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The Power of Appreciation

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers....

I had a dream one night that I decided to do-away with the Pastors article in the monthly Caller and replace it with something called Pastor Tim's Favorite Five List. Each month I would list my five favorite Church members and give a short statement about why they were my favorite that month. And as an additional incentive; if you made it to the list five times, you were then considered a Five Star Member of Staves. All of this was done to, ***"Promote a spirit of unity and cooperation."*** I remember waking up out of that dream in a panic, wondering if I had actually done such a stupid thing.

Don't get me wrong, there is nothing stupid about expressing appreciation to another person. It has a great deal of power. I first realized this in High School. One semester I had a 6th and 7th hour open study hall and I would use that time to get started on homework. One afternoon, I watched as a teacher approached one of the evening custodians and sincerely thanked her for doing such a great job of cleaning her room. This custodian even took time to clean out the teacher's coffee pot. After witnessing that encounter, I noticed that the custodian always cleaned that teacher's classroom first and always took the longest time cleaning her room.

I took this lesson with me into my first job out of college. I was working for Jasper County Mental Health. The unit I worked on had five treatment staff, two administrators, and one secretary. This was back in the days when we wrote everything out by hand and then had a secretary type it up for us. When someone had a new treatment plan or a report that needed typed, we would go to the secretary and she would put it at the bottom of the pile and we would get it back sometime the next day. I started to express sincere appreciation for her work and I made a point of making small talk with her about her kids and her life. After that, my treatment plans would mysteriously make it from the bottom of her pile to the top and I could usually count on getting them back within 2 or 3 hours; plus she would even give me a courtesy call to let me know they were done.

The Apostle Paul understood the power of appreciation. Paul wrote nine letters to seven different churches and in all but two he expressed some word of appreciation in the opening chapter. He knew that the people of these churches were facing many hardships and oppression for being followers of Jesus and appreciation was vital to their faithfulness.

As modern Christians living in the Mid-West, we have no such barriers to face when it comes to following Jesus. And therefore, we have lost our understanding of how much power there is in expressing genuine appreciation and how vital it is to sustaining one-another's faith. I know from personal experience how important this is because the people of Staves are always expressing their appreciation for me and these words lift me up and spur me on!! Thank you.

It has occurred to me that I need to do more in expressing appreciation for you. So, Thank You:

- To all who volunteer to be a greeter or usher. You are the face of Staves and make the first impression on visitors and you do a great job.
- Thank you to those who help with worship: singers, musicians, liturgists, communion stewards, children's sermon leaders, and sound/computer techs. You help make the word of God known.
- Thank you to those who serve on boards and committees. You are the engine that keeps the Church going and your work often goes unseen.
- Thank you to those who teach Sunday School, Bible studies, VBS, and Advent & Lenten studies. You are a great blessing to Staves and to me.
- Thank you to those who are faithful attenders and faithful givers. You have no idea how much you encourage me and bless my life.
- Thank you to Diane, our Church Secretary. You do a great job, are always pleasant, and so far you have been very patient with all of my quirks and weaknesses.
- Thank you to Kathy, our Church Janitor. The Church has never looked better and I hear compliments on your work frequently.
- Thank you to those who have come to me for Pastoral Counseling. Your trust in me means so much and it is very humbling for me to experience that level of trust.
- Thank you to the United Methodist Women. You demonstrate a servant's heart as an example to all of us. Keep up the good work. ***“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6: 9)***
- Thank you to the volunteers who work the Food Pantry and Community Meal Ministry. Yours is one of the more labor-intensive ministries. You are what it means to be the hands of Jesus.

