



The Meeting House

Washington United Methodist Church

November 2018

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I am so excited about what God has been doing in this church! Over the last several years we have had some major physical undertakings with the church buildings and God has been so good during all of it! As you'll see, we have so much to be thankful for!

To begin, our budget is strong for this time of year. Many people had spent the summer months traveling, which is very typical (and probably well deserved!), and as usual the summer months showed a decrease in giving. However, given the disruption with the work in the sanctuary, we are really in a good position. Total offerings for the general fund as of October 15th are \$235,005. This is 66% of the budgeted amount for the year. According to the calendar we should be at 75% of budgeted income for the year or \$266,000. But when you compare that to the total expenses of \$229,671 (64.58% of budgeted expenses) we are ahead of the game. In other words, your amazing generosity coupled with the great leadership of Pastor Kwang, the Trustees, and Finance Committee we are \$5,334 ahead for the general fund! We are in a wonderful position going into the holiday season which is when this congregation shines in blessing others.

As I mentioned above, we have had some AMAZING once-in-a-lifetime projects over the past couple years: the stained-glass windows restoration, the repairs to the copper dome, the interior dome repairs, spray foam insulation in the church, and LED light fixtures just to name a few. And all these projects have been paid for! Between your outstanding contributions and the Foundation, we have totally covered over \$240,000 in repairs!

The Foundation is made up of various monetary gifts from those who have come before us specifically to help with the long-term mission of this congregation. These wonderful gifts were left for investment purposes so the income can be used for building expenses, missions, music concerns, and education. These funds are always working in the background helping to provide an avenue for the ongoing needs of the church. A gift to the Foundation is an incredible way to leave a legacy that will help those who come after us. For more information about the Foundation, please call the church office and ask for me.

Finally, as we near the end of 2018 and prepare for 2019 the Finance Committee is working on the upcoming budget. Predicting upcoming income and expenses can seem a little daunting, however it can be made much easier when the church has an idea of what to expect. In the next few weeks leading up to Consecration Sunday, Pastor Kwang will touch on this year's pledge drive. His messages will bring into light the MISSION of this church, the VISION of this church, and the VALUES of this church. He will discuss the ministry plan that was one of the highlights of the recent Charge Conference. I hope you will prayerfully consider how you can give through the coming holiday season and next year to help share the word and love of Jesus Christ.

Peace be with you!
Tim Johnson

Happy Thanksgiving!
Thurs., and Fri., Nov. 22 and 23 -
church office closed



Country Fair & Cookie Walk, Friday, Nov. 30th, 9am-1pm

Hosted by the Washington United Methodist Women
Washington UMC - Fellowship Hall

The ever popular **UMW Country Fair** returns Fri., Nov. 30, from 9am to 1pm. You can look forward to great food, crafts, candy, and the world famous & spectacular **Cookie Walk**. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some fellowship and get into the holiday mood.



For Sale - Baked goods! Crafts! Candy! Cookies!

Lunch will be available from 11am to 1pm. Carry-out available.

Hot Chicken or Crumbly Beef Sandwiches

Fruit Cups, Cabbage Slaw, Homemade Pie

Free Will Offering



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The **Cookie Walk** will offer an incredible variety of home-made cookies and you can select as many as you like (your choice of any types and as much as you like), to be purchased by weight. Save time and energy on your holiday baking!

Cookie Donations & Baked Items for Country Fair

The Country Fair could use your help! if you would like to provide cookie donations for the cookie walk, contact Sharon Wagner at 319-461-1320. The fair also needs other baked goods to sell. Items like cakes, pies, and candy all sell well. For more info. about baked goods call Marilyn Whitenack at 319-653-4891 or Oma Munn at 319-653-3352. For more info. about candy call Shirley Pfeifer at 319-653-5283.

All baked goods and candy are due in Fellowship Hall on Nov. 29, or no later than 8am, Fri., Nov. 30.

Craft Items for Country Fair

Do you have or make items you could donate for the craft sale? Scarves, placemats, 'scrubbies', jewelry, and other items you think will sell. Please put the items which you have already priced & tagged in the room located in the NW corner of the sanctuary by Nov. 28. For more info. call Marilyn Klise at 319-548-0058, or Ilene Schnicker at 319-653-7959.

UM Student Sunday, Sun., Nov. 25

"Together, we educate students so they can make a difference in the world."

Your generous gifts on Nov. 25 help support United Methodist scholarships and the UM Student Loan Fund, administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

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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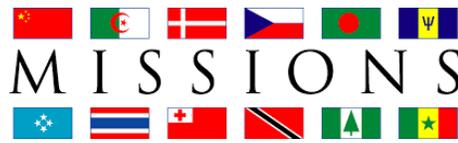
Financial Secretary: Tim Johnson 12:00pm - 4:00pm officewashumc@gmail.com

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Standard Time!

Saturday, Nov. 4
Turn your clocks back
one hour
tonight!



Mission Minutes

Check out the Mission bulletin board to find out the latest projects and also to read our Missionaries newsletters. We have regular communications from the Kies in Africa and now will be hearing from Doug Williams in Argentina.

Meals on Wheels

Washington UMC can help in this mission by delivering meals to people who can't get out or have difficulty in preparing their own meals. We will be delivering meals from Dec. 3 through the 28th. Please call Shirley Pfeifer at 653-5283, if you can help.



Snowbirds!

Please let the office know what your departure and return dates are. The database can be programmed so that you will automatically continue to receive the Meeting House and any other mailings, without interruption, at your winter location. If you choose not to receive any mailings while you are away, please let the office know so that mailings can be stopped until you return.



