

United Methodist Church Newsletter



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Last week we had a big celebration in our church. It was for the 150 years anniversary of the Methodist church here in Howard county. The planning committee began thinking about this day months before and started laying down plans to make the day a success. Our worship service was well attended with more than twenty members being celebrated for their more than fifty years membership. Their families came to support them including spouses, children, and grandchildren. The day was beautiful with moderate temperatures and the worship featured lots of celebratory music. The honorees received certificates indicating the number of years they had been members and a United Methodist pin. After the services, we had a wonderful meal which was shared with friends, family, and Neighbors. We even got to enjoy homemade ice cream for dessert and capped the day with games including corn hole, tug of war, and sack race. The planning committee had clearly put a lot of work into this day and thus the amazing results. Overall, the day was wonderful!

Thinking through the events of this day, I remembered all the preparation that was put in this event. The chair of this committee spent numerous hours calling, texting, emailing, and conducting meetings to ensure good preparedness. She sat down with her committee and analyzed the day and what needed to happen. They went through every activity, the volunteers needed, the time allocation, and the finances needed for the event. They imagined the day and saw what they hoped it to look like, they then worked toward achieving that goal.

Is this not what the Bible talks about in numerous places? For example, Luke 14:28 says "For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Proverbs 16:9 "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." Proverbs 19:21 "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 21:5 "The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. The Bible talks about planning. Sure, it is God who makes the plans succeed, but we have to plan.

Jesus was reminding his disciples that following him requires good planning. It is an investment that involves preparation. If our hearts are set to pursue life and escape death and destruction, if we purpose to enjoy a life of peace and joy as found in Christ, we have to plan. There are commitments to be made, there are cost analysis to be done, sacrifices to be had. A good follower of Christ knows that a journey with God requires a time commitment in prayer, in Bible study, in serving others, in worship. A good follower of Christ know that it costs money, that he/she has to share what they have with the less fortunate. Christ followers will give their money to support the work of the body of Christ, the church. A good follower of Christ has to be careful how they talk, how they treat others, how they treat their bodies, and how they love God. Remember to plan and commit your plans to God this month. Amen

Pastor Susan Murithi

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2nd	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10am Children's Sunday School— after worship World Communion Sunday	16th	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10am Children's Sunday School— after worship
5th	Prayer Group 11am Youth group 6:15pm Choir 7:30pm	19th	Prayer Group 11am Youth group 6:15pm Choir 7:30pm
9th	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10am Children's Sunday School— after worship	23rd	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10am Children's Sunday School— after worship
11th	UWF meeting 1:30pm Admin Council mtg 7:00pm	26th	Youth group 6:15pm Choir 7:30pm
12th	Youth group 6:15pm Young Family's group 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm	30th	Adult Sunday School 9am Worship 10am Children's Sunday School— after worship Charge Conference-Aurora UMC 3pm
15th	UMC helps at Food Pantry 9-11am		

Prayer Group

The Prayer group will meet on October 5th and 19th at 11am. This group will meet at the church every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month.

These sessions are good at giving you new ideas on how to open your heart and mind on different ways to connect with God and to be thankful in our lives.



Youth meals

As you may have noticed, our Youth Group has begun for the 2022-23 season!

Wednesdays are pretty popular with the youth, and they especially enjoy the meals and desserts that are provided to them. If you would be able to make a meal or dessert, there are a couple ways to go about it. There is a Sign up Genius link that you can sign up under, or you may just call the church office and your name can be written down for a certain date. For *any* information on this, please contact the church office know!

“Successful 150th Anniversary Celebration”

Our 150th Anniversary Celebration of Methodism in Howard County was held on Sunday, September 25 beginning with the 10 a.m. worship service. The service with 121 people attending included: special music by the young children, our own choir quartet members, and extra congregational singing of favorite hymns. Pastor Murithi wove various aspects of Methodism history into her sermon message and challenged us to continue our long history of mission work and service projects. Brief highlights of 150 years of Methodism and the churches involved was read.

The most anticipated part of the service was honoring our 50, 60, and 70 year members for their faithful attendance and service. See next page for a picture with names and years of service.

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS to the 25 honorees.

The rest of the day included: a 11:30 pot luck meal with catered meat, old fashion outdoor games for children and youth, a viewing table of church historical/picture scrapbooks, past member pictorial booklets, and a continuous video of past church memories.

Special thanks to all the church members and many guests who attended the celebration. Your attendance was so appreciated by the planning committee.

Finally I'm filled with gratitude and super thanks to: the planning committee for their many hours of dedication and faithful service and to all the extra volunteers who helped in any way during the event or with set up. With your efforts and God's help, the 150th celebration was a huge success.

