



# The Meeting House

Washington United Methodist Church

April 2018

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When I visited one of the church members, Bev Orthmann, in Sutherland, where I once served, I was excited to see a hand-powered water pump in her yard. It reminded me of the water pump at the house where I spent half of my elementary school years. Buying their own house was at the top of my parents' lifelong wish list, so they were excited to call this one ours. For me, our house was just one of many in the neighborhood. The only great thing about the house was the hand-powered water pump in the yard. Well, what do you expect of an elementary school boy?

Early every morning, I ran to the pump to wash my face. The water that came out of the pump was cool enough to refresh me even in the middle of a hot summer. However, this excitement didn't last. There were times this pump made me lose my mind. The old water pump frequently ran out of water. I still remember one morning when I was really stumped. I had made the terrible mistake of lathering my face with soap without checking the pump. I cried out for my mother to help me. She brought a bowl of water and poured it into the pump to prime it. One bowl of water saved my face.

Water pumps back then, brand new or old, could not function properly without priming water. Just one bowl of water is enough to bring up the water. Which reminds me - we are Christians who believe in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ called himself living water that wells up eternal life in whoever drinks of it (John 4:14). Jesus calls us to be the priming water that delivers his living water to the people around us. We cannot imagine how deep and wide the well of Jesus' living water is. Often times, we feel that we are too vulnerable and weak to work along with Jesus, but the only thing that Jesus asks from us is one bowl of priming water. This is enough for Jesus, who recognizes our passion for his Kingdom no matter how insignificant it may seem from our standpoint. Man looks onto outward appearances, but the Lord looks onto the heart. (1 Samuel 16:7).

God's Blessing and Loving Care to All,

Kwang



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**March 25, Palm Sunday**  
**All three services**

**March 30, Good Friday**  
**12pm Cross Walk in the Square**  
**7pm Tenebrae Service in the sanctuary**

**April 1, Easter Sunday & Communion**  
**All three services**

### Mission Minutes - Easter Offering

Traditionally the Easter offering has gone to Mission. This year the offering will benefit children, locally and nationally. The offering will be divided between the local school Backpack Program and Washington Against Hunger which goes where there is a need for nutritious food.

Through the cross, He *gives*.  
 Because of the cross, we *share*.

### SE District "Day Apart", Sat., April 21



The UMW SE District 'Day Apart' will be held at Washington UMC. Featured speakers will be Marsha Gerot, Pastor at Letts UMC, and Linda Stransky, a missionary working in eastern Tennessee. There will be coffee at 9am and the program will start at 9:30am.

Lunch reservations are \$8 and are due April 16. Please contact Shirley Pfeifer, 2471 Highway 92, Washington, IA 52353, or at 319-653-5283 or [sapfeifer@iowatelecom.net](mailto:sapfeifer@iowatelecom.net), to reserve your place.

Everyone is invited to attend.

### **Stephen Ministry**

**'Therefore encourage one another and build up each other'.**

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Pastors will always be on the front lines of care, especially during times of crisis. But there are always many more needs for ongoing, one-to-one care than pastors can effectively meet by themselves. Stephen Ministry provides a biblical solution - *equipping God's people for ministry*. Gifted lay people are trained to support and extend the care that pastors continue to provide. Stephen Ministers reach out with God's love to people who are hurting - both congregation members and non-members alike. If you would like to do more as a Christian caregiver, consider Stephen Ministry. This is our congregation's one-to-one caregiving ministry.

A Stephen Minister receives 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care, and meets with his or her care receiver for about an hour each week, for as long as there's a need. Men are matched with male ministers, and women are matched with female ministers and it is completely confidential. All who serve become part of a team that helps people win life's toughest battles.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, go to [stephenministries.org](http://stephenministries.org) or contact Jean Macenski at 319-653-6949.





## 2018 Second Quarter Mission Offerings

Instead of doing separate offerings during the year you can give once, and split your offering in whatever way you choose. This provides a way to contribute to a mission project that may be of particular interest to you. Just clip out the coupon, mark how you wish your offering to be divided and send it to the church office along with your check, payable to WUMC.

**Native American Awareness Sunday** - Observed on **Sunday, April 15**, this offering supports a national program which nurtures mission with native Americans and provides seminary scholarships for United Methodist native Americans.

**Peace with Justice Sunday** - Observed on **Sunday, May 27**, these donations are divided in half, half going to the General Board of Church and Society to support peace and justice ministries throughout the nation and the other half to the Iowa Conference of the UMC to support restorative justice initiatives and other peace and justice efforts in Iowa.

**Mobile United Methodist Missionaries (MUMM)** - This is a pilot program begun by the Ottumwa District in 1996 and since expanded to the southern half of the state. The purpose is to take the gospel into areas where there is no church presence and to assist and revitalize local congregations.

**Justice for our Neighbors (JFON)** - JFON provides free professional counseling for immigrants and legal representation for persons eligible for legal immigration status. There are currently three lawyers for the seven locations in Iowa.

**Disability Sunday** - This offering is used in the Iowa Conference. It provides educational opportunities and gives grants to local churches to remove barriers to accessibility.

**Emerging Ministries** - This is an asking of the Southeast District to provide funds to churches for new opportunities for Outreach.

