



The Good News letter

United Methodist Church of Madison, South Dakota
"Growing Together as Disciples of Jesus Christ"

Ryan's Reflections....

Are you a saint? Have you thought about what it takes to be a saint? Whenever the word "saint" comes up in one of the Bible studies I lead, people tend to ask a lot of questions. For many of us, when we think of saints, we think of the Roman Catholic Church and their definition of a saint which is someone who has led a life worthy of Christ, someone without blemish, someone who has performed at least one miracle and a few other items of importance. All of that is good, yet it is hard for us as Protestants to understand, since we do not have an official process of giving the title "saint" to anyone. So, who are the saints?

My Bible dictionary says, "a saint can be translated as holy or set apart for God's use." Another definition given says, "saint described the Christian community as those who have inherited the covenant privileges as the holy people of a holy God." And Paul says in Philippians 1:1, "Christians are saints by virtue of being in Christ Jesus."

Paul spoke about the saints as people who were committed to Jesus Christ and his teachings. Early in the history of Christianity, the saints were those who kept the churches going, those who started new mission churches, and those who were out doing the ministry of the Church. As history moved along, the word "saint" became a common term for the members of the church. Therefore, all those who were committed to Christ, those who joined the ministry of the Church as members became "saints" in community of faith.

Saints are important to us, United

Methodists, in the Church today. The book of Hebrews in chapter 12:1 speaks about us "being surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses..." The saints of our lives are those who have been the "witnesses" of faith for each of us. The saints of our lives have been those "examples of faith" who have caused us to become stronger in our faith journeys. The saints of our lives are those who are now reunited with Christ for eternity.

November 1st is "All Saints Day" a day set apart to celebrate and remember the "saints" of our lives. We celebrate "All Saints Sunday" either on Nov. 1st or the first Sunday of November each year. This year, we will celebrate, recognize and remember the saints of our lives, those examples of faith in our congregation on Sunday, November 6th. Again I ask, "are you a saint?" We all continue along this journey of faith; growing in our discipleship so that we would be the hands and feet, the speech and love of Christ in our community so that the world would be transformed by through the life of Jesus Christ. May we be an example of faithfulness for all.

Peace and blessings, Pastor Ryan



Time to Change.... (Back an Hour)



Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 am - change your clocks to one hour back.

UMW NEWS:

The monthly meeting of the UMW will be November 11th observing the World Thank Offering. UMW treasurer, Carolyn Rudebusch and the circle treasurers will conduct the program entitled "Sowing Faith, Hope and Love". The Angel Circle will serve the dessert. Come and enjoy learning about our missions around the world as well as fellowship one with another. If you need a ride please call Joyce Welbon at 256-3115. Remember to visit the church library and look for the new books Dena has for us to read for the Reading Program.

This is the time to elect new officers for each circle. Please send you new slate of officers to me as we need to prepare the new program booklet. I want to encourage each circle to continue to increase their membership by asking women of our church family to join them. There are circles that meet in the morning, afternoon and evening. This small group gathering gives women the opportunity to study cultures who need our mission work, deepen their understanding of God's mission for us, and loving fellowship with each other. If you would like to join a circle, please call the church office and express the time that fits your schedule.

Quilting...

Quilting days are November 2nd and 16th in the Fellowship Hall at the following times: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please feel welcome even if you do not sew/quilt. There are many tasks that are needed that do not require sewing skills. Some of these skills are cutting, pinning, ironing, choosing matching fabrics for size and color, layering the finished top with batting and backing, tying the layers, snipping threads and cheering, "Wow! We have finished another quilt". If you have a portable machine, please bring it. If you need help carrying your machine or a ride, please call Joyce Welbon at 256-3115. The quilts are for The Domestic Violence Home here in Madison. Help us meet our goal of 12 quilts by Christmas. Come and join in the fellowship as we sew quilts to help others.



Thank You!

