



# Sharing the Good News by Pastor Sheryl K Ashley



Here we are in the middle of a fickle Fall, heading for an unpredictable winter. Things in a church also continue to change like the weather of Iowa. Just when you think things are going one way, they go another.

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We thought we had hired a new church secretary and then circumstances in this person's life changed and their future is unpredictably but happily going another direction. While it is disappointing for us it is merely part of the unexpected changes of life...or is it part of God's plans for another new experience? Who can say? If you or someone you know has secretarial skills and would like to work in an atmosphere of warm fellowship accomplishing rewarding tasks, have them contact me at 712-490-0345. God might be calling you into a new and unexpected experience.

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It was unpredictable for me to experience being in a fight with cancer for the last year, but my life too went a different direction than expected. This disease seems to be inclusive to the weak and the strong, the old and the young, the sick and the healthy. It is no respecter of persons. But through the power of God and your prayer support and some great doctors, I am now happily numbered among the overcomers. I will be having a last surgery on November 13. My final infusion was October 8 and it's time for the port that has enabled the medicines to flow directly into a large vein to be removed and some reconstruction to take place. As this will be fairly involved surgery taking tissue from another part of my body, this will mean a few weeks of recovery.

Hopefully we will be fitting all this in between Charge Conference and Advent, but it means that while I am as close as a phone call, others in our church family will need to step up and find creative ways to take care of the physical and spiritual needs of the church. Thankfully we are blessed with good leadership, including our dedicated and gifted Lay Leader, Shirley Nelson, who graciously will be taking over most of the pulpit duties, and is well able to perform funerals if needed. However, should you feel the need of a Pastor, Barb Dinelli of Quimby/Washta will be on call for me.

People of faith have as many unpredictable experiences as those who never consider God's wishes in a situation or pray about changes coming upon them. We, being a people of faith, are now praying for a solution to meet several of these. In our church we pray about everything. You will find us every Sunday morning at prayer time trusting this unpredictable life into hands of our God who is the same yesterday, today and forever and in whom we trust to show us the way to use each new experience for the good of others, ourselves, and His glory.

#### 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!!!**

Happy Thanksgiving from Pastor Sheryl and Eileen in the church office  
We are thankful for you!

# Our Life Together



Charge Conference will be held Sunday, November 11, at 5 PM, in the Fellowship Hall of our church. All members of the church are encouraged to attend and vote. Rev. Dennis Tevis will be the presiding elder. A light supper will be served preceding the official meeting.

## Crop Walk - Mission Team News

It ended up being a very nice day for the Crop Walk at Little Sioux Park, Sunday, October 21, 2018. We had seven that walked - Janice Brown, Kelsey Ven-teicher, Brylee Brown, Eileen Van Meeteren, Jody Parker, and Jerry and Eileen Klindt. An estimated \$250 was raised to go towards fighting Hunger. November 3, will be the Ingathering where we take our kits to Cherokee. There are 38 health kits and 109 school kits at a value of \$1667 to be delivered from our church. If the youth are interested in participating in the Lock-In at the Cherokee Methodist Church the night before and helping load the trucks with the kits, please let Pastor Sheryl know by texting or calling 712-490-0345. Jody P.



# UMW News

The Anthon United Methodist Women will meet Wednesday, **November 14**, at 9:30 AM at the church. Eileen Klindt will lead us with the program and Connie and Carol will serve coffee and refreshments. Our yearly UMW local mission pledge is due anytime to our treasurer, Eileen K. With our monies we are able to support local missions, spiritual formation, programs and developments, and outreach in our community. We will be working on programming for 2019 so our new books can be out soon. Any suggestions call Connie. Plan to attend. If you need a ride call Sally.

