

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

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Make Known the Savior

What greater mystery is there than these words of the Apostle John: *“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth”* (John 1:14)? This Word Who is with God and Who is God and Who has been with God since the beginning (John 1:1-2), this Word became one of us. Born in a stable more than two thousand years ago, Jesus lived among us. We joyfully sing every Christmas, *“Joy to the Word, the Lord is Come.”* In His 33 years on earth, He ate and drank and slept like one of us, and He showed us His glory.

“And from His fullness, we have all received, grace upon grace” (John 1:16), for this is what He came to bring. First and foremost, of those blessings is the forgiveness of sins and life eternal with Him. He is *“the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”* (John 1:29).

As we turn the pages of the Gospel of John, we come to know more about our Savior. He is: living water, the healer, the teacher, the miracle worker, the good shepherd, the raiser of the dead, the Vine, the Christ, the Son of God, the I AM.

And we are the sheep of His flock, His witnesses, the branches who cling to Him, the Vine, so that we might be sustained and empowered to serve this mighty Savior Who deigned to become one of us.

What does He ask of us, His sheep? To believe in Him, to remain in Him, to love others as He has loved us, to expect persecution for the sake of the Gospel, to trust Him so completely that He can accomplish through us even greater things (John 14:12).

“You did not choose Me,” Jesus said, *“but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide”* (John 15:16). How blessed we are to be chosen to have our identity in Christ, to be chosen for the tasks He gives us to do! Let us joyfully take up the work He gives us as we make known to all the Savior, the Word made flesh.

May peace and joy abound in our lives as we celebrate Jesus’ coming into the world as our rescuer from sin and death!

YOUTH CORNER

EDUCATION TEAM UPCOMING PROJECTS:

Easter Egg Hunt April 3, 2021:

We are looking for items to use as prizes for ages 1 through 11 such as coloring books, stuffed animals, play dough, games, small gift certificates or cash donations. If you would like to donate, please see Debbie or Mickey Wise. We will also need adult workers to help with the Easter Egg Hunt. **We are also in need of the following items:**

- 1) 50 packages of hot dogs
- 2) 50 packages of hot dog buns
- 3) 2 to 3 bottles of family size ketchup
- 4) 2 large bottles of mustard
- 5) 20 family size packages of sandwich cookies (I usually buy Walmart or Hy-Vee brand)
- 6) 24 family size plain chips (I usually buy Hy-Vee brand)
- 7) large items to use as door prizes such as large chocolate bunnies, footballs, basketballs, barbies, fancy pillows or fancy throws for girls, board games, large stuffed animals, large cars or trucks or remote-control car, kids make up sets for girls, etc.
- 8) wrapped candy all types

Please contact Debbie Wise 515-360-2840.

Vacation Bible School June 20-24, 2021

We are starting to collect items for donations. We need castle theme items or snowflakes, if you would like to donate please see Debbie or Mickey Wise. Mark your calendar for VBS this year, June 20 through June 24. We will need adult volunteers that will be willing to help with VBS. Please contact Debbie or Mickey Wise at debbiewise@msn.com or Mickey at dungeonmaster2101@gmail.com or you can leave a message for Debbie at 515-360-2840.

Education time meetings in January through March will be used for planning the Easter Egg Hunt and Vacation Bible School (VBS).



January Calendar

No Sunday Worship Services or In-Person Meetings until January 10, 2021.

January Calendar Continued

9 th	Food Pantry	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
10 th	Worship Service	10:00 p.m.
11 th	Trustee Meeting	7:00 p.m.
12 th	SPRC Meeting	6:30 p.m.
13 th	Esther Circle	9:30 a.m.
13 th	AD Council	7:00 p.m.
14 th	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
14 th	Urban Bike Ministry	5:00 p.m.
20 th	Education Meeting	6:30 p.m.
20 th	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
21 st	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
21 st	Urban Bike Ministry	5:00 p.m.
23 rd	Eve Circle NOT Meeting	
27 th	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
28 th	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
28 th	Urban Mike Ministry	5:00 p.m.
30 th	Food Pantry	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
30 th	Community Meal	5:00 p.m.