- And while we're talking about labor.
- Thank you to all who keep the lawn and land scape looking good.
- Thank you to all the fix-it people who keep things in working order; not only at the Church but also the Parsonage. I know how much I appreciate you but I think Nancy appreciates you even more.
- It's always dangerous to start thanking people publicly because you are bound to miss someone. So, if I have missed you in this thank you list, please let me know so I can thank you face to face. Now let's see how practicing the power of appreciation toward one another can, ***"Promote a spirit of unity and cooperation."*** It doesn't have to be a dream,

July Calendar

- 1st Monday**
- **Adult Bible Study** 10:00 am
 - **NO UW Faith**
 - **CAT Task Force Meeting** 6:30 pm
 - **TOPS Group** 5:15 pm
- 2nd Tuesday**
- **Trustees Meeting** 7:00 pm
- 3rd Wednesday**
- **Dorcas Circle** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - **Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)** 7:00 pm
- 4th Thursday Independence Day**
- **NO Craft Group**
 - **OFFICE CLOSED**
- 5th Friday**
- **China Painters** 9:30 am
 - **Hispanic Worship (chapel)** 7:00 pm
- 7th Sunday Holy Communion**
- **Adult Sunday School** 8:45 am
 - **Sunday School** 9:00 am
 - **Worship Service** 10:00 am
 - **Fellowship Time** 11:00 am
 - **The Chosen Bible Study** 4:00 pm
 - **Hispanic Worship (chapel)** 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- 8th Monday**
- **Adult Bible Study** 10:00 am
 - **The Chosen Bible Study** 10:00 am
 - **TOPS Group** 5:15 pm
- 9th Tuesday**
- **Finance Meeting** 6:30 pm
 - **SPRC Meeting** 6:30 pm
- 10th Wednesday**
- **Esther Circle** 9:30 am
 - **Ad Council** 7:00 pm
 - **Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)** 7:00 pm
- 11th Thursday**
- **Craft Group** 5:00 pm

July Calendar (continued)

- 12th Friday**
- **Hispanic Worship (chapel)** 7:00 pm
- 13th Saturday**
- **Sandy McNamar Food Pantry** 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- 14th Sunday**
- **Adult Sunday School** 8:45 am
 - **Sunday School** 9:00 am
 - **Worship Service** 10:00 am
 - **Fellowship Time** 11:00 am
 - **The Chosen Bible Study** 4:00 pm
 - **Hispanic Worship (chapel)** 1:00 pm
- 15th Monday**
- **Bible Study** 10:00 am
 - **The Chosen Bible Study** 10:00 am
 - **Education Meeting** 6:00 pm
 - **TOPS Group** 5:15 pm
- 17th Wednesday**
- **Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)** 7:00 pm
 - **Diane out of the office**
- 18th Thursday**
- **Craft Group** 5:00 pm
 - **Diane out of the office**
- 19th Friday**
- **Hispanic Worship (chapel)** 7:00 pm
 - **Diane out of the office**
- 20th Saturday**
- **Caller Deadline**
 - **All Church Breakfast** 8:00 am
Come at 7:00 am if you would like to help.
- 21st Sunday**
- **Adult Sunday School** 8:45 am
 - **Sunday School** 9:00 am
 - **Worship Service** 10:00 am
 - **Fellowship Time** 11:00 am
 - **The Chosen Bible Study** 4:00 pm
 - **Hispanic Worship (chapel)** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

July Calendar (continued)

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| 22nd | <u>Monday</u> | |
| | • Bible Study | 10:00 am |
| | • The Chosen Bible Study | 10:00 am |
| | • TOPS Group | 5:15 pm |
| 24th | <u>Wednesday</u> | |
| | • Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) | 7:00 pm |
| 25th | <u>Thursday</u> | |
| | • Craft Group | 5:00 pm |
| 26th | <u>Friday</u> | |
| | • Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) | 7:00 pm |
| 27th | <u>Saturday</u> | |
| | • Eve Circle | 9:30 am |
| | • Sandy McNamar Food Pantry | 2:00 – 5:00 pm |
| | • Community Meal | 5:00 pm |
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| 28th | <u>Sunday</u> | |
| | • Adult Sunday School | 8:45 am |
| | • Sunday School | 9:00 am |
| | • Worship Service | 10:00 am |
| | • Fellowship Time | 11:00 am |
| | • The Chosen Bible Study | 4:00 pm |
| | • Hispanic Worship (chapel) | 1:00 pm |
| | • UW Faith Summer Picnic & Hymn Sing
(in Fellowship Hall) | 6:00 pm |
| 29th | <u>Monday</u> | |
| | • Adult Bible Study | 10:00 am |
| | • The Chosen Bible Study | 10:00 am |
| | • TOPS Group | 5:15 pm |
| 31st | <u>Wednesday</u> | |
| | • Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) | 7:00 pm |



Thank you to Jennie and Andy Gervais for transportation and tour to “On With Life” a brain therapy facility and lunch at the Pizza Ranch. It was enjoyed by all.

