



Winterset-Patterson January, 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.



Psalm 40:4a "Happy are those who make the Lord their trust...."

“First United Methodist Church’s conflict transformation process comes to a formal close this month. The process began in September, 2016 and was originally expected to run six months. It has been a time of discovery and increased self-awareness for the congregation. It has not always been a comfortable enterprise. Now the question for the congregation is what to do with the experience gained and the information gathered? Only the congregation can give definitive answers to this question.

First United Methodist Church is not just left to its own devices in the matter. On Sunday, January 21, from 1pm until 5pm, there will be a transition workshop in which the gathered members of the congregation will determine to best take advantage of the opportunities available to it. Diane McClanahan and Carla Cain, our conflict transformation facilitators, will be present to make closure. South Central District field outreach minister Jaye Johnson will also be present to assist in determining our next steps forward.

It is helpful to keep in mind the United Methodist Church’s denominational mission statement as we move forward. We are to be about “the making of disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

It is also helpful to be guided by the congregation’s vision statement;

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

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So that, the world can experience the Kingdom Of God!”

Our mission and our vision is outstanding. Now we are charged with organizing the best ways in our location to translate them into action for the new year. We do so confident that the Lord will provide that which is necessary for the Gospel to thrive.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ron

Giving and Attendance

2017 Membership Report -January 1 - December 22, 2017

Winterset:

Professing Members:
 Received by Confirmation: 2
 Removed by Transfer to Other United Methodist Churches: 16
 Removed by Death: 8
 302 Professing Members - 182 females; 120 males
 Baptized Members:
 Received: 0
 Removed: 7 (4 youth became members; 3 parents' transferred)
 38 Baptized Members

 Funerals: 5

Patterson:

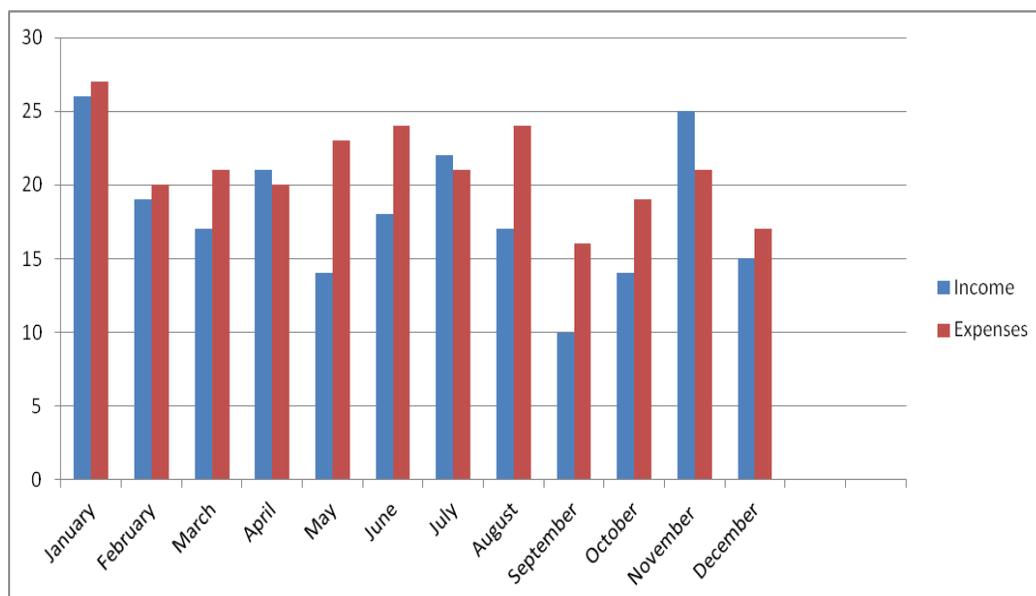
Received from other United Methodist Church: 1
 43 Professing Members - 28 females; 15 males
 Average Sunday worship attendance through December 22: 13

Average Attendance

The average attendance of members from the dates of July 30th through December 22, 2017 is 66 members.

Income and expenses by month January 1 through December 21, 2017

In 1000's



Total Income:
\$175,238.78

Total Expenses:
\$186,394.63



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

Volunteers may email Jennifer Umbaugh, Susan Henry, or Kathy Fay if you plan to volunteer on Food Pantry day. Unloading the truck and setting up is from about 2:30-4:00 pm. The pantry is from 4:30-6:30 and a short time after for straightening up.