President Sally Schram

On **Monday, October 22** Pastor Sheryl, Eileen K., Connie, and Sally attended a Northwest Iowa Spiritual Bible Study held at the UMC in Ida Grove. Personally this was the best large group gathering of United Methodist Women working together busily and purposefully for this study on "Embracing Wholeness on an Earth Perspective for Covenantal Living." We had many small group discussions relating to scriptures from the Bible and our feeling for solutions. Topics like God's Creative World - Soil Beneath My Feet - Act Like God Loves You - Noah's Determination - From Sin to Covenant - Just Do What Your Mama Says - with related scriptures combined with discussions. There was singing, praying, meeting new friends, and time for coffee and a delicious lunch. We closed with the Sacrament of Holy Communion and left in silence. We all parted with the feeling that the time was well spent. We thank the NW District Officers for planning such a worthwhile day.

## Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Open House



Congratulations to Roger and Marilyn Hladik on their 50th Wedding Anniversary. You are invited to an Open House in their honor on Saturday, November 3, from 2-4 PM at the Anthon UMC.



## Dee Ashley, Author

Our own Dee Ashley will be signing her newly published children's book at the Anthon Library on Friday, November 16, at 2 PM. Come and be blessed!



## Thank You

I wanted to thank you and the church members for their kind words, thoughts, and prayers. It meant so much to our family.

The family of  
Anthony Benjamin Clancy  
Britton

The **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Turkey Supper** was a huge success again. We served approximately 600 people for a net profit of approximately \$5,500. Twenty-seven turkeys were cooked, 350 pounds of potatoes mashed, 25 gallons of corn and 17 batches of dressing plus gravy, salad, pies and desserts were prepared. A big thank you goes out to all the people who donated food, money, and their time towards a very successful fund raiser. We are looking at using some of this money to start a capital campaign for new carpeting. The library and some of the Sunday School rooms need their carpet replaced as well as fixing the floor on the foyer coming into the church. The original carpeting in the church is 34 years old and in need of being replaced. Thanks again.

Turkey Committee





## From the Office of *Bishop Laurie Haller*



October 26, 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Many of you know that our United Methodist Judicial Council has been meeting this week to determine the constitutionality of three legislative propositions by the Commission on a Way Forward: The One Church Plan, the Traditionalist Plan, and the Connectional Conference Plan.

The Special-Called General Conference in February 2019 will meet in St. Louis to consider these three plans in addition to other petitions that are "in harmony" with the call for a Special General Conference. Please read the statement from the Council of Bishops below.

I invite you to continue to be in prayer for our beloved United Methodist Church in the days and weeks ahead. I also encourage you and your congregation to continue to be and create difference makers, to embody and share Christ's love.

Blessings,

Bishop Laurie Haller



**Council of Bishops**  
The United Methodist Church



### Statement from the Council of Bishops regarding the Judicial Council Decision

In service to the delegates of the 2019 Special Session of the General Conference, the Council of Bishops asked for a declaratory decision of the Judicial Council regarding the constitutionality of the three plans contained in the report of the Commission on a Way Forward.

In a unanimous decision, the Judicial Council raised questions regarding petitions in all three plans while finding the One Church Plan, the plan supported by the Council of Bishops, to be most in compliance with the Constitution of The United Methodist Church and the Traditional Plan to have significant constitutional problems. The Judicial Council said that they did not have jurisdiction over the Connectional Conference Plan.

The work is now squarely in the hands of the delegates as they prepare for the limited three-day General Conference.

Bishop Ken Carter, president of the Council of Bishops, Bishop Cynthia Harvey, president-designate, and Bill Waddell, Counsel for the bishops presented at the oral hearing. Go to [northwest.iaumc.org](http://northwest.iaumc.org) and look under Conference News: View All to read Bishop Harvey and Bishop Carter's comments.

