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Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

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Acts 20: 35 It is more blessed to give than to receive

This past year, the church has worked on many mission projects that benefit not only the local area, but also overseas projects. I want to highlight some of them this month, to let you know there are so many needy organizations that we have been able to give aid to.

The Orphan grain train based out of Ida Grove was given several pick-up loads of clothes shoes, walkers, canes, etc. 98 per cent of all gifts go directly to those in need. Most of our donations went to a semi load of items that went to the Ukraine.

This spring the Gospel Mission put out a call that they were in need of men's, women's, children's clothing, coats, shoes, any wearable items. You name it and they needed it. We ended up with about four pick-up loads of clothes that were taken to the Mission.

The Place is another Sioux City shelter that provides shelter for abused men and women. Our gift to them consisted of many blankets, personal products and usable items that they needed for apartment life and a new start.

For many years, we have given school kits and health kits to the Ingathering supported by the Methodist Church.

Cash was given to the warming shelter this winter for food or personal products for their use.

The heifer project is a continuous project where quarters and other change is collected each week and given to Heifer International for the purchase of chicken flocks, rabbits, bees, ducks, geese, pigs, cattle and other animals. We have given several hundred dollars to this project.

We also support the Angel Tree at Christmas and give groceries for the Christmas boxes.

The latest mission project is to raise money to give a gift of mobility to someone who has suffered from Polio and needs the ability to get around. So many people, especially African people have become immobile from the life-threatening disease of polio. People who have only been able to move around by crawling on the ground are now able to get around on special three-wheel mobility carts given by Mobility Worldwide. To pay for one of these carts, which costs around \$425 or a new set of wheels which costs \$80, we are joining the spring Anthion rummage with a 50-cent rummage. Everything that is donated to us for the May 31/ June 1 rummage will be sold for 50 cents and all monies will go toward purchasing a mobility cart.

Yes, it is more blessed to give than to receive and we continue to share what God has given us.

Blessings, Shirley

UP COMING EVENTS

May 9

Women of Faith meeting @ 10am

May 15

Finance/ Ad Board meeting in church at 7pm



All Church Cleaning

We are having an all-church cleaning. There is a signup sheet on the table in the fellowship hall to sign up for windows, storage areas, or a room or space that you would be willing to clean at your convenience. We would like to have the church cleaning finished by May 11th.



Tithes and Offerings

Apr. 7 \$ 1,961.00 Apr. 14 \$ 842.00
Apr. 21 \$ 1,205.00 Apr. 28 \$ 2,802.00

GIVE THANKS
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD
PSALM 107:1

Special Prayer Needs

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, Brady Gothier, Eleanore Lewis, Jean Petersen, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Roger Nelson, Peggy Hansen, Brittany Miller, and Turner, Becca Petersen & Baby Ivy Kate .

Sympathy to the families of

Nina Osborne, Kenneth Hansen, David Beach and Kevern Koskovich.

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

Marvin Hanson celebrates his 100th birthday

Saturday, April 27, Marvin Hanson celebrated his 100th birthday with more than 200 people attending the party and extending their good wishes.

Many people attended from various places in the United States. A niece and nephew from Las Vegas attended as well as a niece and nephew from Montana.

About 45 family members came from Canada, Georgia, Washington, Colorado, Minnesota and South Dakota.

Marvin's younger brother, Vern, age 92, attended from Yankton, SD.

A great time was had by everyone and Marvin and his children, Clifford, Barb, Jan and Dale want to thank everyone for bringing good wishes to their dad.



*Jan & Barb, Dale & Cliff
With Marvin*



Marvin & Eleanore Lewis



Missions

Help Give the Gift of Mobility

The mission committee has chosen as a project to raise money to purchase a three wheeled mobility cart to be given to a man, woman or child suffering from Polio or other paralyzing affliction. Although polio has been pretty much conquered in the US, there are still people in the world who have lost the use of their legs to polio.

The carts are given to those in need who cannot walk or move around but can still provide a valuable service to their country.

The total cost of one cart is \$425 and there will be a basket on the table for anyone who would like to contribute.

We are planning a fundraiser for May 31st and June 1st in conjunction with the Spring Rummages in Anthon.

Everything contributed will be sold for 50 cents and donated to the church for a mobility cart.

Women of Faith

are supporting “The Place”, a facility that supports abused women and men.

If you would like to contribute anything, there is an orange sheet of Needs on the table in the fellowship hall.

Sprucing Up the Church

Some forty years ago, following the church fire, we have enjoyed the beauty of the church. Since that time, thousands of people have walked through the front doors and the time has come to upgrade some of our flooring. For years, we have had a major crack in the tile in the foyer and since Thrasher lifted the foundation, the carpet in the long hall past the bathrooms suffered some damage. We are waiting for a bid to come in, to fix the foyer floor and some of the cracks around the baseboard as well as replacing the carpet down the hall. Also being replaced will be the water fountain in the long hallway.' More news next month on the flooring and water fountain.

Anthon Community Methodist Church Minutes
Monday, April 8, 2024

Andrea called the meeting to order and Mark gave devotions. Present were Lay Pastor Shirley, Andrea, Deanna, Marilyn & Roger, Mark & Joan.

Marilyn moved we approve the minutes; 2nd by Mark. All in favor, motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Lay Pastor Shirley reported she had three Sunday church services, several home visits; has Kenneth Hansen funeral this month; had special Palm Sunday and Easter services with Easter morning breakfast. Three loads of clothes were delivered to Gospel Mission and working on fundraiser for Mobility mission project. Made several follow-up calls to members and spent three weeks with Roger in hospital.

Plans are being made for Muffins for Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and graduation.

FINANCE: Doing good this month

TRUSTEES: Working on several projects. Roger reported a bid on the six windows from Valley Glass in Cherokee for \$1835.05. Motion by Marilyn to accept the bid from Valley Glass; 2nd by Deanna, all in favor, motion passed.

Roger got a bid from Boatman Tile & Granite for \$600 for the tile problem in entryway. Will look at all options before a decision is made.

Water fountain in dining room will be removed. Water fountain in hall will be replaced. Roger will get bids. Church sign will be discussed next month.

New computer program is working very well.

TEACHING: Last day will be May 5th for small groups; looking for teacher in the fall for little kids.

SPRC: By-Laws corrections have been made; will study and discuss next meeting.

Women of Faith are planning Seniors party in June for those 90+ in Anthon.

OLD BUSINESS: Church Cleaning – would like to clean twice a year, in spring & fall. Goal is to have church cleaned by May 11th, and use volunteer sign-up sheets.

Next meeting May 13th; Shirley will have devotions.

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Meister

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May Liturgist Responsibilities

May 5	JoLynne Reimert
May 12	Tim Hoy
May 19	Kathy Hodgdon
May 26	Marilyn Hladik
June 2	Andrea Mitchell

May Children's Story Responsibilities

May 5	Kathy Hodgdon
May 12	Roger Hladik
May 19	Shirley Nelson
May 26	Andrea Mitchell
June 2	JoLynne Reimert

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

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Tanner Petersen	2
Deb Groszkruger	6
Pastor Sheryl K. Ashley	8
Deb Wilson	14
Brylee Brown	16
Keith Determann	16
Ryan Redenius	18
Dillion Johnson	18
Brady Gothier	20
Ron Steinhoff	20
Barb Wood	21
John & Kathy Hodgdon	29
Kaycee Hoy	31

