



Staves Memorial United Methodist Church

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November 1, 2023

WITNESS

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses....” Acts 1:8

Before the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, Jesus said that the primary task of His followers will be to exist as witnesses. Too often we look at the task of witnessing as something we resolve ourself to do. As if witnessing is something like a child having to eat his or her vegetables. Notice what Jesus says before His challenge to be His witnesses, **“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.”**

We do not witness in our own strength. We can witness only because the Holy Spirit gives us the power to do so. We do not witness alone. God’s Holy Spirit goes ahead of us. Once we respond in obedience to this call to witness, we find ourselves empowered as we tell others the good news of Jesus. This happens because we are operating according to God’s plan and God’s power.

Pray today that God will give you an opportunity to witness to someone who desperately needs to hear the good news. Then, look for that opportunity, and don’t forget that the Holy Spirit will give you the power to follow through at that moment.

November Calendar

- 1st **Wednesday**
- Dorcas Circle 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - Bell Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
 - Cantata Practice 6:30 p.m.
 - Choir Practice 7:15 p.m.
 - Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 2nd **Thursday**
- Craft Group 5:00 p.m.
- 3rd **Friday**
- China Painters 9:30 a.m.
 - Church Women United—World Community Day (Highland Park Christian Church) Noon
 - Hispanic Worship 7:00 p.m.
- 4th **Saturday**
- Ingathering Missions -Greenfield 7:00 a.m.
- 5th **Sunday -- ALL SAINTS' DAY**
- HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY
 - Adult Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
 - 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.
 - The Chosen Season 3 Bible Study 4:00 p.m.
 - Youth Group 6:00 p.m.
 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ends
- 6th **Monday**
- Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 - The Chosen 3 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 - TOPS Group 5:15 p.m.
- 7th **Tuesday—Election Day**
- New Member Bible Study 2:00 p.m.
 - Trustees Meeting 7:00 p.m.
 - UWFaith 6:00 p.m.
- 8th **Wednesday**
- Midwest Mission Trip (Jefferson) 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - Esther Circle 9:30 a.m.

- 8th **Wednesday (continued)**
- Bell Choir 5:30 p.m.
 - Cantata Practice 6:30 p.m.
 - Choir Practice 7:15 p.m.
 - Ad Council 7:15 p.m.
 - Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 9th **Thursday**
- Craft Group 5:00 p.m.
- 10th **Friday**
- Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- 11th **Saturday -- Veterans Day**
- Sandy McNamar Food Pantry 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 12th **Sunday -- Thank You Sunday**
- UWFaith Thank Offering Recognition Pins
 - Noisy Offering
 - Adult Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
 - Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 - Worship Service 10:00 a.m.
 - Fellowship Time 11:00 a.m.
 - UWFaith General Meeting/Installation of Officers after church
 - Hispanic Worship Service (chapel) 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
 - The Chosen Season 3 Bible Study 4:00 p.m.
 - Youth Group 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 13th **Monday**
- Adult Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 - The Chosen Season 3 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
 - TOPS Group 5:15 p.m.
- 14th **Tuesday**
- Covenant Group 1:00 p.m.
 - New Members Bible Study 2:00 p.m.
 - SPRC 6:30 p.m.
 - DANA 7:00 p.m.
- 15th **Wednesday**
- Bell Choir 5:30 p.m.
 - Cantata Practice 6:30 p.m.
 - Choir Practice 7:15 p.m.
 - Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Nancy Walker	11/01
De Streeter	11/12
Jean Miles	11/13
Jody Peters	11/14
Marilyn Ogle	11/17
Sally Spaulding	11/17
Jean Alderman	11/18
Kalel Horner	11/25
Beverly Baker	11/29

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,

Community Meal Last Saturday of every month.

**Next dinner will be:
November 25th at 5:00 p.m.**

**Menu:
Chicken & Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Jello Salad
Dessert**

Save your Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, and Can Tabs

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.

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 white basket in the narthex marked "Pop Tabs."



