



Staves Memorial United Methodist Church

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April 1, 2024

Free from the POWER of Sin

6We know that our old self was crucified with him [Jesus] in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. 7 For one who has died has been set free from sin. (Romans 6: 6-7)

All too often Christians focus on only half of the good news of our salvation in Jesus Christ. Jesus died and was resurrected not only to free us from the penalty of sin but also to free us from the power of sin. As the Apostle Paul stated, **“our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing...”** Did you catch that? Our old self was crucified with Jesus. . . . that is our old sinful self. If we’re dead to sin then how can we, as a Christian, continue to sin?

I’m glad you asked. Later in the Bible at 1st John 5:17 it says, **“All wrong doing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to [eternal] death.”** The type of sin that leads to eternal death is lawlessness; which means having no moral standards at all. The type of sin that does not lead to eternal death is when we do wrong and we recognize it and immediately repent of it.

But let’s face it, we all have that one sin that we go to when we’re feeling stressed or bored, or out of control. It might be food or over spending or gossiping or thinking too highly of ourself and looking down on others. Christian author, David Mains, refers to this as, “Our Signature Sin.” Have you ever asked yourself why you keep doing it? The answer is simple; we continue doing, “Our Signature Sin(s),” because **WE LOVE IT!** We absolutely love it. It has power over us and it has enslaved us. Only Jesus Christ can break that power by changing our heart. By a change of heart, I mean we are enabled to see that sin the way God see’s it and we are disgusted by it.

The only way our heart can be changed is if we surrender that sin to God and ask God to change our heart so that we see our favorite secret sin from His perspective. Will you surrender?

April Calendar

1st	<u>Monday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 10:00 am • TOPS Group 5:15 pm
2nd	<u>Tuesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UWFaith Board Meeting 6:00 pm • Trustees 7:00 pm
3rd	<u>Wednesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DORCAS Circle 10:00 am • Bells 5:30 pm • Choir 6:30 pm • Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 PM
4th	<u>Thursday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craft Group 5:00 pm
5th	<u>Friday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • China Painters 9:30 am • Hispanic Worship Service (chapel) 7:00 pm
7th	<u>Sunday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 1:00 pm
8th	<u>Monday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 10:00 am • TOPS Group 5:15 pm
9th	<u>Tuesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPRC Meeting 6:30 pm
10th	<u>Wednesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esther Circle 9:30 am • Bells 5:30 pm • Choir 6:30 pm • Ad Council 7:15 pm • Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 pm
11th	<u>Thursday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor Tim out of the office until April 15th • Craft Group 5:00 pm

April Calendar Continued

12th	<u>Friday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hispanic Worship (chapel) 7:00 pm
13th	<u>Saturday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Church Breakfast 8:00 am • Sandy McNamar Food Pantry 2:00 – 5:00 pm
14th	<u>Sunday – Noisy Offering</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)
15th	<u>Monday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 10:00 am • Church Women United Board Meeting 11:30 am • TOPS Group 500 pm • Education Meeting 6:00 pm
17th	<u>Wednesday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bells • Choir • Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 pm
18th	<u>Thursday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craft Group 5:00 pm
19th	<u>Friday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hispanic Worship (chapel) 7:00 pm
20th	<u>Saturday – CALLER DEADLINE</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salad Luncheon and Plant Sale 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Lunch served 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
21st	<u>Sunday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)
22nd	<u>Monday</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bible Study 10:00 am • TOPS Group 5:15 pm

April Calendar Continued

- 24th Wednesday**
- **Bells** 5:30 pm
 - **Choir** 6:30 pm
 - **Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)** 7:00 pm
- 25th Thursday**
- **Craft Group** 5:00 pm
 - **Unit Point Hospice Memorial** 4:00 pm
- 26th Friday**
- **Hispanic Worship (chapel)** 7:00 pm
- 27th Saturday**
- **Eve Circle** 9:30 am
 - **Sandy McNamar Food Pantry** 2:00 – 5:00 pm
- 28th 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)** 1:00 pm
- 29th Monday**
- **Bible Study** 10:00 am
 - **TOPS** 5:15 pm



Saturday, April 20th, 9:00 – 2:00 pm
Lunch 11:00 am – 1:00 pm



April Birthdays

Steve Ellis	4/02
Cheryl Meeker	4/04
Dakota Collier	4/04
Timothy Novak	4/06
Shirley Stevenson	4/06
Sharon Ramsey	4/10
Dann Stevens	4/11
James Arthur	4/13
Sue Williams	4/14
Dorothy Deitch	4/15
Rick Graham	4/17
JoAnn Riley	4/18
Mickey Wise	4/22
Frank Deitch	4/22
Kurt Putzier	4/23
Renae Davisson	4/27

Dorcas Circle

Dorcas Circle delivered 13 baby quilts to Mercy Hospital Neonatal Care and 35 to Daycare Bidwell Riverside.

