



OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

June 2023

Pastors' notes... On June 18th we honor all the "Dads" who have blessed our lives. Psalms 127 says: "Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from him. Like arrows in the hands of a warrior are children born in one's youth. Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them." And our 5th commandments says to: "Honor your father and mother" - Honor means to love and respect them. When you honor your parents, you love and obey them because they are wiser. God wanted homes to be happy, so he made this an important rule.

With honor in mind and celebration of our Fathers and Father figures in heart, today I share with you some "Dad Jokes" that I hope will not only make you smile but will give you some fun to share with your dad on his special day.

- **What did one plate whisper to the other plate?** Dinner is on me.
- **Why did the golfer bring two pairs of pants?** In case he got a hole in one.
- **Did you hear the rumor about butter?** Well, I'm not going to go spreading it!
- **What's Forrest Gump's password?** 1forrest1
- **What state is known for its small drinks?** Minnesota.
- **What does a nosey pepper do?** It gets jalapeño business.
- **I love telling Dad jokes.** Sometimes, he even laughs.
- **Can a kangaroo jump higher than a house?** Of course, houses can't jump.
- **Why did the scarecrow win an award?** He was outstanding in his field.
- **What are the strongest days of the week?** Saturday and Sunday. All the others are weekdays.
- **What did the seal with one fin say to the shark?** If seal is broken, do not consume.
- **How do you measure the mass of an influencer's following?** By Instagrams!



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**Worship:
Sundays
In Sanctuary at 11:00am
&
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<http://www.sumnercenter.com>

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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 Pastor Bridget, by the 3rd Thursday of the preceding month by emailing your information to bridget@countrywidecarriers.com Or by bringing your information to Worship on Sunday mornings)




**The light of God
remains to shine
bright in the
community of Sumner
Center UMC, only by
your generous giving
heart!
Thank you for your
dedication and love!**

Calendar of Events

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

June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Combined Worship Service Racine UMC @10am Meal to follow.	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 11 am Worship  Honoring: Marshall McNamara Angel Apenhorst	12	13	14 	15	16	17
18 11 am Worship 	19 	20	21 	22	23	24
25 11 am Worship	26	27	28	29	30	

June is the official month for National Dairy Month. Here are some interesting facts to celebrate National Dairy Month.

- **Did you know...** According to a [study](#), eating cheese after a meal can help prevent tooth decay.
- Eating just 2 slices of cheese a day can help reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes by 12%.
- Milk has long been called “nature’s most nearly perfect food.” It contains a long list of essential vitamins, minerals, fats, sugars and proteins, for maintaining health.
- Fresh milk will stay fresher longer if you add a pinch of salt to each quart.
- Dairy cows produce more milk when listening to REM's 'Everybody Hurts', Simon & Garfunkel's 'Bridge Over Troubled Water', or Lou Reed's 'Perfect Day'.
- Cows can smell something up to 6 miles away!
- Cows can munch their way through 70 kilos of grass and drink more than 70 litres of water a day

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

JUNE 4TH WILL BE OUR FINAL CONSOLIDATED WORSHIP SERVICE AT THIS TIME.

BEGINNING IN JULY WE WILL RETURN TO OUR TRADITIONAL 3 CHURCHES

INDEPENDENT WORSHIP SERVICES FOR COMMUNION SUNDAY!

June 4, 2023

- **First @ 10 am** (First Sunday of the Month 10 am Service)
- Racine, Wykoff and Sumner Center UMC's
 - consolidated worship service

- **Worship Service hosted by Racine UMC @10am**



Fellowship Meal

- Worship
- Communion
- **Mission focus**

THE MISSION FOCUS FOR THIS FINAL GATHERING WILL BE COLLECTING FOOD AND/OR MONITARY GIFTS FOR THE RACINE FOOD SHELF.

YOU MAY BRING YOUR NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS TO WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY MORNING AND OUR OFFERING THAT DAY WILL DEDICATED TO OUR LOCAL FOOD SHELF MISSION AT RACINE UMC

- **A MEAL WILL FOLLOW WORSHIP**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER ONCE MORE WITH YOUR FRIENDS OF FAITH FROM THE OTHER CONGREGATIONS TO:

**PRAISE HIS NAME
SHARE IN THE WORD
GATHER AT HIS TABLE
AND
FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER**

Sunday, June 11th
Sumner Center UMC will be honoring our High School Graduates!

