



# Superior United Methodist Church

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## Shine Bright At VBS!

Oh my goodness did we have fun this summer at the Surf Shack! We had 47 kids from preschool to 6th grade and 6 youth helping with our VBS July 23-25th. That's 52 kids in



your God is great and awesome!"

We asked the kids to bring a change donation each night and the total of that giving was \$269.03. In change. In three days. What??? You guys!!! These kids are amazing! All I had to do to bribe them was to offer getting a pie

our church who were reached with the Word of God! And the best part? Half of those kids do not have a home church! They learned about how God creates, calms and sends with the theme verse of the week from Nehemiah 4.14, "The Lord

thrown in my face! The money is being divided, \$182.15 going to the Superior School's Backpack Program that makes sure kids who need food on the weekends have



some, and the rest is purchasing Clorox Wipes as a back to school gift to all the Elementary School Teachers.

We want to

give a shout of thanks to all of our volunteers! We couldn't have pulled off VBS without you. Thanks also to all those who donated funds and supplies. They were put to great use! We also want to thank our summer Intern, Natalie Soukup and Jaimey Bryant for their leadership skills in setting the vision for this amazing event. You girls rock big time! Our goal next summer is meeting 75 kids! Are we up for it? I think so!



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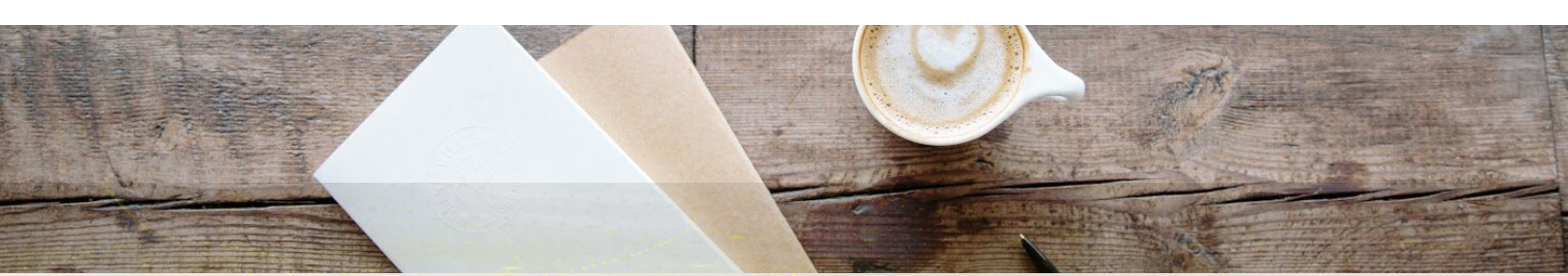
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# Natalie's Notes

It has been officially just over a year now since I began as your pastor! I recently had to go meet with our District Superintendent, Lance Clay, to visit with him on how things are going. He looked at me the minute we got seated and said, "I don't have a lot to say, you're growing, numbers are up, ministry is happening." And he's right. We are growing. The amount of faces in the congregation on a Sunday morning is phenomenal! As of August 1st, our average attendance on a Sunday morning since the first of the year is 91 people, and that's adding in a Sunday we canceled church due to snow. I don't care what you say. Yes, there is something to be said for the leadership of the pastor, but I alone can only do so much. I can help set vision, but it takes the people of the church to put that vision into action and that is you. Ephesians 4.11-13 says this,

"11The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."

It takes all of us to be the Body of Christ. We have new families joining the church. We have youth starting Confirmation. We have youth going to Camp and Conference Youth Events. We have children coming out of the woodwork to attend VBS, and coming up on Sunday mornings for Holy Wiggle Time. We are doing weekly devotions with other parents and pastors at the High School and Junior High School. We have a Depression Support Group meeting here weekly, meeting a need in our Community. We have a Yoga Class meeting spiritual, emotional and physical needs on a weekly basis. The list goes on and on and on. You guys are amazing. And I told Lance, "I serve a God who is a God of the Impossibles, and a church that is ready to be in ministry in our community." I can't do anything on my own. You can't do anything on your own. With Christ, we can meet the needs of our community, and further God's Kingdom. My hope and prayer, now that we're in this second year together, is that we can continue to grow together and be the Body of Christ in our Mission Field of Superior, Nebraska.

