



August 2023

Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

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Yes...We are Alive and Well!!!!

Summer is two thirds over. Some Omaha schools are already starting their school year on August 2. We still have a busy, busy August with the fair starting in a few days and the church gearing up for some new projects.

For several years, the foundation of the church has been sinking causing cracked floors, cracked walls and ceilings on the West side of the building. The Board of Trustees made the decision to get an estimate of the cost to fix the foundation, raise it up and repair it which was done last month. The cost to repair the foundation came in at around \$15,000 and the decision was made to go ahead and fix it thanks to a generous donation to the church. We have been frugal in our spending, but have managed to fix some windows that were broken, a front door that was shattered, a ramp to the parsonage, and several other minor repairs. We want to thank all of those who have financially supported the church to make these repairs. Our new foundation project should be done by October.

Another major project for the church was to install a walk-in shower for the parsonage. Again, a very generous memorial gift allowed us to complete that project.

The parsonage, built in 1963 and the church built in 1984 have survived wind storms, hail storms, normal wear and tear, but through the love and care of the congregation and constituents, we look for our church to last many, many more years.

We're only a few weeks away from beginning Sunday small group classes. This year we will be starting an adult Sunday small group Class. That class along with the high school class and grade school class will round out Sunday classes. We would like to begin a first and second grade class, so if you know young people who would enjoy coming to church on Sunday morning, learning about Jesus, doing some crafting, contact Andrea Mitchell or Shirley Nelson. Please join us in our new venture.

We have taken about four loads of clothes, shoes, medical items to the Orphan Grain Train collection agency in Ida Grove this spring and summer. We will now be looking for another mission project whether it is helping with food or other items needed by people in our area. Let us know if you have an idea or want to help. We will continue giving to the heifer project with our quarters and loose change.

Is our church alive and well. You bet it is.

Blessings, Shirley

UP COMING EVENTS

August 2

Dorothy Parker will be celebrating her 95th birthday on August 2 with a card shower.

Send Cards to Maple Heights, 2 Sunrise Ave., Mapleton, IA 51034

August 9

Women of Faith meeting at 9:30 am

August 14

Finance/Board Meeting at 7pm.

August 19

Connie Ashley will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Saturday, August 19 from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. with an Open House at Reiman Gardens in Ames, IA. Everyone invited. Please send RSVP to Tess.ashley@gmail.com

Save the Date

We will be starting Sunday Small Groups on **Sunday Sept 10 at 9:00 am until 9:45 am.** This will also be our **Blessings of the Backpacks Sunday!** So please plan to attend church and bring you school bag so we can bless you for the new school year. After Church on Sept 10th, everyone is invited to a **picnic lunch** to celebrate the new season.

New this year! We have three options.
Adult small group—out of high school and older
Youth small group- 5th grade through high school
Kids small group – 4th grade and younger

These are subject to change depending on attendance, but this is how we will get started.

Looking forward to see everyone back in September.

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, Susan Redenius, Dee Ashley, Ed Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Ralph Diamond, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Russ Greenlee, Jennifer Hoy and Cal & Barb Tyer.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Be A Part: If you would like to be part of the prayer support for our church, just send us your name and email.

Our Life Together

On Wednesday , July 12th, the Anthon Women of Faith were welcomed at the rural home west of Anthon, restored and renovated by Jeanette Kummer. The home dates back to 1896 when it was built north of Climbing Hill in the Giffordville area, and was said to be known also as a stage coach stop. About 12 years ago the home was moved to its present location.

It now shows its beautiful nostalgic appearance which features its natural original restored woodwork and flooring. The interior of the home has 5 bedrooms and four floor levels to maintain. It is furnished with antique pieces that take us back in time of our memories.

Our eyes were opened to the beautiful landscape and a peaceful residence that Jeanette is enjoying. Our group of 15 ladies and one great grandson, Carter, of Bettina enjoyed fellowship and lunch together.

We thank Jeanette for the opportunity to see and hear her show and tell the love and labor of her home.



Church News

Thrasher Foundation Repair will be repairing the cracking foundation of the West Side of the Church. The date is set for October 31, although we have asked them to be put on the list of repair jobs to be done sooner if they have a cancellation.



Church News

Disaffiliation:

During the past few months we have held several meetings regarding remaining with the United Methodist Church or disaffiliating. On Wednesday night, June 28th, the District Superintendent was present as we held our final vote. The congregation that was present voted to disaffiliate. The United Methodist Church has become more liberal in preaching the scripture and revising the Discipline which is the rulebook of the UMC.

The Anthon Church chose to follow a more traditional view of the church and their scripture teaching. During the next six months, we will be finalizing all the legal details in moving from the UMC to either an independent church or moving to another Methodist Branch, like the Global Methodist Church.

If you have questions on this change, please do not hesitate to contact Shirley Nelson or Andrea Mitchell.

