



The Meeting House

Washington United Methodist Church

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Are you enjoying summer? I'm definitely enjoying it, except for the hot and humid air. I should enjoy even this because I know it is a blessing from God. We are blessed because we have four seasons. I mean we can feel the change in the weather at least four times a year.

Also, the seasonal change brings us some things we usually do not want. In summer, hot and humid air is one of them. In winter, it is icy cold air. You must remember how it was last winter. Particularly to me, it is allergy in spring: itchy watery eyes and runny nose and it continues to early Summer. And I know you have something either. In fact, we do not really want it but we get it. Actually, it is not a curse but a blessing for 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 do something for change. If I disregard it, someday I am going to be in big trouble. It says to 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.

In this summer, I recommend you examine yourself. What are things you don't want? What does it say to you? Someone may complain and blame God for them. But all of us know that it doesn't help. Do not complain about what you cannot change. Rather, let us try to change ourselves so that we can do something productive in our lives.

Let us think about our church and ministries. We are in a financial deficit and falling short of financial resources. We recently lost several church families and worship attendants for various reasons. But we do not blame anyone or anything for our deficit and loss. We consider this an opportunity to examine our ministries and change. As I mentioned earlier, everything we face has some reason to be with us. I encourage you to pray together and work together for change in our ministries. We keep staying in there and are always trying to do something altogether. Even though we don't have enough resources, we only do our best for mission. This seems promising.

Summer will be good for us if we can enjoy hot and humid air and take the opportunity to examine ourselves. Let us see through ourselves and if we can find something to change among ourselves, just share it and begin to change it.

God's Blessing and Loving Care to All
Kwang



2019 Third Quarter Mission Opportunities

The following are descriptions of our 2018 Third Quarter mission offerings. Instead of doing separate offerings during the year you can give once, if you wish, 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.

Rural Life Sunday - is a national offering to strengthen the outreach and witness of congregations in towns and rural areas. It is administered through Town and Country Ministries.

Christian Education Sunday - is kept in the Iowa Conference. It is used for camperships at Iowa church camps, for scholarships for continuing education for United Methodist Christian Educators, and for the purchase of resources by the Iowa religious Media services.

Christmas In July - is a local offering to provide school supplies and clothing for families in need in Washington County.

San Pablo United Methodist Worship Center in Muscatine - is a Southeast District mission to increase the presence and participation of Latinos in the United Methodist Church by providing a mission center which offers in Spanish worship opportunities, nurture, and outreach for the growing Latin population.

Growing Hope Globally - We help those living in the poorest regions of the world grow their own food and earn an income.

2019 Third Quarter Mission Offering



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

\$ _____ Rural Life Sunday	\$ _____ Christmas in July
\$ _____ Christian Education Sunday	\$ _____ San Pablo United Methodist Worship Center in Muscatine
	\$ _____ Growing Hope Globally
\$ _____ Total Amount	

Mission Minutes

The Mission-Outreach Committee would like to thank all who contributed to the homeless kits. Seven were delivered to Choices. There is a possibility of having a homeless shelter here in Washington. More details will be given later. As of now, there are at least 9 men and 2 homeless women here.

Church History

In reading minutes from the past, it is easy to see why the Washington United Methodist Church has a long history in mission. The following women's groups were all connected in mission in some way:

- 1881 Women's Foreign Mission Society
- 1898 Women's Home Mission Society
- 1905 Ladies' Aid Society
- 1920 Alma Hearn Holland Foreign Missionary Society
- 1940 Women's Society of Christian Service
- 1940 Wesleyan Service Guild-reorganized in 1955
- 1941 Emma Anderson Mission Study group
- 1972 United Methodist Women

With the start of the W.S.C.S., the Women's Home Mission Society, the Women's Foreign Mission Society and the Ladies' Aid Society all came together but the Alma Hearn Holland Foreign Missionary Society and the Emma Anderson Mission Study group both met for several years afterward. Minutes are available into the 1950s.

Camp REECE

Going to help at Camp REECE has always been one of our local mission experiences. This year the camp runs from July 29 to August 1. We will be going there on Wednesday, July 31. 10 people and 12 dozen cookies are needed. We carpool at the church at 6:00pm. Call Shirley Pfeifer at 653-5283 if you are able to help.



WUMC will be packing food at HACAP on July 17th at 1:00pm. Please contact Dianne Gray at 319-653-4816 if you would like to volunteer.



