

# Winterset-Patterson United Methodist Messenger March, 2017

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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.

## NEWSLETTER OPTIONS

To mail a newsletter using bulk mail rates we have to have 200 letters to mail at a time with 150 of those addresses having a 502— zip code. During the past year we have fallen below the 200 number.

We would like for you to continue to receive the newsletter. Four options are available:

1. We mail a paper copy by first class mail to you
2. Email—please provide us with your email address
3. Pick up a paper copy at the church
4. The newsletter is made available on the church website at <http://wintersetumc.org>

Please contact Vicky Blair in the church office on which method works for you. You may contact Vicky at 515-462-2912 or [wintersetumc@msn.com](mailto:wintersetumc@msn.com) or stop by the office.

Our Congregational Care Visitation Lay Persons will be delivering the newsletter with their monthly visits as they do the Upper Rooms. We thank our Visitation Lay Persons for their volunteerism.



Ash  
Wednesday  
Service

on March 1 at 6:30 pm at Winterset First UMC.

## CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION EDUCATION WORKSHOP

with counselors Diane McClanahan and Carla Cain of the Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center. The date is Sunday, March 5, from 1:30-5:30 pm at the church. Open to everyone in our congregation. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Those who serve on a committee should attend.

Planned meetings are:

Sunday, March 5 – Conflict Education    Sunday, April 2 – Resolution    Sunday, April 23 – Final Report



Attending a Church Camp can have a life-long effect on an individual. Would you be a part of offering this life-changing opportunity to the children in our church? An envelope is provided to donate to our camp fund. Just write your donation out to the church and write “camp fund” in the memo. Thank you.



**St. Patrick's Day Supper**  
**Friday, March 17**  
**5:00-6:30 pm (or until food is gone)**

Serving corn beef, cabbage, red potatoes, roll,  
jello cake, punch

Free will donations. Proceeds will benefit our general budget.



**Matthew 4:1-2** *“Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished...”*

Ash Wednesday begins on March 1. This will begin the 40 days of Lent. At the risk of being redundant, I want to invite you to consider six questions during these forty days. They are:

- How am I doing as a beloved child of God?
- Is church making sense to me these days?
- Do I feel as if I am a thriving soul?
- Am I burdened by a bad conscience?
- Do I feel hopeful and why or why not?
- What is the big question that I have for God at this time of my life?

You may have other questions with spiritual implications and that is okay. Lent is the time of the year to work on such questions. I am available to you to hear your questions out and counsel you as to how you might grapple with them and move towards answers. If this sounds like something helpful to you, please contact me and we will make time to visit.

When we find ourselves wrestling with difficult spiritual questions about ourselves, it does not mean we are godforsaken. If anything, it means that the Holy Spirit has a mighty presence in our lives, goading us to resolve our human condition with the grace of God.

If you are saying to yourself that, “Well, getting into one’s personal spiritual well-being like that, that is not something we really do here in this congregation.” Well, yes, it is. I have already had members of the congregation bring their spiritual concerns to me. Don’t get me wrong. I am not going to take your questions and pronounce a one size fits all solution. This is not a magic show. Rather, my role is to help you ask your questions in full knowledge of the love that God bears for you and thus empower you to grapple with answers.

It is often the case that a Christian believer’s difficult spiritual questions have to do with issues of guilt and shame. Maybe a Christian believer has the idea that his or her shame is too great for God’s grace and love. Too often, Christian believers think that God has no other plan than to punish them for their sins. Were that the case, Jesus would have never come among us. But the truth of the matter is that the Son of God came to dwell among sinners, you and I, for the purpose of our redemption. The Bible is clear. The bottom line is that our shame and guilt are no match for God’s love and grace.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Ron

Hello, Friends!

**BEST. WEEK. EVER!**

We can’t wait to share another summer of friendships, faith building and excitement with you at Lake Okoboji, Pictured Rocks, and Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Centers!

Iowa United Methodist Camps offer many different activities at each of our sites, and we know you’ll have the best week ever with our caring staff to guide you. Every camper can find something that they’ll enjoy, including adults who wish they could come to camp, too! Camps are a summer special, and we have retreat opportunities all year long.

We understand the impact that camp can have on your family, and want to be a part of an experience that will last a lifetime. All three of our sites are accredited members of the American Camp Association, so you can rest easy knowing that safety is our top priority.

Come join us this summer for the best week ever. There’s always a place for you at an Iowa United Methodist Camp.

