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Kasson UMC
9:00 am Worship

Pleasant Corners UMC
11:00 am Worship

Wise Words from Dad

Proverbs 4:1-2 “Hear, O sons, the instruction of a father, and give attention that you may gain understanding, for I give you sound teaching; do not abandon my instruction.”

Do you remember as a kid, getting some sort of incredibly wise words or instructions from your father? If you were blessed with a Godly father, as I am thankful to say I was, then you likely have many things that come to mind. It might have been instructions in how to do everyday chores or labors correctly, running the tractor or how to change your oil. It might have been wise words about how to conduct yourself in things like a job interview or in times of crisis. Maybe he did all of this, and much more, by explaining through his actions as much as his words about that which was most important. He might be the very reason you go to church, pray, or have such a good relationship with your own family. I know for me personally; my Dad was my role model for so much growing up. He worked hard, he saved well, he treated all of us with love and respect, and most of all he loved Christ and raised me in the church. If you were blessed with a Godly father, then you likely feel the same. Dads, Beloved, are important, and they are a blessing from the Lord for far more than just making sure we make it to adulthood. They, much the same as a Godly mother, are often the source of great wisdom and instruction. They are a part of the Lord's plan to raise up Godly men and women. Knowing that, we should consider a couple of things as we celebrate them this month.

The first is that we do our dads proud (and our mothers for that matter) when we follow their wise instructions, just as the writer of Proverbs encourages us to do. Any father worth their salt wants good for his children, and is proud when they act wisely. Be encouraged, whether your father is still here or has gone home to eternity, to do the things he would want you to do. Take care of your family, take on that project knowing that he is cheering you on in the background, save that little bit of extra money for something important in the future, and most of all follow Christ.

This Father's Day be encouraged to follow your earthly father's example... but also your heavenly Father's as well.

Happy Father's Day Beloved,

-Pastor Jake

P.S. Pops, if you are reading this in the newsletter, thank you for being my Dad. I love you!

Jonathan Root



Jonathan graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato, on Saturday, May 6, 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering (B.S.M.E)

Jonathan has had an internship with Hormel since December 2022. He will begin a Full-time position as a mechanical engineer at Hormel, in Austin, on May 22nd.



Matthew Duncan



You are invited to Matthews grad party
June 24th 2:00-7:00 pm
Olmsted County Fair Grounds,
4-H Bldg.

1508 Aune Dr. SE, Rochester

Matthew plans to continue to work for a year before going to school. He has accepted the barn manager job at Leashes and Leads.

Next summer he plans on attending farrier school, possibly in Nebraska or Kentucky.

Congratulations!

What is the longest River in the U.S.?

Nile

Missouri

Mississippi

Who is on the half dollar?

Dwight Eisenhower

John F. Kennedy

Abraham Lincoln

What are the 8 oldest Religions in the World?

Manichaeism

Hinduism

Zoroastrianism

Judaism

Jainism

Confucianism

Buddhism

Taoism

Shintoism

First person with all the correct answers see Pastor Jake for your prize!

NOTE

Everyone requesting to use the church should go through the **secretary** and fill out the correct form (s). There is a usage fee for everyone. Please submit your payment at the time you submit the form.

Your reservation is not confirmed until the fee is paid.

Thank you .

Food Shelf Donation

Kasson UMC donated 55 lbs to the Semcac Foodshelf during the month of May.

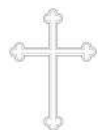


Can you help?

Our records are not up to date and we are looking for marriages that were performed in PC UMC or KUMC. From 2012 to current. Email Janet the persons and date of marriage.

Thank you.

Plan ahead - It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.



SMALL GROUPS

Small groups are a great way to get to know other Christians and share our faith walk with each other. We currently have 4 Small Groups that meet. Each have a coach that helps to lead the group: Monday evenings-Marina Castner, Tuesday day-Ruth Schomburg, Wednesday evening-Chuck Coleman, and a group for those who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis or has in the past -Dawn Bowe. If you are interested in joining one of these groups or would like to know more about them. please let Pastor Jake or one of the coaches know.

Prayer Chain

KUMC offers a way to ask for prayers at any time. The prayer chain is a group of people whom will left up prayers to God when notified of a request. The prayer requests are sent out through an email or phone call. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain group, to pray for others contact Dawn Bowe at mail@bowehome.com to get on the email list or contact Ruth Schomburg to get on the phone list 507-634-7502.

To send a prayer request you can contact the church office, Dawn or Ruth.

There is POWER IN PRAYER

Our You Tube Channel

Another option to view the service at a later date is our You Tube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBI->

NOTE: The church window drawings on page 1 were drawn by Randy Wilbur.



Bulletin Board

KUMC do you read the bulletin boards?

The bulletin board outside the kitchen (at KUMC) will have a question each month.

Plus there is other information on the board that you may want to read.

Thinking of you

Pleasant Corners

Wilma Jensen
 Elaine Marquardt
 Vera Schuck
 Mae Miller
 Marie Henslin



Thinking of You

Kasson

Rodney Beckman
 Cecil Brannon
 Phil DuBois
 Ron and Bonnie Herrick
 Joyce Redfern
 Gladys Rice
 Karen Sprenger
 Virginia Thayer
 Marlene Wordelman
 Mary Mortensen
 Connie Hendrickson

Hy-Vee tapes

Save your Hy-Vee tapes (from any Hy-vee) and bring them in. The KM Elementary PTA will use the money they get back for field trips. KoMet pride activities, yearly class t-shirts, and more! There is a drop box in the Narthex.

