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November 01, 2024

***For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:10)***

God's Word is clear that we are saved by grace through faith and not by works (Ephesians 2:8-9). We are not saved by works but rather we are saved for the works that God has planned for us. As we participate in God's mission to seek and save the lost, we know that all of our works are merely a response to what God has already done for us.

God calls us to be His stewards (Genesis 1:28; 2:15), and we become faithful stewards when we understand and act upon our role as participants in God's plan to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). He wants us to be active, involved, and willing participants in His plan of salvation. He, "*desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.*" (1 Timothy 2:4). As participants with the Lord, we become His hands, feet, and mouth through whom He works. In the Great Commission, Jesus tells us that we are to, "*go and make disciples.*" (Matthew 28:19). Our Lord's mission becomes our mission so we are to be more than spectators.

Our involvement in the Great Commission is motivated by the Holy Spirit who takes from us our heart of stone and gives us a heart of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26). With this new heart, we can begin to understand how much God loves us and all people. Through faith, we know that He sent His Son to suffer and die on the cross for our redemption, which prompts us to commit our time, talents, and money to His service. We live our lives with a new perspective, meaning, and purpose. Because of God's saving grace, we willingly surrender our lives and become participants in Jesus' mission to share the life-saving Gospel with all people.

He has gifted us so we can spend our lives serving and glorifying Him. We are not all called to be pastors nor are we all called to travel to foreign mission fields as missionaries, but we are all called to serve God in some capacity. If we don't have a sense of mission, we are probably living for ourselves.

If you don't have that sense of mission for Jesus in your life; I would encourage you to pray and ask God to show you those works he has prepared for you. I would also encourage you to come talk to me about it as well.

## November Calendar

- 1<sup>st</sup> Friday**
- China Painters 9:30 am
  - Hispanic Worship (chapel) 7:00- pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday**
- Lindsey Young Family Event (Fellowship Hall) 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday – HOLY COMMUNION**  
*Daylight Savings Time ends*  
*All Saints Day*
- 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
  - Bible Study “A Heart Like David” 4:00 pm
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- 4<sup>th</sup> Monday**
- Adult Bible Study 10:00 am
  - “A Heart Like David” Bible Study 10:00 am
  - TOPS CLUB 5:15 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday POLK CO. GENERAL ELECTION**
- UWFaith 6:00 pm
  - Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**
- Dorcas Circle 10:00 am
  - New Prayer Group 2:00 – 3:15 pm
  - Bell Choir 5:30 pm
  - Staves Choir Practice 6:30 pm
  - Ad Council 7:15 pm
  - Hispanic Bible Study 7:00 pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Thursday**
- Gems Group 11:00 am
  - Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> Friday**
- Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday**
- Sandy McNamar Food Pantry 2:00 – 5:00 pm

## November Calendar (continued)

- 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday**
- Noisy Offering
  - Charge Conference (Sheridan Place) 3:30 pm
  - Adult Sunday School 8:45 am
  - Sunday School 9:00 am
  - Worship Service 10:00 am
  - Fellowship 11:00 am
  - Bible Study “A Heart Like David’ 4:00 pm
  - Hispanic Worship Service (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> Monday**
- Adult Bible Study 10:00 am
  - Bible Study “A Heart Like David’ 10:00 am
  - TOPS Group 5:15 pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday**
- Finance Meeting 6:30 pm
  - DANA Meeting 7:00 pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**
- Esther Circle 9:30 am
  - New Prayer Group 2:00 – 3:15 pm
  - Bell Choir 5:30 pm
  - Staves Choir Practice 6:30 pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Thursday**
- Gems Group 11:00 am
  - Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> Friday**
- Hispanic Worship (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday**
- All Church Breakfast 8:00 am
- 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday**
- 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
  - Bible Study “A Heart Like David” 4:00 pm

## November Calendar (continued)

- 18<sup>th</sup> Monday**
- Adult Bible Study 10:00 am
  - Bible Study "A Heart Like David" 10:00 am
  - United Church Women Board Meeting 11:30 am
  - TOPS Club 5:15 pm
  - Education Meeting 6:00 pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**
- New Prayer Group 2:00 – 3:15 pm
  - Bell Choir 5:30 pm
  - Staves Choir Practice 6:30 pm
  - Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Thursday**
- Gems Group 11:00 am
  - Craft Group 5:00 pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Friday**
- Hispanic Worship (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**
- **NO** Eve Circle
  - Community Meal 5:00 pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday -- THANKFUL SUNDAY**
- Decorate for Christmas after church
  - 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
  - Bible Study "A Heart Like David" 4:00 pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Monday**
- Adult Bible Study 10:00 am
  - Bible Study "A Heart Like David" 10:00 am
  - TOPS Group 5:15 pm

