



# Winterset-Patterson September, 2017 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 101:2a *"I will study the way that is blameless..."*

Please know that on Sunday, September 10, at 4:30pm, we will begin a adult education series designed to support congregational efforts at transformation. It has three sections. I will be the facilitator/teacher for the series. It is going to be an exciting and provocative time that will ramp up our understanding of what it means to be a hopeful, Gospel fellowship of the United Methodist tradition that the Holy Spirit has gathered for mission in Madison County.

First, we will spend about five weeks discussing what it means to be a Gospel fellowship. That is the essential purpose of a Christian congregation, after all, to be a fellowship of human beings who have been gathered around the Good News of Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. It is a good thing to remind ourselves of the implications of such an audacious gathering. In the course of our discussion, we will be reading Dietrich Bonhoeffer's classic treatise on Christian community, *Life Together*. It is a short, accessible book.

Next, we will be discussing the special vocation of a United Methodist congregation as it bears witness to the Gospel. Every Gospel fellowship has a mission to the larger community, as well as to its participants. What does it mean to be on a United Methodist mission in Madison County? It may seem curious that such a discussion will be facilitated by a Lutheran pastor. But the way I look at it, I will be able to hear you United Methodists explain to me what you are all about as a vibrant Christian tradition in the modern world. In the course of this eleven week discussion, we will be reading *Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way*, by Bishop Kenneth L. Carder.

Finally, whatever tradition that a Christian participates in, the underlying principle is that of hope. One can not be a professing Christian believer and not be a hopeful person and there are very specific reasons for that. We will conclude with a discussion on what constitutes Christian hope. Our resource to guide our conversation will be *Surprised By Hope*, a DVD consisting of six short 15 minute talks by N.T. Wright, retired bishop of the Church of England and the most prominent New Testament scholar in the world today. The DVD comes with a study guide book. So, it comes out to 22 weeks of good biblical and theological conversation to support our transformation process.

In order to maximize participation, we are looking to schedule our classes on Sundays in the late afternoon, in consideration of adult members who are not comfortable traveling at night. Participants will be asked to purchase the book being used in each of the three sections in this program and sign up sheets will be circulated. More information will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead. Sign up sheets are going around. If you have not had the opportunity to sign up yet or seen the sheet, please speak to Megan Barrett, Lou Scholtens or I and we'll get you signed up. It is important to have your name so we can order the right number of books. I am looking forward to getting under way with this program and I hope you are as well!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ron

## Giving & Attendance-Winterset

2017 Membership Report -January 1 - August 21, 2017

### Winterset:

Professing Members:

Received by Confirmation: 6

Removed by Transfer to Other United Methodist Churches: 13

Removed by Death: 6

*302 Professing Members - 182 females; 120 males*

Baptized Members:

Received: 0

Removed: 7 (4 youth became members; 3 parents' transferred)

*38 Baptized Members*

Funerals: 4

### Patterson:

Received from other United Methodist Church: 1

43 Professing Members - 28 females; 15 males

Average Sunday worship attendance through August 21st: 12.7

Thank you for your generosity. You make it possible to change lives in the name of Jesus Christ.

2017 Financial Report for General Fund through August 18th:

Total Income	\$120,782.01
Total Expenses	\$124,598.88
Net Income	-\$3,816.87 (loss)

\*Total income includes funds transferred from USB designated funds & memorial undesignated funds.

2017 Average Sunday Worship Attendance through August 20th: 77

Inquire in the church office for more detailed reports

## Understanding your grief

This is an 8 week support group for anyone interested. September 7-October 26th. Every Thursday from 5-6:30 pm. At the education Room, Chestnut building. 901 S. 4th ave. Winterset, IA



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.

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, August 28, from 4:30-6:30 pm.**





### SEWING ANGELS

Join us for all or part of the day on Mondays, September 11, 18, 25th. Contact Lou Scholtens, 462-1566, for additional information



### HOLIDAY HOP

This year First United Methodist Church will be celebrating 25 years of the Holiday Hop Bizarre.

When: Saturday November 18, 2017  
Time: 8:30am-1:30pm

If you or your group would like to be involved please contact:

Terra Kinney: 515-460-2059  
Or  
Angie Sour: 515-462-1215



**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.



**SCHOOL KITS** provide tools for education, which changes lives. In countries where children don't have books, school supplies or classrooms, a school kit may be their only educational resource.