In Christ’s service, Bryan Johnson, LDM for Camping and Christian Formation

**Go to <http://www.iaumc.org/camps> to view the list of available camps to attend and sign up now!**

**Books are also available at the church.**

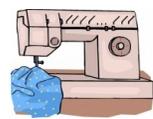
**Check with Vicky in the church office about camperships through the church and the conference.**

Lake Okoboji Camp and Retreat Center: [www.okobojicamp.com](http://www.okobojicamp.com), or email the director at [Okoboji.Camp@iaumc.org](mailto:Okoboji.Camp@iaumc.org)  
Pictured Rocks Camp and Retreat Center: [www.picturedrocks.org](http://www.picturedrocks.org) or email the director at [PicturedRocks.Camp@iaumc.org](mailto:PicturedRocks.Camp@iaumc.org)  
Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center: [www.WesleyWoodsIowa.org](http://www.WesleyWoodsIowa.org) or email at [WesleyWoods.Camp@iaumc.org](mailto:WesleyWoods.Camp@iaumc.org)



**CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS!**  
 Daylight savings time begins  
 March 12th.  
 Don't forget to turn your clocks  
 one hour forward before you  
 go to bed on Saturday night, March 11th.

**SEWING ANGELS** meets on Mondays,  
 March 6 & 20: 9:00 am—3:00 pm.  
 March 27: 9:00 am—noon.  
 Join us for all or part of the day.



**Food Pantry**  
 Volunteers may email Vicky Blair at the church, Susan Henry, Kathy Fay or JoAnn Berry or text JoAnn 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.

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 bags or boxes to put your food in to carry home. **The next Food Pantry is Monday, March 27, from 4:30-6:30 pm.**



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.



**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS - 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.** The menu varies each week. A free will donation is accepted to cover the cost of the groceries and supplies. Everyone is invited to join us, donation or not. Invite others to join us each week. Contact Deb Williams, 515-491-8538, to volunteer to be on a team.



**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, 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. For donations to the Multi-Purpose Center please write "Multi-Purpose Center" in the memo portion of your check or on your envelope.





## First United Methodist Church, Administrative Council Meeting Minutes February 12, 2017

**Call to Order** Bob Rhoads opened the meeting at 6:37 p.m. and Pastor Ron led the group in prayer.

**Approval of Minutes** Bob Kaldenberg made a motion to approve the January minutes as presented in the newsletter. Bev Bircher seconded, and the motion carried.

**Old Business** Creation of a Community Assistance Committee was discussed at the last Ad Council meeting but no decision was made and no names were added to a committee. This would encompass the LIFE Fund activities, the Food Pantry and any other community assistance needs. Pastor Ron would like the committee to address the future of the church's involvement in community assistance needs and create some guidelines.

Bob Kaldenberg made a motion to establish a Community Assistance Committee that would include the Food Pantry Committee members Susan Henry, JoAnn Berry and Kathy Fay, Vicky Blair and the Pastor. Doug Darnall seconded and the motion carried.

**Fundraiser Event** There will be a church corned beef and cabbage fundraiser on March 17. More details will be forthcoming.

**Newsletter Mailings** We will be losing the bulk mailing rate since the number of newsletters being mailed has decreased to under the 200 minimum limit. It was decided to mail a minimum number of newsletters for another two months to take advantage of the bulk rate and then revisit options. Members who are receiving the newsletter by mail will be asked if they can receive it an alternate way (pick up at church, delivered during Congregational Care visits, etc.).

**Pastor's Report** Lent starts on March 1 this year  
2 funerals were held during the past month

**Congregational Care** Dick Hoadley said members at West Bridge would enjoy visitors. He shared a copy of the recent newsletter that is delivered to members.

**Music** Meredith said she is waiting to hear if we are able to have an Easter Cantata. Hopefully the Praise Band will be starting up again soon.

**Endowment** Bob Kaldenberg said a check was issued to Simpson College for Ryan Hinsch's scholarship. Trevor Johnson is in the service and will not be awarded his scholarship until next year some time.

**Finance** Randy Gust reported the church's finances are good right now. There is approximately \$2,000 left after paying all the bills this month, and 30% of that will go toward apportionments and 70% will go into Designated Funds.

Last month it was reported that the Counting Team would not count the weekly offering. The Finance committee approved a tweak to the process. The Counting Team will still count all the Sunday morning offerings, list everything on the appropriate ledger sheets (either general fund or designated funds) and then take everything to Union State Bank. Kathy Fay will pick the bag up on Monday, review the ledger sheets with Lou Scholtens (or another member if Lou isn't available), make out the deposit slips and take the deposit to the bank.