## November Calendar (continued)

- 27<sup>th</sup> Wednesday**
- New Prayer Group 2:00 – 3:15 pm
  - Bell Choir 5:30 pm
  - Staves Choir Practice 6:30 pm
  - Hispanic Bible Study (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 28<sup>th</sup> Thursday – THANKSGIVING**
- Office closed
- 29<sup>th</sup> Friday**
- Hispanic Worship (chapel) 7:00 pm
- 30<sup>th</sup> Saturday**
- Sandy McNamar Food Pantry 2:00 – 5:00 pm

## November Birthdays




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Nancy Walker	11/01
De Streeter	11/12
Jean Miles	11/13
Jody Peters	11/14
Marilyn Ogle	11/17
Sally Spaulding	11/17
Jean Alderman	11/18
Ethan Peters	11/19
Beverly Baker	11/29
Kalel Horner	11/25

## **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!

### **SANDY MCNAMAR FOOD PANTRY**

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

**November Dates  
November 9  
November 30**

### **ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, November 16  
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:  
November 23  
5:00 pm  
Menu:  
Beef stroganoff, mashed potatoes,  
green beans, green salad and  
dessert**



## Church Financial Report

Bank Balance as of August 31, 2024	\$21,806.51
August Budget Items	
Budget Items	\$ 21,376.00
Mission Items	\$ 1,622.69
Committed Funds	\$ 5,659.00
	\$ 28,657.69
August Disbursements	
Budget Items	\$22,920.44
Missions	\$ 664.69
Committed Funds	\$ 934.05
	\$24,519.18
Bank balance as of September 30, 2024	\$25,945.02
Less Committed Funds as of Sept. 30, 2024	\$18,291.69
Available funds as of September 30, 2024	\$ 7,653.33

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Announcement from Rick R.

**In response to suggestions received from the congregation to CAT questions, a new prayer group begins on Wednesday, November 6. We will meet every Wednesday in the Fireside Room from 2:00 - 3:15 pm.**

## Christian Education

The Education Committee hosted Fall Fun Night beggar's night, October 30th. Thank you to those who provided candy, bagged candy, helped set-up and those who worked the games on Fun Night. This article is being written before the event but we anticipate a good crowd like normal for this event.

We are looking for a couple of people to take over teaching the pre-school and 1st and 2nd grade group of children. If you are interested in teaching this group, 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.

## Christian Education (continued)

The Sunday Afternoon/Monday morning bible study has started again. We are learning about having a heart like King David. If you are interested, please come on either Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. or Monday, morning at 10:00 a.m. Terri is reviewing an Advent study based on the Epistles of the New Testament. Look for more information in the next caller for the Advent Study.

Remember that we have a 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.

The meal for November is going to be Beef Stroganoff. The December menu will be ham balls, cheesy potatoes, scalloped corn, dinner rolls 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 really do still need a couple more van drivers. We need them for the first and second week of each month. We have a couple emergency fill-in drivers now. 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.

We will be looking at moving one of the video screens in the Sanctuary to the back wall. This will help the Pastor and other speakers when sharing the Word or other announcements.

We are also working on repairing the ice machine in the pie room. It's gone a little crazy and is making centerless ice cubes. What can we say.....

We are also looking at the bid for new furnaces and air conditioning units for the Education wing. Those units are now 30 plus years old and at least one has stopped working completely. We will keep you informed of the progress on this project since we may move quickly to make sure we have heat for the upcoming cold season.

We'll be reviewing the repair or replacement of the ceiling in the Education office and possible changes to the ceiling fan in the Adult Sunday School room.

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](mailto:sumtrustees@aol.com). Thanks.

## Food Pantry

The Pantry dates for November are: Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 September:

- Families 15
- People 58
- Pounds of Food In 516
- Pounds of Food Out 364
- Personal Items In 0
- Personal Items Out 6

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.

