

November
2010



Wood River First United Methodist Church

*"To Create A Christian Environment
That Nurtures All People's Faith in
Jesus Christ"*

TIDINGS

PASTORAL NOTES:

Greetings, this beautiful autumn season,

This is the season when those of you who are farmers have completed your harvest or almost completed it. Many of you are teaching me about harvest and all that it entails. I appreciate learning from you. Whether you farm or not, all of us can give thanks to God this season for all that God gives us. In ancient times when fruits of the field were harvested, people gave thanks for life and blessings. Here is a Harvest Psalm that was part of Jesus' prayer book:

Psalm 67: 1-2, 5-7

May God show kindness and bless us,
and make God's face smile on us!

For then the earth will acknowledge your ways
and all the nations will know of your power to save.

Let the nations praise you, God,
let all the nations praise you!

The soil had given it harvest,
God our God, has blessed us.

May God bless us, and let God be feared
to the very end of the earth.

Year after year as we give thanks for all God's gifts, we join people through the ages who thanked God in seasons of bounty and in seasons of scarcity for all that God provides. This year, may the Holy Spirit fill us with thanks for all our gifts and remind us of God's greatness and goodness.

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving, not just on the holiday, but all through the month.

Rev. Theresa Mason

POINSETTIAS ORDERS

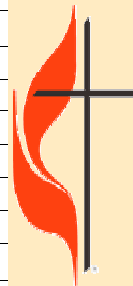
**ORDERS WILL BE PLACED
ON NOVEMBER 30TH**

Would you like a poinsettia place in the sanctuary in memory of or in honor of someone special?

The church has made arrangements with Williams Flower Company to deliver the plans. The cost will be \$10.50 per plant (This includes our delivery fee and any extra trays we may need). You may designate the color you want. If interested please fill out an order form that will be in the bulletins November 7th-28th and drop them off at the Church office. Orders will go in on November 30th to guarantee they are here for worship service on December 12th. The colors available this year are Red, White, Pink and Burgundy. Watch the bulletin for order forms and help us decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

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FINANCIAL NEWS

AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2010

Collections	\$82,289.77
Expenses	\$85,054.57

We were able to pay another month of Mission Share giving in October. That means we have paid four months total at this time. We are still delinquent on six months and will owe an additional two months before end of the year. Altogether we will owe \$17,980.00, before the end of the year.

We must remember that this Mission Share giving is very important to fund the many and various programs of the United Methodist church. Funding is a mission, an expression of stewardship, and represents the potential of working together in our connectional system to support ministry loans. Each local congregation's contributions are vitally important to God's people at home and around the world. Remember that your dollars are changing lives each and every day.

We are thankful for the beautiful weather we have enjoyed this fall and the bountiful harvest that we have experienced. There are examples of God's blessings in our lives.

We need to share this bounty with others around the world and our Mission Share giving is a way to do this.

God's grace and blessing on each of you and our sincere thanks for helping our church provide support to people around the world.

~The Finance Committee

Steve Arnett, Judy Mead, Catherine Miller, Rachelle Valdez, Brent Oster, Curt Rohrich, Mary Bilslend, Susie Powell

CIRCLE NEWS/UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Rachel Circle met on October 7th with ten members. Sylvia McTavish called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken by Catherine Miller. We answered by reading a "Food For Thought" quotation. She also read the minutes of September meeting. Prayer concerns and joys were given followed with a prayer by Mary Ann Apfel. Marilyn Webster gave the treasurer's report. Marge Hibbert gave a report on the sewing group. From Luke _ The Garden or Gardner was read by Mary Ann Apfel. Things To Be Thankful For by Billy Wetterers was read by Catherine. Bright October was read by Marge and October Gave a Party was read by Mildred Southard. Bible verse Psalm 67-7 was read. Pie's were solicited for Election Day. It was agreed on that all officers will remain the same for the year of 2011. Our December 2nd meeting will be at Ace and Eight in Cairo at 11:30 am. The meeting was adjourned. Lunch was served by Sylvia McTavish and Bonnie Schurer.

UMW met October 28, 2010 at 1:30 pm Linda Thompson Pro-Tem Mary Bilslend opened meeting with prayer and everyone saying the "Purpose" together. Linda Thompson read the minutes Pro-Tem Jan Carter, she lost her voice. Rita Earnest gave the Treasurer Report. June Watson made motion to accept and Betty Thompson second the motion and carried. Bingo will be Nov. 10th at Good Samaritan Center at 3:00 pm. Devotion was given by Susie Powell. Rozella Sidders and Linda Sample on their meeting to Annual meeting in Valentine, NE. A nice lunch was served by Ruth Circle.



