Staves Memorial United Methodist Church



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> > February 01, 2025

Substitute Pastor's Article

While Pastor Tim is out on sabbatical, I was given permission to attempt a "Pastor's Article" for the caller. I'm currently in another class for church leadership and a recent class session focused on caring ministries. There are lots of caring ministries that a church can pursue.

A few named in the book we are reading for the class are Prison Ministry, Stephen's Ministry, Listening Ministry, Caring for Creation (ecology) and Justice Ministries. I know that some of you work on some of these in your spare time.

There is also the Ministry of Prayer. The thought of prayer ministry led me to 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "(16) Rejoice always, (17) pray continually, (18) give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Group prayer can be very powerful. I work with a group of ladies who lead a weekly Bible study and at our leader meetings on Saturday mornings, we do a group prayer. During this 10-minute period sometimes one person is praying and sometimes over 30 ladies are all praying at the same time. What a powerful thing to hear. You can experience group prayer here at Staves. The Power in Prayer group meets on Wednesday afternoons. If you have a passion for prayer, come and work with this group.

If group prayer isn't for you, don't fear, personal prayer is also powerful. As Matthew 6:6 says "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." I don't have a secret place or a room. But I do have a dedicated spot in my home for prayer and Bible Study. Take your prayer lists and go to your special place and pray, God will hear you. If you don't have a prayer list, I encourage you to start one. It helps keep you focused on what you are doing during this dedicated time. But sometimes things get in the way and our plans change.

Sometimes if you are like me, the point in time can move. I sometimes find myself, praying early in the morning, you know after those initial actions like taking your first pills for the day and after the dogs have come inside from their first trip of many going outside. Other times I find myself taking a break from a chore and praying

while I rest a bit. Sometimes it's right before bed or even as I am lying in bed waiting to fall asleep. Regardless of when you pray, the key is to pray. You don't need fancy big words or complicated statements. Just talk to God, tell Him the needs of others, give Him praise and thanks as part of your prayers. Continue with your prayers daily and watch to see Him in action in the situations and the lives you bring before Him.

February Calendar

2 nd		Sunday - Holy Communion	
	•	Adult Sunday School	8:45 am
	•	Sunday School	9:00 am
	•	Worship Service	10:00 am
	•	Fellowship	11:00 am
	•	United Women In Faith Genera	l Meeting
			11:30 am
	•	Hispanic Worship (chapel) 1:0	0 – 3:00:pm
	•	Bible Study	4:00 pm
3 rd		<u>Monday</u>	
	•	Adult Bible Study	10:00 am
	•	TOPS Group	5:15 pm
	•	CAT Task Force Meeting (chape	l) 6:30 pm
4 th		<u>Tuesday</u>	
	•	UWFaith Board Meeting	6:00 pm
	•	Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm
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5 th		<u>Wednesday</u>	
	•		to 3:15 pm
	•	Bell Choir	5:30 pm
	•	Choir	6:30 pm
	•	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 pm
6 th		Thursday	
0	-	<u>Thursday</u>	11.00 am
	•	Gems	11:00 am
	•	Craft Group	5:00 pm
7 th		Friday	
'	•	China Painters	9:30 am
	•	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 pm
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8 th		Saturday	
•	•	Sandy McNamar Food Pantry	2:00 pm
			to 5:00 pm
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9 th		<u>Sunday – Noisy Offering</u>	
	•	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 pm
	•	Bible Study	4:00 pm
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February Calendar (continued)

