

On March 25th, the kids of our church led us in an amazing worship! The children began the service with a Parade of Palms throughout the sanctuary. Then the little kids led us in a fun play of the Easter morning events out of the Gospel of John. During the message our older kids shared with us the Stations of the Cross in order to help us understand Christ's last moments before his amazing sacrifice, death and resurrection. We are blessed to have so many children and their amazing leaders in our church!

Superior United Methodist Church

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Speak out. Speak up.

The first weekend in April, Patty Studer, our Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairperson, and I attended a meeting in Grand Island with our Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. During the meeting he reminded all in attendance the importance of the laity in the churches of our conference. Frankly, if we didn't have our laity, we wouldn't have a church. Some of you may be wondering, who are are laity? Believe it or not, that's not a stupid question. For people who haven't been brought up in the church setting, they don't necessarily know "church speak." I didn't understand it myself when I began going to the United Methodist church 16 years ago. However, the answer to that is simple. Laity = you. You, my friend, are laity. Anyone who is a part of a church body that is not the pastor, is laity. And the Bishop is right. We wouldn't be the church without you. I, as your pastor, want to get more people involved in the worship service of our church. How can we do that you may

ask? Not everyone is called to this, but I would love to have people help with leading the Call to Worship, Opening Prayer and reading of the scripture. If we had enough people volunteer to do this, you may only have to do it once a month. If you think to yourself, "I can't pronounce all those weird words in the Bible!" do not fear! Here's my secret I learned in seminary, if you say it with confidence and don't stumble, just keep going, nobody will ever know any different! And if there are weird words, I can give you pronunciations. So if you think you might be interested, please let me know! We'll put you on a list and have someone call you with the week that you can help me lead our worship. I'm sure everyone gets tired of me talking up there all the time anyway! It doesn't even matter how old you are. If you're a fourth grader, or eighty-two, we would love to have you help us out!

Blessings,
Pastor Natalie



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Pastoral Ponderings

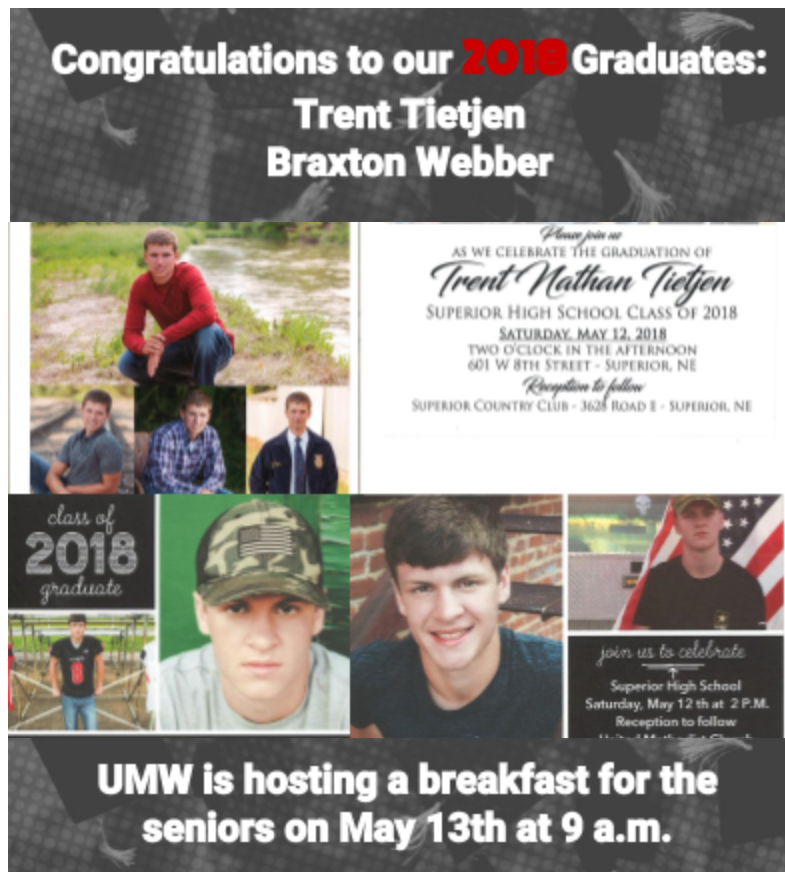
So on the first night of a new Bible Study, The Wesleyan Way, a couple of years ago, the leaders guide told me to be prepared to answer the following questions: Why are you a Christian? What does being a Christian mean to you? I began thinking about those questions a lot over the next couple of days and at the end of the class I realized that the class didn't even ask me the questions! But I told them about the questions anyway. So then they did ask me why I am a Christian. My answer, after prayer and after discernment, comes down to this: Because I know I am loved by God. But then I began to think about why I know I am loved by God, and what it does mean to me. The conclusion I had come to, (and this is a process, because all of being a Christian is a process) is that there was so much going in my life at the time: I was getting married, I was getting ordained, I was receiving a new appointment close to my soon to be husband, I had amazing kids, the list could go on. I could tell that God was taking care of me, and I still praise and thank him for that.

