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MANNING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Times of Refreshing: All the ways we share Jesus!

Since moving to Manning 4 years ago, I've been part of a Healthy Church Initiative Peer Mentoring Group which meets monthly. In the past 4 years, 4 of the pastors who have been in our group have started new worship services at their churches. At Manning and Casey UMCs, it was a vision brought forward by lay people. At Carson and Greenfield, it was a pastor's vision that was embraced by the local church. Early this year, The Manning, Greenfield, and Casey pastors were asked to present a workshop at Annual Conference on "New Places for New People in Existing Congregations." (Carson wasn't asked because their pastor was moving.) Because Sheryl Dammann was active in visioning The Source, and because I knew she was attending conference as our Lay Representative, I asked her if she would be a part of this presentation. At Annual Conference, our three small town churches shared our stories with a packed room! People were even sitting on the floor. They wanted to know how they might reach more people with the great news of God's love. I'm praying that our dreams might catch!

June brings some great news from the local church: Through Joe and Heather's vision, we now have a Recovery Group for couples that meets on Sunday afternoons. They've also led us in rebooting our Youth Group! The youth group had an awesome garage sale fundraiser that was also priced so as to be a blessing to those who came! A couple people who are part of our Friday night Recovery Ministries recently launched a second Recovery Bible Study – in Carroll! The week after Annual Conference was Vacation Bible School. We tried something different this year – having a day time VBS which led to a lot of younger children. We had 20 children attend. What particularly excites me is having 11 of our teens show up to help lead and guide this! These 11 children are being the church and giving their gifts! They are learning that church is a place where their talents and abilities are welcomed. They are learning how to give back. It was a wonderful week. VBS was immediately followed by Kinderfest. Kinderfest gave us an opportunity to share some love and fun in the name of Jesus. The heat was a challenge, but we had a good crowd and great help. Also in June, we served at the Manning pantry again! I can't wait to see what God is up to next!

I know that our enemy is active. I know that discouragement and dissention are constant battles when someone says 'yes' to following Jesus. When you see someone stepping out in faith, cheer for them! June 26, 1999, I moved into our first parsonage. I'm beginning my 20th year of being a pastor. While I am often discouraged and troubled by the strife in the nation, I find the local church to always be a source of hope and encouragement. Thank you for being Church!

Pastor Vicki

Sermon Series: Jesus Saves!

It's more than a bumper sticker, it's a life changing reality - Jesus saves! But whom? Does he save those who never heard about him? Does he save people who are chronically sinning?

Does he save people we don't like? Do any of our sins take away being saved? Who exactly does Jesus save? What does it even mean to be 'saved'? Is it more than just heaven or hell? Can Jesus save us while we are still living, or is salvation all about what happens when we die?

We will look at some of the interesting stories about people who were saved by Jesus in the Bible. We will explore how God's message of hope went beyond the Jews to reach the whole world. We will wrestle with scriptures that talk about what salvation means.

I hope that you will join us!

July 1: Christian in Name Only?

Communion Sunday

Matthew 18:15-22

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

July 8: What about those who never heard of Jesus?

Matthew 28:16-20

Romans 10:8-20

July 15: What about faithful Jews who reject Jesus?

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Romans 11

July 22: Disturbing trends in Grace

Matthew 19

Acts 9:26-40

Deuteronomy 23:1

July 29: It's more than Heaven and Hell!

TBA



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.



VBS, KINDERFEST, and Youth Garage Sale: Thank You!
Our heartfelt thanks to the adults and youth who made VBS, Kinderfest, and the
Garage Sale possible! We had a busy June being a blessing to our neighbors!

7-12 Youth Group Summer 2018

Dinner prep on Wednesday from 5:00-5:45 for anyone who would like to join us in preparing the meal, dinner being served from 5:45 to 6:15ish, and youth group activities from 6:30 to 8:00. We plan on Saturday evening activity nights going from 7:00-9:30ish roughly.

