



Staves Memorial United Methodist Church

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What Does Christ-Like Mean?

There is a story about Muhammad Ali who was the boxing champion of the world. He was on an airplane and was told by the stewardess to buckle his seat belt. Ali said, “I don’t need to buckle my seat belt, because I am superman and superman don’t need no seat belt.” In response the stewardess said, “Honey! you may call yourself superman, but superman don’t need no airplane.”

We are probably not as obnoxious as Muhammad Ali was reported to be on that airplane; however, don’t we struggle with the same problem of our own self-importance? In our humanity, we place ourselves on a pedestal and try to take God’s place. Without God’s presence in our lives, this attitude of self-importance will not change. By our own reason or strength, we can’t change.

Only through God’s love and grace can we truly live with love toward others and with servant hearts. In Matthew 20:26 Jesus said, “Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.” Jesus lived for His Heavenly Father and others. Through God’s Word and Sacraments, He changes us from being interested only in ourselves to seeing others as brothers and sisters in Christ. Through the Holy Spirit, God opens our eyes so we see the opportunities to reach out and serve others with His love. In Jesus’ life, we see the life that He wants us to emulate. Jesus told His disciples, “The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many” (Matt 20:28). The entire life of Jesus was one of love and service. As Jesus came to serve, so must all of us joyfully accept a life of service to others; beyond those we value and love. Even to those we do not know or those whom we have thought to be un-loveable.

May Calendar

- 1st Wednesday – May Day**
- Dorcas Circle 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
 - Bells 5:30 pm
 - Choir 6:30 pm
 - Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 2nd Thursday**
- Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 3rd Friday**
- No China Painters
 - UWFaith Ladies Night Out
 Gather: 6:15 pm Eat: 6:30 pm
 - Church Women United (Centennial Ivy
 Church, Altoona) Noon
 - Hispanic Worship (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 4th Saturday**
- State China Painters 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- 5th Sunday**
- HOLY COMMUNION**
- Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
 - Sunday School 9:00 am
 - Worship Service 10:00 am
 - Fellowship Time 11:00 am
 - Bible Study (The Chosen) 4:00 pm
 - Hispanic Worship (chapel) 1:00 pm
- 6th Monday**
- Bible Study (The Chosen) 10:00 am
 - Adult Bible Study 10:00 am
 - TOPS Group 5:15 pm
- 7th Tuesday**
- UWFaith Board Meeting 6:00 pm
 - Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
- 8th Wednesday**
- 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
- 9th Thursday**
- Craft Group 5:00 pm

May Calendar Continued

- 10th Friday**
- Hispanic Worship (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 11th Saturday**
- Sandy McNamar Food Pantry 2:00 – 5:00 pm
- 12th Sunday – Mother’s Day**
- 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 (The Chosen) 4:00 pm
 - Hispanic Worship (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 13th Monday**
- Adult Bible Study 10:00 am
 - Bible Study (The Chosen) 10:00 am
 - TOPS Group 5:15 pm
- 14th Tuesday**
- Mission Meeting 6:30 pm
 - Finance Meeting 6:30 pm
 - DANA 7:00 pm
- 15th Wednesday**
- Bells 5:30 pm
 - Choir 6:30 pm
 - Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 16th Thursday**
- Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 17th Friday**
- Hispanic Worship (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 18th Saturday**
- All Church Breakfast 8:00 am
- 19th Sunday**
- Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
 - Sunday School 9:00 am
 - Worship Service 10:00 am
 - Fellowship Time 11:00 am
 - Bible Study (The Chosen) 4:00 pm
 - Hispanic Worship (chapel) 1:00 pm