### **Special Prayer Needs:**

Bobby Lewis, Cal & Joyce Gothier, Tracy Lewis, Kenny Anderson, Susan Redenius, Royce Miller, Pastor Sheryl, Keith Determann, Jeff and Jamie Griebel (Jacque Gothier's brothers), Tina Madsen (Tim's wife), Lyle Schram, Anita Cooch, Hannah Hoy, Haley Brown, and our sympathy and prayers to the family of Anthony Clancy Britton



ANTHON UMC FINANCE and BOARD MINUTES

October 15, 2018

FINANCE MEETING called to order by Marilyn Hladik. Shirley Nelson led a devotional on faithfulness from Lam. 3:22-27. The following were present: Roger and Marilyn Hladik, Shirley Nelson, Jody Parker, JoLynne Reimert, Eileen Klindt, and Pastor Sheryl Ashley. The checking account balance as of Sept. 30, 2018, is \$21,702.22 without any turkey supper receipts. Jody made a motion to pay \$1000 for apportionments. Shirley seconded and the motion carried. It was decided to give \$150 to Shesler Hall from the Mission Fund and to forward to the District the following monies collected for these projects: Tornado in Marshalltown \$81.00; Hurricane Michael \$165 and Heifer Project \$147.71.

Shirley Nelson reported a profit of \$5,689.28 for the turkey supper. We also discussed some necessary changes to be made for next year's supper. Shirley Nelson agreed to fill in for JoLynne for a week making reservations as needed for the parsonage. The 2019 Budget was discussed and set at a total of \$70,308. Roger made a motion to recommend this 2019 Budget to the Board for approval. Jody seconded the motion and it carried.

BOARD MEETING: The meeting was called to order by Jody Parker. Roger made a motion to approve the September minutes. Marilyn seconded and the motion carried. Marilyn presented the 2019 Budget. Eileen made a motion to approve the budget. Seconded by Shirley and it carried. Finance reported a September 30 checking balance of \$21,702.22.

PASTOR'S Report: Pastor reported that she will be having surgery Nov. 13 using medical leave. Shirley Nelson will fill the pulpit for her with the exception on communion Sunday. Another minister will have to be found to fill that date. November 2nd & 3rd is In Gathering in Cherokee. Pastor Sheryl and Jody Parker will be attending on the 3rd and delivering our kits. A Lock-In for the Youth is held at that event and Andrea Mitchell expressed a desire to attend. Pastor will be checking to see how many youths wish to attend and who could be sponsors. Pastor suggested hosting an Active Shooter Training Class and opening it to the public. This was discussed and decided to go ahead with it..

TRUSTEE Report: No major projects at this time.

TEACHING Report: Roger is filling in as a Sunday School teacher for the younger class.

OUTREACH Report: They will be attending the In Gathering and delivering the kits.

WORSHIP Report: They are preparing for All Saints' Sunday.

NURTURING Report: We had food supplied to a member in need. Also, cookies were supplied for a meeting.

PPRC Report: They are looking for a new secretary.

NEW BUSINESS: New carpet was discussed for the Fellowship Hall and a couple other rooms. Also the use of a Capital Campaign was discussed and the need for 4 or 5 of the light-weight tables. The Safe Sanctuary policy was handed out at the board meeting for review. It was approved by email on 10-16-18. Goals for 2019 and the future were suggested. More goals were added by email and they were voted on an approved by email on 10-16-18. They are listed below.

There will be no board meeting in November, due to the Charge Conference on the 11th of November. Next meeting will be in December with Roger giving devotions. Marilyn moved to adjourn the meeting and Roger seconded the motion. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Klindt, Treasurer

Please continue to read the 2019 AUMC goals on the next page.

## GOALS FOR 2019

Hold confirmation class  
Small group studies  
Host outside groups at church  
Sponsor town-wide events  
Continue to build youth group  
Increase Sunday School participation  
Fix drinking fountains  
Redo floor in storage room off kitchen  
Purchase more white tables  
Start campaign for new carpet

## GOALS FOR FUTURE

New carpet for fellowship hall, etc.  
Make a space for wheel chair(s) in sanctuary  
Redo inside doors to have safety windows  
More may be added.