Congratulations to:  **Class of 2023**

Marshall McNamara –

Son of Douglas McNamara & Amanda Alfred
Grandson of Glen & Jean McNamara

Marshall has graduated from Mayo High School, Rochester, Mn
Marshall plans to work in construction & pursue a degree in welding.

Angel Apenhorst-

Daughter of John & (Nicole) Apenhorst & Jackie Strain

Angel's after graduation plans at this time is to find employment and
discern her options

"We are so proud of these two young adults, and we pray they will find their path in this beautiful life God has given them. May they feel His presence and guidance, be open to His love and know that they forever have a faith family who supports them on their journey."

All are welcome to worship with Marshall and Angel on Sunday, June 11th
@ 11 am and enjoy treats and fellowship in their honor after.

YOU DID IT!
Congratulations 

Sumner Center has been working hard to find our rhythm and establish our “Normal” from the Covid Crisis. It has been just over a year now that we have been back to in person Worship.

We are still working hard to re-connect with our younger families and children.

We have established a reformed Sunday School program I believe will be inspiring to the children and beneficial to parents’ schedules:

Every Second

Sunday of the Month all year through

Children’s Sunday School:

Stories of Jesus

Sunday morning @ 10:30 am

Age Pre – k through 6th grade

Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

14 Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

We are also calling out to any and all youth ages 7th grade and above who have not had the opportunity to go through our confirmation program.

If your child or someone you know would like to join our Sunday School or confirmation program, please contact Pastor Bridget Sheely at:

Bridget @countrywidecarriers.com

call or text a message to:

Cell: 507-923-6247

Or

Come to worship Sunday’s @ 11 am

ANNOUNCING THE RENEWAL OF PRAIRELAND PARISH

**Brownsdale UMC
Dexter UMC
Grand Meadow UMC
Racine UMC
Sargeant: Zion UMC
Sumner Center UMC
Wykoff UMC**

**Starting July - These 7 churches
will reunite with the purpose of
re-establishing a hybrid version
of what was once
PrairieLand Parish.**

This parish will be served by the following:

Pastor Bridget Sheely and Pastor Jon Marburger as the primary leads.

Pastor Abigail Ozanne will provide administrative oversight and pulpit supply.

Other preachers will be brought in as pulpit supply as needed for one church each Sunday.

On any given Sunday morning: Pastor Bridget would preach at 3 churches - Pastor Jon would preach at 3 churches - Pastor Abigail or a local pulpit supply pastor, retired or active, would preach at the 7th church.

It is Pastor Jon and Pastor Bridget's goal to keep our rural ministry strong, and the doors to each church in each community open. We firmly and truly believe in the Godly mission of working together to keep the bright light of Jesus Christ shining in each community through the dedication of the United Methodist Disciples of each community congregation so that all who live and pass through our amazing towns and byways may know and find comfort in the knowledge that the foundation of Christ is alive and active – read to offer His open arms of love to all God's children.

With this leap of faith for our future we believe the Benefits to be:

- Stability and sustainability for all the churches involved
- Variety of preaching for the churches
- Variety of worship experience for the clergy
- Clergy get to lean on their strengths and share them with the parish
- Different clergy skill sets are available to more churches
- Everyone stays in their own church
- Every church retains financial independence
- No church pays more than they are currently paying
- Opportunities arise for joint mission, music, and study
- Long term viability is enhanced
- Increased pastoral care is available
- Increased options for confirmation
- Shared and enhanced Lent experiences are possible
- Connecting with area communities is more viable
- Clergy are from the area, dedicated to rural ministry, and invested in the communities

**WILL YOU COMMIT TO SUPPORTING
GOD'S MISSION AND THE FUTURE
STABILITY OF YOUR CHURCH TODAY?
COME, LET US UNITE IN THE POWER OF
PRAISING HIS NAME AS WE JOIN IN
WORSHIP EACH WEEK!**

**GREAT THINGS ARE HAPPENING IN THE NAME OF
JESUS CHRIST!**

Father's Day

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hilarious
cool

wise
positive
special
handsome
protective
funny
helpful

understanding
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smart
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