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Wisdom

Would other people identify wisdom as one of your gifts? If so, how does wisdom show itself in your life? I remember that wisdom was the very first topic that we learned about in First Grade Sunday School class. And that topic continued to come up in Confirmation Class, High School Youth Group, and it even followed me throughout college and seminary. The point is, wisdom is an important part of our Christian life. But do we really understand wisdom? I would like to give you a Biblical perspective of the **what, when, where, how, and why** of wisdom.

WHAT is wisdom? Bill Gothard said, "Wisdom is seeing things from God's perspective," (*Take my yoke upon you and learn from me... Matt 11: 29a.*) When we can see things from God's perspective, then and only then is when certain things will make sense. When we can look back on our struggles in life from God's perspective then is when we can understand how God used those struggles for something good.

WHEN do we need wisdom? Always! Life is like a puzzle. Wisdom enables us to fit the pieces together. We live a life that is very complex, full of pressures, burdens, and traps. No wonder King Solomon said at Proverbs 3: 13-14, "*Blessed is the person who finds wisdom and the one who gains understanding. For wisdom is more profitable than silver and her wages are better than gold.*"

WHERE do we begin to find wisdom? Proverbs 9: 10a points out, "*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom....*" We are called to revere and respect God and to acknowledge Him as Lord over our lives. True wisdom begins when we submit ourselves to His will.

HOW do we get wisdom? James 1:5 tells us, *“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to **all** without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”* Any time we realize our need for wisdom in some tough situation in life – we must remember to ask for God’s wisdom. And God will always answer that prayer with a yes. This is probably the most critical aspect of wisdom; we must remember to ask God for wisdom. When we forget to do this, we will suffer the pain of poor judgement. The other critical aspect of receiving wisdom from God is in the next two verses – James 1: 6 & 7, *“But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. **That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.**”* At first glance God’s wisdom won’t always make sense to us. There have been many times I have asked God for His wisdom in some situation and when I receive it, I respond by saying, “You want me to do what?!! We must remember that God’s ways are higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:9) and we must trust that His answer is for the best even though it doesn’t make sense at the time.

WHY should we seek out God’s wisdom? I Think Proverbs 3: 7-8 says it best, *“Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.”*

In Christ’s Love,

October Calendar

- 1st Tuesday**
- UWFaith Meeting 6:00 pm
 - Trustees Meeting 7:00- pm
- 2nd Wednesday**
- DORCAS Circle 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
 - Choir 6:30 pm
 - Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 3rd Thursday**
- Gems Group 11:00 am
 - Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 4th Friday**
- China Painters 9:30 am
 - Hispanic Worship (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 6th Sunday – HOLY COMMUNION**
- Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
 - Sunday School 9:00 am
 - Worship Service 10:00 am
 - Fellowship 11:00 am
 - Hispanic Worship (chapel) 1:00 – 3:00:pm
- 7th Monday**
- Adult Bible Study 10:00 am
 - TOPS Club 5:15 pm
- 8th Tuesday**
- SPRC Meeting 6:30 pm
- 9th Wednesday**
- Esther Circle 9:30 am
 - Bell Choir starts 5:30 pm
 - Choir Practice 6:30 pm
 - Ad Council 7:15 pm
 - Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 10th Thursday**
- Gems Group 11:00 am
 - Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 11th Friday**
- Hispanic Worship Service (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 12th Saturday**
- All Church Breakfast 8:00 am
 - Sandy McNamar Food Pantry 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

October Calendar

- 13th Sunday – NOISY OFFERING**
- 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 – 3:00:pm
- 14th Monday**
- Adult Bible Study 10:00 am
 - Church Women United (Corinthian Baptist) Noon
 - TOPS Club 5:15 pm
- 16th Wednesday**
- Bell Choir 5:30 pm
 - Choir Practice 6:30 pm
 - Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 pm
- 17th Thursday**
- Gems Group 11:00 am
 - Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 18th Friday**
- Hispanic Worship (chapel) 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- 19th Saturday**
- UWFaith Holiday Fair**
- 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
- Lunch** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
- 20th Sunday**
- 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 pm
 - Missions Speaker 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- 21st Monday**
- Adult Bible Study 10:00 am
 - United Church Women Board Meeting 11:30 am
 - TOPS Club 5:15 pm
 - Education Meeting 6:00 pm
(will put candy in bags)
NEED HELP!!