- 1 hand pencil sharpener (must be at least 1" long; remove from packaging)
- 1 2" or larger size eraser (no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols)
- 1 box of 24 Crayola crayons (only 24)
- 1 blunt scissors (metal blade, rounded tip; no plastic scissors)
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers (no advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols)
- 1 30 cm metric ruler (no metal strip on it; hard or flexible, no advertisements)
- 3 pads of paper, approx. 8½ x 11 wide ruled (210 to 250 sheets total) spiral or top-bound pads; no composition books, 150 sheets or less of loose leaf can be substituted for one pad.



All items are placed in a sturdy cloth bag, 14" wide x 16" long (finished size) with 1" x 19" handles. Place all loose items on top of paper. Turn items sideways and slide into cloth bag. Fold over top of bag so loose items don't fall out. Do not put loose items in zip lock bags.

(Value \$11 plus \$2 shipping) School bags are hanging in the church lobby ready to be filled. Empty school bags are also needed and are valued at \$3 each.



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 JULY 16, 2017

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

**You Lost Me Video Series** We watched the Shallow 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** Bev Bircher made a motion to approve the June minutes. Doug Darnall seconded, and the motion carried.

**Additional Committee Members** After a lengthy discussion about the process to add members to committees after Charge Conference, Megan Barrett made a motion to research the process to add committee members to committees throughout the year, and in specific to the SPPRC. Bob Kaldenberg seconded, and the motion carried, with two opposing. Any nominations for the time being will be put on hold until official guidance is received from the District.

Pastor Ron will call Terra, who is covering for the District Superintendent, this week to get official guidance, and will include Deb Williams, Dick Hoadley and Bob Rhoads on the call.

**Governance Model** It was suggested that alternative governance models be researched due to several committees not being filled to capacity. Other options are available that would still be in line with Book of Discipline.

Megan Barrett made a motion to appoint 3-4 people to research alternative governance models and report back at the September Ad Council meeting. Deb Williams seconded, and the motion carried.

Deb Williams, Pastor Ron, Bev Bircher, Megan Barrett and Dick Hoadley volunteered to serve on this committee. Megan Barrett will set up the first meeting.

**Congregational Care** Dick Hoadley reported on members who have moved into a care facility.

**Education** Megan Barrett reported that Vacation Bible School will be held August 7-11, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Becky Gust is coordinating VBS and is looking for volunteers.

**Finance** Kathy Fay provided copies of the July 13, 2017 Balance Sheet. There is continued concern about the state of the church finances, but so far no money has been moved from the Designated Funds account. Monthly expenses exceed revenue by approximately \$2,000 a month.

The Finance Committee is in the process of reviewing the undesignated memorial funds and will be contacting family members to see if the money can be transferred to the General Fund to be used to further the ministries of First United Methodist Church.

Randy Gust will also be contacting the chairs of each committee to see if some of the unused designated funds can be moved into the General Fund. If no committee exists, the Ad Council will review and make the decision on the funds.

Megan Barrett made a motion to move the Financial Peace University Designated Funds money (\$500) to the General Fund. Dick Hoadley seconded, and the motion carried.

Megan Barrett made a motion to move the Nursery Designated Funds money (\$1,128.80) to the General Fund. Randy Gust seconded, and the motion carried.

The Praise Band is in need of a trap set and piano/keyboard. Megan Barrett made a motion to move \$1,000 from the Praise Band Designated Funds money to the General Fund. Dick Hoadley seconded, and the motion carried.

Megan Barrett would like to leave the New Connections money in tact for now.

Megan Barrett made a motion to move the Audio-Visual Designated Funds money (\$324.26) to the General Fund. Bev Bircher seconded, and the motion carried. There is memorial money for AV use if anything is needed.

Randy Gust shared information about a possible fundraiser selling Script gift cards. The church would sell gift cards of participating businesses and would receive a small profit from each card sold. We could sell these cards at church and people can use these to make their purchases at participating businesses. Varying denominations are available and a separate card is needed for each specific participating business.

Currently Casey's, Fareway, HyVee and Kum & Go are not participating businesses, so Randy will research whether or not they are interested in being a participating business. The Lutheran Church sells these cards, so Randy will get input from them on how it has worked at their church.

**Missions** Bev Bircher said the Ice Cream Social is scheduled for July 28.

**'95 Wing Committee Disbanding** Bev Bircher made a motion to disband the '95 Wing Committee. Megan Barrett seconded, and the motion carried.

**Trustees** Bob Rhoads said we are still having problems with the ice machine. Work is needed on the air conditioner drain pans.

