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MANNING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Times of Refreshing: Life Together

"Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together... He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ."
(Ephesians 4, selected verses)

One repeated theme in Paul's writings is relationships. He realized that even faithful Christians would get out of sorts with each other and have communication breakdowns. He repeatedly encourages believers to live out patience and peace with each other. He also sent the church preachers and teachers with the purpose of equipping God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ. I think these two things are related: relationships and serving together. A common cause gives us focus and purpose, otherwise we default into wanting to be served, entertained, and comforted. When we seek to build each other up, so we all are growing, personal preferences take a back burner.

It reminds me of what an older person said one Sunday after church, "I really don't like that modern music at the close of worship, but when I see how the kids like it, it's worth it!" When we realize church is a refuge, not an entertainment destination, we see people differently. When we acknowledge that most people walking through our doors are carrying burdens, we can make space for our differences. When we choose love, we also choose patience and humility.

In Matthew 18:15, Jesus tells his followers, "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you've won over your brother or sister." What does this have to do with building the church? If we learn how to disagree without being disagreeable, if we learn how to talk through misunderstandings, and harm, if we actually talk to each other, rather than about each other, think of the witness this is to a world that is polarized and full of rhetoric!

How are you building up the church today? Who are you encouraging? Who are you making peace with?

Together for God's good,
Pastor Vicki

Church Conference: November 4

Manning is hosting the area Church Conference on Sunday November 4 at 2:30 p.m. All members have voice and vote!

Remembering the Saints: Sunday, November 4

On Sunday, November 4, we will remember and name those church members and friends who have died since November 1 last year. There will also be a time in worship where anyone may light a candle to remember a loved one who had died this past year. As November begins, many of us begin thinking about the holidays. For those who are grieving, the holidays can be a mixture of joy and sorrow. Pause with us to remember and hope, and to support those who have known loss.

Messages for November:

Nov. 4: "The Gifts of Grief"
All Saints Day, Communion
2 Samuel 1
Lamentations 3

Nov. 11: "Giving with Freedom"
Consecration Sunday
Children's Choir
Matthew 10:1-20
2 Corinthians 9:1-7

Nov. 18: "With Gratitude!"
Pack the Pews Sunday
Philippians 4
Psalm 136

Nov. 25: Deb Luetje, Guest Speaker!

Pack the Pews Sundays!



Attendance has been hovering around 65. As our fall programming gets going, we would love to see more of our church friends and church family back in church! Can you help us reach our goals, by reaching out to your neighbors and friends? Our next two Pack the Pews Sundays are **November 18**, where our goal is 85 and **December 16** where our goal is 100! Whom will you invite?

A special gift from a member at Women at the Well:

One of the artists at Women at the Well created a pastel picture of the church which has been framed (Thanks to Ed E. and Rick and Sheryl D.) and soon will be gracing our walls! We are so blessed by this kindness and will treasure our ongoing relationship with the United Methodist Church at the Iowa Correctional Institute for Women.



Praying for General Conference:

The Council of Bishops has called a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops.

At the 2016 General Conference, the United Methodist Church was headed for a schism over the place and role of LGBTQ persons in church and as clergy. To prevent a schism, the delegates voted to empower the Council of Bishops to suggest an alternative. The Commission on a Way Forward was proposed by the Council of Bishops and approved by the 2016 General Conference to do a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph of the Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and explore options that help to maintain and strengthen the unity of the church.

I urge you to pray and fast on behalf of the worldwide United Methodist Church in the times leading up to General Conference. – *Pastor Vicki*

Clergy Appreciation Month:

Thanks so much for the card and the gift certificates in honor of clergy appreciation month! It looks like Mark and I will be taking in dinner and a movie sometime soon! – *Pastor Vicki*



Welcome into membership: Judy Lindner

Judy joined the church in October. You can find Judy teaching Sunday School on Sunday mornings! We are glad to have you, Judy!



Did you hear about Manning's Pack the Pantry?

21 teams of 3 purchased 2,162 items worth over \$6,000 in 1 1/2 hours to stock the shelves at the Manning Food Pantry which serves the IKM-Manning School District. Pictured here is Manning UMC's team and their competitors from Ohde Funeral Home.

NEW SMALL GROUP STUDY: The God We Can Know Mondays at 6:30 p.m.

This study series will help us find and form an answer to the most essential question in the Christian faith, "Who do you say I am?"

The "I Am" sayings of Jesus not only grab our imagination by revealing more about his purpose, they also shape our own Christian identity and connect us to the God of Moses, the Great I Am.

Significant—yet ordinary—images give us insightful ways to experience Jesus anew and to discover a God who is close and wants to be known!

Opportunities to Love God, Love People, and Serve the World:

Please call the office for more information! 712-655-3928

Loving our Youth:

Our New Youth group can use help prepping dinner and providing food. If you can help out now or in the future, call Heather Robinson at 712-250-1665.

Confirmation Mentors:

Meet with one of our Confirmation students on five different occasions to talk about God using discussion questions that are provided.



Ingathering News

The UMW group met Tuesday, Oct. 23, to assemble 38 Health Kits and 37 School Kits. Thank you to everyone for your donations. With all the disaster areas in the United States, they will be greatly appreciated.

7-12 Youth Group

We will meet for dinner around 6:00 with our group time being held from 6:30 to 8. There is a meeting held at the church every Sunday from 4:30 to 5:30, so we cannot get in to start our stuff until closer to 6 as we don't want to bother the earlier meeting time. We still plan on meeting one Saturday a month as well for movie nights or game nights.

