

“The United Methodist Church forms  
Disciples of Jesus Christ who,  
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
**Love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously**  
In local communities and worldwide connections.”

I shared the new vision statement of the UMC, released by the Council of Bishops early last month, during the confirmation Sunday worship two weeks ago. It is my privilege and joy to accompany our young disciples on their faith walk and celebrate a significant milestone. In every confirmation class I teach, I learn something new from our youth and the conversations we share. This time we had six confirmands meeting about fifteen classes over the eight month period. I hope their understanding has expanded as it has for me. I'm grateful for the opportunity to learn about their stories and deepen our relationship. I cheer their courage to profess their faith in front of the whole church family. They have not yet fully grasped what the Christian faith is all about, with many hanging questions, but they are willing to explore and learn more about God and God's world. And so do we! As baptized Christians, we are invited to affirm our faith more than once. We are on the way of salvation, as Wesley said, throughout our lifelong journey. We are born again and again, renewed inside and out, imitating Christ. We are becoming Jesus' followers day by day. We are called to make disciples only by becoming the one ourselves first.

The gentle rain showers the earth in its spring grandeur this morning. As much as I loved the barren winter trees, I adore the trees clothed in green these days. Summer will soon be in full bloom, and many of us will be on the road, traveling and camping. At the same time, some members of our church family will be on a recovery journey following procedures and treatments. Some of our friends will search for new possibilities. And all of us will be on the pilgrimage as disciples of Jesus. Wherever we are on the path this season, may we continue to learn to love boldly, embracing differences; serve joyfully, even through hard times; and lead courageously, finding new ways, from our small corners to our neighbors across God's beautiful world. We cannot do this alone, but by the power of God's Spirit, our Helper, Advocate, and Companion, we can. Let us remain connected to the source of our strength and one another. Let us breathe deeply, expand gently and keep growing in grace this season!

Blessings & Peace,



Pastor Mi-Sook Yoo

## June / July 2025 Newsletter

**June 1**  
**Communion Sunday**

\* **Pride Walk & Social**  
**Downtown Crystal Lake**  
**at 11 a.m.**

**June 8**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

**June 15**  
**Father's Day**  
**Lay Speaker,**  
**Alexis Alm preaching**  
**“Our Fathers:**  
**Forging Paths,**  
**Following Footsteps”**



**Monday, July 14**

\* **Culvers**  
**Mission Fundraiser**  
**4-7 p.m. at Rte. 47,**  
**Huntley location**

**July 21-25**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**6-8 p.m.**





## June/July Birthdays

Bryce Aupperle 6/1  
 Lisa Greenwood 6/5  
 Becky Kock 6/11  
 Joshua Brighten 6/16  
 Aaron Heider 6/16  
 Janice Sierra 6/18  
 Eleanor Kilberger 6/20  
 Chad Aupperle 6/23  
 Elena Agabin 6/27  
 Dan Kock 6/29  
 Charlotte Letterle 6/30  
 Judy Lange 7/2  
 Thelma Jones 7/14  
 Kathy Stallone 7/14  
 Ronald Gray 7/15  
 Duane Graf 7/21  
 Jenny Heider 7/25  
 Megan Huibregtse 7/25  
 Connie Gustafson 7/29  
 Amanda Le 7/31

## June/July Anniversaries

Dan & Wanda Holtz 6/10  
 Dan & Becky Kock 6/13  
 Hyujae & Mi-Sook Yoo 6/13  
 Joe & Elanor Kilberger 6/17  
 Duane & Janet Graf 6/22  
 Chuck & Laurie Perry 6/23  
 Walter & Alexis Alm 6/25  
 Michael & Leanne Buscko 6/25  
 Dave & Bonnie Dodge 6/27  
 Terry & Peggy Burke 7/13  
 Matt & Debbie Thomas 7/14  
 Aaron & Jenny Heider 7/24

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### SMALL GROUP GATHERINGS

Contact each group leader or call/email the church office to join the conversation. Check the weekly e-news or your leader's email for their in-person and zoom meetings.

#### Spirituality Group, Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Linda Mullen [mullen520@comcast.net](mailto:mullen520@comcast.net)

#### Women's Bible Study, Thursdays at 10 a.m. \*Summer Break\*

Lisa Greenwood [lisajoegreenwood@yahoo.com](mailto:lisajoegreenwood@yahoo.com)

#### Men's Group, Saturdays at 7:30 a.m.

Bryan Doyle [amybryandoyle@aim.com](mailto:amybryandoyle@aim.com)

### Fill the Truck Mission Challenge

We are continuing to collect items for the "Fill the Truck Mission Challenge Collection Drive." The NIC Board of Global Ministries is coordinating with Midwest Missions to organize its annual conference collection drive for Midwest Mission's most needed items. Pastor will take all the items that we collect to the Annual Conference on June 8th and "Fill the Truck." We will be collecting items for the **Personal Dignity Kits**. See the list below.

