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The Season of Lent is a forty-day journey through which we all must travel, reminiscent of the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness where he was tempted and tested in every way. During his forty-day wilderness journey, and the numerous temptations he endured, Jesus had to keep asking himself what it meant for him to be the Christ – the beloved Son of God. And so too must we, through our wilderness journey and all of our temptations, keep asking ourselves what it means for us to be human – to be called a Child of God. Moreover, our forty-day Lenten journey is a time for discovering a total and complete dependence upon God, and not ourselves. This is the main test Jesus had to overcome while out in the wilderness of rocks and scrub brush and overwhelming heat. Just like Jesus, who found his strength through his devotion to God and the Spirit of God that dwelt within him, so are we called to find our strength for the journey through that same Spirit of God which is in all of us.

Remember, Lent is not a time of punishment and self-chastisement giving up those things we love like a can of soda pop, chocolate, chewing gum, or red meat. It is simply a time to think about all the ways we have failed to fully be a child of God and replace those ways, those things – remove them from our lives – with the things, the ways of being that God would have us do. Just think of Lent as a time for following in the footsteps of Jesus. Use these forty-days to reflect upon what it means to say Jesus is the Lord of our lives by giving up things that stop us from being all that Jesus calls us to be. Step away from all of the things that distract us from naming Jesus as Lord of our lives and walk towards those things help us find clarity of who or what really ought to be ruling our day. Our forty-day wilderness journey should give us the space and the time to focus on the reality of the cross which stands before us at the end of our Lenten journey.

May these forty-days of Lent be for you an opportunity to find places of intimacy with the almighty as we follow in his footsteps through worship and prayer, reading and studying the Scriptures, reflecting and meditating on the Spirit's movement in our lives, serving where God would have us serve and giving of ourselves as Christ freely gave of himself for us. Fast if you must, but fast from the indulgences that feed your momentary pleasures for some sense of self-satisfaction that might make you look good in the eyes of others. Fast from the things that can cause harm to yourself, to others, and to our environment. Fast from unkind words, attitudes, and behaviors that can make other human beings feel less of worth and your love. During your forty-day wilderness journey, just simply follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and draw closer to God as God draws closer to you.

Grace and peace,
Pastor Russ

March Worship Services

March Worship

March 1st: 1st Sunday of Lent
with Holy Communion.
Liturgical Color: Purple
Genesis 3:8-9; Psalm 95:1-7
“Praise and Worship”
First in the Following in the Footsteps worship series

March 8th: 2nd Sunday of Lent
Liturgical Color: Purple
Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 3:16-17
“Preparing Yourself: Study”
Second in the Following in the Footsteps worship series

March Worship

March 15th: 3rd Sunday of Lent
Liturgical Color: Purple
Joshua 24:14-15; Matthew 20:26-28
“Kingdom Building: Service”
Third in the Following in the Footsteps worship series

March 22nd: 4th Sunday of Lent
Liturgical Color: Purple
Luke 6:38; Matthew 6:19-21
“Having a Grateful Heart: Giving”
Fourth in the Following in the Footsteps worship series

March 29th: 5th Sunday of Lent
Youth Sunday
Liturgical Color: Purple
The Youth will lead us in worship.



Lenten Sermon Series

What if there was a time or a place where the world looked a lot more like how Jesus saw it, then how we see it? **Following in the Footsteps** is a sermon series about finding our strength for the journey and closing the gap between those two realities.

All throughout his life and ministry Jesus modeled a way of life that led to wholeness and a deepening spirituality. Through his daily practices – the things he did – he was able to grow strong for the journey, and envision a world that was so much better than what most people encountered.

Throughout this Season of Lent, Pastor Russ will teach about daily practices that we can follow to deepen our spirituality and grow in our faithfulness toward Jesus, helping us envision a better world also. By following four practices that Jesus himself followed – worship and prayer, studying and reading the Scriptures, serving the Kingdom of God and giving of the self – we can grow in our faith and learn how to stay strong in the face of whatever comes before us, and begin to change our world.

Please join us as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus this Lent.



January Offering Totals

Jan. 5th:	\$7,440
Jan. 12th:	\$2,875
Jan. 19th:	\$987
Jan. 26th:	\$4,823

January Attendance

Jan. 5th:	78
Jan. 12th:	73
Jan. 19th:	71
Jan. 26th:	78



Holy Land pilgrimage: Lands of the Bible Cruise.