Randy wants to survey members to see if more would be interested in making their offerings by electronic donations via a website. Members are currently able to have automatic deductions from their bank account, but the electronic giving method would provide members the ability to make changes to their giving (amount, schedule, donation recipient, etc.) via the website. Statistics show that electronic giving increases by 10-20% vs paper donations. It would cost \$25 month to host the secure website and \$0.25/transaction. Megan Barrett will investigate to see what our church website's e-commerce functionality is.

**Missions** Bev Bircher said they are working on the Rainbow Covenant forms. Bev is not finished with the paperwork, but so far she has detailed \$26,214 that was given for Missions during 2016.

**Worship** Martha McConnelee plans to have a committee meeting soon.

**Conflict Transformation** Below are dates for upcoming Conflict Transformation sessions. All meeting times will be 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.:

Sunday, March 5 – Conflict Education
Sunday, April 2 – Resolution
Sunday, April 23 – Final Report

**Food Pantry** The mobile Food Pantry is February 27.

**Next Meeting** March 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m., and the meeting was closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Sharon Koehler, Recording Secretary



**PATTERSON—**

**Worship Service — 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mornings**

**Sunday Brunch— Sunday, March 5: Lynn Parrish, hostess**

**Family Night Potluck— March 16, 6:30 p.m.: Charlotte Gordon, hostess**



**Birthday Congratulations to— Shirley Wildin, 90th birthday on March 11**



**WINTERSET—**

**Known hospitalized since last newsletter: Teresa Brown**



**We extend Our Love and Sympathy to the Families and Friends of — Mark Stover of Ava, MO, February 7, 2017, brother of Jud Stover**

**Birthday and Anniversary Congratulations to those who celebrate in March. Please take a moment to look at the bulletin board just outside the church office. There is a list of people celebrating in March.**



**Special Birthday: Treva Patterson, 90th birthday on March 24th**



Biblical Text: "As a man thinks in his heart so he is".

Hindu: "What a man thinketh, that he is".

Buddha: "The mind is everything. What we think we become".

Marcus Aurelius, the Roman Stoic: "Your life is what your thoughts make it".

Shakespeare: "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so".

Maybe we aren't so different after all. Just change a few letters and words, and we agree.

**MARCH UMW MEETING**

**Program: Pledge Service-Martha Jordan  
Hostesses: Carol Darnall and Bev Bircher**



Treva Patterson, President

**STEP IN FAITH Group meets Wednesday, March 8, at 3:00 pm in the West Bridge Apartments Dining Room. Bring your neighbor and join us for devotions and fellowship.**

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:  
Leah Krohn Terra Kinney JoAnn Berry Charlotte Gordon Nancy Horn  
Beth Schwertfeger 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.



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<b>5</b> <i>Patterson UMC Brunch</i> Food Basket Sunday 4:30 4-H Club 1:30-5:30 Conflict Transformation Education Workshop 	<b>6</b> 9:00-3:00 Sewing Angels	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 3:00 Step In Faith 3:30-4:15 Cherubs/King 's 5:00-6:15 Supper 5:15-6:15 Confirmation 6:00-7:00 Sign Lang. Class 6:15-7:00 Teens 4 Christ 7:15-8:15 Chancel Choir 6:30-8:00 JH/HS Youth	<b>9</b> 9:00 Wanna Bees Weight Loss Group  7:00 pm Finance Committee	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:00-10:00 pm Winter Game Night -contact Lori Shell or Nancy Henggeler for location Daylight Savings Time Begins tonite 
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**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—  
 Confirmation Class with Nancy in blue room  
 Unity Adult Class in north room balcony level  
 “The Great Divorce” book study in green room east addition  
 10:00 am Welcome Coffee in fellowship hall  
 10:30 a.m. 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.

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**Prayer Chain Requests**—Call Vicky Blair at church, 462-2912.

**Wednesday Music Schedule- Vocal and Hand Bell Choirs**  
 3:30 pm Cherubs (1st—3rd grades) & Kings (4th—6th grades)  
 Methodist Joy Ringers (HS-Adults) resumes April 5 at 6:15-7:15  
 6:15-7:00 pm Teens 4 Christ (7th—12th grades)  
 7:15-8:15 pm Chancel Choir (HS-Adults)

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**Wednesday Night Suppers**—5:00—6:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church—new menu each week

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**United Methodist Women**  
 Winterset: Shalom Circle- 1:30 pm Monday, March 13 at church

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**Wednesday Youth Schedule**  
 5:15-6:15 pm Confirmation Class with Pastor Ron in library  
 6:15-7:00 pm Teens 4 Christ at First United Methodist Church  
 6:30-8:00 JH/HS Youth