Eve Circle and Friends

July Birthdays

July

Marilyn Crusan	7/16
Rosie Bishop	7/18
Maverick Davisson	7/18
Stephen Atterbury	7/23
Terri Pollard	7/27
Shaun Hines	7/30
Emilie Rogers	7/31



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

**No Food or Drink in the
Sanctuary!!**

M Rogers, Trustees

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.**

**July Dates:
July 13th
July 27th**

ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST

**July 20th
8:00 am
Come at 7:00 am if you would like
to help.**

Community Meal

**Last Saturday of every month.
Next dinner will be:
July 27th at 5:00 p.m.**



Christian Education

Bank Balance as of May 1, 2024	\$34,357.35
May Budget Items	
Budget Items	\$ 18,151.00
Mission Items	\$ 341.31
Committed Funds	\$ 1,261.10
	\$ 19,753.41
May Disbursements	
Budget Items	\$19,887.88
Missions	\$ 384.73
Committed Funds	\$10,287.20
	\$30,559.81
Bank balance as of May 31, 2024	\$23,550.95
Less Committed Funds as of May 31, 2024	\$11,620.47
Available funds as of May 31, 2024	\$11,930.48

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

Eve Circle
Will meet July 27th at 9:30 am
Will be working on the mats
for the homeless.

Sharon Ramsey – Devotions

The Education committee wants to thank everyone who contributed to the VBS program at the end of June. Hopefully things went well (as the article is being written before the event actually takes place.)

The next planned activity by the Education Committee is rally day in the fall. Please be sure to read future “Callers” and weekly bulletins for more information on that activity.

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.

The Sunday Afternoon/Monday morning study is again watching The Chosen. We will watching episodes 4 through 8 of season four. Then again taking a break. Currently Terri is reviewing a study on King David to see if it is something we should do.

Remember that we have elementary and upper elementary Sunday School programs 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 be working soon on the menus for July, August, and September.

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.

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. Please note that you must be on the approved drivers' list with the insurance company to drive either vehicle. See a trustee if you wish to use the van on any outing so an approved driver can be arranged.

As of the writing of this article, we are still working on replacing the fans in the sanctuary. The fans have been purchased and we are working on a lift to reach the

Trustees Update (continued)

ceiling and getting an appointment with our contractor to install them.

The lawn work crews are working each week on mowing, trimming and other various tasks. If you see something that needs done in the yard, please contact the Trustee Committee or Troy Withee.

We have replaced the two ceiling lights in the Narthex just outside the Finance and Church office. We have also put in new carbon monoxide and smoke detectors in the office.

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 July are: Saturday, July 13th and Saturday, July 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 May:

- Families 65
- People 183
- Pounds of Food In 1,265
- Pounds of Food Out 1,214
- Personal Items In 28
- Personal Items Out 7

You'll notice that our numbers are high again, there are a lot of food-insufficient families out there that need help. If you are interested in seeing how the Food Pantry operates, please feel free to volunteer on one

Food Pantry (continued)

of the days we are open. We'd love for everyone to see this ministry in action.

We received 297 pounds of food from Pack the Pantry operation sponsored by Hy-Vee and KCCI. Thanks to all who helped get food off the Hy-Vee truck and into the pantry.

With the ever increasing need for assistance, the Pantry could use the following items:

- Canned Soup
- Canned Fruit (Mandarin Oranges, Fruit Cocktail)
- Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Farina/Cream of Wheat
- Pancake Mix

There are items that the families like to get, so the donations go out as fast as they come in the door.

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'm sitting at home on a Saturday (non Food Pantry day) and waiting for this round of rain to come through the area. I spent a little time outside before the rain trying to cut out unwanted trees and brush yet again.