10 th	Monday	
-	Adult Bible Study	10:00 am
	TOPS Group	5:15 pm
	Host Church Women United	Noon
-	<u>Tuesday</u>	
•	Worship Meeting	7:00 pm
12 th	Wednesday	
•	Esther Circle	9:30 am
•	Power in Prayer 2:00 pm	to 3:15 pm
•	Bell Choir	5:30 pm
• (Choir	6:30 pm
•	Ad Council	7:30 pm
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-	<u>Thursday</u> Gems	11:00 am
	Craft Group	
•		5:00 pm
14 th	<u>Friday</u>	
•	Hispanic Worship (chapel)	7:00 pm
15 th	<u>Saturday</u>	
•	All Church Breakfast	8:00 am
• ·	To help with All Church Breakfa	st 7:00 am
16 th	Sunday	
-	Adult Sunday School	8:45 am
	Sunday School	9:00 am
•	Worship Service	10:00 am
•	Fellowship	11:00 am
•	Hispanic Worship (chapel) 1:0	0 – 3:00:pm
•	Bible Study	4:00 pm
17 th	Monday	
-	<u>Monday</u> Adult Bible Study	10:00 am
	Adult Bible Study TOPS Group	5:15 pm
	Education Meeting	6:00 pm
•		0.00 µm
19 th	Wednesday	
•	Power in Prayer 2:00 pm	to 3:15 pm
•	Bell Choir	5:30 pm
•	Choir	6:30 pm
•	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 pm

February Calendar (continued)

20 th	<u>Thursday</u>	
•	Gems	11:00 am
٠	Craft Group	5:00 pm
21 st	Friday	
•	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 pm
22 nd	<u>Saturday</u>	
•	Eve Circle	9:30 am
•	Sandy McNamar Food Pantry	2:00 pm
		to 5:00 pm
•	Community Meal	5:00 pm
23 rd	Sunday	
•	Adult Sunday School	8:45 am
•	Sunday School	9:00 am
•	Worship Service	10:00 am
•	Fellowship	11:00 am
•	Hispanic Worship (chapel)	7:00 pm
•	Bible Study	4:00 pm
24 th	<u>Monday</u>	
٠	Bible Study	10:00 am
•	TOPS Club	5:00 pm
25 th	Tuesday	
•	SPRC Meeting	6:30 pm
•		0.00 pm
26 th	<u>Wednesday</u>	
•		n to 3:15 pm
٠	Choir	5:30 pm
٠	Bells	6:30 pm
•	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	6:00 pm
27 th	Thursday	
	Gems Group	11:00 am
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	Craft Group	5:00 pm
28 th	Friday	5:00 pm
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February Birthdays



Michael Ramsey	2/06
Robby Collier	2/07
Joan Vonk	2/09
Charlene Ramirez	2/10
Marla Fraaken	2/12
Brian McNamar	2/18
Sandy Askelson	2/20
Candi Withee	2/25
Troy Withee	2/25
Sherry Pike	2/28

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 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 <u>Helping Hand Fund</u>.

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

2nd SATURDAY AND LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

> <u>February Dates</u> February 8 February 22

ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST

Saturday, February 15 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: February 22 5:00 pm

Menu: Beef Burgers, Baked Beans, Salad and Dessert



Finance/Treasurer Report January 21, 2025

Bank Balance as of December 1, 2024 \$14,820.68				
Voided check added in	\$ 195.00 \$ 15,015.68			
December Budget Items Budget Items	\$30,850.31			
Mission Items Committed Funds	\$ 770.47 \$ 2,733.43 \$34,354.21			
December Disbursements Budget Items Missions Committed Funds	\$15,170.88 \$726.17 \$4,216.28 \$20,113.33			
Bank balance as of December 31, 2024 \$29,256.56				
Less Committed Funds as of December 31, 2024				
Available funds as of Decem	\$13,568.66 ber 31, 2024 \$15,687.90			

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

Christian Education

We are looking for a new leader for the Christian Education Committee. If you are interested in this position, please see a member of the Nominations Committee. (See bulletin board in the Narthex for a list of committee members.)

Community Meals

Come have your dinner the last Saturday of the month at the Free Meal. We continue to reach community and church members with food and fellowship once a month. This is a fun group to be around.

The Community Meal committee has menus for February and March planned. They are: beef burgers with baked beans, salad, chips and dessert in February. March will be fish, chicken strips, steak fries and coleslaw on the side with dessert of course.

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 are in the process of placing a new video screen on the back wall of the Sanctuary. This will help the Pastor and other speakers when sharing the Word or other announcements.

Thanks to the Foundation for helping us with new furnaces and air conditioning units for the

Trustees Update (continued)

Education wing. We are working with our mechanical contractor on a date for installation of these units. If you wish to submit funds so we can return some of the money to the foundation, please feel free to mark it furnaces; so we can route the funds properly.

