November 2015

Dates of Interest:
* 11/1 All Saints & Communion Sunday
* Ingathering 11/7 @ Cedar Falls
* 11/11 Ad. Council @ 7 pm
* 11/18 Worship Comm. @ 6 pm
* 11/18 Pre-Confirmation Meeting @ 7 pm
* 11/25 Valley Ecumenical TXGV Worship @ 7 pm
* 11/29 First Advent

Administrative Council Meeting Minutes—Sept. 30, 2015
The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m.
Those in attendance included Pastor Mee, Brenda Howard, Mark Howard, Dorothy Gilson, Arden Greener, Charles Wagner, Karen Klingman, Larry Ormston, Larry Wedo, and Helen Medberry.
Pastor Mee opened the meeting with a prayer.
The secretary’s report was approved as read.
The treasurer’s report showed a net income of $1951.07. A memorial gift of $2,000 has been received from the Roger Frieden family to be used to help pay for replacing the front steps. The church has also received a bequest of $331.95 from the estate of Hazel Kuhrt. The 2016 budget in the amount of $68,651 was presented. It was moved and seconded (Arden, Karen) that the budget be approved. The motion carried. It was further moved and seconded (Helen, Dorothy) that the treasurer’s report be approved. The motion carried.
Pastor Mee requested that the commendation of the excellent handling of the church’s financial affairs by Treasurer Brenda Howard be included in the minutes.
Committee reports were dispensed with in order to proceed directly to Old Business, the completion of the Mission and Ministry Report for the Charge Conference. Karen Klingman took notes for the pastor’s use.
Mark Howard volunteered to serve as delegate to the Annual Conference.
The Valley Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held at St. Paul’s on Wed. November 25 at 7 p.m.
The next council meeting is scheduled for November 11 at 7:00 p.m.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

–Respectfully submitted by Charles Wagner, Council Secretary

REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Planned PANCAKE DINNER
on Sunday, November 15
@ Elgin Region Hall

NOW POSTPONED
UNTIL
INDEFINITE TIME
IN 2016!
NOVEMBER SERVANT-LEADERS

**Communion Stewards:** Jill & Austin Frieden

**Greeters / Ushers:**
- 11/1 Sarah Schori & Karen Klingman
- 11/8 Lois & Sharon Becker
- 11/15 Jim & Marion Frieden
- 11/22 Catherine Britt & Mary Thoma
- 11/25 Carol Moore & Karen Klingman
- 11/29 Curt & Dorothy Gilson

**Liturgist**
- 11/1 Charles Wagner
- 11/8 Tatum Kahler
- 11/15 Candis Frieden
- 11/22 Donna Meinhard
- 11/25 Arleon Kelley
- 11/29 Dorothy Gilson

**Acolyte**
- 11/1 Austin Frieden
- 11/8 Claire Hanson
- 11/15 Sierra Gilson
- 11/22 Dylan Frieden
- 11/25 Jim Dennler

**Advent Meditation**
- 11/29 Rodney Gilson Family

**Birthdays**
- 11/9 Phil Kahler
- 11/12 Nathan Becker
- 11/16 Jon Shaffer
- 11/17 Claire Hanson; Shawn Gilson
- 11/18 Marlene Greener
- 11/22 Cliff Medberry; Craig Frieden
- 11/24 Rodney Gilson
- 11/26 Howard Wurster
- 11/27 Lolita Luchsinger
- 11/28 Judy Dummermuth

**Kitchen & Building Task Force Team**
- Helen Medberry (Chair) 426-5348
- Vera Shaffer (Co-chair) 426-5652
- Brenda Howard 426-5856
- Catherine Britt 426-5281
- Marion Frieden 426-5174
- Pat Cline 426-5376
- Angie Frieden 426-5640
- Sharon Becker 426-5642
- Lisa Dummermuth 426-5396

**Coffee Fellowship on Third Sunday 11/15 @10am**

**Anniversaries**
- 11/5 Stub & Sharon Becker
- 11/16 Mark & Rose Harberts
- 11/29 Jeff & Leanne Cline

**PRAYER MINISTRY**—Please keep following peoples in your prayer.

*The leaders of our church*

*The leaders of our District: D.S. Jackie, FOM Rev.Jayme, Secretary Janet Condon*

