



Winterset-Patterson January, 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 & Patterson Friends,

Wow, what a time we have had this year for Advent. So many great activities all to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus!!

Now we look forward to a new year. Epiphany which means awaken. This is the time when we celebrate new beginnings. Typically, we are resolved to making much needed changes in our lives such as losing weight, improving overall health, kicking old habits, starting new and better habits. Let me encourage you that God is a God of second, third, fourth and 10th chances. New beginnings are part and parcel to God's story.

This is my hope that you would consider this new 2019 year. I would that every man, woman, and child, would somehow plug into the church in such a way that your faith grows deeper, wider, and higher than ever before. That your journey with Christ becomes closer every day.

Winterset First has a new Education Team that is exploring what a Pathway to discipleship would look like at our church. I believe the best way to grow deeper in our faith is to belong to a discipleship small group including Sunday school, men's group, women's group, life classes, and home groups. Another way to grow deeper is to attend one of the Walk to Emmaus sessions given in various locations in Iowa.

The pathway to discipleship is a wildly important goal (WIG) put forth by the conference for every church to have in place by 2019-year end. I believe in this endeavor as I believe God's people need to receive teaching and to be in community with one another. Methodism has its roots in this type of ministry with the class society and class bands going back to John Wesley's day. The Methodist church grew in the 18th and 19th centuries because of small groups in homes. The Winterset church began as a class society in pioneer homes.

If you have any thoughts about how you might plug into the pathway to discipleship either as a participant or a leader, please get ahold of me or Becky Gust, our Education team leader and share your thoughts.

Well happy new year to all of you and may God's blessings be upon all of you this new 2019 year.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mark

Giving and Attendance
December giving and attendance report

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS
12/2/2018	103	\$3090.51
12/9/2018	95	\$3442.00
12/16/2018	105	\$6491.64
12/23/2018	84	\$3312.58
	Use of church	<u>\$50.00</u>
		Total Income <u>\$16,386.73</u>
		Expenses <u>- \$13378.79</u>
		<u>\$3007.94</u>



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

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

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 January, we are asking for donations of paper towels 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!



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, January 28th.**



SEWING ANGELS

Join us for all or part of the day on Mondays, January 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th. 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.



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. 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
December 11, 2018**

Call to order: Pastor Mark called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and Nancy Ruby led with a prayer

Approval of Minutes: Nancy Ruby made a motion to approve the November 13 meeting minutes. Richard Tucker seconded, and the motion carried.

New Business: A special All Church Conference was held Sunday, December 9 to obtain approval for the church to sell the vacant lot at the corner of Summit and 16th Avenue. Proceeds from the sale of this property will go to the Trustees to fund the care and maintain the facilities and equipment of the church.

Finance: Kathy Fay provided a balance sheet as of December 11, 2018, and a list of bills paid and ready to pay for December. The Finance Committee plans to pay the year's District Apportionments of approximately \$960 by the end of the year. The money in the Missions Projects Designated Funds, \$259.93, will be transferred to the Wednesday Night Supper fund.

The church will receive \$400 from the Iowa State Fair Board because a lady used Doris Good's pasta salad recipe from the 1993 church cookbook to enter a dish in the Iowa State Fair and won a blue ribbon. The recipe will be in the February Our Iowa magazine. This money will go into the Wednesday Night Supper fund.

A letter was mailed to members highlighting many of the church's activities and the church's financial situation as part of the Stewardship activities.

Kathy is putting information about each Sunday's offerings and the total expenses into the monthly newsletter. The weekly attendance count will also be included.

Holiday Hop: The Holiday Hop netted approximately \$2,500 which will go into the General Fund.

Trustees: Pastor Mark said some repairs are being made to the organ. Ed Scholtens has been working on the amplifier/sound system problems and the amplifier will need to be replaced.

Pastor's Report: -Worship attendance has been good recently
-Made a few hospital calls
-Presided at Gail Cline's funeral
-Will be on vacation December 25th through the first of the year; Bob Rhoads will preach on Sunday, December 30th
-Christmas Eve service will be 6:00-6:30 p.m. at Winterset and 8:00-8:30 p.m. at Patterson
-The Youth Group will now meet on Wednesday nights
-The monthly calendar will be sent out in Pastor Mark's weekly email update.

