



June 2025

## Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

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So many positive things happened in May this year in the church. We celebrated the graduation of two of the young women of our church. Autum Hansen will be attending radiology school and Theresa Johnson will be embarking on a career in law enforcement. Both have been a big part of our church through the years.

One of the biggest undertakings in May was a \$1 rummage we held in conjunction with the town rummage and clean up. The women of our church brought a multitude of items that they were willing to give to the rummage and we sold everything for \$1 each. We had a lot of people shopping to find that bargain they couldn't live without. They say one man's trash is another man's treasure and people not only bought a treasure, but we passed on those things we didn't need anymore. We have become a generation of keepers and the closer I get to the end of my life, I realize these are just "things" that mean a lot to me, but not necessarily to my children. Most of us fall in that same boat! The good news is we collected around \$500 from our rummage which we will use for our mission work. How great is that?

We also continued our collection of quarters to donate to Heifer Project, a mission project that we've been doing for several years donating our quarters and loose change to purchase animals for people around the world.

May 29<sup>th</sup> marked the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Easter. It's the day that Jesus ascended into heaven and the disciples were left on earth to carry on the Lord's work. For three and a half years, they had been by his side, learning, teaching and performing miracles with their Master and now it was their turn to continue his work.

We're all disciples of Christ. We are on this earth to continue doing the work of the Lord. We're here to take care of the elderly. We're here to teach our children about Jesus. We're here to be givers to those who have less than we have.

All we do, we can do with Joy and Love in our Hearts. We just celebrated Mother's Day a few weeks ago and in a few weeks, we will celebrate Father's Day. By honoring our parents, by teaching our children, by giving to those who have very little, by being happy for the love and guidance given to us by Jesus Christ, we are doing the work of the Lord. We are true disciples of Christ.

"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. Exodus 20:12

Blessings, Shirley

# UPCOMING EVENTS



**June 8**

Pentecost Sunday

**June 9**

Ad Board and Finance meeting at 4:30pm



**June 12**

Women of Faith meeting at 10:30am

**June 15**

Father's Day

Donuts for Dads



## **Birthday Reminder**



Mary Alice Drossel will be celebrating her 100th birthday on June 7th.

Her address is 6901 Peckham St. Unit 315, Johnston, Iowa 50131

## Church News

The Anthon Women of Faith held their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 8, at 10:30, at the Anthon Community Methodist Church. Those present were Pastor Shirley, Kathy Hodgdon, Barb Madsen, Jeanette Kumer, Deb Groskruger, and Eileen Van Meeteren. Pastor Shirley mentioned those in the church and the community who needed prayers. Future meetings will be on the second Thursday of the month starting at 10:30am. Suggestions for future meetings are: more nursing home visits, more baskets given for holidays, and more cookie plates for the shut-ins, nursing home residents and others. Discussion held sponsoring possible future events for youth: youth camps, Sonrise in Sheldon, and other ideas. Shirley will be leading our meetings and Kathy will have devotions. All members are encouraged to bring a friend along to the meetings. The next meeting will be on June 12th.

Secretary, Eileen Van Meeteren

### **Tithes and Offerings**

May 4 \$ 1,900.00	May 11 \$ 1,455.00
May 18 \$ 723.00	May 25 \$ 668.50



GIVE THANKS  
to the LORD,  
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1

# Our Life Together

One man's trash is another man's treasure!

The church participated in Anthon's City Wide Rummage Sale. Parishioners cleaned out their closets and brought their "treasures" to the church. Everything was sold for \$1. We were able to bring in \$491 which will be put toward mission projects. To put this in perspective, that is 491 ~ \$1 items that was sold! Thank you to those who donated "treasures" and baked goods!



Sunday May 11 was the day that we honored our 2025 graduates.

Pictured here is Autum Hansen & Teresa Johnson.

Autum graduated from MVAOCOU High School will be attending Clarkson College in Nebraska to study Radiology.

