

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

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Faithful Giving Pleases God

A young boy wanted to give a gift to his mom for Mother's Day. He didn't know what to give. He didn't have any money, so he was struggling and searching for ideas. On Mother's Day, he gave his mom a card, and, in the card, he stuck two of his favorite toy soldiers. What a happy mom, because she saw how much her son loved her by his willingness to give up his favorite toys. She didn't need the gift, but she loved receiving it.

God doesn't need our gifts, but He loves receiving them. Through our gifts, we express our love and gratitude. Through faith, we hold on to possessions loosely knowing all that we are and have are by God's grace. We own nothing. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, God fills our hearts with a spirit of generosity. We stop seeing the money we have as just for our needs and entertainment. By grace, we understand that the money God entrusts to us has the potential to be used to support mission starts and missionaries, so they can share the life-saving Gospel in this land and overseas. Our money has the potential to help those who are hungry and homeless. It has the potential to support our Christian schools and agencies. It supports the mission and ministry of our church. God uses and multiplies the money we give in many wonderful ways.

Through God-given faith and new attitudes, we see that our generosity is made possible by and rooted in His generosity. We are empowered to give because of God's generosity to us. Knowing that He doesn't limit His gifts to us and experiencing His generosity at work in our lives, we respond to His appeal to give generously. God's people live with an abundant perspective trusting in His provisions. In Scripture, we see repeatedly how God's people demonstrated their trust in His abundance. Abel, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, David, the Poor Widow, Zacchaeus, and Barnabas demonstrated their faith and trust. In 2 Corinthians chapters 8 and 9, the Apostle Paul instructs the Corinthians to take up a collection for the Christian Jews suffering from famine in Jerusalem. Paul urges them to give generously because their generosity is rooted in God's ability to provide everything, they need to be generous on all occasions. "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). As our bounteous God richly bestowed on the Corinthians the capacity for generosity, He can do the same for us. In Jesus it is always more and never less. Even when things are tough, we will be given the opportunity to share because God's sufficiency will provide

When we give generously from loving and cheerful hearts, we bring joy to our Heavenly Father because we display His image and likeness. Filled with God's sufficiency, rather than our own, we become generous givers.



MAY CALENDAR CONTINUED

May Birthdays

May

Santana Mena	5/01
Jim McPherson	5/01
Daniel McDonald	5/01
Michelle Atterbury	5/05
Jan Murphy	5/06
Dan Findlay	5/06
Sharon Jefferson	5/11
Jim Dowis	5/11
Drew Strand	5/13
Donna Young	5/13
Olivia Reynolds	5/17
Janice White	5/19
Carmen Putzier	5/21
Chuck Beyer	5/23
JoAnn Pfaltzgraff	5/26
Jeff McDonald	5/26
Patricia Mena	5/31



May Calendar

1st	COMMUNION SUNDAY	
	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Tim: Keller Memorial	11:00 a.m.
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	1:00 -3:00 p.m.
2nd	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
	United Woman of Faith	6:00 p.m.
4th	Dorcas Circle	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
5th	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
6th	China Painters	9:30 a.m.
	UWFaith Ladies Night Out	6:15 p.m.
	Hispanic Worship	7:00 p.m.
7th	China Painters Spring Fling	8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
8th	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.

8th	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	1:00 -3:00 p.m.
9th	China Painters Spring Fling	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m.
10th	China Painters Spring Fling	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
	Finance Meeting (Koinonia Room)	6:30 p.m.
	DANA	7:00 p.m.
11th	China Painters Spring Fling	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
	Esther Circle (Koinonia Room)	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.
12th	Craft Group Meeting	5:00 p.m.
13th	Stamp Club	7:00 p.m.
	Hispanic Worship	7:00 p.m.
14th	Sandy McNamar Memorial Food Pantry	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
15th	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.
16th	Church Women United Board Meeting	11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
18th	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
19th	Craft Group Meeting	5:00 p.m.
20th	CALLER DEADLINE	
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
21st	Local Public Servants Pancake Breakfast	8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.
22nd	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	1:00 p.m.
23rd	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
	Education Team Meeting	7:00 p.m.
24th	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
25th	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
26th	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
27th	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	7:00 p.m.

MAY CALENDAR CONTINUED

28 th	EVE Circle Sandy McNamar Food Pantry	9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Community Meal	5:00 p.m.
29 th	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.
30 th	TOP's Club	5:15 p.m.

Staves' Sandy McNamar Food Pantry

Food Pantry Update

The Pantry dates for May are: Saturday, May 14th and Saturday, May 28th. The Food Pantry is open from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each of those days.

The numbers for April are not known yet since the writing of this article is before the second Saturday of the month. We'll provide those numbers in June. The numbers for February and March are listed below:

	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
Families Served	9	14
People Served	34	50
Pounds of Food In	107	264
264 Pounds of Food Out	106	361

Please remember that the pounds of food in and out do not include the dairy, eggs, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, or fresh/frozen 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.

Food Pantry Update Continued

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

Community Meal

The Free Meals are still operating and you may now eat in the church during those meals. Here are the dates and menus for May and June.