**Pastor Ron's Report** \* Assisted with the Lana Grandfield funeral

\* As part of the Conflict Transformation Process, Pastor Ron is working on an adult education program for the upcoming year. It will be a 22+ week, 3 part program that will use *Life Together*, *Living our Beliefs* and *Surprise by Hope* books. The program will touch both conservative and liberal theological groups. More information regarding dates and times of the classed will be provided later.

\* Saturday, August 26 —Transformation Plan workshop, facilitated by Diane and Carla; Jaye Johnson will also be attending this meeting as we pursue the Behavioral Covenant

\* September — Diane and Carla will make their final report

January — Diane and Carla will come back to facilitate a circle discussion group

**Membership Report** Vicky Blair reviewed the most recent Membership Report. Winterset has 36 professing members; 6 members have joined since the first of the year; 15 members have withdrawn or their membership was removed due to death or transfer to another church.

Average attendance through the end of June was 86.3. Vicky needs names of attendees at Bible Studies and Sunday School due to how she has to report the numbers.

**Wednesday Night Suppers** Deb Williams will not be organizing the Wednesday Night Suppers. Bev Bircher and Bob Rhoads will coordinate the Wednesday Night Suppers.

**Food Pantry** The mobile Food Pantry is August 28

**Next Meeting** August 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Koehler, Recording Secretary



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## Our You Coordinator

### PASTOR NATE'S FALL REPORT

It does not feel like fall is here yet. Every year my end of the summer ritual starts with a pilgrimage to the State Fair, I see the Butter Cow, I eat a pork chop on a stick, and then I am ready for fall. Sadly, because of a combination of being so busy and being terrified of trying to navigate the Fair with a squirmy ten-month-old, I missed my Fair Day. Ritual or not, fall is here! Luckily, with fall comes the joy of our youth program!



We are having a kick off party on August 30th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church from 6:30 to 7:30. Pizza and refreshments will be provided. Everyone is invited, so bring the whole family!



Wednesday Night Worship will start on September 6th at 6:30 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. This is a short family centered worship for all ages. Come get your mid-week Spiritual rejuvenation. Youth Group will follow worship from 7:00-8:00pm.

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 20, 2017**

**Call to Order** Bob Rhoads started the meeting at 6:40 p.m; Pastor Ron led the group in prayer.

**You Lost Me Video Series** We watched the AntiScience 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** Megan Barrett made a motion to approve the July minutes. Bev Bircher seconded, and the motion carried.

**Old Business** Deb Williams said she talked with Tara Edmonson from the District and Tara confirmed you can add a member to any committee at any time, including SPPRC. You cannot remove a member from any committee unless it goes through Charge Conference.

Megan Barrett said she contacted Jaye Johnson and Paul Smith regarding researching alternative governance models to be able to present options to the committee. Jaye suggested that he didn’t think this was a good time for our church to make a change in the governance. He proposed that he would talk more about it on August 26th when he is at the Conflict Transformation meeting. After some discussion, it was decided to hold this topic on hold for now.

Dick Hoadley made a motion to combine the Memorial Committee with the Finance Committee. Megan Barrett seconded, and the motion carried.

**Congregational Care** Dick Hoadley said they will be delivering September Upper Rooms soon.

**Education** Megan Barrett reported that approximately 20 kids attended Vacation Bible School, with some kids attending from outside of our congregation.

**Finance** Kathy Fay provided copies of the August 18, 2017 Balance Sheet which shows \$6,706 has been transferred from undesignated Funds to the General Fund. Compared to last year’s giving, giving is down \$19,000. It takes approximately \$14,000 to operate the church each month.

Randy Gust is still working on the Script Card fundraiser option.

The LIFE Fund has been exhausted.

**Memorials** Susan Henry has received the book of memorials history/information from JoAnn Berry, who has resigned from the committee.

**SPPRC** Deb Williams said that for the time being, we have hired a temporary secretary, Jennifer Umbaugh. Deb also said the Committee will recommend lowering the secretary position’s hours to 20/week. The committee is still investigation options for filling the Music Director position. Pastor Ron added that Sue Booth from the Conference will train Jennifer on the Charge Conference forms/paperwork. Jennifer is working on the newsletter. This may be a good time to transition to an on-line newsletter, and Megan volunteered her services to help with this task.

**Trustees** Bob Rhoads reported the ice machine works now. Work on the AC is planned for the fall.

**Worship** Pastor Ron commented that Meredith’s retirement, we have been using accompanists from the Central Iowa Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

**Missions** Bev Bircher reported that the Ice Cream Social was successful and netted approximately \$1,400.

A community member has donated several tubs of material, some quilt tops and some sewing machines to the Sewing Angels. Pastor Ron will check into whether or not the Youth Group is using the Youth Room this fall and whether or not the Sewing Angels can use the room.