Drop off your items in the "Fill the Truck" bin in the lobby.

#### Deadline is Sunday, June 8th .

Hand Towels (no kitchen towels)	Lotion bottles (8-10oz)
Washcloths (no dishcloths)	Gallon Zip-lock bags
Toothbrushes (no multipacks)	Shampoo bottles (12-19oz)
Bars of soap (3-4oz)	Deodorant (2-3oz)

#### Crystal Lake Pride Walk 🌻 Sunday June 1 🌻 11 a.m.

Please speak to Debbie Thomas, Gary Gruebnau or Lisa Greenwood if you would like to walk with our church group.

#### VBS Volunteer Meeting 🌻 Sunday, June 8 🌻 Following Service

Calling all those interested in volunteering for VBS this year. We will be having our first VBS Volunteer Meeting on Sunday, June 8 following service.

#### Praying Stitchers Ministry 🌻 Monday, June 9 and July 14 🌻 1 p.m.

Praying Stitchers invites all who know how to or are willing to learn to sew, knit or crochet! Can't make a daytime meeting? You can still participate! Sew a pillow case (we have an easy pattern). Knit or crochet a 12x12 square (or several) and one of our ladies will put them together making lovely prayer shawls. For more details, see Jean Jaderborg or Cheryl Fournier. Our next meeting is at church on Monday, June 9.

#### Culver's Fundraiser (Huntley) 🌻 Monday, July 14 🌻 4-8 p.m.

Mark your calendars for ICE CREAM!! We are having a "fun-raiser" at Culvers on Monday, July 14th from 4-8 pm. This is a great opportunity to get dinner and help the Missions Team. See the sign up sheet on the Mission bulletin board.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH

### Sunday School Class ☀️ 10:15 a.m.

We are now offering in person Sunday School for children. After Children's Time during worship, the children will be dismissed to the Sunday School room. If you have any questions or would like to teach the class, please contact Mindy Zeppo at mamcall27@yahoo.com.

### VBS 2025 ☀️ July 21 - 25 ☀️ 6-8 p.m.

Join us on an undersea adventure this summer as we explore a world brimming with vibrant corals, friendly fish, and abundant marine life. Immersed in oceans of fun, kids will discover that God is a real friend who loves them forever! Registration is now open online. Please see our website or check the signup sheet in the church lobby to register for VBS or volunteer at VBS!

### Youth Group will resume in August with Six Flags Trip



**June/July  
Collection**



**Grafton  
Algonquin/LITH  
Food Pantries**



**You can drop off gently used clothes & shoes in the bin.**

**Reach Everyone**  
with Acts of kindness & build Communities of Hope

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**LET US GIVE**

**Greetings from the Mission Team!**

In June, the food collected will be delivered to Grafton Food Pantry.

The Mission Team has decided to support the Northern Illinois Annual Conference “Fill the Truck Mission Challenge Collection Drive.” We will be collecting items for the Personal Dignity Kits.

In July, the food collected will be delivered to the Algonquin/LITH Food Pantry.

There will be a Culver’s fundraiser in July. Mark your calendars to volunteer and/or have a meal in Huntley. Culver’s night is Monday, July 14th from 4-8 pm. Watch for a volunteer sign-up sheet next month.

Collection of items for school backpacks will start in July and continue until August 10th. More information will be in the bulletin and e-news in July.

**Back to School Drive Supply List**

- Backpack (no wheels)
- #2 Ticonderoga Pencils
- Pencil Top Eraser
- Pink Bevel Eraser
- 24 Pack Crayola Crayons
- 10 Pack Crayola Washable Thick Markers
- 8 Pack Crayola Regular Thick Tip Classic Markers
- 12 Pack Crayola 7-inch Colored Pencils
- Plastic Pocket Folders with Center Prongs
- 70 Count Wide Spiral Notebook
- 5' Fiskars Scissors
- Kleenex

If you have questions or want to contribute to the food pantries in any way (donating food, delivering food, monetary donation), please contact Michele Linner. Her contact info is: 815-861-6890 (cell) or email her at

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mlinner@sbcglobal.net.

**We need your help to help others!!**

**Thank you for being a partner of Christ’s ministry**



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