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Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

Tomorrow is not promised.....

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The Bible teaches us that we can't count on tomorrow. It tells us to live in the here and now and trust what God has planned for us. Each day of our life should be cherished for tomorrow is not promised. I have heard that expression more and more in the past few weeks.

We are encouraged not to waste time but to fill our days with love and kindness because we don't know if we will get another day. We also need to count our days wisely and live in a way that honors God. Our time here is short, so focusing on what really matters are key.

God already knows our needs before we say them. We need to put God first in our lives. If we do, everything else will work out.

Paul's message in 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 is urgent. He tells believers that time is short. This means people should live like today could be their last day. The world won't be here forever, he says. Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.

This past week, we experienced Mother Nature at her worst in the Antho Correctionville area. Floods of massive proportion closed all East/west roads, even Highway 20 which is a major highway in the area. Houses, garages, businesses were filled with water in the Correctionville area and in rural Antho. The Antho Shelter House sustained water damage. Crops along the river were decimated. The river ate up precious farm land, widening the river and taking land that can never be replaced.

On the positive side, nobody was injured or died. People gathered to build up dikes to prevent further water damage. Sandbags were filled and placed around buildings. Everybody worked like there was a tomorrow. Everybody was looking out for their friends and neighbors. People came from other towns to help clean up. Food was brought in to serve the people in the area. There was a real Camaraderie among the towns and people.

God was looking out for us. He knew our needs. We know that it may take years to rebuild, and we also know our towns and our people are precious to us and we will do whatever we need to do to bring them back to the way they were. Worrying doesn't help us live longer, but trusting in God does bring peace for tomorrow. Cherish today because tomorrow is not promised.

Blessings, Shirley

UP COMING EVENTS

July 11

Women of Faith Meeting,
Trip to Queen of Peace in Sioux City with lunch afterwards.
Leave Anthon at 9:30am.

July 15

Ad Board and Finance meeting at 7pm

July 17

SPRC committee meeting at 7pm.

Message from Andrea

I am writing to give everyone an update regarding needs of the Anthon Community Methodist Church. We have come so far as an independent church, and as we continue to hear and act on God's word, I know we can continue to grow.

There are going to be several positions that need to be filled this fall. I ask that everyone please prayerfully consider how they can help move the church forward in any capacity. Here is a partial list. I know there are other committees also that would welcome assistance and maybe some ideas that we don't even have committees for yet.

Administrative Board Chair
Sunday Small Group Committee Chair
Small Group Teachers and participants
SPRC chair
Lay Leader
Pulpit Supply
Liturgist
Children's Sermon

The church has a place for everyone and every skill. God has a purpose for each of us. Even if you have yet honed your skill in an area, step out, give it a try. As some of you may be wondering, I'm going to be forced to take a step back from some of my church responsibilities. I am relocating to the Springdale, Arkansas area for my job with Tyson Foods. I will definitely be visiting on a regular basis, but I will not be in the area as much.

This church has been my home for over 20 years, and I have raised my family here. It is hard to leave, but necessary at this time. Please consider what you can do for our church, big or little. Thank you and God's Blessings to everyone. We are fortunate to call this area home.

Andrea Mitchell

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, Turner, Becca Petersen & Baby Ivy Kate, and Bettina Perkins.

Thoughts and Prayers for those people who have lost so much to flood waters.

Sympathy to the family of
Diane Yockey

Our Life Together

Senior Luncheon

We were pleased to be able to honor our Senior Citizens again this year with a luncheon on June 12. Special guests this year were three Anthonites who just celebrated their 100th birthdays, Enid Petersen, Marvin Hanson and Annabelle Craig. They were all escorted by one of their children. Also honored were those attending who were 90 or over. The theme for the party was "Country Schools". Decorations reflected country schools, placemats of photographs of local country schools, classes and in general pictures of early Anthon. Tables of memorabilia were enjoyed by everyone. A delicious lunch of sandwiches, salads and ice cream sherbet and cookies was served. Tables were decorated with memorabilia, bingo was played and an afternoon of fellowship and visitation was enjoyed by all.

