



Winterset-Patterson February, 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.



Matthew 6:21 “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

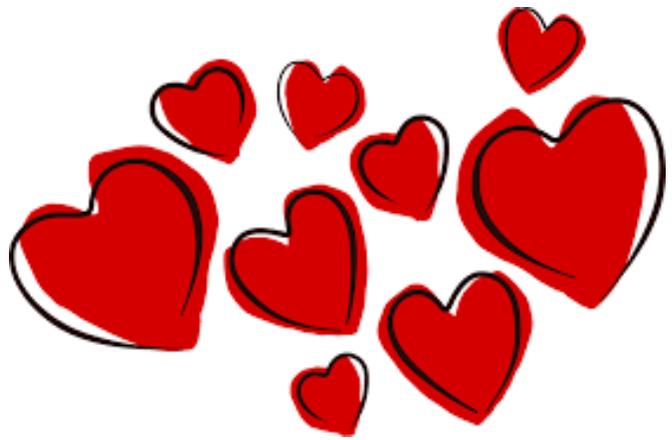
What are the most important things in your life? In other words, what do you treasure? From where do your values stem? Maybe you haven't thought about this matter much. The forty days of Lent is a good time to reflect on such questions and if you haven't thought about it much before, maybe you will take to do so in the weeks to come.

We have a curious thing for Ash Wednesday. It is on the same day as St. Valentine's Day. In some ways, the agenda of Ash Wednesday and the agenda of St. Valentine's Day seem to be contradictory. On Ash Wednesday, we consider our mortality. On St. Valentine's Day, we consider how romantic love is playing out in our lives. It wasn't always like that. Valentine was the name of a Christian leader in the early Church who died as a martyr. There also may be another Valentine and the two individuals got tied up in the same story. No one today knows much more about Valentine. No romantic assignment was given to this day until the 1300s, beginning with the circle of friends associated with the English poet Geoffrey Chaucer. They were much interested in courtly love and somehow this date was caught up in that interest. From then until now, romantic (Eros) love has evolved to be the primary concern for the day and it has proven to be a commercial boon.

On Ash Wednesday, the phrase in use is, “you are dust and to dust you shall return.” It is a blatant reminder of our mortal frailty which will eventually have it over our best laid plans. On this day, we are also exhorted to wrestle with our sins and are called to strive for a holier life. We do this out of gratitude for what God has done for in Jesus Christ. Sin, death and the devil do not have the last word over us. Jesus has the last word and that Word is very much in our favor. The Word for us is rooted in the love of God for us. So love, as a general theme, does come to play in both observances. The love of God is eternal. The love of God triumphs in our favor even when we are reduced to dust. We shall rise to eternal life in God's own good time. As we pursue the treasure of holiness in this life, if holy living is important and valuable to us, the source of our values, we shall find ourselves more at home with the love of God on the day of our Resurrection.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ron



SEWING ANGELS
 Join us for all or part of the day on Mondays, February 5th, 11th, 18th, and 26th. Contact Lou Scholtens, 462-1566, for additional information



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.



Crisp would like to thank the community for their generous giving but at this time is asking the community to refrain from donating clothing and coats at this time and for at least the next few months (except upon request for possibly certain sizes at some point.

Please still consider donating to other nonprofit organizations such as Matura Multipurpose Center 515-462-4704, the Winterset Barter 515-330-8126, or the Crisis Intervention & Advocacy Center at

The items listed below are items that CRISP can still accept and are in need of:

- Tennis Shoes (especially larger sizes such as Teens and Tweens)
- Snow Pants tween and teen sizes (not baby or toddler sizes)
- Snow boots for elementary and older children sizes (NOT baby or Toddler sizes)
- Coats: XL and XXL for larger children (no other sizes needed)
- Jeans: Large, XL, and XXL women's and men's jeans for larger children
- Black pants: L, XL, and XXL women's and mens for larger kids (for band/choir)
- Black shoes: larger sizes for tweens and teens for band/choir
- Diapers & Pull Ups (except newborn as there are enough of those)
- Toilet paper for CRISP families

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.



