

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The UM Women's Group is selling RADA Cutlery. Catalogs are under the bulletin boards in the Narthex. See Del Troutman with questions.
- Donation drop off for the Rummage Sale begins today, Sunday April 21, through April 24. The sale is open for shopping, Thursday April 25, 9am-5pm and Friday April 26, 9am-3pm.
- RCUMC "Cake Kit" pantry is stocking up and will hopefully be officially open to the public soon. Please stop in and ask Sadie for details and to inquire what donations are currently needed.

THIS WEEK AT RCUMC

Sun (21st)	After Service	Rummage Sale-Donation Drop off
Mon (22nd)	10am-3pm 6pm	Donation Drop off for Rummage Sale Bible Study at Lola Callaghan's Home
Tues (23rd)	10am-12pm 10am-3pm 5:30pm	In Stitches Group (Library) Rummage Sale- Donation Drop off "Do-Crew" Meeting
Wed (24th)	10am-3pm 3-5pm	Rummage Sale- Donation Drop off KIDZ KLUB
Thurs (25th)	9am-5pm 10am	Rummage Sale- Open to Public Bible Study with Pastor Daniel (Amos Chapters 8 &9)
Fri (26th)	9am-3pm	Rummage Sale- Open to Public



Reed City

United Methodist Church



Native American Ministries Sunday

April 21, 2024

9:30 AM Worship

Gathering Music Sally Andrews

Words of Welcome Linda Stieg

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory,
but people find only hardened hearts.

We would like to be transformed people,
but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you.

We long to stand with those who are in need,
but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid in judgment.

Forgive us, God who came down to us.

Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost.

Split open our frozen hearts,
that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting.

Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit,
that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ,

our Lord and Savior,
into that kingdom of grace and hope.

Silence is kept.

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news:

In Christ, God’s plan for salvation was accomplished.

You are forgiven, you are made new.

**We will complete God’s joy by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope,
with everyone we meet.**

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Introduction to Opening Hymn Pastor Wava Hofmann

***Opening Hymn #148** “Many and Great, O God”

***Opening Prayer** Timothy Locker

Children’s Time Pastor Wava Hofmann

Handbell Ensemble “All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”
(arranged by Bill Ingram)

**Please stand as you are able*

***Scripture Reading** 1 John 3:16-24 Linda Stieg

Handbell Ensemble “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”
(arranged by Bill Ingram)

Message “Let Us Love in Truth and Action”
Pastor Wava Hofmann, Northport Indian UMC

Handbell Ensemble “Simple Gifts”
(arranged by Bill Ingram)

We Come Together to Pray Timothy Locker

***Closing Hymn #672** “God Be with You till We Meet Again”
(verse 1 only)

***Announcements** Timothy Locker

***Sending and Benediction** Pastor Wava Hofmann

Sending Music

**Please stand as you are able*

Please join us for coffee hour after worship, today.

Sermon Notes:

“ All who have this hope in God purify themselves just as God is pure”
(1 John 3:3)

*We can hope in God’s good gifts, including water, trees, soil, and air.
We purify ourselves by changing practices
So that we do no harm
But rather do all the good we can
To preserve and protect these good gifts of God.*

Water

When you head to the beach, lake, or river for recreation, note that the word is also “recreation.” Look at the beauty God has provided and offer a prayer of gratitude. Look also for signs of humanity being careless with nature. Take gloves and trash bags (preferably reusable) along with your supplies and stash the trash. Try quantifying your haul by weight or number of bags for example. Tell others what you have done and discovered.

Treat water as sacred. Avoid wasting it. Take short showers, turn off the flow of water until you are ready to rinse, and switch to a low-flow shower head and toilet. Use a broom rather than a hose for outside clean up. Water plants from a rain barrel or with gray water. Use the dishwasher instead of washing dishes by hand. Little things you *can* do factor into dealing with the big challenges of climate change.

Trees

What’s your toilet tissue made of? Trees! Globally, **making toilet paper wipes out 27,000 trees daily**. Fortunately, you have other options. Use tissue made of 50-100 percent recycled paper or bamboo, which takes only three months to be ready to harvest versus thirty years for trees! Browse “sustainable toilet paper” or [Who Gives a Crap](#) to get the scoop.

Stop throwing away trees at every meal. Instead, **use cloth napkins** and simply throw them in the wash with another load. Find some distinctive napkin rings to mark each person’s napkin and reuse the napkins a day or two before washing. If you visit garage sales, you can likely rescue napkins and rings from being trashed.

Heat, drought, and lightning are the “perfect storm” to ignite wildfires, which scorch the ground and pollute the air for hundreds of miles. Additionally, the loss of the trees negatively impacts God’s systems that capture carbon for the health of the earth. **Support organizations that replant trees after wildfires.**

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The third effective solution for dealing with the climate crisis is to **minimize food waste**. Some food-waste issues are systemic, but many come down to things individuals and families can do: plan meals, buy local, buy less, buy in-season, buy organic, store appropriately, use the freezer, reduce eating meat, grow veggies, eat leftovers, make soup and smoothies, compost peelings and ends, share with others. Eat happily, knowing you are helping us all.

Compost food waste and more (leaves, paper, pet fur, coffee filters). Twenty to 45% of landfill is organic and creates methane gas, which contributes to global warming. Instead, you can compost, which is nature's way of nourishing the soil. Browse the internet for easy and effective options: backyard bin, indoor machine, commercial pick up, or sharing a service with a neighbor.

Air

If you have after-school pick-up duty, **keep the car engine off while you wait**. Emissions from idling cars spew unseen particulates into the air, which research has shown negatively affects the cognitive performance of children. Get out of your car, enjoy the weather, and meet other parents, grands, and nannies. Tell them—and your children—why you don't let the engine run.

Do you know someone with asthma or COPD? The air pollution that affects our climate also harms the health of people. **Jesus challenged us to care for the “least”** among us, including children and older adults whose lungs are vulnerable. People in poverty and people for color especially suffer from compromised health due to air pollution. Climate action is also action for justice.

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