

**June  
2022**

# Sumner Center UMC Newsletter

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(Physical Address)



## Pastors Notes...

I am happy to announce that wonderful changes are taking place in regard to our church alignment. Racine and Sumner Center will be welcoming Wykoff UMC and together we will be creating a 3-point charge in our area!

This change is a fantastic opportunity to broaden our ministry, expand on our resources and grow our faith family community. All 3 church administrations will be meeting at the Sumner Center Church on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm for a special session charge conference to finalize the pastoral compensation and the new church times. So, please keep watch in your email boxes and on Facebook for the announcement of new worship times.

We are looking at worship times to be:

**8:30 am Racine UMC**

**9:45am Wykoff UMC**

**11:00am Sumner Center UMC**

I am humbly honored to be serving all three congregations starting on June 26, 2022.



**Worship:  
Sundays  
In Sanctuary at 10:30am  
&  
Sumner Center UMC Facebook Page**

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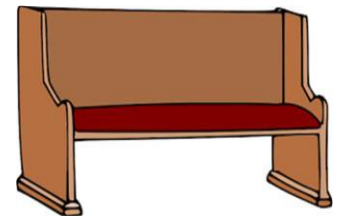
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Grace and Peace in the name of Jesus Christ:

If you have items you would like to be published in the newsletter, please contact Pastor Bridget by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the preceding month by emailing your information to: [bridget@countrywidecarriers.com](mailto:bridget@countrywidecarriers.com) Or by bringing your information to her at the church.



*The Lord has reserved a*



*just for you!*

# Calendar of Events

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

## June 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>Saturday</b>			<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> <b>Food Shelf</b> 6-8pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4 Ad Council Meeting</b> 11:15am 
<b>5</b>  Pentecost Worship 10:30 am Holy Communion	<b>6</b>  WHIT MONDAY  Remember and Honor D-DAY 6th JUNE 1944 Normandy Landings	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  Trinity Sunday Worship 10:30 am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  14 JUNE FLAG DAY	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Charge conference 1pm At Sumner Center UMC
<b>19</b>  Happy Father's Day Worship 10:30 am JUNETEENTH A DAY OF FREEDOM	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  SUMMER SOLSTICE	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Worship 11:00 am	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		

**Shavuot**, also known as the Feast of Weeks, is a major Jewish holiday observed every year fifty days after the Passover Seder. It will commence at sunset on June 4. Shavuot encompasses two celebrations, the wheat harvest in Israel and God's giving of the Torah to the people of Israel on Mount Sinai.

**Pentecost**, also known as Whitsunday, is a Christian observance that takes place fifty days after Easter. It has its origins in the Judaism tradition of the Festival of Weeks and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit onto Jesus's Apostles after his Ascension.

**Whit Monday**, also known as Pentecost Monday, is celebrated on the day after Pentecost, and it marks the end of the 90 days of Easter Season, which begins with Ash Wednesday.

**Juneteenth, or Freedom Day**, After the surrender of General Robert E. Lee on April 9, 1865, the Civil War was officially over, and on June 19 General Gordon Granger arrived at Galveston with 1800 Union soldiers and proceeded to take control of the state and put the Emancipation Proclamation in effect, freeing the 250,000 slaves that existed in the state of Texas. The recently freed slaves took to the streets to celebrate, thus originating the holiday that would become known as Juneteenth, which literally means "June Nineteenth". **Trinity Sunday**, also known as the Feast of the Holy Trinity, is observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost. On this feast day, Christians celebrate the Holy Trinity which consists of God, the Father; Jesus, the son; and the Holy Spirit

# Highlights of:

Minnesota Annual  
Conference 2022  
May 24-25



**Theme: Drawing on Psalm 23 and John 10:10-11, the theme was “Jesus: Healer.” We are a people and a world in need of healing beyond our doing. God invites us to come sit by still waters, and to allow God to restore our soul.**

By: Christa Meland



At this annual conference, we explored some ways in which we have seen or experienced God’s healing, and ways in which we are providing hope and healing to a hurting world. **Bishop’s Episcopal Address:** In his Episcopal Address to the Minnesota Conference, Bishop David Bard reminded us of the biblical story of Jesus healing a boy possessed by a demon (Mark 9:14-29). In this story, the pain and suffering are real, and so is the healing. If we’re to let such stories speak to us, we need to grapple with their challenges in the context of lives where healing doesn’t happen or doesn’t happen the way we may want it to. Perhaps for us as a conference, he said, our way into the future is to follow Jesus on a healing journey where our souls are made large, our hearts capacious, our minds expansive, where we can hold together creatively spaciousness and direction, clarity and complexity, and where cure is care and being steeped in the love of God as we know it in Jesus, the grace of God, God’s dream and desire for the world.

