

Serve Jesus Christ, Learn, Love, Witness, Support
Staves Memorial United Methodist Church

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Following God Where He Leads

In the book of Exodus, we read about the people of Israel who had been slaves in Egypt for 430 years. God chose Moses to lead them out of slavery. Before the people entered the promised land, Moses died. Moses had ordained Joshua as the next leader of the Israelites. Joshua had seen up close what the challenges were before him. How eager he was for his new job we don't know, but we do know that God continued to encourage him. Over and over in the book of Joshua, God says, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous" (Joshua 1:6, 9).

Perhaps God is leading you into some new challenges. Perhaps you are sensing His nudge and are trying to ignore it, because it's something you really don't want to do or don't feel adequate to do. Maybe God is talking to you about being more open about your faith to your friends. Maybe He's asking you to lead a Bible study for your peers. Maybe He's asking you to serve on a certain committee at church. Maybe He's asking you to witness to a co-worker.

These things can be a little scary. Remember Moses' reaction when God spoke to him from the burning bush? God's plan for him wasn't exactly what Moses had in mind for his life. Just as God did not call Moses or Joshua or any of His servants without equipping them for the task ahead, neither will He leave you on your own. He has already given you the gifts necessary to do whatever He wants you to do, and He will make a path for you to follow.



Calendar of Events

October Birthdays

Dennis Crabtree	10/05
Nancy Baker	10/10
Deanna Findlay	10/11
Michelle Rogers	10/19
Chuck Hammack	10/20
Carolyn Mitchell	10/21
Deb Grate	10/22
Beth Hammack	10/22
Arlene Dunn	10/23
Gary Young	10/23
Sharon Johnson	10/24
Jo Reynolds	10/26
Brenda Entler	10/29



October Calendar

1 st	China Painters	9:30 a.m.
	Will Graham (Wells Fargo)	7:00 p.m.
2 nd	Will Graham Kidzfest (Wells Fargo)	10:00 a.m.
	Will Graham (Wells Fargo)	7:00 p.m.
3 rd	COMMUNION SUNDAY	
	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.

3 rd	Charge Conference	2:00 p.m.
	St. John's United Methodist Church	
	4700 SW 14th Street, Des Moines	
	Will Graham (Wells Fargo)	6:00 p.m.
4 th	TOPS Group	5:15 p.m.
5 th	Apologetics Group 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	
6 th	Dorcas Group	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
7 th	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
8 th	Stamp Club	7:00 p.m.
9 th	Food Pantry	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
10 th	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
11 th	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m.
12 th	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
	Finance Committee	7:00 p.m.
	Apologetics Group	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
13 th	Esther Circle	9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir	6:30 p.m.
	Ad Council	7:15 p.m.
14 th	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
16 th	All Church Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
17 th	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
18 th	TOPS Group	5:15 p.m.
	Halloween Fun Night Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Everyone welcome.	
20 th	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice;	6:30 p.m.
	Caller Deadline	
21 st	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
23 rd	Eve Circle	9:30 a.m.
24 th	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
25 th	TOPS Group	5:15 p.m.
26 th	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
27 th	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
28 th	Craft Group	
30 th	Halloween Fun Night set-up	10:00 a.m.
	Food Pantry	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
	Community Meal	5:30 p.m.
	Halloween Fun Night	5:30 p.m.

Staves' Sandy McNamar Food Pantry

LIST OF DONATIONS THAT WOULD BE
APPRECIATED ARE:

THE SANDY MCNAMAR FOOD
PANTRY IS IN NEED OF THE
FOLLOWING ITEMS...

Soda Crackers
Soup
Cereal
Mac & Cheese
Canned Meat
Cookies
Cake/Brownie Mixes



FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

The Food Pantry is still following COVID 19 protocol by prefilling boxes for families. We are still serving out the kitchen or main door. But we are starting plans to move back downstairs and allowing those in need to pick their own items from our shelves. We plan to make this change in September. We'll share this update with our clients starting in August.

Thanks for your faithful support of this ministry. With your support we have been able to replace all the frozen items lost last year.

Since October 2020 we have served:

- 107 families
- 382 people
- 2,499 pounds in
- 2,642 pounds out

Remember that the pounds of food in and out do not count frozen meat, eggs, dairy, bakery good or frozen vegetables. Terri Pollard

Crafts, Conversation & Chow

Come join other women for a night of Crafting, Conversation, and Chow—*Free of Charge*.

Bring a project to work on and a dish to share, or simply come to connect with other women. We meet at the church every Thursday starting at 5 p.m. If you have a craft you'd like to learn, let us know so we can find the right person to help you learn.

If you have further questions, please contact Jennifer McDonald at (515) 314-4761.

Thank you, Note from Debbie Wise.

"I would like to thank each and every one of you who has supported me over the years with activities for Children whether you donated money or donated your time. On September 6th, 2021, Mickey and I stepped down as the Education Chairs and from the committee. We have enjoyed doing the Easter Egg Hunt, VBS, Halloween Fun Night and the Children's Christmas programs."