Pastor Kris and I are very thankful to all of you for the gift we received from the congregation on October 23rd in celebration of Clergy Appreciation Month.

Thank you to those who sent us notes, cards and gifts throughout the month! We are blessed to serve this congregation and the Madison community!

We are blessed to be partners in ministry with you!

Thank you!

It's ... Chili ... Time



The 3rd annual cook-off is **Sunday, November 20th** at **11:45 am**. Do you have a winning recipe?

Bring it and share....

Come, Taste, Vote and have a bowl or two.

Thanks from the Worship Team



Bless the School!

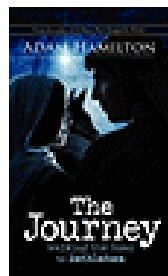
Mark your calendar for Thursday, November 10th as our church will "Bless the School" as we provide food for the teachers at the Madison Elementary school during parent/teacher conferences. We will be providing soup/stews, bread and bars. A sign-up sheet is available.

All food needs to be at the school by 2:30pm. For more information, contact Jenn Gross or Pastor Ryan.



The Journey: Walking the road to Bethlehem

This Advent season our church will be studying together The Journey by Adam Hamilton. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth of Jesus, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heart-felt as you walk along this road. Several small group opportunities for study are forming and you are invited to join! Pastor Ryan & Pastor Kris will continue the message of The Journey on Sunday mornings all the way through Christmas day! We hope you will join us on this journey of faith this Advent & Christmas season! Watch the bulletin for study times and places!



Thank You, Everyone!

Church Women United wants to thank everyone for the paper products donated in September. It is difficult to count the amount given since it is brought at various times, but we received a large amount of paper products for the Food Pantry this year. This will be an enormous help for those who need these items during these trying times. Thank you all for what you have given.

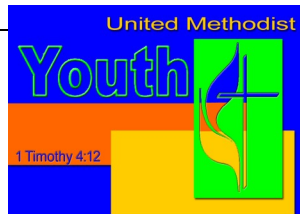
Sarah Hock,

Secretary Madison Church Women United.

**Church Charge Conference will be
November 20th @ 3pm**

The Annual Church Charge Conference for Madison UMC will be held Sunday, November 20th, at 3pm. Our meeting will be conducted by Rev. Roy Caudill, Glacial Lakes District Superintendent. Everyone is encouraged to attend! All members have voice and vote. If you are a Chairperson of a committee, your presence is required, as you will need to report the joys of your committee from this past year. I look forward to seeing everyone at this meeting as we celebrate the ministries we've been a part of this past year!

**Youth News
Senior High and
Middle School Youth**



Every Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm

Youth Group meals: Each year we ask that each youth group family provide one meal (or more if you want) for the group each semester. A sign up sheet and instructions will be located in the youth room right by the light switch.

- November 2:** Eilertson Family serving
- November 9:** Gross Family serving
- November 16:** Warns Family serving
- November 23:** No Youth Group

**Guatemala Mission Trip Meeting:
Sunday, November 6 after worship
Youth Room**

Mission Trip 2012: Guatemala

Join us as we travel to Guatemala to serve God's children at Casa Angelina Orphanage in June 2012. We will be working with the organization Leah's Kids. Leah's Kids is a non-profit organization that is raising money to help rescue, house, and educate orphaned or abused children at the Casa Angelina Orphanage in Guatemala. To read more about this organization visit:

www.leahskids.org

One Meal One Day

SKIP A MEAL, (CHANGE YOUR WORLD).

November 16, 2011

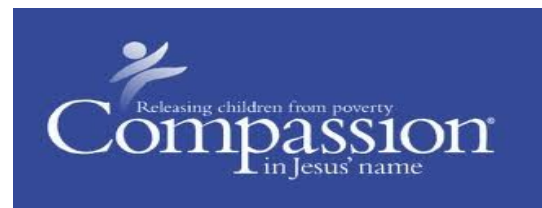
Join the youth as they give up one meal for one day, and give the money to feed hungry children. This Compassion International program, challenges youth and congregations to fast for one meal, so that a starving child can have food. The youth group will be promoting and fundraising for this mission project up through November 16. The funds contributed will go to Compassion's Global Food Crisis fund. Watch for more information and promotions. All it takes is \$156 to feed a child for a year! Join us in saving lives! We want to affect the world that exists in the stats below.

