

Office Hours
Tuesday-Friday
9:00 a.m.—3:00 pm
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United Methodist Church Newsletter



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Driving without a purpose, or with no destination in mind is probably something that not too many of us do very often. Sure, there is the occasional “Sunday afternoon drive,” with no real destination other than going for a ride. But my guess is most of us have a clear plan, a destination we are heading toward. Otherwise, how would we ever know we arrived? The same principle holds true for us personally. Without a clear goal or destination of what we want to achieve, how do we know where we are going, what we want to become, what we will do with our lives? It is no different for the church. Without a clear purpose, a defined mission we are just going for a ride. David Fitch writes about seven practices that we can follow helping us clearly define what our mission, our purpose could be. And he does so by gathering us around a table.¹

Meeting around the Lord’s Table on the first Sunday of the month is more than eating a little piece of bread dipped in grape juice. Fitch asserts it’s about being in the presence of Christ and each other. It is what shapes us in faithful practices. (5) When we gather at the Lord’s Table the Holy Spirit is invited to be present with us as we remember what it means to be broken, yet made whole. Our coming together for this sacred and holy meal is a “reordering of our lives together into [God’s] kingdom”(7) as God intends for all of us to be. In our togetherness we point beyond ourselves and toward the one who calls us forth in peace and love and reconciliation. It is through our table gatherings that we are called to live out the fullness of the gospel, to be a testament of how Jesus lived eating and drinking with those whom many believed were not fit to be a part of the table fellowship. This is at the heart of what it means to be the Church.

For Fitch, a recovery of the church’s practice of a faithful presence gathering around the Lord’s Table is a step in moving toward our goal – the church’s over-all mission and purpose. It’s about encouraging the practice of presence in our neighborhoods with the “hurting and lost” that leads to real encounters with the resurrected Christ – the incarnational presence of Christ – which broadens Christ’s “presence into the rest of our lives.” (23) Real biblical table fellowship is the first practice of a church fulfilling its mission.

When we gather around the Lord’s Table this month, I invite you to look around and think about who is not there. How can you, be like Jesus, and say to them, “Come, let’s share a meal together”? Read Luke 14:15-24 and ask yourself these questions, are we living out our mission, have we reached our destination?

Grace and peace,
Pastor Russ

¹ *Fitch, David, Seven Practices for the Church on Mission. 2018.*

May Worship Services

May Worship

May 5th: Third Sunday of Easter
 No Holy Communion.
 Liturgical Color: White
 Guest preacher: Michelle Loeffelholz

May 12th: Fourth Sunday of Easter with Holy Communion
 Mother's Day
 Liturgical Color: White
 Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35
 "A Mother's Love"

May Worship

May 19th: Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Liturgical Color: White
 Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
 "Flourishing" first in the Blossoming, Blooming, Becoming worship series.

May 26th: Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Liturgical Color: White
 Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29
 "Digging" second in the Blossoming, Blooming, Becoming worship series.



March Offerings and Attendance Totals

	<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Offering:</u>
March 3rd:	72	\$5,243
March 6th(Ash Wed):	48	None
March 10th:	90	\$2,669
March 17th:	82	\$3,426
March 24th:	70	\$7,843(Gen.Giving) \$305(Flood) \$115(IGAN)
March 31st:	114	\$1,018(Gen.Giving) \$100(Flood) \$745(UMCOR)

We are starting a new prayer request list. If you would like your name added to this list, please let the church office know.

Thank you



Note: We can only publish prayer concerns with the permission of the people involved. Also, Pastor Russ often does not find out about hospitalizations. HIPPA regulations do not allow the hospital to call unless they are requested to do so. Please give him a call (Church 754-4247). if you or someone you know is in the hospital or desires a call. Thank you for your help.

Sunday



Worship time 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning 9:00 am.

Children's Education

Sunday School 9:15 am.
(Starts again Fall 2019)

Youth Group

Wednesday evenings 6:30 pm
during school year

Thursday

Come 'n Go Coffee 10:00-11:00 a.m.

