

# *The Messenger*

## OCTOBER, 2017 Newsletter

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### PASTOR JOSH'S MESSAGE

Fall has arrived. Sunday school classes and small groups have resumed. There is always a refreshing and joyful energy as we encounter the Holy during this season of harvest, leaves changing colors, and holiday hopefulness. An important part of this season is worship. We worship for many reasons, a few of which are:



- Because there are friends in Christ who want to worship with us and who would be disappointed not to see us.
- Worship is better when we are all together: Our singing voices are stronger, our prayer is more focused, our fellowship is more fun, and our learning is more reflective and meaningful.
- We are inspired, encouraged, and challenged to grow spiritually.
- We feel the closeness of God and the oneness of creation when we are together.

Thank you for worshipping with us. Come as often as you can.

One of the greatest joys of worship is having Communion the first Sunday of the month. The phrase “Holy Communion” encourages us to focus on the giving and generous nature of God. Communion is a time to remember the Last Supper, which re-members, or brings us back together, in touch with the life, teaching and mission of Jesus. As modern-day followers of Jesus, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is an occasion to share in God's grace, God's forgiveness, God's justice, and God's call for us each to always deepen our discipleship.

“Eucharist” is the Greek word for thanksgiving. I hope Communion in particular, but worship more generally, always leaves you with a grateful heart and a greater desire to serve.

For more information on the United Methodist understanding of Communion, see <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/an-open-table-how-united-methodists-understand-communion>

Peace,  
Pastor Josh

## **FAMILY AND FRIENDS NEEDING OUR PRAYERS:**

**Jeff Benz (Jen Medina's step father):** As he awaits a liver transplant.

**Warren McFate family:** Retired pastor, McFate passed away on September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Blaine Moyle:** Is recovering from a broken collar bone.

**Mike Prey (Jen Medina's uncle):** As he awaits a heart transplant.

**John Ratcliffe** – As he recovers from back surgery on 9/19/17

**Continue to pray for those members and friends that are unable to be with us on Sunday:**

(Mae Fuller, Pat Hartzler, Phyllis Moore, Marilyn Overton, Evelyn Tolkan, Mildred Philpott and Pearl Van Fleet)

***NOTE*** – *If you have knowledge of someone that is hospitalized, may need a visit or phone call, please let Pastor Josh know. Also, if you wish to have a visit from Pastor Josh, please contact him at the church at 266-6404 or on his cell 991-6368.*

## **ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

Administrative Board will meet Tuesday, October 17th @ 7:00 PM. The 2017 Administrative Council includes the following: Josh Steward, Sharon Baker, John Ratcliffe, Marjean Moyle, Erin Lowe, Carole Gassaway, Margie Brown, Melissa Myers, Mary Brown, Lois Nolte, Jennifer Medina, Carlos Medina, Phyllis Roe, Doris Sheeder, Dick Smith and Jeff Woodard. Note – Mission team rotates attendance.

**Note – Anyone is welcome to attend Ad Board meetings and minutes are posted on the board for your information.**

## **EDUCATION REPORT by Erin Lowe, Christian Education Chairperson:**

- Children and youth will be working on raising funds for Heifer International which will begin 10/22/17. We will have the cow bank for your quarters set out. As well there will be a garbage can for rinsed redeemable bottles and cans, that we will return for you if you want to bring them. Can will be located on lower level near the children/youth Sunday school area.
- Last school year we worked on our “blessing bag” project. We will be working on that again this year. There have been some donations for our bags – thanks to those of you that are helping us. The bags have been distributed at convenience store parking lots; freeway and Interstate exits/entrances; and at an Asian restaurant.
- The Education team and youth group will host a Halloween party on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 PM.

## **MISSION REPORT – submitted by Beverly Nolte**

The World Communion Sunday offering is October 1. This offering provides national and international youth a scholarship, allowing them to further their education. Nelson Mandela has said, “Education is the most powerful weapon to change the world”. The United Methodist Church believes that all of God's children have been created and gifted to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in. We're resourcing them to do just that. An offering envelope will be in the bulletin.

Blanket Sunday is October 22, so for \$5 you can purchase a blanket to bring comfort to those who have witnessed natural disasters and have lost everything. These blankets provide warmth and refuge to many persons who have little in life. Let's blanket the world with love.