May 28th at 5:00 p.m.

- Sub-Sandwiches
- Bakes Beans
- Chips •
- Dessert

June 25th at 5:00 p.m.

- Grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
- Potato Salad
- Chips
- Dessert

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.

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.”

**Ladies Night Out
Friday, May 6th
Gather at 6:15 Eat at 6:30
Tickets on sale thru May 4th
Adults: \$10.00 Children (5-12) \$7.00**

**Finance/Treasurer Report as of
March 31, 2022**

Bank Balance as of February 28, 2022	\$134,812.38
Receipts through March 31,2022	\$17,179.00
Disbursements through March 31,2022	\$85,668.05
Bank balance as of March 31,2022	\$66,323.33
Less Committed Funds as of March 31,2022	\$46,393.68
Available funds as of March 31,2022	\$19,929.65

*This report is submitted by:
David E. “Dave” Beery,
Current Staves Financial Secretary*



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The meeting in May is scheduled for Monday, May 23rd 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 and dates for 2022

Our VBS program this year is “Pilgrim’s Progress”. The dates of VBS are Sunday, June 26th through Thursday, June 30th. The start time is 5:45 p.m. with an ending time of 8:15 p.m. We need volunteers to help lead classes, crafts, games, and music. If you are interested in helping, please attend the Education meeting in May. If special VBS organization meetings are held an announcement of the date and time will take place.

Continue to Remember in Our Prayers

Our Members in Care Facilities:
Gerry Langland (Valley View Village)
Edna Rinard at Edencrest at Riverwoods.

Our Homebound Member
Madelyn Morey (in MO with her daughter)

Our Ill, Hospitalized or Recovering Members:)
Theresa Garrison

UWFaith NEWS

May UWFaith (FKA UMW) Bible Verse: “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

We had our Plant Sale and Salad luncheon on Saturday, April 23rd (after the writing of this article) so the success of the sale will be reported in the *June Caller*, available on a table in the Fellowship Hall. Our next event is Ladies Night Out on Friday, May 6th. Please plan to purchase tickets from a UWFaith board member or the office no later than Wednesday, May 4th. This is necessary so we purchase enough food to feed everyone. The menu for Ladies Night Out is:

- Ham Balls (appetizer)
- Strawberry/Spinach Salad
- Grilled Pork Chop, Party Potatoes, and Green Beans
- Angel Food Cake with Strawberry Sauce and cream cheese mints

Entertainment is a ladies singing group (sorry I don’t remember the name) and we are looking forward to good food, fellowship and wonderful entertainment that evening.

All circles are now meeting on a regular basis, please see the 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.



TRUSTEE'S UPDATE

Here are the updates on the latest Trustee Projects: All the cameras for the security system are now in place inside and outside of the church.

A couple members of Trustees, Diane, and Pastor Tim will be receiving training on the new system.

We have final approval for the changes in the kitchen. The large stove we purchased could not be installed due to fire regulations (we would have needed to install a range hood with a fire suppression system and the cost of that was more than we spent on the stove). We have an alternative plan that a vendor helped us with. We are purchasing two smaller gourmet stoves. These are household stoves, but very heavy duty and will take the punishment of all the cooking we do in the kitchen. We are purchasing and installing two range hoods for these stoves per fire code.

Thanks to the trustees and Andy Gervais who came to the church on Saturday, April 16th to remove a broken freezer from the wood room, the old furnaces and air conditioning units from the small garage. Those will be taken to a metal recycling location for disposal.

EVE CIRCLE will meet May 28th at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Kathy Coady will be speaking about Douglas School, proposed Homeless Shelter for Women and Children. Hope you can join us. Bring a friend.
Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062.



MAY MISSION

The war in Ukraine has not stopped, nor does it look like it will in the days and weeks to come. Which means that human suffering has not stopped.

It is hard to find ways to support peace in a time of war. Church World Service has provided immediate action in places where refugees seek shelter. It is for that reason that the Mission Board of Staves has selected it as the mission for the month of May. We ask that you give as you would receive.

CWS established the Ukraine Crisis Response Fund to address the unique needs of Ukrainians displaced by Russia's invasion. We will respond in the neighboring country of Moldova, where nearly 100,000 Ukrainian refugees are living with host families or staying in hotels, apartments, and shelters. In order to meet immediate needs, we will support partners on the ground as they offer shelter to Ukrainian refugees and distribute food, hygiene items and school supplies. We continue to engage with local and international partners to craft our longer-term response plan.

The situation in Ukraine and neighboring countries is unstable and continues to change. CWS is committed to help ensure that Ukrainians who have been forced to flee from their homes have a safe, comfortable, and dignified place to stay.