Note to United Methodist Women - How are you doing with the slips from your jelly jar? The World Thank Offering will be taken at the November meeting on November 9th.

Christmas Adoption 2018

Started by WUMC over 20 years ago as a project to adopt one family for Christmas and provide them with food and gifts, the response was so encouraging that it has grown into an annual event that helps several families.

Ernie and Jason Couch blessed us with an amazing performance on September 30th for our All Music Sunday. Everyone really enjoyed their incredible music and we are hoping they will come back to see us the next time they are in Iowa.



In 2017 WUMC raised \$3,180 to help families and children. Each family receives a cash card for food and wrapped gifts. The families selected are screened by HACAP and HACAP gives us clothing sizes and needs (individuals are not identified). Our youth do the shopping and gift wrapping. The need has always been great and this year is no exception, so please be generous with your gifts.



“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.

Christmas Adoption will be our Thanksgiving offering this year. Donations can be put into the offering plate or mailed to WUMC. Checks should be made payable to WUMC but marked on the memo line “Christmas Adoption”, and cash should be put into envelopes and marked the same. For additional information please contact the church office at 319-653-5446.

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.

November 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
Communion 4 8am Traditional 9:30am Praise Serv. 9:45am ABS 11:00am Traditional Daylight savings ends- clocks back one hour! 	5 9am Quilters	6 9am Prayer Grp 7:00pm Missions/ Outreach	7	8 11:30am WAMA 6:30pm Trustees	9 12:30pm UMW	10
8am Traditional 11 9:30am Praise Serv. 9:45am ABS 11am Traditional 2:30pm Halcyon H 	12	13 9am Prayer Grp 6:30pm Children Ministry Team Mtg	14 11am Parkview 6:30pm SPRC Mtg	15 6:30 Worship Comm. 6:30pm Finance Comm Mtg 7:30pm Ad Council	16	17 8am UMM
18 8am Traditional 9:30am Praise Serv. 9:45am ABS 11am Traditional	19 9am Quilters	20 9am Prayer Grp	21	22 Church office closed Happy Thanksgiving 	23 Church office closed	24
25 UM Student Day! 8am Traditional 9:30am Praise Serv. 9:45am ABS 11am Traditional	26	27 9am Prayer Grp	28	29	30 9am to 1pm UMW Country Fair & Cookie Walk	



Thank you to Russ Parker, Dave Birney, Ira Wagner and everyone that helped with the potatoes. Everyone that received potatoes, including myself, really appreciate this wonderful ministry. Vic Patterson

Dear Church Friends, Thank you so very much for the roses you sent me on my 98th birthday. I do enjoy fresh flowers. Love to all, Margrette Utech

Year-to-Date Financials

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

General Fund	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	
October 2018	11,189	10,885	
Year to Date	235,005	229,671	

November Birthdays!



1
Ryan Friese
Duane Van Winkle

10
David Ross

19
Ty Stender

2
Kayla Beatty
Noah Enfield
George Moore

11
Collin Murphy
Tanner Murphy

20
Karen McFarland
Aiden Miller
Oma Munn

3
Eric Schoonover

12
James Kennedy
Judy McCarthy

21
Dana Crawford

28
Stanley Bauer

4
Lyle Thomas

14
Jeff Crone
Rodney Furgason

22
Mark Bohr
***Carl Dallmeyer**
Cathy Ross
Abby Threlkeld

29
Kenneth Hanson

5
Lisa Carr
Jeff Lueck

15
Shannon Powers
Bruce Waston

24
Michelle Sisco-Ortiz

30
Shawn Loy

6
Connie Bauer

16
Jack Greiner
***Jim Schmidt**

25
Fran Darbyshire

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

7
Matthew Crawford

17
Jim Logan
Corrine Phelps
Jennine Wolf
Cora Young

26
Kira Ropp
Linda Sturdevant

8
Ryan Loy

9
Barbara Wehr



November Anniversaries!



1
Don & Jackie Wells

5
Dora & Lynn McConnell

19
Barbara & Lester Wehr

3
Bob & Mary Bailey

7
Jim & Oma Munn

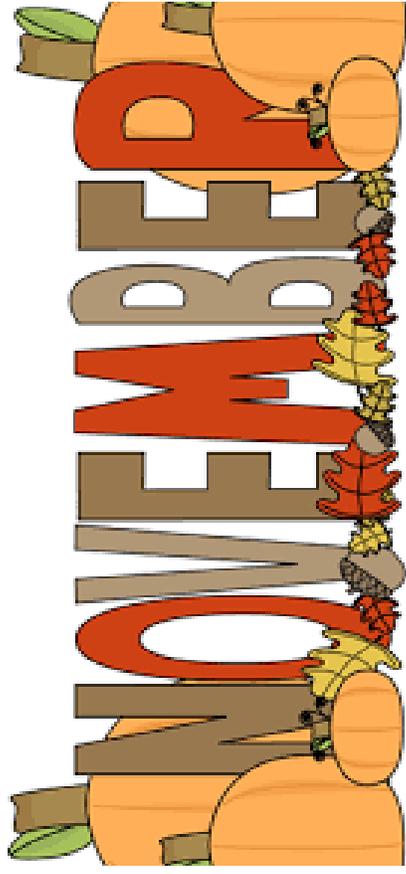
26
Paul & Sally Beezley

4
David & Toni Adrian

12
Donna & Robert Koehler

27
Pam & Rick Murphy

17
Carl & Helen Dallmeyer



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Sunday Worship

Praise Service: 9:30am

Traditional Service: 8:00 & 11:00am



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