Oct. 29 is our Noisy Money Sunday and we ask that you save up all your loose change. Check the sides of your sofa, jacket pockets and the floor of the car! This money is used to support mission programs in Iowa, the United States and around the world. The projects are chosen by our Mission Committee with funds distributed at the end of each year.

### **SPRC REPORT: by Mary Brown**

- If you need to reach Josh *at any time* please call him at (515) 991-6368 or by email at ministerjosh@gmail.com.
- **The annual charge conference is scheduled for Sunday, 10/8 at 2 PM, at New Hope**

### **WORSHIP REPORT**

- Choir will be practicing at 6:00 PM on Wednesdays and sharing with us one Sunday each month
- Thanks to all who help make worship a praise and prayer-filled experience, glorifying God. We are always grateful to all who sign up as Sunday morning helpers: liturgist, song leader, children's time, acolyte, communion steward, transportation, cookie Sunday, juice/coffee provider, greeter, nursery, and usher.
- **Reminder** – Pastor Josh leaves from our worship service so that he can be at Wesley UMC by 11:30 AM.

### **TRUSTEE'S REPORT by Jeff Woodard, Trustees Chairperson**

- There continues to be problems with the lower level door not shutting completely. Please make sure when leaving the church that you double check the door to make sure it is completely shut.
- Thanks to those that have kept the church lawn looking good all summer long.
- We had to have a service call on the water cooler upstairs in the last couple weeks because drinks other than water are getting poured down the drain and plugged it up. Please do not pour anything other than water down either of the water coolers.
- The electrical panel, that would shock you, in the garage has also been fixed.

If you know of something at the church that needs to be fixed please let me know.

### **PRAYER BAND GROUP:**

This group meets every other Tuesday morning at 9:30 A.M.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hosted by Lois Nolte @ her home

October 17<sup>th</sup> – Hosted by Jaylene Barton @ church

October 31<sup>st</sup> – Hosted by Phyllis Roe @ her home

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST:**

The men will be meeting on Saturday, October 21st at 8:00 A.M at Perkins on East Euclid. If you have never joined the other men of the church for a time of fellowship please mark your calendar and plan to join them.

## COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES:

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION**

While Bidwell no longer works with these box tops, Brubaker still does. If you don't have another school that you donate these to, please trim, bring to church and Marjean will get them to Brubaker.

### **SCRUB DAYS: 3rd Saturdays of Each Month**

SCRUB events are free to the citizens of Des Moines, therefore you may experience longer wait times based on participation.

### **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY SITE:**

DMARC's mobile pantry is at the Norwoodville Community Center, 3077 NE 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue,

each Thursday from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. If this would help you, or someone else, please check it out. For more information and other sites see [www.dmarcunited.org/food/mobile](http://www.dmarcunited.org/food/mobile).

**SUPPORT GROUP:** Mary Benz, mother of Jennifer Medina, runs an Alzheimer's support group for caregivers of those who have a loved one diagnosed with any type of dementia. It is the first Tuesday each month at Prince of Peace Lutheran from 1-2pm. Use the fellowship hall door on the church's north side. This is an Alzheimer's Association support group run out of the greater Iowa chapter.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

**The Martha Circle will be collecting items for the UMCOR** sewing kits that will be taken to the Ingathering on November 4<sup>th</sup>. The kits consist of the following:

- ✓3 yards cotton or cotton-blend fabric (one piece)    ✓1 sewing scissors
- ✓1 new spool matching thread (medium - large size)    ✓5-8 matching flat buttons on card
- ✓1 package sewing needles (in original package)

## FALL SALE OCTOBER 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017:

The Fall Sale will be Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. As you are doing your fall cleaning, remember we can use clean USED CLOTHING and WHITE ELEPHANT.

We ask that you **do not bring** the following items because they do not sell and we have to pay to have them hauled away after the sale:

Computers	Tires and Rims
Printers	Used curtain rods and venetian blinds
Televisions	Water Beds, Head Boards and Rails
Child Car Seats	Encyclopedias
Mattresses	Large Appliances
Microwave Ovens	Upholstered Furniture

Help is needed from the entire congregation to make our sale successful. Funds from this sale helps support many church projects. By you supporting the sale you are also supporting the church. There are many ways to help in addition to donating items for the sale.

