



Winterset-Patterson April, 2019 United Methodist Messenger

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Vision Statement: *We seek to be a people who experience the transforming power of Jesus Christ and passionately desire to:*

** Learn what Christ teaches*

** Live as Christ lives*

** Love as Christ loves*

So that, the world can experience the Kingdom of God!

Mission Statement: The making of disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



Dear Winterset First & Patterson Friends,

Hopefully you have discovered new ways during this Lenten season either through self-denial or adding a new spiritual discipline to your life and routine that has brought you into closer relationship with God and Jesus has been revealed to you in a new and dynamic way.

I am very pleased that my Father, Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Morehouse, is going to lead a bible study on Thursday evenings for 4 weeks on the Events of Holy Week. The theme of the study will be "Talk what Jesus Talked". We will meet in the Ruby Library at 6:30 p.m.

It is very fitting that this time of year Lenten and Easter is celebrated during a time when we transition from the dead of winter to spring. The snow and ice melts away. The grass starts to green up. All around us are signs of new life springing forth. Pretty soon we will see new baby calves running and kicking up their heels in the pastures. Field work will begin probably in late April, depending on the weather. There is something about the smell of the earth being tilled over that reminds me of new life. I would like to share with you one of my favorite poems:

Scarcely had velvet clouds appeared
Above the east, before the sun;
Scarcely had shadows of darkness cleared
To say the new day had begun;
When bursting from the hills around
A hundred trees broke into song;
A Thousand voices joined to sound
A hymn of praise serene and strong
If song birds, joining in the praise
Of God's own creatures can invite
Nature's whole symphony to raise
A choral greeting to the light;
Let us who know his mercies then,
Be early in our morning prayer
And let us raise before all men
Our song of faith into the air.
--Kenneth I. Morse

There is so much that we could talk about theologically about Easter. But, I really believe there is a parallel between God's creation and the changing of the seasons from the frozen cold winter to the warmth of spring emerging that is in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Just as Jesus was raised, death was not the final word. And so it is with God's people, when we make Jesus Lord and Savior, something new and exciting happens. Death no longer has the final word. We spring forth into a new life in Christ Jesus. We come alive and proclaim the good news, "HE HAS RISEN".

God's blessings be upon all you all!!

Pastor Mark Morehouse

Giving and Attendance - Winterset

February giving and attendance report

| DATE | ATTENDANCE | OFFERINGS |
|-----------|------------|-----------|
| 3/3/2019 | 97 | \$7827.00 |
| 3/10/2019 | 65 | \$5785.00 |
| 3/17/2019 | 74 | \$3246.45 |
| 3/24/2019 | 85 | \$1672.00 |

Total Income \$18530.45

Expenses -16021.36
\$2509.09

With the winter months our attendance is down. If you would like to give your tithes through an EFT withdrawal monthly or go through your bank with bill payment the office has EFT forms to fill out for 2019. Contact the office with any questions.



5:00-6:15 pm—Join us each Wednesday for supper. **PLEASE READ NEW UPDATE** We will meet at the church rain or heat or pleasant weather so you know where the meal will be each week. The Menu will vary each week. However, bring a salad or something to share, if able. As of January 29, 2019 we have had to make the decision that we will no longer be doing deliveries due to various reasons. Also, during the winter months, if the school cancels due to the weather there will not be any evening activities such as Wednesday night supper. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause some of you.

Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry is blessed to have many dedicated volunteers, many of whom come every month to volunteer.

Those who can't assist on the 4th Mondays can still assist the food pantry by purchasing certain items for the pantry. We also invite all members to contribute. There are some items the Food Bank of Iowa seldom or never has available. One example is rolls of paper towels.

For the month of March, we are asking for donations of toilet paper (**packs of 4 ONLY**) to supplement the other items the clients will receive. The donations may be placed in a box or basket in the church foyer. Thank you!

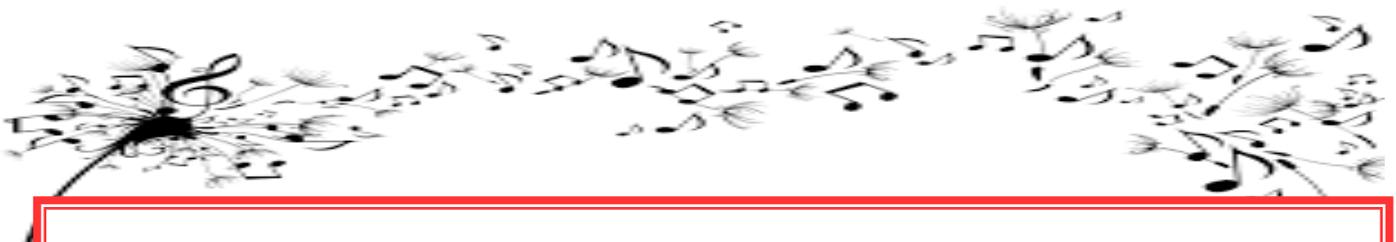
April has 5 Monday's in the month, and the food pantry is always the 4th Monday. It will be held on April 22nd. Also, we will continue to do the food pantry the following Tuesday after Monday's pantry of each month from 9-11am. If you have any questions please contact the office.