We'll be reviewing the repair or replacement of the ceiling in the Education office. We will be looking at electrical repairs in the original basement and some possible foundation work along the west wall of the kitchen.

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 February are: Saturday, February 8th and Saturday, February 22nd. 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 December:

- Families 37
- People 108
- Pounds of Food In 934
- Pounds of Food Out 810
- Personal Items In 12
- Personal Items Out 9

Please note we were only open one Saturday in December due to weather the earlier weekend.

The Pantry could use the following items:

- Canned Soup
- Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helper
- Oatmeal

Food Pantry (continued)

- Farina/Cream of Wheat
- Pancake Mix
- Cookies or baking mixes

The need out there is great and growing all the time. We are serving five to six new families every time we are open. Additionally, premade boxes of food are available in Diane's office and we have to restock those boxes every month. Please consider working the pantry one Saturday a month.

UWFaith News (A.K.A) Petticoat Patter

I don't know about you, but so far, I think 2025 is off to an ok start. I'm trying to start a new exercise program and for better or worse. The app on my phone gives me gentle reminders during the day of how well I'm doing. Needless to say some days are much closer to the activity goal that is set for me than others.

The only rough thing so far in 2025 has been the cold weather. I know you'll think me a little crazy if I say I'd prefer a couple feet of snow to bone chilling cold. I realize that as I write this the coldest days and nights we've had for a bit are with us right now. But it is only for a short time, at least that is what the weather app on my phone says.

I just tell myself, remember this cold when I'm at the fair in August in 100-degree heat. You know when I say that to other people, they look at me like I don't have all my brains and say, well, you know lowans are never really happy with the weather.

I'm thinking about the fires in California. I have some family in some of the towns surrounding the LA area. We are keeping track of them all making sure that they aren't in any of the evacuation zones. So far all are safe.

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

With this cold I also try to stop and think that God is in control. I'm not sure what He is telling us right now other than stay inside and relax. Or maybe He's saying stay inside and spend sometime in prayer and devotion to Him. Maybe this is a way he is trying to give us a break from the hustle and bustle of life.

This weather also leads me to think strongly about the homeless and what we as a society are really doing to help them. I know that Des Moines is taking some steps, but from what I see and understand the steps are small and duplicating some work being done by private agencies. Not sure how it will all work out but I am going to add this issue to my prayer list.

As for the activities of the United Women in Faith at Staves, on the first Sunday in February (the 2nd) we have an open meeting for all ladies and actually anyone in the church.

We are having a luncheon of a baked potato bar (yes, lots of good toppings will be provided) and desserts. Then we are having a speaker from the Des Moines Fire Department the division of Fire Safety. This should be an interesting and educational presentation. Please feel free to join us for lunch and the presentation.

We are also starting to discuss several future activities in our board meetings. The first is the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Brunch. That program takes place on Wednesday, March 5th (Ash Wednesday). Look for the exact start time in the bulletins in February.

Then we'll turn to planning the spring fund raiser which will be in April. I can't remember the date right off the top of my head and I forgot to put it in my phone. But never fear the date and other information will be shared in future Callers and the weekly bulletins. This event will include a plant sale (so get those

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

bulbs and plant starts going now), a bake sale and some kind of lunch.

Then on Friday, May 2nd we'll do Ladies Night Out. We'll have entertainment from the same group as last year and we'll share the full menu for the meal once it is known.

Please mark your calendars now for these events. You don't want to miss the fun and the food.

Future Special Events

Mark your calendars for these special future events.

- Tuesday, March 4th (Fat Tuesday) we'll be holding a free will offering Pancake Supper from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Look for reminders in the February bulletins.
- Sunday, April 20th Easter Sunday, early plans are for a Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m., followed at 8:00 a.m. by an Easter Breakfast. Then normal Sunday activities of Sunday School at 8:45 a.m. for the adult class and 9:00 a.m. for the children. The main service is at 10:00 a.m.

