

The Church Mouse

Hilton United Methodist Church
September 2014

From the Pastor:

The Mission of Hilton United Methodist Church is “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” It seems simple, but is actually not as simple as it would seem.

I know that I have been on vacation when I look at my feet and see tan lines from my flip flops. It means I have spent a good deal of time outside. When we are at the cottage, this happens rather quickly as I play with the kids in the water, sit and watch them play, read a good book in my Adirondack Chair, and even eat my meals outside. This summer at the end of our week at the cottage I looked at my feet and saw the imprint of vacation in the tan lines that clearly are the marks of my flip flops.

This made me wonder. What are the imprints on us that show the world we are a disciple of Jesus Christ? If our mission is to make disciples; or be conduits for God to make disciples; how do we know someone is a disciple of Jesus Christ?

As I read the scriptures, my opinion is that Jesus makes it abundantly clear that love is the one and only principle on which His kingdom was founded.

My own experience is that being a disciple of Jesus Christ energizes the spirit, challenges the mind, and demands our utmost in our relationship with God and our fellow human beings. I want to share four marks of Christian discipleship.

First, the priority of Jesus. Jesus is often referred to as “the Lord” in the New Testament. The word “Lord,” which initially was general in its application, became a highly significant term for the early Christians. The Roman emperor claimed divinity and wanted to be addressed as “the Lord.” To confess that Christ—rather than the Roman Caesar—was their ultimate Lord was not just expressing an opinion. Those who lived in the Roman realm should have only one lord, and to apply this title to any person other than the emperor could well end in torture and death. Thus, it required faith and dedicated discipleship to call Jesus “Lord.”

But today it also is no small thing to call Jesus our Lord and truly to mean it. If He is our Lord, He is the Sovereign over our whole life, over all that we say and do. “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and

follow Me' ” (Luke 9:23). All relationships, activities, hopes, and dreams must come under the lordship of Christ—daily and perpetually. Nothing can come between the disciple and the Master (Matt. 10:37-39). A disciple's ever-binding motto will be, “For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Phil. 1:21).

Second, abiding in Jesus. “ ‘If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed’ ” (John 8:31). Christian discipleship is a call to continuously live in Jesus and to let His Word be the constant guide to faith and conduct.

Third, loving one another. “ ‘A new commandment I give to you. . . . By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another’ ” (John 13:34, 35).

But Jesus expects His disciples to love as He did, to love sacrificially, love at all costs, love without barriers, love inclusively, love to build the community, love to enlarge God's kingdom, and love to make disciples. As “new” as this may have sounded to the eleven remaining disciples, it was in fact the one command the entire Bible is based upon. The most common thing for which the people of Israel were rebuked time and again by prophet after prophet was unloving actions. Oppressing the poor, unjust treatment of workers, uncaring attitudes toward widows and orphans, even harsh treatment of the stranger or foreigner were the cause of much of the trouble Israel faced in her history.

The one thing Jesus had set His entire life to demonstrating, the one thing He said was the greatest commandment after loving God, was loving each other. Jesus made it abundantly clear that love was the one and only principle on which His kingdom was founded. “This,” He said, “is how they'll know for sure; you'll love!” Do we love one another who are a part of our fellowship, those who are outside our fellowship, and pre-Christians as well?

Fourth, bearing fruit. “ ‘By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples’ ” (John 15:8). Discipleship is a practical witness to what Christ has done for you and me. He has forgiven, redeemed, and empowered us so that we are freed from condemnation to live lives of obedience and ones that are fruit-bearing.

There are two basic kinds of “fruit” of the Christian life, and they come in a definite order. First is the fruit of the Spirit, defined in Galatians 5:22-25. Does your life bear the fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control? If you are like me, some days are better and some fruit is stronger than others. We are to live in constant connection with Jesus through His indwelling Spirit. It's a growing thing. It never stops, and you're never “there.” But you'll recognize His presence.

As we enter the fall season and busy back-to-school season, may you reflect on the marks of discipleship and continue to grow them, even though the marks of our summer fun may fade!