The Food Bank of Iowa is a private, charitable, not-for-profit organization committed to our mission of alleviating hunger through food distribution, partnership and education. The First United Methodist Church of Winterset is partnering with the Food Bank to provide a monthly food assistance program. The Food Bank delivers fresh produce, protein and non-perishables and we distribute the food. The Food Pantry will be held in the church lobby & fellowship hall on the **fourth Monday of each month from 4:30-6:30 pm. This is open to anyone so please let others know.** You do not have to be a Madison County resident. Please enter the east door of the church and sign in with your name, household size, zip code/county and self-declare your income eligibility. You do not have to bring or show any income papers. Please bring boxes to put your food in to carry home. **The next Food Pantry is Monday, April 22nd.**



SEWING ANGELS
 Join us for all or part of the day on Mondays, April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th. Contact Lou Scholtens, 462-1566, for additional information

A message from your Music Director

There is always an open invitation for new members to join the Chancel Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7-8 pm. Open to ages 14 and up. If you would like to join please contact the music director Robin Clarke at 917-459-5889 or just show up.

“Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!”

~Psalm 95:2b



Bidwell Riverside uses Labels for Education to earn free items for their mission to those in poverty. *Only items with a Label for Education logo will be accepted.*



Donate your previous copies of the Upper Rooms and Guideposts devotionals to Bidwell Riverside.

 The Ronald McDonald House uses the funds they receive from recycling aluminum pop tabs to help pay for families' overnight stays at the House.

Donate your old cell phones & chargers to Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center.



 That pair of glasses you no longer use can change another person's life. Eye-glasses will be donated to the Lions Club.

Drop your donations for these projects in the containers in the church library.

Your donations of pop cans and pop bottles of all sizes help provide camperships for the children in our church family. A box is in the lobby by the elevator and also by the pop machine in fellowship hall for your pop can and pop bottle donations.



Airing of the Quilts



On Saturday, April 27th our local Iowa Quilt Museum will hold its annual fund raiser, "Airing of the Quilts." On this day quilts will be displayed all around Winterset and even a little beyond. You will find quilts on display in local businesses, inside and outside the Court House, the Madison County Historical Complex, and quilts in Covered Bridges. There will be several homes to tour with quilts on display and 6 of Winterset's churches will have quilts on pews in their sanctuaries.

As we did last year, we will be displaying quilts over our church's pews "airing" quilts inside, safe from any weather. A \$20.00 wristband (sold at the Iowa Quilt Museum) will admit people into the sanctuaries of the churches, the home tours, the Iowa Quilt Museum, and the Madison County Historical Complex. The hours on the 27th will be from 10:00-4:00.

The participating churches will also use this opportunity to raise some money for their church. All will be serving food. Our church will be serving a Sloppy Joe sack lunch that may be eaten here, or taken out to be eaten on their way to the next venue. Kathy Fay will be organizing the kitchen that day.

The Sewing Angels of our church will also hold a garage sale featuring fabric, quilts, quilt tops, sewing supplies, and magazines. The monies from this sale will be funneled back to the sewing group for some of their needs and the remains to the church budget. The garage sale will open at 9:00, an hour before the opening of other activities.

Ann Hoadley will be in charge of the quilts in the sanctuary. Please let Ann know if you have a quilt to share on that day. If you have more than one, that would be great. They will need to be brought to the church early that morning, and picked up at closing time.

The Iowa Quilt Museum will also host some nationally known quilters that day. There will be a cocktail reception in the late afternoon, followed by a dinner and quilt auction at the Jackson Building. There will be lots of advertising of this quilt day so you will be able to read more about it in the newspaper and posters around town.



Patterson news

March made it and the weather has gotten a little better for everyone. We have had a lot of concerns for everyone that has been dealing with the flooding and the losses that they have and will have over the next few weeks. Our prayers go to everyone that has been battling these problems.

