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Worship Times

Sunday-10:00 AM

Wednesday-6:30 PM

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Schism in the UMC—An Update

Following the denomination's General Conference (held every 4 years) in 2016, a Special General Conference was to be held in 2018 to consider the Commission on a Way Forward's recommendations and resolve the theological and political divisions within the church regarding human sexuality and same sex marriage. The Special General Conference was delayed until February 2019 and the Commission on a Way Forward was only able to present the same 3 plans that had been presented multiple times in the past. Briefly, the 3 plans were: Traditional Plan—maintaining the existing doctrine and language of the *Discipline*, One Church Plan (supported by the Council of Bishops)—which would change the doctrine and language of the *Discipline* but, allowed each clergy and local congregation to choose for themselves, and the Simple Plan—which would change the doctrine and language of the *Discipline*. All three plans originally had a provision attached which would allow any congregation wishing to leave the denomination to do so with all their assets. These provisions were deleted from all 3 plans by the Council of Bishops. These 3 plans were the plans considered by the Special General Conference held in St Louis, February 2019.

The voting results at GC2019 were that both the One Church Plan and the Simple Plan were defeated. The Traditional Plan with a provision for a "Gracious Exit" by any congregation wishing to leave the denomination with its assets was passed 53% to 47%. The results were received with angst by those who had supported a change. Calls for continued disobedience immediately went out at the conference and over social media. New York Bishop, Thomas Bickerton, made the following statement immediately following the Special General Conference.

The contentious 2019 special General Conference in St. Louis underscored intensifying divisions (within the denomination) and the need for amicable separation. It became clear that the line in the sand had turned into a canyon. The impasse is such that we have come to the realization that we just can't stay that way any longer.

As I have reported to you, the divisions and disobedience within the denomination among clergy and laity has not only continued but worsened. As a result, leaders from the various theological and political groups came together and prepared and proposed a bipartisan piece of legislation titled *Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation*. A very brief description is that the existing United Methodist Church would be redesigned, a new Evangelical denomination would be formed, and all churches that wished to leave the United Methodist Church would be able to vote to leave with all of their assets (buildings, money, etc.). This legislation was to be considered at the next General Conference in May of 2020 . . . then came the pandemic.

The May 2020 General Conference was postponed and rescheduled for August of 2021. It was then postponed, again, and now is scheduled for September of 2022. The delays in the ability of the church to act on this legislation and to allow Methodists to move and minister as they see God's calling for them has caused further problems for the General Church and area Annual Conferences. In particular, apportionment funds from local churches to their annual conferences and, in turn, from annual conferences to the General Church, have diminished significantly. The General Church has put a hold on election of any new bishops and many annual conferences have been merged together. For example, Iowa has had its own bishop for many years but, now the resident bishop for Iowa is the bishop also for Minnesota and North and South Dakota (which were separate annual conferences in the past). At the annual conference level, many conferences are drastically reducing administrative staff, merging districts, and eliminating district superintendents and conference ministry staff. This includes the Iowa Annual Conference.

As a result of the escalating fiscal and political tension, in November of last year a breakaway group of liberal clergy announced the creation of a new denomination: Liberation Methodist Connexion. They have refused to release any information regarding the level or numbers of participation in the new denomination.

Then, in March of this year, the Evangelical voices of the United Methodist Church (in the U.S. this would include the Wesleyan Covenant Association), announced the creation of the Global Methodist Church. At its core is the *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline* which has already been prepared in French, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, and English. The various translations represent the languages associated with evangelicals around the world who have committed to the new church; including those from Africa, Eurasia, Philippines, Eastern Europe, Russia, and the United States. The Global Methodist Church is meeting administratively only at this time in anticipation of the passage of the *Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation* at which time it will commence full ministry around the world.

Allow me to conclude with a few final thoughts and reminders. Soon every church in the denomination and every individual clergy person in the denomination will have to decide where they stand and how they will move forward. While the liberal segment of the church would have you believe that this is exclusively about human sexuality (LGBTQ+ and same sex marriage), I assure you the issue runs much deeper.

