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ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE

Last year we took on the role of teaching God's word to about 50 kids! That is about 20 more kids than we were planning on, but we had some awesome volunteers help us through each and every detail to make it all a success.

This year, we are trying to plan on 80 kids just to be fully prepared for all things! To make this goal possible, we not only need all the kids we can get, but we need volunteers! We have to assemble craft kits, be leaders to guide kids through God's adventure, and decorate not only the sanctuary but the education wing as well. We have a list of all the supplies we need but we are always thinking of other things we need! If you want to donate supplies (a lot of these supplies include camping gear that we will return), email me, at jaimeylounoel@gmail.com.

Help us make this VBS week the best yet! We are counting on our church family to help kids in our community find the adventure, acceptance, joy, rest, and peace on the river!



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Natalie's Notes



The first week in June I shared during my sermon about the strain the Great Plains Annual Conference 2019 in Topeka was on me. It was the first Annual Conference I attended, where I didn't feel as though it was life giving and spirit leading. Not to say that I did not feel the power of the Holy Spirit moving, because I really and truly did. But not because of the Conference. The Annual Conference passed resolutions that I and our Lay Delegate did not vote for nor agree with and they passed 60/40. It was very much a Traditionalist vs. Progressive division at the conference with lines drawn in the sand and I made a decision. I made a decision as we drove back that I was being moved by the Holy Spirit to join the Wesleyan Covenant Association in order to look toward the future of my ministry. This does not mean I am leaving as the pastor of this church or leaving the United Methodist Church. After much prayer and research, I have realized that I believe in the same things that they do theologically. This is what the WCA believes:

Statement on Biblical Authority

Given the current challenges directed to the unique place of the Bible in the church, we affirm that the core of the Christian faith is revealed in Scripture as "the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints" (Jude 3; NRSV). We look to the Bible therefore as our authority and trustworthy guide, which "is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16; NRSV). Illuminated by tradition, reason, and experience, the revelation of Scripture is the church's primary and final authority on all matters of faith and practice.

Statement of Faith

We affirm classical Wesleyan doctrine and the historic faith, which the church has used to define the parameters of Christian teaching. Doctrine, properly understood, unifies the church and gives direction to its life. All congregational, clergy, and lay members of the WCA affirm the following Doctrinal Standards:
The Nicene Creed (AD 381) –

<http://anglicansonline.org/basics/nicene.html>

The Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church (AD 1808) –

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/the-articles-of-religion-of-the-methodist-church>

The Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church (AD 1963) –

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/confession-of-faith>

The Standard Sermons of John Wesley –

<http://www.umcmmission.org/Find-Resources/John-Wesley-Sermons/John-Wesley-Sermons>

The Explanatory Notes Upon the New Testament by John Wesley (1755) –

<http://wesley.nnu.edu/john-wesley/john-wesleys-notes-on-the-bible>

The General Rules of The Methodist Church (1868) –

<http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/general-rules-of-the-methodist-church>

Statement of Moral Principles

Given our current time and context, we highlight and affirm the following moral principles, acknowledging that other moral principles merit our further attention.

Gender Equality

Scripture teaches that men and women are of equal value in the eyes of God. Accordingly, the church should treat women and men equally. We believe that both women and men are called to and gifted for ordained and licensed ministry, and both genders are able to hold any role of leadership within the WCA.

Equality

We believe that all persons are of sacred worth. Therefore, we gladly welcome all who seek to grow in their relationship with God to attend worship services and participate in the church's ministries. No person shall be disqualified from becoming a member of a local congregation, holding a leadership position in the church, or becoming an ordained or licensed clergy based on race, color, nationality, national origin, marital

status, or economic condition. The WCA specifically renounces all racial and ethnic discrimination and commits itself to work toward full racial and ethnic equality in the church and in society.

Marriage and Sexuality

We believe marriage and sexual intimacy are good gifts from God. In keeping with Christian teaching through the ages and throughout the Church universal, we believe that marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in a single, exclusive union. We believe that God intends faithfulness in marriage and celibacy in singleness.

