



June 2020

Sharing the Good News

About fifteen years ago I took my first class for lay speaking. It was a basic class in Mapleton for three consecutive Sunday afternoons. Completing this class allowed me to preach within my home church.

Never in my wildest dreams did I think that one class would take me on the journey that I am now on.

Five years ago, I was asked to be co-chairman of the Northwest District of Lay Speakers. This position allowed me to get more involved in Lay Speaking across the District. Every spring we got together and reviewed those who were applying for Lay Servant and Lay Speaker status. We were responsible for setting up classes and teachers twice a year in different parts of the District and to make sure the lay people have completed the necessary classes and filled out the paperwork to keep their Speaker or Servant Status up to date.

During the past few years, I had the pleasure of serving the Anthon Church in the capacity of Lay Speaker, often filling in for Pastor Sheryl Ashley who was struggling with her own battle with cancer. With a once a month schedule of filling the pulpit and sometimes speaking in other churches, I gained the confidence to be comfortable in the pulpit.

Presently, we are living in a very strange time with the Covid Virus causing havoc in our world and seeing almost everything shut down including our churches. Yes, we had services on TV and the internet, but somehow it just wasn't the same as being in the fellowship with friends on a Sunday morning.

On June 7th, we made the decision to open our church for services with social distancing, no singing or responsive readings. Gradually we have added those back in, being very careful with our cleaning and sanitizing.

When Pastor Jena was assigned to Trinity Methodist Church in Fort Dodge, it left us without a pastor and I volunteered to do our services for the last three weeks of June waiting for a half time pastor to be assigned to the Anthon United Methodist Church.

Much to my surprise, District Superintendent Ron Carlson called and asked if I would pastor the church for the coming year. After prayerful consideration, I said yes, I would, with the help of the congregation, the help of our other Lay servant, Roger Hladik, and the leaders and members of all of the committees which are so important to the success of our church.

My goals for the coming year are to safely get through the Corona Virus pandemic, to make those decisions that will support the growth and stability of our church and to bring joy to this time of struggling. Blessings to all.

Shirley Nelson

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all available e-mail
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computer! Please
send yours to the
church so we can
get you in our con-
tact list!!!**

UP COMING NEWS

July 1

Shirley Nelson will be taking the Pastor position



July 4

Celebrating Independence Day! Gratitude for Religious Freedom, Appreciation for Those Who Defend Our Freedom, Thanksgiving for the Opportunity to Participate in Government, and last but not least, Thankfulness for Peace with Family, Neighbors, and Friends!



July 13

Finance/Board Meeting at 7pm

July 19

Honoring our 2020 Graduates, during our worship service

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

Drew Gothier, Reata Hoy, Jade Hadley, and Cheyenne Hill



Important News

Temporary Policy for Usage of the Anthon United Methodist Church Building and Parsonage

Effective date: June 16, 2020

This policy will supersede all other policies and is subject to amendments and revisions as approved by the Administration Council of the Anthon United Methodist Church.

Due to the uncertainty and concerns for the health of our church and community during the Covid-19 pandemic, the church is implementing the following policies:

- 1) The primary focus of the Anthon United Methodist church currently is Sunday worship services and maintaining a clean building for that purpose. Our congregation's safety is our first priority.
- 2) Church sanctuary, fellowship hall, kitchen, and classrooms will not be offered for rental for bridal showers, family events, anniversaries celebrations, or various other social events.
- 3) AA small group meetings will be the exception and will still be allowed to use the fellowship hall on Friday nights.
- 4) The church will serve its congregation as needed for funeral, baptism, or wedding services, but reserves the right to restrict attendance numbers.
- 5) Any requests for funeral luncheons will be reviewed on a case by case basis. If a luncheon is served, current health department recommendations and/or recommendations the Iowa United Methodist denomination will be followed.
- 6) The Parsonage will continue to be rented on a case by case basis as long as enough time for thorough cleaning is allowed between rentals. Guest number will be limited to 6. Jolynne Riemert will continue to manage the parsonage usage.