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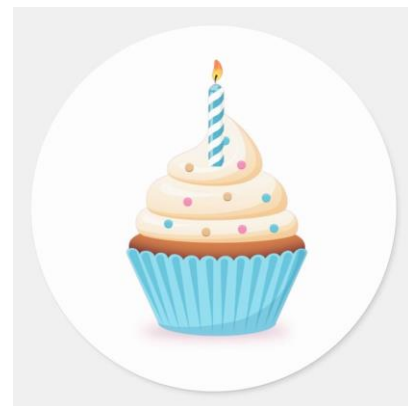
- 20th Monday – CALLER DEADLINE**
- **Adult Bible Study** 10:00 am
 - **Bible Study (The Chosen)** 10:00 am
 - **Church Women United Board Meeting** 11:30 am
 - **TOPS Group** 5:15 pm
 - **Education Meeting** 6:00 pm
- 21st Tuesday**
- **CAT Meeting** 6:30 pm
- 22nd Wednesday**
- **Bells** 5:30 pm
 - **Choir** 6:30 pm
 - **Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)** 7:00 pm
- 23rd Thursday**
- **Craft Group** 5:00 pm
- 24th Friday**
- **Hispanic Worship (chapel)** 7:00 pm
- 25th Saturday**
- **Eve Circle** 9:30 am
 - **Sandy McNamar Food Pantry** 2:00 – 5:00 pm
 - **Community Meal** 5:00 pm
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- 26th Sunday**
- **Adult Sunday School** 8:45 am
 - **Sunday School** 9:00 am
 - **Worship Service** 10:00 am
 - **Fellowship Time** 11:00 am
 - **Bible Study (The Chosen)** 4:00 pm
 - **Hispanic Worship (chapel)** 1:00 pm
- 27th Monday -- Memorial Day**
- **Office Closed**
 - **TOPS Group (weigh in only)** 5:15 pm
- 29th Wednesday**
- **Bells** 5:30 pm
 - **Choir** 6:30 pm
 - **Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)** 7:00 pm
- 30th Thursday**
- **Craft Group** 5:00 pm
- 31st Friday**
- **Hispanic Worship (chapel)** 7:00pm

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!!**

May Birthdays

May

Santana Mena	5/01
Jim McPherson	5/01
Daniel McDonald	5/01
Michelle Atterbury	5/05
Jan Murphy	5/06
Dan Findlay	5/06
Mary Elise Stevens	5/21
Sharon Jefferson	5/11
Jim Dowis	5/11
Drew Strand	5/13
Donna Young	5/13
Olivia Reynolds	5/17
Janice White	5/19
Elise Stevens	5/21
Chuck Beyer	5/23
JoAnn Pfaltzgraff	5/26
Jeff McDonald	5/26
Patricia Mena	5/31



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, Pop
Cans 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 AND POP CANS

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."

Please save your pop cans and bring to the church. Money goes into Helping Hand Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

FOOD PANTRY

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

**May Dates:
May 11th
May 25th**

**May 18TH ALL CHURCH
BREAKFAST
8:00 am**

**Community Meal
Last Saturday of every month.
Next dinner will be:
May 25th at 5:00 p.m.
Menu: Hamburgers/Hot Dogs
Buns and Salad**

**EVE Circle will meet May 25th, 9:30
am. We will be going on a tour to
"On With Life" in Ankeny. We invite
you to join us.**

**Sherry and Jennie
515-991-1062**



Church Financial Report

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

March Budget Items
 Budget Items \$ 21,399.00
 Mission Items \$ 1,195.82
 Committed Funds \$ 8,223.00
 \$ 30,817.82

March Disbursements
 Budget Items \$18,771.56
 Missions \$ 265.82
 Committed Funds \$ 00.00
 \$19,037.38

Bank balance as of March 31, 2024
\$34,512.38

Less Committed Funds as of Mar 31, 2024
\$19,737.90

Available funds as of March 31, 2024
\$12,607.43

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

Christian Education

We are actively looking for a new Sunday School teacher for grades 4 through 6. If you are interested in helping teach this group of children, please see Norma Thierman.

The Sunday afternoon/Monday morning Bible Study group is meeting again to watch the first episodes of Season 4 of The Chosen. If you want to join either session, Sunday meets at 4:00 p.m. and Monday at 10:00 a.m.. The Sunday group is on episode two and the Monday group is on episode one.

