

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

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Love One Another

For this is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. 1st John 3:11

So how do we live out this message? We first have accepted that some things are just out of our control. We don't like that, but *when* we can accept it, life becomes a lot less stressful. Especially when we realize that we can't control other people. People are like cats – unpredictable and uncontrollable. But that doesn't stop us from trying, does it? We want to control what they do, how they think, and how they treat us.

You may have someone in your life who simply won't play the way you want them to. If you could be the puppet master and pull their strings you know you could make them do right. But you're not the puppet master - and the truth is even God doesn't overrule their will. In the end you're stuck with who they are and the choices they make. Like it or not – you are not in control of them. So, how do we deal with the rub – that friction that comes from others who aren't what we want them to be?

First, we surrender them to God. You know, it may help to remember that people aren't the problem – as Paul said in Ephesians 6:12 – ***“Our battle is not against flesh and blood.”*** If there is a person who seems to be the enemy – they are being used by your true enemy – the enemy of your soul. They are a pawn in the overarching spiritual warfare that is taking place all around us. So, don't spend your energy fighting them. The weapons you need to win that battle are spiritual not physical.

Next, be sure that your life is what it is supposed to be. We sometimes get so focused on the “problem of others” that we forget the “problem of me.” You've got enough issues to deal with – you don't need to take up someone else's until yours are dealt with.

The last step is to give God time and space to work in their life. What they need is God's grace transforming them, not your advice nagging them. Let God do His thing. Pray for them, encourage them – but get out of God's way. If we spend our time worrying over what we can't control, we'll never have time to change what we can control; **ourselves!**



June Birthdays

Caitlyn Reynolds	6/02
Judy Gustafson	6/05
Jane Young	6/07
Rachel Berndt	6/08
Marilyn Burch	6/08
Sherry Palmer	6/08
Ester Beyer	6/09
Carol Ann Davis	6/09
Addie DeLano	6/10
Marilyn Waters	6/11
Bridget Gervais	6/12
Doris Henry	6/13
Norma Arnold	6/20
Larry Spaulding	6/22
Don Winterberg	6/22
Mary Ellis	6/24
Gil Gillman	6/24
Tammy Jones	6/24
Roberta Traviss	6/29
Bonnie King	6/29
Tom Gish	6/29

June Calendar

1 st	Dorcas Circle	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
2 nd	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
3 rd	China Painters	9:30 a.m.
	Hispanic Worship	7:00 p.m.
5 th	Communion	
	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time (Birthday Celebration)	
	For Jane Young's 90 birthday	11:00 a.m.
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	1:00 p.m.
6 th	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
	Education (VSB Planning)	6:00 p.m.
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	No UWFaith Meeting (summer break)	
	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.

8 th	Esther Circle	9:30 a.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
9 th	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
10 th	Stamp Club	7:00 p.m.
	Hispanic Worship	7:00 p.m.
11 th	Sandy McNamar Memorial Food Pantry	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
12 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.
13 th	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	TOPS Club	5:15 p.m.
	Education (VBS Planning)	6:00 p.m.
14 th	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
	SPRC Meeting	6:30 p.m.
15 th	Ad Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
16 th	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
17 th	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
18 th	All Church Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
19 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.
20 th	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Caller Deadline	
	TOPS Club	7:15 p.m.
	Education (VBS Planning)	6:00 p.m.
	Church Women United Board Meeting	11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
22 nd	Hispanic Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
23 rd	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
24 th	Hispanic Worship	7:00 p.m.
25 th	Eve Circle	9:30 a.m.
	Decorate for Vacation Bible School	10:00 a.m.
	Sandy McNamar Food Pantry	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
	Community Meal	5:00 p.m.
26 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.
26 th	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	5:45 - 8:15 p.m.
27 th	No TOPS Club	
	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	5:45 - 8:15 p.m.
	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
28 th	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	5:45 - 8:15 p.m.
	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
29 th	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	5:45 - 8:15 p.m.
30 th	VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	5:45 - 8:15 p.m.
	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.

Staves' Sandy McNamar Food Pantry

Food Pantry Update

The Pantry dates for June are: Saturday, June 11th and Saturday, June 25th. The Food Pantry is open from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each of those days.

The numbers for April have not been determined (sorry the inventory officer has been busy with other things) and May is not known yet since the writing of this article is before the second Saturday of the month. We'll provide those numbers in July. In place of those numbers here is some information from the Food Bank of Iowa.