*The leaders of our Conference: Bishop Trimble & members of the cabinet*

*Our Nation and its leaders, including the president Obama*

*Our elderly sisters and brothers who are in the care center:*
  - Larry Butikofer, Bev Friederich, Betty Nims

*Our sisters and brothers who are unable to join us as they reside in their homes:*
  - William Dummermuth, Nancy Ormston

*Our brothers and sisters for their healing & recovery: Connie Ellis*

*Families of Russell Goodell (former member) who lost their beloved.*

*Our neighbors for healing: Chase Aeschliman, Brooke Becker,*
  - Jonathan Oakland-Becker’s 6 years old great-grandson

*Farmers and their families for the safety and refreshment of their body, mind, & spirits.*

For requests, please call Vera Shaffer (426-5652),
or Helen Medberry (426-5348),
or Pastor Mee (563-425-8012) or Leave a message to the office (426-5131)
REPORT FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE  -Submitted by Marion Frieden

The Mission committee’s annual Ingathering project has been completed. Donations towards shipping and toothpaste would be appreciated. Each kit requires $2.00 shipping and $1.00 for toothpaste for each health kit that UMCOR purchases—Total $194.00. Donations can be sent to St. Paul’s or put in the offertory plate this next Sunday, Nov. 1. The Ingathering will be in Cedar Falls on Saturday, Nov. 7.

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REPORT FROM THE CARING COMMITTEE –Submitted by Karla Henson

The Committee met on Sunday Oct. 25th to make plans for Thanksgiving Baskets and Adopt A Family. Nov. 1st, the Committee will be getting ready for our Thanksgiving Baskets. There will be sign up sheets in the back of Sanctuary to sign up for food for baskets. The Committee asks you to have items at church by Sat. Nov. 21st. The Committee will pack on Sun. Nov. 22nd before worship. The church will be open Sat. Nov. 21st from 8 am to 12 pm to drop off items.

REPORT FROM THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Committee met on Oct. 7 @ 4:20pm. Those in attendance included Angi Frieden, Melody Gilson, Pastor Mee, and Chelsey Durnan (via phone). The committee outlined teaching schedules until January 2016 including Trick or Treat for UNICEF and Children’s Christmas. On Sunday, October 18, there was an installation of Church School Teachers and an Administrator. The teachers who were installed and recognized are as follows: Hope Cline, Chelsey Durnan, Angi Frieden, Melody Gilson and Tracy Grimes for Children’s Sunday School; Ellie Medberry as the Administrator (superintendent); Ret. Rev. Donna Meinhard as the teacher for Adult Sunday School. Beginning of November 1, the Children’s Sunday School is working on the Christmas program, which will be presented on the Children’s Christmas Sunday, December 13.

REPORT FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

On Sunday Oct. 27, the Lutheran Ladies Choir with our own ladies were invited to sing an anthem for our worship. They sang ‘Peace is flowing like a river.’ On Sunday Oct.11, The Recorder Trio was invited as the special music group for the worship. They played several praise songs included ‘Fughetta No. 5 in C Major by Handel.’ Thanks for the Recorder Trio: Karen Bonte, Carol Katsumes, & Charles Wagner! We also celebrated the Laity Sunday on Oct 18 with Arden Greener who preached on ‘How Well is Your Soul.’ The Duet, Leanne Cline and Arden Greener sang “It is Well with My Soul” as the special anthem for the day. We all were blessed by the wisdom and the inspiring story of the composer of the song—It is well with my soul. Thank you Arden and Leanne for your great leadership! Worship Committee had a joint meeting with Memorial Committee on Oct.7 for the preparation of All Saints Sunday 11/1. The Committee also agreed to offer the leadership for the Children & Youth’s ‘Trick or Treat for UNICEF’ event on Wed. Oct. 28 to be a safe guard for the kids. Next meeting will be on Wed. Nov. 18 @ 6 pm.