Teresa graduated from Wayne State College and will be furthering her education by attending school with the Iowa State Patrol Academy in Des Moines.

We wish these special young ladies nothing but the best as they take the next step in their lives.





# Our Life Together

Once again we honored our mothers with a breakfast of muffins, juice, & coffee. Everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship while enjoying delicious muffins. Each mother also received a colorful carnation.



"She is clothed with strength and dignity;  
she can laugh at the days to come."

*Proverbs 31:25*



Pictured here are Trace & Jaycie Theisen dumping our quarter tubes.

This "dumping" contributed \$289.95 to our Heifer Project.

Thanks everyone for contributing!



Anthon Community Methodist Church Minutes  
Monday, 12 May 2025

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

Shirley gave devotions from Psalms 55-63, "Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul".

Deanna brought the Ad Board meeting to order. The minutes were read; motion by Roger to approve minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marilyn; all in favor, motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Had three Sunday Church Services, five church bulletins, and two children's stories. Made plans for the rummage sale and clean up. Attended Women of Faith meeting. Attended Seder supper by Kathy and a Tenebrae service on Good Friday night. JoLynne and I picked out graduation gifts and presented them. Fixed egg bake for Easter morning. Inquired about the little girls in the hospital; and followed up with two adult members after their hospitalizations.

Worship: Kathy will do Memorial Day service. Senior party/luncheon will be held Wed., July 2.

Finance: The utility bill is much lower now that weather is warmer. Parsonage is booked for the rest of the month. Have \$47,526.83 in Bank. Everything is going well.

Trustees: Removed old freezer out for City wide cleanup. Trustees will work on the pile of dirt where sewer work was done – and will level off and re-seed as needed .

Teaching: Kathy is done with Sunday school. The adults will shut down in about two weeks.

Outreach: Had lots of help with rummage sale. Good crowd came on Friday, but not on Saturday, so there are still good items left.

Nurturing: Had Muffins for Moms on Mother's Day. Will have treats for Dads next month.

Women of Faith: Had a really good meeting – seven people came. We want to continue but without the current structure – will have no president; and will discuss what we want to do. Plan to have Senior party in July; and Cookie Plates for Christmas. Crittenden Home needs school supplies, etc. so will keep them in mind. Will visit nursing homes and continue with Easter baskets, and will have lunch once a month plus will start sending birthday cards.

New Business: Discussed the condition of carpeting in the library and two church offices. JoLynne moved we contact Marcus Lumber for estimates on new carpet in the library and both offices; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark; all in favor, motion passed.

JoLynne moved the meeting be adjourned; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roger; all in favor, motion passed.

Pastor Shirley ended the meeting with a prayer.

Deanna will do devotions for our next meeting on June 9, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

### **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, Bettina Perkins, Barb Madsen, Elwanda Sheriff, Joyce Gothier, Jeanette Kummer, Roger Hladik, Stephanie Johnson, Brittany Miller, Norma Bunnell, Roger Nelson, Jen Kerns, Sally Schram, Steve Wilson, Sheryl K Ashley, Finley Petersen, daughter of Tanner and Jenna Petersen, & Ivy Petersen, daughter of Turner and Becca Petersen, Dale Hunwardsen, and Nelson Family for Donna Puttman.

**Remember our Nursing Home Residents!**

**Be A Part:** If you would like to be part of the prayer support for our church,

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### June Liturgist Responsibilities

June 1 –Duane Brandt

June 8-Marilyn Hladik

June 15-Erin Baird

June 22-Roger Hladik

June 29-Jerry Klindt

### June Children's Story Responsibilities

N/A

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

### June Birthdays & Anniversaries

Roger Hladik	6
Tom & Cindy Herrick	11
Cody & Allison Randall	12
Bridget Brown	17
Paul Mitchell	17
Austin Gothier	29
Michelle Fitch	29
Dan & Velma Brant	30