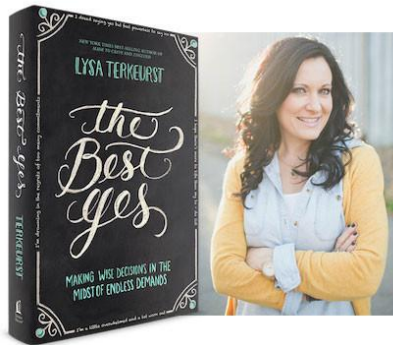
See you in worship,
Pastor Jennifer

Ladies, how many times do you say “Yes” to something and wish you had said “No?”

**Do you feel guilty for saying “No?” Do you feel overwhelmed?
This study is for YOU!!**

**We will meet the first Thursday of the month starting October 2nd!
10 Rolling Meadow Dr. N. Hilton
7 – 8pm**

**The topic of our discussion will be Lysa Terkeurst’s new book, “The Best Yes.”
Come enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, sit with friends, and take a break from the rise
of endless demands and feed your soul.**



Publisher’s book synopsis:

Are you living with the stress of an overwhelmed schedule and aching with the sadness of an underwhelmed soul?

*Lysa TerKeurst is learning that there is a big difference between saying yes to everyone and saying yes to God. In *The Best Yes* she will help you:*

- Cure the disease to please with a biblical understanding of the command to love.*
- Escape the guilt of disappointing others by learning the secret of the small no.*
- Overcome the agony of hard choices by embracing a wisdom based decision-making process.*
- Rise above the rush of endless demands and discover your best yes today*

Lysa TerKeurst is the New York Times bestselling author of *Made to Crave* and *Unglued*. She isn’t shy about admitting what a mess she can be. But in the midst of everyday “growth opportunities,” she’s been learning God’s lessons and sharing them on her blog (www.LysaTerKeurst.com) and in her books. Lysa is president of Proverbs 31 Ministries and writes from her sticky farm table in North Carolina where she lives with her husband, Art, five kids, three dogs, and mouse that refuses to leave her kitchen.

**Order your book on Amazon.com
or see Pastor Jennifer if you are interested! We hope you can join us!**

Hand to Plow Update:

The Vision Team had a very productive summer. We met several times and had e-mail conversations. We have come to a consensus of a vision statement as dictated by the Consultation held in March. On Thursday August 28th, the Ad. Council will vote upon this vision statement. If it is accepted, it will be presented in worship on September 7th.

Pastor Jennifer will then do a series of sermons in September to outline the vision. She will also be hosting “Pastor Fire Side Chats” after worship to further study the scripture of that day’s sermon, further interpret the vision, and answer any questions.

We hope you will make September worship a priority in order to enhance this important part of our journey. We also are beginning to form the teams of the 4 areas of study for the consultation. These teams will be meeting in early September.

Ministry Fair

Sunday September 28th

Immediately Following Worship

Come enjoy a sandwich and learn about the many ministry opportunities we have at HUMC.

Ask questionsLearn More Get Involved!

Here’s your opportunity to find your “perfect fit” for 2014-15 Volunteer Ministry!



Ministry Fair
Sunday, Sept 28th
Fellowship Hall



Blessing of the Backpacks

Free Gift

Sunday September 7th ~ during worship

Bring your backpack to worship on September 7th and we will bless it for the coming school year!

Hope to see you there!

Strategic Leadership Retreat

ALL HUMC Leadership and Staff are
expected to attend

Led by Rev. Aaron Bouwens

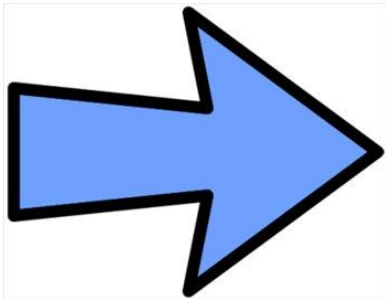
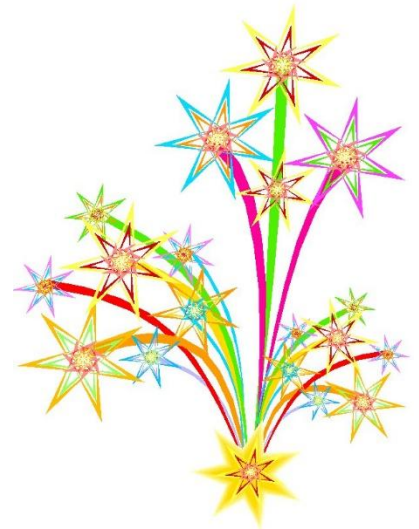
Fri Sept. 19th (7-9 pm) – Sat. Sept. 20th
(9am-3pm)

Lunch provided

Aldersgate UMC
(4115 Dewey Avenue Rochester, NY 14616)

Carpooling will be available!

