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Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

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You're Invited to Campfire Sunday! Sunday, August 24th , 2025 Worship Service + Potluck Anthon Community Methodist Church

Join us on Sunday, August 24 th , at 10:00 a.m. for a
special Campfire Sunday service
and Blessing of the Backpacks!

Together, we'll gather in the glow of God's presence to worship,
reflect, and be inspired by the fire of Christ's love.

The service will be filled with inspiring messages, uplifting
music, and a heartwarming sense of community.

**After the service, stay and enjoy a potluck lunch—
a time of fellowship, food, and connection.**

Bring a dish to share and an open heart!

All are welcome

Come as you are – and come ready to be kindled anew!

We can't wait to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 11

Ad Board and Finance meeting at 4:30pm



August 14

Women of Faith meeting at 10:30am



August 24

Campfire Sunday & Blessing of the Backpacks at 10 am.



Blessing
of the Backpacks

Church News

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, Stephanie Johnson, Brittany Miller, Norma Bunnell, Sally Schram, Dale Hunwardsen, and Allison Randall.

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.



Tithes and Offerings

June 29 \$ 1,087.00	July 6 \$ 995.00
July 14 \$ 1,426.00	July 20 \$ 519.52
July 27 \$ 2,683.00	

GIVE THANKS
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1

Our Life Together

Summer Senior Party

Another successful Senior Party was held in the fellowship hall for local senior citizens on July 17th. Invitations were sent out to those community members who were 90 or older. The fellowship hall was decorated with a Patriotic Theme Red, White and Blue. The afternoon started out with Kathy Hodgdon welcoming everyone and introducing Allyn Anderson from LeMars, who played his guitar and sang golden oldies and religious songs. The guests were invited to sing along on several songs and Allyn stayed and enjoyed visiting and having lunch. Continued next page.....

Our Life Together

Summer Senior Party Continued...

Following the entertainment, Shirley introduced all of the 90 year olds and asked them to give one of their favorite memories reaching the age of 90. The oldest guest was introduced first, Marvin Hanson, who was 101 in April. Other 90+ guests were Sally Schram, Darlene Dose, Virginia Hayworth and Eleanore Lewis. The program continued with memories of living in the "old days" and remembering what it was like to live in a house with no furnace, burning wood and cobs to keep warm in the winter, walking 5 miles to school, and everyone taking a bath in the same bath water on Saturday night starting with the cleanest person first. Door prizes were drawn with Eleanore winning the grand prize of a bouquet a month for 3 months. Other monetary gifts were given for door prizes. Lunch was prepared by Sue Wilson and Janice Brown. All Women of Faith members helped serve cake and ice cream Sundaes. The afternoon of entertainment, fellowship and lunch was enjoyed by many.



90 year olds and above— Marvin Hanson (101), Darlene Dose, Virginia Hayworth, Sally Schram and Eleanore Lewis



Allyn Anderson

"Taking a sentimental journey"



Our Life Together

New Landscaping in front of Church

The church took on a new look this past few weeks as Deanna Adler, Addie and Jennifer worked hard pulling weeds and planting Hostas and Tiger Lillies on the North Side of the Front of the church. More work will be done this fall as some reseeding will be done to the front of the church.



Missions

We are starting our summer/fall mission projects.

We will be preparing school kits for students. If you would like to donate by purchasing school supplies or giving money to purchase school supplies, let Marilyn know.

Supplies are now on sale. Some of our school supplies will be going to the Crittenton Center in Sioux City.

We will again be collecting clothes, especially men's clothes for the Gospel Mission this fall and coats for the Gospel Mission and the Warming Shelter.

Also, the warming shelter is in need of bath towels so if you have extra and would like to donate them, bring them to the church.



Closer to the winter months we will be collecting Blankets, Hats, Coats, and Mittens for the Warming Shelter and Gospel Mission.



Church News

Anthorn Community Methodist Church Minutes
Monday, 14 July 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.

Mark gave devotions on "Unfailing Love" from 1 Peter 4:19.

Deanna called the Ad Board meeting to order. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Mark moved we approve the minutes with 2nd by Roger; all in favor, motion passed.

Pastor's Report:	Preached 3 of 5 Sundays – sent cards, made phone calls, did bulletins. Had Women of Faith meeting & started planning for senior party in July. Made trips to Gospel Mission with donated clothes. Spent lots of time planning senior party.
Finance:	Marilyn reported our income is good with \$51,359.10 in the bank. Utilities are not bad considering our hot days.
Trustees:	Contacted someone to do the yard. Front of church has been beautified with new plants and flowers. Tin strip under the big window on the south side needs repair; also have problem with leaves & sticks in the gutters on south and west sides of church. Looking for solutions.
Teaching:	Have summer off.
Outreach/Missions	Haven't met. Will be getting school supplies and giving to Gospel Mission. Crittenden Home needs school supplies and sent a list.
SPRC	Will have a meeting with Andrea within the next month or so.
Women of Faith	Working on birthday party – going really well.
Old Business	Valarie from Marcus Lumber came and gave quotes on repairing fellowship hall vinyl base, new carpet for offices and library. JoLynne moved we accept fellowship hall repair quote for \$589.99, 2 nd by Roger; all in favor, motion passed. JoLynne moved we table bid from Marcus Lumber on carpet replacement until we see more carpet samples; 2 nd by Mark; all in favor, motion passed.
New Business	We need to address issues before we install carpet in the library. We need a place to hang banners. The closet to the east would work if we took out the cupboards and sink which is not hooked up. If we remove the cupboards we could use them elsewhere in church. JoLynne moved we remove the bottom sink cupboards and drawers in preparation being laid, and use for banners and storage; 2 nd by Mark. All in favor, motion passed.

We have a member who has paid to go to a church camp in eastern Iowa. Can we reimburse this member since we do pay for those going to Onawa.

Roger moved we reimburse this member \$360 for his cost of going to camp; 2nd by JoLynne; all in favor, motion passed.

JoLynne moved meeting adjourn; 2nd by Roger; all in favor, motion passed.

Roger ended the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting – August 11, 2025, 4:30 p.m.; JoLynne will do devotions.

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August Liturgist Responsibilities

Aug. 3 –Duane Brandt

Aug. 10-JoLynne Reimert

Aug. 17-Jerry Klindt

Aug. 24-Kathy Hodgdon/Erin Baird

Aug. 31-Roger Hladik

August Children's Story Responsibilities

N/A

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

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sally Osborne	2
Dan Brant(V)	3
JoLynne Reimert	4
Doug & Stephanie Johnson	5
Alta Patterson	7
Cynthia Herrick	12
Gary & Rhonda Beeson	14
Keith & Fran Determann	14
Addie Adler	18
Connie Ashley	20
Gary Brown	20
Randy & Brenda Wolfe	24
Jerry & Eileen Klindt	27
Lyle & Sally Schram	31

