



# MALTA UNITED



## Methodist Church

July 2021



### PASTOR JEREMIAH'S MESSAGE

As of this July 1<sup>st</sup>, I start my third year as your Pastor, and I am now officially a member of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference, which is a great joy! I will confess, however, there is one thing I miss from my old conference; the Illinois Great River's Annual Conference. Each year they hold their annual conference in Peoria. Near the convention center there is the stadium for the Peoria Chiefs, which is Peoria's minor league baseball team. I and dozens of others who would attend conference every year would, if the team had a home stand, attended one of the games during one of the evenings of the conference. I loved it! It was an older park with lots of charm, yummy food, and it was fun to go watch a game with my friends.

I love minor league baseball and it's a great tradition present in our nation and in other nations too. Now they call it the minor leagues since the players are often younger and/or trying to get better so they have the skills to get into the major leagues. Yet, in a sense these leagues are not minor at all. Minor league baseball, hockey, and such, are the place that great athletes hone their skills. Even the all-time great baseball players almost always started in the minor leagues before they made it to "the show" that is major league baseball.

Since baseball and minor league baseball are a summer thing, they inspired me to think up a sermon series for this month of July 2021; our sermons will be entitled "Not the Minor leagues." There are 12 biblical prophets in the Old Testament

that are referred to as the "Minor Prophets." That's not because they aren't important however! The minor prophets are called such, because they are part of the book of the 12 in the earliest copies of the bible, instead of having their own books like the Major prophets. There is nothing minor about the call these prophets had from God, and how their words can still inspire and challenge us today.

So this July, let's spend some time in the "minors" and see what God still has to say to us through their words today. I hope you will invite someone to join us on this journey.

Blessings and Peace,  
Pastor Jeremiah



**COFFEE**

with **Pastor Jeremiah**

Now that restaurants are back open and allow seating, Pastor Jeremiah is going to be starting again with Saturday gatherings at Martha's here in Malta. Starting July 17<sup>th</sup> and moving forward on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 8-10 a.m.

Join pastor for breakfast, conversation, and maybe a short devotional. All ages welcome!

I hope you can join us!





## MALTA /AREA MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN CURRENTLY SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Almburg, Brett  
Bakken, Benjamin P.  
Bakken, Monique  
Bulta, Andy  
Clark, Ben  
Clark, Kerry  
Howe, Chase  
Hoyle, Steve  
Johnson, Brett &  
Johnson, Samantha  
Madsen, Jeff

Nelson, Michael  
Norman, Jacob  
Page, Greg  
Peterson, Eric  
Ritter, Matt  
Swink, Ashley  
West, Jonathon M.  
West, Lawrence R.  
Wilson, Kim  
Woodyatt, John M.  
Yedinak, Pete



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Send them to:

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**13791 N. Nebraska Avenue**  
**Tampa, FL 33613.**



### CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS:

Next Meeting: Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Finance 7:00 pm / Church Council 7:30 pm

### Church Council Committee:

**Pastor Jeremiah Thompson**

**Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek**

**Secretary of CC: Sue Augustine**

**Church Finance: Bill Augustine**

**Church Financial Secretary: Nancy Plote**

**Send all monies & donations to**  
**Nancy Plote at 411 S. Malta Road,**  
**Malta, IL 60150**

**Church Treasure: Kevin McArtor**

**Lay Leader Delegate: Jodi Slade**

**Alternate Lay Delegate: Mary Lynn McArtor**

**Church Education: Kitty Jouris**

**Ruth Hueber**



**13<sup>TH</sup> DOUG & DAWN COOK**  
**(19 Years)**



### Ministry

We are looking for people to volunteer to help in the Nursery. Please sign up! We hope to start this ministry again on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Also we hope to have more people use our nursery, so let the families with young children in our community know.

Please note: Volunteering in the nursery or with any children or youth in the church will require you

to have a background check done. We are contracted with a company that provides this service at a greatly discounted rate to the churches in our annual conference. There is no cost to you, but it is a requirement for all volunteers.

