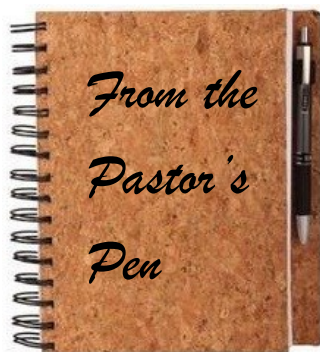


June 2019



A Great Thing

It is hard to believe that June marks the twelfth month as your pastor. That's a year folks! Time in Iowa sure goes by a lot faster than in other places. At least, it seems that way. Maybe it's because you're all such great people. Maybe it's because it feels right. Maybe it's because we seem like a good fit, like peas and carrots, like squash and onions, like corn and soybeans, like, well, you get my point. You know what I think? I think God is working out a great thing here, if we lean forward and remain open to the

Spirit's guidance, whatever the future brings. That's the way the future is. There is no way to know what's around the corner, but it is critical that we keep our eyes focused on what lies ahead.

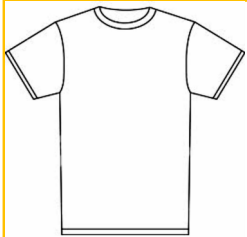
As a kid, when I rode the bus to school, every now and then our bus driver, Mr. Jeff, a salty Cajun who rarely minced words, would get onto us kids for acting up, yelling, "Turn around and face the front!" Woe be it whenever he had to pull the bus over on the busy highway and come back to show us kids that he meant business. We were a rowdy bunch.

Of course, you and I are far from being a "rowdy" bunch, but all of us, including yours truly, have looked backwards, at times wistfully, longingly, at the way things used to be, instead of looking forward and perceiving the way things can become. That's what I mean when referring to being open to the Spirit's guidance. True, it is important to know where we've been and what our roots are. But more than this, we must, in the words of my colorful bus driver, "Turn around and face the front," keeping our eyes on what God has in store for us, and yielding our spirits to his. There is a great promise waiting for us if we do.

To the saints in Philippi, Paul wrote, "Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." Friends, let this always be our orientation, facing forward. It is what God's future holds that shines a bright light clear down into our present, and far back into the past. It is God's future that makes all we have ever done and will ever do redeemable. May God bless us as we move forward together!



Thank you to all who supported the First Responder Appreciation Dinner! And most of all, thank you to all police, fire and rescue who keep our community safe.



175th Anniversary t-shirts can be ordered now! Examples are hanging in

Fellowship Hall. They are \$15.00 each See Patty Elander for more information.

The United Methodist Men's breakfast will be held Wednesday morning, June 12 at 7:00. Come for this time of food and fellowship, \$5 per person.

Breakfast

"Mark your calendars now for our annual Ice Cream Social to be held June 20. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. The menu will include beef burgers and chicken sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, pie or brownie, and four flavors of homemade ice cream. All are priced individually. Bulk ice cream will only be sold by the quart. We will start making the ice cream on Tuesday, June 18 at approximately 5:00 p.m. at the church and will be stirring the following morning, Wednesday, June 19 at 8:00 a.m. We would invite anyone who would like to join in the fun and help us, (we do not call for these events), to come either of these days or both, if possible. Also, if you have an ice cream freezer, electric or crank, please bring it with you or see that it gets to the church. Please mark your name on all pieces of your freezers. We will be calling for \$10 money donations, as well as helpers. If for some reason we didn't reach you, we are sorry. Please feel free to call Mary Sue Duinink (641-891-4770) with any questions.

With the upcoming Ice Cream Social Community Table will be held one week early on Wednesday June 12 from 5:00 to 7:00. Beef burgers are on the menu.



We welcomed Jim Barr into the congregation on Sunday June 26. So glad to have Jim with us!



The UMW will meet at the church at 1:00 Friday June 14 to travel to Newton. At 1:30 there will be a guided tour by Larry Hurto of the First

United Methodist Church in Newton. There will be a coffee time at Midtown Café in with an information presentation on the Main Street Project. Join us!



Congratulations go our 2019 high school graduates!



175th Anniversary
Committee will meet
immediately after Worship
Sunday June 9th.



Making jelly to sell at the fall
bazaar and need jars?
Contact Marcia McConeghey!



This month's challenge is
canned soup for the PCM
Food Pantry. We prefer to
have larger cans with meat.