United
Methodist
Women

All women of the church are invited to become part of United Methodist Women. For further information about United Methodist Women, contact Mary Bilslend at 583-2373.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER

~ Ruth Circle Monday, November 1st at 7:30 pm ~

~United Methodist Women Fall Bazaar Tuesday, November 2nd 9:00 am-7:00 pm~

~ Rachel Circle Thursday, November 4th at 1:30 pm ~

~Bingo at Good Samaritan Center Wednesday, November 10th at 3:00 pm~

~UMW Thursday, November 18th at 1:30 pm ~

AUCTION EXTRAVAGANZA

NOVEMBER 20TH

UMC AUCTION EXTRAVAGANZA!

November 20th brings an entertaining evening of great fellowship, great food and an action to benefit the church. You have to be at Babel's Barn!

Dinner will be served from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Free will offering.

All proceeds from the dinner and auction will go to the church's general fund.

Many great action items have been donated for this event. Watch for posting in the church for a current list.

If the Husker game conflicts, and it is available on television, it will be on the big screen!

UMYF HELPERS FOR FUND RAISER

Youth are needed for the Auction Fund Raiser on Saturday, November 20th at Babel's Barn youth (middle & high school) will need to be there at 5:30 to help set up and clean up after the auction. Wear casual clothing and comfortable shoes. If you have any questions call Esther Rickert or Joyce Willoughby.

Youth will also set up the Nativity Scene after worship on Sunday, November 28th.

AD COUNCIL

There was no Administrative Council Meeting in October but we have been working on the survey and preparing for the team that is meeting to assist in this endeavor. There will be a meeting in November 17th at 7:00 pm. More news to follow.

FROM THE PARISH NURSE

I was looking at the Monthly disease awareness calendar to see what might be available and I was overwhelmed to find so many different diseases and illnesses for just the month of November. A few of these are Adoption month, Alzheimer's Disease Awareness month, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) awareness month, Diabetes Month, Epilepsy month, Flu and pneumonia campaign month, and Lung Cancer awareness month. All of these are important, some more so for one than another, but I also found some commonality with all of these and that is; Share. Tell people about the disease or concern that this month is promoting that you have an interest or concern for. Act. Sign up for the event, volunteer time, or become an advocate. Learn-find out all you can or at least increase your knowledge on the topic. Get the latest information on your topic. Lastly, give of your time, talents and resources for your specific interest. We must remember the cure starts with us.

~Mary Bilslend



NEBRASKA CONFERENCE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

October 15th and 16th were the date of the 37th annual conference in Valentine, Nebraska for United Methodist Women. There was a total of 193 people, 19 from our district. Attending from Wood River were Susie Powell, Rozella Sidders, Linda Sample and Mary Bilslend. Our international speaker was Marissa Villarreal, Executive Secretary for Language Ministries, Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries, United Methodist Church. She shared any ideas to help recruit, revitalize and retain members.

Also sharing were members that had gone to the UMW National Assembly I St Louis, Missouri this past year. There were also many other speakers, updates on Wesley House and Epworth Village. Corsage of mission received \$9,508 for missions around the world. Dedicated light also reported and honored Ruby Thelander. In 2010, it was estimated that Mission work at home and across the globe cost \$40 per minute. This year, \$13,820 was received for the Dedicated Light so the light burned for 5 hours and 46 minutes.

There was election of officers and some amendments and standing rules to vote on. Deceased members, resigning and retiring leaders and officers ere also recognized. The budget was approved. Workshops, the reading program, worship, music and poet reading also were a part of the Conference. The 2nd Annual Eunice Harrington Award was received by Deanna Holland of the Blue River District. For more details, please ask any attendee and we ask that you keep October 14-15, 2011 free to attend the next Nebraska Conference UMW Annual Meeting which will be in York, Nebraska. Keynote speaker will be Harriett Jane Olson, Deputy General Secretary, Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries. We will also be including time in mission at Epworth Village.

We were also excited to have present all the District Superintendent's of all our districts.

Interested in Mission? Please join us.

FOOD PANTRY

Our congregation has been more than generous to the food pantry this fall. I have taken several bags of food each week from the box in the fellowship area to the center. We thank you so much for this and also for the gifts of money.

This month we will be delivering boxes of thanksgiving to families who can use some extra help. The items we include in these boxes are: turkeys, stuffing mixes, instant potatoes, gravy packets, margarine or butter, Jell-O, fruit, canned pumpkin, spices, cake and frosting mixes, bread or rolls and miscellaneous things. We have enough canned vegetables for Thanksgiving but will be doing this again at Christmas so we an never have too many. If there are things you enjoy for this holiday others would enjoy it also.

