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The Greatest Commandment

I have the privilege again of writing this “pastor” article for you. At this point in time Pastor Tim and Nancy have moved and Pastor Byunghwoon Lee and Park have yet to arrive. We are between pastors for a short time. But the work of God within us and through us does not stop.

I’ve been reading lots of books lately getting ready for my rapidly approaching Wesley Pilgrimage to England. Yes, I’m going back to Epworth, Oxford, Bristol and London to study about John and Charles Wesley. This time our group is being led by three Welsey scholars who are also pastors. This should be a wonderful learning experience.

One thing I have noticed in my reading is how attuned John Wesley was to the “state of the Anglican church” and how that impacted the people. He realized that the Anglican church had grown stale; it became like the church in Laodicea, lukewarm. The people came but they didn’t understand the formality of the service and didn’t live out the great commission, because they didn’t know how.

The answer was clear to John Wesley. He believed the people needed help to understand the gospel and how it really impacts their life. The bands and classes the movement used, helped people discuss their lives and how God through Jesus and the Holy Spirit led and helped them in daily life. They learned how to be disciples for God through daily life.

John and Charles were also leaders in social reform. They saw the social issues and injustice in their society and worked to change those issues. In other words, they put Matthew 22: 37-39 (37) Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (38) This is the first and greatest commandment. (39) and the second is like it: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Into action for all to see. The people of the Methodist movement also put God’s love into action and changed England in the process.

In some ways I think it is easy for a church and us to also become lukewarm. We come to church each Sunday for an hour because that’s what you do. We don’t stop and think how God’s words lead and guide us. We don’t look for ways to share God’s love not only inside the walls, but just as importantly outside the walls of the church. Church isn’t just an hour on Sunday morning; church is sharing God’s love with everyone around us. Putting God’s words and love into action. I hope that you have a chance soon to share the love of God through your actions in the next few weeks.

July Calendar

- 1st** **Tuesday**
- United Women of Faith Meeting 6:00 pm
 - Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
- 2nd** **Wednesday**
- Dorcas Circle 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - Power in Prayer 2:00 pm
- 3rd** **Thursday**
- Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 4th** **Friday -- Holiday – Office Closed**
- 6th** **Sunday—New Pastor Byunghwoon Lee**
- Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
 - Sunday School 9:00 am
 - Worship Service 10:00 am
 - Fellowship (SPRC) 11:00 am
- 7th** **Monday**
- TOPS Club 5:15 pm
- 9th** **Wednesday**
- Esther Circle 9:30 am
 - Power in Prayer 2:00 pm
 - Ad Council 7:00 pm
- 10th** **Thursday**
- Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 11th** **Friday**
- China Painters 9:30 am
- 12th** **Saturday**
- Sandy McNamar Food Pantry 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- 13th** **Sunday NOISY OFFERING**
- Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
 - Sunday School 9:00 am
 - Worship Service 10:00 am
 - Fellowship 11:00 am
- 14th** **Monday**
- TOPS Club 5:15 pm
- 15th** **Wednesday**
- Power in Prayer 2:00 pm

July Calendar (continued)

- 17th** **Thursday**
- Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 19th** **Saturday**
- All church breakfast 8:00 am
If you would like to help cook, come at 7:00 am.
- 20th** **Sunday**
- Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
 - Sunday School 9:00 am
 - Worship Service 10:00 am
 - Fellowship 11:00 am
- 21st** **Monday**
- TOPS Club 5:15 pm
 - Education Meeting 6:00 pm
- 23rd** **Wednesday**
- Power in Prayer 2:00 pm
- 24th** **Thursday**
- Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 26th** **Saturday**
- Eve Circle 9:30 am
 - Sandy McNamar Food Pantry 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 - Community Meal 5:00 pm
- 27th** **Sunday**
- Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
 - Sunday School 9:00 am
 - Worship Service 10:00 am
 - Fellowship 11:00 am
 - Summer Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social 6:00 pm
- 28th** **Monday**
- TOPS Club 5:15 pm
- 30th** **Wednesday**
- Power in Prayer 2:00 pm
- 31st** **Thursday**
- Craft Group 5:00 pm

