



September 2025

Thoughts From the Desk of Shirley...

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” Colossians 3:23-24

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Labor Day for those who have full time jobs, those who have part time jobs and even those who are no longer punching a time clock but still working within their communities, churches or homes signifies the end of summer. It's a time to reflect on the value of our work in our lives. For many, it's a holiday from work. For others, it's a day of getting together with family for picnics, a last summer celebration.

Whether you are working construction, in food service, working in the medical field or any other job, by dedicating our work to God, we invite him into our daily activities.

Billy Graham once said, "But Labor Day, I believe, should also be a time when we ask God to help us see our work from His point of view. Let's be honest; work isn't always exciting, and when we focus only on its problems or spend our time wishing we were doing something else, we'll probably end up resentful, angry, or bored. But when we begin to see our work from God's point of view, our attitude will be much different. We'll begin to realize that God gave our work to us, and because of this it has dignity and importance."

If we refer back to Genesis, God created everything in the world in the first six days and declared the 7th day as a Holy Day and as rest from his Labor. In Matthew, Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." While Labor Day celebrates work, it's also a day of rest. Jesus' invitation in this verse provides comfort and relief, reminding us of the balance between work and rest.

As we offer a prayer for Labor Day weekend plans, let us remember to ask God for His heavenly guidance as we commit to working hard in His name.

Heavenly Father, thank You for another chance to celebrate this Labor Day weekend. Thank You for bringing together our loved ones as we take this short reprieve to enjoy each other's company and celebrate all the hard work we have accomplished. We wouldn't have been able to come this far if it was not for Your guidance, for all that we do is for You Lord. While we enjoy our Labor Day celebrations, we vow to continue working hard. Everything we do is in Your name, Lord, and may we never forget that. We lift this prayer to You and Your Holy Spirit, Amen.

Blessings and Happy Labor Day

Shirley

UPCOMING EVENTS



September 1

Labor Day

September 8

Ad Board and Finance meeting at 4:30pm



September 11

Women of Faith meeting at 10:30am



September 14

Sunday School Begins



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

Aug. 3 \$ 547.00	Aug. 10 \$ 1,189.00
Aug. 17 \$ 503.00	Aug. 24 \$ 1,240.00

GIVE THANKS
to the LORD,
FOR HE IS GOOD

PSALM 107:1

Campfire Sunday



Our Life Together



Fellowship potluck



Our Life Together

Campfire Sunday Held

Campfire Sunday was held Sunday, August 24. We gathered together to celebrate the beginning of school for our young people by enjoying an inspiring message by Erin Baird, uplifting music including camp songs. "This Little Light of Mine", always a favorite, was sung as well as "Jesus Loves Me: and "What An Awesome God". Kathy Hodgdon gave the children's story, Shirley blessed their backpacks and the children also received tokens to attach to their back packs.

Sunday School will be starting in a few weeks so this was a great opportunity for food, fellowship and connection. Fun gifts were given out, and even S'mores were enjoyed.

Thanks to Kathy and Erin for planning the event.



Pins given out to everyone who attended the campfire service



Kathy and Erin doing the campfire reading



Keychains given out for blessings of the kids backpacks



"Jesus loves you S'more than you know"



Give me S'more of Jesus"



Our Life Together



Brantley Hoy



Sally Schram



Mark Meister

Winners

Sally & Marilyn were winners of Ice Cream treats, Sue & Mark were winners of Diary Queen gift cards, Brantley & Shirley were winners of S'mores Packets, Lettie was the winner of a stuffed s'more pillow.



Sue Wilson



Marilyn Hladik



Lettie Hoy

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, as well as a donation were given 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

Anthon Community Methodist Church Minutes

Monday, 11 August 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.

Our insurance agent, Jen O'Connell, joined us before our meeting to explain all the new changes in our church/parsonage Acuity Commercial Policy and answered all questions we had.

JoLynne gave devotions from Isaiah 41:13 "Comfort and Reassurance from God".

Deanna called the Ad Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Roger moved we approve the minutes as presented; 2nd by Marilyn; all in favor, motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Our July Senior Party was a success. Went to Marcus to pick out larger carpet samples and will pick them up this week. Many of our members are not well – made phone calls and sent cards. Did graveside services at the Mapleton funeral home's request. Preached two Sundays. Have an SPRC committee meeting this week for membership, also Missions Committee meeting.

Worship: Have Camp Sunday coming up. Planning something special for Labor Day.

Finance: Marilyn reported our income is good with \$53,401.42 in the bank.

Trustees: Mark contacted Keith Parker to check out the roof problem on the south side. Will also ask him to check out the condition of our roof and shingles. Some of our lights need to be repaired; ballasts need to be individually replaced as no two are the same.

Teaching: Will have meeting the Sunday after Labor Day.

Outreach/Missions: Working on school supplies now, then will go to the clothing.

Nurturing: Nothing to report

SPRC Visited with Andrea while she was home; discussed committees, financial, and having our bookkeeping audited every year.

Roger moved we have Nikki Kelsheimer audit our books from January to January each year; 2nd by Mark; all in favor, motion passed.

We have declined terrorist risk from our insurance but should keep cyber to protect our on-line work. Also discussed insurance for our parsonage, Workman's Comp plus a pay raise for Lay Pastor Shirley. Decisions will be made at our next meeting.

Women of Faith Will be meeting Thursday. We need to have a goal.

New Business: Property insurance is due next month. We need to decide which areas we should keep and which we should decline. Have already declined terrorist risk.

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

Lay Pastor Shirley ended the meeting with a prayer.

Next meeting – 8 Sept 2025, 4:30 p.m.

Deanna will do devotions.

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Sept. Liturgist Responsibilities

Sept. 7-Jolynne Reimert

Sept. 14-Erin Baird

Sept. 21-Marilyn Hladik

Sept. 28-Duane Brandt

Sept. Children's Story Responsibilities

N/A

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

Sept. Birthdays & Anniversaries

Brantley Hoy 3
Sally Schram 4
Jay Theisen 4
Eleanore Lewis 7
Doug Johnson 8
Peggy Hansen 9
Jennifer Hoy 9
Mitch & Emily Bohle 10
Mark Nelson 13
Barb Madsen 21
Keith Allman 22
Jeff Gothier 22
Tawnie Steinhoff 22
Braxton Allen Birk 23
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