

United Methodist Church Newsletter

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Stewards of God's Wealth

The Psalmist in Psalm 24:1 declares, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." In other words, everything that we see, including ourselves, belong to God. We are placed here to tend to creation and everything around us, as caretakers. The bible invites us to be stewards. God calls his people to manage the earth, use their possessions in responsible ways, and be generous givers to his work. This is because everything belongs to God. We are simply stewards, managers or administrators acting on his behalf. We do not have the right of control over our property or ourselves.

The word stewardship comes from the Greek word *oikonomous*, which means somebody who manages a household. That person doesn't own the household but manages it. And stewards in the ancient world, of course, were trusted with everything from seeing that the floors were clean, to the finances, to the public face of that household. Joseph is a good biblical example of that. The story of Joseph tells of how he as the 12th born of Jacob's sons is treated wrongly by his brothers because they are jealous and sell him to Egypt. There, he gets sold to an Egyptian official called Potiphar, who puts him in charge of his household. Potiphar entrusted to Joseph's care everything he owned. The Bible tells us that Joseph was a trustworthy steward.

Equally, God calls us to be trustworthy. Our gifts and talents, money and time belong to God. How do we steward these? We have accountability, responsibility, and opportunity over what we have. As stewards, we are accountable to God for what we do with what he has entrusted to us. We all will give an account of what we did with what God gave us. Remember he is the owner of our lives, one day, you and I will tell him what we did with it. He is the owner of that which we call our possessions hence the need for us to use it to serve him. Because he is the legit owner, we are simply stewarding! Do you have a plan on how to faithfully steward what God has given you? Have a faithful month.

Pastor Susan

Did you know.....

The children of the church have been collecting money for Heifer International? Heifer International is a global nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, values-based holistic community development. Currently the children are working toward a goal of buying a heifer for a family in need. Anyone is able to give to this cause!

September Attendance

Sept 6th:	39 In-person 179 views/FB
Sept 13th:	49 In-person 173 views/FB
Sept 20th:	62 In-person 192 views/FB
Sept 27th:	43 In-person 110 views/FB

September Offering Totals

Sept 6th:	\$2,832
Sept 13th:	\$1,123
Sept 20th:	\$1,776
Sept 27th:	\$672

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.



Online Giving

Exciting news! You now have the option to give online to the church! If you go to our website stpaulneunitedmethodistchurch.com, there is now an option on the menu bar to 'Give Online'. Once clicking on this button it will redirect you to a secure site in which you can enter in your information and give the amount you are interested in giving. This can be a one time offering or you may set up a recurring amount.

Just a note:

In-person worship began as of June 21st. Safety and social distancing precautions are still in place. A Safety video has been posted onto the church's Facebook page for reference. *Masks are still required at this time* for in-person worship.

Prayer Group

A prayer group has started on Wednesdays, from 11am-12pm in the sanctuary of the church. Pastor Susan strongly encourages us to find time to join with other believers for prayer within the week. We will pray for each other, our families, our community and God's world.



United Methodist Women Minutes

The United Methodist Women met October 13th, 2020 at 1:30 pm. Social distancing and mask wearing rules were observed. Meeting called to order by presiding president, Charlene Craig, with 8 members present. Devotions and prayer were led by Marian Odabasi. She read a humorous story titled "Mouthful of Laughter" from a book called Joy Breaks. During this pandemic, stressful months, we all need more laughter in our lives.

The UMW Purpose was recited by all. Positive news was shared by Cleo Edwards of her husband's recovery.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Marilyn Wall in Mary Ann's absence with two corrections noted.

Treasurer's report presented by Jackie Cook. Beginning Balance, end of August: \$804.69. Balance on hand as of September: \$875.69. Members were reminded to increase our monthly giving to offset no meetings for six months and no Junk Jaunt fundraiser.