Human Dignity

We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual or group are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of the WCA.

I am not asking any of you to join the WCA, or the church to join the WCA. I am letting you know as your pastor where I stand, and I feel I stand with Christ. I believe that if we let Christ lead our church, we will stand firm in the midst of all the chaos surrounding us and that we must stand firm and keep doing what we're doing to continue to witness in our community the love and grace of God. As always, if you have any questions please come see me or give me a call. I would love to be in conversation!

Blessings,

Pastor Natalie

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY

1 Sierra Kile
2 Margaret Breen
3 Beverly Beavers, Ty Young
5 Charlotte Bryan
7 Jana Marr, Teresa Wilson
8 Jack Ray, John Ray
10 Lorna Wilton
15 Stuart Tietjen
16 Eric Ritter, Stephanie Shaw-Gates
18 Aubree Scott, Margie Alexander
21 Gail Breen
23 Cody Mohler
24 MacKenna Peterson
25 Becky Scott, Rebecca Corman
26 Anders Webber, Walker Cool
29 Donnetta Clark
31 Brett Ross

AUGUST

1 Nancy Mikkelsen
3 Zak Corman
4 Garrett Roe, Lilly Edwards
5 John Guilkey, Judy Corman, Phyllis Ross
6 Jason Hamilton, Kathleen Frerichs, Linda Frerichs
7 Julie Worman
10 Avis Shaw
12 Larry Beavers
16 Ashlyn Brown
18 Danny Corman, Linda Cox
19 Harold Sweet
20 Jody Langer
29 Claudia Hanson, Lloyd Watts, Teresa Erickson
30 Robert Brown, Valerie Woerner
31 Gale Mikkelsen, Jo Wilbern

ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

1 Chad & Katrina Hansen
5 Jahn & Shelly Kile
12 Phil & Mary Ann Dean
15 Jeff & Sue Guilkey
18 Larry & Beverly Beavers
24 Bryan & Alicea Gentry
26 Bill & Mary Hamilton
29 Randy & Susan Williams

AUGUST

12 Leo & Betty Zadina
15 Brad & Julie Worman, Curt & Julie Drake
16 Bob & Linda Cox
17 Gene & Twilla Frerichs
21 Arnold & Phyllis Ross
26 Greg & Rhonda Edwards, Harlan & Mary Ray
28 Dave & Joann Taylor



United Methodist Women

The June meeting of the United Methodist Women was called to order at 7:00 pm June 19th 2019. The meeting was opened with prayer and the UMW Purpose.

There were no minutes due to the absence of the secretary.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$2,055.99

Esther Martin reported cookies and a check for \$25.00 had been given to the Bloodmobile.

41 ladies attended the May Brunch.

Our unit will be serving the monthly Birthday Party at Good Samaritan on July 26th at 2:00 pm. We are to furnish 3 cakes and programs.

Esther Martin gave the program entitled Thistle Farm-A place to help abused women.

Mary Ann Bates served refreshments.

Respectfully submitted by,

Elaine Guilkey

Administrative Council

The Administrative Council met on 05-21-2019 at the Church. Present: Patty Studer, Marsha Ray, Carole Thompson, Jana Marr, Judy Corman, Esther Martin, Beverly Beavers, Pat McCord, Shannon McCord, and Reverend Natalie Faust .Beverly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Natalie opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the April 19, 2019 were reviewed and approved as submitted.

UMW

Carole reported on the Lenten Breakfast which Esther Martin was the speaker and on the May Brunch which Vicki Nielsen was the speaker. Each event had a good attendance. The UMW will be helping with the Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Catholic Church on May 29, 2019.