I always get a little frustrated with this part of yard work, working hard to get the "jungle" of my backyard under control. You see I have lots of Mulberry, Chinese Elm and Tree of Paradise sprouts growing, it seems like everywhere. I cut them out from along the fence line, from the chain link in the old dog run, from along the edge of the house, or the middle of a flower bed. Then the next week I move to a new section of yard and do the same in that area. Within a couple weeks it seems like the first area I cleaned needs cut out again. And so, I sometimes feel like a hamster on a wheel doing the same thing over and over again, but really getting nowhere. I'm still looking for that magical formula (not Round-Up) to put on stumps to kill them so the trees don't constantly sprout again.

Sometimes when I am working on this task, I say things like "God, I really love trees but they don't always belong in some of the places they grow. Can You please stop these from doing that." It doesn't work, of course, the trees and shrubs continue to grow regardless of my pleas. They are following the path God created for them, grow, and provide shade and shelter.

This asking for help reminds me that sometimes I also have to stop and ask God for help in other areas of my life. Like helping me understand that sometimes the

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

paths each of us take to reach a single point are as varied as the people around me.

I've noticed many times over the years that conflict arises because we each walk a slightly different path. Each person looks at the other saying you didn't do something my way; so you are wrong. But why is it wrong when the work gets completed or we all reach the same point or conclusion in the end?

God in His infinite wisdom made each of us unique and so the roads we travel are all just a little different too. This doesn't mean that there is always a right and wrong way to reach a destination or complete a task. Keep in mind that sometimes the destination or task might be a conclusion for you but a way-point along someone else's path.

Sometimes the best thing to do is just enjoy your own path to that special destination and don't be so concerned about another person's journey. Simply be joyful and thank and praise God for things you have and for your chance to participate.

The next fun activity hosted by UWFaith is scheduled for Sunday, July 28th when we host an ice cream social and hymn sing. The UWFaith unit provides the baked goodies and the ice cream, you get to provide the fellowship and the singing voices. The Roghair's will provide the musical accompaniment. Please mark your calendar to attend that event.

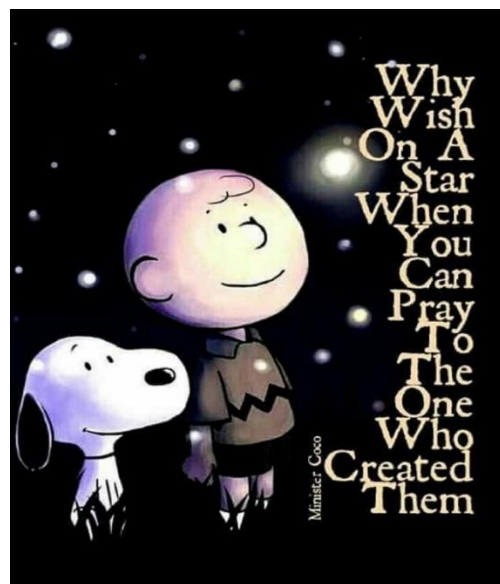
Please remember that when you use a real coffee cup, not only take the time to return it to the kitchen, but please rinse it out or use a

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

little Dawn Power Wash and wash the cup. Then place it upside down on the drain clothes. This is very helpful especially when there is no one signed up for Fellowship.

And speaking of Fellowship, please consider signing up. It is not a difficult volunteer activity. You can bring anything from packages of cookies to sandwiches and chips or salad to share. There are several people who know how to make coffee who can help with that step. Plates, napkins and silverware are always available for use. Brewed tea is always available in the fridge. UWFaith just asks that you please clean up the kitchen when the Fellowship time is over.

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 Shawl Ministry

It's been a while since a report was given on this Ministry and we felt God saying it's time to share again. This ministry includes not only prayer shawls, it also includes crosses (attached to the shawls) prayer patches, and gratitude stones.

The ministry was started in 2005. Since then, those contributing have made 1,457 shawls and 1,423 have been given out.

Some of these shawls have been given to special groups. Here are some examples:

- In 2015 we sent several shawls and prayer patches to Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in South Carolina after the mass-shooting that occurred there.
- In 2017 we made special red, white and blue shawls that were given to all our service members who attended this church.
- Within the last couple of weeks, we gave 11 to Valley View Village for distribution.