But what about when things in our lives are bad, when things are awful? I realized that several years ago, when my life was falling apart in the midst of a failed marriage, that I turned to the only thing I knew I could possibly count on without fail: God. That's how I know I'm a Christian. Even in the midst of pain and suffering, I sought help from the only person who could help. And God did what God does and comforted me. Did God take the pain away, or change the fact that my marriage was over? No, but he eased the pain and gave me peace.

When we are in the midst of tragedy, how do we seek solace? Who, or maybe what, do we turn to? David, in the Psalms cried out to God over and over again in his anguish and pain. I'm reminded of the song by Casting Crowns, "And I'll praise You in this storm and I will lift my hands. For You are who You are, no matter where I am. And every tear I've cried you hold in Your hand. You never left my side and though my heart is torn, I will praise You in this storm."

In Circles of Hope, an organization to help people break the cycle of poverty, they teach their participants to have an elevator story of what Circles means to them, to be able to tell that story in an elevator ride. Well, this is my elevator story of why I am a Christian, why I praise God, and what it means to me. I encouraged my class, and now I encourage you, to think about that question: Why are you a Christian? You may surprise yourself...I certainly did.

Blessings,
Pastor Natalie



Come Join us for a day in
the Park!

10:30-- Worship

Hope to see you there
on June 10th!

What's Happening this Month?

May Calendar

May 3rd: National Day of Prayer Breakfast @ 7 a.m. @
Living Faith Fellowship Church

May 5th: UMW Brunch @ 11 a.m.

May 6th: Last Sunday Funday Celebration with breakfast
buffet in Fellowship Hall 9 a.m.

May 9th: Senior Baccalaureate @ 7 p.m. @ FUMC

May 10th: Chapel @ Kingswood Court @ 4 p.m.

May 11th: "Mom's Night Out" @ 7 p.m. @ Pastor's House

May 12th: High School Graduation @ 2 p.m.

May 13th: Graduation Breakfast @ 9 a.m.

Mother's Day & Recognition of Graduates!

No Confirmation.

May 14th: Bingo at Good Sam 2:00 p.m.

Happy Time Preschool Graduation @ 6:30 p.m.
@FUMC

May 15th: Memorial Committee @ 5:05 p.m.

Trustees @ 6:30 p.m.

Finance @ 7 p.m.

SPRC @ 7:30 p.m.

May 19th: Men's Breakfast @ Webber UMC @ 8:00 a.m.

May 20th: Administrative Council following late service

May 27th: No Confirmation.

Weekly Groups

Sundays-Confirmation Class 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Tuesdays-Mental Health Group 6:15-8:15 p.m.

Wednesdays-Needle Huddle 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Acolytes:

May 6 - Jordan Brown

May 13 - Dylan Edwards

May 20-Teegan Duncan

May 27- Zak Corman

Anniversaries

8th Tony & Patty Studer
15th Matt & Jessi Edwards
21st Tod & Jennifer Jantzi
28th Brian & Natalie Faust

BIRTHDAYS

1st Teresa Wilson
2nd Linda Nelson
4th Sue Guilkey & Judy Pettit
5th Callum McCord
8th Marsha Ray
13th Kathleen Ross
14th Jaylen Kile
15th Normisa Flores
16th Brian Faust
17th Ilene Johnson
18th Todd & Camie Kroeger
19th Carole Thompson & Joe
Wilson
20th Melissa Guilkey
21st Colin Ross & Jessica
Hamilton
22nd Evan Ross
23rd Cooper Woerner
24th JoAnn Reed & Ann
Regelts
25th Tracy Dunoon
27th Ethan Ross & Ambryn
Tatro
28th Natalie Faust
29th Lori Harris
30th Joline Allington
Jacob Hamilton
31st Cliff White



Month's Minutes



Administrative Council

The Administrative Board met on April 23, 2018 .