**2018 Second Quarter Mission Offerings**

Use one check, but **mark how you wish your offering to be divided.**

\$ _____ Native American Awareness	\$ _____ Justice for Our Neighbors
\$ _____ Peace with Justice	\$ _____ Disability Sunday
\$ _____ MUMMS	\$ _____ Emerging Ministries
\$ _____ Total Amount	
Name _____ Tel.# _____	



**Native American Awareness Sunday, April 15**

### **Our Giving Allows Native Americans to Encounter, Worship and Serve Jesus**

When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

# April 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Easter Communion</b> 1 	2 9am Quilters	3 9am Prayer Grp  7pm Missions/ Outreach Mtg	4 5:15pm Confirm. Class, rm 102 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm Youth Grp - Youth Rm 7pm Choir	5  6:30pm Memorial Comm Mtg	6	7 UMW SE District Day Apart (Officers) 9-2pm
8 8am Traditional 9:30 Praise 9:45 Bible Study 11am Traditional	9 6:30pm Worship Comm Mtg	10 9am Prayer Grp	11 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm Youth Grp - Youth Rm 6:30pm SPRC Mtg 7pm Choir	12 6:30 Trustees	13 12:30pm UMW	14
<b>Native American Ministries Sunday</b> 15 8am Traditional 9:30 Praise 9:45 Bible Study 11am Traditional 6:30pm EvenSong UP	16 9am Quilters	17 9am Prayer Grp  6:30pm Children Ministry Team Mtg	18 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm Youth Grp - Youth Rm 7pm Choir	19 6:30 Finance Comm Mtg	20	21 8am UMM  9-3pm UMW SE District Day Apart
22 8am Traditional 9:30 Praise 9:45 Bible Study 11am Traditional	23	24 9am Prayer Grp	25 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm Youth Grp - Youth Rm 7pm Choir	26	27	28
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## Thank You!

Thanks to all the ladies that made my Valentine week so great! The nice cake came when we were celebrating a staff member's birthday, so was enjoyed by all and very nice. Thanks again.  
Audrey Harvey

Dear Members of UMW - Thank you so much for the beautiful Valentine cake I received. It was delicious as well as a piece of art. Hated to cut it but we did and enjoyed every bit of it. I miss all of you and especially my encouraging words from the Lord. I hope this coming year brings you new members and good fellowship. Thanks to Marilyn for delivering and baking the beautiful cake.  
Love, Pat Minneman

The family of Margaret Wagner would like to thank the church members for their thoughts and prayers during her recent illness. Mrs. Wagner was an active member for over sixty years. She enjoyed teaching Sunday School and other activities. She and her husband, Omer, enjoyed attending every Sunday. In her later years she enjoyed visits from the Pastor, especially when he brought the Christmas carolers.

Thank you so much for your expressions of sympathy with the passing of my sister, Joyce Greene Edmondson. Thank you for your continued prayers for me with the head injury. Time and God's care are great healers. This is a very caring church.  
Love and God bless, Edonna Gamon and family

Thank you for my birthday rose and for all my cards I received from my church family. I feel so blessed. Martha Lowe

I thank you for the beautiful rose and all the cards and wishes from so many. I felt at home, you are all so kind. No wonder I'm living so long.  
Wanda Boyer

## April Birthdays!



1  
Creighton Guy  
Mandi Lueck

10  
Caitlin Fishback  
Carla Pepper-Kleese

18  
Merlin Crawford  
Jan Gallagher  
Myron Shields

2  
Julie Timmins

11  
Nathan Guy

19  
Susan Beatty  
Vicki Ealy  
Madysen Hinrichsen  
Rick Meeks  
Kevin Myers  
Michele Prottzman  
Jennifer Weidman

26  
William Fredrick  
Danielle Sutton  
Shannon Unternahrer

3  
Chase Greiner  
Ashton Manz  
Vic Patterson

12  
Evan Miller

13  
Irmtraud Martin

27  
Jo Milligan

4  
Edonna Gamon  
Kendall Manz

14  
Ainsley Lueck

20  
Kerri Bell  
Samantha Martin

28  
Pam Murphy

5  
Lisa Crawford  
Kyle Schindler

15  
Cheri Crone  
Jim Wells

21  
Marty Collett  
Kay Savaidis

29  
Isabelle Peterson

7  
**\*Barbara Kessell**

16  
Pennie Brinning  
Robert Morgan  
Bob Roddy

23  
Stephanie Ellingson

30  
Stacy Sturdevant  
James Williams

8  
Mark Bailey  
Makenzie Martin  
**\*Marjorie Noble**

17  
Susan Griggs  
Linda Lowe  
Eileen Ulin

24  
Keith Massey

9  
Olivia Hartzler

25  
Jadon Crawford

**\*Bold names indicate  
90+ birthdays!**



## April Anniversaries!



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Shawna & Eric Manz

General Fund	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Budgeted Need
March 2018	\$20,014	\$21,540	\$28,812
Year to Date	\$88,291	\$72,861	\$91,165

### Year-to-Date Financials

As of the print date of this Meeting House, Washington UMC has spent less than what was budgeted for 2018.

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## Sunday Worship

Praise Service: 9:30am  
Traditional Service: 8:00 & 11:00am



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