



July 2020

## Sharing the Good News

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Never did I think that eleven years after I retired from my job at Gateway that I would choose to go back to work again. It was such a simple life. For all of these years, I could get up when I wanted, go to bed when I wanted, clean house or take on a task like cleaning the garage. I was free to get in the car and go shopping, go to lunch with friends or simply sit in my easy chair and do nothing all day.

What a comfortable and ideal life I was living until I got a call from the District Superintendent asking me if I would consider pastoring the Anthon United Methodist Church on a half time basis. It was a prayerful time asking myself if I want to do this, asking myself if I'm qualified to do this, asking myself if the people of the congregation would even accept me being in the pulpit and leading the church.

My questions have been answered after serving only four weeks. Yes, I do want to do this. I don't have all the qualifications to do this job, but I do have the initiative to try and the people of the congregation have been so welcoming and have been giving me the thumbs up and support that I was hoping for.

Living through the Covid-19 Virus pandemic gave us the need to open our church to Sunday morning services. Although there are many churches that have not even considered having Sunday morning services and are still streaming on the internet, or are making their congregants sign up for services, so they don't have too many people show up, our congregation is blessed to be able to worship together on Sunday mornings.

We are self distancing. Those who feel more comfortable wearing masks do so. We are enjoying special music almost every Sunday. People who are hungry for God's word are **enjoying** the service. We have a group of people who have donated their time in sanitizing the building every week after services.

Our board has chosen not to use our church yet for gatherings that can be held someplace else. We still need to be very careful with not only our building, but the people that attend.

During this very unusual time in our lives, we cannot forget to pray for those people who have suffered from the Virus, those who have had to spend time in the hospital and nursing homes without their loved ones present. We pray for those who are isolated at home, too fearful or unable to leave their homes. We need to stay in contact with our shut ins and remind them that they are being thought of.

Join us in praying for our congregation that they will stay safe. Join us in praying for the leaders of our country that they will be able to contain this terrible illness that has attacked so many of our loved ones. And join us in praying for each other and thanking God for the Love and Care He is proving to all of us. Blessings.....

Shirley

# UP COMING NEWS

## Turkey Supper Cancelled for this Year

It is with much regret that we have made the decision not to have our Annual Turkey Supper this September. With the Covid 19 guidelines, there is no way that we would be able to serve people inside and therefore, we could only serve carry-outs. All food would have to be prepared with facemasks and gloves in an already hot atmosphere. Also, bringing in 50 pies from many different people also does not abide by the Church guidelines. Many preparations are made a year ahead of time, so we can increase our net profit such as buying croutons and cranberries on sale in the fall and they will winter well in our freezers. I have approximately 625 pounds of Butter ball turkeys in my freezer that we need to sell. We purchased them for \$1 a pound, with an average size turkey of 25 pounds. If you are looking for a Thanksgiving turkey, and would like to buy one of these to have on hand, please call me at 712-281-0432 or the church office at 373-5288 and leave a message. I will be glad to deliver a turkey to your house. For all of you who normally freeze corn for the supper, this year you can freeze just for yourself. We will not freeze ahead on the corn. Thanks. Shirley

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### August 10

**Finance/Board Meeting at 7pm**

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### Backpack Sunday September 13

It's almost that time to start back to school and start back to Sunday School. We are always looking for people who are interested in working with the youth, teaching Sunday School, possibly starting an MYF youth group or in any helpful capacity. We could use part time teachers to fill in, team teachers to help with the classes, or individuals that would like to teach a class for this year. If you are interested, contact Andrea Mitchell or Shirley Nelson. Also, if you know of any children who would like to come to Sunday school, September 13<sup>th</sup> is the date for Sunday School to start. Remind them to bring their backpacks to be blessed and receive a small token to attach to their backpack.

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## Quarantine Exercise

Can you find the names of 16 books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph below??

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them, I will quickly admit it usually a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she concentrate better. See how will you can compete. Relax now.

There are really **16** names of books hidden in this story!

You can find the answers in next month's newsletter.