Shawls have also been given to Blank Children's Hospital, the Veteran's Hospital, Taylor House, and Fairview UMC in the Perry area. They have also been taken and given away on many mission trips around the country and worldwide.

We have made 3,216 prayer patches and given out 3,102 of those. Prayer patches have been shared with the Des Moines Fire Department and Des Moines Police Department. There have been 600 gratitude stones made and 585 have been given out.

There are always prayer shawls, prayer patches, and gratitude stones on the shelves in the Fellowship Hall. There are also flyers that

Prayer Shawl Ministry (continued)

provide details on both the Prayer Shawl and Prayer Patch ministries. Other prayer shawls are available in the Prayer Shawl closet in the main hallway of the Education wing. Or ask Margo Schamerhorn for help getting a prayer shawl. If you take a shawl, please make a note in the book on shelf in the Fellowship Hall.

Anyone is welcome to assist with this ministry. Several church members knit or crochet and can help you with learning either process. We also have several patterns that we can share with you. Please stop and see Margo Schamerhorn for information or patterns. Another way to help is to purchase yarn. It can be new, it can be left overs found at garage sales or at a thrift store. We can use just about any amount of yarn between the shawls, prayer patches, and the crosses



Linda and Jim McPherson would like to thank everyone for all the cards and phone calls. It is greatly appreciated. They are hoping to be back to church soon and look forward to seeing everyone.

Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT)

CAT Task Force Update

The CAT Task Force met May 15, May 29, and June 5 to purposefully analyze the 135 responses provided by those who attended worship in March. Some responses included three or more topics/areas. The CAT Task Force divided into three small groups for each group to discuss approximately 45 assigned responses to each group. The CAT Task Force members (alphabetical) who attended two or all three May and June meetings include Phyllis A, Marilyn B, Steve E, Andy G, Jennie G, Linda G, Renee H, Dean McC, Brian McN, Marilyn O, Jo R, Rick R, Carol T, Norma T, Tim W, Ileta W, and Jim W. The chart below summarizes our May and June discussion.

TOPICS/AREAS to increase strengths and to flip challenges into strengths [alphabetical list]

church ministries (1 response) - refer to a committee
communication (29 responses) - refer to a committee or Admin Council
conflict resolution (18 responses) - refer to a committee or Admin Council
congregational care (15 responses) - refer to a committee, Admin Council, or United Women of Faith
discovering your ministry (0 responses)
greeting/welcoming (12 responses) - refer to a committee or Admin Council
involvement (15 responses) - refer to a committee or Admin Council
nominations (8 responses) - refer to a committee
organization (1 response) - refer to Admin Council
outreach (17 responses) - refer to a committee or Admin Council
pastoral care (6 responses) - refer to a committee or Pastor Tim
prayer (11 responses) - refer to a committee or Pastor Tim
relationships/caring/listening (16 responses) - refer to Admin Council, United Women of Faith,
everyone trustees (3 responses) - refer to Trustees Committee
worship/music (8 responses) – refer to Worship/Music Committee

The CAT Task Force met June 19 as a full group to review the three small group suggestions and to address each specific topic or area by - volunteering as an individual or up to three people within the CAT Task Force to address each response - referring to one of the standing committees (Education, Trustees, Worship/Music, etc.) to consider a specific response - referring to Admin Council to consider a specific response - referring to United Women of Faith to consider a specific response A total of 12 persons attended this meeting, including Sandy Has a new member. We discussed 36 responses and will continue to work through the additional 99 responses at our next meetings. Some of you may receive a telephone call to gain clarification to your individual response – we want to listen to your input. We discovered how much work on topics and areas currently exists. We also discovered the increased desire for purposeful communication, simple organization of some tasks, and the need for stronger relationships. This is all good news.

The next CAT Task Force meeting is Monday, July 1, at 6:30 pm. Anyone with interest is encouraged to attend the meeting.

Our process is slow, but thorough, as we discuss each response. Questions? Contact Rick at rrsiouxndutch@gmail.com.

Our goal is to become the church God wants in our neighborhood.

Mission For July

This month we are going to help close to home. Staves has helped so many. And there are those that you will not know or meet.