Missions:

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**. We will be accepting gifts until November.

Special Prayer Needs:

OUR COUNTRY, our service men and women, our church, Bishop Laurie Haller, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Jeff and Jamie Griebel, Cal & Joyce Gothier, Tracy Lewis, Bobby Lewis, Kenny Anderson, Lyle & Sally Schram, Joe Harbaugh, Barb Madsen, Keith & Fran Determann, Steve Diamond, Keith Miller, Ralph Diamond, Wally Duncan, Anita Cooch, Nina Osborne, Beulah Sand, Ernestine Steinhoff, Jerry Klindt, Steve Nelson and Family (Roger's brother), Brian Ashley, and to the family of Jerry & Sue Schram Mckuene.

Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

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.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FINANCE AND BOARD MEETING

June 16, 2020

Shirley opened with a devotion stating that challenges are gifts from God enabling us to grow spiritually. Seven members were present: Andrea Mitchell, Roger & Marilyn Hladik, Deanna Adler, Jo Lynne Reimert, Shirley Nelson and Eileen Klindt. It is the understanding of several members of the Ad Board that Lloyd and Jody Parker are stepping down from their committee positions at this point in time. Andrea Mitchell has temporarily volunteered to lead the Ad Council. No other actions were taken at this time until we have further clarifications. The Finance committee reviewed the financial reports noting that the checking balance is \$22,640.31. Andrea made a motion to pay \$900 for our apportionments.

Eileen seconded the motion and it carried. Discussion was held regarding the fall turkey dinner. The committee is working on it with regards to Co-vid 19.

Board Meeting. Andrea called the meeting to order.

Trustee & Parsonage Report: A motion sensor light for the parsonage patio has been installed. Patrick West power washed the deck and he will be applying Clorox to remove the mold before he sands it. Jo Lynne has volunteered to stain it.

Teaching: Tabled until this fall to see what we can do at that time.

Outreach: Collecting for kits.

Worship: Shirley contacted the Bishop inquiring if we could sing and have responsive reading since our congregation is so small and we have plenty of room to social distance. We were given the okay. We will be singing the first verse of songs off a paper not our hymnals. The same with the responsive readings. We discussed how we would handle funerals. This committee will continue to work on the specifics.

Nurturing: No Report.

SPRC: Superintendent is working on the appointments. Hope to meet with him this week or next.

Old Business: None

New Business: A temporary Policy for Usage of the Anthon United Methodist Church Building and Parsonage was presented by Andrea and read. After discussion, Roger made a motion to accept the Temporary Church Usage Policy. Jo Lynne seconded the motion and it carried. This policy will be reviewed periodically as things change with regard to the regulations for Co-vid 19.

The next meeting will be Monday July 13th at 7 p.m. Jo Lynne will have the devotion.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Klindt, Secretary

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Address Service Requested

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July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Brian Ashley	5
Roger Sand	6
Taylor Hansen	13
Everts Miller	16
Beau Wolfe	16
Marilyn Hladik	17
Paul & Andrea Mitchell	21
Brittany Reimert Miller	23
Joyce Gothier	23
Janice Brown	25
William Hoy	25
Tara Hill	30
Shelley Boggs	31

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sally Schram	2
Dorothy Parker	6
Dan Brant	3
JoLynne Reimert	4
Carsten Hadley	5
Alta Patterson	7
Hannah Hoy	8
Cynthia Herrick	12
Cal Gothier	13
Gary & Rhonda Beeson	14
Jeff & Tara Hill	16
Enier & Nancy Seuntjens	17
Addie Adler	18
Connie Ashley	20
Gary Brown	20
Randy & Brenda Wolfe	24
Darrell & Dawn Hadley	26
Jerry & Eileen Klindt	27
Lyle & Sally Schram	31