July Birthdays



Marilyn Crusan	7/16
Rosie Bishop	7/18
Randy Robbins	7/19
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 5:00 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

COMMUNITY MEAL

**Last Saturday of every month.
Next dinner will be:
Saturday, July 26th
5:00 pm**



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

Esther Circle

**Will meet July 9th, 9:30 am
in Fellowship Hall
Hostess: Carol Davis
Devotions/Program: Sharon Ramsey**

Esther Circle will be collecting Health Items for Bidwell Riverside Community Center.

A barrel is in Fellowship Hall for donations.

Church Financial Report

Finance/Treasurer Report
Bank Balance as of May 1, 2025
\$19,408.65

May Budget Items

<i>Budget Items</i>	\$19,795.25
<i>Mission Items</i>	\$ 774.26
<i>Committed Funds</i>	\$ 1,019.97
	\$21,589.48

May Disbursements

<i>Budget Items</i>	\$15,060.07
<i>Missions</i>	\$ 434.10
<i>Committed Funds</i>	\$ 4,319.52
	\$19,813.69

Bank balance as of May 31, 2025
\$21,184.44

Less Committed Funds as of May 31, 2025
\$14,848.88

Available funds as of May 31, 2025
\$ 6,335.56

This report is submitted by
Terri Pollard, Staves Finance Secretary

Community Meals

The Community Meal program is still going strong. This program was started in December of 2016 on the last Saturday of the month with the idea that people's budgets were probably very tight so a little help in the area of food would be a good idea.

We started by serving about 20 people those first few months. We serve a meal to anyone who comes in the door with no questions but with a smile and friendly word to anyone who comes in the door around 5:00 p.m. Now we are serving about 60 meals each month through this program.

The committee has not had time to meet to determine menus for August, September and October. Once we do those menus will be shared.

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.

First is a wonderful announcement that we get to share. The parking lot is now totally paid in full. The final check to repay the Foundation for the loan was written in early June. Thank you for your financial support for that project.

Trustees Update (continued)

Other good news for completed trustees' work includes the receipt of funds from the insurance company for the damage to the soffit at the parsonage during a March wind storm. These repairs will take place in late June.

The work to control the water issues in the basement at the parsonage is now complete. So hopefully, there will be no more water issues in that part of the basement.

We still have a project in process and that is the new video screen on the back wall of the sanctuary. We are still working with this one. We are working 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 possibly some 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 July are: Saturday, July 12th and Saturday, July 26th. 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. The numbers for May have not been calculated yet but we know from how tired we are each week that we helped a lot of families. We will share the May and June numbers in the next caller.

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, toothpaste/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.

UWFaith News (A.K.A) Petticoat Patter

I'm sitting here writing these articles on the official first day of summer, June 20th. Right now we have a thunderstorm in process. Then after this passes, warmth. Mother Nature must agree that summer is here since we have an extreme heat advisory in place for the next few days.

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

I actually like summer with all of its activities. Sitting in the stands watching an Iowa Cubs game. Watching the few lightning bugs that are still around. Listening to the sound of honey bees at work. Even though the sound scares my newer dog I love to watch fireworks. As I watch I try to remember what elements make up each color. Then of course attending and working the Iowa State Fair (more on this in the August article.)

The point is there is such a variety of things to do. To me there is so much more to do in summer than in winter. But I know there are those who would say, there's lots to do in winter too. It is just where your talents and tastes are whether you are a summer or winter person.

The point here is we all have special things we like and want to do, while we all have a list of things we don't like and really don't want to do. As a church we have things we like in our service to God.