Thanks to the Women of Faith for organizing the party.



Enid Petersen



Marvin Hanson



Annabelle Craig



Our Life Together

Honoring Our Fathers

Father's Day was celebrated this year on June 16th with "Donut for Dads" being served after Sunday morning Service.

Dad's enjoyed fun, food and fellowship.



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 we have been able to purchase one cart as our gift.

We are planning a fundraiser for the fall. Watch for details in our future newsletter.

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.

Anthon Community Methodist Church Minutes
Monday, June 10, 2024

Andrea brought the meeting to order and Lay Pastor Shirley gave devotions. Eight members were present: Lay Pastor Shirley, Roger, Marilyn, JoLynne, Deanna, Andrea, Mark, and Joan.

Profit & Loss: Jolynne sent the IRS a certified letter explaining our disaffiliation with the United Methodist Church and that we are still non-profit, but has not heard back.

Andrea called the Ad Board meeting to order. Minutes from the last meeting were read. Jolynn moved we approve the minutes with one correction of a date change, second by Marilyn; all in favor, motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Lay Pastor Shirley reported five Sunday church services and preparation for 9 bulletins; several home visits; 2 funerals, several phone calls with family; attended meetings with Marcus Lumber, Women of faith, and the Board; two nursing home visits and two hospital visits.

Marilyn is working on Father's Day "Donuts For Dads". There will be a hiatus on children sermons July and August.

Finance: We're doing quite well.

Trustees: Roger reported Mike Kerns volunteered to raise the skirts on all trees so cars aren't damaged. The drinking fountain is in place, working well. Foulk Bros. did the work and they charged what they bid. We still need to add stainless steel behind the water fountain. Haven't heard back from the glass man yet – he needs to fix the borders on those windows.

Marcus Lumber measured the entry but left no samples. JoLynne moved we call them down here soon to bring samples in order to get clarification; 2nd by Mark. All in favor, motion passed.

Need new teaching chairman; have more youth coming; also need Sunday school teachers.

Outreach: School supplies are on sale at Staples now; need donations.
Marilyn moved we purchase 1 mobility cart for missions; 2nd by Deanna; all in favor; passed.
Deanna moved we give \$100 to Duane King's Deaf Missions; 2nd by JoLynne; all in favor, passed.

SPRC: JoLynne moved we approve by-laws for the ACMC which have been certified by the lawyer; 2nd by Roger; all in favor, motion passed.

Old Business: Jen O'Connell is working on an insurance quote for us. We are insured.

New Business: We will have several leadership vacancies to fill in the next few weeks. Volunteers are needed.

Next meeting will be July 15, 2024. JoLynne will do devotions next meeting.

Women of faith are planning Senior Party on Wednesday; heard from those 90+ but not 60-90.

Marilyn moved we adjourn; 2nd by Roger; all in favor, motion carried. Shirley had closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Meister



Tithes and Offerings

June 2	\$ 2,925.62	June 9	\$ 1,210.00
June 17	\$ 1,512.00	June 23	\$ 1,035.00
June 30 \$ 842.39			

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to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1



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July Liturgist Responsibilities

July 7	Tim Hoy
July 14	Trisha Theisen
July 21	Kathy Hodgdon
July 28	JoLynne Reimert

July Children's Story Responsibilities

July 7	Shirley Nelson
July 14	Andrea Mitchell
July 21	Roger Hladik
July 28	Kathy Hodgdon

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

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Taylor Hansen	13
Everts Miller	16
Beau Wolfe	16
Marilyn Hladik	17
Jeanette Kumnar	18
Paul & Andrea Mitchell	21
Brittany Reimert Miller	23
Joyce Gothier	23
Janice Brown	25
William Hoy	25
Shelley Boggs	31
Lisa Kerns	31