Present: Beverly Beavers, Marsha Ray, Sue Rose, Patty Studer, Gail Breen, Linda Cox, Jana Marr, and Reverend Natalie.

Minutes of the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

Finance: The Church's audit for 2017 has been sent to the District office. The bill for the new sidewalks project from Saathoff Construction was a little over \$13,000.00. The Church had a donation for \$6,000.00 to be used towards the project. The balance will be paid out of the Capital Improvement Fund. The Memorial Committee will be contacted to see if they have any funds they could contribute to the project.

Trustees: The next project will be working on the north closet in the Fellowship Hall. The Board discussed scheduling a workday to clean out the closet.

UMW: Linda Cox reported she attended the District Meeting on 04-21-18. UMW met on 04-18-18 with 12 members present. The May Brunch will be held 05-05-18 at 11:00 A.M. A breakfast will be held honoring the Church's graduating seniors on 05-13-18.

Education:

May 06, 2018 will be the last day of Sunday School until fall.

SPRC: Patty Studer stated the evaluation of the minister had been completed. The Committee will be working on the Covenant and the Anti-Triangulation Policy.

Pastor's Report: Reverend Natalie and Patty Studer will be attending the Conference Middle School Camp in June with the 4 students. Reverend Natalie will also be the Camp Speaker.

The Church will have a summer intern, she will be helping with Church activities while Reverend Natalie is at Camp, and throughout the rest of the summer.

"Labor of Love" Nominations have been distributed to the congregation, who can nominate more than 1 person if they want.

Reverend Natalie has finished her required continuing education for the year.

Camp Fontanelle will have an engraved brick made in honor of our Church's donation to Camp Fontanelle.

The Board decided the brick should be read:
Gift of Love, FUMC, Superior.

New Business: New Church t-shirts were discussed. Beverly Beavers will be in charge of the project this summer.

Reverend Natalie closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Marr, Ad Board Secretary

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at 7:00 p.m in the church Fellowship Hall.

Co-President Jana Marr called the meeting to order with twelve members present. She began the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the March 21, 2018 meeting were approved as read. Treasurer, Sylvia Imhoff, reported a balance on hand of \$3,755.53. Journey in Planning Chairman, Esther Martin, reported that Rene Sinclair will present the program on "Soap Making" for the May 5th 11:00 a.m. brunch. Carole Thompson will act as chairman and be assisted by the committee of Connie Hayes, Twilla Frerichs. Red Cloud, Webber, and area ladies will be invited to attend. RSVP to Carole Thompson. Sue Rose, and Mary Ray are also on the committee.

A potluck breakfast will be held for the graduating seniors on May 13th at 9:00a.m. Sylvia Imhoff reported that twelve hygiene kit and thirty school kits have been prepared. Elaine Guilkey moved that the \$1 per kit required for shipment be provided by UMW. The motion was seconded and carried. Avis Shaw, Gifts of Love Chairman, announced that the committee of Sue Rose, Sylvia Imhoff, and Avis will soon be making spring visits to church members. UMW will pay one half of the Camp Horizon expense for four middle school students to attend June 18th-22nd as provided for in the group Standing Rules. An area network of churches will have summer intern minister from Kansas Wesleyan during the months of June-August. Superior United Methodist is included in this group. Avis Shaw will serve as snack chairman for the Priscilla Shirer telecast on Saturday, April 28th. Bonnie, Jana, Linda, Esther, and Carole will bring snacks. Linda Cox announced that the Prairie Rivers district meeting was postponed until April 21st due to last week's storm. Avis Shaw was honored with a corsage for missions.