We had our Sunday Morning Brunch on March 3rd which is always enjoyed by all. On March 6th we hosted the Ash Wednesday Service with 35 in attendance. It was a combined service with Winterset United Methodist Church and we were very pleased to have some of their church members attend. We served refreshments following the service.

Our Family Night Supper was held on March 21st with 13 in attendance. It was a great evening with a lot of wonderful food and time for fellowship. We are looking forward to welcoming home our Snow Birds that will be coming home in the next few weeks and we wish them safe travels.

We will be joining Winterset Methodist Church on April 18th for the Maundy Thursday Service at the Winterset Church at 7:00 PM.

Our Sunday Brunch in April will be April 7th following our Church Service. The Family Night Supper has been changed to April 25th at 6:30 PM. We welcome all to attend and enjoy the time with our Church family.

We would like to invite everyone to attend our Palm Sunday Service on Sunday April 14th and also our Easter Sunday Service on April 21st. Our Church Service start at 9:00 AM every Sunday.

**First United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2019**

On this date the Administrative Council met jointly with the Finance Committee and the SPPRC.

Administration Council Chair Bob Rhoads called the meeting to order and offered prayer.

Becky Gust presented the new Safe Sanctuaries policy. The policy has been reviewed and approved by the SPPRC. Motion made by Randy Gust and Seconded by Dick Hoadley to approve. Motion carried.

Kathy Fay provided the finance report for month end February 28, 2019. Included in the report is the month end balance sheet, income and expense report, and pending March bills. The income and expense report showed -\$3,500 for month end.

Discussion was held authorizing the church Treasurer pay the snow removal bills from the landscaping funds. Motion was made by Dick Hoadley and Seconded by Randy Gust to use the landscaping funds to pay the snow removal bills. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held referring to Pastor Mark Morehouse's initiative to treat the offering time during worship service with more intentionality. Randy Gust suggested opening up the offering time to folks who would like to give testimonies about how giving has impacted their life.

The SPPRC submitted additional recommendations for discussion. The nature of those recommendations should be referred to in the SPPRC minutes. Motion was made by Dick Hoadley and seconded by Bev Rhoads to approve recommendations. Motion Carried.

The meeting was closed with prayer and adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bev Rhoads

WINTERSET CHURCHES
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE IOWA
PRESENT

OUR FAITH IN FILM

APRIL 10, 11, 12
AT 7PM &
APRIL 13 AT 1PM

FREE TO THE PUBLIC WITH
GOOD WILL OFFERINGS OF
CANNED GOODS, PAPER
PRODUCTS, PERSONAL CARE
ITEMS; CHECKS/CASH TO CRISP,
MATURA MADISON OUTREACH
OR ST. PAUL FURNITURE
MINISTRY.

at The Iowa Theater

APRIL 10 - KING OF KINGS (PG-13, 1961)
APRIL 11 - RISEN (PG-13, 2016)
APRIL 12 - THE PRINCE OF EGYPT (PG, 1998)
APRIL 13 - THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (G, 1956)

Sponsored by Winterset First United Methodist, First United
Presbyterian, Foursquare Gospel, St. Joseph Catholic, St. Paul Lutheran
& Winterset Community Church



Maundy Thursday Service

Please join us for our Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday April 18th.

The Winterset United Methodist Church and Patterson United Methodist church will be having a Maundy Thursday Church service combined. This service will be at the Winterset United Methodist Church at 309 E. Jefferson St. in Winterset.



Patterson United Methodist Church



Worship Service— 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings

After church Sunday Brunch— Sunday, January 6th.

Family Night Potluck-Thursday, January 17th.

Winterset First United Methodist Church



Please Come join us each Sunday for service.

Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m

Worship Service Starts 10:30 a.m.

Free Wednesday Night Suppers at 5:30 p.m.



Happy Birthday to those who celebrate in April:

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| Kathy Lee 4/1 | JoAnn Jamison 4/8 | Bernal Bumbarger 4/21 |
| Bev Ham 4/3 | Ryan Breeding 4/8 | John Hart 4/22 |
| Jean Thomas 4/5 | Twyla Jackson 4/12 | Gladys Kohler 4/28 |
| Louise Hart 4/6 | Bill Morehouse 4/14 | |
| Doug Dungan 4/7 | Kathy Fay 4/16 | |
| Wilma Breeding 4/8 | Norma Wildin 4/18 | |

The United Methodist Women will meet Monday April 8th. The program is Community Care & Step in Faith by Ann Hoadley. Hostess will be Martha Jordan and Myrna Kepford.



