



# Sharing the Good News of Lent by Pastor Sheryl K Ashley



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By the time you read this message, I will have completed my 6<sup>th</sup> and last session of chemo and also had an MRI to tell me if the chemo did what it was meant to do. Surgery is on the close horizon for me as well, so it will take some teamwork to accomplish the usual traditions of the Lenten season. However, with the capable leadership we have in our midst, I believe we will be able to fulfill our plans of sharing this inspirational time. I'm counting on all of you to help make this an exceptional time of growing our faith!

**This year on Sunday nights of Lent we will be exploring Adam Hamilton's study, "The Creed, What Christians Believe and Why."** You may be very familiar with the Apostles' Creed. There's a good chance some of you memorized it at a young age and have repeated it in church... without even needing to look at your hymnals. But have you ever really explored in depth what you believe about the persons of 1) God, 2) Jesus Christ, 3) The Holy Spirit, as well as tapped into the mystery of 4) The Church and the Communion of Saints, 5) The Forgiveness of Sins, 6) The Resurrection of the Body? What do we really believe and does this ancient statement of our faith mean what we always assumed it meant?

Adam Hamilton's small group sessions shared by video, filled with truths you may never have before considered, and the discussions in our own circles will enlighten everyone who takes part. The **confirmation class is requested to attend** and will be using these as lessons to add to our Sunday confirmation preparations for Easter.

**We begin at 5 p.m. sharp with our small group gatherings. More Good News is that everyone is invited to stay for the 6 p.m. Fellowship Meal, provided by one of the ministry teams in our church. They will be taking turns each week serving a supper on the dates of February 18, February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25.**

**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!!!**

*Adam Hamilton is senior pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in the Kansas City area, cited as the most influential mainline church in America. a master in explaining questions of faith in a down-to-earth fashion. To learn more about Adam Hamilton visit <[www.AdamHamilton.org](http://www.AdamHamilton.org)>.*

# Our Life Together



Pastor Sheryl with Ernestine Steinhoff at her 95th birthday party on January 6 at Maple Heights.



## How Do I Say Thanks?

I should put a thank you in our newsletter every month and I still couldn't begin to express my appreciation for the kindness given to me by this church and many others. It is a rare day I don't get a card or a cheery memento. Or a call or even food dropped off. I'm especially thankful for Shirley Nelson filling the pulpit the times I'm away and for Kathy Hodgdon teaching confirmation...so many willing to take on responsibility and reaching out in love and daily prayers. God bless you!

Pastor Sheryl



## Thank You

To: Anthon United Methodist Church

Enier and I would like to thank the Methodist Church members for the delicious cookies and fruit plate. We would also like to say thanks for all of your get-well prayers. We are pretty sure those Methodist prayers definitely helped our Catholic boy!

Thanks again, Enier & Nancy Seuntjens

Special Prayer Needs: Please pray for Kenny Anderson, Dona Black, Cal and Joyce Gothier, Merlin Kollbaum, Bobby Lewis, Tracy Lewis, Susan Redenius, Anthony Britton, Jeff Schram, Royce Miller, Rosie Hunwardsen, Pastor Sheryl, Stephanie Johnson, Keith Determann, Gary Sobieski, Brenda Wolfe, Sandra Yockey, Shirley Nelson, and Barb Madsen.



SUPER BOWL



## Anthon UMC 'Souper' Bowl Contest

It's time again for our annual souper bowl cook off on Sunday, February 4. Bring a crock pot of your favorite soup and everyone can sample as little or as many as you want. You will vote on your favorite soup and a winner will be chosen. Please feel free to invite friends and family to come join in our friendly competition. If you are not entering the soup contest, you may be asked to bring a dessert. Free will donation. We will eat following worship with SS and confirmation classes being delayed one-half hour.

Brenda Wolfe



## ASH WEDNESDAY/VALENTINES DAY

February 14...a very special day. God's love is made visible in the repentance of ashes, worn upon our foreheads to signify that we understand the great love of Jesus Christ as we once again begin our walk with Him to the cross. We will gather at 7:00 p.m. Valentines Day for prayers, hymns, and the Imposition of Ashes. Come and receive your special Valentine gift from God.



## District Leadership Opportunities Offered

District Lay Servant Training is on Saturday, February 3, 8 AM to 6 PM, at the Hawarden United Methodist Church, at 803 13th St. Classes are Basic Lay Servant Training, Advanced Planning Worship, and Advanced Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition. Cost is \$15 per person. Registration will be available online at [northwest.iaumc.org](http://northwest.iaumc.org)

District Spiritual Leadership Incubator (Officers Training) is on Sunday, February 25, 2018, from 2:30 to 6:00 PM (gathering at 2 PM; keynote by Tom Carver begins at 2:30 PM) at Marcus, Grace UMC at 303 E Fenton St. Information sheets on this training are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.



### Update on Church Directories



Our Church Directories have been stalled for a while as some more revisions need to be done by the publisher. Hope you all enjoyed your photos and thank you for your patience.

The Directory Committee

### Lenten Small Groups with Suppers

We will gather at 5 PM on the Sundays of Lent for one hour, then we will share a light supper together provided by the different committees.

