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August 1, 2022

### **STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS**

*But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. 2 Corinthians 12:9*

It’s tough enough to give up possessions, and tougher still to give up positions but nobody wants to give up power.

There’s something about power (even a little power) that makes a person feel secure. We all like to feel as though we have control – the power to do what we want. In fact, isn’t that what teenage rebellion is about? Think of it this way – we spend 18 or 19 years attempting to grab the power over our own life. It starts when we are two and we say “No, I want to do it myself.” Then, when you step out into that long-awaited, sweet freedom of adulthood you realize that you are not at all free. Teachers, bosses, and life in general – all tell you what to do. Then the struggle for control starts all over again.

That’s what makes it so hard – you fight your whole life for control of it and then God says “Let me have it.” It’s hard to relinquish control of something you have fought so hard to control. In coming to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord we understand that God is in charge. He bought us with a price and we are His. But just like the two-year-old we still want some power. We want some control. We want to be able to do it ourselves on occasion. The reality is – anytime we do it ourselves - it is never what it could have been.

Can you name one area of your life where you still are holding some secret power? Some place where you haven’t fully surrendered control to God? Something you must control? The place you’re thinking of, is the place where you will struggle the most. You may fail there. That place could destroy you and I can guarantee that you will certainly not be blessed in that area of your life.

Many have trouble grasping this – they cannot see how surrendering to God will make them stronger. The 10th verse of 2nd Corinthians 12 teaches a seemingly contradictory concept, “For when I am weak, then I am strong.” The God of the Universe, who has all power, will not force His power on us. We can keep control if we want but it is not best for us. Our own strength robs us of the experience of God’s power. When we surrender to Him, He shows us that we are stronger in His power than we could have ever been in our own. It is in our weakness that we will truly know strength. It is in surrender that we win. In our lack of power, God’s power is perfected in us.

Give up that place of secret power in your life. The first step is to confess it to God. Practice letting it go – maybe a little at a time. Then learn to embrace weakness by acknowledging your need for God. The more you confess your weakness the more you will depend on God and you will soon discover that the weaker you are, the more God’s power rests on you.

Yours In Christ,

Pastor Tim Walker



surrender



## August Birthdays

Marilyn Arnold	8/03
Beck Cox	8/03
Kaylee Putzier	8/03
Bruce Wise	8/04
Andy Gervais	8/04
Marisa Gish	8/07
Roberta Forret	8/10
Bev Patterson	8/12
Levi McDonald	8/15
Jennie Gervais	8/17
Norma Thierman	8/19
Teresa Gish	8/22
Sandy Hudnall	8/25
Ron Riley	8/26

## August Calendar

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	TOPS Group	5:15 p.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dorcas Circle	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	1:00 p.m.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
5 <sup>th</sup>	China Painters	9:30 a.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
7 <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)	7:00 p.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	TOPS Group	5:15 p.m.
	Trustees	7:00 p.m.

9 <sup>th</sup>	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
	SPRC Meeting	6:30 p.m.
10 <sup>th</sup>	Esther Circle	9:30 a.m.
	<b>NO Ad Council Meeting</b>	
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5 :00 p.m.
12 <sup>th</sup>	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sandy McNamar Food Pantry	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
14 <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)	7:00 p.m.
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Tops Group	5:15 p.m.
	Missions Meeting (Koinonia Klass Room)	6:00 p.m.
17 <sup>th</sup>	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
18 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
19 <sup>th</sup>	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Caller Deadline'</b>	
	All Church Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
21 <sup>st</sup>	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Church Women United Board Meeting	11:30 a.m.
	TOPS Group	5:15 p.m.
24 <sup>th</sup>	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	1:00 -3:00 p.m.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
27 <sup>th</sup>	Eve Circle	9:30 a.m.
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	Community Meal	5:00 p.m.
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## Staves' Sandy McNamar Food Pantry

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

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The numbers for June are as follows:

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### COMMUNITY MEAL

The Free Meals continues to reach community and church members with food and fellowship once a month. The dedicated group of volunteers meets about every three months to plan the menus as a group and determine who can help supply each dish. We've made great friends and look forward to making more. Please plan to join us one month and see how this outreach program operates. The dates and menus for the next couple of months are:

August 27th

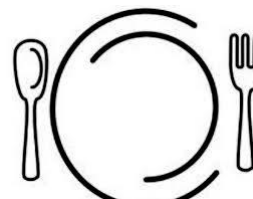
Pulled Pork Sandwiches  
Cole Slaw  
Baked Beans  
Dessert

September 24th

Spaghetti with Meat Sauce  
Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Desserts

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.

### COMMUNITY MEAL



**August 27, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Pulled Pork Sandwiches**  
**Cole Slaw**  
**Baked Beans**  
**Dessert**

**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*,

**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."

**For the Lions Club,  
Save your Eyeglasses, 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 Eyeglasses," located by the mailboxes in the narthex.

<b>Finance/Treasurer Report As of June 30, 2022</b>	
Bank Balance as of June 1, 2022	\$ 43,628.95
Receipts through June 30, 2022	\$ 20,247.00
Disbursements through June 30, 2022	\$ 20,837.60
Bank balance as of June 30, 2022	\$ 43,038.35
Less Committed Funds as of June 30, 2022	\$ 23,701.54
Available funds as of June 30, 2022	\$ 19,336.81
 <i><b>This report is submitted by: David E. "Dave" Beery, Current Staves Financial Secretary</b></i>	

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

During August and September, we will plan the Fall Festival Event that will be held on October 30th. While the title has changed a little this is still the Safe Beggars Night Fun Night that we hold each year. If you would like to help with this planning or wish to work the event, please plan to attend both the August and September meetings.