Blessings,  
Pastor Natalie

## Picture Day

Our new Pictorial Directory is coming soon! We are a growing church with new faces and faces that have been around awhile but have changed and we want to update our directory! Pictures will be taken on September 18-20th, 2-9 p.m. each day! Our church family album just won't be the same without YOU! Sign up online beginning August 5 to be included in our church directory and receive your complimentary 8" x 10" portrait, a FREE Family Directory and Mobile Directory. The opportunity for Portraits Orders will be accepted at the time pictures are taken. Please be a part of the memories of our church! You can go to <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ye8e56xx/> to sign up for an appointment now or sign up in church on Sunday mornings.

## CONFIRMATION

Hi! Can you believe that the summer is almost over and we are about to start school in the next couple of weeks? Me either! But I am excited Confirmation will be starting again soon! The confirmation journey is about equipping teens with the information, tools, and resources they need to make an informed decision about committing to follow Christ. If your child is in 7th grade or older and has not been in Confirmation before we invite them to join us!

Over the course of this coming school year I hope that I can be a part of this journey, along with you, as their parents, in helping them develop a faith they can claim as their own.

We will be meeting this year **weekly at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings beginning September 12<sup>th</sup>**. I know that the kids have busy schedules with sports, but I pray that you will make every attempt possible to make sure that it is possible for them to attend as many as possible. It is so much more beneficial when we have all the kids present. We will also be attending outside events throughout the course of the year, and will get that information to you as it comes. **Confirmation Sunday will be April 28th, 2019.**



# Summer Summary

## Administrative Council

### - July

The Administrative Council of the United Methodist Church met on July 22, 2018 at the Church. Present: Patty Studer, Marsha Ray, Jana Marr, Twig Studer, Darlene Hale, Jo Wilbern, Arnold Ross, Phyllis Ross, Steve Fox, Karen Fox, and Pastor Natalie Faust. Marsha called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The minutes of the May 22, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Finance: Marsha distributed a financial report to the Board comparing 2017 to 2018. The Board discussed placing a financial report in the monthly Herald. Natalie, the summer intern, received a \$500.00 budget from the District to help pay for her mileage and other Church related activities. She has exceeded that amount by about \$400.00. A motion was made by Arnold and seconded by Patty for the Church to pay her an extra \$100.00 to help make up the difference. It was stated that the other churches she interns at could help her with the rest. Motion was carried.

Trustees: The air conditioner in the Sanctuary needed a part which cost \$800.00. The sprinkler system on the north side of the Church had been hitting the unit and caused the need for the replacement part. B-Green has adjusted the sprinkler heads in the area. The back screen door leading into the kitchen has been replaced. Memorial: A six foot bench in memory of Merwyn Wyatt will be placed on the south side of the sidewalk in front of the Church's entryway as soon as a concrete pad is placed. Memory money has been received from Allen

Sander and Joline Allington.

SPPRC: A replacement for Mary Ray is needed for the SPPRC committee. The Church will have to contact Lance Clay for the correct procedure to use to announce the replacement. Dan McKeown was hired as the new custodian and he is doing a great job.

Sunday, September 30, 2018 there will be a meeting at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Grand Island, NE at 2:30 p.m. Bishop Saenz Jr. will discuss upcoming changes that are going to take place in the United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Pastor's Report: There will be a meeting regarding a new pictorial Church directory on 07-26-2018 at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with the project. Pastor Natalie will be a speaker at a Youth Connect Event at Camp Comeca on 08-24-2018. She will be taking some of the youth from the Church with her. The event fee is \$20.00 for each person. Pastor Natalie has two weddings scheduled and several people will be joining the Church in the near future. There will be 5 youth in the next confirmation class. Jaimey Bryant had several designs & logos for new t-shirts and polo shirts for the Church. The shirts will be grey with the lettering in blue. The Board voted on option 2 which had a white flag logo on the front and option 2 for the back of the shirt.

Old Business: None

New Business: It was mentioned the August Worship Assistants were not published in the newsletter. The list will be placed in the Sanctuary.

