



Staves Memorial United Methodist Church

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FEAR

When [Satan] lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8: 44c

Satan is a liar and one of his favorite and most powerful lies is when he speaks fear into our life. I'm not sure who said it first but I've heard it said that the letters in fear stand for: **F**alse **E**vidence **A**ppearing **R**eal. For example: I grew up during the 70's which was a decade full of talk about the prospect of nuclear war. People were building bomb shelters and stock piling food in order to survive a nuclear attack. I remember asking my parents if we shouldn't be doing the same thing. They told me that the world would be such an awful place after a nuclear attack that it wouldn't be worth surviving. They followed up by also telling me that if you read the Bible and believe the Bible; you will realize that there is not going to be a nuclear war

Over time I have learned to listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit to guide me in my life. One of the most important things to remember about the voice of the Holy Spirit is that God's voice will never speak fear to you. God's voice might warn you but His voice will never cause you to fear. If you are listening to a voice that is telling you to be afraid; you can be sure that it is not the voice of God.

The word of God tells us at, II Timothy 1:7, **"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."** While it's good to be concerned enough about your future to make wise choices today, don't let your concern turn into worry or fear. Trust God that no matter what happens, He will take care of you. Even if you have made mistakes and wrong decisions, He is merciful and will sustain you and will use those mistakes for something good. Trust God completely and He will give you peace and clarity. Let me leave you with one more Bible verse to apply to your life from Proverbs 3: 5-6, ***Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.***

June Calendar

- 1st** **Sunday – Holy Communion**
- Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
 - Sunday School 9:00 am
 - Worship Service 10:00 am
 - Fellowship 11:00 am
- 2nd** **Monday**
- Education Meeting 5:00 pm
 - TOPS Group 5:15 pm
- 3rd** **Tuesday**
- NO UWFaith Meeting
- 4th** **Wednesday**
- Dorcas Circle 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 - Power in Prayer 2:00 pm
- 5th** **Thursday**
- Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 6th** **Friday**
- China Painters 9:30 am
- 8th** **Sunday –Noisy Offering –**
- **Pastor Tim’s last Sundry Preaching**
 - Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
 - Sunday School 9:00 am
 - Worship Service 10:00 am
 - Fellowship (Farewell potluck luncheon for Pastor Tim and Nancy after Worship Service 11:00 am)
- 9th** **Monday**
- TOPS Group 5:15 pm
- 10th** **Tuesday**
- Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
- 11th** **Wednesday**
- Esther Circle 9:30 am
 - Power in Prayer 2:00 pm
 - Ad Council 7:00 am
- 12th** **Thursday**
- Craft Group 5:00 pm

June Calendar (continued)

- 14th** **Saturday**
- Walker Family Reunion (Fellowship Hall) 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - Sandy McNamar Food Pantry 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- 15th** **Sunday**
- Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
 - Sunday School 9:00 am
 - Worship Service 10:00 am
 - Fellowship 11:00 am
- 16th** **Monday**
- TOPS Group 5:15 pm
- 17th** **Tuesday**
- Ad Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- 18th** **Wednesday**
- Power in Prayer 2:00 pm
- 19th** **Thursday**
- Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 21st** **Saturday**
- All church breakfast 8:00 am
If you would like to help cook, come at 7:00 am.
- 22nd** **Sunday**
- Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
 - Sunday School 9:00 am
 - Worship Service 10:00 am
 - Fellowship 11:00 am
 - Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm to 8:15 pm
- 23rd** **Monday**
- Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm to 8:15 pm
- 24th** **Tuesday**
- Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm to 8:15 pm
- 25th** **Wednesday**
- Power in Prayer 2:00 pm
 - Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm to 8:15 pm

June Calendar (continued)

- 26th Thursday**
- Craft Group 5:00 pm
 - Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm to 8:15 pm
- 28th Saturday**
- Eve Circle 9:30 am
 - Sandy McNamar Food Pantry 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 - Community Meal 5:00 pm
- 29th Sunday**
- Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
 - Sunday School 9:00 am
 - Worship Service 10:00 am
 - Fellowship 11:00 am
- 30th Monday**
- TOPS Group 5:15 pm

