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Weakness

I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." (II Corinthians 12: 7-9)

Humans did not become the dominate species on earth by being weak. We are driven to conquer, control, and dominate and therefore weakness is not an option for us. We strive to erase weakness so that we are not overcome by anything.

Yet, Paul found that in his weakness God was able to do things that God could not with Paul's strengths. You see God will allow himself to be limited according to how much control we are willing to give Him. We like grace, but we want to control it. We like God being all powerful, but only as long as we know what He's going to do with that power. And be allowed to serve as God's advisor on what He should do with that power.

But when we're weak. God has power in our weakness. When we realize that God can do much more in and through us when we get out of the way – we can embrace our weakness and allow God to work in spite of our human limitations.

Paul had physical limitations. There are indications that it was his eyesight. Poor eyesight in the days before eyeglasses were invented would have been extremely hard. Paul felt helpless and weak. But God has ways of working that we cannot fathom. In Paul's weakened state God could work more freely and more powerfully.

I wonder sometimes if our excuses about what we **can't** do keeps God from doing what only He **can** do. So, give up depending on your own strength; **what God is doing is not about you and your abilities.** Then exercise courage by stepping up and claiming God's perfect power in the midst of your weakness(s). Look to see where He might use you in ways that are beyond your own ability. Then, allow God's power to lead.



September Birthdays

Margo Schamerhorn	9/04
Janness Heuton	9/10
Kathi Nichols	9/11
Nancy Mitchell	9/16
Dale Ogle	9/17
Darlene Fitzgerald	9/18
Ron Heuton	9/22
Sue Middleton	9/22
Candi Cox	9/23
Sioux Newberg	9/23
Theresa Garrison	9/28
Dean McCollum	9/29
Bob Baker	9/30

September Calendar

1 st	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
2 nd	No China Painters Hispanic Worship (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
4 th	Communion Sunday Sunday School Worship Service Fellowship Time Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
5 th	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY Church Office Closed No Bible Study TOPS Group Weigh in Only	6:00 p.m. 5:15 p.m.
6 th	UWfaith Board Meeting	6:00 p.m.
7 th	Dorcas Circle Choir Practice Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
8 th	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
9 th	China Painters	9:30 a.m.

10 th	Hispanic Worship (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
11 th	Sandy McNamar Food Pantry	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Sunday School Worship Service Fellowship Time Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
12 th	Bible Study TOPS Group Trustees	10:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
13 th	Covenant Group Finance (Koinonia Room) DANA	1:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
14 th	Esther Circle Choir Practice Ad Council Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
15 th	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
16 th	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
17 th	All Church Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
18 th	Sunday School Worship Service Fellowship Time Reception for DS Ron Carlson Ankeny UMC Christian Life Center, 710 NE 36th Street, Ankeny	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
19 th	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel) Bible Study Church Women United Board Meeting TOPS Group Education (Koinonia Room)	7:00 p.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:15 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
20 th	Caller Deadline	
21 st	Choir Practice Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
22 nd	NO CRAFT GROUP	
23 rd	Hispanic Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
24 th	Eve Circle Sandy McNamar Food Pantry Community Meal	9:30 a.m. 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
25 th	Sunday School Worship Service Fellowship Time Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
26 th	Bible Study TOPS Group	10:00 a.m. 5:15 p.m.
27 th	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
28 th	Choir Practice Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
29 th	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
30 th	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	7:00 p.m.

Staves' Sandy McNamar Food Pantry

The Pantry dates for September are: Saturday, September 10th and Saturday, September 24th. The Food Pantry is open from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each of those days.

The numbers for June are as follows:

30 Families serving 92 people

We will have the information on pounds of food in and out for July in the next caller.

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

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.

September 24th, 5:00 p.m.
Spaghetti with Meat Sauce
Salad
Garlic Bread
Desserts

The Community Meal group will also help with the food served during the Fall Fun Night again this year. We will be making beef burgers and

serve chips and cookies with them. If you would like to donate the small sized potato chips or a package of sandwich cookies to the meal that would be wonderful. Give donations for this meal to Terri Pollard.

