



## CLEARWATER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER - June 2021

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### **PRAISE GOD!**

- Spring flowers!
- For in person church services again!
- That we are blessed with not one but 2 able ministers!
- Lower Covid numbers in our state!
- Most of us being vaccinated for Covid

### **OUR CHURCH WEBSITE:**

[www.clearwaterumcmn.org](http://www.clearwaterumcmn.org)

– Please remember to log in and check it out.

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS:**

Julyanne Granzo –June 1

Tom Searcy-June 12

Helen Cress-June 13

Kitty Johansen-June 29

If we are missing your birthday, please call, text or e-mail Carol and we will add.

### **FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER –**

Please send any announcements, articles, projects, thoughts, recipes, etc. to Carol.

**If you would like to continue to receive the newsletter please send your e-mail to Carol.** It would be very helpful.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

#### **IN-PERSON WORSHIP:**

We went back to in person worship on March 14. Services are at 9:30 AM. We will be following all of

the Clearwater UMC Covid policies detailed below.

### **WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY:**

Mondays at 10:30 AM

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

June 15 – 10:00 a.m.  
Tuesday - Cleaning day at the church – all who can come will be helpful – Some outdoor work will also need to be done.

June 28 – a memorial service is planned for 2 of Morrie Miller's daughters at the church. Details and times are not yet determined.

June 29- Tuesday - Quarterly Administrative Council meeting at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to attend.

August 27 – tentative date for Pastor Ken retirement get together at the Kimball United Methodist Church. Watch for more details.

### **THANK YOU:**

A big thank you to Tom Boone and Steve Houle and any others who helped remove the very old shrubs in front of the church. It looks so much neater and prevents further damage to the exterior of the church. Carol and Diane Miller chose and planted the peonies and Diane donated the edging. We look forward to the peonies growing into nice looking plants.

### **CLEARWATER UMC COVID POLICY**

Beginning in June we will be moving to the blue phase. Masks still required, social distancing still recommended, singing quietly can take place with masks on, pre-plated food can be served. You are still

asked to not attend church is you are not feeling well.

We will be following these guidelines, so masks will still be in place for the foreseeable future.

For more info go to:

[Phased Re-Gathering Plan for Churches](#)

### **RECIPES:**

#### **RHUBARB CUSTARD BARS**

**CRUST:** 2 cups flour, ¼ cup sugar – mix - 1 cup cold butter – cut in. Mix and pat crust in 11x17 bar pan. Bake @350 degrees for 10 minutes.

**FILLING:** 2 cups sugar, 7 tablespoons flour – combine in bowl. , Whisk in 1 cup whipping cream and 3 eggs that have been beaten. Stir in 5 cups chopped rhubarb. Pour over hot crust. Bake 40 minutes. Check with toothpick in center for doneness. Cool.

**TOPPING:** Beat until smooth one 8 oz. package

cream cheese, softened, ½ cup sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Mix in at low speed 1 cup of whipping cream that has been whipped. Spread over top and chill.

#### **BEEF RICE ORIENTAL**

Brown together:

1 pound ground beef

1 large onion, chopped

4 stalks sliced celery

Add:

2/3 cup rice

¼ cup soy sauce

1 can water chestnuts

1 can mushrooms

1 package ramen noodle mix

2 cups water.

Bake in 2 quart covered casserole 1 hour @ 250 degrees.

## .....From Pastor Alison Hendley.....

Every year, beginning about mid March I begin to get excited and impatient. A new adventure lies ahead, and I begin to see it in my mind's eye as the snow begins to melt, the brown grass starts peeking through, the air warms a little and the birds begin to sing once more. I gather old milk jugs, place an order online, and empty the freezer in preparation.

My adventure? Planning the veggie garden!

Since moving to Minnesota, this has been an annual adventure that is teaching me new things, challenging me, sometimes disappointing me, and sometimes rewarding me! In California I could grow things year round and never really had to worry about frost dates or short growing seasons. But here, my soil isn't yet good, no matter how much compost I dig in, the plot is a little too shady, and the dates to plant (according to master gardeners) seem set in stone and very precise. The adventure takes much more planning and luck here.

Yet, when the first bean is plucked from the plant, the first tomato a plump morsel bursting in my mouth, the short stubby carrots pulled from the dirt, that one apple from the immature trees shared with a friend... the adventure has been well worth it.

I think faith is like this too. An adventure that changes depending on where we are in life. Sometimes, it's pretty easy and we don't have to think too much about it. We just show up and everything falls in to place....

The soil is fertile, the sun is shining and the crops are bountiful. At other times, it takes more effort and planning and doubt. We may find we have less time, more weeds, more bug like distractions. But even in these times, we find morsels to feed us and keep us going.

I found a a poem by Liezel Graham that speaks to this This is part of it:

you are worth an entire life, armfuls  
of rebellious love

you have always been loved  
always is a thing that grows with you  
it might be so much easier if everything you needed  
fell right into your lap  
this very moment  
i have wanted that too, still do  
on mornings where i have to dig for hope  
tired of waiting for the big things, eyes blinded  
by mountains  
but look, the sudden mouthfuls of sweet  
when i look for them, they find me!  
the plump, unexpected morsels  
that fill each worry, just the right shape  
the right amount  
the startling wonder that shapes itself  
to my name only  
try it!

What plump morsels are feeding you these days? Reminding you you are loved? Keeping you going? Being stepping stones on your adventure through life?

