



October 2024

Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple

The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces.

All colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.

Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning.

Sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning.

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying.

There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:

I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together!

All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!

This is one of my favorite hymns. As we finish this year together as an independent church, this hymn could become our theme. We have survived many small problems. Overall, we have grown in so many areas. One of the areas that I have been most proud of this year is the many mission projects we worked on which have proven our service to others.

A few weeks ago, the announcement was made that the warming shelter in Sioux City would be closing. On the coldest night last year, they were able to provide shelter for 150 people. As money gets tighter and tighter, this is one homeless shelter that could not survive their three quarters of a million-dollar budget. There isn't anything fancy about the warming shelter, just a big building with tables and chairs where people can get out of the cold. And it's not just adults, but sometimes entire families with children. We have donated blankets and money as part of our mission giving.

Fall is here and before long; the cold and snow will arrive and homeless people will be on the streets trying to find shelter. The good news is that the city is working to keep the warming shelter open. Donations have been received and the warming shelter may be able to stay open. As the temperature dips and you reach for your furnace button, remember those who do not have a home and live on the streets. The church is not a building. The church is not a steeple. The church is a people who are here to serve others.

That pile of extra blankets you have in the closet, the extra coats you've been collecting over the years can go a long way in keeping people warm. Gather them up and find a place to help and serve people, places like the Gospel Mission or the warming shelter. All who follow Jesus all around the world...yes, we're the church together.

Blessings, Shirley

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UP COMING EVENTS

October 2 & 3

Anniversary Card Shower for Ed and Carol Davis celebrating their 60th Anniversary on October 3
and Birthday Card Shower for Carol Davis celebrating her birthday on October 2.



Mail Cards to 59961 Isabella Lane,
St. Helen's, OR, 97051



October 9

First night of choir practice will be Wednesday, at 7:00.

October 10

Women of Faith meeting at 10am

October 14

Ad Board and Finance meeting at 7pm

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Steve and Sue Wilson on the birth of a new great granddaughter,
Emilia Jean Rose born on September 11 to Brian and Jessica Rose.

She was welcomed by a little brother, Hudson Dean Rose.

Proud grandparents are Cary and Stacey Bahrke.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congrats to Sally Schram for celebrating her 90th birthday with a open house and lunch on Sunday,
September 3.

Our Life Together

As the song says "Jesus loves the little children" and what better way to learn this than coming to Sunday School!

This year we are excited to have 4 separate Sunday School classes:

Preschool taught by Allison Randal;

Elementary taught by JoLynne Reimert;

High School taught by Kathy Hodgdon; and the Adult class led by Tim Hoy.

If you or anyone you know would like to join us there is always room for more!



To kick off the first Sunday of Sunday School a picnic lunch, complete with hot dogs, taverns, chips, salads, and lots of of yummy desserts, was enjoyed by everyone!

Thanks to everyone who contributed for a delicious lunch!



Our Life Together

Pocket change and quarters continue to fill our Heifer Quarter Tube.

The last dumping of the quarter tube was \$348.98.

In all total this year we have collected \$813.22 for Heifer Project International.

Pictured dumping the quarter tubes are Gaiage Miller, Jayce & Trace Theisen.



Missions

Thanks to the generosity of the Hoy Family, the congregation is now enjoying farm fresh eggs.

A free-will donation is taken and this money will go towards a future mission project.

Thank you Hoy Family!



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, Brady Gothier, Eleanore Lewis, Jean Petersen, Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Roger Nelson, Peggy Hansen, Brittany Miller, Bettina Perkins, Barb Madsen, Jeff Patterson, Elwanda Sheriff, Roberta Houlsworth, Mark Meister and Linda Christensen.

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.

Anthorn Community Methodist Church Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2024

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

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Jolynn moved we approve the minutes, second by Marilyn; all in favor, motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Lay Pastor Shirley was sick for two weeks, lost her voice and was contagious and couldn't be around people, so had no services, but did prepare for three bulletins. Focus is late but will contain lots of articles and pictures. She preached for backpack Sunday and will be preaching for Feddersen baptism and Communion Sunday. Sunday School started with new preschool class which Allison has agreed to take. Will be starting our choir soon: practice will be Wednesday night for an hour; and if Sunday school gets over by 9:45 we can rehearse. Spent time taking Roger to Dr. appointments and visiting nursing home; he hasn't been home since August 5th. Looking ahead, All Saints Day will be Nov. 3rd.

Worship: Baptism; All Saints Day; hopefully choir singing

Trustees: Windows are complete; need second bid for flooring in parsonage and an estimate for fellowship hall; JoLynne is getting bids from Knova's Carpets. Air conditioner had a blown capacitor which was fixed by Lawrence Sanford. Landscaping on hold for now.

Teaching: Committee meeting held before backpack Sunday. JoLynne has elementary and 1st grade. Allison has pre-school bible curriculum.

Nurturing: Shirley and Marilyn gathered food.

Old Business: Set up autopay for our insurance which will be paid quarterly.

New Business: Officers set up for committees. Lights behind cross needs new piece.

Spring Rummage: Need more time to get things ready; not having with City-wide cleanup.

Next Meeting October 14th. Mark will do devotions.

Meeting ended with a prayer by Lay Pastor Shirley.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Meister



Tithes and Offerings

August 13	\$ 2,186.00	August 18	\$ 1,541.00
August 25	\$ 756.00	Sept. 2	\$ 1,015.00
Sept. 8	\$ 1,534.00	Sept. 16	\$ 787.03
Sept. 22	\$ 425.00		

GIVE THANKS
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1



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October Liturgist Responsibilities

October 6	Kathy Hodgdon
October 13	Roger Hladik
October 20	JoLynne Reimert
October 27	Tim Hoy

October Children's Story Responsibilities

October 6	JoLynne Reimert
October 13	Shirley Nelson
October 20	Roger Hladik
October 27	Kathy Hodgdon

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

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Daron & Holly Petersen	1
Carol Davis	2
Ed & Carol Davis	3
Richard Petersen	3
Whitney Steinhoff	5
Eileen Klindt	5
Kelsey Venteicher	6
Cory Brown	8
Roberta Houlsworth	9
Wade Nelson	16
Daron Petersen	16
Dawn Hadley	16
Drew Gothier	17
Fran Determann	22
Jeff & Jacque Gothier	22
Holly Petersen	23

