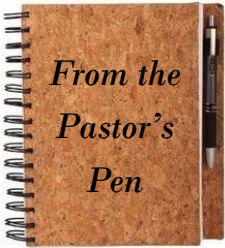


2019

HELLO AUGUST



There is a regularity to the seasons that I greatly enjoy. We measure them in subtle and not-so subtle ways. The arctic sub-zero weather and the injuries some of us sustained from last winter—that was not-so subtle.

One subtle change I've noticed lately is how dusk comes a bit earlier with each passing day. Just a few weeks ago, there was still plenty of daylight in the sky as late as 9pm. Now, when that same time rolls around, night has fallen. Before we know it, autumn will be here and we will have to adjust our clocks in order to take advantage of the shortening days.

The church has its seasons too. Summer months are surely a busy time when it seems we go from one event to the next, beginning with annual conference, the ice cream social, church in the square, vacation bible school, clothing giveaway, and now in August, Old Settlers, the pancake breakfast and our church float. Of course, we've added some new activities, thanks to a fired-up church. By the way, did you get your newly published Heritage Cookbook? Busy days.

For me, the seasons and happenings are a way of measuring not only time, but my life, and what I'm doing with it. Am I sitting in my comfort, watching the time pass me by, or am I actively doing my part in trying to make a difference for God and my neighbor in the time God has given me? In subtle and not-so subtle ways, how I engage in God's purposes becomes the best way to measure the seasons of my life. It is then that I not only enjoy the seasons; I discover joy itself.

Jesus said that if we abide in his love, we experience his joy, and our joy will be complete. My prayer for you is that as you look at how you are spending your time, you will see one day after the other to be a fulfillment of that promise. Indeed, may your joy be complete.

Blessings!

Pastor Van

One Day VBS—Country Junction was a wonderful success! Thank you to everyone who attended and helped!



THANK YOU

Thank you to our church family for all the cards, words of support, and calls when my sister Debbie and her husband Garry passed away. Thank you to Pastor Van for his comforting words. You are a caring group of friends we appreciate so much.

Ted and Glenda Wing

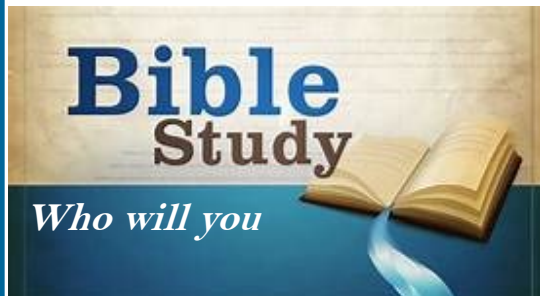


MEN'S BREAKFAST

United Methodist
Men's breakfast
will be
Wednesday,
August 14 at 7:00

UMW Service
meeting will be
held after wor-
ship August 4.

Bible Study Returns Tuesday
morning, September 3 at 9:00.



August Community Table will
be held Wednesday, August



21 from 5-7.
This month
features
spaghetti!

Monroe United Methodist Church Financial Statement Analysis General Bank Account Expenses

Category	Jan-Jun 2019	Jan-Jun 2018	Variance	%	Comments
Contributions	63,601.28	39,187.00	24,414.28	62.30%	Contributions have increased in 2019 compared to 2018.
Salaries	32,056.85	31,826.00	230.85	0.73%	
EE Benefits	9,506.11	4,366.00	5,140.11	117.73%	Employee benefits (travel, health insurance, pension, cash housing allowance & professional expense). In 2018, we were only able to pay monthly pension and health insurance for prior minister as there were funds available. As of April 2018, we had paid \$2,860 (amount due was \$8,380). Included in the 2019 expense is 6 month's of the cash housing allowance and the workmen's comp insurance premium.
Bldg Op Costs	8,035.51	3,917.00	4,118.51	105.14%	Repair of bathroom window in 2019 \$358, payment of 2019 church property insurance in March 2019 \$4,622. Property insurance has been paid in full for 2019 compared to paying over 10 months in 2018.
Utilities	3,807.64	4,085.00	(277.36)	-6.79%	Utilities slightly lower in 2019 compared to 2018.
Apportionments	6,824.00	-	6,824.00	#DIV/0!	Apportionments will be sent on a monthly basis as long as there is cash flow to do this in 2019.
Ice Cream Social	2,766.00	2,274.00	492.00	21.64%	All expenses for the Ice Cream Social have not been paid as of 6/30/19. There are \$360 left in expenses to pay in July. Proceeds will be used towards apportionments (missions).
Old Settlers	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Turkey Supper	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Community Table	215.96	58.00			This is the amount of \$ available to pay for any Community Table expenses.
Ending Cash Balance	32,978.14	1,782.14	31,196.00	1750.48%	
Repairs & Maintenance Balance	14,754.77				
Iowa United Methodist Investment Fund Balance	13,089.12				