Old business: Marlene's Mission Award Certificate and pin were ordered by Jackie and have been mailed to her which she has received. Charlene thanked all the quilters: Marlene K., Connie S., Marian O., and Carol P. for the very beautiful quilt which these ladies assembled and made for the Epworth Village Fundraiser to be auctioned off. Pastor Susan blessed the quilt during the Sunday morning services on Sept 20th. *See Pictures below*

Charlene reminded member to keep buying the all occasion cards we are selling for our own fundraiser.

New Business: Epworth Village online Benefit and Auction: Oct. 15th, 2020. You can go to their website or to church Oct. newsletter for more information. There was no UMW District news. It was suggested that our fellowship hall summer centerpieces need to be changed to the fall designs. Members worked on this task after lunch.

Correspondence: A Thank you note was read from Marlene Kremlacek for receiving our mission recognition award.

Next Meeting: After a short discussion, Marian Odabasi made a motion which was seconded that we go ahead with the November meeting. Motion passed. November meeting assignments: meeting leader-Charlene Craig, devotions- Marilyn Wall, lesson leader- Marian Odabasi, refreshments- Theda Van Horn.

Birthday greetings were wished to Linda Jacobsen- Oct. 11th, Cleo Edwards- Oct. 12th, Carol Phillips- Oct. 22nd.

Lesson: Presented by Carol Phillips from the new program book entitled: Righteousness Flows Like a Stream, a very timely topic. Discussion was held on how we could personally conserve more water. Carol asked for ideas on doing a small craft project at our meetings.

After the offering, refreshments were served by Marion Odabasi.



Charlene Craig
Secretary Pro Temp



Above: A Quilt made by Marlene Kremlacek, Connie Snow, Carol Phillips and Marion Odabasi was auctioned off for an Epworth Fundraiser in October.



Above: Pastor Susan saying a prayer for Marlene Kremlacek as she moves to Missouri to be closer to family. She will be missed!



*Please watch services on-line on Facebook under *United Methodist Church in St. Paul, Nebraska*. These services are now a live-streamed service! If you can't watch on Sunday Morning, you can always watch anytime under the "videos" section.

We encourage you all to do so! Also kindly 'like' our church Facebook page and share our services with friends.

The First Presbyterian Church is in need of volunteers! They will be doing their annual Thanksgiving dinner, only a little differently this year. They will be doing Carry-Out and Delivery only, but still need help for preparation of the meals. Please call the Presbyterian Church at 754-4258 or you may email them at spturkeyjoyday@gmail.com if interested in volunteering in any way!



The **Goodwill** trailer will be in St. Paul from December 3rd-10th. Please donate your gently used items to help support individuals with disabilities and barriers. This trailer will be located in the St. Paul City lot at 6th and Grand Street.



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



Nov 1	Regan Clymer	Nov 15	Matt Harrington
Nov 4	Bill Greenway	Nov 16	Alan Hurless
Nov 5	Steve Hancock	Nov 19	Adam Rensch
Nov 9	Shana Berggren	Nov 23	Terri Alberts
Nov 11	Jeanne Bruntz	Nov 26	Kent Naylor
	Jean'nette Harvey	Nov 28	Mary Ann Rickertsen
	Madison Nyberg		

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.



Nov 9th	Mike and Katelin Coghlan
Nov 25	Dan and Daylene Fox
Nov 30	Gary and Charlene Craig

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.

November 21st is our next work date. Precautions are taken to insure the health and protection of both the worker and the consumer.

Thank you, Theda Van Horn

Quilters and Crafters

Quilters and Crafters have been busy lately! Our newest project is assisting Aseracare decorate a tree for the Fantasy of Trees display, hosted by Stuhr Museum. Here are some of the ornaments and beginnings of some decorations that will be on display. Please plan a visit to Stuhr Museum during the month of December and vote for your favorite tree (*hint, hint*)!! There will be several beautiful trees on display, you won't want to miss it!