Finance

Jana reported on the monthly current assets of the Church. The Church had received a \$800.00 grant and \$110.00 in donations for the youth group to renovate the north room in the fellowship hall. HeadStart will be renting the Needle Huddle room in the educational wing during the summer for \$150.00 per month. Their building is being renovated this summer. \$50.00 has been donated for Vacation Bible School. \$1100.00 was donated to Jaimey Bryant's scholarship . The committee decided Jaimey would still receive the donation even though she will not be attending Friends University in Wichita, KS. People that made donations can be refunded if they feel differently. \$403.00 has been donated for summer camps and \$4400.00 for the new cooling system. The Finance Committee will make a Church donation of \$250.00 to Epworth Village and UNK Campus Ministries yearly. Two additional sonar bat repellers will be purchased for the Church.

Trustees

Shannon reported the parking area behind the Church will be getting rock placed. A wall will be built in the parsonage's basement in June or July. A contractor will be hired to brick up the wall. An outside awning had blown off of the parsonage . It will be put back up. There is a water leak in the garage at the parsonage which will be checked. A faucet to the sprinkler system needs replaced. Mick White will replace it. The lock on

the elevator is catching and it needs a new lock. The cost of the lock is \$50.00. The labor cost was estimated to be \$800.00. Shannon is going to talk with the elevator technician to see if the trustees could purchase the lock and install it .Shannon will also get a current quote on the price of a new elevator. There is a bad spot in the concrete in front of the Church. Shannon is going to have Nate Saathoff check it and will also ask him if he would pour the concrete pad for the Merwyn Wyatt's memorial bench when he is repairing the sidewalk.

Memorial

Pat indicated she will order new bell choir material in June. She said she would direct the choirs one more year.

Sunday Funday

Haley Coffey will be the director this fall. Jaimey Bryant will be the director of VBS.

SPRC

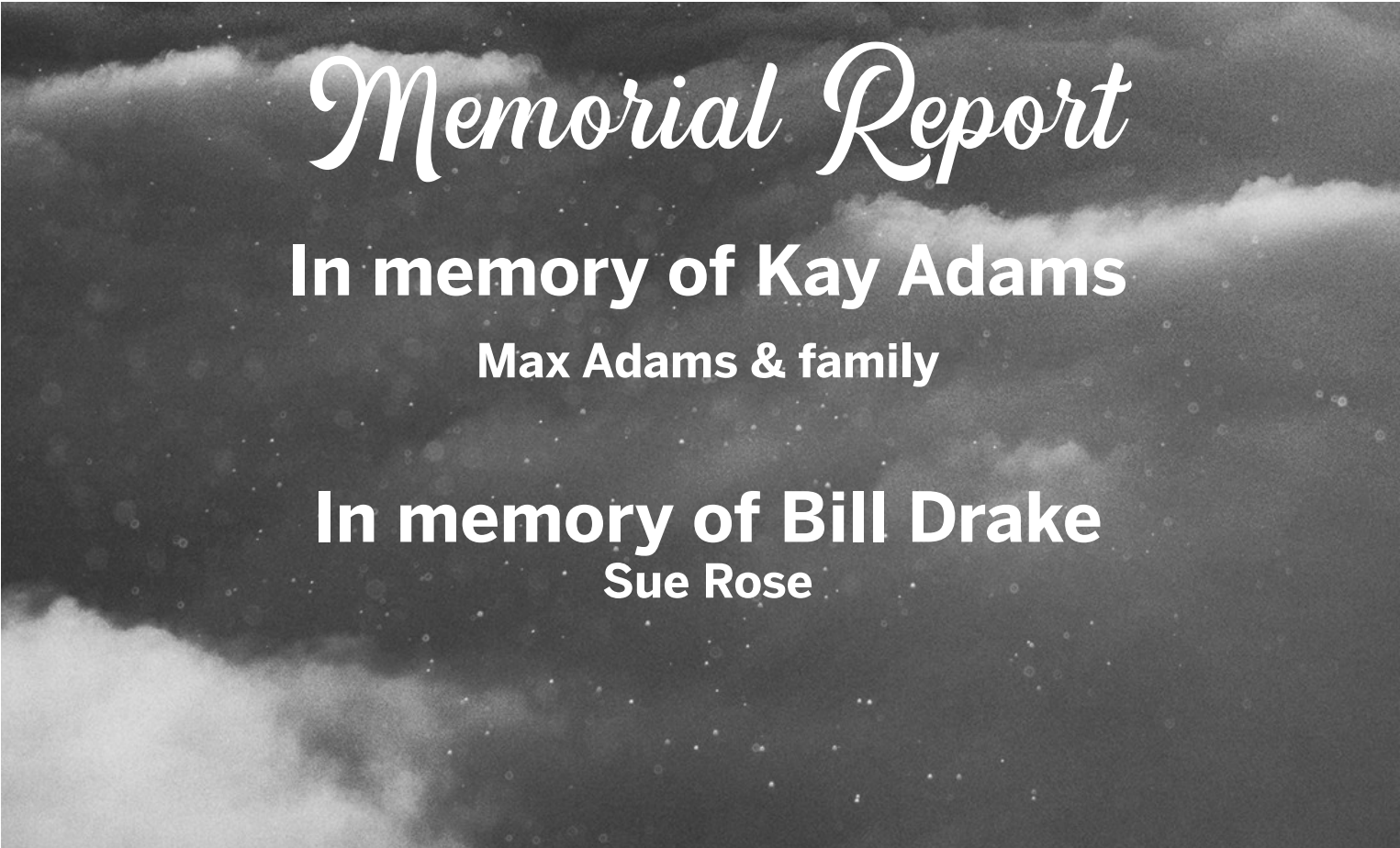
Patty said the group had completed Natlaie's evaluation.