Darlene Fitzgerald

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sending you a heartfelt thank you for all the phone calls and cards. Your messages brought comfort and hope. Thank you for being there for us.

Linda and Jim McPhearson

FOOD PANTRY

**2nd SATURDAY AND
LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH.
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**April Dates:
April 13th
April 27th**

**Upcoming Event --Contact
Norma Thierman 515-283-0090**

Bible School dates are June 23-27.



Church Financial Report

Bank Balance as of January 31, 2024
\$24,875.28

February Budget Items
Budget Items \$ 17,390.50
Mission Items \$ 524.68
Committed Funds \$ 290.00
\$ 18,205.18

February Disbursements
Budget Items \$19,819.48
Missions \$ 462.58
Committed Funds \$ 66.46
\$20,348.52

Bank balance as of February 29, 2024
\$22,731.94

Less Committed Funds as of Feb. 29, 2024
\$10,124.51

Available funds as of February 29, 2024
\$12,607.43

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL 13TH ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST

8:00 am
New date

Community Meal

Last Saturday of every month.

**Next dinner will be:
April 27 at 5:00 p.m.**

Christian Education

Thank you to everyone who contributed to and helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. It was a great success again this year.

The Sunday Afternoon and Monday morning Bible Study have completed the review of prophecies on the birth of Jesus. Took a break for part of March and will be starting again the first Sunday/Monday in April. If Season Four of The Chosen is available, we'll watch that. If that is not available, we will determine what Christian movie we want to watch and discuss.

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 Committee will work on the April, May and June menus soon.

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. If you want to help cook, please talk with Terri Pollard since depending on the menu the cooking start time varies.

Trustees Update

Here are the updates on the latest Trustee Projects.

The two eternal flames are now re-wired and are on either side of the altar in the Sanctuary.

We are aware of the gutter issue on the west side of the church and a couple of the trustees will be working on a fix soon.

The Church Bus and replacement vehicle project is still on-going and we have no further news on it at this time.

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 April are: Saturday, April 13th and Saturday, April 27th. 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 January:

Please keep in mind, due to the weather we were only open on the last Saturday of the month in January.

Here are the numbers for January:

We could use the following items:

- Canned Soup
- 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.

UW Faith News (A.K.A) Petticoat Patter

As I sit here writing the April article in early March I am already thinking, wow it's been a busy year already for me personally. Now it's time for me to focus on some other things.

Like planting flowers and a few vegetables. Then working on cutting down volunteer trees in the yard and cleaning up the remaining leaves on the patio. All of this reminds me that spring is a time of renewal and growth. That doesn't mean just in nature.

It also means renewal and growth in your spiritual life. Try something that will help you grow closer to God and Jesus during this time. Add a morning devotion reading to each day or a specific time during the day for prayer. Be sure to include joys and praise to God for everything that he provides.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 20th and join us from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the Spring Plant Sale. The salad luncheon for this event runs from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and that cost is \$8 a person.

If you are a lady in the church, feel free to make a salad to donate to this luncheon. If you are a baker, whip up something tasty to donate to the bake sale portion of this fund raiser. All monies received through this fund raiser goes to support the missions selected by the United Women in Faith unit of Staves. Food, baked goods, and plants or plant starts need to be at the church no later than 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 20th. We will set-up as much as possible on Friday, April 19th at 10:00 a.m.

UW Faith News (A.K.A) Petticoat Patter (continued)

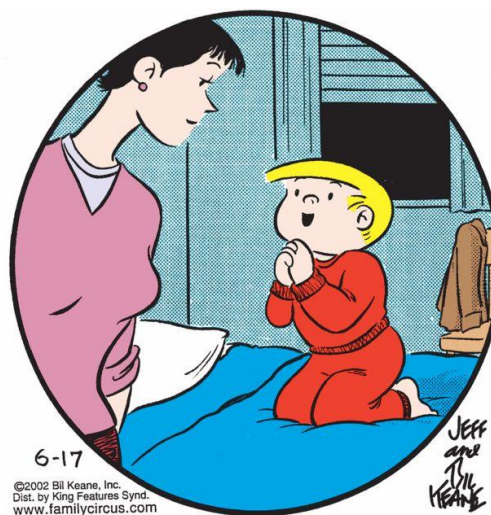
Also mark your calendar for Friday, May 3rd for Ladies Night Out. Our theme this year is "Dolls and Dollies. The tickets for this event will be on

sale the last two Sundays in April at a cost of \$15 a person. The menu will be:

- Salad with dressing
- Pork Loin, Creole Green Beans, and Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Cake for dessert

The entertainment is by a men's quartet called Kingdom Crusaders. We look forward to excellent food, fellowship and entertainment.

