Staves Memorial United Methodist Church



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Our Best Intentions

"I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate" (Romans 7:15)

This is how the Apostle Paul described his spiritual condition. Somehow, he could not translate his best intentions into the actions he wished to do. This is the dilemma that has afflicted all Christians who sincerely want to do God's will.

Peter experienced it too. "Lord, I am ready to go with You both to prison and to death" (Luke 22:33), he declared, and he meant it. His best intentions were to stick with his Lord, no matter what. Yet Peter denied knowing his Lord, and, along with all the disciples, fled in fear the night of Jesus' betrayal (Mark 14:50). What he wanted to do, he failed to do and ended up doing what he didn't want to do. We understand that dilemma all too well. Like Peter, we weep when faced with our failures. But we do not have to despair. Because on our own we will fail, but with God who gives us the power of the Holy Spirit we can do great things. Things that we never thought possible.

Christ went to His death on Calvary in order to buy us back from sin and death and the shame of our failures. We are no longer captive to sin and immobilized by it. "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us" (Romans 8:37). Jesus lived the perfect life for us; and He gives us grace that forgives our failures and gives us more opportunities to bear the fruit he calls us to bear.

Sometimes I'll catch myself dwelling on my past failures and sins. When that happens, I have to remind myself that these thoughts are not the work of God; rather they are the work of the enemy who wants to keep me stuck in the past and wants me to believe the lie that I will never be useful in God's kingdom. Other times I catch myself dwelling on my past accomplishments. The enemy will also use this as an opportunity to lie to me and tries to make me think that I can do great things for God's kingdom under my own power. Not only does this lie rob God of His glory it also sets me up for more failure and more discouragement. But, both of these lies are destroyed in the light of God's word that says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

June Calendar

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2 nd	Sunday		10 th	<u>Monday</u>		
	HOLY COMMUNION		•	Adult Bible Study	10:00 am	
•	Adult Sunday School	8:45 am	•	TOPS Group	5:15 pm	
•	Sunday School	9:00 am				
•	Worship Service	10:00 am	11 th	<u>Tuesday</u>		
•	Fellowship Time	11:00 am	•	SPRC Meeting	6:30 pm	
•	Hispanic Worship (chapel)	1:00 pm				
			12 th	<u>Wednesday</u>		
3 rd	<u>Monday</u>		•	Esther Circle	9:30 am	
•	Adult Bible Study	10:00 am	•	Ad Council	7:00 pm	
•	NO UWFaith		•	Hispanic Bible Study (chape) 7:00 pm	
•	Education Meeting	6:00 pm	4.2th	Thomas		
•	TOPS Group	5:15 pm	13 th	Thursday	F.00	
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4 th	<u>Tuesday</u>		14 th	Friday		
•	UWFaith Board Meeting	6:00 pm	14	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	chapel) 7:00 pm	
•	Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm	•	inspanie worship (chaper, 7.00 pm	
•	Polk County Primary Election		15 th	Saturday		
5 th	Moderadov		•	All church breakfast	8:00 am	
_	Wednesday Dorcas Circle 10:00	am 2.00 mm		Come at 7:00 am if you wou		
•	Dorcas Circle 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 pm		•			
•	Hispanic Bible Study (chaper)	7.00 pm		,	•	
6 th	Thursday		16 th	<u>Sunday</u>		
•	Craft Group	5:00 pm	•	Adult Sunday School	8:45 am	
			•	Sunday School	9:00 am	
7 th	<u>Friday</u>		•	Worship Service	10:00 am	
•	China Painters	9:30 am	•	Fellowship Time	11:00 am	
•	Church Women United Human Rights		•	Hispanic Worship (chapel)	1:00 pm	
	Celebration (First Baptist, Johnston) Noon					
•	Hispanic Worship (chapel)	7:30 pm	17 th	<u>Monday</u>		
•	UMC Annual Conference 2024	1	•	Bible Study	10:00 am	
			•	TOPS Group	5:15 pm	
8 th	<u>Saturday</u>		•	Education /VBS Meeting	6:00 pm	
•	EVE CIRCLE tour of "On With Life" 9:30 am		a o th			
•	•	2:00 – 5:00 pm	19 th	<u>Wednesday</u>	1) 7.00	
•	UMC Annual Conference 2024		•	Hispanic Bible Study (chape	l) 7:00 pm	
9 th	Sunday		20 th	Thursday		
•	Adult Sunday School	8:45 am	•	CALLER DEADLINE		
•	Sunday School	9:00 am	•	EVE Circle (work for BFM)	4:30 pm	
•	Worship Service	10:00 am	•	Craft Group	5:00 pm	
•	Fellowship Time	11:00 am		- -	•	
•	Hispanic Worship (chapel)	7:00 pm	21 st	<u>Friday</u>		
•	UMC Annual Conference 2024	•	•	Hispanic Worship (chapel)	7:00 pm	