**The sign-up sheet for Nursery Attendants is on the table in the narthex.** We need Nursery Attendants for **August & September.** **Please sign-up if you can help.**



## Malta UMC Lay Leadership

**Church Council Chair: Ed Cheek**

**Board of Trustees Chair: Tom Plote**

**Committee of Finance & Stewardship Chair:**

**Bill Augustlne**

**Staff, Pastor & Parish Relations Chair:**

**Marcia Hueber**

**Worship Ministries Chair: Jodi Slade**

**Mission & Outreach Chair: Mary Lynn McArtor**

**Christian Education Chair: Kitty Jouris**

**Membership Care Chair: Sue Augustine**

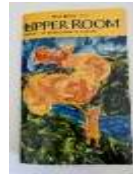
**Committee on Lay Leadership Chair:**

**Pastor Jeremiah**

**Committee on Records & History Chair:**

**Marilyn Berg**

If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact the Chair. They would love to hear from you!



## Upper Room Devotionals

Upper Rooms are available on the narthex table for **July/August.** I can also mail one to you! Just call the church office at (815) 825-2118 or email us at: [maltaumc@outlook.com](mailto:maltaumc@outlook.com)



Pastor Jeremiah will be away on **Sunday, July 18** visiting family. Our Guest Speaker for that day will be Cynthia Terwilliger. Cynthia grew up in DeKalb and her family have been long time members of the DeKalb United Methodist Church. Cynthia lived for many years down South and moved back to our area just before the pandemic. She is a licensed Lay Leader and many of you have met her. She has worshiped with us and been part of our Wednesday night prayer group.

Please welcome her on July 18<sup>th</sup>.







	<b>JULY</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Mark Madsen</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Vicke Heins</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Matt Anderson Alice Quincer</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Hailey Dickman Sidney Dickman</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Matt Plote</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Amy Hueber</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Darla Arndt</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>Pat Siebrasse</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>Marlin Anderson</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>Randy Willrett</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>Connie Boyden</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>Jordan (Mattis) Simusa</b>



## TODAY'S SISTERS NEWS

Today's Sisters met at Hopkin's Park, for the first time since covid, on Thursday, June 17.<sup>th</sup> They are planning to meet again in September – hopefully at Oak Crest.

*Marilyn Berg*



Guidelines are recommended by the DeKalb County Health Department to be used for our Coffee Hours as we resume our fellowship time after worship service. A copy of the guidelines is posted in the kitchen for you to follow.



## 2021 VBS was a GREAT SUCCESS

with our Knights of North Castle:

The Quest for the King's Armor program.

We paired up with the Esmond UMC and had a fun week. We had 24 children participate and they enjoyed crafts, music



**NO 4H Meetings in  
JULY & AUGUST**

and dance, snacks, recreation, science experiments, and bible stories.

Our bible verse was “Be strong in the Lord  
and in the strength of his power.”

Ephesians 6:10





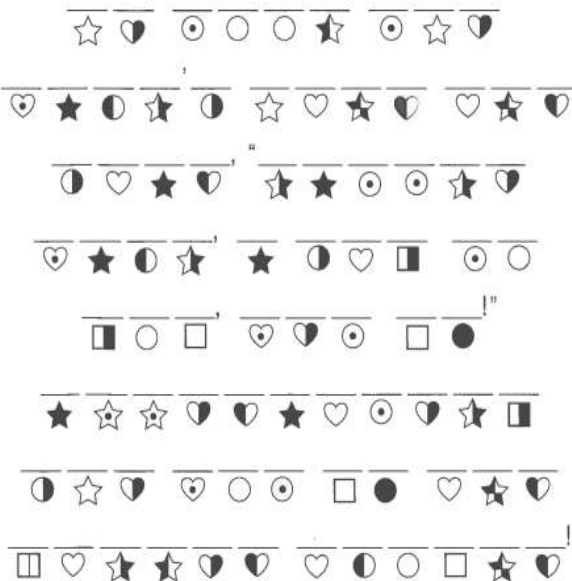
# Kids TIMES



As they were walking, some men from Jairus' house came to say that his daughter had died. Jesus took the child's father and mother, and the disciples who were with Him, and went to the girl. What happened?