VBS for 5yrs through 6th graders will be held on July 11th, 18th and 25th from 11am to 2pm. Please contact Marilyn Whitenack to register at email mjw0736@gmail.com or call 319.653.4891 or 319.461.1155. Also, if you would like to help, please let Marilyn know.



'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.

'Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering' Hebrews 13:3. 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 or contact Jean Macenski at 319-653-6949.

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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July 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Happy 4th!  Church office is closed.	5 Church office closed	6
7 8am & 10am Services 10am Children's Sunday School 	8 7:00pm Worship Committee	9 9:30am Prayer Grp 11:30am Staff Meeting	10 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm SPRC	11 11am-2pm VBS 6:30pm Trustees	12	13
14 8am & 10am Service 10am Children's Sunday School	15	16 9:30am Prayer Grp 11:30am Staff Meeting	17 1:00pm HACAP - Food packing 6pm Praise Team	18 11am-2pm VBS 6:30pm Finance 7:30pm Ad Council	19	20
21 8am & 10am Service 10am Children's Sunday School Halcyon 2:30pm	22	23 9:30am Prayer Grp 11:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Children's Ministry	24 6pm Praise Team	25 11am-2pm VBS	26	27
28 8am & 10am Services 10am Children's Sunday School	29	30 9:30am Prayer Grp 11:30am Staff Meeting	31 6pm Praise Team			

Year-to-Date Financials

General Fund	Actual Income	Actual Expenses
This month	16,635	15,563
Year to Date	147,646	149,720

July Birthdays!

2
Don Lawless
Krew Liska
Marilyn Whitenack

3
Brandon Collett

4
Kayla Bodkin
Robert Helscher

5
Michael Coon

6
Elizabeth Reschly

7
Christine Doonan

8
Dawn Schindler

9
Fred Stark
Nancy Stark

10
Abby Schnicker

11
Renaë Crull
Matthew Smith
Andrew Venenga

12
Stephanie Loy

13
Barbara Wilson

14
Madeline Bohr
Janice Crawford

15
James Dunn
Brenda Fishback

16
John Carter
Denise Chalupa
Doug Tindal

17
Kyle Basten
John Minneman
Sherry Norman
Sydney Williams

18
Larry Guy
Maggie Kielenstyn

22
David Adrian
Beverly Zwicky

23
Dan Stauffer
Jennifer Young

24
James Peterson

25
Addison English

26
Jaimee Edwards
Stephanie Fishback



27
Greg Sinn

28
Sue Basten
Rich Crull

29
Pat Coon
Kiara Gomez Valdez
Nicole Greiner
Cindy Guy
Mike Maxted
***Norma Turnipseed**

30
Gary Collins
Vicki Helfrich
Sandi Ropp
Brenna Weidman

31
Gerry Sproule

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

***Dale Richards**

July Anniversaries!

6
Duane & Linda Van Winkle

7
Gary & Linda Collins
Christine & Trent Doonan
Timothy & Elizabeth Timmins

9
Jeff & Jill Moore

14
Dianne Gray & Roger Schroeder

22
Wayne & Rebecca Kaufman

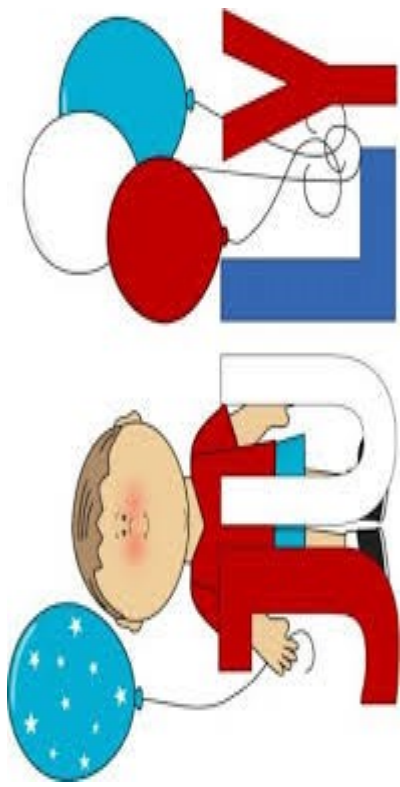
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Joseph, Jr & Jane Evanovich
Mike & Elaine Moore

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Bruce & Sonja Campbell
Larry & Brenda Fishback

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James & Nicole Peterson

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Ron & Janice Crawford
Jamie & Matt Schneider

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