2019 Apportionments

\$19,232.00 Total Apportionments
(6,824.00) Less: 2019 Apportionments paid
\$12,408.00 Total Apportionments

Breakdown of Cash Balance

13,938.57 General Account
1,920.00 Cookbooks
1,475.00 T-shirts
9,571.33 Parsonage rental income
6,073.24 Remaining Stock proceeds
32,978.14

- Variance

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Kurt & Becky Konek	August 3
Dave Van Veen	August 4
Greg & Leslie Duinink	
Meghan Phifer	August 5
Mary Sue Duinink	August 7
Virginia Woody	
Ryan & Jan Phifer	August 8
Art Gregerson	August 9
Monte Oldham	
Hayley Konek	August 10
Don & Elaine Keuning	
Robert Timmins	August 11
Jim Hewitt	August 12
Katie Coulter	August 13
Ed Nickelson	
Grant Van Veen	
Lisa Steenhoek	August 14
Sharon Covey	August 17
Dianna Noin	
Francis Van Der Hart	
Braden Phifer	August 18
Don & Shirley Baker	
Steve Van Veen	August 20
Patrick & Kristina Lemke	August 21
Janice Cook	August 25
Miranda Holdsworth	August 26
Claude (Jr) Brummett	August 27
Dennis & Kim Worth	August 28
Melba Brummett	August 29
Glen Duinink	
Liz Hormann	August 31
Gwyneth Lewis	

August 4	Ushers/Greeters: Doug & Mary Sue Duinink Family Liturgist: Jeanne Van Genderen Communion: Dianna Nolin & Dawn Neff
August 11	Usher/Greeters: Doug & Mary Sue Duinink Family Liturgist: Ada Beth Hume
August 18	Usher/Greeters: Donna Van Veen, Shelia Swarts, Carolyn Verde, Joyce Van Der Hart Liturgist: June Hjortshoj
August 25	Usher/Greeters: Donna Van Veen, Shelia Swarts, Carolyn Verde, Joyce Van Der Hart Liturgist: Melba Brummett Hospitality: Dianna Nolin & Dawn Neff

PLANNING

The 2019 "Visioning" planning meeting will be Saturday, August 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided. All church committee members are asked to attend.

Thank you to all who sent cards and gifts, attended my party and just remembering me at my birthday. God bless you all
Ardythe Timmins

Thank You

Upcoming Fall Bazaar:

Aug. 26-20 Beef Canning

Sept. 3 Meat Cooking 5:00 p.m.

Sept. 4 Casserole Making 7:30 a.m.

Sept. 9 Cake Rolls 7:00—2:00

Sept. 15 Cake Rolls 7:00—2:00



				1	2	3 6-10 a.m. Pancake breakfast in the Park 7:00 p.m. Church Float in Parade <u>Monroe Old Settler's Reunion</u>
4 Sunday School 8:45 Coffee Time 9:00 Worship w/ Communion 9:30	5 AA 7:00	6	7	8	9	10
11 Sunday School 8:45 Coffee Time 9:00 Worship 9:30	12 AA 7:00	13	14 Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.	15	16	17
18 Sunday School 8:45 Coffee Time 9:00 Worship 9:30	19 AA 7:00	20	21 Community Table 5-7 Chimes 6:30	22	23	24 Visioning Meeting 9:00—1:00
25 Sunday School 8:45 Coffee Time 9:00 Worship 9:30 Hospitality 10:30	26 AA 7:00	27	28	29	30	31

Bazaar Beef Canning

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Rev. Van Dickens, Pastor

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Sunday School 8:45

Coffee Time 9:00

Sunday Worship 9:30

August

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