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

Well, it seems like the cooler weather of fall is now upon us. The trees are changing color, the mornings are a little cooler, and pumpkin spice is everywhere! All this means Old Man Winter is hiding just around the corner.

Sometimes I do think of winter as an old man, but an ornery one. Kinda like my earthly father

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

Jim. Dad had a great sense of humor and could talk to and kid with anyone. That is sometimes a skill I wish I had. But I'm not a think fast on my feet talker.

Getting back to Old Man Winter I say ornery because I have this picture in my head of a "Jonathan Winters" type guy hiding behind a bush or tree, just waiting for the chance to jump out and yell "HERE I AM" and start throwing snow and cold winds our way.

I know that isn't what really goes on. There is lots of science involved, that yes, I love to learn about and track. But I also think that it is God-planned time of rest. What in the world do I mean by that? In Genesis 3 after the fall, God told the man that he would toil in the soil from which he came. The man would have to grow crops to eat and the earth would make it difficult producing thorns and thistles in the crops.

I think that God provides a time for the earth itself to rest and relax after the planting, growing and harvest season. This also in some ways makes man relax. The winter can be a time of relaxation and renewal for some. Well, the few farmers I know would say; I do lots during the winter; equipment repair, planning the planting for the next year, and tending the animals on the farm. So, the farmer might slow little, but the earth seems to take a deep breath, sigh, and rests a bit.

Do you rest from your toils? In the hustle and bustle of the modern world it is sometimes hard to take the Lord's Day off and truly rest. Remember that on the Sabbath in the Bible no one was supposed to work. Women cooked everything on Friday afternoon so that on Sabbath (Saturday for the Jews) they didn't have work to cook and clean. Men didn't do any work, not even putting a bridle or saddle on



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

their donkey to go anywhere. Because that was work for the man and the donkey and both were supposed to rest. The idea is that all Jews regardless of their station in life rested and spent the day with the Lord.

Not sure that we always do that now, we rush home to watch football, car racing, or other things. Sometimes we mow the lawn, do laundry, go shopping, or find other work. Think about when was the last time you spent a Sunday after church just sitting and reading your Bible, a Christian novel, watching a Christian movie or participating in a Bible study? Maybe it's time this fall to do one of those things and spend all of Sunday, the Lord's Day, worshiping and thanking God for everything that he provides.

As for what is going on in UW in 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.

Holiday Fair has taken place and while I don't have the final numbers it sounds like we made around \$800 (after lunch expenses) to use to fund missions selected by the ladies of Staves.

On Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> we'll have the presentation of the Recognition Pins, a luncheon after Fellowship, a program by Amiee McDonald of Dorothy's House, and the installation of the officers for the 2025 operating year. Our list of officers will be in the charge conference book in November and I'll share here in December after they are approved at charge conference.

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

We will also be planning the menu for the December Church Women United (CWU) meeting that Staves will host. Each month CWU has their program and business meeting at a different church and we are hosting in December this year. This means singing Christmas songs and celebrating a wonderful year.

## November Mission

*Isaiah 43: 1-3a*

***But now, thus says the Lord, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. 3 For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior;***

*Our Mission for November deals with flooding. There have been several floods in recent months that have captured the news. Florida twice, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee and Iowa. Lives have been lost, landscapes changed, and realities shaken. Each area will take years to rebuild. Even then they will not be the same.*

*There is a place that is now in the rebuilding stage. People are in trailers, with their families. They have lost much. And the experience that they lived through will affect their lives for years to come.*

*We are collecting funds for the people of Spencer and Rock Valley. They experienced a major flood June 22, 2024. As of September 18, the KIWA reported: "...the Chamber Foundation received more than 250 thousand dollars from almost 500 donors across the country and has awarded grants to 35 businesses and more than 170 residents throughout Clay County.*

*"Jones" from the Chamber Foundation estimates most property owners did not have flood insurance and are receiving federal, state and local help. But she admits not everyone will receive all the funding they need to recover. Some flood victims are living in 40 state-funded RVs at the Clay County Fairgrounds as developers work on rebuilding homes. Another 40 RVs will be filled soon. The RVs are not meant to be used during the winter, so residents will be moved into FEMA trailers or rental units. City leaders have started meeting with developers about plans to rebuild homes through a recent state program."*

*We are looking for the organization that is doing the best job of contributing to the local recovery efforts. As soon as we identify who it is, we will announce it in the Caller and the Bulletin.*