Any and all donations of food or money are more than welcome and will not be wasted. We thank God for our community and the benefits we have. ~The Food Pantry Committee

The Food Pantry Committee:

Mary Ann Apfel

Darlene Boroff

Marian Davis

Lynne Leffler

Wanda Monson

Joyce Packer



MEET & EAT



JOIN US!
12 NOON
Thursday,
November 11th

HEALING SERVICE

We will offer a Healing Service on Sunday, November 14th at 4:00 pm. This will be a simple service for anyone who seeks healing for themselves or wishes to pray for healing for others.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Please keep these individuals and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they heal:

Paul Quisenberry	Dick DeVore
Lori Webster	Rozella Sidders
Trace Armstrong	Rev. Peggy Hock
Rita DeBaal	Junior Radney
Greg Gewecke	Sam Sample
Goldie Olin	
Pat DeVore	
Paul I& Lori Schlict (missionaries in Africa)	

Let us know of others that who need prayers.

YOUTH CHOIR

The youth will be singing in worship on November 7th. They will rehearse the songs at 8:30 am prior to Sunday Worship. For more information contact Sara Arnett.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children will be singing songs from Vacation Church School in worship on Sunday, November 14th. Please have your children here by 8:45 am.

PRAYERS FOR GRIEVING

Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve the loss of loved ones:

Family of Ron Sherman
Bob Franke Family

PRAYERS OF JOY

Please keep these individuals and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they celebrate joy:

Mark & Brenda Codner: 10th Wedding Anniversary





READERS FOR WORSHIP

Would you like to be a reader on Sunday mornings? Youth and adults are invited to read scripture. You can sign up for the days that match your schedule. We also invite you to sign up for greeting, ushering.



SURVEYS AND INTEREST FORMS

We thank everyone who turned in surveys and interest forms. The Vision Committee will be reviewing your ideas and looking at everything that people said. All the ideas will go into a process of planning with prayer, planning, and considering the ideas which present various points of view. More will be reported about their process in the next newsletter and at Church Conference.

LOOKING INTO DECEMBER

Christmas Eve Service this year in Wood River will be at 5:00 pm. Worship Committee set this early evening time so that people could have dinner and family time after worship on Christmas Eve. Put this time on your calendar. We will have more about Advent and Christmas programs in next month's newsletter.

BOOK STUDY

The Bible Study group that meets on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. will be starting a new book and study. The Book is James; Lectio Divina which means divine reading. This study calls for us to slow down, read scripture, meditate on it and respond to it prayerfully. Please let us now if you wish to take part so a book can be gotten for you.



LOOKING FOR A Bible Study?

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Church Conference will be Sunday, December 12th at 1:00 pm at Wood River.

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER

The deadline for the December newsletter will be Monday, November 22nd. Please help me with getting things in on time. It takes time to get things put together and sent out, especially with the busy Holiday Season coming up. Thank You for your cooperation!!

THANK YOU...

The Family of Jim & Linda Thompson would like to thank everyone who sent our parents cards and well wishes for their 45th Wedding Anniversary. They are truly blessed to have family & friends in this community.

~The Thompson Kids



WOOD RIVER UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
ELECTION DAY BAZAAR
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010
FROM 9:00AM – 7:00 PM

At the First United Methodist Church of Wood River
Join us for coffee & rolls at 9:00 am

Serving Homemade Soups
And Pie from 11:00 am-7:00 pm

FREE WILL OFFERING
~ORDERS MADE TO GO~

Come and shop at our handmade items
and our “New to You” tables.

BE SURE TO VOTE ON YOUR
WAY TO SEE US!!!



MEDITATION

As we write about policies to avert violence, we also need to work on violence within us and those near us. Adapt this pledge to yourself and include in your prayers. Also, make copies and share with teacher in your community. For more information go to: www.ipj-ppj.org.

YOUTH PLEDGE ON NONVIOLENCE

Making peace must start within ourselves and in our school. Each of us, members of _____ school, commit ourselves as best we can to become nonviolent and peaceable people.

To Respect Self and Others

To respect myself, to affirm others and to avoid uncaring criticism, hateful words, physical or emotional attacks, negative peer pressure, and self-destructive behavior, including abuse of alcohol and drugs.

To Communicate Better

To share my feelings honestly, to look for safe ways to express my anger and other emotions, to work at solving problems peacefully, and to encourage an open system of communication throughout the school.

To Listen

To listen carefully to one another, especially those who disagree with me, and to consider others' feelings and needs as valid as my own.

To Forgive

To apologize and make amends when I have hurt another, to forgive others, and to keep from holding grudges.

To Recreate Nonviolently

To select activities and entertainment that strengthen my commitment to nonviolence and that promote a less violent society, and to avoid social activities that make violence look exciting, funny or acceptable.

To Act Courageously

To challenge violence in all its forms whenever I encounter it, whether at home, at school, at work, or in the community, and to stand with others who are treated unfairly, even if it means standing alone.

This is our pledge We will check ourselves monthly to keep our promise to build a more peaceable school.

"Eliminating violence, one school at time, starting with our own."

We are grateful for each and everyone of you who is part of this peacemaking witness!