May God bless each of you.

Charlene Craig

Just a Note: There are Celebration booklets left at the church office if anyone did not receive one and would like a copy.



Charlene Craig(*left*) and Carol Phillips(*right*) standing in front of the ‘yard games’ sign.

Audrey Anderson(*left*) and Ursula Sorlie(*right*) standing by the cake they made for the celebration.



150th Celebration Continued.....



Pictured left to right, back row, with years of membership: Londell Thomsen(52 yrs), Don(57 yrs) & Lynda(52 yrs) Berggren, Lory Thomsen(57 yrs), John McClellan(57 yrs), Rose Ross(71 yrs), Darwin Lee(56 yrs), Theda Van Horn(71 yrs), DeEtte Lukasiewicz(58 yrs), Susie Wolfert(50yrs), Mary Ann & Harold Rickertsen (both 52 yrs), Marilyn & George Wall(both 71 yrs), Charlotte & Gary Rasmussen(both 54 yrs), Cleo & Stan Edwards(both 68 yrs), and Russ Schwenk(54 yrs).

Up front, in wheelchair: Vanice Bahensky(56 yrs membership and our oldest member)

Not pictured but still honored: Les Rawlings(59 yrs), Wynona Kennedy(66yrs), Marvin Schwenk(68yrs), Marian Odabasi(73 yrs), and Joe Payne(71 yrs).



Along with a wonderful meal and homemade ice cream, many enjoyed the fellowship that came along with the 150th Celebration.

150th Celebration Continued.....



The Gunny Sack race, one of the yard games from that day, was enjoyed by all!



The church quartet, consisting of DeEtte Lukasiewicz, Deb Wells, Dave Harrington, and Dave Brehm, sang two songs during the service.



Squeeze those lemons!

Fresh lemonade was served that day as a special treat.

See pictured-left to right-Ursula Sorlie, Carol Phillips, and Gary Craig

Christmas Cheer!

Again this year our church, along with St Marks, will be helping families in Howard County through Christmas Cheer. Applications will be available later in October. This year more than ever we can use your help. Prices have increased on most products and the needs will have increased too. Financial donations may be made at Citizens Bank. Starting in November there will be a donation box available at church. More information will be available once applications are returned in November. We also are in need of more volunteers from our church. It's a fun and rewarding outreach. If



you're curious at all, please contact Carol Phillips for more information.

Thank you!



September Attendance

Sept. 4th:	55 In-person 76 Views/FB
Sept. 11th:	88 In-person 80 Views/FB
Sept. 18th:	81 In-person 63 views/FB
Sept. 25th:	120 In-person 115views/FB

September Offering Totals

Sept. 4th:	\$2,337
Sept. 11th:	\$2,757
Sept. 18th:	\$1,324
Sept. 25th:	\$1,022

Did you know.....

The UMW is still collecting *Best Choice* brand labels?

These are sent in for reimbursement after a certain amount has been reached. This helps the UMW in their ministry throughout the year. Please consider cutting out and donating labels this coming year. There is a basket in the Narthex of the church to bring these to.

The ladies thank you!

Want to join the Prayer Chain?

If you would be interested in joining the Prayer Chain, please let

Jackie Cook or the church office know.

We need you!

Please read on page 8 to find out the details of how it works!



Young Family's Group

St. Paul's United Methodist Church Young Families Group study, beginning on Oct. 12 at 6:45 p.m. at the church, will focus on Christian marriage and faith-based parenting. The group will utilize *The Family Series* by Karl Faase, consisting of 10 sessions that look at key issues facing families today. Video lessons are presented in an energetic talk-show format, hosted by Karl Faase and Fiona Hall, with a studio audience Q&A surrounding topics such as marriage, parenting, dealing with difficulty, health, conflict management, and more. Bible study will be incorporated through a discussion guide format. Adrian and Tracy Anderson plan to lead each month's lessons, scheduled for the first Wednesday evening of each month from 6:45 - 8:00 p.m. All leaders of young families -- with and without children -- are invited and welcome to attend these group meetings!





