



April 2020

Sharing the Good News by Pastor Jena

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NOTE:

We're trying to get all available e-mail addresses into our computer! Please send yours to the church so we can get you in our contact list!!!

Good morning!

I am proud to announce that we have a new facebook page. We can be found at Anthon United Methodist Church. I hope you are able to worship online with us. Please visit, like and follow our page. It will be a great new addition and platform to stay connected with each other.

Online worship gives us the opportunity to see a familiar face and hear a familiar voices. It gives us music that we can identify with. Our organ sounds great even in a video taken with a cell phone! That's such a blessing! Finding ways to stay connected and share the scriptures with others has been a journey!

These are uncertain times! Unprecedented times, indeed! I hope you are able stay home and away from the public and stay healthy. If you need to go out, please wear a mask, wash your hands often, use the hand sanitizer in your vehicle and be sure to shower when you get back home (putting your current clothes in the washer) putting on new clothes. It's important to take precautions in order to stay healthy! No one wants this COVID-19 stuff and no one wants to pass it on to others!

Please know that this is a time to not only clean out your closets and purge the nonessentials, but to clean out your schedule and discover (or rediscover) what is truly important to you. It's a time to draw near to the scriptures. We've been given some down time to do the things that we have been putting off. So, what would it look like to read a little bit of the scriptures each day? I would recommend starting with one of the gospels. My favorite gospel is the Gospel according to Luke. Please don't start in Genesis and think you should read thru to the maps!

Please let me know if you would like to chat about a reading plan for reading the scriptures. Cokesbury has just announced free online bible study tools. Please check out their website for more information.

If you need me, please call me. I am all yours! We may not be able to meet face to face, but we can still be connected!

Blessings.
Pastor Jena

Our Life Together

Dear Church family,

I hope you are all well and are staying safe. It appears that we will be maintaining social distancing for the foreseeable future, so Pastor Jena has looked for ideas on how to best support our congregation and how the congregation can also best support our church.

She has recently been in contact with me as she has been working this out. It is a trying time for all, and prayer, patience and grace will be most appreciated as we move forward and persevere. I personally am thankful for St. John's in Mapleton as they have assisted to put an online service together and get this process rolling.

Pastor Jena began doing online Sunday services beginning on April 5. You will find the list of scriptures for the next several weeks on the following page. You may want to read them before you participate in the online service. The services can be accessed by going to Facebook and searching for Anthon United Methodist Church. If you click on the LIKE button and then the FOLLOW button, you will receive future posts. If you don't use Facebook, you can do a Google search and find the videos as they are public.

We still have ongoing expenses for our church, and we appreciate those of you who have remembered the church with their gifts. Some are mailing in their contribution (PO Box L, Anthon, IA 51004) while others are signing up for automatic withdrawals through your bank.

We will let everyone know when we can gather together again as the Body of Christ.

As a community and as a church congregation we are truly blessed. Let's enjoy this time of solitude if you are sheltering in place. Please be safe.

Have faith and may God bless each of you.

SPRC Chairman,

Andrea Mitchell



Scriptures 2020

April 26 (Native American Awareness Sunday)

Acts 2:14, 36-41

Psalm 23 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Color: White
Luke 24:13-35

May 3 (4th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

Color: White
John 10:1-10

May 10 (Festival of the Christian Home/Mother's Day)

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

Color: White
John 14:1-14

May 17 (6th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

Color: White
John 14:15-21

May 21 or 24 (Ascension Day)

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Color: White
Luke 24:44-53

May 24 (Heritage Sunday)

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Color: White
John 17:1-11

May 31 (Pentecost Sunday)

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Color: Red
John 7:37-39

June 7 (Trinity Sunday) Peace with Justice Sunday

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8

1 Corinthians 13:11-13

Color: White
Matthew 28:16-20

* June 7th will be a FaceBook live worship service at 9:30am, so that we can celebrate Holy Communion. Please visit our new Face Book page at Anthon United Methodist Church for updates and details.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Graduation exercises would have been coming up this spring but this is not an ordinary year. The Methodist Women still want to honor our graduates in some way. Right now, we need help in getting their names. We don't want to leave anyone out. If you know of someone from our church who is graduating from either high school, college or a technical school, please call Eileen Klindt at 712-373-5204 with their name.

Thank you for your help.

The Parsonage is in need of a table and chairs for the dining room. If you have one you would like to donate, just give JoLynne a call at 712-373-5531. Thank you, JoLynne.



Special Prayer Needs:

Please pray for: OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, Bishop Laurie Haller, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Jeff and Jamie Griebel (Jacque Gothier's brothers), Tracy Lewis, Steve Diamond, Bobby Lewis, Cal & Joyce Gothier, Lyle & Sally Schram, Kenny Anderson, Joe Harbaugh, Barb Madsen, Wally Duncan, Ralph Diamond, Jerry Klindt, Eunice Clause, Anita Cooch, Nina Osborne, Beulah Sand, Ernestine Steinhoff, Keith Miller (A).

Be A Part: If you would like to be part of the prayer support for our church, send us your name and email to be added to the email list of pray-ers.