Monroe United Methodist Church
Financial Statement Analysis
General Bank Account Expenses

Category	Jan-Apr 2019	Jan-Apr 2018	Variance	%	Comments
Contributions	43,245.00	26,953.00	16,292.00	60.45%	Contributions have increased in 2019 compared to 2018.
Salaries	21,312.00	21,233.00	79.00	0.37%	
EE Benefits	6,459.00	3,893.00	2,566.00	65.91%	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 4 month's of the cash housing allowance and the workmen's comp insurance premium.
Bldg Op Costs	7,118.00	2,350.00	4,768.00	202.89%	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.
Utilities	2,809.00	2,525.00	284.00	11.25%	Utilities slightly higher in 2019 compared to 2018.
Apportionments	3,824.00	-	3,824.00	#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	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Old Settlers	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Turkey Supper	-	-	-	#DIV/0!	
Community Table	215.96	130.00			This is the amount of \$ available to pay for any Community Table expenses.
Ending Cash Balance	23,813.15	904.32	22,908.83	2533.27%	
Repairs & Maintenance Balance	5,144.77				
Iowa United Methodist Investment Fund Balance	23,089.12				

2019 Apportionments

\$19,232.00 Total Apportionments
(3,824.00) Less: 2019 Apportionments paid
\$15,408.00 Total Apportionments

Breakdown of Cash Balance

9,861.58 General Account
7,878.33 Parsonage rental income
6,073.24 Remaining Stock proceeds

- Variance



2019

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2 Coffee Time 9:00 Worship 9:30	3 AA 7:00	4	5	6	7	8
9 Coffee Time 9:00 Worship 9:30 175th Committee meeting after worship	10 AA 7:00	11	12 Men's Breakfast 7:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. MOMs 9:00 a.m. Community Table 5-7	13	14 UMW	15
16 Coffee Time 9:00 Worship 9:30	17 AA 7:00	18 Ice Cream Making	19 Ice Cream Stirring	20 Ice Cream Social	21 	22
23 Coffee Time 9:00 Worship 9:30	24 AA 7:00	25 Bazaar Chicken canning and jar washing	26 Bazaar Chicken canning and jar washing	27 Bazaar Chicken canning and jar washing	28 Bazaar Chicken canning and jar washing	29
30 Coffee Time 9:00 Worship 9:30						

Thank you for your help!

June 2nd

Usher/Greeters: Ryan & Jan Phifer,
Don & Elaine Keuning

Communion: Lori Schakel

Liturgist: Charlie Hoeksema

June 9th

Usher/Greeters: Dennis & Kim Worth,
Logan & Kayla Jones

Liturgist: Donna Stravers

June 16th

Usher/Greeters: Dennis & Kim Worth,
Logan & Kayla Jones

Liturgist: Kurt Konek

June 23rd

Usher/Greeters: Helen Nolin, Sharon Covey,
Donna Van Veen, Dianna Nolin

Liturgist: Patty Eilander

Hospitality: Marcia McConeghey

June 30th

Usher/Greeters: Helen Nolin, Sharon Covey,
Donna Van Veen, Dianna Nolin

Liturgist: Marvin Steenhoek

Gloria Kane	1st
Rick & Patty Eilander	
Jim Morris	2nd
Larry Diekema	3rd
Don & Joyce Palm	
Dave & Phyllis Miller	5th
Marilyn Van Baale	6th
Don & Pearl Peery	7th
Shawnee Storm	8th
Trevor Fagg	
Donna Van Veen	9th
Kenneth & Dawn Neff	10th
Brian & Khris Woody	11th
Doyle Van Der Hart	13th
Chance Palm	14th
Grant Hjortshoj	
Sally Morris	15th
Delwin Antle	16th
Delwin & Sue Antle	
Chris & Barbie Fagg	24th
Barbara Nickelson	25th
Larry & Marcy Romick	26th
Francis & Joyce Van Der Hart	
Marvin & Kathy Steenhoek	27th
Cassidy Van Veen	28th
Kelsey Van Veen	
Jerry & Karen Kinion	29th
Doug & Mary Sue Duinink	

Dodransbiecentennial Fun Facts

(175 year celebration)

Jun 6 Young Men's Christian
Association (YMCA) formed by
George Williams in London

Jun 15 Charles Goodyear patents the
vulcanization of rubber

Jun 22 Influential North American
fraternity Delta Kappa Epsilon is
founded at Yale University

**Monroe United
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Rev. Van Dickens, Pastor
(512) 574-7706

Sunday School 8:45-9:15

Coffee Time 9:00-9:30

Worship Service 9:30

"We are a friendly, faithful, and loving family dedicated to sharing God with our neighbors." MUMC Mission Statement



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