Education: Becky Gust will be holding a meeting on December 12.

Worship: Nancy Ruby commented that Pastor Mark met with the Worship Committee members yesterday and provided communion and a short training on Worship Service. We will have an adult baptism and receive a new member on January 13

Nominations & Leadership Development: Jaye Johnson will be here in February to hold a workshop about a Simplified Board structure and see how it might look for our church. Any changes to the board structure would have to go through a Church or Charge Conference.

SPPRC: Annual reviews for paid staff will be completed soon.

Food Pantry: We are moving toward becoming a Partner with the Iowa Food Bank and committee members will go through training to learn how to order the food. We will begin ordering food in January.

The next Food Pantry will be Monday, December 17

Request from CRISP: Pastor Mark received a call from CRISP. They have to move locations sometime next spring. They have two classrooms of items and are trying to figure out placed to redeploy the items for storage. They wanted to know if we could store the coats for CRISP for them to distribute as needed. No action was taken and the request will be taking into consideration by the trustees.

Congregational Care: Dick Hoadley said committee members are visiting 15 single people and 5 couples in their homes.

Next Meeting: Ad Co9uncil meetings will continue to be held on Tuesday evenings. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m. and Pastor Mark closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Koehler



CHURCH FAMILY

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.

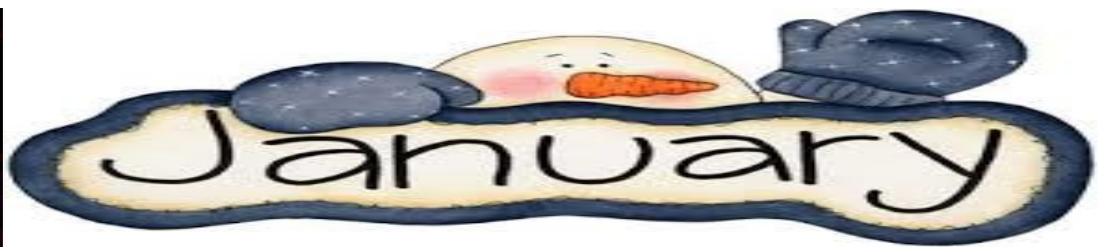


Happy Birthday to those who celebrate in January:

Don Kinney 1/2	Deb Kaldenberg 1/19	Sydney Lowe 1/23
Mary Louise DeVault 1/3	Graham Barrett 1/20	Haelynn Forsyth 1/24
Jennifer Schiefelbein 1/6	Dick McCauley 1/21	Lacey Forsyth 1/25
Gary Christensen 1/9	Kelli Benshoof 1/21	Michelle Crouse 1/27
Jane Wight 1/11	Jack Farver 1/22	Paige Tucker 1/27
Angela Olson 1/17	Hudsyn Forsyth 1/22	

The United Methodist Women will not meet in January. Our next meeting will be held on February 11th. Details to come.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Office closed Happy New Year!!!	2 5:00 Wednesday Supper No handbell practice 7-8 Chancel choir practice Office closed	3	4	5
6	7 Worship Committee meeting at 7:00	8 6-7:30 Sign Language 6:00 SPPRC Ad Council @ 7:00 p.m.	9 5:00 Wednesday Supper No handbell practice 7-8 Chancel choir practice	10 Finance @ 7:00 Cub Scout Den Meeting @ 7	11	12
13	14 Trustees @ 7:00	15 6-7:30 Sign Language	16 5:00 Wednesday Supper No handbell practice 7-8 Chancel choir practice	17 Cub Scout Den Meeting @ 7	18	19
20	21	22 6-7:30 Sign Language	23 5:00 Wednesday Supper No handbell practice 7-8 Chancel choir practice	24 Cub Scout Pack meeting @ 7	25	26
27	28	29 6-7:30 Sign Language	30 5:00 Wednesday Supper No handbell practice 7-8 Chancel choir practice	31		

Wednesday Music Schedule—Vocal and Hand Bell Choirs
Join us Wednesdays in November
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**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  
 10:00-11:30 a.m. Nursery Available