The issue is the inability of the United Methodist Church to continue its ministry by accepting all aspects of Liberal Theology. Yes, it does include the issue of human sexuality, but much more. Within the UMC we have bishops who claim Jesus was just a man, no different than you and me, a sinner seeking enlightenment. There are clergy who preach and teach that Jesus is not the Son of God and that he did not die on a cross for our sins. There are clergy who claim the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead is only a myth (including a former district superintendent in the Iowa Annual Conference). There are clergy and laity who would make the Bible “gender-neutral,” removing or changing all references to maleness (he, him, Father) as sexist and misogynistic; as some annual conferences have ordained individuals who claim their identity, not as he or she, but as “they” or “it.” There are clergy and laity who advocate a form of Liberal Theology known as “Liberation Theology” that advocates armed violence in the liberation from minority oppression.

Evangelicalism . . . Traditionalism . . . Wesleyanism, is about holding to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and how, through God’s Grace, sinners are transformed and redeemed. This is the decision we will all soon have to make. So, pray! Pray for Christ’s Church. Pray for Heritage! Pray for your Pastor!

Pastor Ron



As my schedule has evolved over the past year, I need to adjust my office hours. Beginning May 1st my NEW OFFICE HOURS will be:

Monday: 9a – 3p

Tuesday: 1p – 3p

These are also the days I do most of my weekly administrative tasks. So, I ask that you call ahead so I can plan time with you. You may always call or text my cell phone: 319-538-7132 or email me at pastor@heritagewaverly.org. While I am always happy to see you, things come up and the schedule may change suddenly.

Thanks, Pastor Ron

MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						1:00-3:00 pm-Ani Wentworth's Graduation Open House
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9:00 am-Sunday School classes for all ages, Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am-Worship with Communion	6:30 pm-Bible Study: Gospel of John	9:00 am-Prayer Group 10:00 am-Bible Study: Gospel of John 5:30 pm-Outreach 6:30 pm-Trustees	6:30 pm-Worship with Communion 	10:00 am-Bible Study at the church 5:30 pm-SPRC 6:30 pm-Ad Council		10 am-noon-Pick up geraniums at the church 10:00 am-Survivors of Suicide Support Group
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<u>Mother's Day</u> 9:00 am-Sunday School classes for all ages, Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am-Worship	 6:30 pm-Bible Study: Gospel of John	9:00 am-Prayer Group 10:00 am-Bible Study: Gospel of John 6:30 pm-UMW	6:30 pm-Worship	10:00 am-Bible Study at the church 		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9:00 am-Sunday School classes for all ages, Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am-Worship	6:30 pm-Bible Study: Gospel of John	9:00 am-Prayer Group  10:00 am-Bible Study: Gospel of John	6:30 pm-Worship	10:00 am-Bible Study at the church	Office Closed	4:00-7:00 pm-Alandria & Quintin Trowbridge's Graduation Open House
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:00 am-Last day for SS classes, Coffee Fellowship 10:00am-Worship 11:00 am-Dessert Reception Honoring the Graduates	6:30 pm-Bible Study: Gospel of John	9:00 am-Prayer Group 10:00 am-Bible Study: Gospel of John (deadline for newsletter articles)	6:30 pm-Worship	10:00 am-Bible Study at the church 		
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9:15 am-Coffee Fellowship 10:00am-Worship	Memorial Day  THANK YOU!					