June Calendar (continued)

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22nd **Saturday EVE Circle** 9:30 am Wedding Shower for Kaylee Putzier 10:30 am to 12:30 pm 23rd Sunday **Adult Sunday School** 8:45 am 9:00 am **Sunday School Worship Service** 10:00 am **Fellowship Time** 11:00 am Vacation Bible School 5:45 pm - 8:15 pm Hispanic Worship (chapel) 1:00 pm 24th Monday Vacation Bible School 5:45 pm - 8:15 pm 25th **Vacation Bible School** 5:45 pm - 8:15 pm 26th Wednesday Vacation Bible School 5:45 pm - 8:15 pm Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) Church Women United State Assembly, Friendship Haven, Fort Dodge 27th **Thursday** Vacation Bible School 5:45 pm - 8:15 pm 28th 7:00 pm Hispanic Worship (chapel) 29thSaturday Sandy McNamar Food Pantry 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Community Meal 5:00 pm 30th Sunday **Adult Sunday School** 8:45 am

Sunday School

Worship Service

Fellowship Time

Hispanic Worship (chapel)

9:00 am

10:00 am

11:00 am

7:00 pm



June Birthdays

June

Caitlyn Reynolds	6/02
Deb Hines	6/02
Judy Gustafson	6/05
Marilyn Burch	6/08
Sherry Palmer	6/08
Carol Ann Davis	6/09
Esther Beyer	6/09
Addie DeLano	6/10
Marilyn Waters	6/11
Bridget Gervais	6/12
Doris Henry	6/13
Norma Arnold	6/20
Larry Spaulding	6/22
Don Winterberg	6/22
Mary Ellis	6/24
Gil Gillman	6/24
Tammy Jones	6/24
Roberta Traviss	6/25
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 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 <u>Helping Hand Fund</u>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>PILLAR OF PRAYER:</u> 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.

> June Dates: June 8th June 29th

ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST

June 15th 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:
June 29th at 5:00 p.m.

Menu: Pulled Pork, Buns, Baked
Beans, Chips, Salad and Dessert

FVE CIRCLE will meet 9:30 am

June 22nd

Program -- Lesie Hall, Speaker

Eastside Women and Children's

Shelter



Bank Balance as of March 31, 2024

\$34,512.38

April Budget Items

Budget Items \$ 16,967.00
Mission Items \$ 1,231.52
Committed Funds \$ 2,888.05
\$ 21,086.57

April Disbursements

Budget Items \$18,544.20
Missions \$ 1,323.56
Committed Funds \$ 1,373.84
\$21,241.60

Bank balance as of April 30, 2024

\$34,357.35

Less Committed Funds as of April 30, 2024 \$20,497.45

Available funds as of April 30, 2024 \$13,859.90

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

Christian Education

The Education committee is very busy putting together the details for VBS. The activity will be held Sunday, June 23rd through Thursday, June 27th from 5:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Again, this year we will be serving the children a meal at the start of the program. If you wish to help with VBS please come to the June Education meeting or see Norma Thierman to volunteer.

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 bible study is taking a break from The Chosen at this time. Once the final four episodes of season four become available we will meet again. Currently Terri is reviewing a study on King David to see if it is something we should do.

Remember that we have an elementary, 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 June menu will be pulled pork and several sides. We hope you come and enjoy this unique meal that blends church and non-church folks into a fun group.

Community Meals (continued)

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

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.

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 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 will be replacing the two ceiling lights in the Narthex just outside the Finance and Church office. Those fixtures are old and in need of replacement.

Trustees (continued)

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 8th and Saturday, June 29th. 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 April:

- Families 70
- People 227
- Pounds of Food In 1,154
- Pounds of Food Out 1,403
- Personal Items In 0
- Personal Items Out 14

Again, you can see our numbers are up. 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 stop by one Saturday that we are open.

While I am writing this article before the Pack the Pantry operation sponsored by Hy-Vee and KCCI, the Food Pantry staff wants to thank anyone who helped with buying donations, working the Hy-Vee store location or helped get food off the Hy-Vee truck and into the pantry.