January Birthdays

January	
Ira Mescal	1/2
Bob Moore	1/4
Karon King Velau	1/4
Joe Jefferson	1/6
Michelle Shabazz	1/11
Dalton McDonald	1/12
David Beery	1/14
Phyllis Anderson	1/18
Ileta Wilson	1/23
Mitch Davisson	1/24
Joyce Doggett	1/28
Colan Arnold	1/28
Camille Gervais	1/29

January Birthdays Continued

Sandra Besco	1/29
Evelyn Moran	1/31
Mary Flaherty	1/31



Finance/Treasurer Report as of November 30, 2020

Operating funds bank balance as of
October 31, 2020 \$21,298.63

Operating funds received in
November, 2020 \$19,111.33

Operating funds disbursed in
November, 2020 \$15,674.38

Operating funds bank balance as of
November 30, 2020 \$24,735.58

This report is submitted by:

**David E. "Dave" Beery,
Finance Secretary**

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MISSIONS

We will be dropping DMARC and will collect for Sandy McNamar Food Pantry only in the future.

Thank you. JoAnn Riley

Staves' Sandy McNamar Food Pantry

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

- Soda Crackers
- Soup
- Cereal
- Canned Vegetables
- Fruit Juice
- Baking products -flour, sugar, vegetable oil, and seasonings
- canned fruit and meat.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

The volunteers who work the Sandy McNamar Memorial Food Pantry want to thank you for your support during COVID 19. While our customers no longer go through the food pantry and pick their own food, we have been able

to stay open and provide food. Staff pre-fill boxes and have them available to give customers. All food is given out through the kitchen door.

The derecho caused us some loss. As most might know the church was without power for about 4 days. As a result, the food pantry lost frozen meat in several freezers, but with the help of Ron Riley and Michelle Rogers we were able to use a generator and save the meat in four other freezers. We are slowly replacing the lost meat as stock at the Food Bank of Iowa allows.

As for other information from the Food Pantry in fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020) we served:

- 404 families
- 1,364 people
- 9,323 pounds of goods received
- 9,323 pounds of goods disbursed

Please bear in mind that the pounds of food received and disbursed does not count frozen meat, eggs, milk, bakery goods or fresh vegetables. Finally, for fiscal year 2020 we passed our financial audit on our books. The funds given to the food pantry are used for purchasing food from the Food Bank of Iowa.

For fiscal year 2021 (July, August and September only) here are the numbers so far:

- 53 families
- 198 people
- 1,655 pounds of goods received
- 1,032 pounds of goods received

Again, we thank you for your continued support of the Sandy McNamar memorial Food Pantry. 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

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

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

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.

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. For any questions, please contact Dennis Crabtree at 515-261-7165.

Continue to Remember in Our Prayers

Our Members in Care Facilities:

Virginia Porter (Courtyard Estates - Pleasant Hill), **Virginia Moore** (Prairie Vista Village Rehab Center), **Norma Fenton**, (Texas with her son), **Gerry Langland** (Valley View Village), and **Edna Rinard** at Edencrest at Riverwoods.

Our Ill, Hospitalized or Recovering Members:

Arlene Keller (in MO. with daughter)
Joan Peterson (recouping at home)

Announcements

MESSAGE FROM BECKY COX

The Ronald McDonald House Charities are collecting can tabs. You may put them in the two Ronald McDonald cardboard houses by the mailboxes located in the Narthex. When full, Becky will make sure that they get them. Thank you. Becky Cox

CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM DOWIS



The Staves UMW would like to announce that Jim Dowis is the recipient of the special recognition pin for 2020. He has served Staves Church for many years and in many positions with faith, common sense, and good humor when it is needed most. We thank his daughter, Lisa, for presenting the pin and certificate for us. Congratulations Jim.

THANK YOU FROM JIM DOWIS

I would like to thank the U.M.W for awarding me their special recognition award this year. I was very surprised and very pleased to receive this award. Jim Dowis

THANK YOU FROM JANICE WHITE

Friends of Staves, The family of Landon White thanks you for the cards and prayers during his long illness. Thank you for all who gave to his memorial. A very special

thank you to Pastor Tim for his visits, prayers and wonderful service for Landon. Janice White

Thank You from Dick and Marcie Kellis

Dick, Marcie and families want to send a heartfelt “Thank You” to everyone at Staves for the prayers, sympathy and memorial donations in memory of our loving devoted mother, grandma, great-grandma and great-great-grandma Joan Kellis-Cummings. We will miss her a lot.

EVE CIRCLE

Eve Circle will meet when it is safe. Please be thinking of a project for our circle for 2021. Until then, remember our church members in care facilities with a card or phone call. I have tea towels to embroidery and kitchen towels to crochet for future fund raisers. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Call me if interested. Thank you.
Sherry Palmer, 515-266-4732.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

If you have suggestions or questions, please contact a member of the Education Team.

Classes:

Noah's Ark (ages 2 through middle school)

Adult classes

Everyone is invited to attend our Sunday School Class and we would like to encourage you if you come to the church early to sit in on one our classes.

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