



November 2020

Sharing the Good News

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You've all heard the many things that are said about living in a small town. For instance, you know you live in a small town if you call the wrong number and still end up visiting for half an hour. Everybody you pass on the street or road waves and says hi whether you know them or not. You know it's safe to let your kids play outdoors with the neighbors, and you can always count on your neighbors to help out when you need it.

The last statement couldn't have been more true or evident on Sunday afternoon, October 11, when a massive fire broke out West of Anthon. Every rural Fire department from Woodbury County, plus water trucks, EMT's, and the Sheriff's department showed up to help out their neighbors.

One of the greatest commandments is to Love your Neighbor as yourself. When area farmers knew their crops were in danger, they took their tractors and disks and tried to stop the fire. That's what neighbors do for each other.

It's not unusual for farmers to participate in a harvesting bee for one of their neighbors who has been in an accident or is suffering from ill health, but to see so many friends show up to help save their neighbors crops tugged at the hearts of many people in the area.

And God was listening to prayers as an inch of rain fell that night to drown out any hot spots so firefighters and farmers who worked so hard during the day could get a well deserved night's sleep instead of being on fire duty all night.

There was no doubt in anybody's mind that God was with us. What could have been a disaster was taken care of in 5 or 6 hours.

Paul said that all of the commandments could be summed up in this one commandment – to love. He listed some of the well-known commandments we find in the Old Testament – do not murder, do not steal, do not covet, do not commit adultery – and he said that these and all the other commandments can be summed up in one commandment – love your neighbor as yourself.

As we continue through the end of the year, we will celebrate All Saints Day on November 1. Families of those in our church or connected to our church who passed away this year have been invited to light a candle in honor of their loved one and votive candles will be lit to honor the other loved ones who have passed before us.

As hard as it is to believe, Advent will be upon us in four more weeks and Christmas in eight weeks. It won't be hard to say goodbye to 2020. But before Advent, we can say Happy Thanksgiving to each other. We'll be looking at each other and saying, "Where did this year go?" Blessings to everyone and don't forget to vote!

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!!!

UP COMING NEWS

November 1

All Saints' Day

Don't forget to turn clocks back

November 3

Don't forget to VOTE!

REMEMBER TO VOTE BIBLICALLY!

November 5

The NEW Clavinova arrives!

Come join us!

November 9

Finance/Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

November 11

Honoring our VETERANS!

GOD BLESS YOU AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

November 15

SPRC meeting following church worship

November 26

Happy Thanksgiving Day

We still have a few turkeys left. Contact Shirley if you would like one.

November 29

First day of Advent

Hanging of the Greens with fellowship and simple supper

Our Life Together

Sunday School continues!

What a great time we have been having the past couple of weeks. We have a young people's group, a young teen/preteen group, and older teens group meeting on Sunday mornings. We are always looking to add more youth to our classes, so please be sure and invite anyone you know between the ages of 3 and 18!

A big Thank You to our volunteer teaching staff, Roger, Tim, Emily and Andrea. We have also had the good fortune of having some very creative youth lessons and crafts put together by Jolynne. We could not do it without the time and effort of everyone involved.

Also, a big Thank You to the parents and grandparents that are getting the kids up and to our classes. We meet at 9:00 AM every Sunday. Please grab a youth and come join the fun!



On Sunday, October 18th, the kids got to read and learn about the "Pumpkin Patch Parable". They each got to paint their own pumpkins and listened to Andrea teach all about the parable. They all had a blast and got to displayed the lighted carved pumpkin on the mantle during worship service for all to see.

The Meaning of the Parable:

Just like us, all the pumpkins were different. But there was something the same about every one of them – that yucky, slimy pulp on the inside!

The yucky, slimy pulp is like the sin that's in us. "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." That's every single one of us.

God has made a way that all our sin can be forgiven and washed away. God even says He'll cast them as far as the East is from the West.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

After cleaning out that pumpkin, the Farmer gave the pumpkin a new face! The Bible says God can make us a new creation too.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

Then came the really special part. The light was placed inside that pumpkin and it glowed for all to see!

"For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

So we can become like that pumpkin in the Christian object lesson – **"a glorious sight for others to see the love of Jesus!"**

All Saints' Day November 1

We will be celebrating All Saints' Day at the November 1st, Sunday morning worship service. At that time we will be naming the names and lighting candles for those loved ones who have passed away since the last All Saints' Day. Those being honored this year will be Eunice Clause, David Brown and Donna Kindig. We will also be lighting individual votive candles for those loved ones and friends who have been entrusted into the Lord's care through the years. Plan to attend and honor your loved ones.

MAKE SURE YOU VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3 ELECTION: by Lay Pastor Shirley

Although Billy Graham passed away in February 2018, he shared his thoughts in response to a reader who asked whether everyone ought to vote. "The Bible says we should do everything we possibly can to be good citizens and work for the betterment of our society. And one of the ways we can do this is by voting," Graham said. "God tells us to 'seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you' (Jeremiah 29:7). Graham acknowledged that many Christians are disillusioned by what they see in politics today. However, this will not change if concerned people refuse to vote, if good people refuse to run for office, or if no one votes for them. "In other words, staying away from the voting booth may only perpetuate the problems you see".

I encourage people to do their research and don't be disillusioned by the news, paper or television! Be empowered, research and vote biblically and PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!! Becky

New Yamaha Clavinova!!!!