"It Looks Like This-A Point of View" was the program on perspective presented by Sue Rose. Hostesses for the evening were Carole Thompson and Athelda Thompson. Bonnie Langer assisted with the serving. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Avis Shaw

Recording Secretary Pro Tem

Worship Assistants

May 2018

Greeters:

May 6- Linda Cox

May 13 - Linda Nelson

May 20 - Dorothy Rust

May 27 - Avis Shaw

Ushers:

May 6 - Sue Guilkey, Avis Shaw, Mary Hamilton

May 13 - Roger Nelson, Bill Hamilton, Arnold Ross

May 20 - Joe Wilson, Gail Breen, Gene Frerichs

May 27 - Phil Dean, Judy & Danny Corman

Counter All Month: Mary Hamilton

Sound Technicians:

May 6 - Jeff Guilkey

May 13 - Marsha Ray

May 20 - Sandy Borden

May 27 - Angela Garver

Communion Steward: Mary Ray

June 2018

Greeters:

June 3 - Susan Williams

June 10 - Carole Thompson

June 17 - Margaret Breen

June 24 - Judy Corman

Ushers:

June 3 - Steve & Karen Fox, Jeff Guilkey

June 10 - Eldon Thompson, Stuart & Emily Tietjen

June 17 - Gail Breen, Anders Webber, Joe Wilson

June 24 - Roger & Linda Nelson, Avis Shaw

Counter All Month: Jeff Guilkey

Sound Technicians:

June 3 - Sandy Borden

June 10 - Teresa Erickson

June 17 - Marsha Ray

June 24 - Beverly Beavers

Communion Steward: Judy Corman

I would like to nominate _____

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Thank You!

Dear Friends of Superior FUMC,

Many thanks to you for your most generous gift toward our "Branching Out" Campaign. With your support, work can continue on our new lodge. Camp Fontanelle needs more space for campers, where, last year 140 children committed their lives to Christ for the first time. On behalf of everyone at Camp Fontanelle, including the many campers, we thank you, again, for sharing your resources in Christ's name.

Sincerely,

Priscilla Wilson

Branching Out Campaign

Camp Fontanelle

Fontanelle, NE

Thank you to all the people who donated Easter eggs to the childrens Easter egg Hunt. Also, thank you to the Needle Huddle Ladies who took time to fill these eggs. All of your gifts are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Judy Kubicek who donated a food processor to the church for the kitchen.



Judy Pettit is turning 80!
Come help us celebrate!

Saturday May 5

2-4PM

GSS Victorian Legacy

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What's Happening this Month?



June Calendar

- June 10th:** Worship in the park at 10:30 a.m.
- June 11th:** Bingo at Good Sam 2:00 p.m.
- June 12th:** SPRC @ 6:30 p.m.
- June 13th-16th:** Annual Conference @Wichita, Kansas
- June 14th:** Chapel @ Kingswood Court @ 4 p.m.
- June 17th:** Father's Day! No Confirmation.
- June 17th:** Administrative Council following late service
- June 19th-22nd:** Middle School Camp @ Camp Horizon
- June 20th:** UMW @ 7 p.m.
- June 23th:** Men's Breakfast @ Webber UMC @ 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Groups

- Sundays-**Confirmation Class 3:00-4:00 p.m.
- Tuesdays-**Mental Health Group 6:15-8:15 p.m.
- Wednesdays-**Needle Huddle 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Acolytes:

- June 3** - Jocelyn Woerner
- June 10** - Lauren Tietjen
- June 17** - Cooper Ehlers



Welcome to Superior

Hey everybody! My name is Natalie Soukup and I am super excited to be working as an intern at your church this summer! I am from Ellsworth, Kansas and currently attending Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kansas as a criminal justice major. I am active in the Kansas Wesleyan music department, track and field, and campus ministries. I have a love for music, whether it is performing, writing, and even instrumental. I cannot wait to share my passion for Christ, music, and leadership with all of you!

-Natalie Soukup

I hope you all are as excited as I am about our summer intern who is coming the beginning of June! Natalie will be joining us the first part of June and staying until mid August.

As a Network Intern she will be helping out a few other United Methodist Churches in our area as well. Natalie will help us with VBS, Confirmation, learning about pastoral care, and being encouraged to help design and lead worship. She will have an opportunity to fill the pulpit in our church and the others as well. I'm so excited about the energy and passion she will bring into our church this summer.

I pray you will welcome her with open arms as you did me last summer. Here is a little more about Natalie that she wants to share with all of you.

We are still looking for a family to host Natalie this summer. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible!



Memorials

By Jason Ray

In memory of Maureen Eagleton

-Pat McCord

In memory of Allen Sander

-John & Marsha Ray

-Pat McCord

-Sue Rose

-John & Janine Lehman

-Marge & Rick Alexander.



1. Andrew Faust leads a bible study at Kingswood Court.
2. During a Lenten breakfast at the church, Norrisa Flores shares her story with the crowd.

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