



Winterset-Patterson October, 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.*



Dear Winterset First and Patterson Friends and Family,

There is a lot of talk about the state of the church in today's culture and society. I think about my grandparents lives were centered on a small country Methodist church in southeast Iowa by the name of Finley Chapel. In that day, there were multiple country schools in each township. They didn't have face book or TV; they listened to the radio at noon for the farm markets and in the evening for news and music. They would go to town once a week to do their "trading", and went to church every Sunday. The church was the social and cultural center for their neighborhood.

As a baby boomer, we went to Church and Sunday school each week. On top of that we would go to UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) every Sunday evening. We actually looked forward to these activities, mainly because we knew for the most part our friends would be there.

Fast forward to today. We are in what is referred to as the "Post modern Christian era". The new normal for regular church attendance by some polls and in some churches is 1.25 times per month. So why is this so?? I really don't know exactly, but I have a few theories. People work so hard to not only make ends meet, but also to maintain a certain lifestyle. They have very little downtime and so I hear quite frequently, "Sunday is the only day I have to myself". People have so many more opportunities to fill their lives with recreational activities and sports for the children on Sunday.

John Wesley talked about "Means of Grace" which are those practices of piety and mercy that Christians should work into their lives. One of those acts of piety is corporate worship. One hour a week going to church could have such a positive impact on how your entire next week goes. Set aside just one hour a week to join with other believers in worship will help you to set priorities in your life that will be beneficial to you and your entire family. Going to church as a family sets in motion a lifestyle that will be passed from you to your children and grandchildren. Joining in corporate worship empowers you to connect with God and with God's people.

Start to imagine what your life would be like going to church with your family regularly. Start thinking about what positive changes might take place in your life and in your families' life by putting God first just one hour a week. I guarantee your family relationships will change for the better, especially if you all sit down to a Sunday lunch together. You might actually find that you are better rested and prepared to face the next week's challenges.

Exodus 20:8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Remember God loves you and I love you!!!!

Pastor Mark

Giving and Attendance

2018 Membership Report -January 1 - September 24, 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 Jan-
 uary 2018 through present day
 is 67 members.

September total Worship attend-
 ance numbers & offering:

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sept. 2: 95	2905.00
Sept. 9: 102	1931.00
Sept. 16: 79	3854.33
Sept. 23: 88	2810.00



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

The UMC food pantry started August, 2016. It is held on the 4th Monday of each month, unless it interferes with a holiday. It was and continues to be successful in helping feed the community because of your tremendous support. The food is donated by the Food Bank of Iowa and our members. We have been serving around 100 households each month.

In recent months we've been averaging about 30 volunteers, who help with unloading, unpacking, displaying, distributing, and cleaning up. We couldn't do this outreach without all of your help. If you have not helped before, you are always welcome. We can use volunteers any time from 2-6:30 pm and it isn't necessary to stay the whole time.

We try to have some food available in the food pantry room for distribution on other days. It is available for those in need whenever the church office is open. It can be given out at other times by contacting Susan.

We appreciate donations of medium sized boxes which can be taken to the church office. Thank you!

Food Pantry Committee:
 Susan Henry, Kathy Fay, Ann Hoadley

Thanks to all the Volunteers who help make the food pantry possible. Here are just a few volunteers at work!



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, October 22nd.**



SEWING ANGELS

Join us for all or part of the day on Mondays, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, & 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.



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.



***Covered Bridge Festival
Saturday Luncheon
October 13th***

**11:00 am - 1:00 pm or until food is
gone**

Chicken & Noodles

Salads & Pie

Green Beans

Dinner Rolls

Coffee, Ice Tea & Lemonade

\$10.00 Adults - \$5.00 Children

(under 10 years of age)

First United Methodist Church

309 E. Jefferson

(two blocks east of the square)

