



Winterset-Patterson April, 2020 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.**

WORTHY IS THE LAMB

When we think of Easter, we always seem to think about Lambs. My wife dearly loves lambs and sheep. She actually likes to collect little figurines such as these. We have an arbor with little lambs attached hanging over the mirror in one of the bathrooms. We have a lamb wall hanging in that bathroom. And yes, she even has pajamas with lamb print.

To understand Becky's fascination with lambs, you only need to review how lambs are usually described. Little, Paschal, sacrificial, poor, shorn, young, innocent, white, newborn, black, true, spotless, dear, gentle, lost, born, Passover, wooly, holy, sweet, perfect, precious, meek, slain, slaughtered, unblemished, immaculate, sacrificed, helpless, weak, tiny, pure, blessed, orphan, unborn, wee, sinless, and strayed.

The lamb represents Christ as both suffering and triumphant; it is typically a sacrificial animal, and may also symbolize gentleness, innocence, and purity.

There are a number of scriptures that vividly portray lambs as a symbol of sacrifice.

Genesis 22:7 – And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father! And he said, “Here am I, my son.” He said “Behold the fire and the wood, but where the lamb for a burnt offering is?”

Exodus 12:5 – Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats.

Isaiah 53:7 – He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before it shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

Lamb of God is a title for Jesus that appears in the Gospel of John. It appears at John 1:29, where John the Baptist sees Jesus and exclaims, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

Revelation 12:11 – And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

With these descriptive of a lamb in mind we can see how they are also descriptive of Jesus. Let us now put ourselves in the place of Jesus and the disciples.

And so now on this night, we see Jesus and his disciples entering into the upper room on Mt. Zion. Jesus will host a Jewish Seder meal. He instituted a new supper to be done “in remembrance of me”. We call this memorial meal “The Lord’s Supper”. And all rolled into this act of hospitality and servitude is a proclamation and celebration of the work of God in which we give thanksgiving to the father. It is a celebration of the mystery of the triune God that reveals the role of the Holy Spirit as the one who makes the words of Jesus present and alive. This is the meal that nourishes the life of the church and brings communion within the body of Christ which is the church. This meal is the feast at which the Church joyfully celebrates and anticipates the coming of the Kingdom of Christ.

And yet the one who is to betray Jesus comes to him with a kiss. Jesus tells him to just go do what you have to do.

And now Jesus, in a further act of love and a servant’s heart, the lamb of God pulls up his clothes around him and sets about washing everyone’s feet.

I can only think that what is going through everyone’s mind are these images that the scriptures tell. An image of Isaac on the alter when miraculously a lamb appears in the brambles as a sacrifice. A picture of the Hebrew slaves in Egypt covering the door posts with the blood of an innocent lamb. A picture of what is about to happen to Jesus being bound and tied, brought before the religious leaders and eventually Pilate. And a picture of Jesus coming up out of the water and God saying Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the Sin of the world.

Now finally, here is an image of a triumphant lamb in our future: then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing.” Amen.

Blessings, Pastor Mark

Giving and Attendance
March giving and attendance report

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Winterset Attendance</u>	<u>Patterson Attendance</u>	<u>Winterset Offerings</u>
3/1/2020	84		
3/8/2020	75		
3/15/2020	56		

Income/Expenses
Total Income: 12,240.05
-Total Expenses: <u>\$11,499.84</u>
\$740.21



No Wednesday Night Meals through April 30th! 5:00-6:00 pm—Join us each Wednesday for supper. 6:00-7:00pm Worship Service. 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. **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.**



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 to be determined due to COVID-19!**



WASH HANDS, COVER YOUR MOUTH WHEN SNEEZING OR COUGHING. HELP FLATTEN THE CURVE!!



Endowment Recipients



Winterset Methodist Church Endowment Recipients Recognized.

Congratulations to Sidney Lowe and Jadyn Gust 2019 Winterset Methodist graduates

who were recognized during the worship service on March 15th.

Receiving \$500 scholarships were Sidney Lowe, daughter of Clayton and Stacey Lowe, and Jadyn Gust, Son of Randy and Becky Gust.

Sidney is attending Northwest Missouri State and majoring in commu-

nications and marketing.

Jadyn is attending Iowa State and majoring in computer science.

Each student who receives a scholarship must complete the 1st semester with passing grades before the scholarship is awarded.

The Winterset Methodist Church Endowment awarded its first scholarship in 2011 and has awarded over \$10,000 total between the three available scholarships.

The three scholarships are:

The Winterset Methodist Church Scholarship awards \$500 scholarships to graduating Winterset Methodist Church seniors. This Scholarship was started by John and Louise Hart and is open to anyone wishing to contribute to helping seniors during their first year in college.

Kids to Camp Scholarship is available to Winterset Methodist kids wishing to attend a Methodist Church Camp. This Scholarship was started by Dick and Ann Hoadley. The Hoadley have matched the proceeds from the investment return each year. Others have also contribut-

ed to this cause on a regular basis. If a parent has a child who wishes to attend camp contact Pastor Mark.

The Good Scholarship was started by Ruth Good, a retired teacher, and funds are available to all ages of female students wishing to improve their educational experiences .

All donations contributed to these scholarships are tax deductible. The total value of all three funds, from which return on investments are distributed, is around \$20,000 depending on the year.

The Endowment Committee is now accepting applications for the 2020 graduating Methodist Seniors. Contact the office for applications.

The Endowment Committee is in need of people willing to serve making investment decisions, promoting the endowments and awarding scholarships. Please contact Pastor Mark or Bob Kaldenberg if you wish to contribute or serve on the Endowment.

“When you plant a garden you plant for a season, When you plant a tree you plant for a generation, when you invest in a person you invest for eternity.”



SEWING ANGELS

No Sewing Angels through April 30th at this time!



Patterson news

We are in some trying times right now and it is our hopes that all are staying well. We did get to have our monthly Church Brunch on March 1st and enjoyed the company as we enjoy the fellowship with everyone. It was decided to cancel all events at the Church till the Covid 19 is better and we will feel safe for everyone to gather and worship with each other. We will let everyone know when that will happen as soon as we can. The Kids Easter Party will be rescheduled for a later date also. We have received some donations to the Church to help pay for the replacement of our two furnaces. We still have a ways to go but are making progress. If you feel you would like to contribute you can send it to Nancy Horn or Charlotte Gordon. I know we will appreciate anything that you could help us with as we have been without our Sunday offering. Please stay safe, Jesus has risen and watching over us during these times and always.



CHURCH FAMILY

Patterson First United Methodist Church



Worship Service– 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings
After church Sunday Brunch– 1st Sunday of the Month
Family Night Potluck-3rd Thursday of the Month @ 6:30pm

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



Happy Birthday to those who celebrate in April:

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

The United Methodist Women will not meet during the month of April. We will let you know when we will meet again.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

The newsletter deadline will be the 25th of each month to ensure that the newsletter can get out in a timely manner. If I do not have something by the 25th, it will not be placed into the newsletter for the month. The newsletter will be out the first week of each month going forward. Thank you!