Pastors Russ and Trudy invite you to join them on a 12-day pilgrimage, October 24 – November 6, 2020, exploring the very places where Christianity began and flourished. We will walk in the land Jesus called home and step foot in the places Paul traveled on his missionary journeys.

This all-inclusive (round-trip airfare, transfers, cruise, most excursions, fees and taxes) pilgrimage begins and ends in Rome aboard Royal Caribbean's Explorer of the Seas as it sails to ports in Greece, Turkey, Italy and Israel. While aboard the ship you can take in Broadway style shows and Ice-skating extravaganzas. When docked in port we will visit such places as Bethlehem, the place of Jesus birth; Jerusalem where Jesus gathered his disciples in the Upper Room, the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed, Caiphas' house where Jesus faced trial, and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher built over the site of his crucifixion. We'll also travel to the Sea of Galilee for a boat ride; visit Capernaum where Peter lived; the Mount of Beatitudes and Tabgha where the feeding of the 5,000 occurred. Plus, we will sail to some of the places Paul visited on his journeys such as Corinth, Ephesus, Athens and Cyprus.

This pilgrimage to the Holy Land and ancient ports will undoubtedly enrich the way you read and experience the Bible. So, we invite you to come sail with us on this faith adventure for spiritual renewal and awakening. If you are interested in this pilgrimage, please contact Pastor Russ or the church office.

Administrative Council Meeting

February 18th, 2020

The regular meeting of the Administrative Council was called to order by Pastor Russ starting at 7:05 pm. He introduced Mikaleh Esquitin as our new Administrative Council Chairperson and the rest of the meeting was led by Mikaleh. In attendance were Pastor Russ Anderson, Mikaleh Esquitin, Deb Wells, Nancy Harrington, Mary Ann Ricketsen, Tom Powell, Janet Thomsen, and Carrie Hancock.

Mikaleh opened the meeting with a devotion and prayer from the Upper Room.

Mikaleh entertained a motion to approve the December Ad Council minutes, as this was our last meeting held. Deb made the motion, and Mary Ann seconded. Motion carried to approve December minutes.

Treasurer: Tom spoke on the UM Foundation, the basics of how it is split up and some history on it. There was some discussion on it, and it was decided that this is something that needs to be looked at once a year to decide if any changes need to be made. Tom mentioned that the church has a safety deposit box at Citizen's Bank and maybe there may be some paperwork for this Foundation in there.

As of right now, Tom Powell and Joe Swanson are listed to have access to this safety deposit box.

Mikaleh will need to have access. A motion was entertained to remove Joe Swanson and add Mikaleh Esquitin to have access to the church's safety deposit box at Citizens Bank. Also, to keep Tom Powell on to have access. Janet Thomsen made a motion, and Nancy Harrington seconded. Motion carried.

Tom Powell reported our Operating Checking account is \$5,794, Resources Available \$48,743, Income Giving \$16,214, Total Income \$17,208, Total Expenditures \$15,260, Current Month Gain/(Loss) \$1,948, and Year to date Gain/(Loss) \$1,948. Mikaleh entertained a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Mary Ann made a motion, and Janet seconded. Motion carried.

Lay Leader Report: No report

Finance: Pastor brought up that the church had received a new contract from Paul Mueller's office (CPA for the church) for 2020. He reported that it went up \$25/month. Mikaleh entertained a motion to go ahead with this 2020 contract with Paul Mueller. Nancy Harrington made a motion, Tom Powell seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor reported that a mistake had been made on the Pastor's Compensation Sheet. Basically, it was overpaid by around \$1200 in January, and credited in February. So, by March, this should be corrected.

He also reported that after another meeting for the Camera/Livestreaming committee, they have decided to go forward with it. Memorial had promised \$2,000. Darwin Lee agreed to build a cabinet for this new system to help with cost (approx. \$3,000). The rest of this money will need to be raised. More money may come in for Memorial that can help for this also.

Pastor: General Conference is coming in May of this year. There will be many changes coming, including financially for the Church. Pastor may do one more Listening Event. Nancy asked if there was a website to look on to see the different plans. Pastor said the umcom.org is where he has found all the information that he has shared at his Listening Events.

Pastor reported that there will not be a confirmation class this year, as he didn't have enough people interested in it. He wanted to invite all Laity to an event in Kearney on March 21st. The cost for this is only \$15, and books, materials, and walk-away resources provided.