Families are bringing boxes to carry their food home in but we are still in need of boxes. You may drop them off anytime at the church and put them behind the curtain on the stage in fellowship hall. We have currently been helping around 130 families.

Reminder: We are no longer able to do deliveries for the mobile food pantry. Please make arrangements ahead of time. 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 22nd, from 4:30-6:30 pm.**





SEWING ANGELS
 Join us for all or part of the day on Mondays, January 8, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. 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
November 19, 2017

Call to Order: Bob Rhoads started the meeting at 6:33 p.m.; Pastor Ron led the group in prayer

You Lost Me Video Series: We watched the Exclusive 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 October minutes. Deb Williams seconded, and the motion carried.

Finance: Funds for the humidifier/dehumidifier for the baby grand piano will be taken from the 1995 wing fund since that committee has been disbanded.

The Bazaar will net approximately \$1,990 and 10% will go to the Sewing Angels, 10% to the Youth and the rest to the general fund.

Kathy Fay provided copies of the Balance Sheet as of November 19, 2017. The average giving unit has declined and is about 40 per month.

Stewardship plans for the future will focus on attendance and outreach, encouraging members to reach out to friends and invite them to church to hopefully increase attendance.

Wednesday Night Suppers: It was suggested that the Praise Band play a few songs during Wednesday Night suppers. Randy will talk to Jon and Meghan Barrett about this.

Charge Conference Paperwork: The paperwork for the Charge Conference was reviewed. The Intentional Faith committee has not been active, so the goal related to Intentional Faith was not met. It was suggested that this committee/activity partner with the Finance Committee's Attendance Stewardship & outreach plan.

Bev Bircher made a motion to temporarily put the Intentional Faith Committee on hold and instead, focus efforts on the Finance Committee's Attendance Stewardship & Outreach Plan. Dick Hoadley seconded, and the motion carried.

The Community Connections Committee has not held Bridge Events for the past couple of years. This committee has planned the Live Nativity for many years. Wednesday Night Suppers, the Food Bank, and Thanksgiving Dinner are already part of the Missions & Outreach Committee. Deb Williams made a motion to absorb the Community Connections Committee activities into the Mission & Outreach Committee. Nancy Ruby seconded, and the motion carried.

Charge Conference will be held Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

Live Nativity: Mark & Kayla Hawkins purchased the LaFollette place and are more than willing to host the Live Nativity. Megan Barrett has volunteered to coordinate the Live Nativity this year and will work with the Hawkins' to plan the event.

Christmas Eve Special: After some discussion, Dick Hoadley made a motion to have the Christmas Eve special offering go toward the LIFE fund that is used when people come to the church asking for assistance. Deb Williams seconded, and the motion carried.

Communications Cards at Sunday Service: It was discussed whether or not there is a need to track individual member attendance. We are required to track attendance counts and names of people joining the church or dropping their membership for the Charge Conference Membership Report. Pastor Ron will check with the Conference.

Decorate Church: We will decorate the church Sunday, November 26, at 1:00 p.m.

SPPRC: Deb Williams reported that Jennifer Umbaugh is now a permanent part-time employee working 20 hours per week. It was suggested to change the official church hours to 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, and 9:00 -11:00a.m. & 1:00-3:00p.m. on Wednesdays so she will be able to attend the weekly staff meeting.

Nancy Ruby made a motion to approve the official church hours as 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Bev Bircher seconded, and the motion carried.

Deb Williams and Pastor Ron met with Pastor Joel at St. Paul Lutheran Church and explained that the church's financial situation will prevent us from contributing to the Youth Coordinator's salary. They also met with Nate Mason. Effective December 31, we will no longer be part of the Youth Ministry Partnership Steering Committee or be contributing to Nate Mason's salary. The Youth Steering Committee will no longer be an official First United Methodist Church Committee.

Pastor Joel encouraged our youth to continue to be involved in the Youth Group activities at the Lutheran Church. For now, we will maintain the Youth budget for 2018 for youth activities.

Congregational Care: Dick Hoadley asked that if anyone knows of any members homebound, ill or in nursing homes to let Ann Hoadley know so she can make sure we have people visiting them.

Trustees: There was an issue at the parsonage with the sewer drains so Roto Rooter was called in Roto Rooter will probably need to clean out the drains every couple of years.

We need to look into the ticking noise in the speakers during Sunday morning.

Pastor Ron's Report: The Sunday afternoon study using the *Living Our Beliefs* book has started and will continue into the new year.