Feb. 18 - Outreach	Mar. 18 - Worship
Feb. 25 - SPRC	Mar. 25 - Finance
Mar. 4 - Nurturing	
Mar. 11 - Teaching/Parsonage	

## ANTHON UMC FINANCE AND BOARD MINUTES FOR JAN. 25, 2018

**FINANCE MEETING:** Jody Parker opened with devotions—God Gives Us His Name. Romans 1:6. Pastor led us in prayer. Eleven people were present: Andrea Mitchell, Deanna Adler, Connie Ashley, Eileen Klindt, JoLynne Reimert, Shirley Nelson, Pastor Sheryl Ashley, Roger & Marilyn Hladik, and Lloyd & Jody Parker. JoLynne reported that we had a balance of \$28,563.63 in the general fund as of December 31, 2107 and that we had a year-end profit of \$1200 for 2017 in the parsonage fund. All apportionments for 2017 were paid by the end of the year. Monthly apportionments for 2018 are \$917. Connie moved we pay \$1000 for our January apportionments. Roger seconded the motion and it carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:** Andrea moved we approve the Nov. & Dec. board minutes. JoLynne seconded and the motion carried.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor gave us a copy of our goals for 2018. The committee chairmen signed up to bring a light lunch for the Lenten Services. Discussion was held to see if there was interest in working to become a Rainbow Covenant Church for 2018. Andrea made a motion to defer the decision to the Mission committee. Roger seconded the motion and it carried. Pastor shared her Nov. & Dec. Activity Report with us. For our Lenten study beginning March 18th on Sunday evening, Pastor has chosen—CREED: What Christians Believe and Why by Adam Hamilton.

**TRUSTEES:** The replacement windows have been installed. Trustees will be meeting to make some preliminary plans to upgrade both bathrooms making them handicap accessible. It was brought to our attention that the church needs a reserved parking sign for the Pastor. Lloyd will take care of that.

**TEACHING:** Souper Bowl Cook-Off is February 4th following the service. Sunday School and Confirmation will begin after eating.

**OUTREACH:** No meeting

**WORSHIP:** Planning Ash Wednesday Service and other Lenten Services. April 29th is Dist. Annual Conference in Storm Lake and at that same time a Farewell for our District Superintendent.

**NURTURING:** A few casseroles went out and a few visits were made.

**UMW:** Working on the 2018 program. We were a 5 Star Unit for 2017.

**OLD BUSINSS:** It was reported that the Directories have been delayed due to some corrections that the company has yet to make.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The next board meeting will be February 19th at 7 p.m.

Connie Ashley will have the devotions. Andrea moved we adjourn the meeting and Roger seconded the motion.

<b>Tithes &amp; Offering</b>	
<b>Needed weekly - \$1,500</b>	
Jan. 7	\$ 1360.72
Jan. 14	\$ 2059.00
Jan. 21	\$ 1230.00

### **Women's Retreat Saturday, March 17, 2018**

from 9 AM to 3 PM at the Rock Branch UMC

Rock Branch Methodist Church will be hosting a women's retreat On March 17 from 9am to 3 pm.



\*The keynote speaker for our retreat will be Jill Clem, pastor at Rustin Avenue United Methodist Church in Sioux City.

\* The topic will be "Seeking God," based upon Hosea 10:12.

\* Lunch will be served, as well as light refreshments for a mid-morning and mid-afternoon break.

\*There will also be special music!

\*Jill will help us look at the three moments in our lives when we may find ourselves seeking God: healing and comfort in the chaos, hope in the midst of darkness, and peace and grace.

Registration details will be coming soon! Mark the date on your calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>February, 2018</b>						
4 Communion Worship Service at 10 PM Soupers Bowl Lunch at 11 AM Sunday School at 11:30 AM	5 Church reserved for Caucus Meeting at 6:30 PM.	6	7 Pastor's hours start at 10 AM	8	9 Office hours from 1 to 2:30	10 17
11 Choir Practice at 9:20 AM Worship Service at 10 AM Sunday School at 11 AM Confirmation at 11 AM	12 Office hours from 1 to 2:30	13	14 <b>Ash Wednesday</b> Service at 7:00 PM Pastor's hours start at 10 AM	15	16 Office hours from 1 to 2:30 AA 8:00 PM	17 Church reserved
18 Choir Practice at 9:20 AM Worship Service at 10 AM Sunday School at 11 AM Confirmation at 11 AM Lenten Small Group at 5 PM with 6 PM fellowship meal	19 Office hours from 1 to 2:30 Finance/Board meeting at 7:00 PM.	20	21 Pastor's hours start at 10 AM	22	23 Office hours from 1 to 2:30 FOCUS items and information due AA 8:00 PM	24
25 Choir Practice at 9:20 AM Worship Service at 10 AM Sunday School at 11 AM Confirmation at 11 AM Lenten Small Group at 5 PM with 6 PM fellowship meal District Spiritual Leadership Incubator (Officers Training) at Marcus from 2—6 PM	26 Office hours from 1 to 2:30	27	28 Pastor's hours start at 10 AM		March Dates: March 29: Maundy Thursday Service March 30: Good Friday Service at AUMC at 7:00 PM.	
				1	2	3 District Lay Servant Training at Hawarden UMC from 8 to 6.

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<b>Ministry of Ushers</b>	Feb 4 Erin Baird	Bill Redenius	4
Feb. 4 Jerry & Eileen Klindt	Feb. 11 Marilyn Hladik	Mary Hill	6
Feb. 11 Ed & Carol Davis	Feb. 18 Shirley Nelson	Jim Trimpe	8
Feb. 18 Teresa Johnson,	Feb. 25 Penny Rosso	Brad Kollbaum	9
Kelsey Venteicher	Mar. 4 JoLynne Reimert	Caitlyn Redenius	12
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	Frank Parker		