**13 Local Licensed were appointed:** Cassi Betker, Kieu Ngan Doan, Scott Evenson, Kelly Figueroa-Ray, Sarah Green, Catie Levenick, Eric Pone, John Scheuer, Mark Schlasner, Sarah Schroerlucke, Jennifer Spickelmier, Russ Steele, and Jason Steffenhagen.



Rev. Hope Bentley Hutchison  
Was ordained as a deacon,

Rev. Lee Miller  
was ordained as an elder

Milestones  
In  
ministry

**Diversity and inclusion legislation:** Annual Conference members overwhelmingly approved four pieces of legislation focused on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI). One charges to the conference to contract with an outside auditor who has experience in DEI work to perform an equity audit of human resources at the conference level in order to increase equity in hiring practices, employee compensation and procedures, and employee recruiting and retention at the conference level. Another charges the Cabinet to prioritize the recruitment of candidates of color and LGBTQIA+ candidates for open positions in order to create a more diverse conference leadership team. And a third stipulates that the conference’s part-time racial justice organizer position will be made into a full-time, director-level position on the Extended Cabinet by January 2023. Meanwhile, voting members approved by a margin of 339-36 a piece of legislation that calls for the Minnesota Conference to hold a storytelling space before the 2026 Annual Conference that would allow Minnesota United Methodists to tell stories that resulted from the Book of Discipline policy stating that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching.

## Discontinuing and disaffiliating churches:

Attendees voted to ratify the terms of disaffiliation agreements made between the conference Board of Trustees and three local churches that have discerned that their path goes a different direction from the Minnesota Annual Conference. In 2019, an amendment was added to the United Methodist Book of Discipline allowing churches to disaffiliate through December 2023 over disagreement about human sexuality. “We have sharp disagreements about the shape of ministry, but we can trust one another to God’s grace,” Bishop David Bard said after the disaffiliation votes. Meanwhile, attendees gave thanks for the ministries and legacies of faith of five churches that have closed over the past year.

# June Worship Highlights



## Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>



*Pentecost* As we gather for worship this Pentecost Sunday, let us place ourselves before God, to be birthed anew with the breath of God's benevolent life through his Holy Spirit

Come and worship His name through the powerful message of Pentecost the service will consist of Scriptural Word, Songs of Praise, Prayers of new life and uniting at the Holy table of Communion.

## Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

You will not want to miss this hour of worship!

We will gather in His name to celebrate in word and song and to affirm our faith in God, the Three in One.

There will even be a small impromptu skit featuring: Jesus, Peter, the disciples and God!

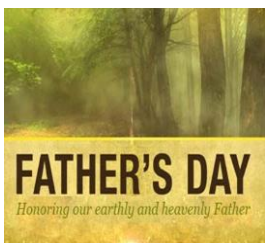


**What does color red represent at Pentecost Sunday?**

**Red Used at Pentecost, to commemorate the Holy Spirit's coming with fire to the apostles and for the commemoration of martyrs and other saints.**

Trinity Sunday teaches us about the oneness of God in his three forms of: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This festival is the only festival that celebrates a doctrine/idea instead of a figure or an event.

## Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>



The world's human community began with one man. The redemption of humanity was wrought by one man.

Today, we celebrate the contributions of strong, godly men to our community

We will use an order of traditional worship service

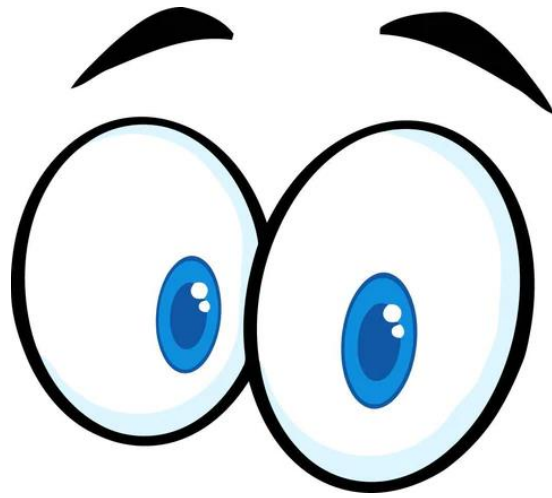


## Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

The call to come home, the desire to go home, feeling a sense of home all strike at the heart of who we are as human beings. This is why we return again and again to these themes. However, as with most things, Jesus is inviting us to think differently about home and what it means to be at home—not so much the warm and cozy hearth and home, but the relationships and commitments that we have within the human community.