Pastor's Report

Natalie will be gone for Annual Conference from May 28th through May 31st. Natalie, Patty, Bennet, and Andrew will be taking seven middle schoolers to Camp Horizon in June. They will be using Ideal Market's van. June 9, 2019 Pentecost Services will be held in the City Park and a potluck dinner will follow at the Fellowship Hall. Natalie and Jaimey will be gone June 10th through June 13th. They will be going to Florida to check out Jaimey's college. Natalie placed her name on the candidate's list to be a delegate to the General Conference. Beverly will be doing the services on July 7, 2019. Carlita will be providing the music. Kathy Ross will be gone on the 2nd and 9th of June, so help will be needed in the nursery. A piano and violin duo will be performing at the Church services on 08-25-2019. Beverly discussed a need for setting a list of goals for the Church to accomplish.

Carole closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jana Marr, Ad Council Secretary



UPCOMING EVENTS

July/August Calendar

July Calendar

July 8th: Mon. Bingo @ Good Sam @ 2 p.m.
July 10th: Wed. VBS Volunteer Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
July 11th: Thurs. Worship @ Good Sam @ 10:30
Worship @ Kingswood Court @ 4 p.m.
July 16th: Tues. Memorial Committee 5:05 p.m.
Trustees 5:30 p.m.
Finance 6:30

AdCo 7 p.m. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!
July 17th: UMW Executive Meeting @ TBA
July 19th: Fri. Crest Theater Volunteering @ 6:30
July 20st: Sat. Men's Breakfast @ Webber UMC @ 8 a.m.
July 22nd-24th: Mon-Wed. VBS! 5:30-8 p.m.
July 26th Fri: Birthday Party at Good Sam @ 2 p.m.
July 29th-Aug 2nd: High School Camp at Camp Horizon