Missions:

Soon Lent will be approaching us and usually we do Easter Boxes, but this year we are not coming up with any names to even do a food drive. Since we're not doing the food drive, we are hoping that everyone would put what they would usually spend for groceries towards doing our Mission Kits. Let's see if we can increase the total again this year in kits that we will be sending to missions. You can either purchase the supplies needed to complete a kit or if you would like us to do the shopping for you, you can make a donation and have it marked that it goes to Missions. Here are the lists of supplies needed to complete the kits. Please notice there are changes in what is needed for this year. Thanks for all your help and support to make this all possible. Jody Parker

Personal Dignity Kit "PDK"

1 Bath Hand Towel – No kitchen towels
1 Bath Washcloth – No kitchen dishcloths
1 Comb – sturdy – No rattail or picks
1 Razor – with guard
1 Nail Clippers – No files or emery boards
10 Band-Aids – ¾" x 3"

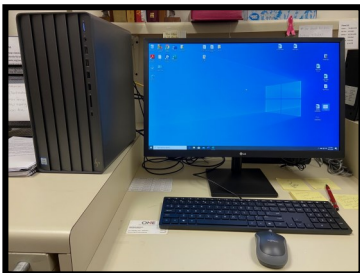
1 Adult Tooth Brush – NO multipacks
1 Toothpaste – 2.5 oz. or larger
1 Bar Soap – 3-4 oz.
1 Shampoo – 15-18 oz.
1 Deodorant – 2-3 oz. stick, roll on or pump
1 gallon resealable bag

Student Kit

3 Notebooks – 1 subject spiral 8"x10 ½"
1 pair of student round tip scissors (remove package)
1 Ruler 12" long with metric
1 Box of 24 crayons

1 Pencil eraser 2" or larger, (remove package)
1 Pencil sharpener 1", (remove package)
1 Box of 12 colored pencils
6 unsharpened pencils

Please keep in mind, even though it is hard to shop right now with Covid-19. We still are accepting donations at Anthon UMC, PO BOX L, Anthon, IA, mark it MISSIONS and as soon as the quarantine is lifted we will be able to purchase. We will be accepting gifts for these missions until November.



I personally want to THANK YOU ALL for the wonderful new computer!
It is such a blessing to have. It will be a great addition to our church office!
Thank you to all the board members for approving it and a special thank you to all generous donations we received for it!

Sincerely,
Becky

THANK YOU



Tithes and Offerings

Mar. 1 \$ 1620.00 Mar. 8 \$ 475.00 Mar. 15 \$ 1585.00
Mar. 22 \$ 145.00 Mar. 31 \$ 3045.00 Apr. 17 \$ 3075.00



ANTHON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BOARD & FINANCE MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2020

Marilyn opened with a devotional entitled "Prayers of Praise" and Pastor Jena followed with prayer. Nine members were present: Andrea Mitchell, Marilyn & Roger Hladik, Jody & Lloyd Parker, Deanna Adler, Shirley Nelson, Eileen Klindt and Pastor Jena. Marilyn reported that we have a balance of \$23,932.94. It was noted that our balance was down and possibly due to low attendance for Saturday Services and higher electric bills. A motion was made by Eileen and seconded by Roger to pay \$900 toward our apportionments. After reviewing the computer spec sheet from Tucker's Computers, Jody recommended that the board purchase a new computer from the company and Deanna seconded the recommendation. The recommendation carried.

BOARD MEETING: Shirley will have the April devotions. A motion was made to approve the February minutes by Andrea and seconded by Marilyn. Motion carried. Marilyn presented the recommendation by the Finance Committee to purchase a computer from Tucker Computers. After discussion, the board approved the purchase.

PASTOR'S REPORT: The Lenten Bible Study "Be Anxious About Nothing" is going well with approximately 10 people in attendance. Pastor has been visiting hospital patients but has suspended home visits as the homebound members are not wanting company at this time. Pastor reported that there is a good group of confirmands and she anticipates a confirmation date of April 26th.

TRUSTEES REPORT: Nothing to report.

TEACHING REPORT: The last meeting of the Sunday School class will be April 26th and will resume in the fall.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Health Kit items are currently being collected. A list of the items is available. Some of our health kits either went to Nashville for the tornado victims or went to replenish the supply.

WORSHIP REPORT: We will have one Easter Service and that will be at our regular service time of 10:30 a.m. We will be serving muffins and or rolls at 9 a.m. If we wish to attend an Easter Sunrise Service, we are welcome to attend the 7 a.m. service at the Mapleton Methodist Church. Anthon will be having a Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. and Titonic will have the Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m.

NURTURING COMMITTEE: No Report.

PPRC REPORT: Discussed contingency plans for a late pulpit appointment. Discussed the need for an office secretary to fill in when Becky is absent. They discussed future church times for the balance of Pastor's appointment. It was recommended that the fairest way for all 3 churches would be schedule church services on a monthly rotation with Anthon services as follows: April 10:30 a.m.; May 5 p.m.; and June 9 a.m.

UMW Report: Resuming monthly meetings with a March program planning meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: It was suggested to keep monthly committee meeting minutes in files at the church. Pastor will supply us with folders.

Next meeting will April 13th at 7 p.m. Roger moved to adjourn our meeting and Shirley seconded. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Eileen Klindt, Secretary

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May Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| Tanner Petersen | 2 |
| Jake Parker | 7 |
| Pastor Sheryl Ashley | 8 |
| Deb Wilson | 14 |
| Brylee Brown | 16 |
| Keith Determann | 16 |
| Ryan Redenius | 18 |
| Brady Gothier | 20 |
| Ron Steinhoff | 20 |
| Barb Wood | 21 |
| Lucille Buettner | 24 |
| John & Kathy Hodgdon | 29 |
| Kaycee Hoy | 31 |

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| Richard & Jean Petersen | 1 |
| Jody Parker | 5 |
| Roger Hladik | 6 |
| Tom & Cindy Herrick | 11 |
| Brian & Sheryl Ashley | 11 |
| Alana Redenius | 16 |
| Bridget Brown | 17 |
| Jim & Janet Trimpe | 17 |
| Paul Mitchell | 18 |
| Austin Gothier | 29 |
| Michelle Fitch | 29 |
| Jade Hadley | 29 |