October Calendar (continued)

- 23rd Wednesday**
- **Bell Choir** 5:30 pm
 - **Choir Practice** 6:30 pm
 - **Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)** 7:00 pm
- 24th Thursday**
- **Gems Group** 11:00 am
 - **Craft Group** 5:00 pm
- 25th Friday**
- **Hispanic Worship (chapel)** 7:00 pm
- 26th Saturday**
- **Eve Circle** 9:30 am
 - **Sandy McNamar Food Pantry**
2:00 – 5:00 pm
 - **Community Meal** 5:00 pm
- 27th Sunday**
- **8:45 am Adult Sunday School**
 - **Sunday School** 9:00 am
 - **Worship Service** 10:00 am
 - **Fellowship Time** 11:00 am
 - **Hispanic Worship (chapel)** 1:00 pm
- 28th Monday**
- **Adult Bible Study** 10:00 am
 - **TOPS Club** 5:15 pm
- 29th Tuesday**
- **Decorate for Fall Fun Night**
times vary.
- 30th Wednesday**
- **Fall Fun Night** 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- 31st Thursday**
- **Gems Group** 11:00 am
 - **Craft Group** 5:00 pm



October Birthdays

Nancy Baker	10/10
Deanna Findlay	10/11
Michelle Rogers	10/19
Sarah Roghair	10/20
Carolyn Mitchell	10/21
Beth Hammack	10/22
Arlene Dunn	10/23
Gary Young	10/23
Sharon Johnson	10/24
Jo Reynolds	10/26
Brenda Entler	10/29

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'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 the 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

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 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**October Dates
October 12th
October 26th**

ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST

**Saturday, October 12th
8:00 a.m.
Come at 7:00 a.m. if you would like
to help.**

COMMUNITY MEAL

**Last Saturday of every month.
Next dinner will be:
October 26th 5:00 p.m.**



Church Financial Report

Bank Balance as of August 1, 2024	\$19,177.74
August Budget Items	
Budget Items	\$ 18,409.00
Mission Items	\$ 318.67
Committed Funds	\$ 295.00
	\$ 19,022.67
August Disbursements	
Budget Items	\$16,146.73
Missions	\$ 184.12
Committed Funds	\$ 63.05
	\$16,393.90
Bank balance as of August 31, 2024	\$21,806.51
Less Committed Funds as of Aug.31, 2024	\$11,898.60
Available funds as of August 31, 2024	\$ 9,907.91

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

Christian Education

The next activity for the Education Committee is hosting Fall Fun Night. This is held on beggar's night, October 30th, to provide the children a safe and fun location. We need wrapped candy for this event. If you wish to contribute, please give your bags of candy to Norma Thierman.

We will also need help decorating and working the event. Watch the weekly church bulletins for information on these options to help.

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 October, 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 is on a short break until sometime in October. 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 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 continues to reach community and church members with food and fellowship once a month. This meal is always the last Saturday of the month.

We will be planning the meals for October, November and December soon. 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.

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Trustees Update

Here are the updates on the latest Trustee Projects.

We are still 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 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.

Trustees Update (continued)

We are looking at fixing a spot on the eaves on the north side of the church and replacing a few missing shingles on the 3-stall garage. We are also researching getting an additional key made for the new van, since it only came with one key.

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 October are: Saturday, October 12th and Saturday, October 26th. 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 August:

• Families	63
• People	176
• Pounds of Food In	1,061
• Pounds of Food Out	1,017
• Personal Items In	25
• Personal Items Out	14

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

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

These items go very quickly so keeping them on-hand is a challenge for us. 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.

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

I've started a new Bible study with an outside group called Bible Study Fellowship. It is a non-denominational group that meets each year (September through May) focuses on a different area of the Bible.

Last year we studied the Book of John. For me it was the second time with this group. Amazingly (even though I shouldn't be surprised by it) I learn new things.

This year our study is on the Book of Revelation. This group doesn't try to explain the imagery in this Book. Instead, it focuses on the fact that God had a plan all along with Jesus as a main part. God always knew he would send us a redeemer while giving us grace and love beyond our understanding.

I am looking forward to learning something new from this complex book. The next several months and the thirty lessons for this study will prove intense and interesting. I think from the first two lessons, this study will look at the prophecies contained in the book.