Use the code and fill in the blanks.

♥=A	♥=E	★=I	☆=M	⊙=Q	□=U
♥=B	♥=F	☆=J	★=N	⊙=R	■=V
♥=C	♥=G	★=K	⊙=O	⊙=S	▢=W
♥=D	☆=H	★=L	●=P	⊙=T	▣=X
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## 2021 NI VIRTUAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE

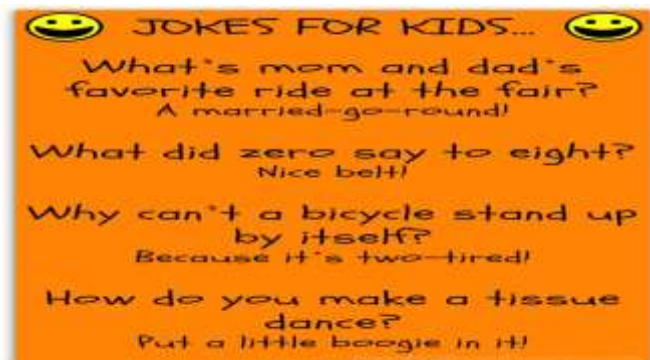
The 182<sup>ND</sup> Northern Illinois Annual Conference will be held **July 16-17, 2021** ONLINE thru zoom.

**THEME: JESUS MAKES A WAY**

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- Online registration opens **June 1** and closes **June 30. Cost: \$30** (covers video production, voting technology, worship planning and other administrative expenses.)
- Clergy Session - **June 28, 10 am - Noon** via Zoom.
- Legislation and Historical Documents due **May 3.** (no exceptions)
- 2021 Ordination Service - **Oct. 1.** Limited in-person service.
- Fall Session - **Oct. 2**

**GENERAL CONFERENCE POSTPONED AGAIN! Now scheduled for 2022.**



**WHY ARE FROGS ALWAYS SO HAPPY?**

They eat whatever bugs them.





**Northern Illinois Conference is in July**  
and our mission is to help  
**MIDWEST MISSION DISTRIBUTION**  
**CENTER with their**  
**"TOP NEEDS".**

### **"PERSONAL DIGNITY KITS"**

**NEEDED:** Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger, Wash  
Clothes (Bath), Hand Towels (Bath)

### **"HOMECARE KITS"**

**NEEDED:** Liquid Laundry Detergent – 32-64 oz.,  
Dish Soap – 16-34 oz., Liquid Household  
Cleaner – 16-40 oz. (No Spray).

### **"MEDICAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES"**

**NEEDED:** Folding walkers, crutches, canes,  
wheelchairs, shower chairs, and othopedic  
supplies.

### **"LAYETTE KITS"**

**NEEDED:** Onesies, Donations of \$2 for Diaper  
Cream, Cloth Diapers (sewing instructions are on  
the website), Receiving Blankets – 28" by 28" or  
32" by 32" (store bought or handmade).

### **"STUDENT KITS"**

**NEEDED:** Box of 12 Colored Pencils and Rulers.

### **"SEWING MACHINES"**

**NEEDED:** Electric and Treadle

Please bring your items to the church and put  
them in the Midwest Missionn box in the narthex.



