



## Staves Memorial United Methodist Church

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October 1, 2022

## Let Your Light Shine

*Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.*

*1 Corinthians 12:27*

There is a church in England that has no lights. Many people who visit the church are shocked that the architect left out something as important as overhead lighting. But the architect had a plan. The various families who regularly attend the church are given their own pew, as well as a lamp. When a family comes to church, their lamp is lit. If they are not in church, the pew is dark.

What difference can one darkened pew make? Not much, you might think. But what if several pews were lacking lamps? Then the whole church would be affected. If all are present and in their pews the church is alive with light. If not, the church remains darkened.

This is a beautiful picture of the church being the body of Christ. If anyone of us is not using the gifts God has given us, there will be darkness. But as we use our gifts, the whole body will be full of light. This is how intimately we are linked with one another. That's why the Lord made it a command – "For this is what the Lord has commanded us: I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." (Acts 13: 47) He has made us a light in order to shine for the sake of others.

Even the simple act of showing up for worship is a witness to those who visit Staves Church. It says, "I am here to worship Jesus Christ and that is important enough that I make the time for it." I can't begin to tell you the number of people that I have encountered at the Dentist office or Grocery Store that tell me they are wanting to find a church because they feel that something is missing in their lives. A full parking lot does indeed grab the attention of passersby who are longing to find that missing piece.



## October Birthdays

### October

Nancy Baker	10/10
Deanna Findlay	10/11
Michelle Rogers	10/19
Carolyn Mitchell	10/21
Beth Hammack	10/22
Arlene Dunn	10/23
Gary Young	10/23
Sharon Johnson	10/24
Jo Reynolds	10/26
Brenda Entler	10/29

## October Calendar

2 <sup>nd</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 p.m.
	<b>Charge Conference</b>	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Sheridan Park UMC</b>	
	<b>4100 E. Sheridan Avenue</b>	
	<b>Des Moines</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	TOPS Group	5:15 p.m.
	UW Faith Meeting	6:00 p.m.
5 <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 (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
6 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
7 <sup>th</sup>	China Painters	9:30 a.m.
	Hispanic Worship (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All Church Breakfast</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
	Sandy McNamar Food Pantry	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
9 <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 p.m.

10 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	TOPS Group	5:15 p.m.
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m.
11 <sup>th</sup>	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
	SPRC Meeting	6:30 p.m.
12 <sup>th</sup>	Esther Circle	9:30 a.m.
	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Ad Council Meeting	7:15 p.m.
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
13 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Set up for Holiday Fair</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. until done</b>
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Holiday Fair</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b>
16 <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.
17 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Church Women United Board Meeting	11:30 a.m.
	TOPS Group	5:15 p.m.
	<b>Education (Koinonia Room)</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
	<b>Help with Fall Fun Night</b>	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Caller Deadline</b>	
	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
21 <sup>st</sup>	Hispanic Worship Service	7:00 p.m.
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b><u>NO EVE CIRCLE (will meet Oct. 29)</u></b>	
	<b>Gerry Langland Memorial Service</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
	<b>Lunch following service</b>	
23 <sup>rd</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.
24 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	TOPS Group	5:15 p.m.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
27 <sup>th</sup>	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
28 <sup>th</sup>	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Eve Circle</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
	Sandy McNamar Food Pantry	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Community Meal	5:00 p.m.
30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>All Saints Day Observance</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.
	<b>Fall Festival</b>	<b>5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</b>
31 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	TOPS Group	5:15 p.m.

**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 August 31, 2022</b>	
Bank Balance as of August 1, 2022	\$ 44,645.34
Receipts through August 31, 2022	\$ 23,561.59
Disbursements through August 31, 2022	\$ 35,804.54
Bank balance as of August 31, 2022	\$ 32,402.39
Less Committed Funds as of August 31, 2022	\$ 14,733.45
Available funds as of August 31, 2022	\$ 17,668.94
 <i>This report is submitted by: David E. "Dave" Beery, Current Staves Financial Secretary</i>	

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

During October we will plan the Fall Festival Event that will be held on October 30th. While the title has changed a little this it 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 the October meeting. 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.

We are very pleased to announce that we have an elementary Sunday School program that starts at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. Currently depending on attendance, we have two to four children in the class. Norma is the teacher. We are also excited to say we now have a Junior High Sunday School also. Andy Gervais is the teacher and we have at least one child and the possibility to add a couple more. Those children will also be in the new Confirmation Class that will be starting with Pastor Tim. If you have a child or know of a child interested in learning about God, please see one of these teachers to get the child added to a class.

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.

## Community Meals

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. Menus for October, November and December have not been set yet, but we will share those when they are known. The meal dates are:

## Community Meals Continued

- October 29<sup>th</sup>
- November 26<sup>th</sup>
- December 31<sup>st</sup>

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.

