



## Staves Memorial United Methodist Church

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## Channels of God's Love

February 1, 2023

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)

Benjamin Franklin developed a challenging habit. Every day of his adult life, he set aside time to examine two questions. In the morning, he asked himself, "What good shall I do today?" As the day drew to a close, his question was: "What good have I done today?"

As Christians, it is easy to relate to Franklin's attitude because a common theme throughout God's Word is that we are to share God's love within us with others as we help and serve them. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are called to love others as we love ourselves. In his letter to the church in Galatia, the Apostle Paul wrote, "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:10). God has created, forgiven, and redeemed us, and we become His instruments of love and compassion in the world. God blesses us so we can serve Him by serving others. He honors us with the privilege of being the channels through which He works.

We are blessed to be a blessing. God wants us to be His channels who live in total devotion to Him and are His faithful stewards. He empowers us to do the "good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10). The same strength that was available to Paul is available to us. As the Apostle Paul wrote the people in Philippi, "I can do all things through Him Who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). God is our source of strength. Through our weakness, God is able to display His divine power. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we can make the serving of others a priority in our lives.

Blessings,

## February Calendar

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday**  
 • Craft Group 5:00 pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> Friday**  
 • China Painters 9:30 am  
 • Hispanic Worship 7:00 pm

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**COMMUNION**  
 • Adult Sunday School 8:45 am  
 • Sunday School 9:00 am  
 • Worship Service 10:00 am  
 • Fellowship Time 11:00 am  
 • UWFaith General Meeting after church  
 • Hispanic Worship Service (chapel) 1:00 – 3:00 pm  
 • Bible Study 4:00 pm

**5<sup>th</sup> Monday**  
 • Bible Study 10:00 am  
 • TOPS Group 5:15 pm

**6<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**  
 • UWFaith Board Meeting 6:00 pm  
 • Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm

**7<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**  
 • Dorcas Circle 10:00 am  
 • Bells 5:30 pm  
 • Choir 6:30 pm  
 • Ad Council 7:15 pm  
 • Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 pm

**8<sup>th</sup> Thursday**  
 • Craft Group 5:00 pm

**9<sup>th</sup> Friday**  
 • Hispanic Worship (chapel) 7:00 pm

**10<sup>th</sup> Saturday**  
 • Sandy McNamar Food Pantry 2:00 -5:00 pm

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**NOISY OFFERING**  
 • Adult Sunday School 8:45 am  
 • Sunday School 9:00 am  
 • Worship Service 10:00 am  
 • Fellowship Time 11:00 am  
 • Bible Study 4:00 pm  
 • Hispanic Worship Service (chapel) 7:00 pm

**12<sup>th</sup> Monday**  
 • Bible Study 10:00 am  
 • Church Women United (Easton Place UMC) (Bible Study for World Day of Prayer) Noon  
 • TOPS Group 5:15 pm

**13<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**  
 • SPRC Meeting 6:30 pm

**14<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY/VALENTINE'S DAY**  
 • Esther Circle 9:30 am  
 • UWF Call to Prayer Gathering and Brunch 9:30 am  
 • Bells 5:30 pm  
 • Choir 6:30 pm  
 • Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 pm

**15<sup>th</sup> Thursday**  
 • Craft Group 5:00 pm

**16<sup>th</sup> Friday**  
 • Hispanic Worship Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 pm

**17<sup>th</sup> Saturday**  
 • All Church Breakfast 8:00 am

**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
 • Adult Sunday School 8:45 am  
 • Sunday School 9:00 am  
 • Worship Service 10:00 am  
 • Fellowship Time 11:00 am  
 • Bible Study 4:00 pm  
 • Hispanic Worship (chapel) 7:00 pm

**19<sup>th</sup> Monday**  
 • Bible Study 10:00 am  
 • Board Meeting Church Women United 11:30 am  
 • TOPS Group 5:15 pm  
 • Education Meeting 6:00 pm

