

# United Methodist Church Newsletter



## OCTOBER

2023



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### October 2023 Newsletter Contending Prayer

I recently attended a conference called "The New Room", a name borrowed after John Wesley's space in Bristol, England. When John Wesley began preaching in the open fields at Bristol, he founded societies or what we call local churches. Two months later, Wesley built this Methodist chapel and called it "our New Room." It housed the earliest Methodist societies and is the oldest purpose-built Methodist preaching house or chapel.

The conference I attended happens yearly, bringing Christians together for a time of prayer, teachings, and fellowship. This year, we had a speaker by the name Tammy Ma who was a missionary in India. She talked about the power of contending prayer in a Christian's life. She reminded us that contending Prayer involves 3 aspects: Praying without ceasing, praying without doubt, and praying without offense.

She further elaborated the three points as follows.

1. God calls us to pray without ceasing, it means that we pray constantly. Not that we will go out in a monastery and spend our whole time in prayer, although that is a calling for the monks, but that our whole lives are infused with prayer. We pray as we work, we pray as we play, we pray as we worship. Prayer becomes part of living. When Tammy was young in faith, she learned the beauty of prayer and started to pray without ceasing. God answered so many of her prayers and performed many miracles. At one time, she prayed that God would give her a job with sufficient money and less hours because she was in college at the time. Immediately after she had said Amen, her phone rang, and someone offered her a job that had fitted her exact description. It was miraculous.

2. God also calls us to pray without doubt. Tammy was called to open a home for vulnerable children in India. Children of all ages were dropped to her home suffering from all kinds of brokenness. One of such children was Numida. She was a child whose mom was dying of HIV/ AIDS and needed someone to take care of her. Tammy took her in and began caring for her. But after a while Numida's mom came asking for her. She had made a deal with bad people who had offered her money in exchange for the young girl. Tammy and her colleagues knew that this was a bad idea and that the people who had bought her meant no good, but they had no legal right on the child, so they prayed. Everything seemed impossible, the authorities clearly stated that the young girl should be given back to the mother. It was an impossible situation and there was much reason to doubt that prayer could change the situation. Tammy and her friends travailed in prayer for many days claiming this child back to the home, and that she may be returned whole and unharmed. They refused to succumb to doubt. After a few days, the mom returned the girl. Mom was in tears and confessed that she had made a wrong decision to take her daughter away in the first place. God answered prayer to an almost impossible situation.

3. God calls us to pray without offense. Sometimes what we are praying for won't happen, at least not in the form and fashion we intended. It is important to remember not to take offense, to bear in mind that our faith is not in the thing or event we are praying for, it is in the person of Jesus Christ. Tammy had some prayers that were not answered her way. She did not lose faith. The secret is to know Jesus well enough and cultivate a deep relationship with him. When our inner life is stable and secure in him, we will take whatever answer the lord gives to us with joy. For how can we be offended with this person who we have known to be so good, and loving, and kind? We would not.

Those are the three ingredients of contending prayer. Without ceasing, doubt, or offense. Have a prayerful month, won't you? *Pastor Susan*

## September Attendance

|                 |                                  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| September 3rd:  | 42 In-person<br>16 Views/YouTube |
| September 10th: | 43 In-person<br>18 Views/YouTube |
| September 17th: | 57 In-person<br>43 Views/YouTube |
| September 24th: | 76 In-person<br>16 Views/YouTube |

## September Offering Totals

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| September 3rd:  | \$3,843 |
| September 10th: | \$3,378 |
| September 17th: | \$1,462 |
| September 24th: | \$1,094 |

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|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>1st</b>  | Adult Sunday School 9am<br>Worship 10 am— Communion<br>Children's Sunday School-after worship | <b>18th</b> | Youth Group 6:15pm<br>Fall Bible Study— 7:30pm                                                                                  |
| <b>4th</b>  | Youth Group 6:15pm<br>Fall Bible Study— 7:30pm                                                | <b>19th</b> | Admin Council 7pm                                                                                                               |
| <b>8th</b>  | Adult Sunday School 9am<br>Worship 10 am<br>Children's Sunday School-after worship            | <b>21st</b> | UMC helps with Food Pantry 9-11am                                                                                               |
| <b>10th</b> | UWF meeting— 1:30pm                                                                           | <b>22nd</b> | Adult Sunday School 9am<br>Worship 10 am<br>Children's Sunday School-after worship                                              |
| <b>11th</b> | Youth Group 6:15pm<br>Fall Bible Study— 7:30pm                                                | <b>25th</b> | Youth Group 6:15pm<br>NO Fall Bible study                                                                                       |
| <b>15th</b> | Adult Sunday School 9am<br>Worship 10 am<br>Children's Sunday School-after worship            | <b>29th</b> | Adult Sunday School 9am<br>Worship 10 am— Guest Speaker<br>Children's Sunday School-after worship<br>Catered Meal after worship |

## UWF Visits the Genoa Indian School/Museum

On Sept. 12th, five members of UWF (Charlene Craig, Dorthea Fairbanks, Theda Van Horn, Carol Phillips, Jackie Cook) traveled to Genoa for an educational tour of the Indian School/Museum (1884-1934).