Even with the thought that the world as we know it will end at some time and all will come before Jesus for final judgment (see the sheep and goats explanation in (Matthew 25) I don't fear the coming of Jesus. I am not so focused on the second coming, that it's what I long for.

I want to focus on doing my best for God and Jesus. I want to share what I learn about His Word and I want others to see that studying and reading the Bible is worth the time you put into it.

Where is your focus and what is your best that you want to accomplish for God? It doesn't matter your age we all have things to do, new

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

truths to learn, and new things to discover. If you can't make it to Staves to any of the Bible studies, try finding one on-line. Expand your thinking about the Bible and your personal relationship with God and Jesus.

As for what is going on in UW Faith, voting is currently underway for the Recognition Pins for 2024. (It will be complete by the time you read this). We'll present the pins and certificates at UW Faith Sunday in November.

We are also getting ready for the Holiday Fair. On Saturday October, 19th. It runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with lunch served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The sale is going to be a little scaled back this year. We'll have the holiday decorations, bake sale, and vendors. We'll also have a luncheon with Chili or Potato Soup (\$4.00) and Staves Burgers with chips (\$5.00). Our next events are the general meeting in November and the presentation of the Recognition Pins in November also.



Doris Roland would like to say thank you to everyone who helped make her 90th birthday party a wonderful day. A special thanks goes to her friend Sherry Palmer for helping to decorate the tables. It was a fun day for her and her family. Thank you. God Bless You.

October Mission

Mission Operation Christmas Child through Samaritan's Purse.

"Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14, ESV

From the web site: "The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local churches worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

"In the summer of 1993, Samaritan's Purse President Franklin Graham received a call from a man in England asking if he'd be willing to fill shoeboxes with gifts for children in Eastern Europe.

Franklin agreed, but figured Christmas was months away. He forgot about the promise until he received a call back around Thanksgiving asking about the gifts. "Franklin asked his friend, the late Pastor Ross Rhoads of Calvary Church of Charlotte to see if he could help with the need. A Sunday shortly afterward, Pastor Rhoads demonstrated for his congregation how to fill a shoebox with simple gifts and encouraged them to include a letter to the child as well. Within weeks, the church had 11,000 shoeboxes lining their hallways.

"Due to their generosity and additional gifts from Canada, Samaritan's Purse sent 28,000 shoebox gifts to children in the Balkans that Christmas. Through these gifts, we communicated to children and their families what the angel said to the shepherds about Jesus' birth: *"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people"* (Luke 2:10, ESV).

"Every year since, Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. Since 1993, more than 220 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

STAVES: This year we are getting 12 boxes that we will send home with those who pledge to fill and return. If we have more interest, we will have shoeboxes that can be decorated and filled. All boxes will be returned to Staves the 24th of October to be sent to the distribution site. Each person will receive a label to be attached to the box. Instructions are in the box.

This is a hands-on project for Staves. Thank you for participating.

Whatsoever you have done to the least of these My children, you have done to Me. (Matthew 25:40)

The Mission Team

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EVE CIRCLE

Will be collecting laundry detergent and dryer sheets for Des Moines Eastside Shelter for Women and Children. A tub will be in the Narthex.

Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062



EVE CIRCLE

Will Meet October 26th
9:30 am in Fellowship Hall.
We will be assembling
“Pumpkin Buckets”
to deliver to shut-ins.
Sharon Ramsey will be doing
devotions
Come join us.

Sherry Palmer
515-991-1062

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**Staves Memorial
UW Faith
Holiday Fair
Saturday, October 19th
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Lunch 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

GREETING CARDS

If you have any new unused
greeting cards you would like to
donate to the church, please
bring them in to the church
office. Thanks.

Fall Fun Night
Wednesday, October 30
5:30 – 7:30 pm

Decorate Tuesday, October 29th
and set up games.

Next Education Meeting is Monday, October 21st at 6:00. We will fill the treat bags that night and check over the games and prizes.

Anyone is welcome to help with this event in any way. Just show up. A fun time is had by all. The more people, the more games for the children to play.

Fall Fun Night is a safe alternative for the children on Beggars' Night.

Dinner, Games, Prizes, Candy



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Staves Memorial United Methodist Church

August 25, 2024 – Special meeting

A motion was made and seconded, to approve \$600 for yard signs, which several members have volunteered to place in their yards. Following a period of discussion, the motion was approved.