Kitchen Update and Friendly Use Reminders

The idea of putting in a dishwasher has come before both the United Women in Faith board and the Trustees. These groups together manage and maintain the kitchen. Both groups have determined that a dish washer is not needed in our kitchen.

There are several reasons for this which include it would not be used often and appliances can

Kitchen Update and Friendly Use Reminders (continued)

go bad without constant use. This is why the old dish washer is no longer used, it has issues with seals and water lines, because of the lack of use. Additionally, we cannot place most large pots or roaster pans in most dishwashers so those need washed by hand every time.

We also have people who actually like to wash dishes and frequently step up during large events to do the dish washing. Also, frequently dishes are washed as we move through the cooking process so there is always water in the sinks ready for use.

Now for a few friendly reminders if you use the kitchen for an activity, please ensure that the following occurs at the end of your event. This includes on Sunday mornings after worship. Make sure the coffee warmers are shut off, any coffee left in the pots is dumped in the sink and the pots are rinsed out. Make sure any coffee cups used are at least rinsed out and placed upside down on the drain pads.

Make sure that the coffee brewer is turned off and the brewing basket is emptied. DO NOT put coffee grounds down the disposal, please place them in the garbage can. If you empty the tea jars, please refill them. Large tea bags can be found in the upper cupboard just to the right of the windows. Use one large tea bag per jar.

If you use the last of something, please write it on the blackboard. For example, you use the last quart sized baggie putting something in it to take home. Write quart baggies on the black board over by the stoves. The person in charge of the kitchen will review that list and either get baggies out of the stock in the back room or purchase them if needed.

If the dish soap bottles on the counters get low or run out, please DO NOT throw them away.

Kitchen Update and Friendly Use Reminders (continued)

Instead, please refill them from the large refill bottles that are in the cupboard under the single bay sink. This helps save some funds and keeps the plastic bottles out of the landfill. If there are lots of dirty towels and wash rags, please take them home wash them, return them and put them back in the drawers designated for the towels.

Regardless of the size of your event, please wash off all counters, clean up the stoves, and if needed sweep the floor and the floor mats.

If you host a large event, make sure to take out all garbage from the Fellowship Hall and the kitchen. Replace the bags, if none are hanging on the handles of the cans, you can find large bags in the closet in the kitchen.

Remember when washing dishes the large single bay sink is a preparation sink only. DO NOT WASH in this sink. Use the three-bay sink on the other side. Wash dishes in the first sink, rinse them in the middle sink and finally sterilize in the third sink. You will find the sterilization tablets in the cupboard under the third sink. These steps are necessary for washing so the dishes, pots, and pans are cleaned properly to support food safety requirements.

UBFM 10th Birthday

Yes, Urban Bicycle Food Ministry (UBFM aka Robby's Ministry) is turning ten years old this year and as faithful supporters of this ministry we are inviting you to the party.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 8th from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the 10th Birthday Celebration. The party is at Twisted Vine Brewery located at 112 SE 4th St. in the East Village in Des Moines.

UBFM 10th Birthday (continued)

This ministry started serving 25 burritos and 25 bottles of water a week. Now we serve 800 burritos and 600 to 700 sandwiches a week. We also serve water, fresh fruit, and a snack along with other needs like blankets, coats, flashlights, batteries, socks and tents to name a few things. On the average we serve 450 homeless and food insufficient people every week.

If you can't come, but wish to donate to help this ministry, place funds in a pew envelope and mark UBFM.

And thanks for all your support. We couldn't do it without you.

ANNOUCEMENTS (continued)

CAT Task Force Meeting Monday, February 3rd In Staves Chapel 6:30 pm

Worship Meeting Tuesday, February 11th 7:00 pm

Trustees Meeting Tuesday, February 4th 7:00 pm

ANNOUCEMENTS

Special United Women in Faith General Meeting Sunday February 2nd after Church 11:30 am in Fellowship Hall 30-45 minute program Speaker: Ahman Douglass from the Fire Prevention Bureau

> Baked Potato Bar Everyone is invited.

SPRC Meeting 6:30 pm Tuesday, February 25th Ad Council Meeting Wednesday, February 12th 7:30 pm

Eve Circle will meet Saturday February 22nd, 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Program: Bring 'what you read' to share.