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.



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"Sayin' 'Amen' is like pressing the 'SEND' button for your prayers."

Mission for April

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

Is about beds. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a national organization that provides beds for children who do not have a stable place to sleep. It was started in a garage IN Twin Falls, Idaho, by a family that knew of a child without a bed. It has grown exponentially. Many of the children are sleeping on the floor, the couch, or a chair. In a car, rolled up in a blanket or coat or other covering, with at least one other or more children. Take just a moment and think about what it would have meant to you if your child had not had a bed to sleep in. Or your grandchild, or your neighbor's child. Physical, mental and emotional well-being is much better with a good night's sleep. They are better in school and interacting with their peers.

Currently, forty-four states have chapters in them. Iowa has fifteen chapters. The motto is: NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

What they do: they build twin size bunk beds complete with mattress, pillow, sheet, pillowcase, and quilt and give them to children who have no beds. They have volunteers who build beds, collect sheets, pillowcases, quilts, mattresses, and pillows. There are build days. They assemble the beds at the shop and reassemble in the home. Then the children climb in the beds, some don't leave for hours because this is their tiny space all to themselves.

We will collect funds to donate to the Des Moines Chapter. We hope to have a speaker from the local organization to give a talk this month.

Website: Get Involved - Sleep in Heavenly Peace (shpbeds.org)

Video: Sleep in Heavenly Peace | Mike and the team are back honoring amazing Americans with full episodes of "Returning the Favor!" This week the team stops into Twin Falls, Idaho to... | By Returning The Favor Facebook | Facebook

Blessings, The Mission Team

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
Staves Memorial United Methodist Church
March 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTIONS

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance – Renee Horner

- A) The finance meeting will be rescheduled.
- B) Title and insurance do not need to be renewed, for the bus or the van.

Treasurer – Rick Atterbury

The treasurer's report as of February 29 was reviewed and discussed.

Foundation – no report.

Memorial Committee Treasurer –Phyllis Anderson

Discussed audio needs, and listening devices for hearing-impaired individuals. It was agreed that we will continue to consider alternatives.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS -- Pastor Tim Walker

- A) Comments on new printer in the pastor's office.
- B) Discussed attendance at board meetings.
- C) Helping hand fund is running low.
- D) Thankful that more laity have stepped up to help with teaching ministries.
- E) Pastor will undergo an outpatient procedure on April 10, and will be out of the office for approximately five days after that.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

The council agreed to allow the pastor to make an appeal for helping hand money,

The council also agreed to designate the Maundy Thursday offering towards the helping hand fund.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee – no report.

Trustees – Margo Schamerhorn reporting.

- A) The food pantry refrigerator has been moved.
- B) The chair lift has been checked, and is working fine.

MINISTRY WORK AREAS

Education – Norma Thierman

- A) Easter egg hunt, March 23, 11:00; helpers arrive 9:00.
- B) Meeting March 18, will stuff eggs with candy, at that time.
- C) Vacation Bible school, June 23 – 27; need to decide on material – also, more helpers are needed.

Music/Worship

- A) Easter cantata will be presented, March 24.
- B) Maundy Thursday service, March 28. No services on Good Friday.
- C) Easter lilies and palm fronds will be ordered through Hy-Vee, this year.

It was noted, there is an interest in more upbeat music, on Sunday mornings. Also, the pastor is open to suggestions for hymns.

Memorial Committee – no report.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

United Women in Faith – Margo Schamerhorn reporting.

- A) Plant sale, April 20 from 9 am until 2 pm.
- B) Ladies Night Out, May 3.

Food Pantry – Margo Schamerhorn

- A) Most recently, the food pantry helped 96 people – 29 families.
- B) Still in need of meat, and milk.

Missions – no report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussed steps at the front of the sanctuary, and how to prevent tripping.

NEXT MEETING

April 10, 7:15 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Ellis, secretary

ATTENDEES Brian McNamar, Pastor Tim Walker, Renee Horner, Dean McCollum, Linda Gundlach, Rick Atterbury, Jo Reynolds, JoAnn Riley, Phyllis Anderson, Norma Thierman, Margo Schamerhorn, Elise Stevens, Andy Gervais, Steve Ellis, Carol Tanner and Anna Murphy