Please RSVP to 392-8761 or
humc98@rochester.rr.com by September 12th



Inquiring/New Members Class

October 19th

Immediately Following Worship to 1 p.m.

Lunch will be provided

Are you new to HUMC? Would you be interested in learning more about the United Methodist Church? Are you interested in becoming a member of the congregation or in baptism?

This time of learning and fellowship is for you! Even if you have been a member for a long time or just want to remain a faithful friend of the congregation we invite you to come and learn more.

Pastor Jennifer and other leaders will be hosting a class from 11:30 – 1:00 p.m. We will discuss “Basic Christian Principles” “What is a United Methodist?” “How does HUMC make a difference in our community?” “What do I need to do to become a member?”

Please e-mail humc98@rochester.rr.com or call the Church Office 392-8761 to reserve your spot!



Mid-Year Treasurer / Finance Report July 30, 2014

We have not met our Financial Operating Plan for 2104 through July; we need your help in getting on track if we are to meet our end of year goals!

Overview of Financials:

- Income from Giving per approved 2014 Plan is behind by: -\$3500
- Expenses for the Year to date have exceeded the plan by: \$17,000
- Projected shortfall for Year End 2014 is \$30,000
- Major Financial obligations not met through July 30th are;
 - Shared Ministry (April, May, June, July and August)
\$12,586
 - Pension and Benefits (July and August)
\$3,665



If you have questions or recommendations, please contact Ed Earnhart or Dennis Sneddon

Summer Lunch Program

Another successful Summer Lunch Program this year thanks to all the people who came to help Thursday evening and Friday mornings for 5 weeks. Then on late Friday morning these lunches and extra fruit cups and cookies were delivered to the Parma Recreation Program. The purpose of our Lunch Program is to reach the children that would come with little or no lunches to the Parma Recreation Program. The following are the numbers and cost for this summer.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Students</u>	<u>Lunches Provided</u>	<u>Extra Students</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1	7/11	251	125	126	\$ 528.87*
2	7/18	264	167	97	139.75
3**					
4	8/1	251	141	110	123.16
5	8/8	273	138	135	247.35
6	8/15	<u>264</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>166.68</u>
TOTALS		1,303	687	626	\$1,205.81

* some items purchased for the entire 6 weeks

** Parma Rec was held out-of-town

Submitted by
Lois DeWitt



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW) OF HUMC

Are you ready to think about UMW's fall events for 2014? Ready or not it is time! Our UMW meeting is the first Tuesday of each month at 7PM. Our first meeting for the 2014-15 season is Sept 2nd. Please save the date and plan on coming---[ALL ARE INVITED AND WELCOME.](#)

This meeting is a planning meeting and guess what is high on the agenda-----**TURKEY DINNER.** There is a change in the date and we need to talk about the price of tickets. Just to give you something to think about I looked up the ticket prices for 2012 and 2013 along with the net profit for the dinners.

<u>Ticket Prices</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Adults	\$12	\$13
Seniors and Take out	\$10	\$11
Youth	\$7	\$ 8
Children 5 and under free		
Net income:	\$3064	\$2547.30

We all know that prices have gone up considerably and what it costs to eat in restaurants. Keep in mind that this meal is served family style which means seconds are available and that this is UMW's fund raiser for the year's projects and events as well as keeping the kitchen equipped.

Other agenda items are:

We like to have a speaker once or twice a year and October is a good month to invite someone—do you have any ideas or suggestions?—Bring them to the meeting.

We will also be updating our list of college men and women as well as service people. Do you have a name for/on that list or do you know of someone related one of our church families that we should put on our list—especially service people. Bring all information to be passed on to Lori Cole (if you don't get it to her before hand). We will also be discussing a date to be sending out our annual goodie box to them.

See you ALL on Tuesday September 2 at 7 PM in the Multipurpose room.