After going to Ministerial Association meeting, Pastor was wanting to use some of his Discretionary Fund to go towards the Back Pack ministries. This helps provide backpacks and food to people/kids in need in the community. Pastor entertained a motion to spend \$500 out of the Discretionary Fund to go towards the Back Pack ministries. Deb made the motion, and Mary Ann seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor reported that the people who are organizing GCA Days approached the Ministerial Association, asking if they could do something on the Sunday of GCA Days. The group discussed some past things that were done. It was decided if anything was done, it would be after church, maybe around noon. Pastor will bring this back to the Ministerial Association and continue discussion on this.

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SPPRC: No report

Trustees: Janet reported that the Fire Extinguishers in the church have been replaced and paid for.

She reported that Evan Carlson will be replacing the timer for the outside lights on the church, costing approximately \$300. The Trustees will need to meet again soon to go over lawn care bids, and make a decision on that. She said that she also heard that the choir chairs are needing to be recovered, as they have faded. It was discussed that perhaps the pews would need to be recovered also, as they are the same material and then they would all match. It was mentioned that Memorial was going to help with some of this cost also.

Memorial: Deb went over the Memorial report. The only thing she had in addition to the choir chairs were to purchase new Advent Candles/stand. Carrie mentioned the replacement of the office computer, and that at one time some Memorial money was going to be put towards that.

Mission/Outreach: Mary Ann reported that they need to meet soon. She has been taking the newsletter and the devotional Upper Room to a couple of people at the nursing homes/assisted living places in town. Pastor reported that the church, along with Mission/Outreach, bought a banner for the front lawn with Easter services times on it. This included some cards to hand out.

Education: Nancy reported that they are having a meeting tomorrow (February 19th) to discuss Sunday School. She said that they are planning on recycling the material they have now since it isn't time sensitive. They are going to try and get teams of teachers for Sunday School.

Worship: Pastor just wanted to let everyone know of a few special services. Ash Wednesday is February 26th at 6:30 pm. Maundy Thursday will be on April 9th at 6:30 pm with Holy Communion. Easter Sunrise service will be around 6:45am on April 12th, and regular Easter Service will be at 10:00 am.

No one was aware of any Seniors graduating, so there may not be a Senior Recognition breakfast. Carrie will put something in the newsletter asking if anyone knows of any graduating seniors.

UMW: Mary Ann reported that they have been working on The World Day of Prayer, March 6th. There will be a service here that day at church. She said they also have been busy putting new plastic on the tables.

UMM: Tom reported that at their meeting they talked about serving breakfast on Easter Sunday. This is served between Easter Sunrise service and regular service at 10:00 am.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Tom concluded the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting scheduled will be a Roundtable meeting on March 17th at 6:00 pm.

Spaghetti Feed



Wednesday, March 25th 5-7:00pm

This is a Free Will Donation Event

Money earned will go toward the purchase of equipment needed for Livestreaming our Sunday morning church services.

Everyone is Invited!

Round Table Meeting

A Round Table Meeting has been planned for Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00 pm. This will work as it has in the past, with each committee meeting on their own, and then we will come together as a group. This will take the place of all other committee meetings.

Please bring a finger food/snack to share.
Anyone is welcome to attend.

We hope to see you all there!



March 1	Nancy Rudolf	March 15	Dane Berggren
March 3	LuAnn Todd	March 16	Dave Brehm
March 8	Les Rawlings	March 17	Devin Krauss
March 10	Angela Feeney	March 18	Kerri Rensch
	Kyle Ingold		Gunnar Nyberg
	Gary Rasmussen	March 19	Charlotte Rasmussen
March 11	Ryan Coslor	March 20	Austin Schulte
March 12	Mike Coghlan	March 22	Jackie Cook
	Kendra Alberts	March 29	Jessica Jacobsen
	Francine Rasmussen		Loren Pearson
March 15	Chris Pederson		Kristina Radke

Happy Anniversary

March 28	Rick and Suzy Peters

World Day of Prayer...

Is an internationally celebrated event spanning the globe. The United Methodist Women will be hosting a worship service here at the church on Friday, March 6th at 2:00 pm. Anyone is welcome to attend this service.



