

# The Meeting House

Washington United Methodist Church

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"We envision a faithful community of disciples of Christ rooted in faith, growing in love, and bearing in abundance."

This is the picture of Washington United Methodist Church we have in our mind. We dream this church and all of its people grow in every way into Christ Jesus through being connected all together in love of God, experiencing a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ as we worship, pray, and participate in any sort of small group. We also dream that the church reaches out to people around us in and beyond this community. We care for God's people inside and outside the church. This is all about making disciples of Christ Jesus. Jesus calls us to be his disciples and to help each other be his disciples. We are all called to make disciples of Christ rather than to recruit church members. As Mike Breen says, "If you make disciples, you always get the church. But if you make a church, you rarely get disciples." (Mike Breen, *Building a Discipling Culture*, 5)

As I mentioned in the September Meeting House, I am so excited to share a special messages about our discipleship pathway. Simply saying, the discipleship pathway is a sort of visible guideline of how to be a disciple and how to help others to be disciples. We just rearranged all the ministries we are doing and we are planning to do according to how to be rooted in faith, grow in love, and bear fruit in abundance. I hope we can see that ardent disciples of Jesus help each other to grow into Christ. We are companions walking along the path of discipleship together.

- Oct. 6 One Thing We Need (Luke 10:38-42)
- Oct. 13 One Thing We Envision and Seek (Ephesians 4:11-16)
- Oct. 20 (Consecration Sunday)  
One Thing We Dedicate To (Philippians 3:12-16)

On the 20th of October, we will be called to remember who we are, what we are called for and where we are called to invest ourselves. We also are encouraged to support the mission and ministry of Washington United Methodist Church. On that Sunday, we will be asked to fill out a commitment card to support WUMC through financial support for the work of making disciples in the church.

God's Blessing and Loving Care to All  
Kwang



**Mission Minutes**

Our Ingathering emphasis this year will be on Health Kits and School kits. Kits or items can be placed in the yellow box in the church. A large number of colored pencils have been donated. Please contact Dianne Gray at 319.653.4816 if you can help with the weekend food for the high school students.

**UMW News**

The Iowa Conference UMW will hold their annual meeting this year at Staves United Methodist Church in Des Moines on October 5th from 9:30am to 2:30pm. The speaker will be the Rev. Dionne P. Boissiere, MDiv. She is the Chaplain of the Church Center for the United Nations. For more information, contact Marilyn Whitenach or Shirley Pfeifer. Our local unit will meet at 12:00pm on October 11th. Judy Ulin, our district secretary, will be our guest.

**4th Quarter Mission Outreach Opportunities**

The following are descriptions of our 2019 Fourth 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.

**World Communion Sunday** - Observed this year on October 6th. This special offering will help provide scholarships for U.S. and international scholars (racial and ethnic minority) who are undergraduate and graduate level students.

**United Methodist Student Day** - Observed on December 1st and this offer provides scholarships, loans and grants to qualified United Methodist students attending colleges, universities and seminaries.

**Iowa Wesleyan University** - This offering helps to fund the chaplaincy position at Iowa Wesleyan University.

**The Center** - This outreach mission at St. John's United Methodist Church in Davenport houses a food pantry, thrift store, café, homeless ministry and skate church for at risk teenagers.

**Christmas Adoption** - This local offering provides food and gifts to local families in need. It is managed through HACAP.

**2019 Fourth Quarter Mission Offering**



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

\$ _____	World Communion Sunday	\$ _____	Iowa Wesleyan University
\$ _____	United Methodist Student Day	\$ _____	The Center
\$ _____	Christmas Adoption		

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel.# \_\_\_\_\_



Get the monthly **Meeting House** via email instead of regular mail, it's faster and saves the church money on postage. Just call or email the church office and the change will be made for you. If you are receiving both email and regular mail copies, call the office to stop the regular mail issue.



Please advise the church office if you move, change or drop a landline or cell#, have a new email address or change your name. Do not hesitate to call or email to make sure the office has your correct information.

**Vacationers and Snow birds!!** - 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 and/or summer locations. 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.



