

Office Hours
Tuesday-Friday
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Anderson

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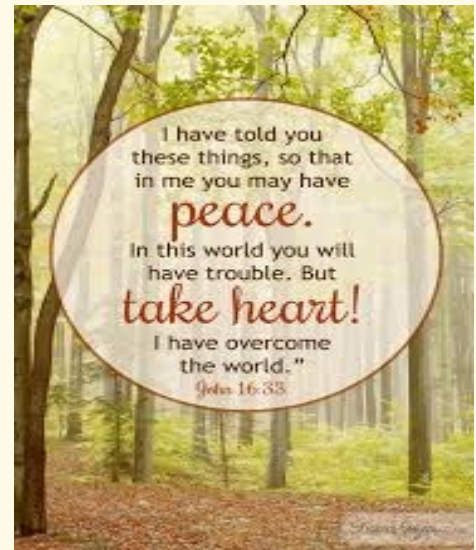
Where do you find your peace in the midst of the chaos? It is a question that I seem to be asking myself a lot here lately. With everything that is going on in our global church, the turmoil, the confusion, the anxiety it is hard to find those moments of calm, and, yet, I believe that is exactly what we are invited to do. Time and again we read about it in the Scriptures. God is always showing up in those chaotic times and inviting us to into God's presence. We see it in the very beginning of the Bible during the creation story found in Genesis. David writes about it in his Psalms as he experienced life's turmoil. And we read about it in 1 Kings when God showed up to Elijah high on a mountainside. Even the Gospel writers tell us about the numerous times Jesus found peace in the midst of the chaos, and how the disciples, themselves, discover it on the sea.

We are full-long into the summer months now and it seems that the chaos of life has not let up. For many of us there will be family vacations to go on and reunions to attend. For others there will be weddings to take part in or organizational events to go to. And these things do not even account for the fact that there are all of those things that could not get done in the winter months still awaiting our attention. There are yards to be mowed, gardens to tend and homes to be maintained. The list is endless.

So, again I wonder, where do you find peace in the chaos? Is it on the back patio in the early morning with a cup of coffee or hot tea? Or perhaps you find it sitting under a shade tree in the hot afternoon with a cold glass of lemonade or ice cold glass of sun brewed tea? Maybe you find it along the river bank or out at the lake, or on top of a mountain. If we are to learn anything from the Bible then it should be this, God's peace, God's calm can always be found in the midst of chaos.

When you feel your summer is starting to get a little chaotic know that God is there in the midst of it all. Learn from our spiritual ancestors and look for, and be present to, God's presence when life seems it's busiest. Look for and be present to those moments of peace when it seems anything but peaceful. Listen for the peace of God in the laughter of the children playing. Sense the goodness God with each weed that is pulled knowing that from the midst of the ever present weeds there will be tastes of goodness in the harvest of fruits and vegetables, or the blooms of beauty for the eye to enjoy. Experience the awe and wonder of God in the gathering of family at reunions and weddings, and know, without a doubt, that God is in the chaos of this thing we call life. May your summer be one of busyness, and, yet, peace.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Russ



July Worship Services

July Worship

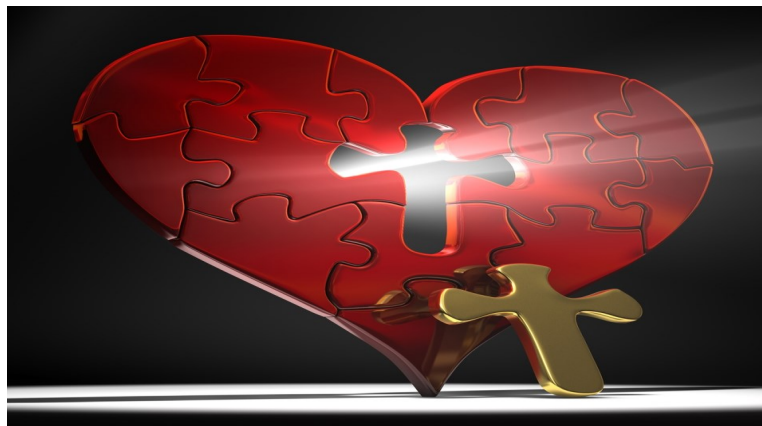
July 7th: Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
 With Holy Communion.
 Liturgical Color: Green
 Special Music: Rickertsen Family
 Luke 8:26-39
 “Kingdom of God: The Heart of Justice”
 Sixth in The Heart of Christianity series