**Pastor Ron’s Report:** \*The new Adult Education Series will start September 10; the time will be communicated soon.  
\*Pastor Ron will be on vacation 9/11-9/17; the adult study will continue via DVD  
\*Craig Boldman is planning a Men’s Retreat in October; more info will be communicated later.  
\*Nominations Committee meeting will be held in early September to prepare for the Charge Conference.  
\*Charge Conference will be held October 24th at 6:30 p.m. in Winterset and will include several surrounding churches

**Food Pantry** The Mobile Food Pantry is August 28, 2017

**Next Meeting** September 17, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 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, September 3 Hostess: Darrell & Shirley Wildin**



**Special anniversary wishes to: Darrel & Shirley Wildin, 75th on August 20**



**Birthday Congratulations to: Duane Snyder, 82nd birthday on August 9  
Larry Wildin 81st birthday on August 15  
Wayne Allen, 92nd birthday on August 24th**



**We extend Our Love and Sympathy to the Families and Friends of —  
Larry Gunter, June 4, 2017, of Georgia, husband of Nancy, brother-in-law of Butch &  
Charlotte Gordon**

**WINTERSET—**



Pastor Ron will be on Vacation starting 9/11 through 9/17. During this time, if you need immediate assistance, please contact Jennifer Umbaugh at the church office.

**Known hospitalized since last newsletter: Deborah Kephart Joleen Jorgensen Gene Pritchard**

**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 & Bryan**

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

**Special Birthdays: Pauline Jones, 100th birthday on August 6. There will be an open house at the church on Sunday, August 6, from 2:00-4:00 pm in honor of Pauline Jones on her 100th birthday.**

**Helen Jackson, 90th birthday on August 18  
Lila Kilmer, 90th birthday on August 28**

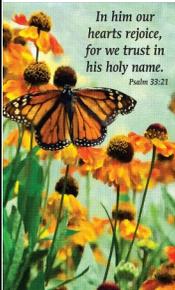
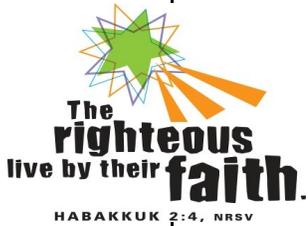


**Special Anniversaries: Ronald and Betty Leeper, 63rd anniversary on August 20  
Eugene and Ruby Patterson, 61st anniversary on August 12**

**United Methodist Women will be meeting on September 13th 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.

**SEPTEMBER**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug. 27	Aug 28 9-1 Sewing Angels 4:30-6:30 Food Pantry	Aug 29 	Aug 30 2:00 Staff Meeting 5:00-6:15 Wednesday Supper 6:00 Sign Lang. Class 6:00 Handbells 6:30 JH/HS Youth	Aug 31 9:00 Wanna Bees Weight Loss Group	1	2
3 <b>Patterson After Church Brunch</b> Food Basket Sunday	4 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	5	6 2:00 Staff Meeting 5:00-6:15 Wednesday Supper 6:00 Sign Lang. Class 6:30 JH/HS Youth 9:00-3:00 WIC	7 8:00-10:00 Wanna Bees Weight Loss Group 7:00 Finance	8	9  <i>In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.</i> <small>Psalm 33:21</small>
10 	11 9:00-1:00 Sewing Angels 7:00 Trustees	12	13 2:00 Staff Meeting 5:00-6:15 Wednesday Supper 6:00 Sign Lang. Class 6:30 JH/HS Youth	14 9:00-10:00 Wanna Bees Weight Loss Group	15	16
Pastor Ron on vacation this week						
17 6:30 pm Administrative Council	18 9:00-5:00 Sewing Angels	19	20 2:00 Staff Meeting 5:00-6:15 Wednesday Supper 6:00 Sign Lang. Class 6:30 JH/HS Youth	21 9:00-10:00 Wanna Bees Weight Loss Group 10:00-7:00	22 	23
24	25 9:00-1:00 Sewing Angels 4:30-6:30 Food Pantry	26	27 2:00 Staff Meeting 5:00-6:15 Wednesday Supper 6:00 Sign Lang. Class 6:30 JH/HS Youth	28 9:00-10:00 Wanna Bees Weight Loss Group	29	30 Wedding – Amanda Anthony & Andrew Hensley. Reception at the Golf course

**Wednesday Music Schedule—Vocal and Hand Bell Choirs**  
Join us Wednesdays in September.

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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.