How the rest of the world lives

- 1.3 billion people in the world live on less than \$1.25 per day.
- One in every 7 people in the world (925 million) are hungry and undernourished.
- Undernourishment plays a role in at least 5 million child deaths every year.
- Undernourished children suffer up to 160 days of illness every year.
- Malnutrition affects 1 in every 3 children in developing countries.

Sources: World Bank, World Hunger Organization, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.
- Matthew 25:35





November 2011



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:30am Staff Meeting Noon Bible Study 6:00-8:00pm Committee Meetings (pg 6)	2 9am-Noon & 1pm-3pm Quilting 5:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Youth 6:30pm Dessert & Devotions 8:15pm Praise Team	3 6:30pm "Momentum For Life" Bible Study	4 11:30am CWU Community Day @ Trinity Lutheran Church	5
6 All Saints Sunday <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i> 8:30am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School/ Confirmation	7 5:00pm Gathering Meal	8 10:30am Staff Meeting Noon Bible Study	9 9:15am Peace Circle 5:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Youth 6:30pm Dessert & Devotions 8:15pm Praise Team	10 Bless the School 1:30 pm Joy Circle 6:30pm "Bible Study 8:00pm Bible Study @ Callies'	11 Veteran's Day 10am Program 2:00pm UMW General Meeting	12 7:30am UM Men's Breakfast
13 8:30am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship (Kid's Sing) 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School/ Confirmation 5:00pm Emmaus	14 2:00pm Angel Circle 5:00pm Gathering Meal	15 10:30am Staff Meeting Noon Bible Study	16 9am-Noon & 1pm-3pm Quilting 5:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Youth 6:30pm Dessert & Devotions 8:15pm Praise Team <i>One Meal/One Day</i>	17 10:00am Brookings Area Ministry Team	18	19
20 8:30am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School/ Confirmation 11:45am Chili Cook-off 3:00pm Charge Conf.	21 5:00pm Gathering Meal 6:00pm Decorate for Advent 7:00pm Faith Circle	22 <i>Newsletter Info Due</i> 10:30am Staff Meeting Noon Bible Study	23 7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at St. John Lutheran Church <i>No Youth Group</i>	24 Thanksgiving Day <i>Church Offices Closed</i>	25 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	26
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Church Family News



November Birthdays



11/01 Sylvia Gist	11/15 Nadine Mikel
11/01 Cathy Downs	11/15 Bob Mildenberg
11/03 Linda Johnson	11/17 LeAnne Hauglid
11/03 John Cole	11/18 Allan Gross
11/03 Donna Amert	11/18 Michalob Voeltz
11/03 Peggy Clarke	11/18 Gordon Olson
11/03 Rush Milne	11/18 Matthew Gause
11/04 Betty Beyer	11/19 Orville Olson
11/04 Shirley Voeltz	11/20 Kim Smith
11/06 Brendon Pitts	11/21 Brian Niedert
11/07 George Meyer	11/23 Mitchell Benson
11/07 Wendy Steffen	11/24 Valerie Appel
11/08 Marilyn Hanson	11/24 Racheal VanDuyn
11/08 Peggy Kranz	11/25 Carla Downs,
11/08 Nick Jarrett	11/25 Jason Maxwell
11/10 Dave Busk	11/27 Todd Steffen
11/11 Rosanna Muth	11/27 Dominic Grayson
11/11 Scott Finck	11/28 Janet Reynolds
11/11 Orlyn Olfert	11/28 Robert Todd
11/14 Emily Benson	

If your birthday is not listed or incorrectly listed, please call the church office.