Upcoming Worship—May

Continuing in our Study of the Gospel of Matthew

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Sermon Title</u>	<u>Scripture: Matthew</u>
<u>Sermon Series: Faith</u>			
2 nd	Sunday	<i>When God Says “No”</i>	15:21-28
5 th	Wednesday	<i>Tested</i>	15:26-28
9 th	Sunday	<i>Faith Produces Miracles</i>	9:18-26
12 th	Wednesday	<i>To Be Healed In Christ</i>	9:24-25
16 th	Sunday	<i>To Be Like a Child</i>	18:1-5
19 th	Wednesday	<i>Childlike Faith</i>	18:3
23 rd	Sunday	<i>The “Bread” of Life</i>	16:5-12
26 th	Wednesday	<i>Declaration of Faith</i>	16:13-16
30 th	Sunday	<i>The Law & The Prophets</i>	17:1-9



Easy, Convenient, and Secure

HeritageWaverly.org is our church web site. Through the web site you now have the ability to give to the church: the General Fund or any of the many areas of ministry the church has. You can make a 1-time gift or set up recurring gifts through your credit/debit card or your bank account. Your account and information is secured through the highest standards of internet security. Go to www.HeritageWaverly.org and open the page called Donate to Heritage UMC, click the link “Click Here to Donate.” This will take you to a secure web site where you can set up your personal account and donate to the church or specifically to

any of its missions or ministries. A mobile phone app—Heritage (Waverly) United Methodist Church will be available soon. Contact the Church office for info.

IF YOU HAVE TO MISS CHURCH – DON’T MISS SHARING WITH GOD

Treasurer Needed at Heritage

Heritage United Methodist Church is in the process of seeking a person or accounting firm to take over the responsibilities of the treasurer position. This person or firm would need certain training and expertise which would allow them to accurately and professionally perform the required tasks of the treasurer. If you would like to serve in this position please contact the Church office at (319) 352-1776.

May Ushers

May 2nd - Jim & Marilyn Campbell
May 9th - Bob Nellis & Bill Dravis
May 16th - Mark Iserman & Bill Dravis
May 23rd - David & Karen Stumme
May 30th - Brett & Robin Vette



May Scripture Readers

May 2nd – David Fox
May 9th – Jack Cole
May 16th – Bob Nellis
May 23rd – Bev Stansell
May 30th – Bill Dravis



One-Room Sunday School Update

The One Room Sunday School class will be finishing their final mission project of this school year on May 2nd. They have been busy making & decorating May baskets which will be filled & handed out after the church service on May 2nd. We hope many of you will be in attendance to get a treat from the class & thank them for their mission work. Special thanks to all who donated toward this project!

One of our goals as leaders this year has been to show the class that they can serve others inside & outside of our church no matter their age and that everything they do for others they also do for Christ. We are so proud of our youth!

Our lessons for May will follow Pastor Ron's sermons on faith. Our final class of this school year will be May 23rd.

Blessings to all from Bob Nellis, Karen Wentworth, Ani Wentworth & Chelsey Cole.

May Outreach Mission

Our Outreach Committee will meet on May 4th, at 5:00 pm, prior to our regular meeting at 5:30, to continue our work on the Lost Sheep Initiative. We have received many responses back from the letters we sent out last month.

Our new mission for May will be the Summer Lunch Program at Southeast Elementary school in Waverly. Children in this summer program receive a hot lunch Monday-Friday and are given a backpack with food items for the weekend. Donations may be placed in the offering plates or mailed to the church. Please write "Summer Lunch Program" in the memo of your check or on your giving envelope.

Thank you to all who donated to our April Mission for the Good Samaritan Fund. \$325 was collected.



MAY MEETINGS

May 4th-Outreach, 5:30 PM

Trustees, 6:30

May 6th-SPRC, 5:30 PM

Ad Council, 6:30 PM

May 8th-Survivors of Suicide Support Group, 10:00 AM

May 11th-United Methodist Women, 6:30 PM

Mowers Needed

The mowing schedule is on the bulletin board in the Family Life Center.

Please sign-up if you can help out.

We have a zero-turn mower you may use or you can bring your own.

Offerings

Thank you to all those who continue to send weekly and monthly offerings to the church!

It is very much appreciated!

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's breakfast is tentatively set for September.

Be watching for details!



Tuesday Morning Prayer Group

Please join us at the church on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 for a time of prayer. Prayer is a very powerful tool given to us by God. Let's gather together and put the power of prayer to work!