Wed July 11th (pizza)
Sat July 21st (activity night TBD)
Wed July 25th (sloppy Joes and chips)
Wed Aug 8th (tacos)
Sat Aug 18th (End of summer/back to school bash)

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

Goals for 2018

1. Continue to Implement the HCI Discipleship Pathway
2. Reach the HCI goal of having 60% of our Sunday congregation in Small Groups.
3. Continue to build the Sunday School program.
4. Find ways to connect to Sunday School parents who are not active in church.
5. Begin the next phase of renovation (fellowship hall) while encouraging regular giving to pay off the work done so far.
6. Have a retreat for the One Board



Camp is a Great Place for all People!

There are camps for children, youth, families, and grandparents and grandkids. We have three United Methodist Camps in Iowa: Okoboji, Wesley Wood (Indianola), and Pictured Rocks (Monticello). There are horse camps, go-cart camps, mystery camps, adventure camps and much, much more! To learn more, call Pastor Vicki. Financial aid is available, even for non UMC youth!

About RAGBRAI

A couple different groups in the church considered doing something at the church for RAGBRAI, but decided not to. We have been very involved in ministry in a variety of ways so far this summer. If you feel like God might be leading you to lead the church into a RAGBRAI outreach, it's not too late to do something from our building. Please talk with Pastor Vicki if you want more information!

The Source

The Source continues to be a place of faith and hope! Two individuals who attend The Source and the bible study are starting a new group in Carroll on Sunday nights for the Recovery Bible Study! How awesome is that!!! God is at work!!!



United Methodist Women celebrated June with considering the Sacred Space of Prayer. Esta Denton led the program for our meeting at the Senior Center on June 14. Sweet Hour of Prayer and It's Me, Oh Lord, Standing in the Need of Prayer were sung and a list of prayers that can be found in the Bible was provided. This is an interesting, comprehensive reference and if any of you would like a copy of the list just ask for one from Janet Myer. (712-655-2122)

Southwest District T.E.A.M. meetings were held on June 18. Janet Myer attended the one held in Bayard which was led by Judy Marin of Anita. Special surprise guests were Lynn Calvert, the President of the Iowa Conference United Methodist Women, and her daughter Kristine who is in charge of communications for the conference.

Our next regular meeting will be on July 12 at noon at the Senior Center. Our Southwest District President, Irene Dodder, will be with us and provide the program. Hope to see you then. Please call 655 3417 for lunch reservations.

Grow as a Disciple!

(Where are you on our Discipleship Pathway? What is your next step?)

1. Grow in Community

“Be in Church”

A) **Attend one or more of:**

Sunday Worship, The Source, or Recovery Bible Study

GROW!

B) **Attend Faithfully**



2. Grow in Faith

“Be the Church”

A) Contribute faithfully to the finances of the church.

B) Participate in a Ministry Team *

and

Participate in a Small Group

GROW!

C) Co-Lead or Lead a Small Group and/or Ministry Team



3. Grow in Leadership

“Build the Church”

A) Create a new Small Group and/or

Create a new Ministry Team.

and/or

Create a new place for new people.

GROW!

B) Mentor a potential new leader. (Handing off leadership to new leaders.)



*A Ministry Team fulfills the vision of Manning UMC to love God, love people, and serve the world. A Ministry Team primarily focuses on doing. A Small Group primarily focuses on spiritual growth. Some teams are both!

Ice Cream Buckets Needed!

At UMW the need for larger, ice cream size buckets was expressed for the leftovers to send with families after funerals. We can save and collect smaller single-serving size plastic reusables, but would like for people buying more family size stuff, like ice cream, to save them, wash, and bring to church.



July 1	Amy Osborne	July 13	Kara Havick
July 2	Kris Waterbury	July 15	Ben Lorenzen
July 3	Steve Daiker	July 16	Bob Miller
July 4	Kae Rene Rogers	July 20	Rebecca Wall
July 5	Zian Chen	July 20	Austin Waterbury-Lingle
July 7	Parker Phillips	July 21	Austin Haubrich
July 8	Hannah Robinson	July 22	Jim Karsten
July 9	JoAnn McNutt	July 24	Kaylee Blake
July 12	Casey Karsten	July 26	Lori Trecker
July 12	Jim Schultes	July 30	Karsyn Lorenzen



July 4	John & Sheryl Koester	July 19	Rick & Vicki Warner
July 6	Harry & Dianne Campbell	July 28	David & Diana Wiese
July 8	Rob & Cathy Dammann		
July 10	Rick & Kathy Spoelstra		