Food Pantry (continued)

Even with the donations from the Pack the Pantry event, we 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



UWFaith News (A.K.A) Petticoat Patter

Here I am again writing an article a few weeks before you actually read it. And I'm thinking about things we do in May.

In case you didn't know, I attend Renaissance Faires. Yes, I do dress up in period costume. I hate to say it but I now understand why some ladies had a 'lady in waiting'. It was probably her chore to help the Lady into and out of her corset. It does take two people to do that job. Then of course you can't go strolling without guards and protectors, so men are there for the ladies to rely on for other support.

But there is someone else we can rely on, and He doesn't help us dress. But He is always near and supportive. I speaking of course about Jesus. As a believer He is always by your side and ready to help with anything. All you need to do is ask and seek, which leads me to always think about Matthew 7:7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."

When you are searching for answers, worrying about things, or maybe feel a little down. Ask God for help, seek Him out through reading your Bible or a daily devotion, then knock on the door through prayer looking for Jesus and the Holy Spirit to help you. The answers and support will come your way. But be prepared to be like the persistent widow that Pastor talked about in May. Use the "P.U.S.H" method of prayer Pray Until Something Happens.

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

Then of course there is putting flowers on the graves of those we love. We go out as a family, my sister, myself, my niece, my great niece and sometimes my great nephew. It's a good time to talk about family ties (teaching family lineage to them) and have a bit of fun during the day. We also find an old grave that appears to have no one to attend it. We clean it and leave a small bundle of flowers. We don't do it to get recognition, we do it out of love and respect for someone else. (Take a look at Matthew 6:3 and see if this act is a good example of that.)

If I didn't say anything in the May article, I want to thank the men for their work at Ladies Night Out the first Friday in May. I also want to thank all the ladies who attended the dinner. I hope that you found the food tasty, the service great and the entertainment excellent. This is one of the fun things that the United Women in Faith unit gets to do for all the church members during the year.

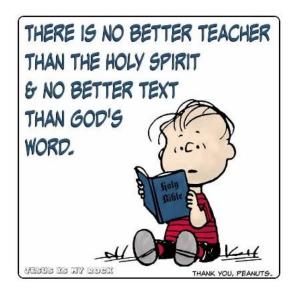
Our next fun activity is scheduled for the evening is scheduled for Sunday, July 29th when we host an ice cream social and hymn sing. The UWFaith unit provides the baked goodies and the ice cream, you get to provide the fellowship and the singing voices. Please mark your calendar to attend that event.

One last thing for me to bring up this month. Sleeping Mats made out of re-cycled plastic bags. We have a loom and are always working on a mat. Once the mats are

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

complete, they are donated to Urban Bicycle Food Ministry and delivered to the homeless. Anyone is free to take a few minutes before or after church or a meeting and cut a few bags, string them into plarn, or weave a few rows on the mat. There are several ladies that know the steps. Please stop and look at the mat and try one on the steps to make one. Each step is easy and you can contribute in many ways to this ministry.

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.



CAT TASK FORCE UPDATE

Our goal is to listen, to respond, and to act.

The CAT Task Force met again on Tuesday, May 21, with 13 in attendance, to more deeply analyze the responses received to the six questions we asked the congregation in March. During April, the questions were summarized into several tasks and a report was provided at the Administrative Council meeting in May. The Ad Council approved the CAT Task Force to address specific tasks.

At our May 21 meeting, the CAT Task Force divided into three teams to further discuss each of the 135 responses received in March. The CAT Task Force meets again on Wednesday, May 29, to continue conversations to identify actions.

One main theme we found is the need for each of us to increase and to improve direct communication. Our objective is to address your suggestions that enhance the work of Staves Church for the Kingdom, while addressing our challenges. We want to build on our strengths and to find solutions for our concerns. How will we do this? A member of CAT Task Force may contact you for more information. We may ask you to volunteer your expertise and skills to move suggestions into reality. We are excited to become the church God intends.

Mission For June

One of the most pervasive evils that is in Iowa is human trafficking. We sit at the crossroads of two major interstates where human beings, many of them children or women are shipped to all corners of the country. It also happens in our towns and cities. A parent or a sibling may traffic a family member for sex for money. The new person in the community who works for your neighbor may have had his or her passport taken away, putting them in a servitude position with little power. Who is going to believe the child? Who is going to believe the migrant? It is not a poverty issue, it is not a race issue, it is not a political issue. IT IS A HUMAN ISSUE.