Winterset, IA 50273





HOLIDAY BAZAAR

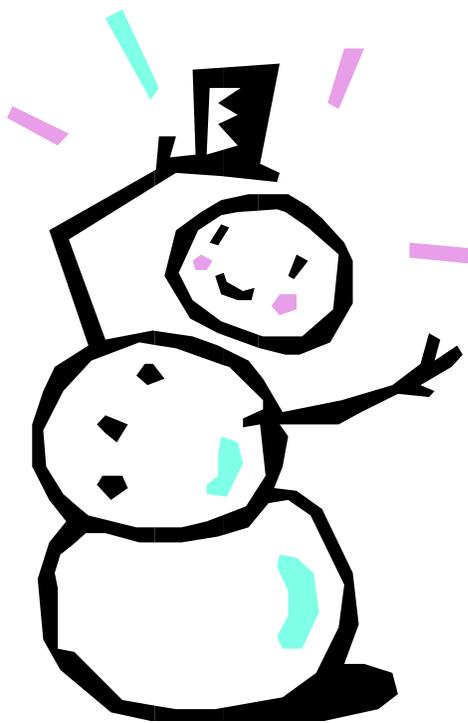
“Holiday Potpourri” was the name given to our church bazaar back in 1992. The originally organizers were; Phyllis Kaldenberg, Deb Groth and Barb Harger. In 2003 we joined St. Paul and the Presbyterian Churches who also had bazaars and hence the name “Holiday Hop” began. From the beginning we have prided ourselves in making quality handmade items for the bazaar. The planning committee would like to involve as many groups as possible from the Sewing Angels to the youth. I hope everyone will enjoy helping out on the day of the bazaar and is able to contribute some handmade goods or helping hands. Here are a few of the ways you can help;

1. Morning Coffee – usually takes 1-2 people serving breads, rolls and coffee for a free will donation.

2. Lunch– beef-burgers and soup (see Deb Williams if you’d like to help with lunch)

3. Setting up—decorating the fellowship hall for Christmas

4. Christmas Again– donate gently used Christmas decorations to be resold that day.



5. Bake Shoppe– donate baked goods
6. Cashier and Floor help– check out customers and help customers find that special gift.

Donated items can be left in the church office. If you are interested in helping please contact Angie Sour by email at a.sour@yahoo.com, Or by phone at 515-988-8201

Holiday Hop Bazaar

- *Date November 17th 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM*
- *Funds from the Bazaar go back into the church*
- **LIVE EVER-GREENS**
- **RADE CULTERY**
- **NUTS (ALMONDS, CASHEWS, WALNUTS, PECANS)**
- **LUNCH—sloppy joes and vegetable soup**
- **Change to win a door prize with completed punch card**

Missions Committee is putting together items for those in need:

School Kit

What is needed:

- ♦ **3 notebooks-with spiral, or a pack of loose leaf lined paper 150 sheets or less (no composition books)**
- ♦ **6 unsharpened pencils– no advertising**
- ♦ **1 hand held pencil sharpener-1 inch or bigger**
- ♦ **1 pencil eraser– 2 inches or larger**
- ♦ **1 ruler-12 inches with metric– hard or flexible**
- ♦ **1 box of 24 crayons– please only 24 count boxes and must be Crayola only**
- ♦ **1 pair of round tip scissors- (no plastic scissors)**

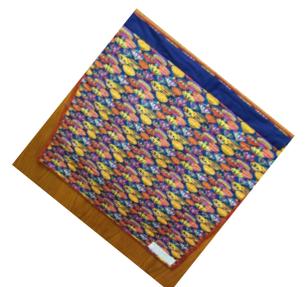
~Please put these items in a 2 gallon zip lock bag, no cloth bags.~

Hygiene Kit Value: \$12 per kit Hygiene Kit Materials

- 1 hand towel**
15 x 25 inches to 17 x 27 inches
Kitchen, cleaning, and microfiber towels not acceptable
 - 1 washcloth**
 - 1 comb**
Comb needs to be sturdy and longer than 6 inches long
No pocket combs or picks please
Rattail combs and combs without handles are acceptable with a minimum of 6 inches of teeth
 - 1 metal nail file or nail clippers**
No emery boards, please
 - 1 bath-size soap**
3 oz. and larger sizes only
No Ivory or Jergens soap due to moisture content
Do not remove from original packaging
 - 1 toothbrush**
Adult size only
Do not remove from original packaging
 - 6 adhesive bandages**
¾ inch to 1 inch-size
Common household Band-Aids
 - 1 plastic bag**
One-gallon size sealable bag only
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste**



The sewing angels group have put together an on-going silent auction that started in September. The start of the silent auction will be the first Sunday of the month and will close on the last Sunday of the month. Each month the winning bidder will be notified after the last Sunday. There will be a bidding sheet next to the item that is up for auction. This will be located inside the front doors of the First United Methodist Church. On the bidding sheet, there will be a pre “starting bid” write **ONLY** the amount of your bid on the first open line. Fill out an information card that is also provided with your name, phone number, the line number that you bid on, and the bid amount. Once the card is filled out, please drop it in the container. This month's item to bid on is a Hot Air Balloon wall hanging quilt. This item's starting bid is at 25.00. Happy Bidding!!!