March at a Glance

1	9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00am (After Worship service) Sunday School-kids Trustees meeting after Worship service
2	UMM Meeting 8:00am Sweet Shoppe
4	Disciple Study with Pastor Russ 6:00 pm Youth Group Gr. 5-12 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm
6	World Day of Prayer- Service at 2:00 pm
8	9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00am (After Worship service) Sunday School-kids
10	UMW meeting 1:30 pm
11	Disciple Study with Pastor Russ 6:00 pm Youth Group Gr. 5-12 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm
15	9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00am (After Worship service) Sunday School-kids UMM Sunday
17	Roundtable 6:00 pm
18	Disciple Study with Pastor Russ 6:00 pm Youth Group Gr. 5-12 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm
21	UMC helps with Food Pantry 9-11 am
22	9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service 11:00am (After Worship service) Sunday School-kids
25	Spaghetti Feed 5-7 pm Disciple Study with Pastor Russ 6:00 pm Youth Group Gr. 5-12 6:30 pm Choir 7:30 pm
29	9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 am Worship Service (Youth Sunday) 11:00am (After Worship service) Sunday School-kids

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 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.

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

MISSION STATEMENT

'Making and
Nurturing Disciples'

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF ST. PAUL

CIRCLE MEETINGS

No Circle Meetings this month



March

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



Prairie Rivers District



Annual Dinner Meeting & Program

**Monday, March 16, 6:30 PM, Sutton Federated Church
at 407 North Saunders Ave, Sutton, NE (check-in opens at 6:00)**

ENTERING TOWN on Highway 6: from the east, turn west on Ash St, then left on N Saunders Ave, OR from the west, turn north on Saunders Ave.

Please call or email for reservations by Tuesday, March 10 to the Church at 402-773-5336 or suttonfedchurch@windstream.net or Don Russell at 402-773-4596 or LrusseLL40@windstream.net (leave voicemail with your name & phone number, church name & number coming)

\$10.00 per person, pay on arrival (note PASTORS are FREE)

† WHY COME? †



George Houle of Wichita, Kansas is President of the Great Plains UMMen and will be sharing his faith story, vision and hope for us as brothers and servants in Christ as keynote speaker.



Rev Martin Leeper will share briefly about Early Response Training for the church's disaster response and the blessings involved for the victims helped as well as for the responders.

- Music and singing – A GOOD TIME.
- Great food–pork loin, cheezy potatoes, honey garlic green beans, roll, dessert
- Fellowship with old friends and make some new friends.
- Brief business meeting to share your ideas and ministry activities in our District.
- ***Please invite other men and see you there!***

Usher-Greeter Monthly list

These duties 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 2020	Gary and Charlene Craig	Diane Johnson/ Mary Ann Rickertsen
March 2020	Lefty and Jolene Wolfe March 29th– Youth Sunday	Larry and Deidre Hurlburt
April 2020	Bob and Francine Rasmussen	Mike and Carol Phillips
May 2020	Martha Voigt/Karen Killion	Doug and Darla Voigt
June 2020	Harold and Mary Ann Rickertsen	Dave and Connie Snow
July 2020	Mike and Carol Phillips	Bob and Francine Rasmussen
August 2020	Lefty and Jolene Wolfe	Doug and Darla Voigt

Note: The United Methodist Men will be ushers and greeters **every 3rd Sunday** of every month. On **Youth Sundays**, the Youth Group will be ushers, greeters, and scripture readers.

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
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
Dave and Connie Snow	754-4023	dpclsnow@charter.net
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	

Why video or live stream the church service?

This question has been asked in numerous churches recently. There isn't just one answer to this question; there are several good reasons to offer this service. Let's have a little bit of background first. A year ago a committee was formed to study the feasibility and necessity of live streaming our service. This committee consists of Bob Rasmussen, chairperson, Tom Knutson, Brittni Meyer, Bill Greenway, Pastor Russ and Carol Phillips. Brian Clymer was initially on the committee but has since moved away. Bill had contacted Yanda's Music for an estimate of equipment needed. This estimate came in higher than anticipated so an alternative was suggested. For a few Sundays we live streamed the service through Facebook Live. This wasn't ideal, we also realized we needed to be careful of any copyright violations. In the meantime, this project was presented at the Round Table meeting where the Memorial Committee pledged some monies to help with the project. At the next Finance Committee a decision was made to proceed with the project with the approval of live streaming committee mentioned above. The live streaming committee wasn't able to meet for a few months so no progress was made. The church has had home bound members ask about this service so we know it is a real need and will benefit our congregation. So....back to the reasons for live streaming the service, homebound members will be able to stay in touch with their church family, being a part of the worshiping community, learning what we are learning and growing as we grow. Members that go to warmer destinations during the winter will be able to stay in communion with their home church. College students or families that have moved away will also be able to stay in contact with their church family.

