Staves Memorial United Methodist Church



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August 01, 2024

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD...

"Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.... (Psalm 46: 10-11)

I have a love/hate relationship with computers. I love them when it comes to doing research for a sermon. I started preaching on a weekly basis in January of 1990, which were the dark days before the internet. Today, the process of sermon writing is considerably streamlined compared to then.

But I hate computers when it comes to passwords. People will say, "Well, write them down." And then the password changes and it changes again and again. I have, however, figured out how to keep my email open so I don't have to sign in every time. And then, over the weekend Microsoft crashed and took the computer world down with it. I came in this morning and tried to open my email and it wanted my password. Well, this has changed so many times I can't remember it. No big deal they can text a code to my cellphone so I can change the password for the umpteenth time. No wait! My cellphone number has changed and I can't seem to get it changed with Microsoft!! Aaaargh!!!Yes, Pastor Tim needed a "time-out."

So, I went to the mailbox at the curb where I found a letter among all the junk mail. It was a card from a woman in Iowa City who has sent mail to Staves Church before and it always has an encouraging little note inside. This time the note read, "Pastor Walker, you and your congregation are in my prayers for peace, comfort and, joy. God is crazy about each one of you. Blessings Lynn C... There was also a little card inside that had Psalm 46:10 &11 on it, "Be still and know that I am God....... Thank you, God. That was the reminder I needed that the God who created me is infinitely bigger than any problem I might face and I need to turn to Him first rather than last. When I went back to my computer, I gave the password another try and... I was in.

God is not just Lord over computer problems but He is also Lord over all the problems we will face in life. However, God will be Lord over our problems by invitation only. We have to invite the Holy Spirit of God to bring the needed healing and the needed miracles to the situation; and then, let God decide what's needed as far as healing and miracles go.

August Calendar

1 st	<u>Thursday</u> Craft Group	5:00 pm	
2 nd •	<u>Friday</u> China Painters Hispanic Worship (chapel)	9:30 am 7:00 pm	
4 th • • • • •	Sunday Holy Communion Adult Sunday School Sunday School Worship Service Fellowship Time Hispanic Worship (chapel)	8:45 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 – 3:00:pm	
5 th • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Monday Adult Bible Study Tops Group Tuesday Trustees Meeting	10:00 am 5:15 pm 7:00 pm	
7 th •	Wednesday Dorcas Circle 10:0 Hispanic Bible Study (chapel	00 am – 2:00 pm l) 7:00 pm	
8 th	<u>Thursday</u> Craft Group	5:00 pm	
9 th	<u>Friday</u> Hispanic Worship (chapel)	7:00 pm	
10 th	Sandy McNamar Food Pantry 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm		
11 TH • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	Sunday Adult Sunday School Sunday School Worship Service Fellowship Time Hispanic Worship (chapel)	8:45 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 - 3:00 pm	

August Calendar (continued)

12th	Monday		
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•	TOPS Group	5:15 pm	
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14 th	Wednesday		
•	Esther Circle	9:30 am	
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15 th	Thursday		
•	Craft Group	5:00 pm	
16 th	Friday		
•	Hispanic Worship (chapel)	7:00 pm	
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17 th	<u>Saturday</u>		
•	All Church Breakfast	8:00 am	
	Come at 7:00 am if you would like to help.		
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18 th	<u>Sunday</u>		
•	Adult Sunday School	8:45 am	
•	Sunday School	9:00 am	
•	Worship Service	10:00 am	
•	Fellowship Time	11:00 am	
•	Hispanic Worship (chapel) 1:00 p	om – 3:00 pm	
19 th	<u>Monday</u>		
•	Adult Bible Study	10:00 am	
•	NO EDUCATION MEETING		
•	TOPS Group	5:15 pm	
•	Church Women United Board Meeting		
	11:30 am		
21st	<u>Wednesday</u>		
•	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 pm	
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23rd	<u>Friday</u>		
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August Calendar (continued)

24 th	Saturday Eve Circle Meeting	9:30 am
25 th • •	Sunday Adult Sunday School Sunday School Worship Service Fellowship Time Hispanic Worship (chapel)	8:45 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm
26 th •	Monday Adult Bible Study TOPS Group	10:00 am 5:15 pm
28 th	Wednesday Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 pm
29 th ●	<u>Thursday</u> Craft Group	5:00 pm
30 th	<u>Friday</u> Hispanic Worship (chapel)	7:00 pm
31 st	Saturday Sandy McNamar Food Pantry 5:00 pm Community Meal	y 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm
•	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	•



August Birthdays

Marilyn Arnold	8/03
Becky Cox	8/03
Kaylee Putzier	8/03
Bruce Wise	8/04
Andy Gervais	8/04
Marisa Gish	8/07
Bev Patterson	8/12
Levi McDonald	8/15
Jennie Gervais	8/17
Norma Thierman	8/19
Renee Horner	8/21
Teresa Gish	8/22
Ray Fraaken	8/24
Sandy Hudnall	8/25
Ron Riley	8/26

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 church 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 church 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.