Please join us in the Family Life Center
Saturday, May 1st, from 1:00-3:00 pm, for a
Graduation Open House for Ani Wentworth!





May Birthdays



May 1st-Becky Gors,
Carlee Trowbridge,
Chloe Trowbridge
May 2nd-Kaelei Tellinghuisen
May 4th-Quinten Brandt,
Bonnie Dahlstrom
May 8th-Jennifer Bupp,
Vicky Rewerts
May 10th-Kyle Kramer
May 11th- Babs Ormston
May 14th-Tyler Kramer
May 15th-Hannah Fox,
Cassidy Tellinghuisen
May 20th-Vera Garbes,
Lottie Ramker
May 21st-Steve Drinkwine,
Kyle Hoins,
Monie Wurdinger
May 24th-Amy Vossberg
May 28th-Thomas Jensen
May 30th-Emma Cole

May Anniversaries

May 5th-Brian & Julie Schmidt
May 7th-Bob & Sharane Greenlee
May 11th-David & Adena Baker
Al & Deanna Williams
May 21st-Dennis & Ronda Happel
May 25th-Chris & Alisha Jensen
May 27th-Dale & Ellen Calease
May 31st-Michael & Mindy Schlader



**(If we have missed your birthday or anniversary please call the church
and let us know. Thank you! 319-352-1776)**

My Heritage UMC Promises



My Prayers

I am called to pray for God's beloved

Prayer Concern(s)

Living with Cancer

Randy, Edmond & Brenda Wolf
Staci Bruns
Wendy Brooks
Rev. Tom Barnard (Trinity UMC)
Joey Heise

Contact Person(s)

Karen Matthias
Krista Mulder
Sherwin & Bertha Smith
Pastor Ron
Bob Nellis

Other Health Concerns

Dick & Babs Ormston
Katrina & Judy Seeley
Steven Stafford, Ryan Nesseth
Lois Eggleston, Becky Warrington
Nathan Heise
Baby Julia Smith
Emma Morey
Scott McNamar
Helen Olson
David Chestnut
Nancy McElroy
Sherwin & Bertha Smith

Bob Nellis
Karen Matthias
Karen Matthias
Robin Vette
Colleen Franzen
Bill Dravis
Denny & Karen Wentworth
Al & Caroline McNamar
Kim Cole
Vivian Chestnut
Pastor Ron
Bryan Smith

Military Personnel & Their Families

Mitch Williams
Jon Simmonds
Michelle & DeVaughn McGee

Al & Deanna Williams
Mark & Deb Iserman
David & Karen Stumme

Other Concerns

The Family of Dale Clewell



Prayer Requests are deeply personal needs expressed by those who understand and hope in God's mercy and grace. Here at Heritage, in addition to the Pastor, we have a dedicated Team of Prayer Warriors and each of us is called to "pray without ceasing" for our brothers and sisters in Christ. It is very important then to keep our formal Prayer Request List current and up to date.

The Prayer Request List that is provided each week in the bulletin and the monthly newsletter, will be started fresh at the beginning of each month. If you have a prayer request that you would like shared with the congregation, please make it known to the Pastor, a Prayer Team member, or the church office. If you are on the Prayer Request List and wish to remain, please let us know and your name will be carried over to the new month. Please, please, please . . . if you are requesting prayer for someone other than yourself, you must have that person's permission to be added to the congregation's Prayer Request List. Questions? Contact Pastor Ron or one of the Prayer Team: Karen Matthias, Karen Wentworth, Bob Nellis, or Bill Dravis.

My Gifts

I am called to share my gifts.

FINANCE REPORT for week ending 4-24-2021.