## February Calendar (continued)

<b>20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Tuesday</u></b>	
	• <b>CALLER DEADLINE</b>	
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	
	• <b>Bells</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
	• <b>Choir</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
	• <b>Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	
	• <b>Craft Group</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b><u>Friday</u></b>	
	• <b>Hispanic Worship (chapel)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Saturday</u></b>	
	• <b>Eve Circle</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	• <b>Sandy McNamar Food Pantry</b>	<b>2:00 – 5:00 pm</b>
	• <b>Community Meal</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Sunday</u></b>	
	• <b>Adult Sunday School</b>	<b>8:45 am</b>
	• <b>Sunday School</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>
	• <b>Worship Service</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	• <b>Fellowship Time</b>	<b>11:00 am</b>
	• <b>Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)</b>	<b>1:00 – 3:00 pm</b>
	• <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>4:00 pm</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Monday</u></b>	
	• <b>Bible Study</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
	• <b>TOPS Group</b>	<b>5:15 pm</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Wednesday</u></b>	
	• <b>Bells</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>
	• <b>Choir</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
	• <b>Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>Thursday</u></b>	
	• <b>Craft Group</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>



### February Birthdays

Robby Collier	2/07
Jason Davisson	2/09
Joan Vonk	2/09
Charlene Ramirez	2/10
Marla Fraaken	2/12
Brian McNamar	2/18
Sandy Askelson	2/20
Candi Withee	2/25
Troy Withee	2/25
Sherry Pike	2/28

## **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*,

**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."



**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 STUDY**

**Sunday Afternoons,  
4:00 p.m.  
OR  
Monday Mornings 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

*Terri Pollard  
515.491.5287  
or  
Norma Thierman  
515.283.0090*

## **Upcoming February Meetings**

**Trustees' Meeting  
Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm**

**SPRC Meeting  
Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm**

**Ad Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 07<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 pm**

**Education Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm**

**FOOD PANTRY 2<sup>ND</sup> SATURDAY AND  
LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.**

**2:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**February dates:  
February 10th  
February 24<sup>th</sup>**



**Eve Circle**

**Next meeting is February 24th, 9:30 a.m.**

**Bring a friend.**

**Sherry Palmer  
515-991-1062**

**Community Meal  
Last Saturday of every month.**

**Next dinner will be:  
February 24 at 5:00 p.m.**

**All Church Breakfast**

**THIRD SATURDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH**

**Next breakfast will be on:  
Saturday, February 17th  
8:00 a.m.**

**Finance/Treasurer Report**

**December 31, 2023**

Bank Balance as of November 30, 2024  
\$27,190.12

December Receipts	
Budget items	\$19,943.12
Mission Items	\$ 519.41
Committed Funds	<u>\$10,804.00</u>
	\$31,266.53

December Disbursements	
Budget items	\$16,380.22
Missions	\$ 5,475.48
Committed funds	<u>\$ 349.75</u>
	\$22,205.45

Bank balance as of December 31, 2023  
\$36,251.20

Less Committed Funds as of Dec. 31, 2023  
\$21,138.51

Available funds as of December 31, 2023  
\$15,112.69

***This report is submitted by:  
Terri Pollard  
Current Staves Financial Secretary***

## **Christian Education**

If you are a member of the Education Committee please plan to attend the meeting this month. We will be setting the dates for the 2024 activities and determining the VBS program for the year.

The Sunday Afternoon and Monday morning Bible Study is still reviewing prophecies on Jesus' birth from the Old Testament and which verses in the New Testament fulfill them. We will continue on this until either we finish the packet or reach Lent at which time we will switch to the prophecies on Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Sunday Morning Study on Hymns is running and getting great reviews. It is open to anyone who wants to attend. It starts at 8:45 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.



## **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 have not yet planned the meals for February and March. Those menus will be completed and shared soon. The meal dates are February 24th and March 30th .

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.

We are working on the two eternal flames in the church. Both are being re-wired so hopefully they will work better. Also, the one from the Chapel will be back into the Sanctuary.

The Church Bus and replacement vehicle project is still on-going and we have no further news on it at this time. We also know that we need to work on the single bay sink in the kitchen and will be handling that soon.

With the cold and the snow, we know that the parking lot and sidewalks are of a concern to all. We have a company that plows the parking lot and he is aware of our events listed on the church calendar. He will do his best to have the parking lot clean for all events. We have a neighbor who is graciously cleaning the sidewalks for us. They might not be cleaned as fast as the parking lot, but they will be cleaned as quickly as possible. We also have church members who help with the clearing of the sidewalks. Thanks for the help with them.