> August Dates: August 10th August 31st

ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST

August 17th 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:
August 31st at 5:00 p.m.

Menu: "Build It Yourself" Taco Bar
All the Fixings
Chips and Salsa
Dessert



Bank Balance as of May 31, 2024

\$23,550.95

June Budget Items

Budget Items \$ 17, 518.00

Mission Items \$ 960.23

Committed Funds \$ 1,255.09

\$ 19,733.32

June Disbursements

Budget Items\$19,804.97Missions\$ 251.15Committed Funds\$ 844.48

\$20,900.60

Bank balance as of June 30, 2024

\$22,383.67

Less Committed Funds as of May 31, 2024

\$13,162.27

Available funds as of June 30, 2024

\$ 9,221.40

This report is submitted by: Terri Pollard Staves Financial Secretary

Eve Circle

Will meet August 24^h at 9:30 am In Fellowship Hall

Ileta Wilson - Devotions

Christian Education

The next planned activity by the Education Committee is rally day in September. The Education committee will supply ham sandwiches to the luncheon. Please bring a side dish to share. Plates, napkins, and silverware will also be provided. Please be sure to read future Callers and weekly bulletins for more information on that activity.

We are looking for a couple of people to take over teaching the 3rd to 5th grade group of children. If you are interested in teaching this group starting in September, please see Norma Thierman.

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 has completed watching Season Four of the Chosen. We are again on a short break (for the Fair and other activities) until September. Currently Terri is looking for a short study on King David to see if it is something we should do. She is also reviewing Advent studies to see if there is something we can do during that time period.

Remember that we have an pre-school, upper elementary and a Youth Sunday School program. These start at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Community Meals

The Free Meals continue to reach community and church members with food and fellowship once a month.

This meal is always the last Saturday of the month. The meal for August will be a "build it yourself" taco bar. This will include all the fixings, chips and salsa, and dessert.

The meal for September will be ham sandwiches, pasta salad, chips, and 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 depending on the menu the cooking start time varies.

Trustees Update

Here are the updates on the latest Trustee Projects.

We purchased a new small van for church use. It is a 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan and seats six plus the driver. Thank you, Nick Withee and Pastor Tim, for helping make this purchase.

We are looking for a couple more van drivers, if you are willing to drive, please see Diane in the office so we can copy your driver license for the insurance company. Please note that you must be on the approved drivers list with the insurance company to drive either of the vans. See a trustee if you wish to use the van on any outing so an approved driver can be arranged.

If you need a ride to church, please call the secretary by Thursday afternoon to arrange the

Trustees Update (continued)

ride. The driver for the week will call you on Sunday morning to make sure you still plan to attend church that morning and arrange the pickup time with you.

The fans in the sanctuary have now been replaced. They are larger than the old fans; so will move more air. Please look up carefully to see the new ones in operation.

We have also repaired the ice maker (which stopped functioning for about a week) and fixed the leaking toilet in the Ladies restroom in Narthex. A couple of the trustees have looked at and are working on minor repairs to the Parsonage.

We are also looking at repairs on the two lights that are out in the Fellowship Hall. These need special work; so we are looking for an electrician for this work.

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.

As you can see the Trustees have been hard at work over the last couple weeks working on or overseeing the work being completed at the church. 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 August are: Saturday, August 10th and Saturday, August 31st. 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 June:

- Families 89
- •People 241
- Pounds of Food In 1,728
- Pounds of Food Out 1,548
- Personal Items In 10
- Personal Items Out 9

June was a record month for the Food Pantry. While we are proud to say we helped this many people, it shows us how many families are struggling to make ends meet out there.

July starts a new fiscal year for the Food Pantry (our year runs from July 1st to June 30th to match the Food Bank of Iowa.)

Here are the totals for the fiscal year that ended on June 30th (SFY 2024):

- Families 741
- People 2,225
- Pounds of Food In 15,155
- Pounds of Food Out 14,226
- Personal Items In 292
- Personal Items Out 207

Also, for your information the Food Pantry is a semi-independent organization, meaning we have separate Federal Employer Identification number than the church and have a separate funding stream. We are a non-profit organization under the 501C.3 section of the IRS code.

Food Pantry (continued)

Money that you donate goes into that special account to be used strictly for Food Pantry purchases. Periodically we do assist with bills at Staves since we operate within these walls.

Because it is a semi-independent organization it has its own board of directors and this board meets periodically to oversee the organization.