**First United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2018**

Call to order: Pastor Mark started the meeting at 6:03 p.m. Bob Rhoads led the group in prayer

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

Old Business: We are unable to pay the district apportionments yet. Randy Gust said the Finance Committee is suggesting we pay 3% of monthly giving each month and plan to have it paid off by the end of the year.

Work continues to get the membership list updated.

Finance: Randy Gust provided copies of the 2019 budget of \$168,000 for review. Pastor Mark made a correction to the Pastor's Health Insurance, the Pension Direct Bill line items and Total Reimbursement to the Pastor for Winterset's share. The budget will continue to be tweaked and presented the Ad Council at a later date for approval.

Trustees: The trees around the parking lot need to be trimmed. Bob Rhoads said a walk-through of the parsonage has been completed; no problems were noted.

Missions: Bev Rhoads said they are working on the ingathering kits to be delivered on November 3. There is a lock-in on Friday night and our youth are invited.

The Covered Bridge Chicken Noodle luncheon will be October 13.

There has been some interest in the monthly silent auction this month.

Nominations: Pastor Mark said he plans to hold a Nominating Committee meeting soon.

Congregational Care: Dick Hoadley said the committee members are visiting 27 people. Richard Tucker has volunteered to help call on members. Pastor Mark was asked to print off his weekly emails so that they can be distributed during these calls.

Worship: There was extensive discussion about following up with visitors or with members who have not attended services for awhile. This will be something the worship committee will continue to discuss.

Dick Hoadley said that chimes will be used on All Saints Sunday. Nancy Ruby and Becky Gust plan to train a new group of acolytes. Dick will be working on getting liturgists and ushers lined up.

Other business: Pastor Mark said that a small group of youth attended the first you group meeting. The youth group will continue to meet at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday night. He said they are thinking of doing a float for the Covered Bridge parade.

Pastor Mark wants to be consistent with the youth group meeting times, so SPPRC has changed their meeting time to the second Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

Deb Williams made a motion that the Ad Council will begin meeting on the second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Bev Rhoads seconded, and the motion carried.

Food Pantry: The mobile Food Pantry is September 24, 2018

Next Meeting: October 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. Nancy Ruby closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Koehler, Recording Secretary

Patterson-



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

After church Sunday Brunch— Sunday, October 7th.

Winterset-



Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.



No known hospitalizations at this time.

In Our Prayers 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 October:

Hunter Taylor 10/1
 Dean Moln 10/3
 Morgan Brittain 10/6
 Shirley Keating 10/08
 Nancy Horn 10/10
 Ethan Suddarth 10/13
 Nate Suddarth 10/13

Terra Kinney 10/16
 Charlotte Gordon 10/17
 Skylar Frank 10/18
 Tammi Johnson 10/20
 Martha Jordan 10/22
 Jack Ruby 10/27

The Winterset UMW will not meet in October. We will meet November 12th @ 1:30 p.m. Ruth Dorrell, Mary Louise Devault, & Mary Wildin are on the committee the program will be Furniture Ministry presented by Pat Nelson



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	2	3	4 Finance @ 7	5	6
7	8 Sewing angels 9-5 7:00 Trustees Meeting	9 6:00 signlanguage in green room 6:00 SPPRC 7:00 Ad Council	10 Wednesday Supper 6:00 Handbell choir practice 7-8 Chancel choir practice	11	12	13
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21	22 Sewing Angels 9-5 4:30-6:30 Mobile food Pantry	23 6:00 signlanguage in green room	24 5:00-6:15 Wednesday Supper 6:00 Handbell choir practice 7-8 Chancel choir practice	25 10-7 WIC	26	27
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Wednesday Music Schedule—Vocal and Hand Bell Choirs
Join us Wednesdays in July

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