Janet LaBorie

Friendship Circle Meeting

Tuesday, September 9th

Meeting is at Liz Gliszczynski's home

286 South Ave at 7:30pm.

Thanks. Liz!

392-7691



Vagabonds

Do you remember learning about Roosevelt's CCC camps that were part of the New Deal? Did you know we have one of those camps just west of us--out by Hamlin Beach. If you read the article in the Suburban News or went of a UMW field trip several years ago you do. Improvements have been made since we were there according to the Suburban News article.

Ken Burns of PBS fame did a documentary on them and it aired several years ago. The men that were "stationed" at this camp built Hamlin Beach.

I thought it would be interesting to visit or for some of us revisit the camp. We will go in September. Watch for a date. I am going to see if Ed Evans, the local gentleman who started this project, will join us and be available to answer questions. So watch the bulletin board and Sunday bulletin. I will e-mail the date also.

Janet LaBorie



Apple Fest Auto Show Food Booth

Saturday October 4th

At Village Elementary School

RAIN OR SHINE!!!



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E-mail: edgar.earnhart@gmail.com



Sign Up by **Sign-Up Genius** Online

Click or enter the hyperlink address below:

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Help Needed:

Have you been sitting in your pew during Sunday Worship service wishing you could be an usher? We have men, ladies and couples usher teams. We currently have six usher teams, so that means you only have to serve once every six weeks. If you can't serve the week your team is scheduled, no problem, I can always find a substitute. If you are interested in becoming an usher, please contact Scott Campbell at Sunday Worship, by phone (225-2052) or e-mail (skcamp38@aol.com). Thanks.

Summer Coffee Hour:

My thanks to all that helped with coffee hour during the month of July and August, your help and support is greatly appreciated. ~ Janet LaBorie

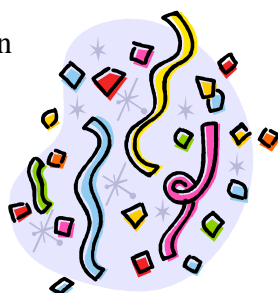
September Anniversaries

Steven & Darlene Clark	September 3, 1988	26 years
George & Evelyn Mosier	September 3, 1953	61 years
Scott & Lisa Pundt	September 10, 1994	20 years
Tim & Michelle List	September 12, 1987	27 Years
Mike & Denise Wroblewski	September 15, 1984	30 years
Mike & Marianne Holmes	September 16, 1995	19 years
Joe & Deb Pardi	September 20, 2003	11 years
Dennis & Diann Sneddon	September 30, 1967	47 years



September Birthdays

6	Kimberly Richardson
8	Dan Hurlimann
10	Mark Swanson
13	Sally Lee
14	Janet LaBorie
17	Mike Wroblewski
18	Valeria Brackley



18	Don Brumbaugh
18	Jennifer Green
19	Barb Hare
20	Allan Lower
22	Kourtney Sylvester
25	Kae Chojnowski
25	Greg Earnhart

Volunteers For September 2014

<u>Greeters</u>		<u>Lay Liturgists</u>	
7	Pearl Bloom	7	Tracie Beardsley
14	Bob & Debby Comstock	14	Jim Lee
21	Doug & Ingrid Richardson	21	Ingrid Richardson
28	Chuck & Lori Cole	28	Katie Paxton-Johnson
<u>Ushers</u>		<u>Coffee Hour</u>	
7	# 2 – Jim Lee	7	Janet LaBorie
14	# 3 – Will Rickman	14	Pearl Bloom
21	# 4 – Ernie McKenzie	21	Pat Holenbeck & Ernie McKenzie
28	# 5 – Pat Holenbeck	28	Scott Campbell & Nancy Young
<u>Sound Booth:</u>		<u>Acolytes</u>	
7	Dan Van Vleck	7	<i>Please See Pastor Jennifer</i>
14	Patti Sullivan/Bob Comstock	14	<i>If you are interested in</i>
21	April Jordan/Patti Sullivan	21	<i>Being an acolyte</i>
28		28	
<u>Communion Servers:</u>			
7	Marj & Ed Earnhart; Jim & Sally Lee; Sharon & Wayne Miller		

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** If you no longer wish to receive the HUMC monthly newsletter, please be a good steward of our church's money and let us know. Thank you.

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