<b>Tithes &amp; Offering</b>	
Needed weekly -	\$1,500
October 7	\$ 1686.00
October 14	\$ 1897.00
October 21	\$ 570.00
October 28	\$ 1415.00

### ~~~~~ Help Wanted—Part time ~~~~~

#### **Our church is looking for an Administrative Assistant**

##### **Job Responsibilities include:**

Create, edit, and copy weekly church bulletins  
Create, edit and publish the monthly church newsletter, The Focus  
Sort mail, inventory and order office supplies as needed  
Handle correspondence including mail, emails, and phone messages  
Update and manage member address and email list  
Keep the calendar updated with upcoming church events and activities  
Handle tasks as assigned by Pastor  
Update and manage web site  
Candidates preferred that have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office, including Word, Publisher, Outlook, and Excel.  
6 hours per week  
\$9 per hour  
\*\*\* Please pray for candidates and spread the word amongst those you feel could fill this spot.  
\*\*\*Contact for Applications is Andrea Mitchell at 712-490-0038 or Pastor Sheryl at 712-490-0345.

#### **Women's Support Group Meeting Monthly**

The Cancer support group will be meeting at 5 PM on the first Thursday of the month -

November 1 - at the Anthon UMC. Any woman of the area who has had cancer or is experiencing the challenge of cancer is encouraged to be part of this gathering that gives support and exchanges knowledge as well as Christian fellowship. Contact Pastor Sheryl for further information at 712-490-0345.



# November 2018

<b>4</b> Sunday School 9 AM Communion Worship Service at 10 AM - All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings Time ends	<b>5</b> Office hours from 1 to 2:30	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Pastor's hours start at 10 AM Secretary's office hours from 1 to 2:30 Choir Practice at 7 PM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Office hours from 1 to 2:30 AA 8:00 PM	<b>10</b>		
<b>11</b> Sunday School 9 AM Worship Service at 10 AM Veterans Day <b>Charge Conference at 5 PM at the church</b>	<b>12</b> Office hours from 1 to 2:30	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> UMW meets at 9:30 AM Secretary's office hours from 1 to 2:30 Choir Practice at 7 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Office hours from 1 to 2:30 AA 8:00 PM	<b>17</b>		
<b>18</b> Sunday School 9 AM Worship Service at 10 AM	<b>19</b> Office hours from 1 to 2:30	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Secretary's office hours from 1 to 2:30	<b>22</b> Happy Thanksgiving 	<b>23</b> Office hours 1 to 2:30 FOCUS items and information due AA 8:00 PM	<b>24</b>		
<b>25</b> Sunday School 9 AM Worship Service at 10 AM	<b>26</b> Office hours from 1 to 2:30	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Secretary's office hours from 1 to 2:30 Choir Practice at 7 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Office hours 1 to 2:30 AAA 8:00 PM	<b>December</b> <b>Dates:</b> Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service		
				<b>1</b> Cancer Support Group meets at 5 PM at the Anthon UMC	<b>2</b> Office hours from 1 to 2:30 AA 8:00 PM	<b>3</b> Ingathering at Cherokee Hladik Anniversary Open House 2-4 PM		

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<b>November Responsibilities</b>		<b>November Birthdays &amp; Anniversaries</b>	
<b>Ministry of Ushers</b>		<b>Ministry of Readers</b>	
November 4	Ed & Carol Davis	November 4	Jerry Klindt
Nov 11	Adam Mitchell, Jake Mitchell	November 11	Andrea Mitchell
Nov 18	Jerry & Eileen Klindt	November 18	Marilyn Hladik
Nov 25	Jerry & Shelley Boggs	November 25	Penny Rosso
December 2	Jerry & Eileen Klindt	December 2	Eileen Klindt
<b>Ministry of Greeters</b>		<b>Children's Sermon</b>	
Nov 4	Randy & Brenda Wolfe	November 4	Penny Rosso
November 11	Ralph Diamond, Dale Hunwardsen	November 11	Shirley Nelson
Nov 18	Deanna Adler Family	November 18	Rhonda Beeson
November 25	Barb Madsen, Penny Rosso	November 25	Pastor Sheryl
December 2	Jerry & Eileen Klindt	December 2	Roger Hladik
		<b>November Cleaning:</b> Finance and Stewardship Teams	
			