June Birthdays



Caitlyn Reynolds	6/02
Deb Hines	6/02
Marilyn Burch	6/08
Sherry Palmer	6/08
Carol Ann Davis	6/09
Addie DeLano	6/10
Bridget Gervais	6/12
Doris Henry	6/13
Norma Arnold	6/20
Larry Spaulding	6/22
Don Winterberg	6/22
Donna Bunce	6/24
Mary Ellis	6/24
Gil Gillman	6/24
Tammy Jones	6/24
Bonnie King	6/29
Tom Gish	6/29

CRAFTS, CONVERSATION & CHOW

Come join other women for a night of Crafting, Conversation, and Chow—*Free of Charge*.

Bring a project to work on and a dish to share or simply come to connect with other women. We meet at the church every Thursday starting at 5:00 p.m. If you have a craft you would 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 church collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Even if the hearing aid does not 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 church is collecting tabs off all aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald House. Save can tabs and put them in an envelope or baggie marked "Tabs" and put in the white basket in the narthex marked "Pop Tabs."

Please save your pop cans/bottles and bring to the church. Deposit bottles/cans in appropriate containers by the back door off the Narthex area. 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!

SANDY MCNAMAR FOOD PANTRY

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

**June Dates
Saturday, June 14th
Saturday, June 28th**

ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST

**Saturday, June 21st
8:00 a.m.
Come at 7:00 a.m.
if you would like to help.**

Staves Vacation Bible School

**Knights of North Castle
June 22 -26
5:30 – 8:15 pm**

***Nick Withee, VBS Director
515-238---7331***

ANNOUNCEMENTS



UWFaith Farewell Potluck Luncheon for Pastor Tim and Nancy

**June 8th
11:00 am after Service**

**Staves Burgers and bring side dish or
dessert to share.**

COMMUNITY MEAL

**Last Saturday of every month.
Next dinner will be:
Saturday, June 28th
5:00 pm**

**Menu: Pulled pork sandwiches, baked
beans, coleslaw, dessert**



**Bug Spray is needed for individuals
experiencing homelessness. Please
donate a can of bug spray to the
UBFM.**

Church Financial Report

*Finance/Treasurer Report
Bank Balance as of May 22, 2025
\$97,80605*

<i>April Budget Items</i>	
<i>Budget Items</i>	<i>\$15,393.00</i>
<i>Mission Items</i>	<i>\$ 668.34</i>
<i>Committed Funds</i>	<i>\$ 6,655.50</i>
	<i>\$17,716.84</i>

<i>April Disbursements</i>	
<i>Budget Items</i>	<i>\$16,729.90</i>
<i>Missions</i>	<i>\$ 1,267.85</i>
<i>Committed Funds</i>	<i>\$78,116.49</i>
	<i>\$96,114.24</i>

*Bank balance as of April 30, 2025
\$19,408.65
Less Committed Funds as of April 30, 2025
\$17,462.51
Available funds as of April 30, 2025
\$1,946.14*

*This report is submitted by
Terri Pollard, Staves Finance Secretary*

Christian Education

Next Meeting June 2nd 5:00 pm.

Community Meals

The Community Meal program is still going strong. Each month we serve a meal to anyone who comes in the door on the last Saturday of the month around 5:00 p.m. We are serving about 60 meals each month through this program.

The Community Meal committee menu for June is:

- Pulled Pork Sandwiches
- Baked Beans
- Cole Slaw
- Dessert

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 the cooking start time varies depending on the menu.

Trustees Update

Here are the updates on the latest Trustee Projects.

We are still in the process of working with the insurance company of the damage to the soffit at the Parsonage during a March wind storm. We are also working on the water issues along part of the west and north basement walls while the Parsonage is empty between families.

Trustees Update (continued)

The electricity is now on for the new video screen on the back wall of the Sanctuary. Now we'll work on getting Traviss Audio Visual in to help us mount the screen and run the video cable to it. The new large screen will help the Pastor and other speakers when sharing the Word or other announcements.