BUS RIDERS: If you want the bus to pick you up, please call the office (515-266-0265) and leave a message by Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. stating whether you want picked up for Sunday School or Church Service.

PILLAR OF PRAYER: If you need to request a pillar of prayer, please call either Diane at the church office Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or Marilyn Ogle all other times at 515 266-6876. Thanks!

BIBLE STUDIES

The CHOSEN Season 3
Monday Mornings 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Afternoons at
4:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
Terri Pollard
515-491-5287

Also, Adult Bible Study
Mondays, 10:00 a.m.
Norma Thierman
515-283-0090

All Church Breakfast

THIRD SATURDAY
OF EVERY MONTH

Next breakfast will be on:
Saturday, November 18th
8:00 a.m.

Finance/Treasurer Report

September 30, 2023

Bank Balance as of August 31, 2023
\$25,502.82

September receipts-budget items
\$12,837.00

September receipts-missions \$384.18

September receipts-committed funds
\$ 130.00

Total receipts \$13,351.18

September disbursements-budget items
\$15,303.42

September disbursements-missions \$ 650.42

September disbursements-committed funds
\$ 91.78

Total disbursements \$16,045.62

Bank balance as of September 30, 2023
\$22,808.38

Less Committed Funds as of
September 30, 2023 \$23,381.23

Available funds as of August 31, 2023
negative \$ 572.85

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

Eve Circle

**Will Not Meet in November and
December**

Eve Circle

**Is collecting the following items
For the Eastside
Women/Children's Shelter:**

**Newborn socks, onesies, tissue,
laundry pods and dryer sheets,
adult word search and crossword
puzzle books.**

Sherry Palmer, 515-991-1062.

**FOOD PANTRY 2ND SATURDAY
AND
LAST SATURDAY OF EACH
MONTH.**

2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Next dates:

**November 11th
November 25th**

Christian Education

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate and run the games at the Fall Fun Night. This article is being written before the event but if the past is an indication, we probably had 40 to 50 kids and adults. We also served beef burgers as the dinner.

The Monday morning Bible study has started again and will take place at 10:00 a.m. for those not interested in the study for The Chosen. The Chosen study is now watching and discussing Season 3. There is a session on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. and Monday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Remember that we have an elementary Sunday School program and a Youth Sunday School program. Both of these start at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. We also have an Adult Study Program that starts about 8:45 a.m. and discusses information on hymns.

Community Meals

The Free Meals continues to reach community and church members with food and fellowship once a month. This meal is always the last Saturday of the month. The menu changes each month and is picked, cooked, and served by members of the Community Meal workgroup.

We know the main entrees for the months of November and December but we haven't determined the side. But please come and enjoy the food.

- November Chicken and Noodles
- December Spaghetti and Meat Balls.

While the meal is free, donations are accepted. 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.

Trustees Update

Here are the updates on the latest Trustee Projects.

The next project on the Trustees list is to review the situation with the doors and openers in the three-bay garage. The doors and openers are old and starting to show their age. We are also waiting on the fall furnace check-up.

Most of the thermostats have been switched over to heat and are set at 72 degrees. Hopefully this will help us with the costs. Please dress accordingly.

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.

Food Pantry

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

Here are the numbers for September:

- Families 59
- People 180
- Pounds of Food In 1,265
- Pounds of Food Out 1,195
- Personal Items In 18
- Personal Items Out 29

With the colder weather coming in we could use the following items:

- Canned Soup
- Saltine Crackers
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables

Thanks to each of you who purchased food each month to donate to the Food Pantry. While we

Food Pantry continued

buy as much as we can through the Food Bank of Iowa your donations also support the pantry and these families help us too. We can use canned fruit and hamburger helper dinners, as quickly as these come in, they go out.

UWFaith News (A.K.A) Petticoat Patter

UWFaith News (A.K.A) Petticoat Patter UWFaith (FKA UMW) Bible Verse: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6 (NIV)

Thanks to everyone who came to the Holiday Fair. We made around \$600 which will help support the UW in Faith mission work.