Here is a list of the board members:

- Pastor Tim Walker Board Chairman
- Margo Schamerhorn Distribution Director
- Terri Pollard Inventory Control Officer
- Rick Atterbury Treasurer
- Brian McNamar Member at Large
- Marilyn Ogle Member at Large

If you are interested in seeing how the Pantry operates, please feel free to volunteer on one of the days we are open. We'd love for everyone to see this ministry in action.

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
- Cookies or baking mixes

Food Pantry (continued)

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 purchase 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

I sit here again working on several articles for the Caller and mentally I'm also working on a check list of things to do. Things that come to mind are, write the paper for my latest Lay Servant Class (it's due on Saturday and I have two more class sessions on the next two Saturdays), do more yard work now that the city has dumped my yard waste bin, do some laundry, shop for supplies for UBFM on Thursday night and clean house.

Believe it or not this is not an exhaustive list. I also have other books and magazines to read and oh yeah completing my two State Fair entries (they are due the last Saturday of July and I'm writing this in mid-July). Something I didn't mention is reading devotions and the Bible. I try to do these on a regular basis so I don't think of them as "To Do" items.

I try to start my day with these two readings (devotional and Bible) but sometimes because I laze in bed at the start of the day or spend a little time paying special attention to my newer younger dog (we are learning to trust each other more each day) these items get delayed.

You know those days where a delay in those two readings happen, it seems to be the ones

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

I sit here again working on several things go a little awry or my to do list for the day gets overridden by things I don't anticipate.

Sometimes I think those plan changes are God saying, "Spend a little time with me first. Then you can go about with your plans."

If you don't spend dedicated time reading a devotion and/or reading your Bible on a regular basis I challenge you start this practice. Then add on daily prayer time. You'll be amazed at how fast the time goes and how peaceful you feel during the day facing your own agenda (or maybe the agenda others create for you).

We hope that everyone who attended the Ice Cream Social and Hymn Sing on July 28th had a wonderful time. Thanks to the ladies of UW in Faith for the baked goods, ice cream and toppings. Thanks also to Becky and Rick for the piano playing.

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.

Terri Pollard



"The Pastor keeps referring to 'this morning's text' ... but which one?"

Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) Task Force

Fourteen people attended the CAT Task Force meeting on July 17 for a final review of congregational comments and for the development of recommendations to intentionally address the 135 comments received. The final list was divided into committee lists with tasks that apply to that committee (education, finance, trustees, worship, staff/parish relations, or memorial), and into an Admin Council list with identified tasks that apply to Admin Council. We will ask each committee and Admin Council to determine a plan of action to address each and every comment, and to report back to the CAT Task Force with a plan of action and the date they plan to report progress to the CAT Task Force and when the planned task is completed.

Addressing the comments include CAT Task Force members, the congregation, Admin Council, committees, Pastor Tim, specific individuals, a potential Congregational Care Team, and a potential Prayer Team. Our desire is to become more of the church God wants in our neighborhood – this requires a commitment by each of us to concentrate on positive, supportive relationships, caring, and listening as a result of prayer and effective communication.

We thank you for your honest comments and want you to know the CAT Task Force listened and will communicate tasks to the appropriate group and persons to address. Pray that Holy Spirit guides the work for all of us and for each of us as the Staves Church congregation.

Rick Roghair

August Mission

The mission for August is the American Bible Society. This organization provides bibles around the world so that God's Word can go to all nations. Each bible is in their language so that a person can read His promise to him or her of redeeming love. Your gift this month will be your footsteps to their door.

Thank you for helping with this mission. You are awesome.

The Mission Committee

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

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES Staves Memorial United Methodist Church July 10, 2024

CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTIONS

Chairperson, Brian McNamar began the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed. Corrections were made as follows; Change Pioneer to Koinonia Room.

Rick Roghair will make arrangements to move his class to the Koinonia room for next Sunday.

Jerry Barton (instead of A J Allen) fixed the 3 lights in the Sanctuary

A motion to approve the corrected 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 again be the note taker.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

<u>Finance Chair Renee Horner</u> reported that the June offering was down again. She also said that there will be large expenditures coming up. Air Conditioner parts cannot be retrieved and air conditioner leaking in the basement.

<u>Treasurer Rick Atterbury reported</u> June had not been a good month financially. The budget was overspent by \$2,700 in June and by \$5,900 for the year. There are still \$9,000 remaining in funds so still "above water". Rick said he has paid the next quarter of insurance but it had jumped \$500 per quarter; \$2,000 overall for year. Mid-American lowered the budget billing. He said the mild winter contributed to that. We've spent 48.86% for the year so slightly under budget.

<u>Foundation Chair Andy Gervais</u> questioned why there had been no July issue for the Upper Room. Pastor advised that he had contacted Upper Room and it was a mistake on their part, that July copies should arrive in 7-10 days. Last Sunday a special Foundation meeting was held following church services and the Foundation Committee approved a request from the Memorial Treasurer for \$3,000 to fund 3 scholarships and approved up to \$20,000 for a new church van.