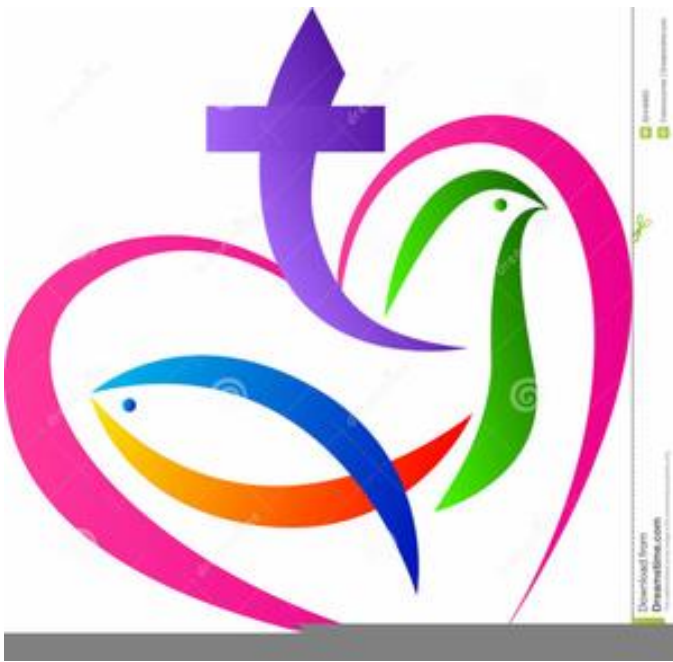
In the United States, CWS is one of nine resettlement agencies that implements the

MAY MISSION CONTINUED

U.S. Refugee Admissions Program. We stand ready to welcome Ukrainian refugees who will arrive in American communities in the coming months and years as a result of the events of the last week. Our teams have proudly welcomed Ukrainians for more than a decade as part of our work addressing the global refugee crisis. We continue to fight for a robust system through which people who have been displaced from Ukraine, Afghanistan, Myanmar (Burma), Tigray, Syria and many more countries of origin can access pathways to rebuild their lives in peace.

Thank you for your donation. Please mark you mission giving in May "CWS Ukraine." Thank you.

Mission Board, Staves Memorial UMC



Free Community Dinner



Community Meal

Saturday, May 28th, 5:00 p.m.

**Menu: Sub-Sandwiches
Baked beans, Chips and Desert**

Vacation Bible School

Coming Soon

STAVES CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH –
THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH

5:45 P.M. – 8:15 P.M.

DINNER SERVED EVERY
NIGHT

WWW.STAVESCHURCH.COM

New Sermon Series

Renewing the Mind:

God's Plan for a Victorious Life

Starting Sunday, May 8th



Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Romans 12: 2

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Staves Memorial United Methodist Church

April 13, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTIONS

Chairperson, Brian McNamar began the meeting, with devotions and a prayer.

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance Committee – Terri Pollard

The audit for 2021 is complete, and a report has been submitted.

Financial Secretary – David Beery

Fundraising – remodeling of Valley View Village chapel – discussion.

Contributions so far, for 2022 – comparison with operating budget.

Treasurer – Rick Atterbury

The treasurer's report as of March 31 was reviewed. It was noted, available funds are less than the previous report. However, the new furnace has been paid for, as well as insurance for the second quarter. Also, utility costs have increased, and will continue to increase.

Memorial Committee Treasurer – Phyllis Anderson

Nothing new to report.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS

None.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Pastor – Tim Walker

- A) Easter.
- B) New sermon series: “Renewing the Mind,” Romans 12.
- C) Social media: worship services on Facebook, sermons on YouTube; sound quality discussed.
- D) Update on special general conference; protocol of separation; Global Methodist Church to launch May 1.
- E) New location for the annual conference – Mid America Center, West Des Moines.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee – Pastor Tim, reporting.

Performance evaluations are underway; the committee will meet next Tuesday.

Trustees – Michelle Rogers

- A) Cameras have been installed; next step is instructions for key personnel.
- B) Bids for the mechanical maintenance contract are being solicited.
- C) Freezer in wood room – will replace and dispose of the old unit, this Saturday.
- D) Purchasing two stoves and range hoods; will vent through the roof. The two existing stoves still work, and will be sold.

A motion to swap out the current ranges and install gourmet stoves and hoods was approved, by voice vote.

BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Education/Sunday School – Norma Thierman

- A) Easter egg hunt setup, April 14th and 16th.
- B) Adult Bible Study, Monday mornings, 10:00 am starting April 18th.

Worship/Music - Steve Ellis

It was noted, Easter festivities will include a service on Good Friday at 7:00 pm and breakfast on Sunday at 9:00 am.

Memorial Committee – no report.

United Methodist Women – Terri Pollard

- A) Plant sale/salad luncheon Saturday, April 23; setup April 22.
- B) Ladies Night Out, May 6.

Scholarships -

Applications will be accepted during April; announcements will be made in May.

Missions – Marilyn Burch

- A) Monthly mission emphases:
 - May: Church World Service/Ukraine
 - June: Joppa
 - July: Heifer Project International
 - August: Door of Faith/Bethel missions
- B) \$250 will be allocated to Bidwell, Rev. Williams and Meals from the Heartland. Each will get \$250.

Food Pantry – Margo Shammerhorn

25 people were fed last time. The pantry is in need of milk, eggs, and coupons.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

May 11, 7:15 pm.

A motion to adjourn was agreed upon.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Ellis, secretary