- We need paper grocery sacks for our \$1.00 sack sale and also small and large plastic bags.

- We need Cool Whip containers for pie, chili, etc. carryout.
- All donations, clean used clothing and/or other household items, need to be at the church by noon on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Baked items for the bake table and pies for the kitchen are needed and should be at the church by 8:00 A.M. the morning of the sale.
- Come shop for clothing, white elephant items and buy goodies from the bake table.
- Plan to bring your family or invite a friend to come and eat lunch with you.
- Come back at 3:00 P.M. the day of the sale and help box unsold items and move tables.

**Note: No cleanup in the fellowship hall will begin until after the end of the sack sale at 3:00 P.M.**

**If you are unable to bring donations during the day or have any questions regarding the Fall Sale, you can contact Shirley Wilson 266-7297.**

### **October Birthdays**

4<sup>th</sup> Rosalea Hollingshead  
 8<sup>th</sup> Colleen Jones  
 13<sup>th</sup> Heather Garrington  
 14<sup>th</sup> Marjean Moyle  
 14<sup>th</sup> Magnus Sabastian Moyle  
 21<sup>st</sup> Kaylee Brown  
 24<sup>th</sup> Lisa Hickcox  
 29<sup>th</sup> Brenda Entler  
 29<sup>th</sup> Tammy McDaniel  
 30<sup>th</sup> Juan Mendieta

### **October Anniversaries**

4<sup>th</sup> Gayle and Marcia Isaac  
 8<sup>th</sup> James and Connie Thrasher  
 17<sup>th</sup> Frank and Joan Foresman  
 20<sup>th</sup> Raymond and Barbara Potter

**FINANCE REPORT by Margie Brown, Chairperson:**

The finance committee met on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the packets and agenda they received the Sunday prior to the meeting. Mark Garanson reported that he had audited the monthly bank accounts through August and the first 6 months of the savings account.

The following shows the “budget” income and expenses incurred during the first 9 months of 2017:

<b>General Budget Income</b>	<b>September 2017</b>	<b>2017 Year to Date</b>
Pledge Envelopes = 31 giving units	5,224.17	54,216.53
Non Pledge Envelopes = 19 giving units	1,004.80	7,971.51
Unknown Giving	.00	55.00
Special Budget Giving “Friends”	190.00	1,173.00
Extra Budget Giving “Members”	200.00	1,556.02
Sunday School	44.00	485.84
Loose Money	3.00	115.43
Special Giving for CAT	.00	150.00
Mid American Energy Rebate	.00	513.78
UMW Budget Giving	500.00	880.00
Church and Parking Lot Usage Donations	130.00	580.00
May 21 <sup>st</sup> Luncheon	.00	100.00
Postage for mailing Newsletter	.00	10.00
Bank Correction for Duplicate Check Order	.00	60.85
Reimbursement for Tree Trimming at Church	.00	400.00
<b>Total Budget Income</b>	<b>7,295.97</b>	<b>68,267.96</b>

<b>Expenses Incurred and Paid</b>		
Apportionments	.00	3,002.00
Direct Health & Pension	1,361.94	15,595.20
Pastor Salary/Support	2,563.69	30,036.57
Janitor Salary & SS Paid	645.17	4,521.27
Stewardship Programs	.00	.00
Church Office Expenses (includes Telephone/Internet)	146.32	1,610.19
Christian Ed. & Media Resource Center	.00	963.19
Ministries (Children/Youth/Coffee Time)	.00	215.81
Worship Material & Programs	.00	291.97
Evangelism	.00	63.90
Property Maintenance to the Church	548.71	2,077.73
Insurance (Property & Workman’s Comp)	350.00	3,150.00
Utilities		
• Mid American Energy	147.38	2,661.21
• Des Moines Water Works	259.67	2,308.47
<b>Total Expenses Incurred and Paid</b>	<b>6,022.88</b>	<b>66,497.51</b>

<b>Total Income Less Expenses</b>	<b>1,273.09</b>	<b>1,770.45</b>
Carryover balance from prior year end		2,517.60
<b>Check book balance for Budget Items</b>		<b>4,288.05</b>

## **FINANCE REPORT (Continued)**

We are receiving a check in the amount of \$1,666.66 around the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month from Wesley United Methodist Church to cover the 29% pastoral support. This amount is not being included in the budget income or expenses.