**Come, meet your church family.
You will like us!**



MISSION STATEMENT

'Making and Nurturing Disciples'

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

CIRCLE MEETINGS

May 28th

Martha 9:00 am

Mary 2:00 pm



Epworth Village Needs:

Monetary gifts
Gift Cards to Walmart, Walgreens
Bosselman's or Casey's gas purchase cards
Menard's gift cards for maintenance needs
Reams of plain white copy paper
Antibacterial soap, hand pump or refillables
Alcohol-free hand sanitizer
Hand lotion-unscented
Generic hygiene products-hair products, body wash, feminine hygiene products
Infant-toddler hygiene products
Infant-toddler baby wipes and disposable diapers
Paper towels, toilet tissue, napkins
Medium laundry baskets
Large duffel bags for foster care belongings
Basic cleaning supplies for a home
Letter/brochure folding machine
Manila folders and label stickers



Usher-Greeter Monthly list

Starting on February 24th, 2019, a new Usher and Greeter list has begun. These have been assigned to those who have shown interest in volunteering to do these things. If you would, at any time, be interested in being added to this list, please let Carrie in the office know and she can add you! You can either be added in the regular monthly calendar as an Usher or Greeter, or you may choose to be added to the Alternates list. Remember, it is your responsibility to find a replacement from the alternates list if you are unable to help at the times listed below. We truly appreciate all the hard work that our volunteers are willing to do!

Don't forget, the clipboards to sign up for Fellowship, Candle lighters and Scripture are still located in the Narthex. Please continue to volunteer, we need your help. There are opportunities to usher, greet, and light candles as well as host fellowship. Also pastor could use your help in reading scripture, and if you are musically blessed, we have a sign up sheet for that too!

There is money available to help purchase food items for fellowship. Please contact the church office.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
February 24th	Martha Voigt/Diane Johnson	Doug and Darla Voigt
March 2019	Charlene Craig/Connie Snow March 31st- Youth Sunday	Mary Ann Rickertsen/Carol Phillips
April 2019	Diane Johnson/Lefty and Jolene Wolfe(7th and 14th)	Larry and Deidre Hurlburt
May 2019	Karen Killion/Darla Voigt	Charlene Craig/ Mary Ann Rickertsen
June 2019	Lefty and Jolene Wolfe	Connie Snow/ Diane Johnson
July 2019	Mary Ann Rickertsen/Martha Voigt	Doug and Darla Voigt
August 2019	Bob and Francine Rasmussen	Connie Snow/Carol Phillips

Note: The United Methodist Men will be ushers and greeters every 3rd Sunday of every month.

See next page for list of Alternates for Ushers and Greeters.



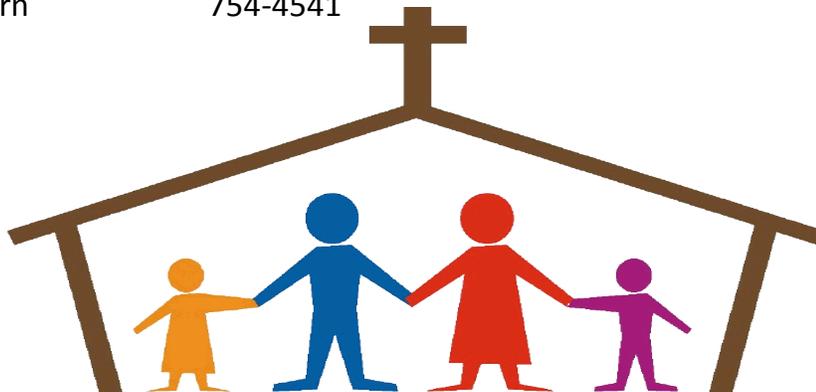
Alternates list: (for Ushers and Greeters)

Greeters Only:

Martha Voigt	754-4666	mevoigt@hotmail.com
Karen Killion	754-2070	
Lefty and Jolene Wolfe-	308-687-6175	jolene.killinger@gmail.com
Harold Rickertsen	754-4038	rick@hamilton.net
Susie Wolfert	754-4235	
Gary Craig (Feb-May only)	754-5503	ccflowers.craig8@gmail.com

Greeters or Ushers:

Charlene Craig (Feb-May only)	754-5503	ccflowers.craig8@gmail.com
Connie Snow	754-4023	dpclsnow@charter.net
Diane Johnson	308-379-8716	djohnson27@msn.com
Mary Ann Rickertsen	754-4038	hrick@hamilton.net
Larry and Deidre Hurlburt-	750-0995	titanic.hurlburt@yahoo.com
Doug and Darla Voigt	750-3973	dvoigt00@gmail.com(Darla) dvoigt332@gmail.com(Doug)
Carol and Mike Phillips	308-380-9127	cjmphillips4@gmail.com
Bob and Francine Rasmussen	750-2594	rasfamily2011@hotmail.com
Theda Van Horn	754-4541	





