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Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

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It's hard to believe we are only two months away from Advent Season. The last three months of the year are some of the busiest in the life of the church.

We have only 2 months to finalize the legal paperwork for the disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church to become an independent church with the new name of Anthon Community Methodist Church. We thank all of those who have supported the change and if you don't have a clear understanding of why this happened or the process we used, please contact Andrea Mitchell or Shirley Nelson.

In two short weeks, around the week of October 15th, Thrasher Foundation Repair will be on site to fix the west side of the foundation of our church. Due to the sinking of the foundation, we have had walls and floors crack and thanks to some very generous donations, we will finally be able to raise the floor to correct the cracking and damage.

One month from now, we will be honoring those who have passed away this year during an All Saints Service. Plan now to attend the service to honor all those who have passed before us. We will be lighting candles for them and for those of our loved ones that we are remembering on that day. We also invite everyone to enjoy food and fellowship at a potluck following church.

On November 11, we will be honoring the Veterans around the world and especially those in our church. We thank those service men and women who have given their time and their lives to keep us safe in our homes.

The week after Veterans Day, we will gather for Thanksgiving with our families to thank the Lord for all the blessings he has given us. What's better than a family gathering for a huge Turkey Dinner Day?

That brings us to the first Sunday in December when we will celebrate the first Day of Advent with the hanging of the greens, the lighting of the Advent Candle, the hanging of the beautiful Advent banners, poinsettias and decorations that bring us so much warmth and beauty in our church. The Lord has blessed us this year beyond measure. We praise you and give you glory: We bless you for calling us to be your holy people. Remain in our hearts, and guide us in our love and service. Amen.

NOTE:

We're trying to get all available e-mail addresses into our computer! Please send yours to the church so we can get you in our contact list!!!

Blessings,

Shirley

UP COMING EVENTS

October 9:

Administrative Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

October 12:

United Women of Faith meeting 9:30. Following the meeting, we will be going to Sioux City to Trinity Heights and then to lunch afterwards. Everyone is welcome to attend.

October 15:

Laity Sunday

November 5:

All Saints' Day

Hillside Harvest

Join the fun from September 23—October 29

Pumpkin Patch, Kid Zone and Corn Maze

Check out their FaceBook Page for more details

Church News

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, Coni Miller,

Brady Gothier and Tylene Zevenbergen.

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.

Tithes and Offerings



September 4 \$ 610.00 September 11 \$ 2,017.00

September 17 \$ 695.00 September 24 \$ 953.59

GIVE THANKS
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1

Our Life Together

The Anthon Women of Faith met on Tuesday, September 5 at the church. The group headed to Mapleton to have lunch and then on to Mapleton Heights to visit Dorothy Parker. The group of ladies had a splendid afternoon visiting Dorothy, catching up on news, and having cake for an afternoon lunch.

Back row: Shirley Nelson, Eileen Van Meeteren, Jeanette Kummer, Barb Benson, Deb Groszkrueger, Barb Madsen, Eileen Klindt, and Nancy Seuntjens.

Seated: Janice Brown, Dorothy Parker, and Sally Schram. Photographer was Sally's sister, Jane Holdcroft.



Triumphant Sound, a local men's gospel quartet presented a concert Sunday afternoon, September 17. A large crowd attended and enjoyed some old favorites and some new songs just recorded by the group. They will be singing in the Merville Methodist Church in November. If you missed them in Anthon, plan now to attend in Merville. More details on time and date next month.



Every year the Women of Faith award a gold mission pin to a person in the congregation who exemplifies faithful work in missions, who has dedicated time and effort transforming lives of people thru out the world. Barb Wood was the recipient of this year's mission pin presented by Sally Schram.



September 10 was an important Sunday for Adults and children in the Anthon United Methodist Church. Sunday small groups started with a new Adult Sunday School class taught by Tim Hoy, the Jr. High and High School class led by Kathy Hodgdon and Andrea Mitchell leading the grade school. Following the small groups, Back Pack Sunday was celebrated by the congregation during church services. Students brought their backpacks to be blessed and received a token to put on their backpacks as a reminder that whether they are in school, at home or in church, Jesus is with them. Everyone enjoyed a picnic lunch after the church service. Hotdogs and Taverns were served along with potato salad, chips, bars and many other food dishes brought in. It was a great day of fun and fellowship.