First United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2018

Call to Order: Bob Rhoads started the meeting at 6:35 p.m.; Pastor Ron led the group in prayer

You Lost Me Video Series: We watched the Doubtless Session of the video series called *You Lost Me*, which addresses why young people quit attending or being part of the church as they get older.

Approval of Minutes: Dick Hoadley made a motion to approve the November minutes. Nancy Ruby seconded, and the motion carried.

Old Business: Pastor Ron and Dick Hoadley have discussed attendance recordkeeping with Paul Smith. Congregations have some flexibility in how to keep track of attendance, but there are certain requirements for the Charge Conference. It was agreed that we will begin adding the communication cards in the worship bulletins again to track member attendance. The Head Usher still needs to count attendance each Sunday.

Vandalism at Church: Several incidences of vandalism occurred at the church over the Christmas holiday. Several doors and items were damaged. The Trustees are looking into several ways to try to prevent this from happening again in the future, including rekeying the locks and installing motion censored lights. Security cameras were also discussed as a possible deterrent. The van was stolen sometime in October and left undamaged at Pammel Park. There is a meeting on January 29 in Des Moines sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security addressing security at churches that Bob Rhoads will look into attending.

Finance: Kathy Fay provided copies of the Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2017. We were not able to meet payroll in December, so the Finance Committee agreed to transfer funds from the USB designated camp fund (\$1,000), landscaping fund (\$2,000), and Methodist Men's fund (\$2,000). The January offering so far has been good, so we should be able to meet January's payroll.

The 2017 Profit/Loss statement shows expenses exceeded income by \$17,335. The Congregation gave over \$5,000 in special offerings throughout the year.

Due to the pastor change in June, Paul Smith provided a pastoral support report to revise the budget to continue Pastor Ron's from January-June and a new pastor from July-December. The revised budget would be \$200,622 in the first half of the year and then @187,821.94 for the remainder of the year.

The stewardship campaign will focus on people, not money this year. Randy Gust plans to contact Megan Barrett to see if the New Connections Committee members can come up with a plan to reach out to potential members or existing members who are not attending church. One suggestion was to attend different churches to see how people are welcomed into other churches.

The Christmas Eve offering was approximately \$360.

Food Pantry: Susan Henry reported that we are not supposed to keep any food that is left over from the Food Pantries; all food should be given away at the end of the event.

Congregational Care: Dick Hoadley reported on people who have moved into care facilities.

Worship: Dick Hoadley said that one group of Sunday morning ushers will be in the lobby greeting people. Hymns have been selected for the year. Dick will follow up with Jon or Megan Barrett to see if the Praise Band would be interested in playing a few songs during Wednesday Night Suppers.

Missions: Bev Rhoads reported she purchased some items for the kitchen from the Thanksgiving meal funds.

Trustees: Bob Rhoads asked that if anyone needs the van to contact him. One unit in the steam table is not working, so Bob will attempt to fix it.

Pastor Ron's Report:

- Pastor Ron officiated several funerals
- He took the staff to lunch for Christmas
- He recently attended an Annual retreat with seminary classmates in Strawberry Point
- The final Conflict Transformation meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2018, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Carla, Diane and Jaye Johnson will be in attendance. The goal is To come up with our plan forward.

Food Pantry: The mobile Food Pantry is January 22, 2018.

Next Meeting: February 18, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28., and the meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Koehler, Recording Secretary

A Message from you Lay Servant

We have been experiencing some security issues at the church lately. I wanted to pass this information along so everyone would know what was going on.

There was a disturbance during the Christmas Eve service. People were heard to yell loudly and we think it was the west door behind the sanctuary that was slammed very forcefully making a loud bang. Don Kinny exited the back of the church and observed two people running down the alley towards Kum and Go. Also some petty cash, used to pay postage when necessary, was taken from the office probably when it was unlocked during the service.

Secondly. Temper paint was taken from the Boy Scout supply closet in the west stair case and dumped all over the stairs. We're not completely sure when this happened but it was discovered after the Christmas Eve disturbance.

The third incident was pure vandalism, the first week of January, someone got into the kitchen and dumped shredded cheese all over the floor, then they took a hammer from the boiler room and beat on the stall doors in the men's and women's restrooms in the fellowship hall as well as the pop machine.