May 1	Alyssa Swanson	May 19	Darwin Lee
May 2	Brad Wells	May 20	Mikaleh Esquitin
May 3	Marie Potter	May 21	Loren Studley
May 4	Machell Naylor	May 22	Pastor Russ Anderson
May 7	Thaddeus Radke	May 25	Mick McDowell
May 8	Linnea Vogel	May 26	Deidre Hurlburt
May 13	Kelly Gebhardt	May 27	Gordon Knuth
May 14	Linda Jacobsen		Macy Porter
May 16	Kent Meyer	May 28	Aidan Anderson
May 18	Alex Coslor		Crysta Naylor
	Nathan Swanson	May 29	Brandon Starkey
		May 31	Dorothy Jorgensen



May at a Glance

1	Youth Group 6:30 pm, NO Adult Bible Study, NO choir
5	Adult Bible Study 9:00 am, Worship 10:00 am
6	UMM meeting 8:00 am Sweet Shoppe
8	Youth Group 6:30 pm
12	Worship 10:00 am Nursing Home services: 1:30 and 2:00 pm Brookefield, 3:00 pm Matelyn Mother's Day
14	8:30-3:00 Maker's Fair (use of Fellowship Hall) through St. Paul Public School 1:30 pm UMW
15	Last night of Youth Group 6:30 pm
16	Quilters and Crafters 1:30 pm
17	Blessing of the Bikes at St. Mark's Lutheran Church 2:00 pm
18	UMC Help with Food Pantry
19	Worship 10:00 am
21	Roundtable Meeting at 6:00 pm
26	Worship 10:00 am
28	Circles, Martha 9:00 am, Mary 2:00 pm

Happy Anniversary!

May 13	Jarold and Linda Jacobsen
May 20	Buck and Dixie Buxton
May 25	Jeff and Stacy Vogel
May 28	Dave and Connie Snow

Food Pantry hours
Saturday 9:00-11:00 am **Tuesday 4:00-6:00 pm**

Beginning in 2018, February will be the month for United Methodist Church to donate to the Food Pantry.

Food Pantry

The United Methodist Church is responsible for operating the Food Pantry every third Saturday from 9-11 am. If you could volunteer to help any one of these Saturdays, it would be greatly appreciated. May 18th is our next work date.

Thank you, Theda Van Horn



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met April 9th, 2019. President Carol Tjernagel opened the meeting with everyone reciting the purpose.

Charlene Craig gave the devotions "You are Beautiful". The scripture was Proverbs 31:30. She brought out thoughts of what beauty is.

The minutes were read and approved as read.

Old Business: Carol thanked those who helped with the lunch UMW Sunday. A thank you from the Big Garden for marking the tags for them. She handed out the certificates from the District meeting to those who had completed the reading program, we received a seven star certificate. The health and school kits need to be filled at our May circle meeting to take to annual conference. Happy Birthday was sang to Marilyn Wall.

We went to a Sunday School room and watched a movie on Mary Magdalene and then discussed it.

New Business: Carol Tjernagel gave the treasurers report \$1,431.90 + \$167.00 for \$1,598.90 with \$800.57 memorial money. Ideas for the memorial money were discussed with a vacuum and a television for a Sunday School room. Theda made a motion to get prices and decide next month. Marilyn Wall seconded. Carried. Carol asked if we wanted to have a luncheon this year. A suggestion was to give money instead and give to those affected by the flooding. No decision made.

Stand up and be counted Mary 3, Martha 5 and UMW 3.

Charlene Craig moved to close the meeting. Theda Van Horn

Seconded. Carried.

Lunch served by the UMW Members.

Mary Ann Rickertsen

Co-secretary



Memorial Committee Report

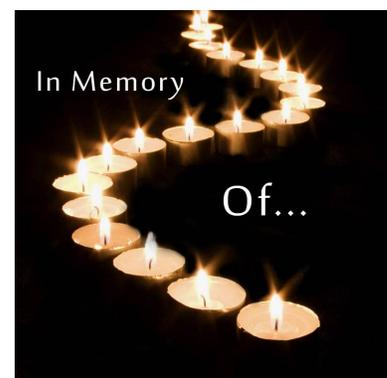
\$160 was given from the Roger Van Pelt Memorial for scholarship payment.