The Helping Hand Fund was started numerous years ago to help those who needed bills paid, gas, baby formula, cars repaired, utilities turned on or things that we may never know about. It may have several hundred dollars available in the morning and it be bone dry in the middle of an afternoon. Pastor does call those whom he feels can help in a pinch. You may have gotten one of those calls. If you responded, then you helped bless someone.

We are focusing on this project currently because utility prices increase dramatically during the summer and the utility companies do not have to leave the electricity or water or gas or phone for unpaid bills.

Look into your heart. Pray to God about what He wants you to do. They do what you feel you can to help at this time. It is a need that will always be here, for someone will always be in need of help. Thank you for what you can do. The Mission Team

Thank you,

The Mission Team

Van Drivers

Anyone planning to drive any of the church vans needs to send a copy of the front and back of their driver's license for insurance purposes to the church. Or come into the church office and Diane will make the copies for you. The insurance company is requesting this.

Thanks.

M. Rogers, Head of Trustees

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletins.

This is not easy for me to do, but I want to tell you about a service I have been providing for the last 4 years. I send out bulletins weekly to the homebound, those who have moved away and those who get sick, travel or have not attended for some time—no reason necessary. During Covid, I sent out as many as 50 to 60. When people started coming back into church that number dropped. Currently, I send about 35-40 every week.

There have been those who have moved out of state or were active in church at one time and now cannot attend. Some are in facilities because of infirmities or other issues. Maybe they cannot get live stream. Maybe they have walked away from the church and have not found their way back. The reason does not matter.

You probably have wondered why I was rumbling through the bins looking for things. I was looking for good bulletins that did not get taken home (which is great) to augment what was not distributed. I got to know people on both sides of the aisle. I used to do this alone. I started out with just a bulletin, then started going through my old pictures. Rather than throw them away, I shared them. Help came along to stuff envelopes, bring prayer cards to alternate with pictures, even get the bulletins ready for me to take. God has blessed this service in so many ways. I am constantly amazed.

The reason I am letting you know all of this is because of the stamps. When I started 4 years ago, stamps were 55 cents. They are now 68 cents. July 14 they will increase to 73 cents. I do not want to deny anyone a bulletin because of postage. This is one of those community care things that the cat survey was talking about. This is caring without bragging about it or blowing our own horn. This is just a way that we show that we care.

All I am asking for is that you buy a book of stamps once a month and hand it to me. It will go with the pictures to be used for postage. Then, you will become a part of the service that is provided every week. I can testify that the blessings you receive will outweigh any cost. No matter what I get, I will send bulletins with a smile.

Thank you,

Marilyn Burch

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
Staves Memorial United Methodist Church
June 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTIONS

Chairperson, Brian McNamar began the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was agreed upon. Brian advised that Steve Ellis would not be in attendance this meeting and requested a committee member volunteer to take minutes. Phyllis Anderson responded she would be the note taker.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Finance Chair Renee Horner

Reported that there were a couple months where the budgeted amount had not been met, but monthly giving was still on track for the year.

- A. Pastor Tim called for suggestions on whether to comment on the financial situation to the congregation.
- B. Reply by Treasurer Rick Atterbury was that \$2,700 to \$2,800 Insurance is due and the Maintenance contract is due in July for \$2,000. VBS may require another \$600, plus
- C. Phyllis Anderson memorial treasurer added that Memorial funds could possibly be used to support VBS.

Treasurer -- Rick Atterbury

Reported for month of May \$1,000 expense for VBS, AJ Allen \$1,300 but not many unusual expenses. Still have \$12,000 in funds, although down from \$14,000 previous month. Spending under budget for 5 months.

Foundation Chair -- Andy Gervais

No report.

Memorial Treasurer Phyllis Anderson

Reported that funds for designated sound system/audio enhancement had been reimbursed from Memorial funds for Brian McNamer's expenditures.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS

No further comment

SPECIFIC REPORTS

Pastor Tim reported that the church secretary had been having office supplies missing. The latest was an 18" ruler. He asked if anyone borrowed this to please return. He continued that Diane was having a difficult time getting people to sign up for Sunday volunteer activities; he mentioned no one had signed up for Liturgist, Greeter, Ushers, or Children's sermon for next Sunday. She also advised that some were not taking her calls.