**"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."**

**John 15:12**

Stephen Ministers are lay people - Christian men and women - trained to provide one on one care to people experiencing a difficult time in life. 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 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.

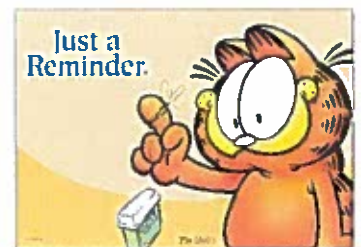
To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, or if you'd like to find out more about becoming a Stephen Minister yourself, go to [stephenministries.org](http://stephenministries.org), or contact Jean Macenski at 319-653-6949.



**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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# October 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 9:30am Prayer Grp 11:30am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Mlssions/ Outreach	2 3pm-5pm Kidz Klub 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm MYLIFE 7pm Chancel Choir	3	4	5
6 8am & 10am Services 10am Children's Sunday School 	7 9am Quilters	8 9:30am Prayer Grp 11:30am Staff Meeting	9 3pm-5pm Kidz Klub 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm MYLIFE 6:30pm SPRC 7pm Chancel Choir	10 6:30pm Trustees	11 12:00pm UMW	12
13 8am & 10am Service 10am Children's Sunday School	14 6:30pm Worship Committee	15 9:30am Prayer Grp 11:30am Staff Meeting 6:30pm Children's Ministry	16 3pm-5pm Kidz Klub 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm MYLIFE 7pm Chancel Choir	17 12pm WAMA 6:30pm Finance 7:30pm Special Ad Council Meeting	18	19 8am UMM
20 8am & 10am Service 10am Children's Sunday School  Consecration Sunday (Pledge Sunday)	21 9am Quilters	22 9:30am Prayer Grp 11:30am Staff Meeting	23 3pm-5pm Kidz Klub 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm MYLIFE 7pm Chancel Choir	24	25	26 5pm Charge Conference
27 8am & 10am Services 10am Children's Sunday School 2pm-7pm SE District Lay Servant Training	28	29 9:30am Prayer Grp 11:30am Staff Meeting	30 3pm-5pm Kidz Klub 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm MYLIFE 7pm Chancel Choir	31		

\*Not every committee meets every month, your committee chair-person will advise you of scheduling.

Thank You



Kim,  
Thanks so much for starting Kidz Klub. Due to health "challenges", I can't help but please accept my donation to use where needed for Kidz Klub. Thanks again, Kim. Jan Stiles and best of luck!!  
God Bless!!!

## Year-to-Date Financials Through September 18, 2019

General Fund	Actual Income	Actual Expenses
This month	7,781	13,146
Year to Date	188,403	206,263

Happy Fall Everyone!!! My favorite time of year as our oldest daughter, Gwen always comes to visit in late October from Florida and she will be here starting October 30th until November 13th. I will be taking some time off to spend with her and we do the "tourist" thing when she's here and drive all over Iowa so that she can see all the beautiful sights! So, if you have anything you would like in any of the bulletins for early November or anything for the November Meeting House, please get that information to me as quickly as possible so that I can make sure everything is included when I work on these projects on the days that I am in the office.  
Thank you and have a wonderful Autumn!!! Melody S. Merritt, WUMC Secretary

## Message from Missions/Outreach

In July, we explained changes in the program formerly referred to as the “backpack” program. In that article, we explained that the schools are now getting food delivered every week from the Hiawatha food reservoir—the same source of food delivered to the local HACAP food pantry. What we hope to accomplish, as church outreach are the following:

1. Monetary donations, labeled as school backpack program, to purchase perishable foods to supplement what comes from Hiawatha. These items will include things such as loaves of bread, hot dogs, milk, fresh fruit, and other things that a child can easily use to fix a meal on the weekend. These items will get delivered to the schools once a week by the grocery stores. Students, identified by the school as needing assistance, are allowed to choose some foods to take home on Friday afternoon.
2. Donations of items with longer shelf life that the committee can deliver to the schools. These items can be brought to the church. Examples of things members could bring to the church are cereal, crackers, energy bars, or dry fruit.
3. Contact Dianne Gray if you are interested in forming a small focus group in the church that would focus on other ideas for helping with this program as well as spiritual commitment to the cause.