*Thank you for your support and faith in the work of God through this church.*

*Mission Committee*

## ANNOUNCMENTS

### 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

*Eve Circle does not meet  
In November and December.*

*Sherry Palmer  
515-991-1062*

### All Saints Day

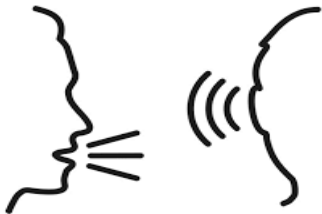
On Sunday, November 3, 2024 we will celebrate All Saints Day. During this time we will commemorate and give gratitude to those church members who have passed since November 1, 2023. There will be a special dedication to honor family members and friends who have shared their lives and faith with us.

## ANNOUNCMENTS



**Eastern Polk Quilt Guild** is selling raffle tickets for a chance to win this beautiful quilt. The quilt is done in blues, greens, and purples and measures 87x94. The drawing is on December 16. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. I know many of you are saying that you don't need a quilt, just think what a lovely Christmas gift this would make if you won! If you are interested in purchasing tickets, contact Jennifer McDonald at 515-314-4761.

## Congregational Assessment Tool – YOU SPOKE AND WE HEARD



Twelve Staves members provided written comments in response to CAT questions regarding the value and need for **prayer** to concentrate as a prayer group about prayer concerns from the bulletin each week, other needs from the congregation and their families, open and honest communication among Staves members, and other identified concerns at Staves. Some members requested events during daytime hours, especially during fall and winter, so no one has to drive in the dark. So, this is the plan of action:

Join a new prayer group in the Fireside Room every Wednesday from **2 – 3:15 pm**, beginning **Wednesday, November 6**. If you have questions, call Rick Roghair and leave a message at 515.745.3550 or by email: [rrsiouxndutch@gmail.com](mailto:rrsiouxndutch@gmail.com)

### **CAT next steps...**

The full CAT Task Force previously divided the 235 comments you provided into topics or for Admin Council/teams/other Staves groups to address each comment to move Staves where we believe God wants us as a congregation. The CAT Task Force also has a suggestion on how to organize current and potential congregational cares into a visual format so each of us knows who to contact when we identify a need in our lives or in the lives of others – basically everything to address these needs already exists, but not everyone knows who to contact and this format will help us.

After permission from the Administrative Council during their October meeting, the CAT Task Force met on October 28 to make recommendations to Admin Council, Staves teams, and others about potential options of **HOW** to address the 235 comments you provided. Our meeting created the beginning of a road map to guide us. The options will go to Admin Council for them to move the work to the best group. We will keep you informed.

# **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES**

Staves Memorial United Methodist Church

October 9, 2024

Chairperson, Brian McNamar began the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the September meeting were discussed and approved.

A special meeting to clarify the secretary's salary for 2025 has been held; minutes from that meeting will be reviewed at the November meeting.

**Finance Committee** – Terri Pollard reported that giving went well during the month of September, and we were able to meet all of our needs; however, September was also a five Sunday month. It was further noted, that \$3800 has been received, so far in October. Things are looking up, but still tight.

**Treasurer** – Rick Atterbury reported offerings are good - but lots of expenses in September leaves us \$2200 “in the hole,” when compared to the 2024 budget proposal. Insurance for Q4 has been paid, as well as repairs and maintenance on our furnace and air conditioning units. (\$2400 repair bill – see also, Treasurer's report as of September 30, 2024). We are 75% through the budget year.

**Foundation** – no report.

**Memorial Committee** – Phyllis Anderson shared the following, on behalf of the entire memorial committee:

- A) Audio system – discussions are ongoing with contributors. More money is available, if needed. (The possibility of a new audio “snake” was discussed briefly.)
- B) The bank wants to meet with the check signers – it was noted that this would be a good time to add a new signer – current signers are Phyllis and Marilyn Burch.
- C) All Saints Sunday, November 3; Phyllis will be responsible for remembering recently deceased members/friends of Staves Church.

**Requests for funds** – none.

**Pastor** – Tim Walker

- A) Will be on vacation from October 10 through 16, returning October 17.
- B) Charge Conference will be held November 10, 3:30 p.m., at Sheridan Park United Methodist Church. Packet assembly will begin when the pastor returns from vacation.
- C) The nominations committee will need to meet soon.