A television was purchased for the Sunday School room from the memorial money-Roger Van Pelt- \$171.18.

The family of Lorayne Hurlburt gave \$700 to the Memorial Fund, and a new microphone was purchased from this money- \$399.

Pastor Russ purchased the TV for the meeting room.

Last April an upgraded sound system and a wireless microphone for Pastor Russ- \$1,675- this was memorial money from Euveda Wilson, Dorothy Brehm, and Jan Swigart.



This and That.....



We still have a couple jackets, coats and sweaters that have been with us here for awhile. If you are missing one, please check to see if one of these is yours. We also have a Lost and Found in the office. Please ask Carrie to see the items we have located around the church.

Box Tops for Education

Even though we are no longer collecting these for Epworth Village, please continue to bring these coupons to church. We will donate them to the school.

School Children Milk Money

Our church is committed to the St. Paul Public Schools for those children who otherwise would not have it available. Please keep this mission in your prayers and consider donating to this wonderful cause. Make sure and note it on your check. Thank you!



A Blessing of the Bikes is planned for Friday, May 17th at 2:00 pm. This will be at St. Marks Lutheran Church at 1306 Howard Ave (across from the school) here in St.

Paul. Several stations will be set up to get the kid's bikes ready for summer! Please join us for this fun event!

We are planning another Roundtable meeting on Tuesday, May 21st starting at 6:00pm. This will be similar to the last Roundtable meeting with a potluck before (and during!) and will replace monthly committee meetings for May. Each committee will meet for 10-15 minutes first and then we will all meet as a big group. Anyone interested can come to this meeting, whether you are on a committee or not.



The Food Pantry here in St. Paul is always looking for food donations. Please help us stock the shelves. Any food or paper item is accepted but these items are in high demand every month.

- Cake or Brownie Mixes
- Puddings
- Jello
- Fruit
- Pie Fillings
- Toilet Tissue
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Cereal
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap



Early Response Team (ERT) Training

May 18, 2019 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at the Aurora UMC, 1104 A Street, Aurora, NE.



The task of the ERT is make the home as safe and secure as possible from further damage. Trained and badged ERT's respond to disasters in their own hometown when it is okay to do so and called for by Emergency Management. They may also be asked to assist with disasters throughout the Great Plains Conference. Training includes team training and safety, hands on experience on how to tarp a roof, debris clean-up, and how to muck out a home after a flood.

The cost of the class is \$25.00. You must be 18 years of age or older. The Safe Gatherings Training (www.safegatherings.com) must be completed before attending the ERT Training. Please bring a laptop or smart phone to the class to register on UMCOR's Verified Volunteer web page. Register for the class online at <https://gp-reg.brtapp.com/ERTAuroraNE2019>.



United Methodist Church Prayer Chain

The purpose of the prayer chain is to offer special prayers for individuals in critical need. The chain cannot be activated without the permission of the family in need. Call prayer requests to the church office 754-4247. The prayer request will be called to the first person on these lists. Each caller then calls the next person on the list. If that person is unavailable, a call should be placed to the following name and contact made with the first party later in the day. Last name on list does not call anyone. We are in need of more people joining the prayer chain. Praying for each other is an important ministry that we can do for our church family. If you would be interested in becoming part of this mission, please contact the church office.

Marilyn Wall	754-5100	Rae Lee	754-5209	Jackie Cook	754-9115
Deb Wells	754-5620	Vanice Bahensky	754-7873	Charlene Craig	754-5503
Nancy Harrington	754-5136	Marlene Kremlacek	754-4876	Mary Ann Rickertsen	754-4038
Theda Van Horn	754-4541	Martha Voigt	754-4666	DeEtte Lukasiewicz	750-0246
Cleo Edwards	754-4853	Rose Ross	754-4993	Brenda Starkey	750-7967
Elaine McClellan	754-5177	Lory Thomsen	754-4286	LuAnn Todd	308-380-5022
Ashley Meyer	308-627-2808	Charlotte Rasmussen	308-863-2281	Carol Tjernagel	750-2830
				Dorothy Jorgensen	754-4126

Administrative Council Meeting April 16th, 2019



The regular meeting of the Administrative Council was led by Pastor Russ Anderson. The business meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Russ Anderson. In attendance were Ashley Meyer, Abby Fuller, Tom Powell, Marlene Kremlacek, Theda Van Horn, Buzz Todd, Bob Rasmussen, Lynda Berggren, Becky Schwenk, Russ Anderson and Carrie Hancock.