July 14th: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
 Liturgical Color: Green
 Special Music: Karen Killion
 Galatians 6:1-16
 “Sin and Salvation: Transforming the Heart”
 Seventh in The Heart of Christianity series.

July Worship

July 21st: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
 Liturgical Color: Green
 Colossians 3:12-14; Luke 7:44-47
 “The Heart of the Matter: Practice”
 Eighth in The Heart of Christianity series.

July 28th: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
 Liturgical Color: Green
 Psalm 122
 “Heart and Home: Being Christian in an Age of
 Pluralism”
 Ninth in The Heart of Christianity series.



May Offering Totals

May 5th:	\$3437
May 12th:	\$2,133
May 19th:	\$1191
May 26th:	\$1896

May Attendance

May 5th:	76
May 12th:	97
(includes Nursing Home Services)	
May 19th:	74
May 26th:	62



July 3	Jared Rasmusen	July 22	Landon Vogel
July 12	Anna Gebhardt	July 23	Jeanie Hancock
	Theda Van Horn		Mike Phillips
July 14	Mark Feeney	July 27	Tracie Dearmont
	Bowen Rudolf	July 31	Jordan Coslor
July 18	Stacie Swanson		
July 19	Dylan Krauss		
July 20	Toni Bentz		
July 22	Rebecca Bentz		

What's happening?



July at a Glance



July 6	Kent and Pam Payne
July 12	Dave and Nancy Harrington
July 14	Buzz and LuAnn Todd
July 18	Kent and Machell Naylor
July 24	Vincent and Emily Christensen
July 27	Loren and Heather Pearson

1	UMM meeting 8:00 am Sweet Shoppe
4	Fourth of July Holiday, Church office closed
7	Worship 10:00 am, Nursing Home services: Brookefield 1:30pm and 2:00pm, Matelyn 3:00pm
9	UMW field trip to Epworth Village/Aurora Finance meeting 7:00 pm Carpet installation begins
14	Worship 10:00 am
16	Admin Council meeting 7:00pm
20	UMC help with Food Pantry 9-11 am
21	Worship 10:00 am
23	Circles meet Martha 9:00 am, Mary 2:00 pm
25	UMC help with Lunch Bunch
28	Worship 10:00 am



GCA Days July 5th-7th

The annual GCA Days celebration begins on Friday, July 6th. A variety of events are available for all ages. Once again, the car show will be a highlight on Saturday, surrounded by activities of all sorts. If you are hungry, there will be plenty of food vendors too. Something different this year will be a fireworks show in the City Park on Friday, July 5th.

Howard County Fair July 13th-17th

Come one, come all! The Fair this year will include Barnyard Olympics, Antique Tractor Pull, Demo Derby, and a No Limits Truck Show.



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.
(starts again Fall 2019)

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

Come, meet your church family.

You will like us!



MISSION STATEMENT

'Making and Nurturing Disciples'

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

CIRCLE MEETINGS

July 23rd

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 duffle 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	



This and That.....

We still have a couple jackets, coats and sweaters that have been with us for awhile. If you are missing something, please check to see if one of these is yours. The Lost and Found is located 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!



We're getting carpet!

The church is scheduled to get new carpet July 9th-11th, a Tuesday through Thursday. We will need help moving furniture while it is being installed. The Fellowship Hall will be done in two days, with them doing half of it one day and the other half the next. The Narthex and the south hallway will be getting new carpet also.

Please let us know if you would be able to help!

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.

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

Food Pantry hours


Saturday 9:00-11:00 am	Tuesday 4:00-6:00 pm
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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. **July 20th** is our next work date.