Naming Our Church:

Earlier this month, a vote was taken by those present at a charge conference with the District Superintendent to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church conference. During this time, every member of the church received several mailings regarding this vote. We have now arrived at the next step of renaming our church.

We can no longer use the word United Methodist in our name.

Therefore, we are asking for everyone's input and ideas for a new name. Some suggestions so far include Anthon Methodist Church, Anthon Community Church, and Anthon Community Methodist Church.

We welcome any further ideas from anyone in our church family.

We will meet to discuss and vote on a new name on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Pray for guidance and discuss this among your church family. This is a big and exciting decision.

The August 14 meeting is open to anyone who considers themselves a part of our church. Anyone in attendance at the meeting is welcome to vote regardless of age or church membership. Plan now to attend.

Missions

August Mission Project

We are winding down on hygiene kits for the Ingathering this fall.

We are now gathering items for school kits.

The list of needs is on the fellowship table or if you would like us to do the shopping, please contact Shirley or Marilyn.

Student Kits

3 Notebooks One Subject Spiral 8"x10 1/2", 1 Ruler 12" long with metric, 6 Unsharpened Pencils,
1 Pencil Sharpener, 1 Eraser 2" or longer, 1 box of 12 Colored Pencils, 1 box 24 Crayons,
1 pair of Student Scissors, 1 one handle cloth bag

Our final load to Ida Grove for the Orphan Grain Train will be taken over on Tuesday.

We will be open to suggestions for a new mission project.

Please see Marilyn or Shirley with suggestions. .

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FINANCE & BOARD MINUTES

JULY 10, 2023

FINANCE: Marilyn Hladik called the Finance Meeting to order. Andrea gave the devotions "Hope that is Anchored in Scriptures". In attendance were Andrea Mitchell, Roger & Marilyn Hladik, JoLynne Reimert, & Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson. The Profit & Loss Statement for June was reviewed. JoLynne made a motion to pay the balance of apportionments which is \$2,452.00. Andrea seconded. Motion passed

BOARD MEETING: Andrea Mitchell called the board Meeting to order. Marilyn made a motion to approve the minutes. Deanna seconded. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Shirley attended several meetings, made many calls & visitations, and sent cards. There were 2 new transfers into the church. It was decided and approved that there was no longer any reason for Shirley to attend Circuit Meetings. There will be a grave site burial at Oak Hill Cemetery for Wilma Robeson with a luncheon following at the church.

WORSHIP: Need to set a date for Backpack Sunday.

FINANCE: Marilyn reported that our total assets are \$55,852.10. The balance of 2023 apportionment will be paid.

TRUSTEES: Shirley has contacted Thrasher. Waiting for a call back

TEACHING: There will be a meeting Wednesday, July 7th @ 7:00.

OUTREACH/MISSIONS: We will be ending Orphan Grain Train donations. Will be finishing up Hygiene kits and will be working on School kits.

NUTURING: Need more volunteers to bring refreshments for after church Food and Fellowship.

SPRC: No meeting set yet.

WOMEN OF FAITH: The ladies will be meeting at the church on Wednesday, July 12 for a short meeting and then travel to Jeanette Kummer's for a tour of her Victorian home with a luncheon to follow.

NEW BUSINESS: JoLynne made a motion to dissolve the Affiliation Committee. Roger seconded the motion. Motion passed. Becky was contacted by One Office Supply (copier). They want to replace our current copier with an updated one. Costs for black/white & color copies will decrease. JoLynne will call for details.

OLD BUSINESS: Andrea has been contacted by National Center for Life & Liberty. This is where the lawyer will be contacted for disaffiliation matters. Marilyn made a motion to hire the lawyer. Deanna seconded. Motion passed. Roger made a motion to pay the \$1,000.00 that it will cost to move things forward. Andrea seconded. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be Monday, August 14th @ 7:00

JoLynne will have devotions.

Roger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn seconded. Motion passed.

Shirley closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

JoLynne Reimert, Treasurer

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Aug./Sept. Liturgist Responsibilities

August 6	JoLynne Reimert
August 13	Marilyn Hladik
August 20	Andrea Mitchell
August 27	Lisa Kerns
Sept. 3	Tim Hoy
Sept. 10	Roger Hladik

Aug./Sept. Children's Story Responsibilities

August 6	Andrea Mitchell
August 13	Shirley Nelson
August 20	Rhonda Beeson
August 27	Kathy Hodgdon
Sept. 3	JoLynne Reimert
Sept. 10	Jake Mitchell

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

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sally Osborne	2
Dorothy Parker	2
Dan Brant	3
JoLynne Reimert	4
Carsten Hadley	5
Alta Patterson	7
Hannah Hoy	8
Cynthia Herrick	12
Gary & Rhonda Beeson	14
Keith & Fran Determann	14
Addie Adler	18
Connie Ashley	20
Gary Brown	20
Randy & Brenda Wolfe	24
Darrell & Dawn Hadley	26
Bill & Susan Redenius	26
Jerry & Eileen Klindt	27
Lyle & Sally Schram	31

