

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

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April 1, 2022

**She Did What She Could**

In Mark 14:1-9, we are told of a woman who anointed Jesus with expensive perfume. Responding to the disciples' criticism of the woman using such expensive perfume, Jesus said, "*She did what she could.*" To honor Jesus, she shared what was most dear and precious to her. This was not a meaningless gesture. She was not giving leftovers. She gave her best.

In light of this story, we might want to ask, "What do we have that we could use to honor Jesus?" If we take inventory, we find we have a lot to use and to give. First of all, we can give of our time. Being good stewards of our time implies that we will not be wasting our time but using it for God-pleasing purposes. In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul wrote, "*Be careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity...*" (Ephesians 5:15-16). Using our time in the service of others is a wonderful way to use what we've been given in service for Jesus.

We can also serve Jesus with our talents. Whether God has given us many or few abilities, we can, with God's strength, be of help to others. Peter encourages this service in 1 Peter 4:10-11: "*Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.*"

We can also do what we can with our money. Through the giving of our money to those in need and to extend God's kingdom, we are honoring Jesus. When we hear how Jesus commended the woman who anointed Him as a way to honor Him, we are also encouraged to do what we can.

## April Birthdays

### April

Steve Ellis	4/02
Cheryl Meeker	4/04
Dakota Collier	4/04
Shirley Stevenson	4/06
Ruth Trusheim	4/08
Sharon Ramsey	4/10
Francis Tenwah	4/12
James Arthur	4/13
Dorothy Deitch	4/15
JoAnn Riley	4/18
Frank Deitch	4/22
Mickey Wise	4/22
Kurt Putzier	4/23

## April Calendar

1 <sup>st</sup>	China Painters	9:30 a.m.
	Hispanic Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cantata Practice	9:00 a.m.
	<b>UW Faith Day Apart</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. to Noon</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Easter Cantata</b>	
	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	1:00 -3:00 p.m.
	<b>Lenten Bible Study (week 5)</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
	UW Faith Meeting	6:30 p.m.
6 <sup>th</sup>	DORCAS Circle	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Stamp Club	7:00 p.m.
	Hispanic Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
9 <sup>th</sup>	All Church Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
	Sandy McNamar Memorial Food Pantry	2:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b>	
	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	1:00 -3:00 p.m.
	<b>Lenten Bible Study (week 6)</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>

11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Church Women United (Fellowship Hall)</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</b>
	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m.
12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SPRC Meeting</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
13 <sup>th</sup>	Esther Circle	9:30 a.m.
	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Ad Council	7:15 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
14 <sup>th</sup>	Set up for Easter Egg Hunt	1:30 p.m.
	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Easter Egg Hunt (lunch after)</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Easter Breakfast</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	1:00 -3:00 p.m.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Church Women United Board Meeting	11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
	Education Team	7:00 p.m.
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Caller Deadline</b>	
	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
21 <sup>st</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>No Eve Circle (moved to April 30<sup>th</sup>)</b>	
	<b>UMW Salad Luncheon &amp; Plant Sale</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Lunch 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)</b>
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	1:00 -3:00 p.m.
25 <sup>th</sup>	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
27 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
29 <sup>th</sup>	Hispanic Worship (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Eve Circle (Fellowship Hall)</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
	Sandy McNamar Memorial Food Pantry	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Community Meal	5:00 p.m.

## **Staves' Sandy McNamar Food Pantry**

### **Food Pantry Update**

The Pantry dates for April are: Saturday, April 9th and Saturday, April 30th. The Food Pantry is open from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each of those days.

The numbers for March are not known yet since the writing of this article is before the second Saturday of the month. We'll provide those numbers in May. The numbers for February were: 9 Families served representing 34 people. We have not had a chance to figure out the pounds of food in and out. That will be shared in May.

Please remember that the pounds of food in and out do not include the dairy, eggs, vegetables, fruit, or meat we are able to obtain through the Food Bank of Iowa. Again, the Food Pantry staff wish to thank you for your continued support of this special outreach program. If you are interested in helping, please join us on either the second or last Saturday of any month.

We could really use canned soup, Pork & Beans, Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helpers, canned spaghetti/ravioli or similar type items.

### **CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**

Church United are making over 1,000 May baskets. They are in need of small silk flowers and stickers. A box will be in the Narthex area. *Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062*

## **Community Meal**

The Free Meals are still operating and you may now eat in the church during those meals. The dates for the next three months are:

- April, 30
  - Ham will be the meat. The sides have not been determined at this time. They will be shared sometime in April once they are known.
- May 28th
- June 25th
  - The menus for May and June are not planned at this time but will be shared as soon as those are known.

This is a free will offering meal. Any funds donated go into the Community Meal fund to help purchase the meat or other main dish ingredients. If you are willing to help with the meal, come on the designated date at 4:00 p.m. to help set up and serve. We have a great time serving the people and visiting with this wonderful group of friends.

**Easter Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. on Easter  
Sunday, April 17th**

**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.

**For the Lions Club,  
Save your Eye Glasses,  
Hearing Aids, Postage Stamps  
and 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.