No additional items were discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Ellis, secretary

ATTENDEES:

Pastor Tim Walker, Norma Thierman, Sue Hood, Renee Horner, Andy Gervais, Phyllis Anderson, and Steve Ellis

ADMISISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES
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The meeting was called to order by Brian McNamer at 7:17 pm. Devotions was The Lord's Prayer.

The minutes of the August 25th special meeting were approved.

The minutes of the July 10th were read and approved as amended:

Regarding education report: the ceiling repair has been referred to the Trustee Committee.
Regarding Rally Day, \$200 dollars was approved. Remove a potluck for rally day.
Pastor Walker reported that the UMC does not condone polygamy.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and amend as directed.

Finance Chair: Renee Horner stated the budget has been set. Fall pledge cards will be out November 3 and received back on the 24th. Yard signs are in. Donations are requested to pay for the signs. The finance committee was requested to remind the congregation that there is still pledged money that needs to be received for the parking lot repaving.

Treasurer: Rick Atterbury reviewed the finance report for the month of August. The church ended in the black for the month. We are 2/3 through the fiscal year and running below budget. The 2025 budget was reviewed. It was noted that apportionments are up as well as pastor's salary. Utilities are down. A budget of \$247,615 for 2025 is a 2.19% increase. A motion was made and seconded to approve the 2025 budget.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Tim stated that he would like to have an all-church meeting with the chair of each committee giving a report to the members. This will improve communication as well as inform members of the roles and responsibilities of each committee.

He suggested a gathering to do work for the church or missions with potluck and fellowship.

Pastor Tim brought to the Council's attention a method to raise funds. This would be at Arby's where volunteers would receive 10% of sales for three hours of work bussing tables. Signs and flyers would be sent out to attract a wider crowd. A motion was made and seconded to investigate this.

Charge Conference is November 10 at 3:30 at Sheridan Park UMC.

The TV screen above the piano is not needed at this time. Pastor Time asked that it be mounted on the back wall so that it could be seen by him during the service. It was noted that the VBS children could then see the videos as well. It was noted that that wall is a big part of the ventilation system. Concerns were given about the structure behind the louvers, whether the wall would support the TV and what effect it would have on our ventilation system. A motion was made and seconded to table the request and send it to trustees to be evaluated for structure and ventilation.

Wedding policy: Pastor Tim discussed the issue of hand-fasting, which is common in Catholic and Episcopal churches, while a Unity Candle is common in Protestant churches to demonstrate their oneness as husband and wife. Changes made to the original policy include a change in fee structure. Each church and pastor can set standards for who can be married according to that church. The pastor and SPRC states that this reflects the values of Staves UMC. It is based on information from six different

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churches in size and location. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the wedding policy with changes.

Trustees: Terri Pollard reported that there are lights to be rewired in the church. Seven furnaces and air conditioners need to be replaced. A J Allen is the mechanical contractor for Staves. The cost will be around \$75,000. Financing is available. The furnaces are in the attic of the church while the AC units are on top of the roof which will require a crane to help with the installation. Regarding the new van, trustees are working to make it more accessible. Routine maintenance will also be performed on it.

Education: Norma Thierman reported that Rally Day went well. Numerous church members got together to prepare the lunch and help with clean up. Fall Fun Night will be October 30th which is a Wednesday. The education committee will meet September 16th for planning. The education department needs teachers. This need will be brought to the congregation.

Music: Steve Ellis reported that the committee will be meeting to work on the holiday schedule. There will be a new cantata for Christmas and Easter this church year. Bell Choir will be starting soon. A routine day for hymn-sing will be discussed.

UWFaith: Terri Pollard reported that the Holiday Fair will be October 19th from 9-2 with lunch 11-1. There will be vendors, crafts, and a bake sale. Voting is starting for the special recognition pin with a youth to be recognized as well for their participation in the church.

Missions: Marilyn Burch reported that the September mission is supplies for school kits for Midwest Mission. The next meeting is September 19th.

Food Pantry: Terri Pollard reported that there is an increase in families and total count. The food Bank of Iowa has approved the food pantry for another two years. The community meal serves around 40 persons monthly.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

The next meeting will be October 9th at 7:15 pm.

Attendees:

Rick Atterbury, Renee Horner, Terri Pollard, Brian McNamar, Norma Thierman, Sue Hood, Marilyn Burch, Pastor Tim Walker. A quorum was met for voting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Burch

Interim Secretary