With not getting much input from any of the other committees in the church the finance team did their best when it came to determining the 2018 budget for review by the Administrative Board at their meeting in September. The budget was approved and will be part of the Church Charge Conference booklet.

Your finance team wants to **THANK EACH OF YOU** for your financial support to the church. **Commitment Sunday will be November 12<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the finances of our church in your prayers as you start thinking about your pledge for 2018.**

If you have any questions regarding the church budget or any of the other funds feel free to either contact myself or Jim Moyle, our church treasurer.

## **THANK YOU**

**Sensor in stairway:** Don't be surprised if you get startled when walking passed the stairway upstairs. There has been a motion sensor installed to eliminate the issue with the stair case light being left on. It will automatically shut off after there has been no motion (movement) in the area for about 15 minutes. Thanks to Jeff Woodard for overseeing the installation and for Mark Garanson for covering the cost.

**Thrashers Service:** Thanks to Thrashers Service for donating parts and the service call to replace the fill valve in the ladies downstairs bathroom and the flapper in the small bathroom upstairs. Also a BIG THANK YOU for donating time to service all the air conditioners and furnaces at the church.



Thanks goes out to Dale Wilson for the continued maintenance he to make sure does to make sure the riding lawn mower at the church is in working condition. The mower is getting older and takes a great deal of care. A part on it that controls the turning broke but once a new part was ordered and received Dale was able to put the mower back together himself so we didn't have to pay someone else for this repair. Thanks Dale we appreciate the work you do.

## **SCRAPBOOKING**

This group meets every third Sunday in the Fellowship Hall. They often order food and share in fellowship. They invite anyone with any project or hobby that might benefit from the space to join them on **Sunday, October 15th from Noon to 4:30.**

## **GLEANERS CLASS - Fellowship Opportunity**

No gathering in October

## Worship Volunteers

### October 1, 2017:

**Coffee:** Marve & Rosie Hollingshead  
**Greeters:** Richard & Lois Smith  
**Nursery:** Phyllis Roe  
**Transportation:** Dick Smith  
**Ushers:** Bob Worth (Capt.), Jim Moyle, Dean Brown, Marvin Hollingshead  
**Communion Stewards:** Alice Nelson  
**Bulletin:** Lisa Karen Hankey

### October 8, 2017:

**Coffee:** Jeff & Sara Woodard  
**Greeters:** Shirley Wilson & Dean Brown  
**Nursery:** Mary Brown  
**Transportation:** Lois Nolte  
**Ushers:** Marcia Isaac (Capt.), Dale Wilson, Frank Foresman, Barbara Potter  
**Bulletin:** Eldon Nolte

### October 15, 2017:

**Coffee:** Bonnie Becker  
**Greeters:** Marvin & Jaylene Barton  
**Nursery:** Sharon & Kaytlyn Andrews  
**Transportation:** Marvin Barton  
**Ushers:** Alice Nelson (Capt.), Bonnie Becker, Jerry Nelson  
**Cookies:** Alice Nelson (Hostess), Doris Sheeder, Jaylene Barton, Heather Ruffley  
**Bulletin:** Sharon Andrews

### October 22, 2017:

**Coffee:** Marvin & Jaylene Barton  
**Greeters:** John & Barb Ratcliffe  
**Nursery:** Shirley Wilson  
**Transportation:** Barbara Ratcliffe  
**Ushers:** Marvin Barton (Capt.), Carlos Medina, Barb Ratcliffe, Jack Ness  
**Bulletin:** Mary Brown

### October 29, 2017:

**Coffee:** Ray & Barbara Potter  
**Greeters:** Ray & Barbara Potter  
**Nursery:** Kaylee Brown  
**Transportation:** Dick Smith  
**Ushers:** Bob Worth (Capt.), Dick Smith, Marvin Barton, Shirley Wilson  
**Cookie Sunday:** Joan Foresman (Hostess), Lois Nolte, Karla O'Brien  
**Bulletin:** Mary Brown

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