Another goal of missions and outreach is to provide personal hygiene supplies for students at the high school (and perhaps the middle school). There are a significant number of students who do not have access to these items at home. Examples of items church members can bring to church are: shampoo, soaps and body wash, and deodorant.

If you have questions regarding anything in this article, contact Dianne Gray at 653-4816 or email at [idgrayteach@gmail.com](mailto:idgrayteach@gmail.com).



Greetings!

Below you will find a Pledge Card for the upcoming pledge drive in October. As in past years, the Finance Committee is asking you to prayerfully consider how much you plan to support the church financially in the upcoming year. But why is this so important?

The annual budget is largely based upon planned giving from the congregation. As you are probably aware, this year the church has been going through a tough time financially. This may be a little unsettling at first, but on the flip side this really gives us a tremendous opportunity for growth and revitalization of the church. Your pledge will help us gauge how much we can do in the upcoming year and plot the course. On a deeper sense, the Old and New Testaments both tell us that giving will bring joy to a person. To be able to give freely, knowing that it will be used to share God's love and bring others to know Him, brings an incredible sense of joy that I personally have rarely felt.

We are not asking for a tithe or suggesting an amount. We are asking that you pray about it over the next few weeks and challenge yourself with planned giving, in addition to spending time with God daily, and asking yourself what you can do to help grow this wonderful church.

On October 20<sup>th</sup>, Commitment Sunday, you will be asked to fill out a commitment card to support WUMC through your attendance and financial support for the work of the church.

Thank You,

Bob Helscher, Finance Chair

Tim Johnson, Treasure



Financial Commitment  
to the Ministry of  
Washington United Methodist  
Church

### 2020 General Budget Pledge

My/Our pledge to the General Budget will be:

\$\_\_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_\_ \$\_\_\_\_\_  
weekly      monthly      quarterly      annually      electronic

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please place your completed Pledge Card in the offering plate.

By taking this pledge I/we promise to support Washington UMC's ministry with prayer, presence, gifts, and service.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like more information regarding Trust, Estate, Life Insurance, Endowments, and other asset giving.

# October Birthdays!



1  
Trish Bohr  
**\*Margaret Steinbeck**

2  
Richard Gallagher  
Alexandrea Murphy

3  
Thomas Patterson  
Marisa Powers

4  
Charles Henry  
Trevor Tschantz

5  
David Cortum  
Jane Evanovich

6  
Michael Carr  
Gary Clark  
**\*Ron Crawford**

7  
Gary Pence  
Diana Schoonover

8  
Kim Charlier  
Dianne Gray  
**\*Margrette Utech**

10  
Karen Crossett  
Mario Savaidis  
Steve Stender  
Timothy Timmins

12  
Brett Brinning  
Pamela Green  
Marc Knupp

13  
William Edwards  
Alison Greiner

14  
Linda Van Winkle

15  
Martha Hahn  
**\*Eugene Steele**

16  
Craig Rembold

17  
Alberta Bonar  
Kyle Fishback  
Marilyn Mangold

18  
Mary Dawson  
Roberta Leeper  
Madison Van Winkle

19  
Ronald Marsh

21  
Ed Kielenstyn

22  
Judith Fredrick

23  
**\*Donna Knott**

24  
Ruth Bartow  
John Hamil  
Perry Schnicker

25  
Jacki Williams

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

26  
Bradley Crone  
Jean Hyde  
Curtis Stender

27  
Grant Shive

28  
Dorothy Enfield  
Keider Gomez Valdez  
Karolyn Leary  
Karen McCreedy

30  
Misty Ingles  
Lain Messer

31  
Jan Lawless  
**\*Betty Strum**  
Lester Wehr  
Alyk Williams



# October Anniversaries!



4  
Craig & Dana Rembold

5  
Bill & Jeannie Edwards

6  
Charles & Betty Thompson

7  
Greg & Dawn Schindler

9  
Jaden & Michele Prottsman  
Perry & Lottie Schnicker

23  
Edward & Pauline Jarrard

31  
James & Vicki Dempsey