**What a perfect message for us to share on this first Sunday of our new 3-point charge appointment!**

**Remember to keep your eyes open**



**For the announcement of new Worship  
times that will take effect on  
Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>!**

**We will be sending announcements of this  
change via:**

**Email, Facebook, and word of mouth!**

*GOD doesn't have to change circumstances  
to bring about HIS WILL; He brings the  
change to our circumstances. -Kris Washington*

## 5 FAMOUS FATHERS IN THE BIBLE WHO INSPIRE US



With Father's Day right around the corner, it's important to explore central fathers in the Bible who inspire us with timeless lessons about how to behave — and not behave. The stories surrounding these men offer Bible verses about fatherhood that can inspire us all.

These fathers of the Bible's thoughts, actions and reliance upon the Lord set a powerful standard for men to look to as they embark on the journey of raising children. From Adam, humanity's first man, to Joseph, Jesus' father, these men's lives are worthy of exploration.



**ADAM** - It would be impossible to discuss fatherhood without mentioning Adam, the first father ever to roam the Earth. While we don't have extensive details about Adam's fatherhood style, we learn in Genesis 1:27 that God created Adam and his wife, Eve, "in His own image" and that the couple went on to become parents. Among the first Bible verses about fatherhood, the Bible records that Adam and Eve had sons named Cain, Abel and Seth, as well as other sons and daughters. Perhaps the best lesson people can take away from Adam's story involves the [consequences](#) that can come when we make wrong decisions.



**NOAH (AND THE ARK)** - The story of Noah building his ark has captivated Bible readers throughout the ages. With Genesis telling us that God was set to destroy the Earth due to humanity's overwhelming evil, Noah was tasked with building a large vessel to carry him, his family, food and "two of all living creatures, male and female." God asked and Noah answered, complying with these requests and showing some of his positive attributes. Noah is described in Genesis 6 as "a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time" and a man who "walked faithfully with God," so it's understandable why God chose him to save and repopulate the world. With all of this in mind, Noah is a model of obedience, as he followed God's commands in an effort to save his family — and humanity.



**JOSEPH, JESUS' DAD** - There are few fatherhood stories in the Bible as inspirational and phenomenal as the gospel account of Joseph accepting Jesus as his son. Without a doubt, Joseph is one of the most transformational fathers of the Bible. Just consider these biblical facts: Mary, Jesus' mother, was pledged to be married to Joseph when Joseph found out that she was pregnant. After finding out about the shocking pregnancy — a child that couldn't possibly be his — Joseph considered divorcing Mary quietly. Then, an angel appeared with a message that [changed everything](#). Joseph's acceptance of God's will (in this case the virgin birth) and his decision to

protect and raise Jesus shows devotion and a model of the importance of relying on God's will. He's one of the fathers in the Bible who can teach us true love and selflessness.



**MOSES** - Moses is one of the Old Testament's most well-known names; he's also one of the most fascinating fathers of the Bible who inspires us. He was essentially the earthly "father" of the Hebrew people, guiding them out of Egyptian slavery and setting them on the path to the Promised Land. After God penned the Ten Commandments, Moses brought the collection of rules and regulations to his people. Thousands of years later, those commandments continue to provide moral guidance to people across the globe. Exodus 14 shows how Moses [defended and encouraged](#) his people as the Egyptians came after them. While Moses clearly cared for his

people as any good "father" would.

**GOD THE FATHER** - Last but not least is [God the father](#), who offers up the most powerful example of what it means to be a dad. God's love for humanity is shown throughout for the Bible but is perhaps most evident in His decision to send Jesus Christ to die for the sins of mankind. This selfless act was done out of pure love for His creation. God's undying and selfless love for His creation — and his willingness to do anything to save, help and sustain that creation — provides an example to fathers on how to love and care for their families. He truly is a good, good father.



# Fathers Day Word Search

Find the hidden words.

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CARING	FOOTBALL	HONOR	MEMORIES	STRONG
CHILDREN	FUNNY	HUGS	NURTURE	SWEET
DADDY	GIFTS	JOKES	PARENT	THOUGHTFUL
DEVOTED	GIVING	JUNE	PROTECT	TIE
FAMILY	HEART	KISSES	RESPECT	TOOLS