\$1.00 in monetary donation is 4 meals
1.2 lbs. of donated food are 1 meal

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.

Community Meal

The Free Meals are still operating and you may now eat in the church during those meals. Here is the date and menu for June:

June 25th at 5:00 p.m.

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

The committee will plan the meals for July, August and September soon. Those menu plans will be shared once they are known.

Community Meal Continued

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 will 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 EYEGLASSES 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."



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are still working on our VBS program "Pilgrims Progress". We are holding weekly meetings on Monday's at 6:00 p.m. to review materials and make plans. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please plan to attend one or all of these Monday meetings.

We plan on gathering at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 25th to decorate the church for VBS. If you want to help, please come and help us. We believe we have enough decorations left over from old VBS sessions that new decorations are not needed.

During VBS we will be feeding the children each night. We do not need any donations for the food at this time. We plan on purchasing as much as possible through the Food Bank and then buying the remainder from Sam's. We plan on sending the leftovers each night home with the children so they have meals on other days of the week. The Thursday Family Night meal will be a freshly cooked meal for the families. Those leftovers will also be sent home with the families.

Continue to Remember in Our Prayers

Our Members in Care Facilities:

Gerry Langland (Valley View Village)

Edna Rinard at Edencrest at Riverwoods.

Our Homebound Members:

Madelyn Morey (in MO with her daughter)

Finance/Treasurer Report as of April 30, 2022

Bank Balance as of March 31, 2022	\$ 66,323.33
Receipts through April 30,2022	\$ 15,449.00
Disbursements through April 30,2022	\$ 39,660.78
Bank balance as of April 30, 2022	\$ 42,111.55
Less Committed Funds as of April 30,2022	\$ 22,849.77
Available funds as of April 30,2022	\$ 19,261.78

This report is submitted by:

David E. "Dave" Beery,

Current Staves Financial Secretary

Our Ill, Hospitalized or Recovering Members:)
Theresa Garrison



BIBLE STUDY
Monday Mornings
Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m.

For information contact
Norma Thierman
515-283-0090

UW Faith NEWS

May UW Faith (FKA UMW) Bible Verse: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Romans 13:9

UW Faith (FKA UMW) will host a summer Picnic and Hymn Sing on Sunday, July 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come and enjoy ice cream, treats, singing and fellowship.

There is no board meeting in June or July as the board is now on summer break. At the August meeting we will plan our Holiday Fair. That event is where you may purchase holiday decorations, books, crafts, and bake sale goods. We will also have a few vendors (items they have for sale will be known later).

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 15th to attend Holiday Fair. The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will serve lunch during the Holiday Fair from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Once the menu is known we will share it with everyone.

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 Dorcas, Esther and Eve Circle meetings. Please plan to attend any or all of these circles for fun, talk, and treats.

Urban Bike Food Ministry - Update

You all have been so supportive of the Urban Bike Food Ministry, UBFM, and the homeless of Des Moines, I wanted to give you an update.

The last 6 months have been hard on our homeless friends. The winter was not as bad as others for snow, but there were quite a few nights where it was very cold. We lost a friend that had his tent catch fire.

Another lady's tent caught fire and she lost everything. Later in the day, trading some text messages, UBFM was able to get her a tent, sleeping bag, and other supplies to get her back in some type of shelter. A couple of her cats were hurt in the fire, but she has them back now. The good news is, she is now off the street and has an apartment.

When I talk about UBFM and the homeless, I get emotional because I see so much need and pain in our homeless friends on the streets. But it makes my heart full when I see someone being helped and able to succeed when others are so generous and they do not even know the person they are being generous to.

Thank you so very much for all that you do, you are making a difference, even though you might not always see it.

It is not me; it is we!

Robby Collier



EVE Circle will meet June 25th, 9:30 a.m.
Hostess, JoAnn Riley
Devotions Program, Dorothy Deitch.
Bring a friend. Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062



JUNE MISSION

In 2008, a family of three decided to step out of their comfort zone and help the homeless. Out of that commitment, JOPPA has grown in to a 365 to 366-day mission of helping those who have fallen through the cracks.

Like other homeless services, JOPPA has its own unique place in the care of men and women and children on the street. The people that volunteer at JOPPA as well as the staff, provide a myriad of care, starting out by making sure that people have shelter and heat in the winter and supplies for the summer. The new Homeless Resource Center, located on Euclid across from Polk Co. Services, provides a permanent place to house needed services. It includes a water filling station, computer access, hygiene and survival items, free phone booth and phone charges and people who can help the homeless navigate from the streets and begging to housing and a job.