Recognition Pin voting is complete and we will present the pins on Sunday, November 12th during the Worship Service. The recipients will be published in the December Caller.

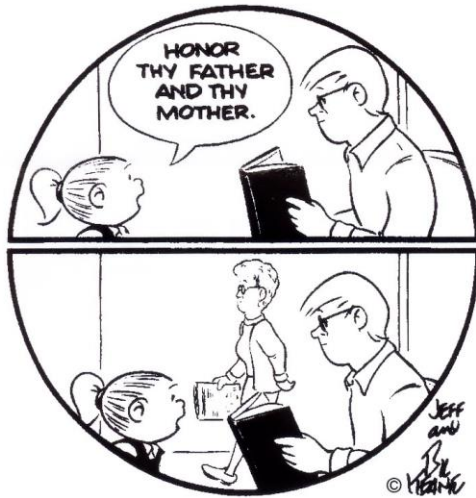
Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 12th. That is our next general meeting with lunch after Fellowship. We will be installing the officers for 2024. The program is pictures and information of Terri Pollard's trip to England and Ireland. The trip in England included stops at Epworth, Bristol, Oxford, and London at locations associated with John and Charles Wesley.

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.

UWFaith News (A.K.A) Petticoat

Patter continued

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"...and thy grandmother."

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We make Party Potatoes for the Community Meal since they are popular. Here is one of the recipes we use.

½ melted butter
¼ cup chopped onion
½ cup shredded cheese
1 cup sour cream
1 can cream of mushroom soup
2 pounds hash browns

Topping
2 cup corn flakes
1/3 cup melted butter

Mix together the first 5 items combine with the hash browns and place the mix in a greased 9x13 pan. Top with the corn flakes and the melted butter. Bake for one hour at 350 degrees.



Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs **Fireside Room** **Sundays 8:45 a.m.**

Staves' Adult Sunday School meets in the Fireside Room beginning at 8:45 a.m. Join us as we discuss one of the hymns from the worship service for that morning or a contemporary Christian song. We begin with a recording of the song - of a congregation singing the hymn, a soloist singing the hymn or song, or another group. We enjoy the variety of musical interpretations. We break down the text of the hymn or song to gain a deeper understanding of how God inspires writers of hymns and songs, and compare several key words and phrases to scripture references that support the text. We consider questions that provide a challenge to live out what we discuss. We begin the class with prayer concerns and happenings in our individual lives and end the time with prayer. Each week is different – join us!

*If you have questions, please give me a call:
515.745.3550. I'll have my phone with me all day.*

Rick R.





ALL SAINTS' DAY RECOGNITION

Sunday, November 5, during morning worship, *All Saints' Day* will be observed in our church

If you have lost a loved one during 2023, please join the congregation as we honor those persons. They will be honored with a ceremony on that Sunday.

Midwest Mission Trip

Midwest Distribution Center
Jefferson, Iowa
Wednesday, November 8th
7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall
Be at the church at 7:30 a.m.
to ride in church van.

Space is limited to 12 people.

Please contact: Terri Pollard
for information
515-491-5287

The Eastern-Polk Quilters Guild

The Eastern Polk Quilters Guild is selling raffle tickets for a quilt approximately 82" x100" in size to help fund the guild's educational programs. It is done in blues, creams, turquoise, and aqua (see attached photo). Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and the drawing will be in December. If you are interested in purchasing tickets, see Jennifer McDonald.



MISSION FOR NOVEMBER

HOPE MINISTRIES

Hope Ministries is not new to Staves. We have given to the various ministries that they serve in Des Moines. For November, we wish to give to the general good of Hope Ministries.

The mission of Hope Ministries is "To rescue those who are homeless, hungry, abused or addicted, providing opportunities for hope, recovery and restoration through the love of Jesus Christ.