Victims are controlled by the traffickers in many ways. Physical abuse or threats of abuse to family members; isolation, many times with others in the same situation; no financial means which binds them to the trafficker; no ability to communicate through phone or internet; removal of food, shelter or transportation to maintain compliance.

It can leave us helpless. We don't have to feel that way. Learn the signs of sexual and labor trafficking signs; educate yourself on what to look for and how to report and where; know the various agencies that work to stop trafficking. If you see something, report it. The National Human Trafficking Hotline is 888.373.7888. Don't think that someone else will do it.

There are in Iowa several shelters strictly for women and girls who have been trafficked. Wings of Refuge is located in Ames. The web site states that "We are a Christ-centered organization that provides opportunities for healing and restoration to survivors of sex trafficking and sexual exploitation. We do this by providing a long-term restorative safe home, meaningful work through a social enterprise, and transitional housing."

The last I knew, the average stay for a survivor was 2+ years. That was to get past the initial trauma. It takes time. These survivors will face the same PTSD that is found in veterans of war. For many, the fear of the trafficker is one of the hardest to deal with. There are shelters and support services in Des Moines, Cherokee, Carroll, Adel, Fort Dodge, Atlantic, Vincent, Dubuque, Eldora, Decorah, Malvern, and Clinton. We will be collecting money to send to Wings of Refuge to be used where it is needed most. Thank you for your help.

UNDERSTANDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING | Iowa Office to Combat Human Trafficking (stophtiowa.org); https://stophtiowa.org/understanding-human-trafficking; Iowa Human Trafficking – Statistics, Facts, Shelters Search (htcourts.org).

Thank you,

The Mission Team

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES Staves Memorial United Methodist Church May 8th, 2024

CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTIONS

Chairperson, Brian McNamar began the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was agreed upon.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

CAT Results Review

- A) Greeting all should be doing this.
- B) "Do It Now" sheet information.
- C) New Congregational Care Committee.
- D) Only new large issues to Ad Council but keep ad council informed.

A motion to allow Rick and the task force to move forward with "Do It Now" items was approved. The task force will report back to the council, next month.

Pastor – Tim Walker

- A) Update on church wedding policy to come before the council by August.
- B) Update on new member class.
- C) Concrete pots have been planted.
- D) Wrote a thank you letter to the congregation, on the budget, and giving.
- E) Call from a neighbor about the carillon volume has been turned down. Currently playing twice daily three times on Sunday. There was a period of discussion.
- F) Update on hearing devices cost \$600 \$700 for a transmitter and four units scheduling another contact with Audio Group.

A motion to purchase the hearing system suggested by Brian was agreed upon.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

Trustees – Michelle Rogers

- A) More mowers and weed eaters for lawn crews.
- B) Edge marker on stairs.
- C) Parsonage light fixtures are done.
- D) Shingles fixed, on the garage.
- E) Fence behind dumpster, and air conditioners.
- F) The hunt for a new van continues.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A) A couple of months short, but good in March a five Sunday month.
- B) The treasurer's report was reviewed.

Foundation – no report.

Memorial Committee – Phyllis Anderson

- A) No real changes in memorial funds.
- B) New scholarship applications and discussion of funding.

REQUEST FOR FUNDS No additional requests.

MINISTRY WORK AREAS

Education/Sunday School – Norma Thierman

Vacation Bible School meeting, May 20th – curriculum materials will be ordered. It was noted, Sheridan Park will be joining us again, this year.

Worship/Music - Steve Ellis

- A) Flowers for Mother's Day
- B) Pentecost May 19th.

Memorial Committee

Three potential scholarships – see also, above.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

UWFaith – Terri Pollard

- A) Ladies Night Out went well.
- B) Hymn Sing/Ice Cream Social in July.

Missions – Marilyn Burch

- A) May emphasis "Voice of the Martyrs"
- B) Navigator's information, in the Caller.

Food Pantry

- A) Lots of traffic, first hour or so.
- B) Hy-Vee Food Drive end of May.
- C) Grant from conference waiting for an update.
- D) Discussion on start times.

NEXT MEETING

June 12, 7:00 pm

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Ellis Secretary

ATTENDEES Brian McNamar, Pastor Tim Walker, Michelle Rogers, Renee Horner, Marilyn Burch, Norma Thierman, Phyllis Anderson, Rick Atterbury, Terri Pollard, Rick Roghair and Dee Hines