November Worship Facilitators

Ushers:

Marty Warns, Gary Van Duyn,
Juli Green, Marcia Wenk

Acolytes:

November 6: Emi Clark & Kendall Appelwick
November 13: CC Graham & Mya Maxwell
November 20: Lyndsey Kessler & Ella Graham
November 27: Evan Appelwick & Anna Theophilus

Good Samaritan Team - Peter

Francis & Dorothy Bahr
 Pat Bulick
 Perry & Diane Cross
 *Scott & Pam Finck
 Goldie Framness
 Harley & Dianne Gross
 Rodney & Chris Klingbile
 Brian & Bette Kramer
 Linda Martinell and Aimee Paul
 Genevieve Paul
 Duane & Bev Poppen
 Ruth Spencer
 Todd & Wendy Steffen
 Clair & Joyce Welbon

Kid's Sing Sunday, November 13th



Prayer Requests

Sympathy: Lana Siedschlaw's family in the death of her mother Leona "Bonnie" Sietz, Andy Anderson's family in his death.

Health concerns: Lisa Baasch, Ron Warns (Marty Warns dad), David Byrd (Marie Hanson's nephew), Gloria Pitts (Gary Pitts' mother), Deb Peterson (Marilyn Hanson's daughter), Mason Lee (Glen Lee's grandson), Wendy Beukelman (Red & Irma's daughter -in-law), Wanda Harford (Barb McDowell's sister), Diane Daniel, Robert (Rachel Tillman's uncle), Volunteer recruiter for The Gathering Meal

Willy - prayers for long-term legal residency
 Our Armed Forces serving overseas and their families.
 Michelle Kelley (Sue & Marty Warns' niece)
 Colin Nelson (Sue & Marty Warns' nephew)

Missions



The November Mission of the month: Angel Tree

The Gathering Meal

The Gathering meal for **November is every Monday in November @ 5pm**



United Methodist Women

November 11: 2:00pm General Meeting
 - World Thank Offering
 Program: UMW & Circle Treasures
 Hostesses: Angel Circle

November 9: Peace Circle @ 9:15am
 Hostesses: Margaret Dick & Marcie Cole

November 10: Joy Circle @ 1:30pm
 Hostesses: Norma Beck & Marie Hanson

November 14: Angel Circle @ 2:00pm
 Hostess: Phyllis Zingmark

November 21: Faith Circle @ 7:00pm
 Hostesses: Irma Beukelman & Joanne Owens

United Methodist Men Breakfast

Men of the Church...you are invited for breakfast on **Saturday, November 12th** from **7:30am - 8:30am**. Come and enjoy food, fellowship and devotion. Hope to see you there!



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2012 Stewardship Reminder

Thank you to everyone who has returned a 2012 pledge card! If you didn't receive one or haven't returned yours, we want to hear from you! Extra pledge cards are available at the church and you can call or email the church office to receive one (madison.umc@midconetwork.com / 256-2162).

Help us plan for our 2012 ministries by filling out a pledge card today!

Committee Meetings

November 1 - the Committees will meet at these times:

- Trustees 6:00 pm
- Worship 6:00 pm
- Missions 7:00 pm
- Finance 7:00 pm
- Church Council 8:00



Upper Room and Alive Now



November & December
Upper Room & Alive Now
 booklets are available.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

The 4th Annual Madison Community Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7pm at St. John Lutheran Church. This will be a special time of worship as our community churches gather to give thanks to God for the blessings in our community! Make plans to join our neighbors for this special community worship service!



Sunday School Christmas Program Details

This year's Sunday School Christmas program will be Sunday, December 18th during our 9:30am worship service. Our children have begun learning the music and will have a special practice on Saturday, December 17th from 9:30am-11am. If you have any questions, please contact Aimee Paul or Sara Wardner.