Thank you, Theda Van Horn



UMW Meeting

The United Methodist Women met June 11, 2019. President Carol Tjernagel called the meeting to order and the Purpose was recited.

Rae Lee gave the devotions called "Walk In Love."

Minutes of the April/May meeting were read and approved. Stand and Be Counted: General 2, Martha 6, Mary 0. The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$1,168.20 with \$798.33 memorial money and \$369.87 UMW funds.

Carol reported she took 12 health kits and 9 school kits to the conference meeting.

Planning for our July meeting trip to Epworth Village-Little Jewels will be July 9th. At this time we plan to visit Epworth at 10:30 and have lunch after at Aurora. Sign up by June 30th.

The purchase of a vacuum cleaner with Memorial money was discussed. The Ad Council Memorial committee will proceed with this.

New Business: A thank you from the family of Audrey Christensen was received.

Rae Lee is chair of Nominations and will begin looking for officers for the next two years.

Jackie Cook moved the meeting adjourn.

Cleo seconded. Carried

Marian Odabasi

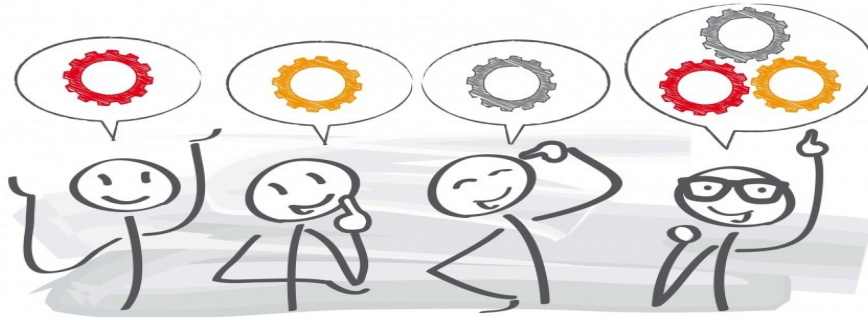
Secretary Pro Tem



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 **June 18th, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Administrative Council was called to order by and led by Pastor Russ Anderson, starting at 7:00 pm. Pastor first went over the previous Fresh Expressions handout and discussion followed. Business meeting began at 7:15 pm. In attendance were Tom Powell, Marlene Kremlacek, Theda Van Horn, Buzz Todd, Bob Rasmussen, Becky Schwenk, Dave and Nancy Harrington, Carol Tjernagel, Pastor Russ Anderson and Carrie Hancock.

Treasurer: Tom Powell reported (as of May 31st) our Operating Checking account is (\$6,475), Resources Available \$49,544, Income Giving \$8,597, Total Income \$9,446, Total Expenditures \$15,137, Current Month Gain/(Loss) (\$5,691), and Year to date Gain/(Loss) \$7,787. The Treasurer's report was approved by Dave Harrington, seconded by Buzz Todd.

Finance: Golf Tournament is coming up in August, so we will need to start to planning for that. We need to decide on what we will want a portion of the money made to go to (last year a portion went to UMCOR).

Also, there was some discussion at our last Finance meeting about the new camera system that has been proposed. There were several concerned whether or not this was worth spending the money on, as this is a substantial amount. Dave suggested putting together a group of people to research it further. Perhaps going to churches that have these systems available to see how they are doing it.

SPPRC: No report

Education: No Report

Outreach: Blessing of the Bikes was a success, with around 80 kids showing up. There was even an individual that agreed to take names and purchase the water bottle holders for kids that didn't receive them that day.

For GCA Days it was decided that we will not do a float for the parade. The kids can walk behind St. Mark's Lutheran's float, and Nancy Harrington is working on getting snacks of some sort to hand out during the parade.

Memorial: No report

Worship: Becky brought up Worship in the Park on June 30th. Pastor said he met with Pastor Steve Neal from St. Mark's Lutheran. They are planning on 100 people. For the meal after, UMC is to provide hamburgers. Also paper plates, napkins and plastic wear for 50 and half of the water bottles. ULC is to provide buns, condiments, and potato salad. We will ask those in the congregation that go to bring a side dish or dessert. Stressed to remember lawn chairs. St. Mark's will be doing communion. This will be a Free Will Donation that will be split 50/50 to go to local Disaster Response work, a special offering. Music will be provided by both churches. Need to check to see if we can reserve the pavilion. We may have snow cones available, depending on the weather.