The decision has been made to purchase a new Yamaha Clavinova which is a premium digital piano. Living in a small town has many benefits, but having people who can play the organ are few and far between. We have been very fortunate to have Eileen Van Meeteren playing our organ for several years, but it was recommended by Keyboard Kastle in Omaha that we consider a digital piano.

This is an instrument that any piano player can play. It can sound like an organ, or it can sound like a piano. It also has hundreds of other sounds of different instruments like trumpets, clarinets, violins or even a full blown orchestra. It has the ability to pre record songs in case our piano player is gone for a Sunday and has so many more benefits.

One major benefit is that instead of buying an organ that will cost between \$30,000 and \$35,000, the Clavinova will cost under \$8,000. We have had donations and pledges of \$2,600 so far, so we have a ways to go to raise the money and are asking our members and friends to help raise the money for this capital purchase. We thank you for helping to keep the music alive in our church.

The piano is on order and it will be delivered on November 5, 2020. At that time, there will be a training session for anyone wishing to play. If you would just like to come and listen to the new sound, you are all invited.

If you would like to donate, please send your gift to the Anthon United Methodist Church, Box

Tithes and Offerings

Sept. 28 \$ 1,365.00	Oct. 4 \$ 1,435.00
Oct. 12 \$ 320.00	Oct. 20 \$ 752.30

Parsonage

The parsonage is looking for a double or queen size bed. Please contact JoLynne or the church office.

Special Prayer Needs:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, Bishop Laurie Haller, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Jeff and Jamie Griebel (Jacque Gothier's brothers), Tracy Lewis, Steve Diamond, Bobby Lewis, Cal & Joyce Gothier, Lyle & Sally Schram, Kenny Anderson, Joe Harbaugh, Anita Cooch, Nina Osborne, Beulah Sand, Ernestine Steinhoff, Brian & Sheryl Ashley, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Eleanore Lewis, Fran & Keith Determann, all the wild fires, firefighters & their families, David Beach, all our students and teachers, and the Family of Linda Fixel.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

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



UMC FINANCE AND BOARD MINUTES OCT. 13, 2020

Marilyn Hladik, Eileen Klindt, Deanna Adler, Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson, Jo Lynne Reimert, and Andrea Mitchell. Shirley read a devotional based on Psalms 27: 1-3 "God is in control." The treasurer's report was reviewed showing a balance of \$26,188.52. Roger moved that we pay \$900 toward our apportionments and Eileen seconded the motion. Motion carried. The finance committee worked over the budget for 2021 showing a total of \$33,690.00. Roger moved to accept the amount of \$33,690.00 and Jo Lynne seconded. Motion carried.

The Board Meeting was called to order by President, Andrea Mitchell. Minutes of the last meeting were read. Roger moved to approve the minutes with the change of the charge conference date to Oct 28th at 6:30. Marilyn 2nd and the motion carried.

Lay Pastor's Report: Shirley is working on Charge Conference forms using "Grow Sunday School" as our mission goal.

Finance: Marilyn presented the new budget of \$33,690.00 for 2021. Jo Lynne made a motion to accept it and Deanna 2nd it. Motion carried.

Trustees: Roger presented an estimate for removal of the tree stump by Berwyn Aberson in the amount of \$100. Jo Lynne made a motion to have it done. Andrea 2nd the motion and it carried.

Teaching: We need more children. Jo Lynne and Andrea are working on getting more packets given to our children.

Outreach: Marilyn said the committee will be boxing up kits for the Ingathering next month.

Worship: Nov. 1 will be All Saints Day. Some discussion was held regarding the Christmas program.

UMW: A zoom meeting was held in Sept. for the District meeting.

SPRC: A meeting will be held Oct. 25th after church.

New Business: Charge Conference is October 28th at 6:30 p.m. Jo Lynne will buy sandwiches and Marilyn and Deanna will furnish bars. Shirley presented information on organs and Clavinova's. A used Allen organ with a 1-year warranty would cost approximately \$6500 which includes \$4500 for the installation. A Clavinova #CVP-805 with a 5-year warranty would cost \$7400 minus a church discount or we can rent one for \$500 a month which could be applied to the purchase of it or another instrument (organ, piano or keyboard). Jo Lynne made a motion to go forward with renting a Clavinova 805. Deanna 2nd the motion. We will remove the old organ from the sanctuary. Motion carried.

Next meeting is November 9th at 7 p.m. with Jo Lynne giving the devotions. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Klindt, Treasurer

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November Liturgist Responsibilities

Nov. 1	Jerry Klindt
Nov. 8	Andrea Mitchell
Nov. 15	Marilyn Hladik
Nov. 22	Penny Rosso
Nov. 29	Eileen Klindt

November Children's Story Responsibilities

Nov. 1	Shirley Nelson
Nov. 8	Penny Rosso
Nov. 15	Roger Hladik
Nov. 22	Rhonda Beeson
Nov. 29	Roger Hladik

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

November Birthdays & Anniversaries

Nina Osborne	1
Roger & Marilyn Hladik	3
Shirley Nelson	8
Coni Miller	8
Drew Zahnley	10
Ed Davis	19
Laken Nelson	20
Sheryl L. Ashley	22
Roger Nelson	22
Reata Hoy	25
Brenda Wolfe	25
Cal & Joyce	26
Emily Hoy	26
Leann Hladik	28