## **ACTION GROUPS**

### **FOR FELLOWSHIP/COFFEE TIME**



**MARCH 2022 / JULY 2021 / NOVEMBER 2021**

#### **Co-Chairs:**

**Heins, Vicke & Denny** 815-252-0841  
**Hueber, Marcia** 815-762-0010

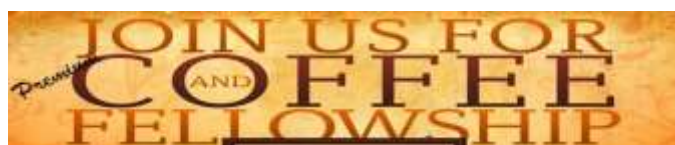
Anderson, Ann & Marlin 815-825-2695  
Berg, Marilyn & Harry 815-761-6232  
Davison, Verna 815-756-2008  
Fenstermaker, Katie & David 417-291-2031  
Hopkins, Norma 815-751-1454  
Hunt, Brenda & Jay 815-762-9845  
Jordal, Linda & Jerry 815-601-6262  
Quincer, Alice & Jim 815-761-8750  
Siebrasse, Pat 815-970-5304

**APRIL 2022 / AUGUST 2021 / DECEMBER 2021**

#### **Co-Chairs:**

**Jouris, Kitty & Frank** 815-751-3238  
**Vint, Vicky & Larry** 815-751-5178

Abbott, Joanne & Dennis 815-825-2563  
Arndt, Noel 815-751-0404  
Augustine, Sue & Bill 815-762-5553  
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Glen, Stella 815-761-2302  
Hill, Rachel & Jason 630-441-0585  
Hueber, Ruth 815-764-9932  
Kyler, Shirley 815-751-2435  
Schafer, Sandy 815-825-2364  
Thompson, Pastor Jeremiah 815-592-3764  
Willrett, Hope & Gene Hickey 815-901-8486



# CHILDREN'S Sunday School

**GIVING ALL YOU PARENTS A HEADS-UP  
TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

## **SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS**

**Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.**

Children ages 3yrs to 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
are welcome to join us!

September 12 is also Grandparent's Day at  
Church – get your Grandchildren excited  
to learn more about Jesus!!!!

**Also, Mark Your Calendars:** Wed. September  
8<sup>th</sup> Prayer Group will be moved to 6:30 p.m. and  
Choir practice begins at 7p.m.



### **UP-COMING EVENTS IN MALTA**

**Music In The Park** scheduled for  
**July 22** and **August 26**

**Thurs. July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Seedling Committee  
of Malta is having **Music in the Park**  
from **6-8 p.m.** “Six Pack Band”  
and Wild Carrot Food Truck.**



## **MIDWEST MISSION**



### **“BRICK BY BRICK 2021 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN”**

**The DREAM:  
Heaters for the Warehouse  
Oil & Chip Driveway**

Thanks to your gifts for the Brick By Brick  
Campaign last year, we were able to build a  
much-needed office addition and upgrade  
the lighting on the entire campus.

The Brick By Brick Campaign is designated  
for upgrades to the campus and equipment  
so we can continue to sustain and grow this  
ministry. God is paving the way for miracles  
to happen in our midst because of your  
generous hearts.

**Midwest Mission Distribution Center,  
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# JULY

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Vicke's Office Hours; M-W-Th 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
(Vicke will be gone on July 12<sup>th</sup>, and will work Tue, Wed & Thur)

SUNDAY	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
<b>Communion on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month.</b>  <b>WE CAN SING AGAIN IN CHURCH TOGETHER!</b> 				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost with Communion &amp; Fellowship</b> 	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. in-person/zoom	<b>8 NO</b> <b>4H Meetings</b> In JULY or AUGUST	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Fellowship Following</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. in-person/zoom	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  WITH PASTOR 8-10AM MARTHA'S <div>Pastor Gone /pm</div>
<b>18 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Guest Speaker: Cynthia Terwilliger</b> Fellowship Following <div>Pastor gone July 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; 18th</div>	<b>19</b> <div>PASTOR BACK</div>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. in-person/zoom	<b>22</b> Music in Lions Park 6-8 p.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Fellowship Following</b>   Nursery Attendant: Vicke Heins	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Prayer Group 7:00 p.m. in-person/zoom	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>



**4<sup>th</sup> of JULY - INDEPENDENCE DAY:** Independence Day is a civil holiday set aside to celebrate the anniversary of the birth and beginnings of national independence on the 4th of July. It is observed as a legal federal holiday in the United States to commemorate the 1776 adoption of Declaration of Independence.

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