Bible study programs are running strong on Sunday morning (9:00 a.m.) or Monday morning (10:00 a.m.). Please plan to join one of these groups to learn more and develop fellowship with the other members of the groups.

## AUGUST MISSIONS

No report available.

## Men's Night Out

**Ax Throwing**  
**Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**Meet at the church**  
**At 4:15**

**Church bus will depart at 4:30 p.m.**

## UW Faith NEWS

**May UW Faith (FKA UMW) Bible Verse:**  
“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
“Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”  
And I said, “Here I am. Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

We do hope that everyone enjoyed the summer Picnic and Hymn Sing on Sunday, July 24th in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Additionally, at the August meeting we will be discussing the treats we need to make to help host a reception for the new DS Ron Carlson. That reception is being held at Ankeny First in September.

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 a short program or Bible study, fun, talk, and treats.

**EVE Circle will meet August 27, 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend. Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062.**

## TRUSTEES UPDATE

Here are the updates on the latest Trustee Projects:

The only outstanding project is the new stoves in the kitchen. We have finally gotten clarification on the need for fire suppression systems in the hoods. We do need to have those type of hoods and we are working on finding money to make that purchase and have those hoods installed. The restaurant supply house that we have been working with has proven very helpful in finding us the right equipment and even folks to install. We are hoping (and yes praying) that this project will be finished in August.

Yes, the bathroom projects are still on-going. The ladies' restroom in the South Hall is almost complete. The new base boards are in process. (It gets a little hot these days in the garage to cut and paint the boards; so sorry it is taking so long.) The nursery bathroom is also now in progress. Once these two bathrooms are complete, we will work on cleaning the floors in all the upstairs bathrooms and re-waxing them. Then we'll work on the bathrooms and possibly some classrooms in the basement.

We are still looking at the parking lot and all possible solutions for it. We will let you know any viable solutions that we find.

If you have something you think needs worked on in the church, please talk to a Trustee (see list of committee people posted in the Narthex) or send an email to the Trustees at [sumtrustees@aol.com](mailto:sumtrustees@aol.com). Thanks.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES**

Staves Memorial United Methodist Church

July 13, 2022

### **CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTIONS**

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

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

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS (Terri Pollard)**

A) Finance – Budget proposals for 2023 need to be submitted to Terri by August 31.

B) Stewardship – preparing for the annual pledge campaign, in September/October.

C) Financial Secretary – updating the account with Amazon Smiles.

D) The treasurer's report as of June 30 was reviewed.

### **REQUESTS FOR FUNDS (Tim Walker)**

Office equipment, \$5371, from available funds, to be used as follows:

copier, \$3571.06

folder, \$1000

computer for Diane, \$800

A motion to approve \$5371 for the items listed above was agreed upon.

### **TRUSTEES (Michelle Rogers)**

A) Hoods will be needed for the kitchen, \$8000; will request funding from the foundation.

B) Parking lot – discussion of financing, and conference protocol for significant

### **TRUSTEES (Michelle Rogers) Continued**

improvements to the property. It was noted, bids are still being solicited.

### **PASTOR (Tim Walker)**

A) Twenty-five new attendees, since January 2021; planning a new member orientation.

B) Charge Conference, October 3, 2:00 p.m. at Sheridan Park United Methodist Church.

C) Reception for incoming district superintendent, September 18.

D) Diane will be out of the office the rest of the week.

E) Tim will be on vacation, July 25-31. Rick Roghair will provide the message on July 31, and also on August 14 (Tim attending 150 yr. celebration at Grace UMC in Spencer).

### **STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS**

#### **COMMITTEE** (Tim Walker reporting)

The committee will meet soon, to discuss a recommendation to keep Pastor Tim at Staves for another year.

### **BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

Education – Norma Thierman

A) Successful VBS, we had a good team of teachers/helpers!

16 kids, 20 teachers/helpers, 51 attended Thursday night meal.



**BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD  
CONTINUED**

B) Meeting to discuss Fall Fun Night, Monday evening at 6:00 p.m.

It was noted, the Hispanic congregation anniversary celebration, June or July 2023. Pastor Tim has been asked to preach.

There was a brief period of discussion.

**Worship/Music – Steve Ellis**

Choir will begin, September 7.

**UW Faith – Terri Pollard**

A) On break for the summer.

B) Ice cream social/hymn sing, July 24, 6:00 p.m.

C) Treats for district superintendent reception (see pastor section, above).

**Missions – Tim Walker, reporting**

Voice of the Martyrs – Afghan nationals resettling in Iowa – discussion of sponsoring one or more families.

**Food Pantry/Community Meal**

A brief report was given, as the need continues – 38 individuals/13 families. Terri has made flyers.

**NEW/OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**NEXT MEETING**

September 14, 7:15 p.m.

A motion to cancel the August meeting, unless an unforeseen need arises, was approved by voice vote.

Pastor Tim closed the meeting, with a word of prayer.

*Respectfully submitted*

*Steve Ellis, secretary*

**ATTENDEES:**

- Brian McNamar
- Pastor Tim Walker
- Margo Schamerhorn
- Jo Ann Riley
- Judy Gustafson
- Jim Dowis
- Jim McPherson
- Bev Dowis
- Linda McPherson
- Norma Thierman
- Terri Pollard
- Michell Rogers
- Steve Ellis