There are several other projects that we are aware of and they include:

- The flushing issue with the women's restroom in the lobby.
- Repair or replacement of the ceiling in the Education office.
- Electrical repairs in the original basement and some possible foundation work along the west wall of the kitchen.
- Replacing the roof on the three-bay garage.
- Soffit repair on the NE side of the church.

All of these are on hold until the church finances are in better shape.

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 June are: Saturday, June 14th and Saturday, June 28th. The Food Pantry is open from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each of those days.

The need for assistance with food is a growing problem for April the numbers were:

Families:	59
People:	184
Food In:	1,519 pounds
Food Out:	1,095 pounds
Personal In:	15
Personal Out:	29

The Pantry could use the following items:

- Canned Soup
- Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper
- Oatmeal
- Farina/Cream of Wheat
- Pancake Mix
- Cookies or baking mixes

Remember that the pounds of food coming in and going out does not include dairy items, meat items, eggs, or bakery items. The personal items are things like shampoo, toilet paper, tooth paste/tooth brushes, and laundry soap.

Thank you for your support of this program. While we are small in size, we are making a very large impact in the lives of the people we serve.

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

It is late May and I'm thinking about getting flowers put on the graves of my loved ones who passed away. During the Memorial Day weekend it is traditional for a few of us in the family (myself, my sister, my niece and my great-niece) to perform this duty.

Of course, being curious I had to see if my memory on the history of Memorial Day was correct. Did you know that it started in the south shortly after the Civil War? The name of the celebration started out as "the day to memorialize the glorious dead." Glad that changed. But it started with the ladies of the south decorating the graves of southern soldiers from the Civil War.

In 1868 General John Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), or the Northern Army as it was also known, issued orders that all graves of all soldiers who perished in the Civil War be decorated. He also set the date on May 30th for this remembrance. The first large scale observance was at Arlington National Cemetery where both Union and Confederate soldiers are buried.

Then it spread over time to remembering all of the deceased members of the military not just Civil War participants. In 1971 Congress made Memorial Day a federal holiday and moved it to the last Monday in May. In 2000 Congress passed the National Moment of Remembrance Act that asks for one minute of silence at 3:00 p.m. local time to remember all those who have died in the line of duty. This moment of silence includes all civil servants not just military personnel.

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

Now we not only remember the veterans and the civil servants we remember all family members who have passed away. As you go through cemeteries there are markers placed by the VFW veterans of all wars. Many cemeteries have flags flying that were used in interment services that families gave to the cemeteries for keeping and use.

Do you take time to do these acts of remembrance? As I stated at the beginning of this article my family does. Not only do we place flowers and "visit" with family, we also clean headstones and trim the grass around them. We also each year try to tend the grave of someone we don't know but the stones are overgrown and it looks like they have no one to visit them. We take the time to tend the grave and leave some flowers so that someone cares for that person or couple.

You know Jesus cared for not only the living but the deceased before his own resurrection. Did you know that there are multiple stories of his raising people from the dead in the New Testament? There is of course, the story of Lazarus which was very public. But there are at least two more that I remember. These were done fairly privately. They are the temple servant's daughter that he raised to life and the son of a woman in a small village that Jesus and the disciples passed through while on the final journey to Jerusalem. So, I urge you to remember your family during late May and early June. It's not the day that you do this remembrance on it is the fact that you take the time to remember them.

As for activities for United Women in Faith. Our next activity is the Summer Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social. Mark your calendar for Sunday, July 27th at 6:00 p.m. for Fun Night. We will provide baked goodies to eat along with ice cream and toppings.