2021 Budget	\$173,219.00
Giving Needed to Date	\$ 54,100.98
Actual Giving to Date	\$ 54,241.18
2021 Apportionments	\$20,096.00
District Asking	\$ 1,158.00



Money Given Toward Apportionments Since Jan. 1, 2021 \$600.00
Apportionment money paid to the Conference since Jan. 1, 2021 \$2,100.00
 (paid quarterly)

My Service

I am called to serve God by:
 attending worship services
 inviting a neighbor to church
 giving to May Missions
 giving of my time & talents

My Presence

Sunday, April 4th
 Sunrise Service-49
 10:00 AM Service-71
 Wednesday, April 7th-20
 Sunday, April 11th-35
 Wednesday, April 14th-19
 Sunday, April 18th-52
 Wednesday, April 21st-17
 Sunday, April 25th-47

My Witness

When we use our *prayers, presence, and gifts* in service of God to others,
 we act as *witnesses* to God's saving love through Christ
 and as examples of how to live a life of
 Christian disciples.

Facebook Page

Check out our Facebook page— Heritage United Methodist. “Like us” and visit often for important information about what’s going on at our church. Pastor Ron will be delivering a live streamed message “In the Word Wednesday with Pastor Ron” at 10:00 AM. He will also put the Sunday 10:00 AM and Wednesday 6:30 PM services online.

United Methodist Women

- We are taking orders for geraniums after worship on Sundays. See the article in this newsletter.
- We received a thank you from Midwest Mission for our Ingathering kits.
- Sunday, May 23rd, we will have a dessert reception for the High School graduates after church. Jack Cole, Colton Kueker, Kaelei Tellinghuisen, Alandria & Quintin Trowbridge, & Ani Wentworth
- Birthdays were celebrated.
- Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 11th, at 6:30 PM. All those present will be hostesses.



May Bible Verse: For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only son,
so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

Thursday Morning Adult Holy Bible Study

Thursday morning adult *Holy Bible* study will be held at 10:00 AM, at the church. You will need to bring a *Holy Bible* and a pen or pencil. Thank you and “Shalom!”



Help Needed

If you would like to usher some Sunday morning or Wednesday night please call the office, 319-352-1776, and let Robin know. And thank-you to all of those who have helped out in the past! We really appreciate your service!



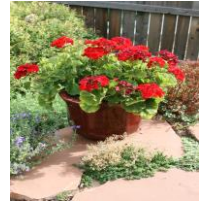
Fiber Optic internet service is now up and running at Heritage UMC. We have set up a special WiFi connection for members and guests. On your wireless device (cell phone, iPad, etc.), look for “HeritageUMCGuest” in your WiFi settings. Join with the password: “HeritageGuest.”

Alandria & Quintin Trowbridge would like to invite you to their Graduation Open House Saturday, May 22nd, from 4:00-7:00 PM. It will be held at their home.
104 E. Weare St., Clarksville.



Taking Geranium Orders

The United Methodist Women will be taking orders for geraniums after worship on Sunday. They will be \$6.00 each and red in color. The last day to order is Sunday, May 2nd. You can pick up your geranium(s) at the church Saturday, May 8th, from 10:00 AM-noon, just in time for Mother's Day. You can also call the church to place an order. 319-352-1776.



Rada Orders

If you need a gift from Rada or to place an order take a catalog from the table by the office and place the order form in the orange folder in the office or give to an outreach member. All purchases support the Outreach missions. If you have friends or family that live in another city or state that are interested in supporting the Outreach ministry at HUMC here is the link they can go to: <http://bit.ly/2xPcgd2> They can shop, place an order and have their order shipped directly to them. Call Kim Cole if you have any questions. 239-8648.



Honoring the Graduates

Sunday, May 23rd, we will be honoring our High School graduates during the 10:00 AM service. Following the service the United Methodist Women will have a dessert reception. Hope you can join us!



Jack Cole
Colton Kueker
Kaelei Tellinghuisen
Alandria Trowbridge
Quintin Trowbridge
Ani Wentworth

Signs Outside of Churches

“If you’re headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns!”

“If you don’t like the way you were born, try being born again.”

“In the dark? Follow the Son.”

“If you can’t sleep, don’t count sheep, talk to the Shepherd.”

“Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low.

But the retirement benefits are out of this world”