The Genoa school was one of 16 Indian Boarding Schools established around the country by the U.S. Government. It began as one building and later had more than 30 buildings on 640 acres with enrollments ranging from 71-600 students.

Children, aged 4-22, attended from over 40 tribes.

The older students spent ½ day each in vocational education and academic education.

The school was run military style with students wearing standard school uniforms. The main goal was to stress assimilation into white society by cutting their long air, teaching the English language and suppressing Indian culture values.

Tour highlights included: a large replica model of the school campus in later years, well preserved hand painted murals by the students of horses and harness making, written stories of school life by former school members, and flags representing each tribe whose members had attended the school. We left the museum with some sadness as we learned that many children experienced homesickness and suffered or died from epidemics of contagious diseases.

Part of the UWF annual donations contribute to support of Indian missions around the country today.

The next meeting of the UWF will be Oct. 10th at 1:30 pm at the church.

All ladies welcome!



*Pictured above, from left to right, standing in front of the Genoa Indian Museum are Charlene Craig, Dorthea Fairbanks, Theda Van Horn, Carol Phillips, and Jackie Cook.*



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| Oct 1   | Katelyn Coghlan   | Oct 18 | CaLee Thomsen    |
| Oct 3   | Amanda Rasmussen  | Oct 21 | Don Berggren     |
| Oct 4   | Ann Tuma          | Oct 22 | Carol Phillips   |
| Oct 11  | Linda Jacobsen    | Oct 25 | Carol Bushhousen |
| Oct. 12 | Cleo Edwards      | Oct 25 | Kaitlyn Kezeor   |
| Oct 13  | Jennifer Mitteis  | Oct 28 | Dash Fuller      |
| Oct 16  | Arianne Killinger | Oct 28 | Susie Wolfert    |
| Oct 17  | Marilyn Brehm     |        |                  |

## Baptism

On September 24th during worship service, Oakley Jaye Hawkins was baptized. She is the daughter of Jason and Kayla Hawkins.

Please welcome her into our church family!



## 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 21st** 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 9:00-11:00 am      Tuesday 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.

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|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Hamburger Helper</b>                     | <b>Pudding</b>                 |
| <b>Brownie mixes</b>                        | <b>Jello</b>                   |
| <b>Cookies</b>                              | <b>Canned fruit- any kind</b>  |
| <b>Bar Soap</b>                             | <b>Cereal</b>                  |
| <b>Pork and Beans</b>                       | <b>Frosting</b>                |
| <b>Crackers(Salad &amp; Soup)</b>           | <b>Dish Soap</b>               |
| <b>Laundry Soap</b>                         | <b>Shampoo/Conditioner</b>     |
| <b>Paper Towels</b>                         | <b>Toilet Tissue</b>           |
| <b>Flour</b>                                | <b>Ketchup/Mustard</b>         |
| <b>Juice-any kind</b>                       | <b>Pie Crusts</b>              |
| <b>Mayo</b>                                 | <b>Pancake Mix/Syrup</b>       |
| <b>Spaghetti Sauce</b>                      | <b>Toothbrushes/Toothpaste</b> |
| <b>Salad Dressings(Ranch/Dorothy Lynch)</b> |                                |



# 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



## Happy Anniversary

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|--------|-------------------------------|
| Oct 8  | Mike & Nancy McCarthy         |
| Oct 13 | Tim & Susan Ross              |
| Oct 19 | Mac & Arianne Killinger       |
| Oct 19 | Chris & Erika Klassen         |
| Oct 24 | Nick Pedersen & Susie Wolfert |

## **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.**

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Marilyn Wall</b>              | 754-5100                                  | <b>Martha Voigt</b>         | <b>754-4666</b> | <b>Jackie Cook</b>  | <b>754-9115</b> |
| 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<br><b>OR</b> Mike McCarthy | 750-2117-Nancy<br>(775)-830-9521<br>-Mike | Vanice Bahensky             | 754-7873        | Lory Thomsen        | 754-4286        |
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