They have also looked at the housing market for low-income persons in Des Moines. "As part of our mission to prevent and ultimately end homelessness, Joppa is developing two fundamental housing solutions: Loft Cottages are Transitional homes in a gated community that provide a safe place for individuals to live while they gain a source of income and overcome other barriers before moving into a permanent home. Cottage Homes are permanent, truly affordable homes for seniors, veterans,

disabled individuals, and others living on fixed or part-time incomes, including those who were formerly homeless."

Joppa has studied successful models in other cities and is leading a collaborative effort to create practical alternatives for housing in Central Iowa. By working together, we can provide a safe place for every citizen in our community.

There are many opportunities to volunteer, donate, serve. If you are interested in helping JOPPA, please give during the month of June. Currency only please. More information will be on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall during June. Mark your mission envelope with JOPPA.

Thank you,
Mission Committee, Staves Memorial UMC



COMMUNITY DINNER

Saturday, June 25th, 5:00 p.m.

Menu: Grilled Hamburgers and Hot Dogs
Potato Salad, Chips, Dessert



Coming Soon

STAVES CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH — THURSDAY,
JUNE 30TH

5:45 P.M. — 8:15 P.M.
DINNER SERVED EVERY NIGHT

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
Staves Memorial United Methodist Church
May 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTIONS

Vice Chairperson, Jim Dowis began the meeting, with devotions and a prayer. The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed, and approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance Committee – Terri Pollard

The committee will meet in July, and research recurring credit card charges.

Financial Secretary – David Beery

A report was given, on giving, and budget financing.

Treasurer – Rick Atterbury

The treasurer's report as of April 30 was reviewed.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Pastor – Tim Walker

- A) Stamp out hunger food drive, this Saturday.
- B) Reception for new District Superintendent, Ron Carlson, September 18 at Ankeny First Church – United Methodist Women will assist with refreshments.
- C) Annual Conference coming up (first weekend in June) – Pastor Tim serving on the resolutions committee and the pensions committee.
- D) Current sermon series, “Renewing the Mind” will be followed by “Christianity for Non-Christians – The Basics of the Faith.”
- E) Vacation Bible School preparation:
 - 1) Social media – online registration.
 - 2) Every Door Direct Mail – need \$1500; Marilyn will talk to Phyllis (memorial committee about

- obtaining funding.
- F) Hearing assistance devices.
- G) Update on security cameras.
- H) Update on visitors to Staves Church.
- I) Finance – discussion about the joy of giving.

There was a period of discussion.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee – no report.

It was noted, evaluations are done.

Trustees – Terri Pollard reporting.

- A) Security cameras are installed and working – active 10 pm – 8 am.
- B) Mechanical contractor: Trustees have vote to award the contract to AJ Allen.
- C) Kitchen stoves and hoods – update on installation, and fire suppression system.
- D) Update on parking lot – Pastor Tim has been helping to identify realistic options.

BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Education/Sunday School – Norma Thierman

Monday morning Bible Study going well – six or seven attendees, so far.

Worship/Music - Steve Ellis

- A) Bell choir will assist with worship, this Sunday.
- B) Choir will finish the season, May 22.
- C) Looking for volunteers for special music for this summer (sign-up sheet is in the choir room – see a member of the worship committee for ideas on music).

Memorial Committee – no report.

United Methodist Women –

- A) Ladies Night Out was a huge success.
- B) Hymn sing/picnic/ice cream, July 24th.

Missions – Marilyn Burch

- A) This month's mission focus is Church World Service.
- B) Valley View Village – chapel renovation fundraisers, this Sunday, and also next month.

Food Pantry – Terri Pollard

Going well – business is increasing – as
pandemic benefits are beginning to expire.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS

A motion to send \$200 to the District
Superintendent's farewell, as a thank you for his
service, was approved by voice vote.

NEXT MEETING

June 15 [third Wednesday, this month only],
7:00 pm.

A motion to adjourn was agreed upon, and Pastor Tim
led us in a word of prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Ellis, secretary

ATTENDEES:

Jim Dowis
Pastor Tim Walker
David Beery
Marilyn Burch
JoAnn Riley
Rick Atterbury
Terri Pollard
Steve Ellis