



The Meeting House

Washington United Methodist Church

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Are you enjoying the summer? I'm definitely enjoying it except for the hot and humid air. But I should accept reality because I know even this is a part of blessings from God. We are blessed because we have four seasons. I mean we can feel the change at least four times a year.

The seasonal change can bring us things we do not want. In summer, hot and humid air is one of them. In winter, it is the icy cold air. Particularly to me, it is allergy season in spring: itchy watery eyes and runny nose. I do not really want it, but I get it. Actually, it is not a curse but a blessing of my physical condition. Doctors say the allergies are an indicator of the unbalanced physical body. I have reason to get it. This is the sign to make a change. If I disregard it, some day I am going to be in big trouble. It is telling me "watch your physical body, check your living habits, and do exercise." Everything we face in daily life has some reason to be with us. We just don't always know the reason.

This summer, I suggest you examine yourself. What are things you don't want? What is this saying to you? Someone may complain and blame God for them, but all of us know that won't help. Do not complain about what you can not change. Rather, let us try to change ourselves so that we can do something productive in our lives.

A few weeks ago, my wife Yune and I attended Korean United Methodist pastor's gathering in Chicago. It was an annual conference of Korean UM pastors serving United Methodist churches in North Central jurisdictional area. The key note speaker of the conference, Bishop Young Jin Cho, who retired from the Virginia conference in 2016, shares his ministerial experience with us. It was mainly ministry inspired and led by the Holy Spirit. One of the inspired teachings he told was that the purpose of a faithful journey is not being perfect but being transformed. It is true. We cannot be perfect in any stage of our worldly life. We can be transformed by the power of the grace of God. So, we can say that the main point of discipleship is to open us to be transformed by the Holy Spirit.

Summer will be good for us if we can enjoy the hot and humid air and take the opportunity to examine ourselves. Let us look through ourselves. If we find something to change about ourselves, just share it an being to change it.

God's Blessings and Loving Care to All
Kwang, Your Brother in Christ

Due to the Dome Renovation, services will be traditional services at 8:00am and 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall for the month of August. We will not have contemporary services for August.

DOME RENOVATION
Board of Trustees Update

Church services will be in Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, August 5. On or before Saturday, August 4, the sanctuary will be cleared. Pews will be removed and stored in the rear of the sanctuary. Items from the staging area will be moved to Fellowship Hall. The organ will be protected. The updates will enhance the appearance of our sanctuary and make utilities more cost efficient.

What is going to happen? Why is the status quo being challenged? Scaffolding will be erected Tuesday and Wednesday, August 7 and 8. Plaster repair and painting will be started Monday, August 13. Interior lighting will be updated. Scaffolding will be removed. Sanctuary carpet will be cleaned. Pews will then be set back in place.

Dome renovation is necessary to maintain our church. The Trustees are grateful for your prayers and support through the planning process. The questions you've asked have guided us as we work with you to preserve our beautiful structure.

The renovation is a huge project, one that is strengthened by your understanding and your financial assistance. Rebate dollars from past projects are easing the financial sting. Attempts are in place to maintain a cash reserve that lets us stay on top of upkeep and repair. Please direct any questions to members of the Board of Trustees. Should you wish to contribute to this project, please make your check payable to WUMC and put in the memo line - Dome Reno.

Anticipated maximum out-of-sanctuary time is three to four weeks. The exact time line is not set in stone.

Cost for Dome repair	\$31,500
Cost for lighting repair	\$2,218 (Eligible for rebate)

Thank you.

The UMW Meeting on August 10th will be a picnic luncheon at 12:00pm at Marilyn Whitenack's home at 627 W Washington Blvd. The program will be Bedwell Riverside, Des Moines. Please bring packages of diapers, any size. If you have questions, please contact Marilyn at 319.653.4891.

Sunday Bulletin Announcements - Due in the church office no later than the preceding Wednesday afternoon.

Meeting House Articles - Due in the church office no later than the 15th of the month (for the following month), regardless of what day the 15th falls on.

All announcements and articles are subject to Pastor approval.

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Mission Minutes

Ten Hygiene Kits for the homeless in Washington have been delivered. Since this is an ongoing project, contributions can still be given. It is also time to think about Ingathering. Only hygiene (health) kits and school kits are needed by UMCOR this year. Items for school kits are to be placed in a 2 gallon zip-lock bag. Contents for both kits were listed in the June Meeting House.

Contributions for Christmas in July are needed now. Through HACAP, children are given school supplies and clothing.

Camp REECE (religious educational experience in a Christian environment) is always a great opportunity to be in mission. The Washington United Methodist Church will furnish 12 dox. Cookies and 10 relief counselors on Wednesday, August 8. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm and car pool out to Lake Darling. Contact Shirley Pfeifer to volunteer, 319-653-5283.

HACAP Food Boxes

Last year a new method for packing food boxes at HACAP was started. After food is received from the Cedar Rapids center, a different church is providing a few people to pack boxes every month. One of our months is August. We could use at least 7-10 people to help pack boxes out at HACAP at 1:00 on August 14. Please contact Dianne Gray (653-4816) if you plan to help. HACAP continues to need additional food donations from the community as well. Church members are reminded that there are lists that tell the contents of both large and small food boxes available in the wagon in the Fellowship hall. Donated food items may be placed in the wagon at any time.