Name the church

Do you have an idea for the new church name? Write it down and put it in the offering plate at your respective church, until June 4th.

New Leadership Needed

Operation Christmas Child is a mission outreach our church has participated in for years. It is run by Samaritans Purse an international relief organization. In the fall shoeboxes are filled with items for children of all ages and Samaritans Purse collects them and sends them to children across the world. Dawn Bowe is stepping down from leading this outreach in our church. Please spend time in prayer to see if God is leading you to lead this outreach in our church. Contact Dawn mail@bowehome.com or 273-4371 for more information.



JUNE

- 4 Marv and Renee Jensen
- 11 Jerry and Virginia Giese
- 18 Larry and Lana Berghuis
- 25 Dan and Lori Root

UMC Member Options

There are a couple of options that are available for those that wish to stay with the United Methodist Church. Your current District Superintendent Michelle Hargrave will work with you in that process. You may contact her at michelle.hargrave@minnesotaumc.org

Ladies Group news

1) Our Ladies group will also be looking for a new name. Currently you may see it as Kasson United Methodist Women (KUMW) or United Women in Faith (UWFaith). We are a core group of women who meet regularly supporting Missions within the church, within the local area and internationally. by fund raising events. We also support each other in prayer for those concerns that are on our hearts. We would welcome anyone, whatever age who would like to join us at any meeting.

We did just hold a pillow cleaning fund raiser event, Carlson Pillows cleaned 55 pillows during the afternoon. He can clean feather, foam or polyester pillows. You get new ticking/ fabric on each pillow. He also sells new pillows. Thanks to all who supported this fund raiser. He will be back next year in early May, Watch for information at that time.

2) Did you know there are prayer shawls available at no cost? These shawls are located in the Friendship Hall to the left of the glass History case. The shawls are made by our congregation members, who pray over them as the shawl is made. They are meant to provide a visible reminder to the one wearing it that God surrounds you with care, with love and is there in a time of need. There is no need to tell someone you have taken one and they can be used for yourself or anyone you know who needs this ministry. Please use them.

3) The church also has an AED. For those of you who may not be sure what that is, it is a piece of medical equipment to be used in emergency situations for suspected cardiac arrest before the First Responders arrive. It is located to the right of the glass History case on the wall. What you may also not be aware of is, this equipment may be used by anyone WITHOUT medical training. I encourage you to take a look at this, open the case, turn it on and you will hear a man's voice giving you directions on what to do next (loudly). This is something you should be familiar with if you are in a group that meets at the church, if your group holds a public fundraiser at the church or if you are just curious to learn about it. You can ask Louise or anyone with medical training should be able to help you, also.

What's Next?

Switching gears, I have heard many questions (and rightfully so!) about how we are going to proceed now that our denominational vote is concluded. For those who may not know or who hadn't yet heard the outcome, on April 30th both of our churches voted to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. Without getting too detail heavy, here is the general plan of action over the next few months.

-Between now and November, our two admin councils and our SPRC will be filling out all of the paperwork and doing everything that needs to be done in order to disaffiliate. Come October, we will vote to receive our property from the UMC. This isn't another vote on to stay or leave, just a vote to officially take the responsibilities for our property. On November 13th, the denomination and us will officially part ways. From then on, we will no longer be in the UMC.

-Between November and May 2025, we will work through where we wish to end up denominationally, whether we wish to join the new Global Methodist Church (GMC), or remain as our own independent congregations. While there are many considerations to be made, and a few meetings to be held to field questions and the like, there is no rush on this process. The reason for the May of 2025 cut off date is because that is when our affiliation with pension and healthcare through Wespath has to be decided. If we choose to become GMC, then the healthcare/pension remains the same. If we choose to remain independent, then we will have to figure out healthcare/pensions on our own.

-The most important thing we can do right now: The most important thing we can be doing right now, as we work through this process on the other side of our votes, is to work on healing. Beloved, we haven't had a "normal" year in our churches since at least 2019. The Lord has seen us through great political and economic strife, through Covid and its myriad of challenges, and now through a difficult discernment/disaffiliation process. While we will be focusing on those things that need to be done, for the foreseeable future the real goal is to be refocused on our ministries. Our normal outreaches and activities should take centerstage once again, as we seek to serve Christ as He has blessed us. The Jul Bazaar, Harvest Home Sunday, Youth Group and Sunday School, our Small Groups, and just being together as the body of Christ are far more important and should be our focus. Our mission to the world, to reach as many people with the salvation found through Christ alone, is what deserves the bulk of our attention, and God willing it will be. I pray that you would join me, and your fellow Christians here at our two churches, as we once more return to what makes our congregations special in the first place.

Praise God that He has watched over us, and will continue to do so. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out. Many prayers for all of you! I look forward to serving with you in our mission for a very long time.

-Pastor Jake

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www.kassonumc.org]

**Submissions for the newsletter are due
June 19th.**

Pleasant Corners UMC Mission Statement

Our church has an open door for all to enter, and they shall find within, a congregation with this mission (taken from the fourth chapter of Ephesians). “The work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God.....speaking the truth in love.”

Kasson UMC Mission Statement

Make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.