This equipment will have the capability to record the service so we could also have a DVD made and take it to care homes for residents to watch our worship service at their convenience. Additionally, the worship service could be archived on the website for anyone to watch at a time convenient for them. Funeral services and weddings would also be recorded on DVD at a cost for those that can't travel or attend the service or as a keepsake, and possibly live streamed.

We are having a spaghetti feed on Wednesday, March 25th to help raise funds for this project. There are more details elsewhere in this newsletter about that. (See page 5)

If you have any questions, please contact any of the committee members.

Thank you
Video/Live Stream Committee members



An exciting engagement opportunity for laity is officially happening for our conference. The Laity Summit will take place on Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at First UMC in Kearney, NE. This is for all lay persons, lay servants, lay leaders, and laity discerning a call for more of a leadership role. It will be a one-stop leadership gathering with worship, workshops, childcare, and food! We are aiming for all in attendance to network and obtain learning and resources for leadership. Keynote speaker:



David C. Teel is the director of laity and spiritual leadership at Discipleship Ministries in Nashville, Tennessee. A writer, editor, and Christian educator, David is a graduate of Vanderbilt Divinity School and served United Methodist Churches for 15 years before joining Abingdon Press as the Covenant Bible Study project manager and senior academic book editor. David also serves on the board of the Vanderbilt Wesley Foundation.

Enthusiastic about creatively equipping lay leaders for engaged ministry within and beyond the local church, David is driven by a passion for intentional and relational discipleship. His vocation as a Christian educator is expressed in a longing to help all people connect with sacred power by interpreting the significance of faith for everyday life. Last year he contributed a short piece to the 2018 Fall Yale Reflections Magazine. A fan of the Tennessee Titans, eclectic Spotify playlists, and indie filmmaking, David is married to Alecia Krisle Teel and has two daughters, Anastasia and Eliana (and a yellow Labrador Retriever named Digby).

Register by going to the Great Plains website, greatplainsumc.org. The cost is \$15 per person and that includes lunch, materials from workshops and walk-away resources for opportunity. Registration closes March 7, 2020. Child care is available on-site, but you must register by February 21, 2020. There will be no child care registration at the event.

This and That.....

As many have heard, the General Conference in the beginning of May 2020 will most likely bring with it many changes. If anyone would like any more information on the plans being proposed, they may go to umcom.org and also umnews.org.

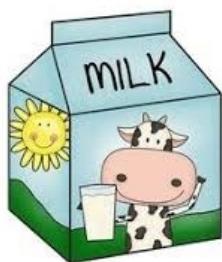
These can provide you with information as it is being updated regularly.

Sts. Peter and Paul Church here in St. Paul have begun their Lenten Fish Fry events. This started Feb. 28th and will continue Fridays from 5-7 pm until April 3rd. This meal is being served at the Parish Life Center.



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!



Attention:

Do you know of a member here at the church who is graduating high school this year? Please let the office or Pastor Russ know of any graduating Seniors as we are in the process of planning a Senior's breakfast celebration for them.

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.

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

Food Pantry hours

Saturday	Tuesday
9:00-11:00 am	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.

March 21st is our next work date.

Thank you, Theda Van Horn



United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met February 11, 2020 at 10 am. Eight women put the washed table clothes back on the tables and cut new plastic to put over them. We brought sack lunches to eat at noon. Carol Philips open the meeting at 1:30 pm with 12 members present. Everyone recited the Purpose. Charlene Craig gave the devotion "God's Devine Master Plan".

The minutes were read and approved as read.

The treasurers report was given with a balance of \$1012.54.

Round Table meeting is March 17th¹⁰. The Baptist church will host the All Faiths Christmas luncheon.

The spring luncheon was moved to the fall. The committee will work out the details.

World Day of Prayer will be at our church March 6th at 2pm. Committee members are Mary Ann Rickertsen, Marian Odabasi, Theda VanHorn and Marilyn Wall.

Our next meeting is March 10th. Charlene Craig will furnish treats,

Marian Odabasi will do the devotions and Mary Ann Rickertsen the lesson.

Charlene Craig gave the lesson "Call to Prayer and Self Denial".

Ursula Sorlie furnished treats.

*Mary Ann Rickertsen
Secretary*



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



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