“Therefore encourage one another and build up each other.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11

We all experience challenges in life - times when we could benefit from the support of a caring Christian friend. Stephen Ministers are ready to provide the emotional and spiritual care we need when faced with a crisis or difficulty such as hospitalization, loss of a loved one, divorce, aging, relocation, job loss and more.

Stephen Ministers are laypeople - Christian men and women - trained to provide one-to-one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life. They come from all walks of life. Their commonality? A passion for bringing Christ's love and care to people during a time of need.

A Stephen Minister begins a caring relationship when he or she is matched with a person experiencing a life crisis. The Stephen Minister then meets with that person on a weekly basis to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the person is in need of care.

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, or if you'd like to find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister yourself, go to stephenministries.org, contact Jean Macenski at 319-653-6949.

August 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
Communion 5 8am Traditional 10am Traditional 	6	7 9am Prayer Grp 9:45am WBS 6:30pm Children Ministry Team Mtg 7:00pm Missions/ Outreach	8 6:30pm SPRC Mtg	9 6:30 Trustees	10 UMW 12:00pm - Marilyn Whitenack's Home	11
12 8am Traditional 10am Traditional 6:30pm Evensong	13 5:30 Worship Comm.	14 9am Prayer Grp 9:45am WBS 1:00 HACAP Box packing	15	16 6:30 Finance Comm Mtg	17	18 11:30am Sat. Kitchen
19 8am Traditional 10am Traditional	20	21 9am Prayer Grp 9:45am WBS	22 11:00am Parkview	23	24	25
26 8am Traditional 10am Traditional 2:30pm Halcyon	27	28 9am Prayer Grp 9:45am WBS	29	30	31	



We wish to thank the Methodist Church and everyone for birthday cards and the lovely red roses presented to us in Church in recognition of our "90s" birthdays!

To my Church Family—Thanks for your prayers and acts of kindness while I had my visit to the U.P. Health Center. I am so glad to be in Church with you again.
 Helen Dallmeyer

Thank you to all who helped with Saturday Kitchen for July & August. Without you, it would not go as well as it did. I truly appreciate all helpers! Vic Patterson

Year-to-Date Financials

General Fund	Actual Income	Actual Expenses
July 2018	17,700	9,769
Year to Date	172,244	163,785

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

August Birthdays!



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| <u>1</u>
Leslie Thomas | <u>9</u>
Heath Van Winkle | <u>18</u>
Phil Ealy |
| <u>2</u>
Craig Arbuckle
Stephanie Sparks | <u>10</u>
Gladys Ferguson
Kara Williams | <u>20</u>
Dwight Sutton |
| <u>3</u>
Allen Darbyshire
Virginia Tschantz | <u>11</u>
Alberta Thornton | <u>21</u>
Aimee Enfield
Beth Evanovich
Milton Schnicker |
| <u>4</u>
Margaret Crawford
Lea Smothers | <u>12</u>
Jennifer Shive
Heather Sterner | <u>22</u>
Mary Maxted
Donna Parker |
| <u>5</u>
Samantha Ellingson
Nicole Enfield
Virginia Reighard | <u>13</u>
Marilyn Davis
Margaret Jarrard
Margaret Pepper | <u>23</u>
Ardice Blankenhorn |
| <u>6</u>
Rebecca Kaufman
Wendy Smith
Joe Sotelo | <u>14</u>
Ted Thornton
Jerry Young | <u>24</u>
Jason Charlier
Alexis Moore |
| <u>7</u>
Michael Garrels
Lynda Jarrard | <u>15</u>
Keith Lazar
Helen Reschly
Linda Soukup | <u>25</u>
Alicia Fredrick Cramm
Lottie Schnicker |
| <u>8</u>
Lynn McConnell | <u>17</u>
Angie Bodkin
D. Gaylen Jarrard | <u>26</u>
Jennifer Stout |
| | | <u>27</u>
Amy Greiner
Anita Moore
Maurine Roberts |
| | | <u>28</u>
Joseph Evanovich, Jr
John Kennedy |
| | | <u>31</u>
Bess Llewellyn
Alex Thode |

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



August Anniversaries!



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|--|---|--|
| <u>1</u>
Martin & Judy McCarthy
Vern Jr & Amy Miller | <u>10</u>
Eric & Diana Schoonover | |
| <u>2</u>
Russell & Donna Parker | <u>14</u>
Dirk & Connie Larsen
Don & Jan Lawless | <u>22</u>
Mike & Jacki Williams |
| <u>4</u>
C. Edward & Nancy Crites
Jerry & Jennifer Young | <u>16</u>
James & Ann Williams | <u>27</u>
Bob & Norma Roddy |
| | <u>18</u>
Jim & Barb Millward
Ira & Sharon Wagner | <u>30</u>
Robert (Bob) & Peggy Helscher |

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Sunday Worship

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



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