



YARD SALE Reminder to bring items to donate to the Youth group yard sale to be held **May 3-4th**. Proceeds to our yard sale will go towards outdoor equipment for the youth. Please bring items to the Sunday School room at the bottom of the gathering room steps. If you need your items picked up, please contact Suzanne.

Hilltop Neighbor Garden
Men's group and Women's group are planning to make **Hilltop Neighbor Garden** in our East Parking lot. Contact Joe Williams. Thank you all for your prayers and support for Earth Day Celebration.



Prayer & Coffee
Thursday, 10 am
Join us in prayer time with drip coffee and video watching "the Circle Maker".



Job Openings
A part time IT person is needed for handling PPT, Website, Facebook, Weekly E-News. Contact the Office.




United Women in Faith
THANK YOU to all of those who so graciously donated to the United Women in Faith's drive for the Jackson Co. Essential Needs Pantry. Because of your willingness to live your faith through your generosity, the following donations were received: 30 towels, 151 washcloths, 47 dish cloths, 135 combs/brushes, 12 shaving creams, 2 toothbrushes, large number of feminine hygiene products & adult diapers. Again, thank you and know that your generosity will lead to the well-being and self-respect for many residents of Jackson County.

Sunday, April 28th—the Pastor is out of town for the Walk to Emmaus. Rev. Loretta Waughal will be preaching.

Dinner Church
Every Wednesday, 5-6 PM
All are welcome!
REQUEST: 4 Cakes donated for dessert

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and serve food, greet and mingle. Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the gathering area or you may sign-up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAAAC2AAAFBC16-47489118-dinner>. No User Name or Password is required. Contact Marcia Hagen or Charlene Galston for questions.




Discipleship Ministry
If you are interested in **Discipleship Ministry**, or want to attend the **School of Congregational Development**, Schaumburg, IL, Aug. 4-7, please contact the office, or the Pastor by **April 30**.



Biblical Asia Minor Tour
If you are interested in visiting the **7 churches of Revelation**, or Italy this fall, please contact the Pastor by **April 30**.



Walk to Emmaus
The Walk to Emmaus for men will be held for women April 25-28. If you are interested in the spiritual renewal through Walk to Emmaus, let the office know.



Upcoming Meetings

Sun	Apr. 21	Mission Outreach	10:30 AM
Mon	Apr. 22	Finance Meeting	5:30 PM
Wed	Apr 24	Dinner Church Meeting	6:30 PM
Sat	May 4	United Methodist Men	8:00 AM
Mon	May 6	United Women in Faith	5:30 PM
Tue	May 14	Worship Committee	5:30 PM

Black River Falls United Methodist Church



UMC Mission Statement:

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

** Indicates, please stand if able.*

Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024 9 am

Liturgist: Chuck Devendorf

PRELUDE Carol Prindle

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST,
& ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 23, 1 John 3, John 10)

L: The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.

P: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

L: Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.

P: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

L: Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

P: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

L: Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

P: We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

*OPENING PRAYER (Acts 3, Luke 24)

Shepherding God, guardian of our souls, you offer us rest in the safety of green pastures. Shower us with your love, and offer us fullness of life in your name. When our spirits are parched, you lead us beside still waters and quench our thirst for righteousness; you restore our souls and heal our battered spirits. Touch our hearts and minds, that your goodness and mercy may follow us every day of our lives. May we abide in your love and grace for all eternity. Amen. (B. J. Beu)

OPENING HYMN UMH #382
Have thine Own Way, Lord

CHILDREN'S TIME Imelda Kelley

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of many pastures, we never tire of hearing the voice of our shepherd; we never tire of hearing the call to lay our burdens down; we never tire of hearing the invitation to dwell in your house forever. Forgive us, loving shepherd, when we try to keep you as our own—thinking that we alone have your love, thinking that others wander alone without your care and guidance. Open our eyes, that we may recognize the sheep of your fold wherever they may be and whatever they may look like. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Acts 3, Psalm 4)

The one who lays his life down for the sheep will surely rescue us and lead us to safe pastures. Through the love and grace of our shepherd, goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives and we shall dwell securely forever.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Shon

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In Unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (John 10, 1 John 3)

L: The good shepherd calls us to love one another.

P: We come, abiding in love.

L: The shepherd of love calls us to give of ourselves.

P: We come, abiding in faith.

L: The shepherd of life calls us to be a blessing to others.

P: We come, abiding in God's blessings.

DOXOLOGY TFWS #2026
Halle, Halle, Halleluja

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Shon

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:12-21

¹² For we do not commend ourselves again to you, but give you opportunity to boast on our behalf, that you may have *an answer* for those who boast in appearance and not in heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, *it is* for God; or if we are of sound mind, *it is* for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; ¹⁵ and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.

¹⁶ Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know *Him thus* no loner.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. ¹⁸ Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, ¹⁹ that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

²⁰ Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

*HYMN OF PRAISE TFWS #2155
Blest Are They

SERMON Rev. Inwha Shon
Are You Reconciled to God?

*CLOSING HYMN UMH #389
Freely, Freely

*BENEDICTION Rev. Shon

POSTLUDE Carol Prindle

Ushers: David & Sherry Olson
Fellowship: Esther Shon