Bring a friend. Sherry Palmer 515-991-1062

FEBRUARY MISSION

Blanket Drive for Urban Bicycle Food Ministry

Most of you are familiar with the Urban Bicycle Food Ministry or have seen the collection box in the entrance hall. This month will not be a monetary donation but instead there is a great need for blankets and winter gear for the homeless. Robby and the Urban Bicycle Food Ministry (UBFM) currently distribute around 50-60 blankets over their eight routes each week. They end up running out before being able to serve everyone on the routes. If they received more, they could easily distribute more. Most of the people they serve are unable to wash the blankets so they end up getting destroyed with the extreme conditions quickly and thrown away.

Currently in Winter they are Serving 400-450 people. In the summer they easily serve over 600 people. There are 40-50 volunteers who show up each week at Capitol Hill Lutheran Church downtown on Thursdays. They begin to prep food at 4:30 pm and go on the routes around 6:00 pm. In March the Ministry will be celebrating ten years of serving our community and the homeless. The Mission Committee

Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) Task Force

The CAT Task Force is scheduled to meet on Monday, February 3, at 6:30pm in the Staves Chapel. Questions and comments received from individuals over the past months were distributed to teams and the Administrative Council for their review and consideration. Several items are in the process of completion, and some are already completed.

The goal of the February 3 meeting is to develop requests for the teams and the Admin Council to provide us with a specific plan of action for each suggestion, and goal(s) during the process, with date(s) for completion.

The CAT Task Force recently proposed a Congregational Care Committee process for consideration by the Admin Council and we will ask for more input during the February 3meeting. Several needs among Staves members and their families occurred the past month that indicate how a committee can assure the needs of our aging congregation are met in a timely, organized manner. The committee structure can communicate tasks including rides to appointments, grocery purchasing, provision of meals, etc. without duplication or confusion. We will seek help for coordination of tasks – not to have more meetings – to meet the needs among our church family. One goal is not to replace current efforts in any way, but to assure that 'someone' meets specific needs as needs are expressed.

Join is at the meeting on Monday, February 3, at 6:30 pm in the Staves Chapel to help Staves move forward.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES Staves Memorial United Methodist Church

January 8, 2025

CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTIONS

Chairperson, Brian McNamar began the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the December meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

- A) 'Exceed the need' letters have been sent.
- B) Offering books, and year-end giving records are ready to be picked up. Unclaimed items will be mailed soon.
- C) Treasurer's report December was a good month, as we are "back in the black" current on bills at the present time.
- D) Foundation \$80,000 was approved, for new furnaces in the education wing.
- E) Memorial need an additional check signer for the memorial fund account. A motion to add Marilyn Ogle as a check signer for the memorial fund accounts was approved by voice vote.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

- A) Pastor Tim will be back on January 30.
- B) Darlene Fitzgerald's funeral will be Tuesday, January 14, at 11:00 am.

TRUSTEES:

- 1) New furnaces approved will now work with A.J. Allen on installation.
- 2) Other items: ceiling in education office, bell tables, craft groups.

SPRC/CAT UPDATES

A motion was made and seconded, to NOT reduce the pastor's position below full time, at this time. The motion was approved by voice vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES (continued)

MINISTRY WORK AREAS

- A) EDUCATION still in need of a chairperson.
- B) WORSHIP/MUSIC working on lent/Easter season; also attempting to resolve issues with the organ.
- C) UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH:

General meeting, February 2nd – baked potato bar. Speaker from Des Moines Fire Department, Fire Prevention.

D) MISSIONS – mission emphases have been determined, from February through May/June.

E) FOOD PANTRY – serving lots of people.

OTHER BUSINESS None.

<u>NEXT MEETING</u> February 12, 7:30 pm.

Brian led attendees in prayer to end the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Ellis, Secretary

<u>ATTENDEES</u>: Brian McNamar, Renee Horner, Rick Atterbury, Andy Gervais, Terri Pollard, Phyllis Anderson, Margo Schamerhorn, Steve Ellis. Also: Carol Tanner, Jo Reynolds, Ileta Wilson.