## UWFaith NEWS

*UWFaith (FKA UMW) Bible Verse: “But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Matthew 5:44 (NIV)*

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 15th to attend the 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. Lunch will be:

- Staves Burgers and Chips for \$5.00
- Hot Dog and Chips for \$4.00
- Potato Soup or Chili for \$4.00 a bowl
- Pie for \$3.00 a slice
  - Chocolate Silk
  - Cherry
  - Apple
  - Pumpkin
  - Peach

At the Holiday Fair you may purchase holiday decorations, books/DVDs, crafts, and bake sale goods. We will also have a few vendors who have handmade crafts and Watkins Products. We are also looking for a Pampered Chef vendor and other vendors.

## UWFaith NEWS Continued

If you are a UWFaith member and wish to bring items for the bake sale we are very happy to have them. Please drop them off on either Friday, October 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or bring on Saturday, October 15th at 10:00 a.m. Please include a label telling us what the baked goods are, for example peanut butter cookies, brownies, etc. This just helps the ladies at the bake sale table to know what they are selling. You can prepackage the items or let us do that for you.

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.

BTW I had several requests for the recipe for the Apple Cake I made for Carmen's funeral so here it is:

### FRESH APPLE CAKE

2 1/2 cups sifted flour  
2 cups sugar  
1 tsp baking soda  
1 tsp baking powder  
1 tsp cinnamon  
1/2 tsp salt  
1 cup vegetable oil  
2 cups chopped unpeeled apples  
3 beaten eggs  
1 6 ounce pkg butterscotch chips  
1 cup chopped pecans

Blend all ingredients except chips and pecans. Spread in greased and floured 13 by 9 pan. Sprinkle chips and pecans over the top.

Bake at 325 degrees for one hour.

## Trustees Update

Here are the updates on the latest Trustee Projects:

We are excited to say that we finally have accepted delivery of the new stoves and the hoods. One of the trustees will be installing the hoods in the kitchen in the near future. Once the stoves and hoods are installed, the company will install the fire suppression systems into the hoods. Thanks for your continued prayers that we are able to complete this project.

The bathrooms updates in the south hall are almost complete. The new base boards are in process. The nursery bathroom is also now in process. 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 Trustees are reviewing the contract for the snow removal on the parking lot since that season is coming up soon. We'll do our best to ensure that the parking lot is clean for church activities, especially for church on Sunday morning.

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.

## Food Pantry

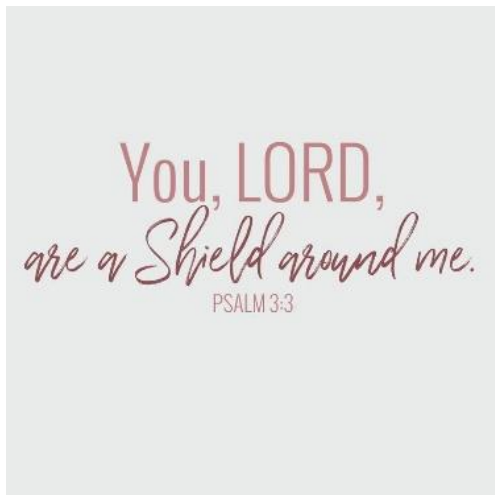
The Pantry dates for October are: Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and October, 29<sup>th</sup>. The Food Pantry is open from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each of those days

The numbers for August are as follows:

32 Families serving 127 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,

## OCTOBER MISSIONS



**Thanksgiving.** The mission for October is Thanksgiving. The food: turkeys, ham, potatoes, and sides.

Not everyone is going to have the money for turkeys at x.xx a lb. or hams at y.yy a lb. let alone any extras. That is why the Mission committee is asking you, the congregation to give a monetary donation so that the Sandy McNamar Food Pantry can provide these supplies. And maybe donations of sweet potatoes, green beans, pies and other goodies can be given out too.

♡♡♡♡♡A SIDE NOTE. The money received for Heifer International will be enough to send a girl to school at \$275.00 and buy a goat and a sheep at 120.00 apiece. Plus, chickens and rabbits. We received \$515 and change. Thank you!

*The Mission Committee*

**EVE Circle** will meet October 29, 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Marilyn Burch will be giving the program on her trip to Israel. Bring a friend. Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062.

## **ALL SAINT'S DAY OBSERVANCE**

All Saint's Day will be observed during worship service on Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

## URBAN BICYCLE FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE

As you might have heard, I have taken over as CEO, Chief Burrito Slinger of the Urban Bicycle Food Ministry. I know this is a big responsibility and I am looking forward to the challenge.