Requests for Funds

It was advised by Chair and Pastor that Memorial funds remain designated for Audio as we may need additional audio units.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

PASTOR REPORT

Pastor Stated he had participated in the Worldwide General Conference meeting and found out the following:

- The General Conference removed the homosexual language from the Book of Discipline which means that the United Methodist clergy are now free to preside at same-sex marriage, where legal.
- It also means that a pastor who is in a same sex marriage may keep their leadership position in the methodist church.
- Single persons who have relationships cannot be charged for infidelity.
- Pastors who are married cannot be charged for infidelity, as it now may be excused.
- Polygamy is also allowed.

He continued that a new wedding policy was developed by SPRC. The previous policy was 10-15 years old so was out of date. He passed a copy of the wedding policy to the Ad Council members and requested that they take home and review it and at the next ad council meeting suggestions and comments will be reviewed. Pastor Tim already made a few changes to report.

Pastor Tim advised that we need a new IT person for Staves. The person currently serving us, John Spaulding, is reasonably priced, but it is hard to maintain a conversation with him on a problem or situation needing his advice. Andy Gervais asked what would be the qualifications for a new IT person. He also requested more information on the issue the IT person was unable to resolve. The Pastor advised that the printer will continue to spool when multiple attempts are made to stop it. i.e. cleaning out cache, change document size, etc. as possible solutions. A new person would have typical Help Desk qualifications. Attempts will be made to look for another IT person.

Hearing headsets need to be distributed. Brian offered to get batteries and setup for persons requesting them. Each hearing device will need to be set to channel 11. Pastor will distribute to those that identified themselves as needing one. He will also pass a sign up sheet for additional persons who wish to use these devices. Doing this will determine if we need more.

Rick Roghair called in to report the progress of the CAT Task Force meeting. He advised_that all responses had been reviewed during the past two weeks. Now responses will be divided into who can best address. Possibilities will include Ad Council, United Women of Faith, Congregational Care Committee and others. Marilyn Ogle and Rick will combine lists of who and how to combine. They will meet at 10:30 tomorrow a.m. The next step will be discussed at the July 17 CAT meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

TRUSTEE REPORT

Michelle Rogers provided the following updates:

During July she met for a bi-annual air-conditioning check.

The air-conditioner is not working in the education room so we are down one unit.

A plumber has been scheduled out to check toilet in front bathroom.

Insurance company advised we need to replace shingles and replace soffits.

The main entrance door has been repaired. The automatic door has been leaking fluid and has been fixed.

North door where funeral staff enter has been left unlocked. Strauss would need to be engaged to rekey door.

The van search had found 3 vans, with 2 new ones in Nebraska and one in Galesburg Terri is doing another search. Pastor wants to help negotiate on prices.

Regarding Leaking in basement on west wall, had to dig in memorial garden and right outside the side door. Water also leaking into electrical box.

Trustees will have A J Allen bid on replacing the furnaces and air conditioner, there are 5 furnaces and 5 air conditioners.

Pastor has issues at the parsonage. The back deck needs stained and approved for \$400 expenditure. Tiles inside the parsonage tiles have been broken and need to be replaced. There is a slow drain in the sink and the toilet is plugging up. West wall in the parsonage is leaking.

Norma Thierman advised that tile is needed in the education room and the office needs cleaned out. She will check with Kurt Putzier to see if he has materials to proceed with repairs and/or replacements.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Norma Theirman reported that the Bible School this year had 12 children participate and 24 adult volunteers involved. She continued that \$200 had been donated to help support the Sunday, September 8 Rally Day. Terri Pollard suggested a pot luck for Beggar's Night or the Fall Festival.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

WORSHIP & MUSIC and MEMORIAL

Steve Ellis reported that Ladies Night out performers may be asked to come back to Staves again for the music night sponsored by the UWFaith. There will be an ice cream social by the UWFaith on July 28 staring at 6:00 p.m. Ice cream and baked goods will be supplied and there will be a hymn sing.

MISSIONS

No report.

FOOD PANTRY

Margo Schamerhorn advised the Staves Food pantry fed 89 families and served 241 people during June Terri is setting up a new system for checking in the participants. She is still trying to determine how to get people through faster.

Terri advised the following menus for monthly community meals: July -Chicken Salad August – Taco Bar September – Ham sandwiches

MEMORIAL

Scholarships were provided to 3 persons during the previous Sunday Service.

*****NO MEETING DURING AUGUST FOR AD COUNCIL*****

Next meeting date will be September 11 at 7:15 p.m. Pastor will chair the meeting as Brian will be out of town.

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, Ileta Wilson, Carol Tanner, JoAnn Riley, and Margo Schamerhorn.