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## Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley

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April Showers bring May flowers. The problem is we haven't received enough rain for flowers to bloom, just enough rain for the weeds to start growing. And where are the sunshine and warm days?

There are signs of spring in the buds on the trees, litters of baby kittens being born, baby calves bouncing around in the fields, the nests of baby rabbits in the grass. And speaking of rabbits, they have had a choice feast on my rose bushes this spring.

How is it that we have become so busy with our lives, that we are unable to just enjoy everyday life. We have our calendars to make sure we attend every event on our schedule and those calendars sometime fill up so fast, we can't even find a free day just for ourselves. Our church also continues to be busy celebrating all those important times in our lives.

May brings Mother's Day and our traditional serving of muffins for mom. We celebrate the graduations of our high school and college graduates. We have parties galore and who doesn't enjoy graduation cake and mints. Memorial Day rounds out our month, always doing a sing-a-long of Patriotic songs on Sunday morning and remembering our Veterans on Monday morning with services at the local cemeteries. And shortly after Memorial Day, we will be confirming our young people who have worked hard in their confirmation studies.

Summer is almost here and this is the time of the year to slow down and take the time to smell the roses. Read a book. Spend a day window shopping or flea marketing. Go to lunch with a friend. Use that early morning fresh air to sit on the patio and meditate or just thank the Lord for the beautiful day, a time to just take care of yourself.

Last week in church we heard about the Good Shepherd taking care of his flock of sheep.

Jesus often refers to people as sheep and Himself as the Good Shepherd. And just as a shepherd will search and search for any sheep that is separated from the flock until he finds it, so Jesus does likewise – He pursues the lost people of the world, calling to them in the voice they recognize. And when they respond to Jesus, He lovingly carries them to the flock—His Church—rejoicing all the way.

Learning to hear the Shepherd's voice is probably the most important thing one could learn next to salvation. Even with salvation, you cannot come to Jesus without hearing His voice saying "Come, follow me".

The invitation is always open to attend church on Sunday morning. What better way to start out your week and uplift your spirit, an hour well spent.

Blessings, Shirley

# UP COMING EVENTS

## May 1

Anthon Community Band Concert in O'Neill Park. 7:00.

In case of bad weather, concert will be held in Anthon Events Center.



## May 5 & 6

Stephanie Johnson will be having a 25 cent sale in the church fellowship hall on Anthon's town rummage sale days.

Everything will be priced at 25 cents and the proceeds given to the Heifer project.

If you have small items that you want to donate to the sale to be priced at 25 cents, please drop them off at the church. The Friday sale will be from 4 to 7 p.m. and

Saturday sale will be from 9 to noon.



## May 8

Finance/Board Meeting at 7pm.

## May 14

Mother's Day serving Muffins for Mom



## May 14



Celebrating Graduation Day for Highschool and College Seniors.

If you know of any High School or College Graduates that we should honor, please contact the church office or let Shirley know.

## May 28

Memorial Weekend. Veterans will be honored with a Patriotic Sing- along.

Monday, May 29th, services will be held at the local cemeteries.



## Our Life Together



Andrea Mitchell

presented

Jacee and Trace Thiessen

with bibles

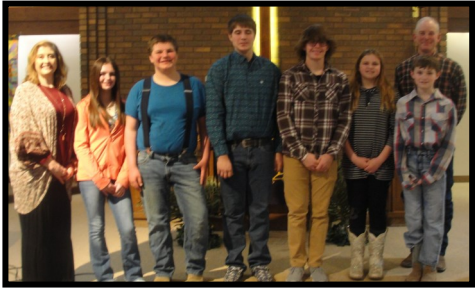
on Palm Sunday

# Our Life Together

## Palm Sunday Church Service

The Sunday school and confirmation youth along with Tim Hoy and Andrea Mitchell volunteered to be in charge of the Palm Sunday Church Service. From the beginning of everyone waving palm branches to the solo by Jake Mitchell and the message by Tim, all youth participated in the service much to the delight of the Pastor who was able to sit with the congregation and enjoy the service with them.

Thank you youth for a very moving service.



## Celebrating Easter

Easter Breakfast was served before the Easter Morning Church Service. Many people enjoyed fellowship along with several different egg bakes, coffee cake and rolls, fruit, juice and coffee.

Thank you ladies of the church for providing and serving a very delicious meal



The confirmation youth have been doing several service projects.

For Easter, they made up Easter baskets full of goodies and delivered them to some of the local seniors.

Lisa Kerns delivered her basket to Marvin Hanson and



Kathy Hodgdon on a visit to the  
Gardens in Cherokee  
dropped off a basket to  
Eleanore Lewis.







## Marvin Hanson celebrates 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Marvin celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. Janet and Barb served birthday cake and coffee to everyone after church to help him celebrate. Happy Birthday Marvin and one more year to the century mark!

