. Just give her a call at 608-289-9739 to set up a date and time.
- Viking Village Foods offers the church a rebate for any receipts turned in to their store. If you shop at Viking Village you are encouraged to drop your receipt at the donation box located at the 3rd Street entrance of the church at any time. They may also be deposited with your monetary gifts deposited in the offering baskets during live worship.
- Another simple way of contributing to the church is through the Smiles program on Amazon. Simply log in to smile.amazon.com and choose Reedsburg United Methodist Church. Then whenever you shop amazon make sure your shopping is done through Amazon Smile, and a portion of the retail will be sent to RUMC.
- Other ways of giving; mailing/dropping it off 833 3rd Street, Reedsburg, Wisconsin 53959 (or at the entrance or exit of worship)—going to our website, reedsburgunitedmethodistchurch.org and click on the donate button—text your gift at 855-963-3691.
- Two ways of finding prayer support: text message Pastor Vicki directly to the new prayer text number: 608-289-9739. You may also email your prayer to a prayer angel at rumpayer@gmail.com. Prayers given to the Prayer Angel, Pastor Vicki or the church office may be passed on to our electronic prayer chain ONLY if you instruct us to do so.
- If you would like to be part of the email prayer chain, please contact the office (rumc@rucls.net or 608-524-3913) or email the prayer angel at RUMpayer@gmail.com, and we will add you to the e-list.
- Leadership Board met live and in person April 20th. A synopsis of the meeting is included as an insert in this newsletter. NOTE: SLB meetings are open to the public, with the exception of staff sensitive matters, which may require confidentiality. The next meeting will be May 18th at 7:00 in the church parlor. If you want to attend but prefer to do so through ZOOM, contact the office to get the meeting # and passcode.



8/3 Juan Luna
8/7 Bertha Elwood
8/10 Riley Green
8/13 Barbara Sandberg
8/14 Kory Kelsey
8/14 John Miller
8/15 Brandon Clark
8/16 Scott Grinder
8/16 Diane Proeber
8/19 Cecilia Huffman
8/22 Trinity McCann
8/22 Judy McDonough
8/23 Scarlet Huffman
8/27 Felicia Lewerenz
8/27 Hannah McCann
8/27 Shirley Scoles
8/28 Ruth Goetz
8/29 Jeri Retzlaff
8/30 Taylor Constant



Calling Future Confirmation Students

Pastor Vicki Brantmeyer and Provisional Deacon Mary Beth Shear



What a joy it was to share in the faith journey of our six confirmants during this year. We enjoyed getting to know each other, growing in our faith and in some fun field trips. We would like to offer confirmation classes to any youth entering 8th grade or in high school starting in the fall.

If you are interested (or have a youth in your family or neighborhood who might like to participate) please contact the church office and you will be contacted with further details and to have questions addressed, contact us at 608-524-3913. Come join us in this important "next step" in becoming disciples of Jesus Christ.

Attention Gardeners

Giving thanks for abundant blessings, if you have too much and would like to offer to others, we have a table in our welcome area, to offer your extra produce for other families.





REEDSBURG AREA FOOD PANTRY
NO CONTACT DROP-OFF

Reedsburg United Methodist Church
833 3rd Street

**You will find containers outside
 the front doors.
 Monitoring and periodic pick-ups.
 Please bag your items for easy transport.**



Being a United Methodist

United Methodists share a common heritage with other Christians:

- The conviction that God has love and mercy for ALL people
- The belief that Jesus the Christ is the embodiment or incarnation of God's love in this world
- Faith that the Holy Spirit continually works in us and through us as we journey through life

Our United Methodist heritage is rooted in a deep and profound understanding of God's grace. This incredible grace flows from God's great love for us and is central to our understanding of Christian faith and life. Grace can be defined as the love and mercy given to us by God because God wants us to have it, not because of anything we have done to earn it. God's unending grace goes before us and is always surrounding and transforming us. As we grow in faith and discipleship we share God's love and become disciple-making disciples fulfilling the United Methodist mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

United Methodists believe that people should have a very personal relationship with God that transforms their lives. They also have a concern for people in society who need help. They believe that faith in God leads people into service for others.