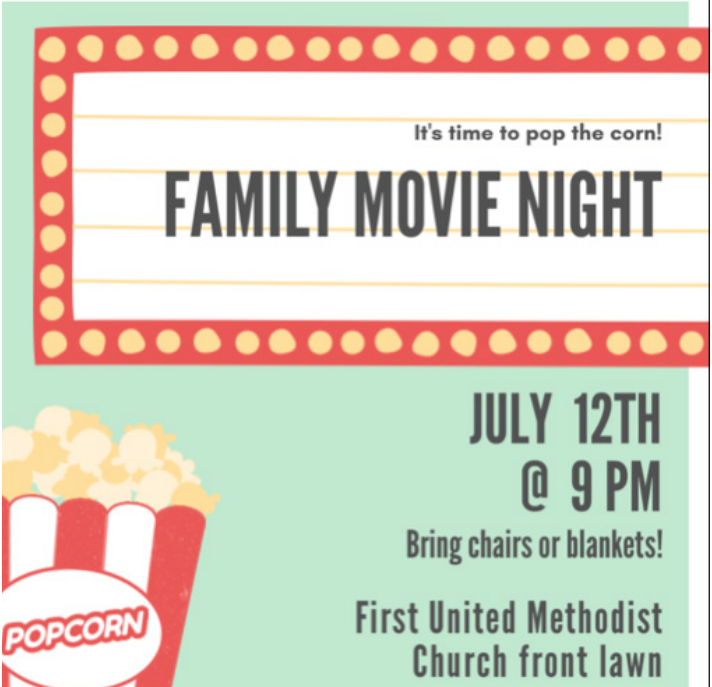
August Calendar

August 8th: Thurs. Worship @ Good Sam @ 10:30
Worship @ Kingswood Court @ 4 p.m.
August 11th: Sun. Blessing of the Backpacks!
August 12th: Tues. Back to School Pictures 9-12 a.m. & 1-3 p.m.
August 16th: Fri. Crest Theater Volunteering @ 6:30
August 17th: Sat. Men's Breakfast @ Webber UMC @ 8 a.m.
August 20th: Commodities 8-11 a.m.
SPRC @ 6-7 p.m.

August 21st: Wed. UMW @ 7:30 p.m.

WEEKLY GROUPS

Mondays-- Yoga 6:00 a.m & 7:00 p.m
Tuesdays--Mental Health Group 6:15-8:15 p.m.
Wednesdays--Needle Huddle 9:00-11:00 a.m.



JULY 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters:

July 7- Avis Shaw
July 14- Bonnie Langer
July 21- Drake Family
July 28- Jo Wilbern

Ushers:

July 7- Roger & Linda Nelson, Jo Wilbern
July 14- Frank Langer, Phil Dean, Gary Crook
July 21- Arnold ross, Eldon Thompson, Gene Frerichs
July 28- Linda Cox, Teegan Duncan, Jeff Guilkey

Counter All Month: Avis Shaw

Sound Technicians:

July 7- Sandy Borden
July 14- Marsha Ray
July 21- Angela Garver
July 28- Jerred Ehlers

Communion Steward: Judy Corman

Acolytes:

July 7- Dylan Edwards
July 12- Jordan Duncan
July 21- Chloe Drake
July 28- Cooper Ehlers

AUGUST 2019 WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Greeters:

August 4- Sylvia Imhoff
August 11- Alicea Gentry
August 18- Coffey Family
August 25- Dorthy Rust

Ushers:

August 4- Steve & Karen Fox, Gale Mikkelsen
August 11- Danny, Becky, & Zak Corman
August 18- Bill & Mary Hamilton, Joe Wilson
August 25- Bob, Alaina, & Jordan Brown

Counter All Month: Beverly Beavers

Sound Technicians:

August 4- Marsha Ray
August 11- Angela Garver
August 18- Jeff Guilkey
August 25- Sandy Borden

Communion Steward: Esther Martin

Acolytes:

August 4- Truett McCord
August 11- Emmett Gentry
August 18- Jordan Duncan
August 25- Chloe Drake

Welcome Our New Members!

We want to welcome our new members of First United Methodist Church. Lloyd Watts has transferred his membership from St. Paul UMC in Lincoln. Troy Scott has transferred his membership from St. Joseph Catholic Church here in Superior, and his wife Becky is now a member from making a Profession of Faith. They have two children Aubree (almost 4) and Boone (2). Angelica Hermosillo also joins by Profession of Faith, having getting baptized with her two daughters, Hazelee (3) and Jazpen (1). We are so excited they have joined our church family and can't wait to see what Christ will do in their lives!