Their core values are

1. We honor God by trusting and obeying Him.
2. We are stewards of God's resources.
3. We value people.

Their statement of faith (in part): ...We believe in the bodily resurrection of the saved to eternal blessedness and joy, and of the lost to judgment and eternal conscious punishment. Our desire is that all people will place their trust in Jesus Christ. We believe it is essential for all people to believe in Jesus as their Saviour and receive Him as their Lord by the regeneration of the Holy Spirit. We believe that God alone holds the power to set us free from the bondage of sin, addictions, and compulsions that destroy the quality of life that God intends for us to live. We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in Christ and that we should speak with a united voice for the welfare of the community.

A few facts: 1915-Bethel Mission opens. 1969: Door of Faith opens. 2000: Bethel Mission and Door of Faith merge to become Hope Ministries. 2004—Hope Center for Women and

MISSION FOR NOVEMBER (continued)

Children opens. The newest addition to the community is the Hope Ministries Steve Lankford Campus at 3800 E Douglas Ave. This new center will be a safe refuge for hurting single women and moms with children, meeting their immediate needs while empowering and equipping them for lasting life change. The center will include 50 short-term beds and 50 long-term life recovery beds.

Your cash donation in November will go to where it will be best used. If you wish to shop, you may do so by providing for women and children through Eve Circle of UWF.

Thank you.

The Mission Team

Ingathering: Ingathering will be held November 4 at Greenfield. We will be taking all kits and any money that we have collected. We leave at 7:00 a.m. from Staves. If you wish to go, call Marilyn Burch-515 314 6638.

News From Delia Mozqueda-Fuhrmeister, Navigator Missionary at University of Iowa. Oct. 7, 2023: "These past two months have been a fruitful start to the semester. We kicked off the year with our fall launch, where we recruited about double the number of students for bible studies (compared to last year) and saw about 14 students come to Christ through our evangelism initiatives. The Lord has been bringing people into the ministry, and I am excited to see them grow in deeper relationship with Christ



Nativity Experience
Saturday, December 2
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - come-and-go

Explore over 200 nativities, including traditional ceramic, wood, and glass tableaus; paper and cloth tableaus; wall hangings; paintings; and ornaments. Listen to live sacred Christmas music to celebrate the birth of our Savior – the Light of the World.

To provide this experience, **at no charge**, to Staves Church and to those we invite, we need your help. We need the following items, which we return to you after the experience:

- one or more nativities (crèche or manger scene) – any size
- rectangular purple or white tablecloth without design
- battery pillar candles

Most importantly, **pray, every day**, that our **Nativity Experience** brings glory to God and presents Christ as the Light of the World.

We will provide postcards for each of us to give or to send to family members, neighbors, and friends. Just imagine how many people will enter our doors if we each invite 10 or more families.

Watch for more details next month. Call the church office at 515.266.0265 or email staveschurch@msn.com with questions.

NATIVITY EXPERIENCE
Saturday, December 2
11 am to 3 pm
come-and-go - no cost to attend



We need your help to...

- 1) provide –
 - one or more nativities (crèche or manger scene) – any size –
 - purple or white tablecloth without design –
 - battery pillar candles –
 - small brass lamp ~

all items returned ~

- 2) 2) volunteer –
 - Sunday, Nov 26, 11am - 1pm to accept loaned nativities and other items –
 - Monday, Nov 27, 11am -1pm to accept loaned nativities and other items –
 - Wednesday, Nov 29, 4pm - 7pm to accept loaned nativities and other items –
 - Thursday, Nov 30, 12 noon - 4pm to set-up tables and iron table clothes.

Saturday, December 2 –

- provide live, sacred Christmas music for 15 - 30 minutes between 10am - 3pm -
- serve as greeter for 1 hour between 10am - 3pm –
- serve as host or hostess for 1 hour between 10am - 3pm –
- assist with tear-down from 3:15pm - 4:30pm

- 3) pray every day that our Nativity Experience brings glory to God and presents Christ as the Light of the World

Questions? Contact Rick at 515.745.3550 or email rrsiouxndutch@gmail.com

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
Staves Memorial United Methodist Church
October 11, 2023

CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTIONS

Chairperson, Brian McNamar began the meeting, with a prayer.
The minutes of the September meeting, were reviewed, and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance Committee– Terri Pollard

Finance letters have been sent. Also, the annual stewardship campaign begins, at the end of the month.