**For the Lions Club,
Save Your Eye Glasses,
Hearing Aids, Postage
Stamps & Can Tabs**

**SAVE YOUR USED EYEGASSES AND
HEARING AIDS**

The Lion's Club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Even if the hearing aid doesn't work, they can use it for parts. Bring these items anytime during the year to the church.

You may place them in the designated basket marked "Used Eye Glasses," located by the mailboxes in the narthex.

POSTAL HISTORY FOUNDATION

The Postal History Foundation is an educational program where a group of volunteers collect stamps for teachers and students nationwide.

Please continue to place any stamps you may have in the basket by the mailboxes in the narthex. For any questions, please contact Dennis Crabtree at 515-261-7165.

SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CAN TABS:

The Lion's Club is collecting tabs off of all aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald House. Save your can tabs and put them in an envelope or baggie marked "Tabs" and put in the same white basket in the narthex marked "Postage Stamps."

**Continue to Remember
in Our Prayers**

Our Members in Care Facilities:

Virginia Moore (Prairie Vista Village Rehab Center), **Gerry Langland** (Valley View Village), and **Edna Rinard** at Edencrest at Riverwoods.

Our Homebound Members

Roberta Traviss

Madelyn Morey (in MO with her daughter)

**Our Ill, Hospitalized or Recovering
Members:**

Arlene Keller (in MO with daughter)

Theresa Garrison

MEETINGS

EVE CIRCLE will meet Saturday, October 23rd, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a Halloween memory. Bring a friend.
Sherry Palmer (515) 991-1062.

DORCAS CIRCLE will meet October 6th at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

COVENANT GROUP will meet Tuesday, October 12th and 26th at 1:00 p.m.

ESTHER CIRCLE will meet Wednesday, October 13th at 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

AD COUNCIL will meet Wednesday, October 13th at 7:15 p.m. (new time).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION FOR OCTOBER is collecting money for Human Trafficking. Human Trafficking has become the fastest growing crime in the world.

It occurs in every state including Iowa, where cases have steadily increased in recent years.

JoAnn Riley.

APOLOGETICS COURSE

**Tuesdays, October 5th and 12th
(Weeks 5 and 6)
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
6 weeks**



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Thank you to all of our Church Family for helping us to celebrate our 60th Wedding Anniversary. You helped make our day really special.

Jim and Linda McPherson

Choir Practice will be at 6:30 p.m. (new time) on Wednesday nights.

IOWA CELEBRATION WITH WILL GRAHAM

At the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines

CELEBRATION SCHEDULE:

**Friday, October 1, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 2, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 3, 6:00 (student night)**

KIDZFEST

Saturday, October 2, 10:00 a.m.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

**Sunday, October 3rd
2:00 p.m.**

**Des Moines St. John's United
Methodist Church**

**4700 SW 14th Street, Des
Moines**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A biohazard waste can is now located in the Noah's Ark restroom. Please dispose all of your medical materials into this container. Thanks.

Halloween Fun Night Committee
will meet Monday, October 18th at 6:00 p.m. to plan Halloween Fun Night. Set-up will be 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 30th. Everyone is welcome.

ALL-CHURCH BREAKFAST

The All-Church Breakfast is back.

Saturday, October 16th

We will eat at 8:00 a.m.

If you would like to help cook, meet at 7:00 a.m.

STAVES COMMUNITY MEAL

Saturday, October 30th

Serving at 5:30 p.m.

STAVES HALLOWEEN FUN NIGHT

Saturday, October 30th

5:30 p.m.

**Finance/Treasurer
Report as of
August 31, 2021**

Bank balance as of August 1, 2021	\$56,421.35
Receipts through August 31, 2021	\$19,635.00
Disbursements through August 31, 2021	\$16,114.77
Bank balance as of August 31, 2021	\$59,941.58
Less Committed Funds as of August 31, 2021	\$29,577.51
Available funds as of August 31, 2021	\$30,364.07

This report is submitted by:
David E. "Dave" Beery,
Financial Secretary

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

If you have suggestions or questions, please contact a member of the Education Team. There will not be a meeting until January where we will organize the new committee. If a meeting is needed, between October and January, we'll let you know.

Classes:

Noah's Ark (ages 2 through middle school) is our only organized class at this time. We are looking for a person to teach this class. If you are interested, please contact **Norma Thierman, Pastor Tim, or the office.** There is a single adult class that meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m., they would welcome new members to that class.

Projects:

We are hosting the Staves Halloween Fun Night again this year. It is 5:30 p.m. Saturday, October 30th in combination with the Community Meal. We are looking for the following items:

- Fall themed decorations
- Wrapped candy
- Small toys for prizes
- Workers for the games.

If you would like to donate items, mark them Halloween and place them on the Food Pantry table in the Narthex. If you would like to donate cash, please place in a pew envelope and label "Halloween". If you wish to volunteer, please see Norma Thierman or Terri Pollard.