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

Spaghetti Dinner



September 24, 5:00 p.m.
Spaghetti With Meat Sauce
Garlic Bread
Salad
Dessert

Reception for New DS

Ron Carlson

Sunday, September 18

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Ankeny UMC Christian Life Center

710 N.E. 36th Street

Ankeny, Iowa

**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 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.

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."

Finance/Treasurer Report As of July 31, 2022	
Bank Balance as of July 1, 2022	\$ 43,038.35
Receipts through July 31, 2022	\$ 25,831.10
Disbursements through July 31, 2022	\$ 24,224.11
Bank balance as of July 31, 2022	\$ 44,645.34
Less Committed Funds as of July 31, 2022	\$ 25,086.26
Available funds as of July 31, 2022	\$ 19,559.08
 <i>This report is submitted by: David E. "Dave" Beery, Current Staves Financial Secretary</i>	

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

During 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. We only need candy for this event. We are hearing that “Halloween Candy” could be in short supply this year, so please if you want to donate start looking and buying now. Give your donations to Norma Thierman.

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.

SEPTEMBER MISSIONS

November 1, 1980, was the first “Ingathering”, held on the campus at Westmar College in LeMars, IA. Blankets, kits, animals, and corn were brought in to go out to those in need. Three hundred clergy and laity attended and raised \$44,882 in cash and in-kind gifts (cattle, corn). Known as the Bishop’s Ingathering, it started as two men talked about how to help those with hunger and poverty in a world of plenty. The name was changed to Thanksgiving Ingathering. In time the shipments of livestock and grain were changed to cash to cut down on costs and difficulty getting the goods to where they were needed. Today, there are five sites around the state of Iowa that gather items-

LeMars, Greenfield, Mt Pleasant, Wavery and Humboldt. Crafts and baked goods are sold. Quilts and woodcrafts are auctioned. And kits put together by various churches are collected to go around the world through Midwest Mission located in Illinois. The funds from the auction and sale are used to support local services that help those who do not have enough food. Other areas of support include Church World Service blankets, Heifer International, Self Help International-Feeding Project, Mobility Worldwide Iowa-Hawarden (PET carts) and Midwest Mission-kits. Recently, the money raised through the auctions go to support local food pantries in the area where the auctions are held. Staves has long been a part of Ingathering. This year we are asking for cash donations. The money will be taken to Greenfield November 5th to support Midwest Mission as it sends needed supplies throughout the world. This year alone, Midwest Mission has sent six storage units of kits and supplies to Ukraine. And they have just added Grenada to its list of countries in need. Your donation this month, won’t save the world. IT WILL save a life, make it better and give hope in a dark world.

Thank you,

Missions Committee

UW Faith NEWS

UW Faith (FKA UMW) Bible Verse: “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

Plans are now under way for the 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

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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.

We are also happy to announce we are making treats for a reception for the new DS Ron Carlson. That reception is on Sunday, September 18th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The address for the Ankeny UMC Christian Life Center is 710 NE 36th Steet. Currently we will purchase a couple vegetable trays, a couple fruit trays, and a couple cheese/meat trays. Wei will also provide cracker, cookies, bars, scotcharoos and brownies for snacks. Please come and meet our new DS.

In September every woman in Staves has the opportunity to vote (one vote per person please) for the recipient(s) of the Special Recognition Pin given in November by UWFaith. Ballots will be available to ladies at all Circle Meetings and the September Board meeting. If you are not a Circle attendee or Board member, please see Terri Pollard to vote.

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 September 24, 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Bring a friend. Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062.

NO ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES – Did not meet in August.

TRUSTEES UPDATE

Here are the updates on the latest Trustee Projects:

The only outstanding project is the new stoves in the kitchen. Well we didn't make August for completion of the kitchen, but we are finally close. The funds needed were received and the fire suppression system was ordered. It takes about 4 or 5 weeks to receive the product so we are looking at late September for stove and hood delivery and the installation of the fire suppression system. Please continue to pray for the completion of this project. I believe it will be a great update to the kitchen when it is finally complete.

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. With the cooler weather cutting those base boards and painting them should be good. 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.

The largest crack in the parking lot has been patched again. Hopefully this will hold for awhile. We continue to research possible solutions for fixing or replacing the full lot. 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.

Thanks.