Your spiritual gift can be very different than the person who sits in the same pew as you. Your gift is unique to you. That does not mean that the other person is better or worse than you. It is simply that God gave them different work to do.

We all need to use our unique spiritual gifts to help support and grow the church. When members don't use their gift and don't help, others must step in and fill the gap. Then some feel ignored or overlooked, while others feel over worked and abused. Remember we are all God's children and He loves us all the same.

As for activities for United Women in Faith, our next activity is hosting the Summer Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social. Mark your calendar for

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

Sunday, July 27th at 6:00 p.m. for Fun Night. We will provide bake goodies to eat along with ice cream and toppings. After we have 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.)

Then the ladies will begin planning their final fundraiser for the year. The Holiday Fair in October on Saturday, October 18th. So, mark your calendar now for this one. We'll have a soup lunch but that is all I can share about it right now.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRUSTEES MEETING

**Tuesday, July 1st
7:00 pm**

AD COUNCIL MEETING

**Wednesday July 9th
7:00 pm**

EVE CIRCLE MEETING

**Saturday July 26th
9:30 am in Fellowship Hall
Devotions: Sharon Ramsey
Program: Diane Alton
Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062**



The All-Church Ice Cream Social and Hymn Sing

***Will be held on Sunday, July
27, starting at 6:00 pm.***

***Bring your family, friends,
and neighbors for an evening
of awesome Christian
Fellowship***

JULY MISSION



This month's mission is the Helping Hand Fund at Staves UMC.

In past years we have assisted people with gas cards, cards to purchase food, pay an overdue utility bill, make a house payment, or something that helps them to survive. With the coming summer, the utility bills, the unexpected car blow up, and the stress of surviving will increase. It is only with your giving that we are able to help someone through a hard time.

Please give generously. And even though the request from the Missions Committee is once a year, consider making this your go-to giving. Thank you for your contribution to the mission of this church. Your gift is multiplied greatly by the grace of God.

Blessings,

The Mission Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
Staves Memorial United Methodist Church
June 11, 2025

CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTIONS

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Secretary – Terri Pollard

- A) Close to the May goal.
- B) Renee Horner will assume counting duties, July 6th, 13th and 20, as Terri will be out of town on these Sundays.

Treasurer – Rick Atterbury

- A) May was better – gifts exceeded local expenses, in May.
- B) We are still three months behind on apportionments.
- C) June is a Five Sunday month.
- D) Payment of the parking lot work is now complete.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS None.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

Scholarship - Two applications to review at meeting on June 30. Scholarships will be announced in July.

Trustees – Michelle Rogers

- A) Parsonage basement – leak repairs will take place, June 17th.
- B) Small garage – some people are willing to make repairs to the structure. They were given one year to get it done.
- C) Electrical work has been completed.
- D) A television screen will be installed on the back wall of the worship center, by Traviss TV.
- E) The parsonage roof will be fixed, by Deaver roofing. The mobility chair needs to be fixed.
- G) ICE/DHS signs will be posted around the church facility.
- H) Locking church doors during the worship service – this matter was tabled, until the July meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)
June 11, 2025

Comment cards – Brian McNamar

Movie nights with snacks – Brian will assess feasibility.

MINISTRY WORK AREAS

Vacation Bible School – June 22 through 26 – meeting June 15th.

Worship/Music - People are encouraged to sign up to present summer special music.

Women in Faith: All church ice cream social and hymn sing, July 27th.

Missions – July emphasis will be the Helping Hand Fund.

Food Pantry – Very busy in May, lots of people. Meat sale, June 29th, proceeds to benefit the food pantry.

NEXT MEETING

July 9, 7:00 pm

Brian ended the meeting with a word of prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Ellis, secretary

Ileta Wilson, recording secretary

ATTENDEES – Brian McNamar, Michelle Rogers, Rick Atterbury, Marilyn Ogle, Terri Pollard, Marilyn Burch, Dale Ogle, Carol Tanner, and Ileta Wilson