



February 2024

Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

“If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can move mountains.”

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The following is an illustration that I used a few years ago when talking about caring and sharing and is so appropriate as we watch some people struggle to care for themselves and the rewards you can receive when you choose to care for other people and share your bounty. We don't have to move mountains. We just need to show God's love through little things.

In the city of Philadelphia there was a little third-class hotel. Into it one night there came two tired elderly people. They went up to the night clerk and the husband pleadingly said, "Mister, please don't tell us you don't have a room. My wife and I have been all over the city looking for a place to stay. We didn't know about the big conventions that are here. The hotels at which we usually stay are all full. We're dead tired and it's after midnight. Please, don't tell us you don't have a place where we can sleep."

The clerk looked at them a long moment and then answered, "Well, I don't have a single room except my own. I work at night and sleep in the daytime. It's not as nice as the other rooms, but it's clean, and I'll be happy for you to be my guests for tonight."

The wife said, "God bless you, young man."

The next morning at the breakfast table, the couple sent the waiter to tell the night clerk they wanted to see him on very important business. The night clerk went in, recognized the two people, sat down at the table and said he hoped they had had a good night's sleep. They thanked him most sincerely. Then the husband astounded the clerk with this statement, "You're too fine a hotel man to stay in a hotel like this. How would you like for me to build a big, beautiful, luxurious hotel in the city of New York and make you general manager?"

The clerk didn't know what to say. He thought there might be something wrong with their minds. He finally stammered, "It sounds wonderful." His guest then introduced himself. "I'm John Jacob Astor." So, plans were made for the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel to be built. Four years later, the hotel was the largest in the world and boasted unprecedented standards of service. The night clerk became the best-known hotel man in the world. A humble act of service led to this unforeseen act of grandeur.

The point of this story is that simple deeds can produce larger results than we expect. Simple acts can show the love of God through our actions. One nighttime hotel clerk chose to show a simple act of kindness to strangers by sharing his room with this tired couple. He touched them in ways he could not have foreseen. His simple act of kindness touched this couple and greatly impacted how they looked at this young man. This is the beginning of a new year. Start it out by sharing and caring for those who are less fortunate than you are.

Blessings, Shirley

UP COMING EVENTS

February 11

Souper Bowl Sunday! Plan now to bring a crockpot of soup and vote for your favorite



February 12

Finance/ Ad Board meeting in church at 7pm



February 14

Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00pm

Beginning of Lent



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Missions

Our present mission project will be gathering blankets, food, paper products for the Warming Shelter, Gospel Mission and other programs in the area who need help this winter. We will continue to give to the Heifer Project International and if you know of a needy program, please contact Shirley or Marilyn.

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, Fran & Keith Determann, David Beach, Ed Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Ralph Diamond, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Brady Gothier, Tylene Zevenbergen, Eleanore Lewis, Jean Petersen, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Ronica Mitchell.

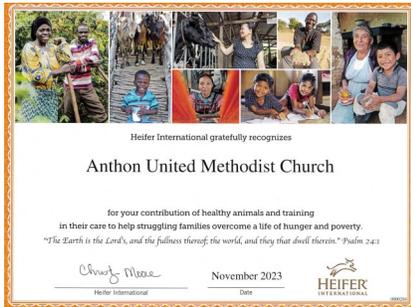
We extend Sympathy to the following families who have lost loved ones in past few months

Family of Russell Greenlee
Family of John Johnson
Family of Theresa Robbins
Family of Tye Petersen
Family of Julie Grozkrueger
Family of Mike Hunwardsen

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



Heifer International has been one of our constant mission for our church. We raised \$658 for 2023 from collecting quarters, dimes, and nickels during our weekly collection.

Donation to High School Sunday School

Mike, Jen and Lisa Kerns donated a Foosball table to the high school Sunday School Class.

Thank you for your generous donation.



The Anthon Women in Faith met on Wednesday, January 17, at 2:00 for their monthly meeting. President Sally opened the meeting with her introduction of our guest speakers, Jerry and Eileen Klindt. Jerry shared their experiences with propagating natural prairie flowers in late winter/early spring. This is done by using gallon milk jugs, proper soil, and natural prairie seeds. The jugs, filled with proper soil are seeded and then they are placed outside and will soon absorb the spring sunshine and begin to sprout in the jugs. The young plants are then transplanted into gardens, larger pots, and anyplace with suitable water and sunlight. We thank Jerry and Eileen for sharing their knowledge of winter propagation, and for the delicious lunch, too.

Congratulations!

**Congrats to Theresa Johnson
for being on the Dean's list at
Wayne State College**



Tithes and Offerings

Jan. 7 \$ 2,093.00 Jan. 22 \$ 2,863.00
Jan. 28 \$ 768.00

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Feb. Liturgist Responsibilities

Feb. 4	Autum Hansen
Feb. 11	Roger Hladik
Feb. 18	Trisha Theisen
Feb. 25	Tim Hoy
Mar. 3	Andrea Mitchell

Feb. Children's Story Responsibilities

Feb. 4	Rhonda Beeson
Feb. 11	JoLynne Reimert
Feb. 18	Shirley Nelson
Feb. 25	Kathy Hodgdon
Mar. 3	Jake Mitchell

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

Feb. Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sue Wilson	3
Bill Redenius	4
Jim Trimpe	8
Caitlyn Redenius	12
Nancy Seuntjens	16
Judd Hoy	19
Dawson Zahnley	19
Tim & Jennifer Hoy	22
David Zahnley	26
Alex Pulford	27
Tim Hoy	29

