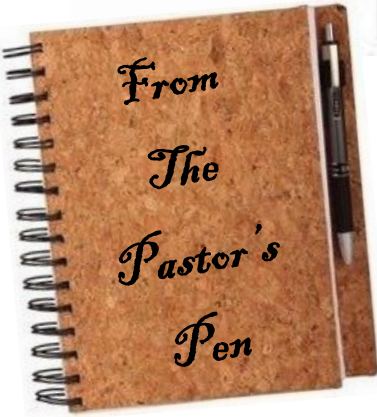




2019



September



Kathy: May I borrow your pen?

Van: You should have plenty. I think you just bought some.

Kathy: No, not that kind of pen, your pastor's pen.

Van: Well, I usually use the one with our church's name on it.

Kathy: No, I need to borrow your Pastor's Pen for the newsletter note you send out every month. There's not enough room in the bulletin announcements for what I want to say. I want to tell everyone thank you for all the calls, cards, food, Facebook messages, care, and prayer

while I was recovering from surgery. All the cards were more than "We wish you well." The church shared so many holy messages with me, just like the ones from the Bible.

One showed how we hold one another accountable: "Have you walked a mile today?" I remember Paul's words to the Philippians: "I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

One kindly reminded me to get busy getting into shape. There are important reasons, like keeping up with that grandson! Again, in Philippians, Paul writes, "He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."

At one group meeting, everyone signed a card letting me know they were thinking of me even when they were doing other things, like eating. Again, in Philippians, "Do not worry about anything, but in everything...let your requests be made known to God."

Someone reminded me that setbacks inevitably come during the healing process, but not to be discouraged if they do. Deuteronomy 31:8 declares, "For God himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

To the great members of Monroe UMC, thank you for your encouragement, both for me and your pastor, and mostly thank you for your love. I really felt it. "No one has ever seen God, but if we love one another, God lives in union with us, and his love is made perfect in us."

You are the definition of church, what church is all about!

Van: I couldn't agree more!

Once again the Monroe United Methodist Women will be sending "Care Packages" to our freshman college students and military personnel living away from home. Please call the Church office with the name and address of those you wish to receive these packages.

Thank you,
Dawn Neff



Alexa Colyn and Brianna Sutphen of Monroe and Majesta Vos of Reasnor will share their experiences from attending a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) camp this summer at an AAUW (American Association of University Women) meeting on Monday, September 9, at 7:30pm in Roe 245 on the Central College campus, Pella. Anyone desiring to attend should contact Janice Cook (641.840.0779) or the church office by Thursday, September 5.

Diapers for Haiti

If you have any absorbent terry cloth towels that you don't need, we would appreciate your contribution.

There is a box in front of the stage for your donations. These diapers all go to help individuals through the Many Hands for Haiti group. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Jeanne Van Genderen (515-371-7976).



M&Ms are going to Giovanni's in Newton Saturday September 21. We will be leaving the church at 5:00. Call Sharon Covey at (641) 259-3146 or Nancy Current at (641) 259-3280 to make your reservation!



Sunday, September 8: The Monroe United Methodist Women will be celebrating 150 years of UMW. Don't miss our history, Rosie the Riveter, Lydia from the Bible and others, plus good old hymns. Join us for coffee time after the service and try a WSG bar for only a dime.



**From the 2019
Monroe Old
Settlers Parade!**



~Calling all helpers and contributors for the 2019 Fall Bazaar~

Our annual **UMW Fall Bazaar** is Saturday, October 12th.

Please plan to showcase your talents with your contributions of homemade baked goods, jams, jellies, handmade creations, ect.

As always, we will have canned beef and chicken, homemade noodles, home-made frozen casseroles and pies, mincemeat, and pumpkin and chocolate cake rolls. We will also be selling Rada Cutlery and Texas Durham nuts.

If you would like to help in any way with the preparation(s) please contact Jeanne Van Genderen at (515) 371-7976.

Thank you to all who have said “yes” when someone has called or asked you to help on a committee. Also, thank you to all who have been or will be working to help make this year’s bazaar a HUGE success!

All proceeds go to support both local and Monroe United Methodist Church sponsored missions.

This year’s planning committee is:

Jeanne Van Genderen, Bobbi Schrader, Glenda Wing, Elaine Keuning,
Marcia McConeghey,
Natalie Pendroy and Dawn Neff.



UMW General Meeting

Friday, September 13
@ 1:30

The program will be by
Kathy Dickens
Hostesses are
Helen Nolin and
Patty Duinink

United Methodist Women and
Men’s Potluck

Wednesday, September 25
at 6:30 p.m.

The program will be by
Pastor Van Dickens
Hostesses are officers of the UMW

Birthdays & Anniversaries

3	JoAnne Acklin Jane Berry Andrew Romick Claire & Bernie Butin
4	Ed & Barb Nickelson
5	Jerry Kinion
8	Charlize Birkenholtz Pearl Peery Jacob Woody
9	Kathy Steenhoek
12	John LeGrand
14	Dennis Worth Lloyd & Lori Storm Hugh & Gwen Vrezelaar
16	Wade Sheeler Kaylee Woody
19	Tamara McLaughlin
21	Kerc Coulter
22	Roger Nolin
23	Don Peery Audrey Vriezelaar
25	Wayne Worth
26	Kolby Schakel
28	Julie Palm Max Thomas Kathy Wallace John & Heather McConeghey
29	Larry Romick Khristi Woody

September Helpers

September 1 & 8 Ushers & Greeters:

Jim Hewitt, Kathy Wallace, Cindy Van Haaften, Carolyn Verde

September 15 & 22 Usher & Greeters:

Charlie & Dawn Hoeksema and Logan & Kayla Jones

September 29 Ushers & Greeters:

Kurt & Becky Konek

Liturgist:

September 1 Deb Coulter

September 8 Donna Stravers

September 15 Kurt Konek

September 22 Patty Eilander

September 29 Marvin Steenhoek

Communion:

September 1 Donna Stravers & Sue Gildersleeve

Hospitality:

September 22 June Hjortshoj



Monday
September 23!

1 Sunday School 8:45 Coffee Time 9:00 Worship w/ Communion 9:30 UMW mgt 10:30	2 Labor Day Office Closed AA 7:00	3 Bible Study 9:00 Bazaar Meet Cooking 5:00 p.m.	4 Bazaar Casserole Making 7:30 a.m. Youth Group 6:30	5	6	7
8 Sunday School 8:45 Coffee Time 9:00 Worship 9:30 Cub Scouts 5:30-6:30	9 Cake Rolls 7—2 AA 7:00	10 Bible Study 9:00	11 UMM Breakfast 7:00 a.m. MOMs 9:00 Church Council 7:00	12	13 UMW General Meeting 1:30	14 Blood Drive 6:30—10:30
15 Sunday School 8:45 Coffee Time 9:00 Worship 9:30 Cub Scouts 5:30—6:30	16 Cake Rolls 7:00 -2:00 AA 7:00	17 Bible Study 9:00	18 Community Table 5-7 Youth Group 6:30	19	20	21
22 Sunday School 8:45 Coffee Time 9:00 Worship 9:30 Hospitality Cub Scouts 5:30—6:30	23 First Day of Autumn Pie Making 8:30 a.m. AA 7:00	24 Bible Study 9:00	25 MOMs 9:00 UMW-Men's Potluck 6:30	26 Mincemeat 8:30 a.m.	27	28
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Sunday School 8:45

Coffee Time 9:00

Sunday Worship 9:30

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