Monroe United Methodist Church



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"Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing." (I Thessalonians 5:11)

I love the way the Apostle Paul tells his Thessalonian church to encourage one another, adding "as indeed you are doing." He wants to encourage them to encourage each other, while not implying that they are not doing so already. That's what I want to communi-

cate. Since arriving a month ago, I've been very excited to see examples of your love for God and each other, and your service within and outside the church. The Community Table is an effective way of conveying the message of God's love to the people of Monroe with no hidden agendas, with no strings attached. It fosters fellowship and good will among our own and brings people in from outside the church. Where that goes from there, as in table talk, invitations to church happenings, is solely up to those eating. I call that low-key evangelism, informal conversations that can lead to discipleship. The MOM (Methodists on Mission) ministry is a great way of sharing our love to children locally and globally, especially to those who most need school supplies and basic clothing for the fall. I can't wait to enjoy our pancakes at Old Settler's Celebration and all who will help to make that a huge success. I've been thoroughly educated by the UMW as to how to properly can chicken and beef for the October Bazaar, proceeds going to the glory of God! These are just a few examples of amazing love right here.

I want to give a shout out to all of you who have recently shared love and kindness in a number of ways here in church, but for fear of overlooking anyone, I'll only point out one who will remain anonymous. It is the person who promised not to tell anyone when I lifted the pressure valve off a steaming pressure cooker! You are too kind, but really, that sort of pastoral blunder deserves broadcasting! Nobody was hurt, but yours truly certainly turned a few shades of red, while learning the hard way.

Seriously, I sense a spirit of enthusiasm, cooperation, and a willingness to try new things. Keep in your prayers our Administrative Council as they meet Saturday, August 18, at 9am to do some serious vision planning, mapping the way ahead as we carry out the church mission here in Monroe. I have no doubt that it will be an exciting time of listening to the Holy Spirit and fleshing out the way ahead. Much happening, much to look forward to!

For all the ways you and I are reaching out with God's love to make disciples, all I can say is, let's keep it up, and press forward!

By all means, "Let us encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing!!!"

Pastor Van

It is that time of year again to be thinking about making craft items for the 2018 UMW Annual Bazaar. We appreciate and accept all lovely handmade donations. We want to give you plenty of time to work and get them ready for the bazaar. All proceeds, as in previous years, will go to help local and United Methodist sponsored missions. Thank you for sharing your talents with us! Keep on stitching and making!

Any questions please contact Jeanne VanGenderen.

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August Community Table will be held
Wednesday the 15th
from 5-7. The menu
features Spaghetti,
salad bar, dessert and
drink! This is a FREE
meal and EVEYONE is
welcome!



"We wish to thank all of our Church Family for your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, food and other acts of kindness we received with the yearlong bout with cancer and death of Marcy's sister Roma Mosher. It is such a comfort to know we have such wonderful church people who truly care. It was all greatly appreciated" Larry and Marcy Romick and Family

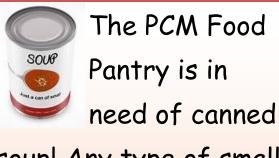
Monroe United Methodist Church Financial Statement Analysis General Bank Account Expenses

	Jan-Jun	Jan-Jun				
Category	2018	2017	Variance	%	Comments	
Contributions Salaries	39,187.00	41,850.00	(2,663.00)		Giving has decreased compared to 2017. Giving has continued to decrease each year.	
Jaiai les	31,826.00	31,238.00	588.00	1.88%	Admin assistant salary increased in 2018.	
EE Benefits Bldg Op Costs	4,366.00 3,917.00	11,052.00 3,985.00	(6,686.00) (68.00)	-60.50% -1.71%	Employee benefits (travel, health insurance, pension & professional expense). Employee benefits increased \$98/mo in 2018. January employee benefits were paid in February, these monthly expenses will be paid as I can based on the monthly cash flow. Currently owe conference \$9,710 for Feb-June unpaid health share and pension share. Will need to determine a way to pay this to conference.	
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Utilities	4,085.00	3,513.00	572.00	16.28%	Utilities slightly higher in 2018 compared to 2017. Winter lasted longer in 2018. This is the first year for additional air-conditioner in Fellowship Hall and Narthex and would expect increase over last year.	
Apportionments		-	-		Do not have enough cash flow to pay towards apportionments.	
ce Cream Social Old Settlers	2,274.00	2,474.00	(200.00)		All expenses have not been paid; projected income is \$2,644	
Turkey Supper	-	-	-	#DIV/0!		
Community Table	58.00	93.00			This is the amount of \$ available to pay for any Community Tablexpenses.	
Inding Cash Balance	1,782.14	1,704.14	78.00	4.58%		