United Methodists also share four main guidelines for belief: Scripture, Tradition, Experience, and Reason. These four sources—each making distinctive contributions, working together, are integral to our study of Scripture, without displacing Scripture's primary role for faith and practice. These guidelines are interdependent, allowing for a variety in understandings of theology and helping us discern our faith.

The distinguishing marks of a United Methodist are probably best illustrated by a commitment to the basics of Christianity and by a Christian lifestyle, rather than by assenting to a rigidly defined set of beliefs.

Because of what God has done for us, we offer our lives back to God through a life of service. As disciples, we become active participants in God's activity in the world through mission and service. Love of God is always linked to the love of neighbor and to a passionate commitment to seeking justice and renewal in the world.

*"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can,
in all the places you can, at all the times you can,
to all the people you can, as long as ever you can." John Wesley*

To learn more about the beliefs of people within the United Methodist Church, click here: <https://www.umc.org/en/what-we-believe>.



The Joy of Serving

And serve each other according to the gift each person has received, as good managers of God's diverse gifts. 1 Peter 4:10

4 There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; 5 and there are different ministries and the same Lord; 6 and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. 7 A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Just as Jesus modeled a life of service, disciples live out the joy of serving others. They find that blessing others through their words and deeds brings a sense of blessing to their own lives. A servant catalog was shared with you to help you discern how you can be a servant at RUMC, providing opportunities for you to serve God, through service to RUMC. Through service, you will grow in discipleship and bring that joy into your life. Using the gifts God has blessed you with you will deepen your relationship with God, fulfilling God's purpose for your life.

We have been praying the RUMC Breakthrough Prayer 8:33, recognizing that it is by God's Grace that we thrive and asking the Holy Spirit to boldly move us in fulfilling God's purpose. How do you know what God's purpose is for you? Praying, scripture reading and being attuned to God's presence in you daily activities, are helpful spiritual practices.

Here are 5 questions you can reflect on to start on the path to discovering your purpose:

1. What lights the fire inside me? ~Passions and interests, issues that burden your heart, or insights I want to share with others.
2. What can I do well without much effort? ~Natural strengths, abilities or special talents.
3. What is unique about me? ~Personality traits, life principals, spiritual gifts.
4. What are my significant life experiences? ~inspired me to help others, found meaning in, learned life lesson.
5. What dreams are in my heart that won't fade? ~Role I imagine myself in, particular people I am drawn to help, messages I feel led to share.

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalms 139:13-14

Your confidence is based in knowing that God has designed you and called you to your purpose. He will help you in fulfilling it. Whether you are working to find, prepare for, or fulfill your purpose, be intentional to take action. Trust God and believe in yourself. Replace any limiting beliefs or negative thoughts with the truth of God's word.

Disciples of Jesus, develop a lifestyle of serving others. John Wesley, theologian and founder of the Methodist Movement, puts it this way:

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can.

In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can.

As long as ever you can."

Discern God's purpose for your life. Take action. Discover the joy of serving.

Pick up a copy of *Reedsburg United Methodist Church Servant Catalog* from the Welcome Center. View or download a copy with this link: [Complete Servant Catalog 10-15-21.pdf](#)

Creating a culture of hospitality in our church

(From Institute of Congregational Development)

~Provisional Deacon Mary Beth Shear

All around us there are people living in darkness. We never know what kind of darkness surrounds a person who walks through the doors of our church. Most people first come to church within 30-60 days of a life changing event. By creating an outwardly focused culture of hospitality in our church practiced by every member every Sunday, you may be the relationship bridge over which the guest walks to encounter the light of Christ. Some of the top 10 best practices of hospitality are remembering names, escorting people and using personal hand-offs, greeting guests in the parking lot. Posting information on events throughout the church, safety and cleanliness, anticipating guest's needs, loving people and a smile! We will be learning and practicing hospitality in the coming weeks as we grow to be disciples-makers bringing the Gospel to our community and world.