-Respectfully Submitted by Pastor
HOLY BAPTISM OF EMILIA & VIOLET DENT
On Sunday Oct. 25, St. Pauls has witnessed the grace of God bestowed upon two Dent girls as they received holy sacrament of baptism. The proud parents, Nathaniel & Billie (Jo Wedo) Dent stood firmly and confidently for their children and promised their commitment to raise their children in faith. (Those pictured are from left to right: Jeannie Wedo, Sharon Wedo, Nathaniel Dent holding Emilia, Pastor Mee, Billie Dent holding Violet, Vernon Wedo, Virginia Wedo, & Larry Wedo)

Pre-Confirmation Meeting
When: Wed. Nov. 18 @ 7pm
Who: You (7th Grade and Up) & Parents
Where: St. Pauls UMC @ Elgin
What: Student: Bring your ?s & !s
      Parents: Bring your schedule book
THANK YOU FROM CAROL KATSUMES

Dear Helen,
I was so thrilled to receive the “Cat’s Meow” of St. Paul’s Church. Please share my thanks with the church members.
I have a few other “Cat’s Meow” pieces in my Upper Swan buildings’ space that is perfect. I know many good friends from your congregation. Thank you for your leadership.

THANKS FROM PASTOR MEE

Thanks for your comments on the Sunday Worship running over and that caused some of you having difficult times to meet your needs to be resolved. I promise you that I will be more attentive for your need to be meet on each Sunday. In addition, I would like to encourage you to provide this kind of feedback. Thank you for your leadership!

Dear Members of St. Paul’s,
I am grateful that you remembered and honored me for the October Pastor Appreciation month. You would never know how much I needed to be showered by your love and support for what I am doing in this place and time.
Yes, I needed that! Even though I am not deserving!
Thank you all and here is my prayer for you and even for me: May we live to see God’s mercy and FINALLY THE CORRECTED ONE IS IN OUR HAND!
NEWS FROM CONFERENCE

THEY’RE BACK! Town Hall Meetings

In November conference treasurer Terry Montgomery will be traveling the state holding a series of Town Hall Meetings where he will discuss many topics. This year, he will be joined by Conference's Director of Communication, Art McClanahan. The topics that will be discussed include: Apportionments, Conference Communications, Transparency and Accountability.

He looks forward to LISTENING to your opinion to help drive future efforts within the Conference. Plan to attend one of the many sessions throughout the state to listen, share, and discuss.

Town Hall Meeting Schedule:

Tuesday, Nov. 3: Ottumwa Ottumwa First UMC - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 5: Eldridge Eldridge UMC - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 12: Winterset Winterset First UMC - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 14: Cedar Falls Wesley Foundation - 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, Nov. 14: Mason City Mason City First UMC - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 15: Spirit Lake Okoboji UM Camp & Retreat Center - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 15: Mason City Denison First UMC - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 19: Council Bluffs Broadway UMC - 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 21: Marion Living Water UMC - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 22: Burlington Burlington First UMC - 2:00 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 23: Des Moines Trinity UMC - 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 24: Dubuque Grand View UMC - 6:30 p.m.

These meetings will be very important opportunities to share and help guide several key decisions in the future. Everyone is invited to attend one of these sessions, please be sure to invite others since these meetings will be most successful if we can share and listen to the opinions of everyone in the Conference.

NEWS FROM GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

Every day, as part of the United Methodist Connection, you activate love, transform lives, and change the world through your faithful work.

On Dec. 1, you are invited to extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season by participating in UMC #GivingTuesday.

UMC #GivingTuesday celebrates people joining around a common cause.

With more than 800 United Methodist-related Advance projects and more than 300 missionaries, your church community has the opportunity to select a ministry that fits your mission focus. And every gift made online through The Advance on Dec. 1, 2015 will be matched up to $1 million.*

*Global Ministries will allocate matching funds dollar for dollar up to the first $1 million in gifts to Advance projects received online on Dec. 1, 2015, between 12:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. CT. A maximum of $2,500 per individual gift to a project will be dispersed as matching funds. A project may receive a maximum of $25,000 in matching funds.
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
The People of The United Methodist

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Worship @ 10:45 AM
Kids Sunday School @ 9:30 -10:30 AM (When School is in session)
UMW Rachel Circle @ 9:45AM (2nd Sunday of each month; Recess in June & July)
Lay Leader: Charles Wagner
Organist: Connie Ellis
Pastor: Hyeunmee Kang

They will receive blessing of the Lord and vindication of the God of their salvation (Psalm 24:5)