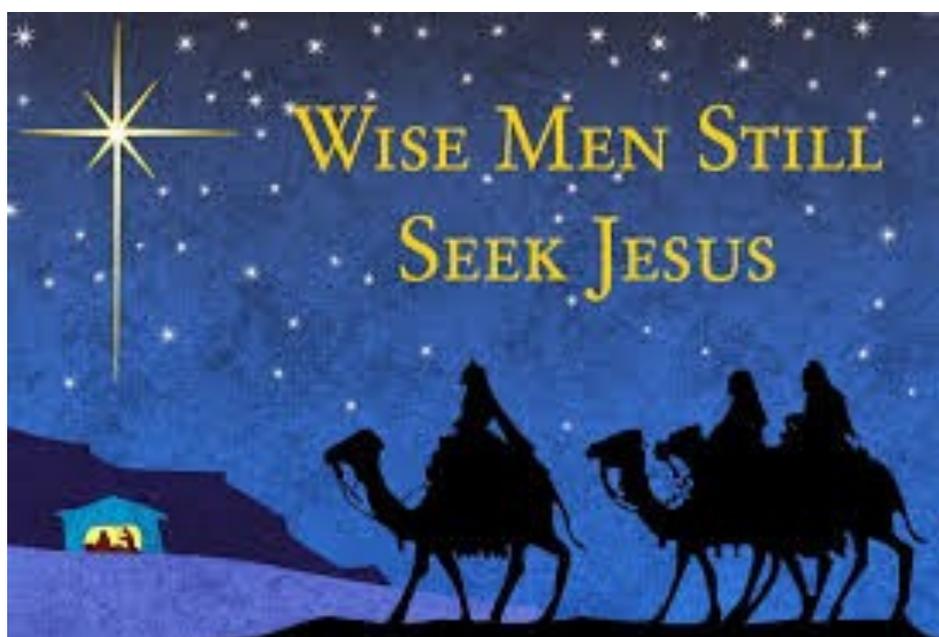
- Pastor Ron and Bob Rhoads attended a Boundary & Ethics workshop last week
- The Charge Conference is Sunday, November 26 at 4:00 p.m.; deadline for the Charge Conference paperwork is Tuesday; Pastor Ron will review and finalize Wednesday.
- The Madisonian contacted Pastor Ron to write a Thanksgiving Day column
- Pastor Ron and members of our congregation attended the Witness 500 service on November 9 commemorating the reformation.
- We received paperwork for a member transferring into our church
- Attendance has been increasing slightly; choir is very energized; lots of positive things going on in our church and we see healing happening.
- The final Conflict Transformation meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2018, 1:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.; Carla, Diane and Jaye Johnson will be in attendance.

Food Pantry: The mobile Food Pantry is November 27, 2017 and December 18, 2017

Next Meeting: January 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m (second Sunday)

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:56., and the meeting was closed 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 3rd. Hostess: Charlotte Gordon

Birthday and anniversary congratulations to those who Celebrate in November

Winterset-



Known hospitalized since last newsletter:

We extend our Love and Sympathy to the families and friends of -
 Ruth Gibson, May 24, 2017, Mother of Fred, Dick, Bill and Bob Gibson
 Evelyn Coffman, June 19, 2017, sister-in-law of Lorraine Kile
 Douglas Doolittle, June 18, 2017 of Webster City, brother-in-law of
 LaVonne Simon
 Loren Parker, June 30, 2017, father of Jim and Jerry Parker
 Lana Grandfield, July 10, 2017, wife of Glen, mother of Michelle and
 Bryan,

Families of Treva Patterson, December 15, 2017 and Families of Rollan
 Jamison, December 15, 2017



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 January

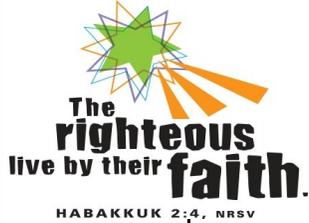


United Methodist Women will be meeting on October 9th with Sewing Angels, Lou
 Scholtens, Chr.
 Hostesses: Lavonne Simon, Mary Hart and Gwen Wambold



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.

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Vesper 's service 7:00-8:00 p.m. Patterson Brunch after church	1 Office Closed New Years Day 	2 Office closed	3 2:00 Staff meeting 5:00-6:15 Wednesday Supper 6:00 Sign Lang. class 6:30 JH/HS youth 7-8 Chancel choir practice WIC	4 Wanna Bee weight loss group 8-10 a.m	5 	6
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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.