Birthdays

of the Month

Oct. 1	Katelin Coghlan	Oct. 18	CaLee Thomsen
Oct. 3	Todd Alberts	Oct. 21	Don Berggren
Oct. 3	Amanda Rasmussen	Oct. 22	Carol Phillips
Oct. 4	Ann Tuma	Oct. 25	Carol Bushhousen
Oct. 11	Linda Jacobsen	Oct. 25	Kaitlyn Kezeor
Oct 12	Cleo Edwards	Oct. 27	Caleb Coslor
Oct. 13	Jennifer Mitteis	Oct. 27	Rachel Kellogg
Oct. 16	Arianne Killinger	Oct. 28	Susie Wolfert
Oct. 17	Marilyn Brehm		

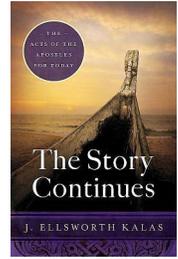
Happy Anniversary

Oct. 2	Todd & Terri Alberts
Oct. 12	Joe & Stacie Swanson
Oct. 13	Tim & Susan Ross
Oct. 15	Bill & Darby Greenway
Oct. 19	Mac & Arianne Killinger
Oct. 19	Chris & Erika Klassen
Oct. 24	Nick Pedersen & Susie Wolfert

Adult Sunday school has resumed here at the church.

They meet on Sunday mornings at 9am.

The Story Continues by J. Ellsworth Kalas is the current study book. These twelve lessons focus on the Book Of Acts which was written by Luke. It will lead us in discussion of the early church. We will get a glimpse into the thoughts and actions of those first believers. They understood that they were carrying on the work Jesus had begun. It will focus on showing that Jesus is present in the ministry of the Holy Spirit and that the body of Jesus now inhabits the Church that works in his name. This will help guide us as we strive to be more like Jesus.



We invite all to join us!

Please let Darla, Mary Ann, or the Church Office know if you would like to attend so a book may be ordered for you.



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.

October 15th is the next work date. Precautions are taken to insure the health and protection of both the worker and the consumer.

Thank you, Theda Van Horn

Food Pantry hours

Saturday Tuesday
 9:00-11:00 am 4:00-6:00 pm

February is the month for United Methodist Church to donate to the Food Pantry.

Food Pantry

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.

Hamburger Helper

Brownie mixes

Applesauce

Pork and Beans

Salad Crackers

Laundry Soap

Paper Towels

Chocolate Pudding

Jello-Not Strawberry

Mandarin Oranges

Frosting

Dish Soap

Shampoo

Toilet Tissue

Sunday

Worship time 10:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning 9:00 am

Children's Education

Sunday School 11:00 am.

-after Worship
during the school year



United Methodist Church of St. Paul **MISSION STATEMENT**

'Making and Nurturing Disciples'

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. 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.**

Marilyn Wall	754-5100	Martha Voigt	754-4666	Jackie Cook	754-9115
Deb Wells	754-5620	Darla Voigt	750-1401	Charlene Craig	754-5503
Nancy Harrington	750-0279	Rose Ross	754-4993	Mary Ann Rickertsen	754-4038
Theda Van Horn	754-4541	Cherri & Scott Klinginsmith	750-0615	DeEtte Lukasiewicz	750-0246
Cleo Edwards	754-4853	Charlotte Rasmussen	308-863-2281	Brenda Starkey	750-7967
Nancy Rudolf OR Mike McCarthy	750-2117-Nancy (775)-830-9521 -Mike	Vanice Bahensky	754-7873	Lory Thomsen	754-4286
Ashley Meyer	308-627-2808				

United Women in Faith

The United Women in Faith met September 13, 2022 at the church. Charlene Craig called the meeting to order. The devotions were given by Theda Van Horn- "Laughter is infectious" and "Lord

I'm having a Senior moment"-

and closing with prayer.

Charlene Craig prayed for people of concern.

Everyone recited the UMW purpose.

Mary Ann Rickertsen read the minutes of the previous meeting. They were approved as read.

Jackie Cook gave the treasurers report with an ending balance of \$1442.13.

Correspondence: Sept. 16th, 17th Great Plains Annual meeting in Kearney. Saturday Oct. 22,

2022 Prairie Rivers District meeting at Hastings First Methodist church,

"What we can be together".

Epworth Village is selling the campus property and moving to the basement of the York First United

Methodist Church for their headquarters. Theda Van Horn made a motion to send \$300.00 to

Epworth Village. The baby shower for

Assure Women's Center in Omaha will be Sunday Nov 13th.

Meeting adjourned.

Charlene Craig gave the lesson on the Navajo United Methodist center in New Mexico.

Next meeting October 11 at 1:30 pm. The lesson will be given by Marilyn Wall, Devotions by

Mary Ann Rickertsen and lunch served by Jackie Cook.

Mary Ann Rickertsen served lunch.

-Mary Ann Rickertsen, Secretary



United Women in Faith (UMW)

The next meeting of the UWF will

be on **October 11th at**

1:30 pm in the church

fellowship hall.

All ladies are welcome!



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