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 February are: Saturday, February 10th and Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 November:

- Families 57
- People 157
- Pounds of Food In 1,449
- Pounds of Food Out 984
- Personal Items In 21
- Personal Items Out 13

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

- Canned Soup
- Saltine Crackers
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Vegetables
- Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Farina/Cream of Wheat
- Pancake Mix

Thanks to each of you who purchased food each month to donate to the Food Pantry. While we buy as much as we can through the Food Bank of Iowa your donations also support the pantry and these families.

## UWFaith News (A.K.A) Petticoat Patter

Well hopefully everyone has survived the snow and cold that January brought to us. Remember that the days are getting longer. Soon it'll be spring and then of course the heat of summer will be here. Then we'll all be saying gee we wish it was cooler.

Guess as Iowan's we really aren't happy with the weather. When it's cold we want it hot, and when it's hot we want it cold. Isn't it wonderful God provides it all for us.

Ladies mark your calendars for Sunday, February 4th. That is our spring general meeting. We will have lunch of Ham & Bean soup with corn bread and bars for dessert. Then UW in Faith Iowa President Gladys Alvarez will present a program on the Iowa Conference Mission Trip to Alaska that took place in July 2023.

The new program books should now be available, please ask for one and mark your calendars now for the events. During the remainder of 2024.

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

### PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



JOHN 3:16 IS THE BIBLE'S DEFINING VERSE FOR ALL CHRISTIANS. IT SAYS IT ALL.





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

Did you know the name of our group is from scripture? Ephesians 5:19: "singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts."

According to Bible Study Tools, each word has a specific meaning:

**psalm:** a song; a melody

**hymn:** name given to a number of psalms taken together and forming a devotional exercise

**spiritual songs:** lyric poetry, but is limited by the word "spiritual" to songs inspired by the Holy

psalms and hymns, were used in public worship and praise, they were more intended for, and suited to, personal and private and social use

**So what?**

As a group, we begin with prayer and then watch a video of a person, group, or church singing the hymn or song. We've heard some very interesting versions – not every congregation sounds like Staves Church! We then dig deeply into the meaning of the text of a hymn we will sing in worship that morning or dig into the meaning of the contemporary spiritual song. We read the scriptures used to write the words. We talk about what it means to us personally. We learn about the person who wrote the words and/or composed the melody. We ask questions. We recognize how Holy Spirit inspires those who wrote (years ago) or write (in our lifetime) words or compose music.

Join us in the Fireside Room at 8:45 each Sunday. Gage serves as our barista (person who is specially trained in the making and serving of coffee) for those who want a cup of coffee. Be prepared to do some deep thinking.

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

*Rick R.*



## **MISSION REPORT**

We haven't fixed on a mission for February, so you are getting a recap of 2023...of where you have given.

January—We supported the Sandy McNamer food pantry with our donations and money. The need has grown, and more people are now utilizing the items. FYI—Zip code 50317 is one of the most food poor areas in the city along with the south side. Your donations make a bit difference in someone's life and may be the only demonstration of Christ that they experience.

February—Voice of the Martyrs. "Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand founded VOM after being imprisoned for their Christian witness in Communist Romania. For more than 50 years, VOM has been dedicated to inspiring all believers to a biblical faith by encouraging their commitment to Christ and the fulfillment of his Great Commission no matter the cost." You donated to help those who stand in the front against the evils of this world.

March—Des Moines Clothing Closet. This giving was to the Des Moines Public School support for those children who do not have the basic in clothing for school. This was the biggest giving that we received in 2023. Blessings to each of you. You have made a great big difference in a child's life.

April—Meals from the Heartland. A local mission that provides healthy and satisfying meals locally and overseas. A team of 6 went to the work site for a 2-hour service filling plastic bags with rice and seasons and protein powder and love. If you haven't participated, we have an awesome time.

May—Doug Williams Missionary. Doug is a United Methodist Missionary originally from Iowa who is located in Argentina. He works with the local church and Methodist School to bring Christ to those who are in need.

June—Iowa Immigration and Justice Service. This agency works with migrants to help with documentation, legal issues, and domestic violence.

July—Personal energy transportation. This mobile transportation provides independence for those incapacitated by land mines, disease, birth defects. These carts started in Iowa and are made in Iowa and other locations.