Saturday November 3- 7:00-9:00 (Game Night)

Sunday November 11 – HAM DINNER Service project night

Saturday November 17 – 7:00 – 9:30 (Movie Night)

Sunday November 25 - 6:00-8:00

For more information, contact Heather or Joe Robinson!
(heatherjoe.robinson@yahoo.com or Heather's cell 712-250-1665.)

Own a piece of the church!

A number of the wood strips from the front of the sanctuary were used on the pulpit and altar tables. The extra was turned into simple crosses. The crosses are about 12 inches tall with a hole on the back for wall hanging. They cost \$13 each and support the renovation work. They will be finished up throughout the summer.

They are available until the supply runs out.



WIC CLINICS at our Church!

Once a month, our church will be the location for the area WIC Clinic! We are doing this on a six month trial basis, with WIC paying a modest rental fee. The first day WIC will be in our building is October 18 from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. They expect to use almost every room!

Goals for 2019

1. Encourage youth participation and spiritual growth in church activities.
2. Raise up three new leaders in 2019.
3. Regularly celebrate our difference makers in worship.
4. Continue to work on the Conference's Wildly Important Goal by implementing our Discipleship Pathway!



The Ham Dinner Fundraiser which will be held on November 11 from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

The menu will be ham and cheesy potatoes, salads and desserts. We will be asking for help from the congregation. Please mark your calendars and come and enjoy a delicious meal. Proceeds will go towards meeting our financial obligations for our missions at home, nationally, and worldwide.

The next meeting will be November 8, at noon at the Senior Center. The program will be World Thank Offering Service led by Harriett Gross.



So far, I've been too busy to get our program up and running this year. We still don't have all the parental permission slips and/or teacher referrals that we need to begin with a KH kid. We do have several and I'm hoping to get a day/time for the mentors to meet with those kids this week so they can start getting together. I know the kids are anxious to meet with their mentors. We have two new mentors going through training – Vicki Steffes and Lori Shannon. Please keep them as well as our entire KH program in your prayers.

Sheryl Dammann
KHUSA Director

The Source

Can you imagine growing up without going to Sunday school or church? Can you imagine growing up in a home where the only time you heard God's name was when someone was cursing? Can you imagine not knowing that God loves you? The Source is a place where individuals, who have grown up in those types of homes, come to discover a loving God. A Father that loves them just as they are – faults, past lives, unbelieve and all. When someone realizes they are a beloved child of God; you can actually see the transformation in their faces, A miracle happens right before our very eyes. Come join us sometime and see the miracle of faith taking place on Friday nights.

Renewal of Membership Vows and Consecration Sunday – November 11, 10:30 a.m.

ANNUAL INCOME	1%	3%	5%	7%	10%	15%
\$10,000	\$100	\$300	\$500	\$700	\$1,000	\$1,500
\$15,000	\$150	\$450	\$750	\$1,050	\$1,500	\$2,250
\$20,000	\$200	\$600	\$1,000	\$1,400	\$2,000	\$3,000
\$30,000	\$300	\$900	\$1,500	\$2,100	\$3,000	\$4,500
\$40,000	\$400	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,800	\$4,000	\$6,000
\$50,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$7,500
\$75,000	\$750	\$2,250	\$3,750	\$5,250	\$7,500	\$11,250
\$100,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$7,000	\$10,000	\$15,000
\$150,000	\$2,250	\$4,500	\$7,500	\$10,500	\$15,000	\$22,500
\$200,000	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$10,000	\$14,000	\$20,000	\$30,000
\$250,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$12,500	\$17,500	\$25,000	\$37,500

On November 11, we will celebrate Consecration Sunday and renew our membership vows. Everyone who is a part of the church is invited to make a faith promise to the budget for the coming year. This step of faith will not result in you being "billed", but it is important in our faith journeys. In the Old Testament, faithful giving began with a tithe, 10% of the income. In the New Testament, Jesus calls his followers to sacrificial giving. Filling out a faith promise is an act of

obedience to how God is calling you to give of your income. Some of you will take this important step for the very first time! I can't wait to hear how God works through our gifts in 2019!

Every Member of our church has been baptized and at some point has made public profession of the following:

1. To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of their sin;
2. To accept the freedom and power God gives them to resist evil, injustice, and oppression;
3. To confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put their whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as their Lord;
4. To remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world;

5. To be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in their power to strengthen its ministries;
6. To faithfully participate in its ministries by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service, and their witness;
7. To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

We will renew these vows as a congregation on Sunday, November 11.

Consecration Sunday Faith Promise Cards: (Please place in the offering on Nov. 11)

By the grace of God, I promise to fulfill my vows to support the United Methodist Church in my financial giving by pledging to give _____ a _____ to the general budget. I realize this is a faith promise based on God's blessings. May God grow my faith as I take this step of trust in him!

Beyond this I also pledge _____ for 2018 for the renovation debt.

Name: _____



Nov. 4 Victor & Donna Schwiesow
 Nov. 16 Mike & Lori Trecker



Nov. 1	Beth Mundt	Nov.19	Tanner Spoelstra
Nov.3	Ruth Crandall	Nov. 24	Karol Dammann
Nov. 4	Donna Schwiesow	Nov. 25	Tyson Schultes
Nov. 10	Diana Wiese	Nov. 27	Chris Mundt
Nov. 11	Piper Mundt	Nov. 27	Thomas Polzien
Nov. 12	John Lorenzen	Nov. 28	Paisley Lorenzen
Nov. 13	Phyllis Vollstedt	Nov. 28	Jean Stadtlander
Nov. 15	Mackenzie Blum		