Pastor Tim advised that the Main Door (West Door) doesn't close properly...in order to lock it needs to close all the way. Michelle advised that this type of thing needs to be reported to her. Pastor Tim advised that the church plants were likely vandalized...all the flower beds are dying.

He also advised that he has a new phone number (515) 402-2770.

He reported that a new Wedding policy was being developed by the SPRC. Final touches will be made in July. A hard copy will be provided to Ad Council members prior to it being finalized.

HELPING HAND FUND

Pastor Tim advised that a 28-year-old woman with 2 girls was behind in rent at Wakanda Village and owed them \$2,075 in back rent and was on verge of being evicted. Pastor called Wakanda to see if partial payment would be accepted and they replied yes, but it would not stop the eviction from happening. This 28 -year-old was doing all the right things to try and get out of her situation...she has applied to go to school for her CNA...so Pastor used the money in the helping hand fund to pay the \$2,075.

Pastor also advised that he will be gone all next week and next Sunday, but will be here for the first night of VBS (June 23).

TRUSTEE REPORT Michelle Rogers provided the following updates:

- A. She had contacted Pat McVey who will run his own scissor jack to get ceiling fans changed.
- B. AJ Allen will come in and take care of 3 lights that need replacing.
- C. There has been a request to return the Fireside Room back to a quiet room. Rick Roghair will make arrangements to move his class to the Pioneer room for next Sunday.
- D. Michelle advised for anyone who intends to drive any of the church vehicles, a front/back picture of their driver's license must be provided. This information will be added to the upcoming Caller and announced during services.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

TRUSTEE REPORT Michelle Rogers (continued)

- E. Efforts to find a replacement bus has been made and results forwarded to the pastor. None of these estimates have been approved, so Michelle requested that the Ad Council provide guidelines for this purchase. Brian McNamer suggested that up to \$20,000 be requested from the Foundation and that the vehicle considered be no older than a 2016. It was mentioned that a Chrysler Pacifica might be good vehicle to consider. Andy Gervais made a motion that Michelle provide a letter to the foundation with this information to request funding. Motion was seconded and approved.

WORSHIP & MUSIC AND MEMORIAL

No reports.

UWFaith – Terri Pollard

UWFaith has scheduled an Ice Cream Social for July 28. Rick and Becky Roghair agreed to provide music, and hymns will be sung.

Missions – Marilyn Burch

No report.

Food Pantry

Margo Schamerhorn advised the Staves Food pantry is feeding 75 families per month, equating to 99 persons. A flier has been made that the pantry may be open at 1:00 p.m. This will provide Margo leeway to take care of the persons in the parking lot prior to 2:00 pm

Fill the Pantry, sponsored by Hy-Vee.

Staves received very little.

CAT Report

Rick Roghair provided a summary of where the group was as of the June 5 meeting. He advised the committee's goal is to increase Stave's strengths and to flip challenges into strengths. He continued that the committee had been divided into 3 separate groups, each group looking at 42-45 comments totaling 135 responses. Next meeting, June 19, these groups will be combined into one large group to prioritize which items to address as soon as possible, and by whom, and which items require more work and who is best to address. He continued that yard signs for Staves were already under way and the CAT will review draft signs on Wednesday night.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Registration form for VBS is now online and everyone has their teacher's books. Jo Reynolds voiced that the plan we are using (Group) suggested that all age groups were put together for each activity. She felt this would provide more time for teaching. Terri explained that regular Sunday School classes were doing this and it had been very disruptive. She suggested this idea be referred to the Education Committee to review for next year.

NEXT MEETING Ad Council scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 10 at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned and Pastor Tim led attendees in prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Anderson on behalf of Steve Ellis

ATTENDEES; Brian McNamar, Pastor Tim Walker, Michelle Rogers, Renee Horner, Phyllis Anderson, Rick Atterbury, Terri Pollard, Rick Roghair, Deb Hines, Ileta Wilson, Carol Tanner, JoAnn Riley, Jo Reynolds, Margo Schamerhorn.