August—Midwest Mission kits. We collected supplies and money to provide school kits and personal hygiene kits for women to Midwest Mission and UMCOR. You

## **MISSION REPORT (continued)**

provided boxes that went to Ingathering to be distributed as needed. The school kits may go anywhere in the world. The hygiene kits will be used in disaster situations.

September—Relief in Maui. This mission followed the wildfire disaster in Maui, Hawaii. Through UMCOR, the money will be used to help in long-term goals for housing, infrastructure, and recovery.

October—Gideons. We collected money for a group that over the years has placed thousands of bibles in hotels/motels. Given bibles to nurses, students, people on the street, anywhere where God's Word needs to be.

November—Hope Ministries. We Collected for the general budget of Hope Ministries. This organization provides shelter for the homeless at Bethel Mission; training and support to those who are wanting more at Door of Faith; and safe shelter for women and children with a new building at E 38th and Douglas.

December—The two for one giving: Bidwell Toy Pantry with a trunk load of gifts for children; UBFM received socks, hats, gloves, and hand warmers.

Noisy Offering—In August, the Administrative Council gave the approval to provide long term support for a missionary at the University of Iowa campus. We are providing a minimum of \$50.00 strictly from the change that you provide on the second Sunday of the month. You have exceeded each time you have given. Praises to God for His goodness.

*The Mission Committee*

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES**  
Staves Memorial United Methodist Church  
January 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTION

Chairperson, Brian McNamar began the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Rescheduled Finance Meeting to January 23rd, 6:30pm

December minutes in order

FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Finance Committee** – Terri Pollard

- A) 2024 Pledge Cards sent out.  
96 sent, 40 returned,  
\$171,754.00 pledged, which is 70% of the budget
- B) 2023 Tax slips will be sent out the week of January 15th
- C) Audit Books need to be turned in the Beginning of March

**Treasurer** – Rick Atterbury

- A) Looking good with available funds. Nothing abnormal regarding December payments
- B) January had large bills to pay out

**Foundation** –

Andy Gervais no report

**Memorial Committee** Treasurer – no one present.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS

No request

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

**Pastor** – Tim Walker

- A) Talked about doing a "Thank You" Fellowship Dinner
- B) Zeroing out the Helping Hands Fund
- C) Starting a new Bible Study, using Cokesbury Disciples Bible Study program
- D) Starting to post Devotionals on Staves Website, linking it to the Staves Facebook page

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)**

### **Staff/Parish Relations Committee –**

#### **Trustees –**

- A) Donating old church van to Sheep Gate
- B) Terri is needing to get pictures of the church and Parsonage for insurance
- C) Snow removal will be done by J&S Auto Body (\$400 per push), Ice Melt donated to the church
- D) Eternal Flame will be fixed in the sanctuary, the Eternal Flame will be moved out of the Chapel and moved into the sanctuary

#### **UW Faith –**

Ham & Bean soup provided for everyone on 2/4, in fellowship hall after service.

#### **Missions**

January 28 we will have a presentation of the missionary group following service in the fellowship hall

#### **Food Pantry – No Report**

### **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL**

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

#### **Education – Terri Pollard**

Dates will be set for the 2024 activities at the February meeting

#### **Worship –**

Easter Cantata will be planned for either 3/10 or 3/24, music has been selected.

#### **Memorial Committee Chairperson – No Report**

#### **OTHER BUISNESS**

- A) There are 93 active members
- B) There is a listing with approx. 200+ that needs reviewed, should they be listed still as “active” Members

#### **NEXT MEETING**

February 7th, 2024 7:15 pm ~

Pastor Tim ended with Prayer

Respectfully submitted,  
Renee Horner for Steve Ellis, secretary.



2024 Easter Lily Order Form

This is your opportunity to decorate Staves Church for EASTER. Payment is needed to confirm your order. Checks will be made payable to Staves. The **final order date** will be **Sunday March 10**. You may place your order in the offering plates or with the church office. You may pick up the flower you ordered after service on Easter Sunday March 31st.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate the following:

Qty.	Total	
-----	\$-----	Easter lily @ \$13.00 each
-----	-----	<b>Grand Total</b>

In memory of: -----

In honor of: -----

In thanksgiving of: -----

In celebration of: -----

Financial Secretary Use Only

Payment Received: -----