



Winterset-Patterson December, 2018 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.



Come thou long expected Jesus!!! This is the time of year we call Advent. This is the preparation time for Christmas. Advent comes from a Latin word meaning “coming”. So Advent has come to mean those four weeks proceeding Christmas in which we prepare for the coming of the Christ Child. We do all kinds of activities to prepare such as decorate the Christmas tree, the church sanctuary, light the advent wreath during our worship services, sing Christmas carols and the list goes on. For many people, this is a dark and depressing time for various reasons. I would like for us to all find those activities that would let the light of Christ into our own lives that would overcome the darkness.

The Mount Pleasant First United Methodist church prepared an advent booklet in the fall of 1980 where individual members wrote a personal devotional for each day in December. I would like to share the devotional for Thursday, December 11th, 1980 written by Bernard Bailey.

ADVENT EVERY DAY – WHY NOT??

If we live with great expectancy during Advent – why not live with the same enthusiasm each day of the year?

So many little things can become a whole new adventure with a bit of thought and creativity. That flight of birds into the sunset, a picnic in the woods, a bearded man with an outlandish story, a quick prayer while you stoop to tie a shoe lace, the smile of a child.

Creative living comes with the discovery of an awareness of life around us, possibilities within ourselves. We must believe that creation is still going on around us also, that we are a very important part of God's plan. It is in keeping busy just being reborn each day.

Bad feelings about ourselves tend to push us toward bad feelings about others. A quickness to affirm people - develop skill in seeing value and beauty in them has the opposite effect. No one can make you feel inferior without your consent.

There has always been problems with which we must learn to cope; but don't let them get you down. Stick out our tongue, laugh at yourself, unwind your brain, sleep on the ground, kiss a tree, hug a child, stop wondering what other people think, race the kids to the ice cream store, lose your temper and say I'm sorry, spend ten dollars on a gift for your wife or husband, tell ghost stories when it's dark. Any Christ like response to life can actually help God to be God, and to me, are clear expressions of God.

Prayer: Dear God, may your abundance of grace and your will of love be expressed through my actions today. Amen.

Bernard Bailey

I found out sometime later that the folks around Mt. Pleasant new Bernard as Bernie. My mother knew him as Dad, and I knew him as grandpa. Grandpa did not get to see Christmas that year but he did see Jesus. He passed on Monday, December 8th, 1980. I know he believed what he wrote in this devotional because he specifically asked the minister to have the congregation sing “Joy to the World” at his funeral. And we did sing “Joy to the World”.

Through prayer, the scriptures, worship, communion, and just being the hands and feet of Christ, let us experience Advent every day. Come thou long expected Jesus.

Giving and Attendance

2018 Membership Report -January 1 - November 25, 2018

Winterset:

Professing Members:
Received by Confirmation:
Removed by Transfer to Other
United Methodist Churches: 2
Removed by Death: 5
302 Professing Members - 182
females; 119 males
Baptized Members:
Received: 0
Removed:
Baptized Members

Funerals: 5

Patterson:

Received from other Unit-
ed Methodist Church: 1
43 Professing Members -
28 females; 15 males

Average Sunday worship
attendance through Present
day: 10

Worship Attendance for Win- terset First United Methodist Church

The average attendance of
members from the dates of
January 2018 through present
day is 70 members.

General Giving: 9,431.00
Expenses: (-12,612.88)
(3,181.88)



5:00-6:15 pm—Join us each Wednesday for supper.

WEDNESDAY
Night
MEALS

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.

Food Pantry

Effective on January 1, 2019 the First United Methodist Food Pantry will become known as Food Pantry Partner with the Food Bank of Iowa. We will be required to purchase the food items provided to our families in our community. It will continue to be the 4th Monday of each month from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. We will still need our volunteers to help. If you are interested in volunteering for the Food Pantry program, please contact the church office at 515-462-2912.

Food Pantry Committee:

Susan Henry, Kathy Fay, Ann Hoadley



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, December 17th.**



SEWING ANGELS

The sewing angels will not be meeting during the month of December.