# Our Life Together



Sunday, July 19, during our church service we had an opportunity to celebrate the graduation of Cheyenne Hill and Reata Hoy. The United Methodist Women presented them with colorful cross necklaces. Future plans were then shared by Cheyenne and Reata. The graduates were admonished to remember Proverbs 3: 5 & 6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your path."

Drew Gothier and Jade Hadley were unable to attend.



Visiting our church last week from Chicago was Fredrick Groat. His parents owned the John Deere dealership in Anthon in the 1950's. He finds his way back "home" every few years for important events such as the alumni banquet and the Quasquicentennial celebration. He was home again to attend the funeral for Eunice Clause and renew old friendships with Roger Hladik and Ralph Diamond.

## Heifer Project Donation

Our Mission committee is pleased to send another \$120 to Heifer Project Missions. Several years ago a glass tube was gifted to the church which holds \$120 in quarters. The children of the church have been collecting quarters (and other loose change) to fill this tube and as of the end of July, another \$120 was collected and will be sent off to help purchase a flock of chickens, rabbits, pigs, or cattle for third world countries to help feed and multiply. Thanks for all the quarter and dollar donations. We have already started to fill the tube again for more heifer project donations.

## 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**, and we will do the shopping. We will be accepting gifts until November.

## 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.

UMC FINANCE and BOARD MEETING

July 13, 2020

Marilyn, Finance Chairman, called our Finance meeting to order and Jo Lynne read a devotional stating, "No need is so great that God can't meet it." Seven members were present: Marilyn and Roger Hladik, Andrea Mitchell, Jo Lynne Reimert, Eileen Klindt, Deanna Adler and Pastor Shirley Nelson. Jo Lynne gave the treasurer's report showing a current balance of \$23,297.15.

Deanna made a motion to pay the difference of wages owed due to changes in the pension and Insurance for January and February totaling \$133.70. Andrea seconded the motion and it carried. Andrea moved to pay \$900 for the July apportionments and it was seconded by Eileen. Motion carried.

President of the Board, Andrea Mitchell, called the meeting to order. The June 16 Board Minutes were read and approved.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Shirley made 9 visits to parishioners in addition to a multitude of tasks. The Officer and Committee positions have been reconfigured.

**TRUSTEE'S REPORT:** They will call a meeting to set a policy for utilization of church items.

**PARSONAGE REPORT:** Jo Lynne will ask for estimates from Lloyd Parker and Randy Deeds for a ramp made of wood and also made from cement. A time frame will also be requested.

**TEACHING REPORT:** Waiting to see what happens with school. They will continue to monitor the situation.

**MISSION REPORT:** A list of what is still needed for the health and school kits will be put in the bulletin and focus. Monetary donations for the kits are also acceptable.

**WORSHIP REPORT:** The congregation has been pleased to have Roger sing during our church services. Communion services well resume as soon as the ordered elements arrive.

**NURTURING REPORT:** Five food items were delivered to parishioners.

**SPRC REPORT:** Shirley Nelson was assigned a one-year position to Pastor our church. In September the SPRC will have another meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:** After discussion, a motion was made by Marilyn and seconded by Roger to recommend to the Turkey Committee that we postpone the 2020 turkey supper to 2021. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** A virtual Bible School with packets was discussed. Jo Lynne is looking into it. Our church website will be updated. Our next Board Meeting will be August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. with Jo Lynne giving the devotion. Pastor Shirley closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Klindt, Secretary

**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, Keith & Fran Determann, Steve Diamond, Keith Miller, Ralph Diamond, Anita Cooch, Nina Osborne, Beulah Sand, Ernestine Steinhoff, Brian Ashley, Alaura Fried, Tom & Cindy Herrick, Eleanore Lewis, and to the Family of Steve Nelson and to the Family of Steve Ashley.

**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.



**Tithes and Offerings**

July 5 \$ 2,100.00	July 13 \$ 1,531.00
July 17 \$ 696.36	July 19 \$ 780.00
July 26 \$ 650.00	



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#### August Liturgist Responsibilities

August 2	Andrea Mitchell
August 9	Marilyn Hladik
August 16	Eileen Klindt
August 23	Tara Hill
August 30	Jake Mitchell

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

#### 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