Pancakes! The Monroe
Old Settlers Pancake
Breakfast will be held
Saturday morning, Au-

gust 4, from 6:00 to 10:00. There will be pancakes, biscuits and gravy, little smokies, coffee, orange juice and milk. Want to volunteer? Help is always appreciated. Have fun and enjoy this Old Settler's tradition!



soup! Any type of small cans and large cans with meat are desperately needed!



WE NEED YOUR IDEAS!!!

As I write this, the UMW are taking the canned meat (beef) out of the pressure cookers for the fall Bazaar. It's pretty interesting watching the canning process. Once the cans (glass jars) are removed from the cookers, they are exposed to the outside atmosphere and begin boiling inside. In other words, they are still cooking until finally the temperature drops down and the lids "pop," sealing and preserving the contents. They say there is no doubt their efforts will pay off in quick sales at the Bazaar, based on past experience. I'm hoping that something like this is also true for other things at Monroe UMC.

On August 18, our Administrative Council will be having a strategic planning day as we develop a vision for our church's ministry. To better prepare, we need your thoughts! We need them like we need beef and chicken for canning. We need to bring your ideas to prayerful consideration, to cook for a spell, so to speak. Hopefully, Lord willing, we will have a better idea of some things we need to do, and how to do them. The question for your thinking cap is this: What must we be doing here as a faithful congregation to fulfill our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ?

I never thought of canning as a metaphor for who we are as a church, but hey, I'm open to new ideas! What are yours? Simply respond by clicking monroeum@iowatelecom.net

THANKS!

Pastor Van

In preparation for the upcoming MUMC 175th anniversary celebration I will occasionally be place photos I come across in The Fellowship hall. If you know any of the people in the photo, approximate time period or what the occasion was, please write it on the attached paper. ~ Kayla

The Trustees Committee will be taking applications for anyone interested in renting the parsonage. The parsonage is a 2 story house with a basement, a 2 car garage, four bedrooms, and 1½ baths. Specific details about the lease will be available on the application. We expect the application document to be available at the church office by Monday, August 6. Questions can be directed to Jim Phillips, Chairman Trustees Committee, 641-777-2018.



August Ushers and Greeters August 5 & 12 Doug and Mary Sue Duinink Family August 19 & 26 Donna Van Veen and Shelia Swarts **August Liturgist** August 5 Patty Eilander August 12 June Hjortshoj Melba Brummett August 19 August 26 Lori Schakel **August Communion** Dianna Nolin and Dawn Neff August 5 **August Hospitality** August 26 Liz Hormann



PCM Schools start Tuesday August 28. Pray for our kids, teachers and administrators as

Scripture Readings

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August 5	Augu	st 12		

they return to School.

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2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 5:1-12	Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:1-16	Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:24-35	John 6:35, 41-51
August 19	August 26
1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14	1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69

August 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Old Settlers Pancake Break- fast 6:00 a.m 10:00 a.m.		anning	Cub Scouts Leaders 6:30 Chimes 6:30 Meat C			
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18	17	16	15	14	13	12
Ad Council Planning Mtg 9-1			Community Table 5:00-7:00		AA 7:00	Sunday School 8:30 Worship 9:30 In Fellowship Hall
25	24	23	22	21	20	19
			SPRC Meeting 6:30		AA 7:00	Sunday School 8:30 Worship 9:30 In Sanctuary
Pastor Van will be gone on a	31	30	29	28	27	26
mission trip August 26 thru September 2			Boy Scouts 6:30-8:30		AA 7:00	Sunday School 8:30 Worship 9:30 in Fellowship Hall



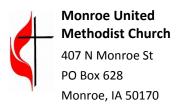
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Summer Worship Hours 9:30
Coffee/Fellowship Time Prior

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