



April 2025

## Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

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The last couple of weeks I have been reminded of how valuable the internet is in my daily life. For almost three weeks I have not had access to internet at my home office and have had to rely on using the church computer and internet. Those of us who use the internet for our jobs on a daily basis truly understand how valuable it is for information. Just a few key strokes and we can contact as many people as we want no matter how far away they live. Too often the internet becomes our main way of communicating with each other.

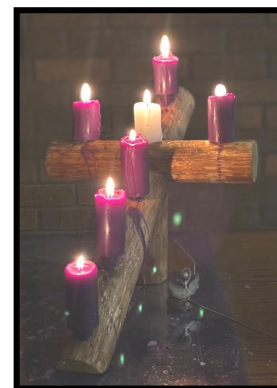
I remember in grade school where we learned each letter of the alphabet by writing in cursive. There are children today who cannot write in cursive or even read it. For those who cannot read or write in cursive, they've missed an important way of communicating.

Jesus and His disciples had to rely on verbal communication with each other. They stayed together in a group most of the time, some of them breaking out to take their mission in a different direction but always coming back together. Imagine walking 10 or 12 miles a day on dusty roads with just sandals on your feet, wearing a robe and carrying the few articles of clothing and food in a backpack. There were no grocery stores in between to buy food or bottles of water, it really was tough life for them as they spread the word of Jesus throughout the land.

During the forty days of Lent the Christian Church prepares us to observe the Lord's Passion and Resurrection. This is the time of the year when we should remember the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus on our behalf.

We have a wooden cross of candles on the altar which represent Jesus and His life and ministry. Each week we extinguish a candle leading up to Easter morning when the only candle burning will be the white candle in the middle representing the resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus died for all of our sins. We ask Him to give us the grace to represent so we might seek the good and true peaceful Kingdom of God. Have a Happy Easter!



### 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

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**April 13**

Palm Sunday

**April 14**

Ad Board and Finance meeting 4:30pm



**April 18**

Good Friday Services at 7pm

**April 20**

Breakfast will be held on Easter morning from 8-9:30am.

We will be serving egg bake, rolls and coffee cake, juice and coffee. We will be calling for food donations.

If you would like to provide an egg bake or rolls, please contact Shirley or JoLynne.

**May 2 and 3:**

Anthon will be holding their town rummage. We will be having a \$1 only rummage.

Everything will be priced \$1. If you would like to donate to this rummage, you will be able to bring saleable items in and putting them in the first big Sunday School room. No clothes please.

Knick knacks, small appliances, magazines, coffee cups, kitchen items, CD's, DVD's etc. Anything that you are no longer using but would sell at a rummage. All money will go toward mission projects.



**Tithes and Offerings**

March 9 \$ 1,059.00    March 16 \$ 735.60  
March 23 \$ 1,657.00

GIVE THANKS  
to the LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1



# Our Life Together

This past fall, the board made the decision to replace carpeting in the foyer and the long hallway by the church offices. It was such an improvement, the decision was made to replace carpeting in the fellowship hall.

The previous carpeting had been there for forty years since the church was built and is a wonderful addition to the church



**Before**



**During**

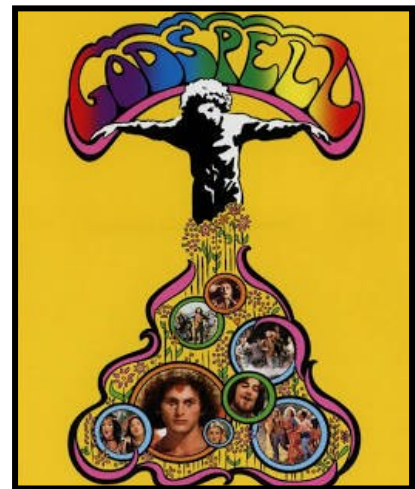


**After**



# Our Life Together

Many Church decorated the walls of their churches with crosses. With bare walls in the office, we decided to ask people the had crosses that they weren't using to donate them. We continue to receive these gifts and will be starting on another wall in the office.



On Sunday March 30, In honor of Lent, we hosted a showing of 1973 Godspell.

We all gathered to view Godspell followed by a simple supper with good food and fellowship!

Anthorn Community Methodist Church Minutes  
Monday, 10 March 2025

The Board met in the church at 4:30 p.m. with seven members present: Lay Pastor Shirley, Deanna, JoLynne, Marilyn, Roger, Mark, and Joan.

Deanna brought the meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Roger moved to accept the minutes, JoLynne 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor, motion approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Made more calls than usual due to the weather. Made several nursing home visits and one hospital visit. Did three Church Services and will be preaching more than two Sundays a month during Lent. Did four church bulletins and two children's stories. We're collecting blankets, gloves and mittens for warming shelter and Gospel Mission. Plans started for Easter baskets for shut ins and nursing home patients. Also started planning for spring rummage sale. Worked in church office three days this past week. Helped Becky and JoLynne finish March Focus. Approved hiring Mapleton Accounting Firm to take care of IRS issues. Also planning two late Sunday afternoon movies with JoLynne's help.

**Worship:** Trying to have special music for Lent. Roger will sing and Erin will sing March 30<sup>th</sup>. Palm leaves are being ordered for Palm Sunday and with smaller ones for children. Will do Good Friday service with Sunrise Services on Easter morning.

**Finance:** Marilyn reported \$41,204.79 in the bank. We're keeping up with the bills.

**Trustees:** Discovered water drip in pipe line coming from the well. Pressure switch was leaking so had a plumber install a new switch. Need to replace ballast in light fixtures.

**Teaching:** Both Kathy's children and Tim's adult groups are going fine.

**Outreach/Missions:** Jerry took items to Gospel Mission and warming shelter. "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" is an organization that makes beds for children. They send an Easter Tree to area churches. Roger moved that instead of accepting an Easter Tree we send \$200; Marilyn 2<sup>nd</sup>; all in favor, motion passed.

**Nurturing/SPRC:** Nothing to report.

**Women of Faith:** Nothing planned for March.

**Old Business:** Riley cleared snow out front and Cy cleared sidewalks.

JoLynne moved the meeting close with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark; all in favor, motion passed.

Meeting ended with a prayer by Lay Pastor Shirley.

Next meeting will be April 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. JoLynne will have devotions.

Respectfully Submitted

Joan Meister

### Special Prayer Needs

IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN: OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, Ed and Carol Davis, Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Eleanore Lewis, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Peggy Hansen, Brittany Miller, Bettina Perkins, Barb Madsen, Elwanda Sheriff, Joyce Gothier, Jeanette Kummer, Roger Hladik, Norma Bunnell, Jen Kerns, Roger Nelson and Mark Nelson.

### **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.

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#### April Liturgist Responsibilities

April 6	Erin Baird
April 13	Lisa Kerns
April 20	Duane Brandt
April 27	Marilyn Hladik

#### April Children's Story Responsibilities

April 6	Shirley Nelson
April 13	JoLynne Reimert
April 20	Kathy Hodgdon
April 27	Erin Baird

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

#### April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Gaige Mae Miller	5
Rhonda Beeson	6
Tyler Hoy	12
Tom Herrick(V)	13
Kathy Hodgdon	16
Randy Wolfe	19
Bettina Perkins	21
Bill Speirs	23
Marvin Hanson(V)	25
Jerry Klindt	28
Dawn Zahnley	28
Ryan Baldwin	30