Trustees: Buzz reported that a member, Vincent Christensen of Christensen Insurance is working on getting us a quote on insurance for the church and parsonage (most likely to begin in January 2020). We currently have Church Mutual. There is also a possibility of a church insurance program through the Great Plains Conference.

Carpet is in and ready to be laid. Carrie is working with the installers to see when the best time would be to do this. There are tentative dates of July 9th-11th. We will need help when that time comes to move things around accordingly. This should take 2-3 days to lay.

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.

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UMW: Carol reported that they had 8 ladies present at their last meeting. On July 9th they are planning on a field trip to Epworth Village in Aurora with lunch later at 'The Makers' in Aurora.

They have designated some memorial money towards the purchase of the vacuum cleaner.

New Business: There was discussion on the declining numbers in the UMW and what can be done. They thanked the ladies who donated the quilts for hospice. Lunch concluded their meeting.

Healthy Congregation: Surveys have been available, and a meeting on June 23rd on 1:30pm. This is a planning meeting, trying to get ideas on what can be done through Healthy Congregations.

Pastor: He reported about what happened and changes that were made at Conference. Group discussion followed. He is going to start having events this fall in which all members are invited to see everyone's ideas/thoughts on where the church may be headed.

UMM: No report

Office: Carrie asked if we could approve April 2019 meeting minutes. Dave Harrington made a motion to approve April minutes, and Bob Rasmussen seconded that motion.

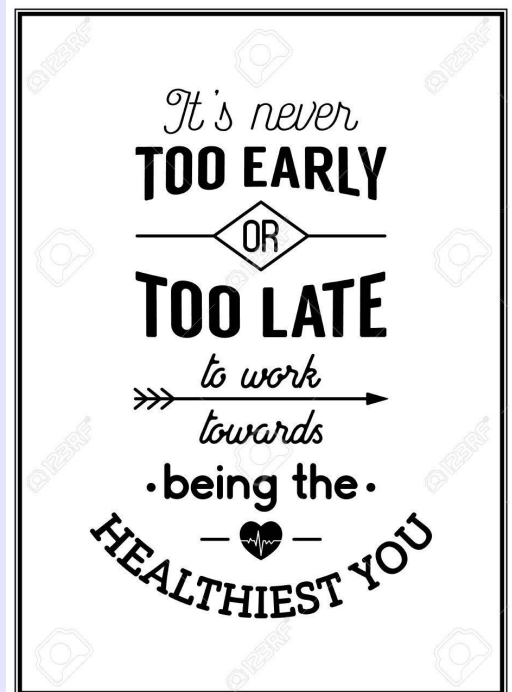
Open Discussion: None

Pastor made a motion to adjourn, all agreed. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting scheduled will be Tuesday, July 16th at 7:00 pm.

HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS

Thank you for completing our survey. We appreciate your time. The planning committee met June 23rd and will be completing a yearly calendar of activities and information sharing generated by your suggestions. Watch for information in the bulletin, monthly newsletter, and Facebook. We will soon begin asking a monthly question in the bulletin about your knowledge of safety equipment in our church. We are blessed to have this opportunity for ministry and invite you to get involved. Stay healthy!

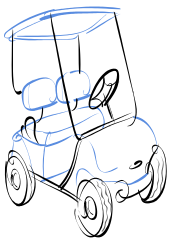


Please Remember:

We have a Golf Tournament coming up in August.
If you are able to help with this, please let us know!



8th ANNUAL UMC "3 Person Scramble"



Carts Available
For Rent
308-754-4203

Saturday – August 17, 2019
10:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
Limited to the first 24 teams



Entry Fee @ \$65.00/Golfer



Register by Calling

St. Paul Country Club
308-754-4203

Deadline for registration is August 16, 2019





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