Finally the night of the seventh of this month, the church was entered again. A bar or large screwdriver was used to pry on the office door and two other locked doors in the church. No vandalism other than the destruction of the doors occurred and as near as we could tell, nothing was missing.

There have been no signs of forced entry on the outside doors. I know that in cold weather the library and northwest entrance doors sometimes fail to latch when they close. This is one possible explanation for the after hours entry. All of this has been reported to authorities and we are exploring several security options to address this problem.

It is sad that our society has come down to this. I ask that all would pray for these unknown individuals, that they would come to know God and repent their ways.

Bob Rhoads

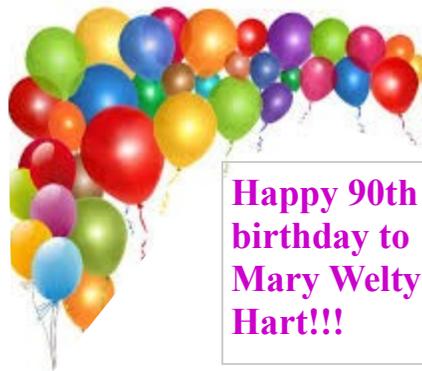


Let's Celebrate!!!!

Come help Bob and Beverly Rhoads celebrate their recent wedding. Bob and Bev got married in January but would like to celebrate their unity with the church on Sunday February 11th at 12:00 p.m.



**Congratulations
to Bob and
Beverly Rhoads**



**Happy 90th
birthday to
Mary Welty
Hart!!!**

We will be celebrating Mary Hart's 90th birthday on February 17, 2018 from 2-5 p.m. at the Historical museum. Mary has requested no gifts please. Any questions please call Mary at 515-462-4081


CHURCH FAMILY


Patterson-



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

After church Sunday Brunch— Sunday, December 3rd. Hostess: Charlotte Gordon



Birthday and anniversary congratulations to those who Celebrate in February

Winterset-



No Known hospitalized since last newsletter



We extend our Love and Sympathy to the families and friends of -
Families of Treva Patterson, December 15, 2017 and Families of
Rolland Jamison, December 15, 2017, also Family and friends of Betty Leeper



Birthday and anniversary congratulations to those who celebrate in January



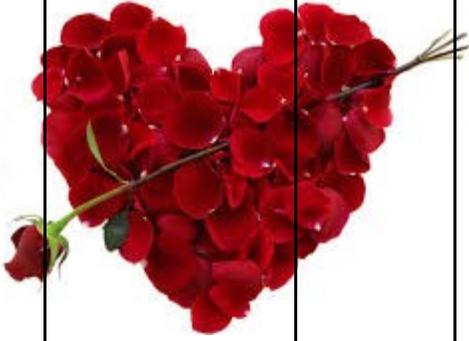
United Methodist Women will be meeting on October 9th with Sewing Angels, Lou Scholtens, Chr.

Hostesses: Lavonne Simon, Mary Hart and Gwen Wambold



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 Nancy Horn 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.

February

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Wanna Bee weight loss group 8-10 a.m	2	3
4 Patterson Brunch	5 9-5 Sewing angels	6	7 2:00 Staff meeting 5:00-6:15 Wednesday Supper 6:00 Sign Lang. class 7-8 Chancel choir practice	8 Wanna Bee weight loss group 8-10 a.m	9 	
11 Bob and Bev Rhoads Wedding reception at the church at noon.	12 9-5 Sewing angels	13	14 2:00 Staff meeting 5:00-6:15 Wednesday Supper 6:00 Sign Lang. class 7-8 Chancel choir practice 	15 Wanna Bee weight loss group 8-10 a.m	16	17 Mary Hart 's 90th birthday celebration 2-5p.m. @ historical museum
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Wednesday Music Schedule—Vocal and Hand Bell Choirs
Join us Wednesdays in October.

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Wednesdays: 6:30 pm JH & HS Youth  
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Prayer Chain Requests—Call Jennifer Umbaugh at church, 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
10:00-11:30 a.m. Nursery Available
Church van is available to pick persons up for service.
Call Pauline Jones, 462-9147
Valet service available at front doors of church.