If you have a child who would like to attend on Sunday morning, classes start at 9:00. If you are an adult looking for more spiritual enrichment, the Adult Class also starts at 9:00. Everyone is welcome to attend.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FINANCE & BOARD MINUTES

September 11, 2023

FINANCE: Marilyn Hladik called the Finance Meeting to order and Roger gave a devotion based on Luke 11:10 reminding us to rely on God when we need guidance. 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 August was reviewed.

BOARD MEETING: Andrea Mitchell called the board meeting to order. JoLynne made a motion to approve the August minutes as read. Roger seconded. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor attended several local church meetings as well as a Sub District Meeting in Kingsley. She also made many calls and visitations plus sending cards. Shirley conducted a Baptism for Lucy Maynard and arranged for Thrashers to come in mid-October to repair sunken floors. A monthly church Pot Luck will be planned and also checking out the possibility of monthly church Senior dinners.

WORSHIP: Triumphant Sound Concert will be held at our church October 17th. JoLynne made a motion to give them a minimum of \$200.00. Roger seconded. Motion passed. Plans are being made for Laity Sunday, October 15 and All Saints Day, November 5.

FINANCE REPORT: Marilyn reported that our total assets are \$62,927.00. Apportionments are paid in full for 2023.

TRUSTEES: We will talk to Thrashers about jacking up the sidewalk at the south entrance to the church. We are looking into securing a baby changing table for the family bathroom.

OUTREACH: We are still collecting school kit items until the end of September. Marilyn reported that there is a place in Hornick to drop off kits if we can't get them to the Ingathering. Shirley is checking to see exactly where that is located.

SPRC: A meeting will be held in October or November as time permits.

TEACHING: Tim Hoy has started teaching an adult small group. Kathy has the youth small group (5th thru HS) and Andrea has the kids' small group (4th and younger). All is going well.

WOMEN IN FAITH: Eleven women traveled to Mapleton and enjoyed a lunch at the Beef and Brew. Then on to Maple Heights Nursing Home to visit Dorothy Parker. We had a good visit and were served cake before leaving.

NURTURING: N/A

AFFILIATION COMMITTEE: October 1st is our deadline to have the paperwork submitted for the purchase of our church building and the Disaffiliation Agreement and all paperwork submitted to the IA United Methodist Conference. Andrea passed out the Disaffiliation Agreement and asked us all to read and familiarize ourselves with the information. A copy of the Articles of Incorporation- Nonprofit were also passed out and signed and will be filed with the State of Iowa when complete to receive the church's new tax number. Shirley and a committee will set up By-Laws to provide general governmental guidelines for the operation of our church.

OLD BUSINESS: The new church name is Anthon Community Methodist Church. August 20 the voting was completed and tallied.

NEW BUSINESS: We will contact the IA Conference to see if there will be some type of meeting with them to finalize the Disaffiliation.

The next Board Meeting will be October 9th at 7 p.m. with Shirley giving devotions. Being no further business, Marilyn moved to adjourn. Eileen seconded. Motion carried. Shirley closed with a reading, stating, "With Jesus we are always safe and God IS sovereign."

Respectfully Submitted, Eileen Klindt, Secretary

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Oct. Liturgist Responsibilities

Oct. 8	Lisa Kerns
Oct. 15	Sue Wilson
Oct. 22	Andrea Mitchell
Oct. 29	Eileen Klindt

Oct. Children's Story Responsibilities

Oct. 8	Roger Hladik
Oct. 15	Kathy Hodgdon
Oct. 22	Shirley Nelson
Oct. 29	Andrea Mitchell

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

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Daron & Holly Petersen	1
Carol Davis	2
Ed & Carol Davis	3
Richard Petersen	3
Cheyenne Hill	4
Whitney Steinhoff	5
Eileen Klindt	5
Cory Brown	8
Alyssa Boggs	8
Roberta Houlsworth	9
Diane Yockey	12
Wade Nelson	16
Daron Petersen	16
Dawn Hadley	16
Drew Gothier	17
Fran Determann	22
Jeff & Jacque Gothier	22
Holly Petersen	23
Wyatt Wesley Baldwin	24