**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."

<b>Finance/Treasurer Report as of February 28, 2022</b>	
Bank Balance as of January 31, 2022	\$135,706.82
Receipts through February 28, 2022	\$17,846.83
Disbursements through February 28, 2022	\$18,741.27
Bank balance as of February 28, 2022	\$134,812.38
Less Committed Funds as of February 28, 2022	\$113,376.74
Available funds as of February 28, 2022	\$21,435.64
 <i><b>This report is submitted by: David E. "Dave" Beery, Current Staves Financial Secretary</b></i>	

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The meeting in April is scheduled for Monday, April 18th at 7:00 p.m. If you are a member of the Education Committee, please join us while we discuss the following projects:

- The VBS Program
- Response to the new Adult Education Class

We need help with the following areas for the **Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th:**

- Putting wrapped candy in the eggs (see the weekly bulletins for dates and times)
- **Set up of Fellowship Hall, Friday, April 15th** (see weekly bulletins for time) Working the Hunt on Saturday morning, these duties will include:
- Working the Hunt on Saturday morning. These duties will include:
  1. putting out the eggs in the three search areas on Saturday morning
  2. working the prize tables in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday morning
  3. helping with clean-up on Saturday morning

We are asking for donations of hot dog buns, individual bags of chips (snack/lunch box sized), and sandwich cookies. Please see Terri Pollard if you are willing to either buy some of these items or wish to donate funds for that purpose.

More information on VBS organization will be shared starting next month once we have set the dates and theme for the program

## Continue to Remember in Our Prayers

### Our Members in Care Facilities:

**Gerry Langland** (Valley View Village), and **Edna Rinard** at Edencrest at Riverwoods.

### Our Homebound Members

**Madelyn Morey** (in MO with her daughter)

### Our Ill, Hospitalized or Recovering Members:)

**Theresa Garrison**

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**UMW Spring Plant Sale and  
Salad Luncheon**

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00  
a.m. to 2:00 p.**

## UWFaith NEWS

The National Organization has recently implemented a “brand change”, we are now known as United Women in Faith and the new “short name” is UWFaith. This brand change is based on the possible future split for the denomination and allows the women’s group to still operate supporting the social concerns of all Methodists.

The Bible Verse for April is 1 Corinthians 15:57 “But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” NIV

We are planning the **Plant Sale and Salad luncheon that will take place on Saturday, April 23rd.**

- If you have plants, bulbs, plant starters or empty pots you would like to donate, please bring them to the church by **Friday, April 22nd.**
- If you are a member of UWFaith, please bring a salad for the luncheon to the church by **2:00 p.m. Friday, April 22nd.**
- You are a member of UWFaith, you may also bring bake goods or craft items for donations to the group to sale by 2:00 p.m. Friday, April 22nd.
- If you are a board member or member of UWFaith and wish to work the Plant Sale on the 23rd, please plan to attend the **April UWFaith meeting (Monday, April 4th at 6:30 p.m.** for information on set-up and work positions). Please also look at the weekly bulletins in April for more information on the Plant Sale and Salad Luncheon.

The sale of the plants, craft items, and baked goods starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. The Salad Luncheon runs from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the cost of the luncheon will in the weekly bulletins starting April 10th.

We are also planning on having Ladies’ Night Out on Friday, May 6th. We will gather at 6:15 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. and entertainment to follow. See the weekly bulletins starting April 10th for the price of a ticket, information on the entertainment, and the menu.

All circles are now meeting on a regular basis, please see the weekly bulletin or the calendar here in the caller for dates and times of the Dorcas, Esther and Eve Circle meetings. Please plan to attend any or all of these circles for fun, talk, and treats.

## MEETINGS

**Dorcas Circle** will meet Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Esther Circle** will meet Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. April 13<sup>th</sup>. The group will be planning for summer activities. *JoAnn Riley will be the hostess.*

**Eve Circle** will meet Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring your SPARKLE. Bring a friend. *Sherry Palmer, 515-991-1062.*

## TRUSTEE'S UPDATE

Here are the updates on the latest Trustee Projects:

The new carpeting is now in the Chapel. The Trustees want to say a big thank you to the Hispanic Congregation. They moved everything out of and back into the Chapel for this project. The installation of the carpet took about half a day. If you haven't had a chance, please look in the Chapel, the carpeting looks wonderful.

We have run into a "hiccup" with the new stove. We are currently working with Bolton and Hay (a restaurant supply house) to solve our issues. Once the full solution to the "hiccup" is known, we will share that information.

We are also working on replacing the battery in van so it can be used. Apparently, that battery is in bad condition and replacing it will help determine if that is the source of the problem with the van or if other issues (alternator) are the source.

The redecoration of the bathrooms continues. The Ladies room in the education wing is in process and should be completed by mid-April. Hopefully the weather stays good so we can use the garage to cut and paint the new wood base boards. We know that there are lots of paint drops on the floors of the three bathrooms (Men's in Education Wing, Noah's Ark and Women's in Education Wing). The last steps of the redecoration will be cleaning and waxing those floors. Then as previously stated we will move to the children's bathrooms (Nursery, Boys and Girls in the basement.) We are also considering touching up the paint and maybe the wall paper borders in the bathrooms in the Narthex. More to come on this step....