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

After some good treats and fellowship time. We will have a good old fashion hymn sing and maybe a few sing along videos of some modern Christian music. (Maybe just maybe the videos for Happy Dance and Good God Almighty will make an appearance again this year.) We'll give more information on this night of fun in the July weekly worship bulletins and the July Caller.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDUCATION MEETING

**Monday, June 2nd
5:00 pm**

TRUSTEES

**Tuesday, June 10th
7:00 pm**

ESTHER CIRCLE

**Meeting Wednesday,
June 11th
9:30 am
Carol Davis**

AD COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday June 11th
7:00 pm**

EVE CIRCLE MEETING

**Saturday June 28th
9:30 am in Fellowship Hall
Devotions: Sharon Ramsey
Program: Diane Alton
*Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062***

JUNE MISSION



Church World Service is an ecumenical organization founded in 1946 to combine their skills, determination and resources to provide food, clothing and medical supplies for Europe and Asia following WWII. They helped to resettle 100,000 refugees in the first 10 years.

They call themselves a “toolbox” that our neighbors in other lands can use to build lives and communities to provide a dignified, safe and healthy environment. They respond to natural disasters in places where support systems are scarce. They provide avenues for clean water to come into communities for the first time helping businesses to thrive. They continue to help settle refugees in the United States. They work with partners from the small communities to the United Nations to welcome, protect and support people on the move worldwide.

They work in every continent except Antarctica to provide a support system for people to grow and manage for themselves. In 2024 they provided 27,275 blankets to people in the midst of natural and man-made disasters; 10,084 emergency cleanup buckets, 11,179 period packs and 30,580 hygiene kits.

In 2021 they celebrated 75 years of service to the world. You may find more information at: <https://cwsglobal.org>.

Please give this month to continue the awesome work this organization accomplishes.

Thank you.

The Mission Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
Staves Memorial United Methodist Church
May 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTIONS

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A. Terri reported on giving toward the operational budget.
- B. Rick discussed the treasurer's report.
 - 1. We are two months behind on apportionments.
 - 2. Otherwise, spending is within budgetary guidelines.
 - 3. Discussed salary differences between the incoming and outgoing pastors.

Pastor Tim will be paid through June 31; Pastor Paul will start July 1st.

- C. No report, from the foundation.

There was discussion about how the change in pastors would affect expenses.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS

None.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Pastor – Tim Walker

- A. Discussed efforts to request the conference to allow Staves to send another [equalization] lay delegate to this year's meeting.
- B. Transition Update:
 - 1. Change in pastors becomes official on July 1st.
 - 2. Parsonage inspections.
 - 3. Parsonage repairs: foundation/bathroom/flooring by front door.
- C. Final sermon series: The Life of Abraham.
- D. Other updates.
- E. Thanked each person in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

CAT Update – Brian McNamar

The task force is working on volunteer needs/requests.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

Scholarship – Marilyn Ogle

Two applications have been received. Awards will be discussed, in July.

Staff/Parish Relations Committee – no additional items.

Trustees – Terri Pollard reporting.

- A. Parsonage basement repair to take place between June 16th and June 23rd – C & R Basements will do the work.
- B. Update on insurance claim from wind damage – no roof replacement needed, just repairs to the soffit.
- C. Electrical work update:
Outlets operational/fixed.
Dishwasher has been disconnected.

MINISTRY WORK AREAS

- A. Vacation Bible School is now scheduled for June 23 – 27 (Monday through Friday)
- B. Worship/Music items:
 - 1. The choir's last Sunday of the season is May 18th.
 - 2. The organ is in need of maintenance – this will be taken care of, through special donations.
 - 3. Fathers' Day favors – looking into ideas.

United Women in Faith (Terri)–

Ice cream Social/Hymn Sing – July 27th.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

Missions (Marilyn)

1. This month's emphasis is Door of Faith.
2. Over \$50 for The Navigators (@ Iowa City, University of Iowa) [from the noisy offering].
3. Baptism, this coming Sunday – Ellie May Schwartz

Food Pantry – numbers are climbing – need more food!!!

Community Meal – averaging 40 – 60 persons per month.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING

June 11th [7:00 p.m.]

Pastor Tim closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Ellis, secretary

ATTENDEES

Brian McNamar, Pastor Tim Walker, Marilyn Burch, Rick Atterbury, Andy Gervais, Terri Pollard, Marilyn Ogle, Ileta Wilson