


**YARD SALE**

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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**

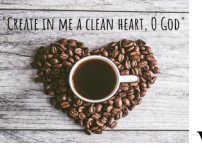
The **Hilltop Neighbor Garden** has been built! Thank you to everyone that helped with the construction of the garden! The fence is up and the beds are built. Mark your calendar for **May 4th and May 18th** for planting cold weather crops. The group will also have a meeting **May 18th at 9:00 AM**. Thank You All!



**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.


Ushers: Don and Charlene Galston  
Fellowship: Judy Sheppard

**DINNER CHURCH**

**Every Wednesday, 5-6 PM**  
**All are welcome!**

**REQUEST: 4 Cakes donated for dessert**

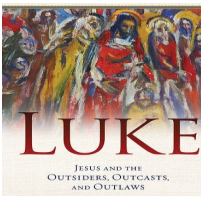
**Volunteers** are needed to help prepare and serve food, greet and mingle. Volunteer sign-up sheets are in the gathering area or you may sign-up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAAAC2AAAFBC16-47489118-dinner>. No User Name or Password is required. Contact Marcia Hagen or Charlene Galston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



**Small Group Study**


**4 Wednesdays 6:30 pm, May 8, 15, 22, 29**

A small group study along with a book & video **Luke: Jesus & the Outsiders, Outcasts, & Outlaws** by Adam Hamilton. Contact the office or the pastor.



**Volunteers to visit Shut-Ins**

Would you like to visit our members to encourage, pray for, and listen to them so they can stay in love with God and us? Contact the office.



**Biblical Asia Minor Tour**

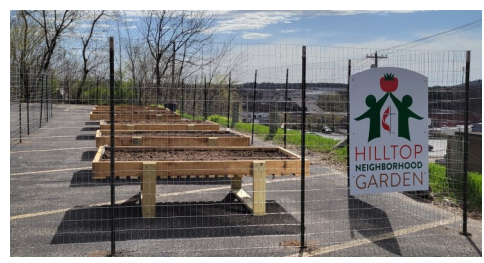
If you are interested in visiting **the 7 churches of Revelation, or Italy** in November, please contact the Pastor **by April 30**.



**Upcoming Meetings**

Sat	May 4	<b>United Methodist Men</b>	8:00 AM
Mon	May 6	<b>United Women in Faith</b>	5:30 PM
Tue	May 7	<b>Children/Youth/Family</b>	5:30 PM
Tue	May 14	<b>Worship Committee</b>	5:30 PM
Thu	May 16	<b>Ad Council Meeting</b>	5:30 PM

# Black River Falls United Methodist Church



## UMC Mission Statement:

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

Pastor Rev. Inwha Shon  
Pianist Joyce Moldenhauer

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*\* Indicates, please stand if able.*

Fifth Sunday of Easter      April 28, 2024    9 am

Liturgist: Jim Hornby

PRELUDE      Joyce Moldenhauer

HYMN OF PRAISE      TFWS #2230

*Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing*

WELCOME, PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST,  
& ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God's love, strong and true,

**P: Beckons us to walk on with hope in each step, Lures us home, to the place just right.**

L: God's love, everlasting and bold,

**P: Sustains us when fear closes in and worry overwhelms, Surprises us with glimpses of wonder and bursts of joy.**

L: God's love, gentle yet persistent,

**P: Graces us with rest in the midst of busyness, Hounds us to follow the good path.**

L: God's love, abundant and uplifting,

**P: Dances around us like waves on the shore, Dwells in us as a song steeped in praise.**

L: God's love, forever leading us to sing and pray, serve and praise.

### \*OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty and merciful God, your Word calls us to abide in you; to so dwell in you that it is no longer we who live, but your Spirit living through us. As we abide in you, your Spirit empowers us to love, enables us to forgive, invites us to joyous worship, admonishes us to repentant-**

**beckons us to intimacy with both Creator and creation. We bless you and praise you for loving us with an everlasting, limitless love and for entrusting to us the responsibility and joy of participating in your vineyard. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN      W&S #3105

*In Christ Alone*

CHILDREN'S TIME      Stephanie Bantel

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Acts 8, Psalm 22, 1 John 4, John 15)

**Our God, forgive us for failing to understand and accept the great demands placed upon us by your love. We enlist in your causes, but find ourselves losing interest. We promise to be courageous, but find ourselves afraid. We want to be sensitive, but find ourselves hard and callous. Forgive us; take our limitations and turn them into possibilities for service as we abide in Jesus. Have mercy on us and grant us your peace. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Psalm 22, 1 John 4)

Friends, "God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us." In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

PASTORAL PRAYER      Rev. Waughtal

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

Bring now a portion of the abundance God has committed to your care as an offering of thanksgiving. God rewards our faithfulness with further opportunities and responsibilities, with deeper fulfillment and joy. Let all around bring gifts to God, who is to be glorified in all we do.

DOXOLOGY      TFWS #2026

*Halle, Halle, Halleluja*

OFFERTORY PRAYER      Rev. Waughtal

SCRIPTURE      John 15:1-8

**"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.**

**<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      TFWS #2130

*The Summons*

SERMON      Rev. Waughtal

*In the Zone*

\*CLOSING HYMN      UMH #397

*I Need Thee Every Hour*

\*BENEDICTION      Rev. Waughtal

POSTLUDE      Joyce Moldenhauer