The Education committee is still looking for VBS materials. Once a program is selected, we'll share information on it with you.

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 gutters on the church and Parsonage that needed attention are now fixed. Many of the light bulbs that are burnt out are either replaced or in the process of being replaced.

We have sold the non-working bus. We are now actively looking at a small mini-van as the second form of transportation for the church. We still have the large 12-passenger van.

The ceiling fan in the Sanctuary was fixed on a temporary basis. New fans have been purchased and we are working on arranging a lift to reach the ceiling so our mechanical contractor can come hang the new fans.

The lawn work crews are gearing up for the summer work. The mowers have been updated for the season. If you are interested in working on one of these crews, please see Troy Withee.

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 May are: Saturday, May 11th and Saturday, May 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 March:

- Families 77
- People 224
- Pounds of Food In 1,613
- Pounds of Food Out 1,483
- Personal Items In 90
- Personal Items Out 26

These are record numbers for the Food Pantry. We are serving more and more families each month.

We did have an issue with one of our freezers in April. We believe we lost around \$300 in frozen meat. If you would like to help replenish this supply, place funds in a pew envelope and mark it Food Pantry.

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

I am here at the church writing articles and listening to the few people here for the Plant Sale and Salad Luncheon. While we are getting sales, we hope that traffic increases as we get closer to the luncheon time.

I do want to say thanks to those who contributed plants, pots, baked goods and salads. Remember that the two activities that UW Faith holds each year pay your mission pledges to groups here in Central Iowa.

I know that having these plants is a wonderful reminder that spring is here and God has provided renewal for us again. I hope that each of you feels a renewal of your spirit and that you take on something that will help you grow in your faith and grow closer to God. That can be stretching your comfort zone and working on a committee, joining the bell or adult choir, it can even be getting up a little earlier and attending either the 8:45 a.m. Sunday morning adult Sunday School or either session of the Sunday afternoon/Monday morning studies.

It can also simply include dedicated time during your day to read from a daily devotional and spending time in prayer. Remember prayer doesn't need to a strict pattern; it doesn't have to be complicated. Simply talk to your friend God like you talk to your friend over a cup of coffee. He will hear you, He will listen, and He will act.

We hope you have purchased your ticket for Friday, May 3rd for Ladies Night Out. Our theme this year is "Dolls and Dollies. The menu will be:

- Appetizer is still under thought
- Salad with dressing
- Pork Loin, Creole Green Beans, and Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Cake for dessert

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

The entertainment is by a men's quartet called "Kingdom Criers". 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.



Mission For MAY

MISSION UPDATE—Report from Delia, Missionary at University of Iowa

Staves received a letter from Delia Mozqueda-Fuhrmeister in March. She writes:

“It is hard to believe that the semester is already more than halfway over! I am excited to share what God has been doing so far. Last month we had our winter Disciple Makers Conference. This conference is designed to help students learn how to be disciples of Jesus and how to make disciples in their spheres of influence. Our staff had been praying that this conference would lead students to take practical steps to grow in their faith. When the weekend was over, we were amazed at how God answered our prayers! About 12 students applied for the JAX STP, a summer training program that teaches students how to make disciples as they work full time jobs. We also had six students apply to go on an overseas mission trip during the summer. Among the students going overseas is my friend, Sydney, who I have been discipling this school year.

“...she (Sydney) mentioned that she already had plans to work over the summer as an emergency medical technician....She was also planning on joining some gatherings over the summer, where council members of her church would meet to discuss changes to her church’s structure and policies. It appeared that the council members really wanted her at these meetings because they wanted the voice of a younger Christian to speak into their matters....

“However, as conversations surrounding the mission trip ensued, the Lord seemed to have closed a major door for Sydney’s summer plans. Her church’s council members did not end up taking her on as a representative of her generation, and she would not come to the meetings after all. The rejection was surprising to her because she truly thought it was the Lord’s leading for her to go...And when the potential of going to Southeast Asia came up again, it did not excite her.