Financial Secretary – David Beery

An update was given, on the noisy offerings.

Treasurer – Rick Atterbury

The treasurer's report was reviewed. It was noted, insurance has been paid for the fourth quarter, however other items are still needing to be paid. There was a period of discussion about finances.

Foundation – no report.

Memorial Committee Treasurer – Phyllis Anderson

A brief update was given, on memorial funds.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS -- None.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Pastor – Tim Walker

A) Personal phone has been hacked – have an appointment set up, to determine how to resolve this issue.

B) Update on wedding policy.

C) Update on Congregation Assessment Tool, starting at the end of November. Discussion – we can get the most out of this, if more people participate in the survey, which will be tabulated by a third party, and therefore responses are completely anonymous.

D) Youth group is up and running – need more young people.

H) New ideas for worship – possibly including the Apostles/Nicene Creed.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

Staff/Parish Relations Committee – No report.

Trustees – Terri Pollard reporting.

A) Working on getting a snow removal person.

B) Refrigerator in the banner room needs to be moved.

Nominations – Pastor Tim Walker

We will need to have a special administrative council meeting, to approve the slate of nominees for 2024.

BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Education/Sunday School – Norma Thierman

A.) Fall Fun night – October 30 – set-up/decorate, after church on October 29th .

B) Children's' Christmas Program, December 24th – Jennie Gervais to coordinate,

C) Next meeting, October 23rd .

Worship – Steve Ellis

An update was given, on upcoming special dates:

Thankful Sunday, November 19th (bell choir will play that Sunday, also)

Christ the King Sunday, November 26th .

Memorial Committee – Jim McPherson

Update on All-Saints Sunday, November 5th

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

Women's Ministries – Terri Pollard

A) Holiday Fair, this Saturday (10/14) from 9 am until 2 pm.

B) UWF Sunday, November 12:

General meeting/installation of officers for 2024

Baked potato lunch

Presentation: Terri's trip to England

Missions Marilyn Burch

A) Assembling mission kits – after church.

B)) Mission emphasis for November is Hope Ministries; December will be Bidwell Riverside and homeless ministries.

C) C) Hoping to do a mission trip, next year.

Food Pantry – Terri Pollard

A) Averaging 40 – 50 families per month – 100-120 persons helped – four or five new families each time we open.

B) Still in need of items, especially Hamburger Helper, and cereal.

Community Meal – Terri Pollard

A) Averaging 40 people, each month.

B) This month, serving Maid-rites; next month, chicken and noodles.

OTHER BUSINESS None.

NEXT MEETING November 8, 7:15 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Ellis, Secretary

ATTENDEES Brian McNamar, Pastor Tim Walker, Terri Pollard, Marilyn Burch, Jim McPherson, Linda McPherson, Elise Stevens, Rick Atterbury, Norma Thierman, Phyllis Anderson, David Beery, and Steve Ellis.

2023 Christmas Flower Order Form

This is your opportunity to decorate Staves Church for Christmas. Payment is needed to confirm your order. Checks will be made payable to Staves. Last order date, Sunday November 26th. You may pick up your flower after worship service on Sunday, December 31st .

Your Name: _____

I would like to donate the following:

Qty.	Total
_____	\$_____ Poinsettia, 4 ½ inch pot (approx. 3 blooms) @ \$6.00 each
_____	\$_____ Poinsettia, 6 ½ inch pot (approx. 5-9 blooms) @ \$12.00 each
_____	_____ Grand Total

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

In thanksgiving of: _____

In celebration of: _____

Financial Secretary Use Only

Payment Received: _____