## MISSION FOCUS FOR APRIL

Meals from the Heartland: "We are a faith-related organization that believes in the importance of prayer, volunteer service and financial giving to help save starving children. We are made up of volunteers from businesses, schools, churches, community organizations and beyond who package meals for delivery to malnourished people in Iowa, across the United States and around the world."

They are located on the South side of Des Moines where they package and ship boxes of Hearty Pack and Taco Mac to the hungry. Meals from the Heartland produces two special meal formulas developed by food science and nutrition professionals to supplement nutritional needs to allow children to grow, thrive and become productive members of their community.

Last year 476,712 meals were distributed in Iowa, 2,163,672 meals were distributed in America and 13,956,624 meals were distributed internationally. Behind every disaster — catastrophic storms, fires, pandemics, war — hunger follows to haunt survivors. Meals from the Heartland has been actively and successfully battling hunger for over 14 years, delivering nourished food and hope. Currently, thousands of volunteers

## **STAVES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications are now being received for the 2022 Staves Memorial Scholarships. These may be granted to any active member of Staves Memorial United Methodist Church who is or will be receiving post high school education in the fall of 2022.

Application forms may be obtained from the church office. The form includes the requirements to be followed when applying for a scholarship. If you have any questions, call Jim McPherson at (515) 537-3664.

The deadline for application is Saturday, April 30, 2022 and must be turned in to the church office, Pastor Tim or Jim McPherson by the end of the day.

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# *Easter Egg Hunt*

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**WHEN**                      Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>  
   11:00 a.m.

**WHERE**                     Staves Memorial United Methodist  
   Church  
   2747 E Madison

**AGES**                      Toddlers through Age 10

Free Hot Dog, Chip and Cookie luncheon served after the hunt. Prize raffle to be held also.

If you have questions call Staves at 266-0265 between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



# UMW Spring Plant Sale And Salad Luncheon

## Saturday, April 23rd

Sale is from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Salad Luncheon is from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please come and find new plants, bulbs, and potted flowers for your yard or patio. Find some treats at the bake sale or crafts from the craft table. Then have a wonderful lunch of salads provided by the ladies of Staves Memorial UMC.



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES  
Staves Memorial United Methodist Church  
March 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTIONS

Chairperson, Brian McNamar began the meeting by leading attendees in the Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the February meeting were reviewed, and approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Finance Committee** – Terri Pollard

The 2021 audit is complete, except for the helping hand fund. So far, the books are in good order.

**Financial Secretary** – David Beery

There was a period of discussion, relating to a need for anti-virus software for the computer in the finance office.

A motion was made and seconded, to approve \$40 for a one year subscription to anti-virus software, and continue to evaluate other options, including McAfee. The motion was approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer** – Rick Atterbury

The treasurer's report as of February 28 was reviewed - \$21,435.64 in available funds.

**Foundation** – no report.

**Memorial Committee Treasurer** – Phyllis Anderson

- A) Memorial Fund totals – undesignated funds have been used, or allocated to other funds.
- B) Fund expenditures: kitchen stove, carpeting for the chapel, social media marketing, and tablecloths for fellowship hall.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS

None.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

**Pastor** – no report.

**Staff/Parish Relations Committee** – no report.

**Trustees** – Michelle Rogers

- A) Carpet installation next Thursday (chapel).
- B) Van not starting – checking battery/alternator.
- C) Cameras – an update was given on progress.
- D) Updating of bathrooms.
- E) Range hood – discussion.
- F) Parking lot – two quotes received: Jordarson, \$301,000; Newan, \$400,000; discussion of financing options.

**BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

**Education** – Norma Thierman

- A) Easter egg hunt, April 16.
- B) Vacation Bible school – getting organized.
- C) Sunday school update.
- D) Monday morning Bible study fellowship – in the planning stages.
- E) Outreach program – blue cups.

**Worship** – Steve Ellis

Update on palms, and Easter lilies.

**Scholarship** – Marilyn Burch

Applications will be accepted in April, and awards announced in May.

**Missions** - Norma Thierman

An update was given, on Doug Williams (missionary partner).

**UMW** – Terri Pollard

- A) Fundraiser, this Sunday.
- B) Plant sale/Salad luncheon, April 23.
- C) Ladies Night Out, May 6.
- D) UMW will now be known as United Women in Faith.

**Food Pantry** – Margo Shammerhorn

Numbers are up, each time we open.

**Community meal** – Margo Shammerhorn

Approximately 40 people served, last time.

## OTHER BUSINESS

None.

## NEXT MEETING

April 13, 7:15 pm.

Brian led attendees in prayer, to end the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Ellis, secretary

## ATTENDEES:

Brian McNamar  
Terri Pollard  
Michelle Rogers  
Margo Shammerhorn  
Rachel Berndt  
David Beery  
Norma Thierman  
Marilyn Burch  
Phyllis Anderson  
Jo Ann Riley  
Judy Gustafson  
Rick Atterbury