I want to thank Stave's United Methodist Church for all you have done for UBFM and more importantly the homeless of Des Moines. There are 7 routes (5 bikes and 2 cars) that go out each week and each week every route sees more homeless and food insufficient. We make 700 burritos, 300 PB&J and 300 turkey sandwiches, and we will still run out of food.

I would like to tell you about a guy I met a few weeks ago at Cowles Commons in downtown Des Moines. He was in a wheelchair, just got out of the hospital because of complications from having his foot amputated because of diabetes. I rolled up on my bike and asked him if he would like to have some super. He gave me the biggest smile and said, "Yes Please". Talking with him, I could see that he has the greatest outlook on life. He would talk about being blessed and how God has touched him. I am sure there are times when he might question why, but he has faith. After meeting him, I thought about him for a few days. Made me think about myself and how good I have it. Also made me think about if times are hard or things are not going right, put a smile on and have faith. UBFM is not just changing the lives of those on the streets, but also those that serve them.

If you would like to see what UBFM does, come down to Capitol Hill Lutheran Church on any Thursday at 4:30 pm to prepare food or 5:45 to go out to serve. I would love to show you around.

**We are getting close to that time of the year where we need blankets. So, I am asking for you to look in your closets for any blankets you are not using and would like to donate.**

Again, thank you for all you have done for the homeless of Des Moines.

Robby Collier

# ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Staves Memorial United Methodist Church  
September 14, 2022

## CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTIONS

**Pastor, Tim Walker** called the meeting to order, and shared devotions and a prayer. The minutes of the July meeting were reviewed, and approved as presented.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### **Finance/Stewardship – Terri Pollard**

Planning the annual pledge drive for November, and updating the church mailing list.

### **Financial Secretary – David Beery**

Offering envelopes for 2023 have arrived; also preparing year-end financial statements.

### **Treasurer – Rick Atterbury**

- A) The treasurer's report as of August 31 was reviewed.
- B) The budget proposal for 2023 was reviewed. It was noted, many items will increase. A motion to approve the budget proposal for discussion and questions.

### **Foundation – Andy Gervais**

Funds for acquisition and installation of new stoves, and a fire suppression system for the kitchen, have been allocated.

### **Memorial Committee Treasurer – Phyllis Anderson/Jim McPherson**

All Saints Sunday (service of remembrance) will be the last Sunday in October. There was a period of discussion.

## **REQUESTS FOR FUNDS**

None.

## SPECIFIC REPORTS

### **Pastor - Tim Walker**

- A) Funerals – Carmen Putzier/Chuck Hammack.
- B) New members to be received soon (seven).
- C) Confirmation class will begin in October (three prospects).
- D) Wedding policy will be updated in the coming months (SPRC).
- E) Bus ministry – will start up again.
- F) Praying for God to give us a VISION.
- G) Update on persons in the hospital.

### **Staff/Parish Relations Committee – Pastor Tim reporting.**

- A) Wedding policy update – see above.
- B) Committee is praying for the pastor.

### **Trustees – Terri Pollard, reporting.**

- A) Installation of hoods/fire suppression system in kitchen – getting scheduled.
- B) Smaller projects:
  - Faucet handles (bathroom).
  - Weeds/wasps in playground.

## BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

### **Education/Sunday School – Norma Thierman**

- A) Update on the Monday morning study group.
- B) There is now a Sunday school class for grades K-3.
- C) Fall fun night – October 30 (Sunday) from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. There will be a meeting this Coming Monday to continue the planning process.

## **Worship/Music**

It was agreed, the worship committee will meet on September 26, at 7:00 pm.

It was noted, on December 4, we will have a guest speaker: Paul Witmer, Chaplin, Women at the Well, will give the message on that Sunday.

It was also noted, this year Christmas is on a Sunday.

## **Memorial Committee**

Nothing further to report.

## **UW Faith – Marilyn Burch**

- A) Reception for new district superintendent, this Sunday.
- B) Holiday Fair, October 15. (lunch, bake sale).
- C) UW Sunday, November 13 (thank offering, recognition pin, ladies volunteer to lead worship).

## **Missions – Marilyn Burch**

October mission emphasis: Staves food pantry turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner. December emphasis: Bidwell toys, items for the homeless.

## **Food Pantry – Margo Schamerhorn**

The pantry serves between 30 – 40 people, each time it's open.

## **NEW/OTHER BUSINESS - None**

## **NEXT MEETING**

October 12, 7:15 pm.

Pastor Tim led attendees in prayer, to conclude the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Ellis, Secretary

## **ATTENDEES**

Pastor Tim Walker, Terri Pollard, Rick Atterbury, Jim McPherson, Linda McPherson, Phyllis Anderson, JoAnn Riley, Andy Gervais, David Beery, Marilyn Burch, Margo Schamerhorn, Norma Thierman, Rick Roghair, Gauge Roghair, and Steve Kellis