Pastor Natalie closed the meeting with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana Marr, Administrative Secretary

# United Methodist

## Women

### - July

Jana Marr opened the meeting with prayer. Ten members were present. The minutes of the 5/5/2018 meeting were read by Jo Wilbern and approved as corrected. Sylvia Imhoff reported balance in treasury of 4/18/18 was \$3,755.50 and balance for 5/5/18 was \$3,075.92.

#### Committee Reports:

Doris Worm volunteered to replace Joline Allington as chairperson of Courtesy Committee. She will send a card to Harlan and Mary Ray.

Linda Cox will purchase large coffee filters of large coffee pot.

Elaine Guilkey reported that we served lunch after funeral for Joline Allington. She thanked all who helped. She also reported we will assist with the July Good Sam Birthday Party on July 27 at 2 pm. Doris Worm will provide Karaoke music for entertainment. Mission kits were taken to the Annual Conference last week.

#### Old Business:

Linda Cox made motion to decrease the amount of nuts to sell at Harvest Festival and to sell only pecans, seconded by Sylvia. After discussion amended by Linda to read will sell 8 cases of pecans and 2 cases of walnuts. Seconded by Sue Rose motion carried.

Margaret Breen volunteered to coordinate Journey since Mary Ray has moved.

The July Meeting will be July 18, 2018 at 5:30 pm. Officers and Mission coordinators only.

Following the business meeting Linda Cox presented a program reporting on Annual Conference and some of the activities going on in the United Methodist Church. She reported on Angel House and Redbird Trail which are both Methodist Missions.

Dessert was served by Linda Cox and Charlotte Bryan.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jo Wilbern

# United Methodist

## Women

### -August

United Methodist Women met on August 15 with 14 members present. Co-President Jana Marr opened meeting with Prayer.

Jo Wilbern read minutes from previous meeting and were approved as read.

Sylvia Imhoff reported treasury balance was \$3,004.65 as of 8-15-18.

Correspondence: Co-president Sue Rose received word that Sept.14-15 Great Plains UMW Annual Conference will meet In Leawood,KS, at the Church of the Resurrection. Also Prairie Rivers District Annual UMW Meeting will be held at Wood River, NE on October 13-18. Further details will be available soon.

Committee Reports: Special Events -after discussion Esther Martin will speak with Pastor Natalie regarding standing rules And charges made regarding use of the fellowship hall, and report back to the unit.

Kitchen: Jana and Patti Studer deep cleaned coffee maker and other parts of kitchen. New faucets were installed by Tony Studer. Linda will make contacts regarding repairs and replacements needed and report to unit.

Doris Worm reported that she sent quite a few cards to members and others from UMW.

Linda reported speaking to Rhonda Edwards regarding nut sales, declining profits, and our intentions to decrease amount

Ordered. After discussion, Linda moved that we drop all nut sales for the present time. Seconded and carried.

She also reminded us that Ribbons for Mission are purchased from District Treasurer and given as needed each year.

As Nominating Chairman, she presented slate of officers for 2019. Carol Thompson was nominated for President and remaining officers will retain their present job. Motion to accept by Sue Rose and carried.

Officers will be installed on December 1 Meeting.

Esther announced the guest speaker at Sept. meeting will be Rita Erickson who will share customs and memorabilia of People living in Doha Qatar.

Following the business meeting, Esther presented an inspirational meeting, and led singing of "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands". Sylvia Imhoff served a wonderful Sunshine Cake for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted

Jo Wilbern



# September 2018 Worship Assistants

## Greeters:

September 2 - Dorothy Rust  
September 9 - Carole Thompson  
September 16 - Sylvia Imhoff  
September 23 - Margaret Breen  
September 30- Linda Cox

## Ushers:

September 2 - Roger & Linda Nelson, Avis Shaw  
September 9 - Bill, Mary & Jason Hamilton  
September 16 - Phil Dean, Gene Frerichs, Joe Wilson  
September 23 -Tony Studer, Steve & Karen Fox  
September 30 - Danny, Becky & Judy Corman

Counter All Month: Beverly Beavers

## Sound Technicians:

September 2 - Angela Garver  
September 9 - Marsha Ray  
September 16 - Jeff Guilkey  
September 23 - Sandy Borden  
September 30-Teresa Erickson

Communion Steward: Judy Corman

## Acolytes:

September 2 - Lilly Edwards  
September 9 - Teegan Duncan  
September 16 - Lauren Tietjen  
September 23 - Jocelyn Woerner  
September 30 - Zak Corman