Treasurer: Tom Powell reported our Operating Checking account \$4,042, Resources Available \$53,961, Income Giving \$20,290, Total Income \$29,028, Total Expenditures \$16,348, Current Month Gain/(Loss) \$12,680, and Year to date Gain/(Loss) \$8,169. The Treasurer's report was approved by Pastor Russ Anderson, seconded by Theda Van Horn.

Finance: No report

SPPRC: Bob Rasmussen reported that they completed a very good ministerial evaluation and will be sending that in. Also, they have been looking at getting new custodians for the church. The current group comes from Grand Island once a week. We were thinking of someone who could do a more thorough job cleaning, and may be available after special events (Funerals, special services).

Education: Ashley reported that they will be sending about 5 kids to Timberlake Camp on June 13th. This will replace VBS.

Outreach: Blessing of the Bikes will be on May 17th at 2:00 pm in the parking lot of St. Marks. There will be 6 stations for the kids to bring their bikes to. Pastor would like to have more churches involved in this. Also, Pastor and Steven Neal at St. Marks would like to hand out something during the GCA parade, maybe coffee or shaved ice.

Pastor: Russ brought forth that Michelle Woitalewicz, the Howard County emergency manager, called and asked if we would be able to use the church as a emergency shelter. Red Cross would come in and take over this task if it would happen. Pastor will call and get more information from Michelle and see what exactly that would mean and bring this information back to Admin Council before agreeing with this. He also asked that we read our current Fresh Expressions for the next meeting (Round Table in May).

Memorial: Marlene reported they received \$700 for the Lorayne Hurlburt memorial, and from that a \$399 wireless microphone was purchased. She also mentioned that Pastor Russ bought the TV/DVD and mount that went into the Sunday School room, while the Memorial committee paid for the other TV/DVD and mount in the other Sunday School room. Pastor asked to move communion to May 12th, Mother's Day since he will be on vacation on May 5th.

Worship: Becky reported they will be doing a senior's breakfast on April 28th at 9:00 am before worship service at 10:00 am. Pastor spoke about the Maundy Thursday service and what would happen for that.

Pastor Russ had decided, along with Pastor Steven Neal in Ministerial Association to do a Worship in the Park on June 30th, along with a potluck or something of that sort. We will talk more on this at the May meeting.

Trustees: Buzz reported that the UMW donated some money towards the carpet, so we are about \$1,000 from the amount needed to get new carpet. Still waiting on carpet samples so that the UMW ladies can look at them and help choose a color. Pastor asked if the Admin Council could give the blessing to ask for the extra \$1000 from the trustees. Bob made a motion to do this and Marlene seconded. We will bring this back to Finance. He also reported that the property taxes will next be due on the Parsonage in May of 2020, so we need to be aware of that cost in the future.

UMW: No one was present for the UMW, but Carol Tjernagel sent this information from their last UMW meeting:

UMW Report for Admin Council Tuesday, April 16, 2018

The regular meeting of the UMW was held on April 9th. Eleven members were present. Old business included the presentation of the 7 Star Unit certificate from the Prairie Rivers District, and Reading certificates for Marion Odabasi, Marilyn Wall, and Carol Tjernagel for completing Levels 1 or 2 of the Reading Program.

We are seeking a new treasurer for our group. If interested, please contact any member of the UMW. If you are unable to attend our Tuesday meetings, but have an interest, see or call Carol Tjernagel, President, or leave a note at the church office. (This has since been filled)

The Big Garden Spring Plant sale begins in Omaha, April 18-19-20 and continues into May.

New business: School and Health Kits from the Mary and Martha Circles will be taken to the Conference Meeting in Topeka, KS in May. Suggestions for purchasing needed items for the church by using our memorial monies was discussed.

UMM: No report

Office: No report

Open Discussion: None

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. Tom Powell moved to close, Theda Van Horn seconded.

Next meeting scheduled will be a Roundtable meeting scheduled on Tuesday, May 21st at 6:00pm. This will work the same as the last Round table meeting, with potluck/finger foods and each committee will meet for a while before we meet as a big group. Anyone is welcome to come to this meeting.

open hearts
open minds
open doors



The people of The United Methodist Church™

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