FOOD BASKET SUNDAY IS FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH - Your non-perishable donations may be dropped off in the basket in the church lobby and will be used by those in need stopping by the church. Suggestions include canned and boxed foods, toilet paper, Kleenex, laundry detergent, paper towels, household cleaners, diapers of all sizes and pet food. Monetary donations are appreciated also. To donate to the church L.I.F.E. fund, write your check out to the church and write "LIFE Fund" in the memo portion of your check. The church's L.I.F.E. fund offers support to people of all ages with food, rent, utilities and other forms of assistance.



A message from your Music Director



First United Methodist Church is presenting a Christmas Music Service.

You are invited to come and listen to our Children's Choir, Chancel Choir, and Handbell Choir-the Methodist Joy Ringers!

Please join us in singing traditional Christmas carols, and share in the fellowship of this joyous Christmas Celebration.

The service is Sunday, December 16 from 7-8p.m. @ the First United Methodist Church sanctuary at 309 E. Jefferson St. In Winterset



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. Eyeglasses 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.



Advent Nativity Celebration



Saturday, December 1st Megan Barrett is organizing a new event as a part of our Advent celebration this year— a display of nativity scenes. The congregation is invited to bring their nativity sets which will then be artfully displayed around the church on Saturday, December 1st from 9am-4pm. The goal is to have 50 different nativities on display—they can be old or new, hand-made or store-bought—all types are welcome. If you would like to share your nativity set as a part of this event, please contact Megan Barrett at mgnbarrett13@gmail.com or 515-249-1204.

Nativities will need to be at the church by Wednesday, November 28th, for set-up. Please have them packed in a container and clearly labeled with your name and phone number. Also include a short, written statement about your set: how long have you had it? Where did it come from? Is it a family heirloom? Any story that goes with it is special. The Nativity display will stay up through church on December 2nd. You can either pack it up following church or Megan will pack it up and you can pick it up later in the week.

Live Nativity



Plans are already underway for the Living Nativity to be held again at the “LaFollette Farm,” now the Judge Lewis House Bed & Breakfast.

Mark & Kayla Hawkins are the owners of that property now and are enthusiastic about continuing this 26-year tradition. They are members of St. Paul Lutheran Church which has opened the door for great partnership between our two churches for supporting this unique event. The Living Nativity will be on display December 19th and 20th from 6:00-

8:00 p.m. and we will need help from the congregation in the form of angels, shepherds and wise men. This is not limited to Children! In fact, we would love to have angels and shepherds of all ages—this is a great event for the WHOLE family to get involved. Use this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b4aacaf2fa6fb6-living1> to volunteer to help! There are also opportunities to help with set-up, clean up, and providing cookies for refreshments. Contact Bob Kaldenberg or Megan Barrett with questions or to volunteer.



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER DECEMBER 25TH



A Christmas Dinner
will be available on Christmas Day.
You may pick up your meal from
11:00 am—11:30 at the church
or deliveries are available
in the Winterset city limits.

A dine-in meal will be served at Noon.

Menu: ham ball, potato casserole, green beans/bacon, dinner roll, salad and apple pie.

There is no cost for the meal.

Please make reservations by calling
Phyllis Kaldenberg at 462-4731 or the church office at 462-2912.

First United Methodist Church
309 East Jefferson Street, Winterset

**First United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2018**

Call to order: Pastor Mark called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Nancy Ruby made a motion to approve the October 9 and 28 meeting minutes. Richard Tucker seconded, and the motion carried.

Holiday Hop: This year's Holiday Hop will be held Saturday, November 17. Proceeds from the Holiday Hop will go to the General Fund.

Finance: Kathy Fay provided a balance sheet as of November 13, 2018, and a list of bills paid and ready to pay for the month of November. We have started putting the monthly general giving income and expenses in the monthly newsletter so members are aware of the church's financial situation. At the current level of giving and expenses, the church will be completely out of money in the general fund by the end of February.

Pastor Mark and Randy Gust are meeting this week to draft a letter to the members about the church's financial situation.

Missions: Bev Rhoads reported that 31 kits were taken to the Ingathering in Greenfield.

Kaldenbergs will be coordinating the Thanksgiving meal.

Trustees: Bob Rhoads said that the water fountain in the lobby needs repair. We continue to have sewer trouble in the women's restroom downstairs; Doug Darnall and Bob Rhoads will investigate the problem further.

The Trustees will write a letter to the District about the lot at 16th and Summit to start the process to sell it.

Some organ repairs have been completed; other repairs will have to wait for now.