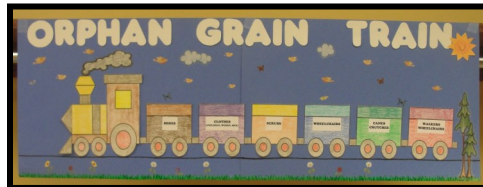


## Missions

### **May Mission Projects: Spring House Cleaning is coming.**

The Orphan Grain Train out of Ida Grove has been chosen for our new mission project. They are in need of shoes (wearable, good condition, but no high heel women's shoes. They also need men, women and children's clothes, scrubs, walkers, canes, crutches, and wheelchairs.

We are also starting our ingathering collection for our hygiene kits. There will be a list of needs on the table in the fellowship hall. If you would like to contribute money, please contact Shirley or Marilyn and we will shop for items needed.



## Special Prayer Needs

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Nina Osborne, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Eleanore Lewis, Fran & Keith Determann, David Beach, Dee Ashley, Ed Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Ralph Diamond, Trisha Thiessen, Keith Allman, Randy Hayworth, Doris Waugh, and Barb & Cal Tyre.

### **Remember our Nursing Home Residents!**

**Be A Part:** If you would like to be part of the prayer support for our church,

## Tithes and Offerings

Apr. 9 \$ 2,457.00    Apr. 16 \$ 435.00  
Apr. 23 \$ 6,432.00

GIVE THANKS  
to the LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1



## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FINANCE & BOARD MINUTES

April 10, 2023

FINANCE: Marilyn Hladik called the Finance Meeting to order and Roger gave a devotion based on II Peter 3:15 "Grown in Knowledge of God". In attendance were Andrea Mitchell, Marilyn Hladik and Roger Hladik, Eileen Klindt, JoLynne Reimert and Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson. The Profit and Loss Statement for March was reviewed. After discussed Andrea made a motion to pay apportionments in the amount of \$2000.00 which will pay us ahead until September. Roger seconded the motion and it carried.

BOARD MEETING: Andrea Mitchell called the board meeting to order. JoLynne made a motion to approve the March minutes as read. Marilyn seconded the motion and it carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: It was a very busy month for our Pastor preparing for our Good Friday Service as well as the Easter service. She made time to do a lot of visitations.

WORSHIP: On Mother's Day May 14, the nurturing committee will be serving Muffins for Mom prior to the service. June 11<sup>th</sup> has been set as a tentative date for Confirmation. May 6<sup>th</sup> Pastor will be doing a committal service for the Forches. The date for honoring our graduates will be determined at a later time. A sing along and patriotic message will be part of our Memorial Day Service May 28.

FINANCE REPORT: Marilyn reported that our total assets are \$47,246.72. Apportionments are paid to date. The \$2000 payment will be made to put us a head until September.

TRUSTEES: The committee is waiting to hear back from the company who sold us the PA System. JoLynne will be working on a list of items that need to be attended to in the parsonage bathroom and give that to Gary Brown.

OUTREACH: We are concentrating on collecting shoes and clothing for the Orphan Train out of Ida Grove and Hygiene kits for the In Gathering in November.

SPRC: A meeting will be held during an upcoming week.

TEACHING: Two bibles were presented to two Sunday School children during our church service

WOMEN IN FAITH: There will be an April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at the church at 10:30. That same day they will travel to the Merville Methodist Church for a luncheon followed by a guest speaker. For the spring, summer and fall we will be having our regular meetings monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 10 a.m.

NURTURING: Muffins for Moms on Mother's Day.

AFFILIATION COMMITTEE: The committee is hosting an open meeting for our congregation to discuss our path forward and answer questions on Wednesday, April 12 at 7 p.m. and again, on Sunday, April 23 at 2:00 p.m. Please be in prayer for the direction of our church.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS: Some of our Middle School students will be coming to our church grounds to pick up sticks as a community service project.

The next Board Meeting will be May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. with Shirley giving devotions. Being no further business, Marilyn moved to adjourn with Eileen seconding the motion. Motion carried. Lay Pastor, Shirley, closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen Klindt, Secretary

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### May/June Liturgist Responsibilities

May 7	Lisa Kerns
May 14	Autumn Hansen
May 21	Tim Hoy
May 28	Eileen Klindt
June 4	Taylor Hansen
June 11	Jake Mitchell
June 18	JoLynne Reimert
June 25	Andrea Mitchell

**\*If you are unable to attend, please find your replacement and let the church know by email.**

### May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Tanner Petersen	2
Sheryl K. Ashley	8
Deb Wilson	14
Brylee Brown	16
Keith Determann	16
Ryan Redenius	18
Brady Gothier	20
Ron Steinhoff	20
Barb Wood	21
John & Kathy Hodgdon	29
Kaycee Hoy	31