## Administrative Council Minutes (continued)

October 9, 2024

- D) Pastor Tim will be out of the office on October 25, from 8 to 4 for a continuing education event. The pastor is looking into other valuable continuing education opportunities.
- E) Looking into becoming a Stephen Ministry congregation, providing care ministry to persons in need – this would be very beneficial for Staves, but would require a large investment of time and money.
- F) Arby's fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for November 6; however, we may need to request a different date (see also, September minutes).
- G) TV screen discussions are ongoing – it was agreed that we would table the matter, and refer to the trustees, for further discussion.
- H) Hearing assisted devices – two of the four available units are being used – more can be obtained, if needed.
- I) Next ad council meeting – suggested we meet one week earlier in November, due to charge conference on November 10. It was agreed that we would meet on the 6<sup>th</sup>, instead of the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Staff/Parish Relations Committee** – no report.

**Trustees** – Teri Pollard asked about the state of the ice machine. Tim agreed to place a call for repair service.

**CAT update** – Rick Roghair summarized the key aspects of the CAT process for presenting suggestions for improvements to Staves Memorial Church: every suggestion considered, perception is reality, leadership will address conflict, relationship/caring/listening, increased communication, looking at what's said (not who said it), not everyone understands UMC team structure, some items addressed DONE/IN PROCESS/LATER, confidentiality, new suggestions may arise, congregational care, and paper versus electronic reporting.

Ongoing projects include cards/phone calls to members, meals, shopping, and transportation to church events, book of discipline updates, information fair, prayer, conflict questions, and congregational care. It was noted yard signs and cards have already been done/implemented.

A motion to allow the CAT committee to study these matters further, then report back to the ad council, was approved by voice vote.

**Education** – Norma Thierman

Fall Fun night – October 30 – still in need of candy.

Rally Day – everything has been donated from Staves Church (\$200 from Sheridan Park UMC was used for vacation Bible school.)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)**

### **October 9th**

**Worship/Music** report:

- A) Committee will meet October 22, 7:00 p.m. to plan Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas.
- B) Information is now available for ordering poinsettias, and will be included in the November caller, and bulletins.

**United Women in Faith** – Holiday Fair will be October 19, from 9 am to 2 pm. and will include lunch from 11 until 1, bake sale, vendors, and crafts. Set up will be the day before.

**Food Pantry** continues to be busy, busy, busy.

**New Business:** All-Saints Sunday, November 3 (see also, Memorial Committee, above).

**Next meeting:** November 6, 7:15 pm. (see pastor's report, above).  
Pastor Tim led attendees in prayer, to end the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Ellis, secretary

**Attendees:** Brian McNamar, Pastor Tim Walker, Rick Atterbury, Terri Pollard, Norma Thierman, Phyllis Anderson, Marilyn Burch and Steve Ellis. Also, Rick Roghair, Gage W., Jennie Gervais and Ileta Wilson.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **Staves Memorial United Methodist Church**

### **September 29, 2024 – Special meeting**

**Staff/Parish Relations Committee** – Sue Hood/Tim Walker

A motion to amend the proposed budget for the year 2025, allowing a \$600 pay increase for the church secretary, was agreed upon.

**Pastor** – Time Walker would like to use \$99 for a continuing education event, entitled "Helping Couples Recover from Internet Infidelity." This request was agreed upon.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Ellis, Secretary

**Attendees:** Brian McNamar, Pastor Tim Walker, Sue Hood, Rick Atterbury, Marilyn Burch, Norma Thierman, Renee Horner, Margo Schamerhorn, Steve Ellis. Also: Deb Hines





## 2024 Christmas Flower Order Form

This is your opportunity to decorate Staves Church for Christmas. Payment is needed to confirm your order. Checks will be made payable to Staves. Last order date, Sunday November 24th. You may pick up your flower after worship service on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to donate the following:

<b>Qty.</b>	<b>Total</b>
_____	\$_____ Poinsettia, 4 ½ inch pot (approx. 3 blooms) @ <b>\$6.00 each</b>
_____	\$_____ Poinsettia, 6 ½ inch pot (approx. 5-9 blooms) @ <b>\$12.00 each</b>

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Grand Total

**In memory of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In honor of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In thanksgiving of:** \_\_\_\_\_

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