Food Pantry Partnership: There will be a Food Pantry volunteer meeting immediately after church on November 18th to inform volunteers about changes to the program effective January 1st, 2019. The Methodist Church will be in partnership with the Food Bank of Iowa. A private donation has been made to help purchase items for the Food Pantry.

The next Food Pantry will be Monday, November 26 and December's pantry will be a week early on December 17th.

Pastor's Report:

- Charge conference was a success; 22 members attended
- Completed another module/course of study; done until February/March; will be attending four next year.
- Nancy Ruby will preach on Sunday, November 25 and Bob Rhoads will preach on Sunday, December 30 while Pastor Mark is on vacation.
- Will be having lunch with Jaye Johnson tomorrow
- Christmas Eve Service will be 6:00-6:30p.m.
- The Live Nativity will be held on December 19th and 20th at the Judge Lewis House on West Summit.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 @ 7:00p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. and Bob Rhoads closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Koehler, Recording Secretary

CHURCH FAMILY

Patterson-



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

After church Sunday Brunch— Sunday, December 2nd.

Family Night Potluck-Thursday, December 20th

Winterset-



Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

No known hospitalizations at this time.

We extend our Love and Sympathy to the families and friends of Treva Patterson, December 15, 2017 and Families of Rolland Jamison, December 15, 2017, also Family and friends of Betty Leeper, Shirley Wildin, Jane Martens and Glenn Frease May 25, 2018



Happy Birthday to those who celebrate in December:

Enolia Buck 12/2	Glennys Cameron 12/7	Suzanne Christensen 12/16
John Williams 12/2	John Croiuse 12/8	Toni Tindle 12/17
Curtis Williams 12/3	Jo Eaton 12/11	Rod Horn 12/20
Ron Leeper 12/4	Mike Kaldenberg 12/12	Larry Breeding 12/24
Wayne Speer 12/4	Bob Rhoads 12/13	Geraldine Lee 12/30
David Lillard 12/5	Phyllis Kaldenberg 12/15	Kevin Johnson 12/31

The United Methodist Women will meet Monday, December 10th at 12:00 noon. Hostess: Martha Jordan and Lou Scholtens



Your Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) is here to focus on helping build strong relationships between staff and congregation; congregation and district superintendent. If you have praise or a concern regarding any of these relations, we strongly encourage you to contact one of us. Your SPPRC members are: Terra Kinney, Charlotte Gordon, Vicki Jackson, Daryl Johnson, Terry Wetzel, & Debra Williams, Chairperson Deb Williams can be contacted at 515-491-8538. If she is not available, please leave a message and she will return your call as soon as possible. Thank you.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Advent Na- tivity Cele- bration 9-4
2 Patterson af- ter church Sunday Brunch	3	4 Sign Language 6-7:30pm	5 Wednesday Supper 6:00 Handbell choir practice 7-8 Chancel choir practice	6 Finance at 7	7	8
9 Christmas Re- hearsal in Choir room	10 UMW potluck @ 12 Trustees meeting @ 7pm	11 Sign Language 6-7:30pm Ad Council @ 7pm	12 5:00-6:15 Wednesday Supper 6:00 Handbell choir practice 7-8 Chancel choir practice	13	14	15 Guitar re- cital with Megan Bar- rett and Robin 9-12 In sanctuary
16 Christmas Pro- gram 7-8pm	17 Food Pantry at 4:30	18 Sign Language 6-7:30pm	19 5:00-6:15 Wednes- day Supper 6:00 Handbell choir practice 7-8 Chancel choir practice Live Nativity 6- 8pm	20 Patterson Pot- luck @ 6:30pm Live Nativity 6-8pm	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve service at 6:00 pm	25 Christmas dinner @ 12pm Office closed	26 Office closed	27	28	29
30	31					

Wednesday Music Schedule—Vocal and Hand Bell Choirs
Join us Wednesdays in November

Prayer Chain Requests—Call Jennifer Umbaugh at the church
office, 462-2912.

Sunday Morning Worship Services
Patterson—9:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. After Church Brunch—1st Sunday of month
Winterset--9:00 -10:00 a.m. Sunday School— Unity Adult Class;
Junior High & High School Class led by Nancy Ruby
10:00 am Welcome Coffee
10:30 am Worship Service
Ages 3-4th Grades Sunday School-mid-service