## Memorials

By Jason Ray

*In memory of Allen Sander*  
Linda Frerichs

*In Memory of Joline Allington*  
Linda Frerichs  
Wanda L. Allington  
Phyllis Schmitt  
Marty & Carol Williams & Family  
Athelda Thompson  
Joyce Rivera  
Rita Roberson  
Barbara J. Wilbern  
Arlen & Linda Roberson  
Delmar & Virginia Roberson  
Dennis & Jill Hausman

*In Memory of Arlo Doebling*  
John & Elaine Guilkey



Get an FUMC  
T-Shirt from the  
church office  
starting  
September 4th

Sizes Range from  
YXS- A3XL

\$8



# YOGA

Come feed your body & soul  
spiritually through this  
unique experience

Kate Lyne Chapel

Suggested Donation  
of \$10/ Month

Monday Evenings @ 7pm  
with Patty Studer

## What's Happening this Month?

### Calendar

**September 3rd:** Mon. Labor Day! Church Office closed.

**September 9th:** Sun. First Day of FunDay Sunday @ 9:15 a.m.

Presentation of 3rd Grade Bibles both Services

**September 10th:** Mon. Bingo @ Good Samaritan @ 2p.m.

**September 11th:** Tues. Network Meeting 6:30 @ Blue Hill UMC

**September 12th:** Wed. Confirmation Starts @ 7 p.m.

**September 13th:** Thurs. Worship @ Kingswood Court @ 4 p.m.

**September 15th:** Sat. Men's Breakfast @ Webber UMC @ 8 a.m.

**September 18th:** Tues. Lifetouch Church Directory Photos 2-9 p.m.

Memorial Committee 5:05 p.m.

Trustees 6:30 p.m.

SPRC 7:30 p.m.

**September 19th:** Wed. UMW potluck @ 6 p.m.

**September 19th & 20th:** Wed & Thurs. Lifetouch Church Directory Photos 2-9 p.m.

**September 23rd:** Sun. Administrative Council @ 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

**September 30th:** Sun. Town Hall Meeting with Bishop Saenz @ Trinity UMC in Grand Island @ 3:30 p.m.

#### Weekly Groups

**Mondays**--Bible Yoga 7:00-8:00

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

**Wednesdays**--Needle Huddle 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Confirmation 7:00-8:00 p.m.



Webber United Methodist Church

MEN'S  
Breakfast

September 15  
8:00 a.m.



## Birthdays

Mon, Sep 4 Carmen Bruening  
Thu, Sep 7 Melinda Duncan  
Fri, Sep 8 Jenny Krehbiel  
Sun, Sep 10 Megan Fish  
Tue, Sep 12 Bob Cox  
Wed, Sep 13 Jason Ray, Mary Reimers  
Thu, Sep 14 LeRoy Barnes  
Fri, Sep 15 Mary Hamilton  
Mon, Sep 18 Kirsten Isaacson, John Kile, Mary Tertjen  
Fri, Sep 22 Ty Betka, Elliot Flavin, Jesse Taylor, Gage Woerner  
Sat, Sep 23 Mikah Gay  
Sun, Sep 24 Phil Dean, Brandon Siebenneicher  
Tue, Sep 26 Joy Barnes  
Wed, Sep 27 Doris Worm  
Thu, Sep 28 Tony Studer



## Anniversaries

Mon, Sep 11 Frank & Bonnie Langer  
Mon, Sep 18 Roger & Linda Nelson  
Tue, Sep 19 Larry & Jody Langer  
Sat, Sep 30 Joe & Teresa Wilson

#### Bishop Invites all to Read Commission on a Way Forward Report

Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr. prepared a statement to the people of the Great Plains Conference in relation to the release of the report from the Commission on a Way Forward to the Council of Bishops. The letter was to be released as soon as the report was translated into the official languages of the church. However, the Judicial Council posted the commission's report as part of its posting of documents leading up to the Judicial Council's next meeting. Therefore, the bishop invites you to view this video now and to read the full Commission on a Way Forward report on

<https://www.greatplainsumc.org/videodetail/bishop-invites-all-to-read-commission-on-a-way-forward-report-11583221>



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