All Saints Sunday was November 1st. This is a day we take to remember our members who have passed in the last year. Thank you to all those that joined us in this day on remembrance!



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	Martha Voigt	754-4666	Jackie Cook	754-9115
Deb Wells	754-5620	Rose Ross	754-4993	Charlene Craig	754-5503
Nancy Harrington	754-5136	Darla Voigt	750-1401	Mary Ann Rickertsen	754-4038
Theda Van Horn	754-4541	Lory Thomsen	754-4286	DeEtte Lukasiewicz	750-0246
Cleo Edwards	754-4853	Charlotte Rasmussen	308-863-2281	Brenda Starkey	750-7967
Ashley Meyer	308-627-2808	Vanice Bahensky	754-7873	LuAnn Todd	308-380-5022
				Dorothy Jorgensen	754-4126

We are in need of more people joining the prayer chain. All you have to do is pray for someone as the requests are made. Please consider this request to help.

It's the most wonderful time of year....



.....Christmas Cheer starts here! Again this year, our church, in coordination with St. Mark's Lutheran Church will be sponsoring the 2020 Christmas Cheer Fund for Howard County.

Our committee has met and the newspaper ad, as well as the application itself, were reviewed and edited as necessary. The initial ad was in the Herald the middle of October. The first week of December there will be a mitten/stocking hat/sock tree with gift tags available at our church as well as other locations. If you'd like to make a financial donation, please make the check out to the Christmas Cheer Fund and either put in the offering plate on Sunday morning or stop in to Citizens Bank and Trust to make the donation there. If you have any questions, please contact Dave or Connie Snow or Mike or Carol Phillips. Stay tuned for more details!

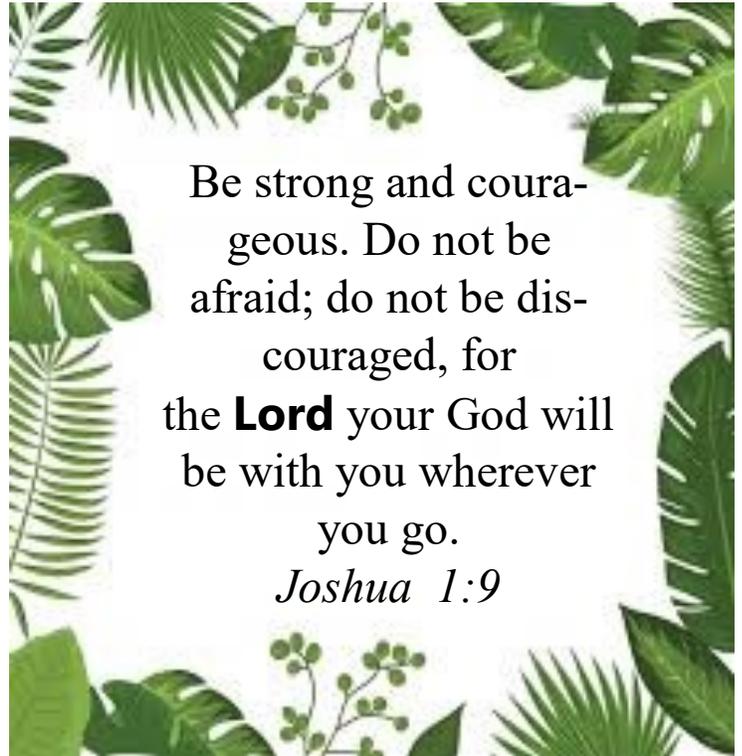


We are starting a new prayer request list. If you would like your name added to this list, please let the church office know.

Thank you



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



Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the **Lord** your God will be with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9

***Fellowship and Come and Go Coffee time has been suspended until further notice. Adult Sunday Bible Study has started! 9:00am Sunday mornings**

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 11:00 am.
*New time –after Worship

Youth Group
Wednesday evenings 6:30 pm during school year

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



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

MISSION STATEMENT

'Making and Nurturing Disciples'

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