“...After much wrestling, it became clear to her that this wrench in her plans wasn’t a coincidence. Proverbs 16:9 became true for her—“the heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.”...There was still some fear in Sydney as God redirected her plans, but she was willing to take a leap of faith to let God use her in a country where most have not heard the gospel...

Thank you all for your investment in my ministry! The Lord is truly using your prayers and support to advance His gospel to the nations.

God bless,

Delia M-F”

Prayer concerns:

God would prepare Sydney’s heart these next few months for her overseas trip/ individuals in Southeast Asia will be receptive to the gospel/ other students going overseas or to JAX would encounter opportunities to trust God even further with their lives.

All correspondence from Delia is on the Mission Board in Fellowship Hall.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
Staves Memorial United Methodist Church
April 15th, 2024

CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTIONS

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance Committee – Terri Pollard reporting.

- A) The year 2023 audit is almost complete; so far, the books are in good order.
- B) A report was given, on actual giving versus the budget proposal for 2024.

Treasurer – Rick Atterbury

The treasurer's report as of March 31 was reviewed, and discussed.

Foundation - No report.

Memorial Committee Treasurer – Phyllis Anderson

- A) Memorial fund totals have been updated; totals listed on this month's report are current as of April 10.
- B) There was a period of discussion, of options for installing a new audio system, which would enhance the worship experience for those who are hearing impaired.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS

None.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Pastor – Tim Walker

- A) Apportionment distribution spreadsheet – discussion.
- B) Outstanding grant request for the food pantry – should know by April 15th, if we get the grant.
- C) Out starting tomorrow for a medical procedure; returning Tuesday.
- D) Discussion – Landon White memorial allocation.
- E) CAT meeting, April 23, 6:30 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

Staff/Paris Relations Committee – Tim Walker reporting.

June meeting – will review the first draft of the updated church wedding policy.
Also, there was a discussion of the safe sanctuary policy.

Trustees – Michelle Rogers

- A) Sheepgate declined to accept the bus, however someone else took it, and gave us \$225.05. Still looking for a replacement vehicle. [It was noted, we are keeping the van.]
- B) Jared and Troy are moving forward with in-house lawn care.
- C) Also discussed – a workable solution to reduce tripping on the lower step, at the front of the sanctuary.
- D) Light fixtures updated, at the parsonage.
- E) Ceiling fan – replacing, discussed damage caused by moving in a scissor lift – we will be compensated.
- F) Exterior lighting, outside the middle door.
- G) The small garage will be dismantled.
- H) The sump pump in the basement needs to be replaced.

MINISTRY WORK AREAS

Education/Sunday school – Norma Thierman

- A) Easter egg hunt went well – 46 children.
- B) Next meeting, April 15, 6:30 pm to plan Vacation Bible school, scheduled for June 23 – 27. It was noted, more helpers will be needed.

Worship – Steve Ellis

- A) Summer music.
- B) Living Last Supper – need to prepare early, for next year.
- C) Also, hoping to involve laity more, especially during special services.

Memorial Committee – No report.

United Women of Faith – Terri Pollard

- A) Plant sale/salad luncheon, April 20th. Set up, beginning April 17th.
- B) Ladies Night Out, Friday May 3rd.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

Missions – Marilyn Burch

This month's emphasis is "Sleep in Heavenly Peace," beds for disadvantaged children.

Food Pantry – Margo Schamerhorn

A brief report was given.

Community Meal – Terri Pollard

Averaging 40 people, each month.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted, scholarship applications need to be turned in, soon.

NEXT MEETING

May 8th, 7:15 pm

Pastor Tim offered a word of prayer, to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Ellis, secretary

Brian McNamar, Pastor Tim Walker, Marilyn Burch, Andy Gervais, Terri Pollard, Michelle Rogers, Margo Schamerhorn, Carol Turner, Elise Stevens, Rick Atterbury, Norma Thierman, Phyllis Anderson, Steve Ellis