

**Sharon
United
Methodist
Church**

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August 2014

Impacting lives through faith, action, and the power of positive prayer

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Office Hours beginning August 10th

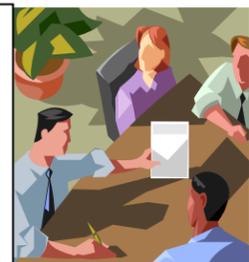
Pastor Kevin: Mon-Thurs 9am to noon
 Office Manager: Mon-Thurs 11am to 2pm
 the office will be closed on Fridays

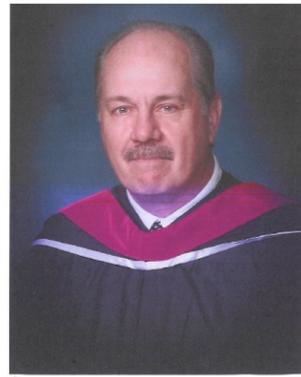
THE ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE
 We make a living by what we get.
 We make a life by what we give.
 Have you remembered the church
 in your will?

Treasurer's Report
 Income for June's Operating Budget: \$9650.21
 Expenses for June's Operating Budget: \$11,297.25
 June deficit: \$1647.04
 year to date deficit: \$5581.03
 (without paying apportionments)

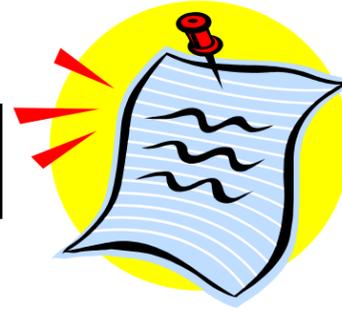
Church Council Minutes
 Did you know that the church council minutes can be found
 on our website? outside the church office?
 and right next to the newsletters in the hallway?

next Council Meeting: Sunday, August 24th @ 11:30am





**A message from
Pastor Kevin Moore**



I am writing this newsletter post prior to my arrival at Sharon UMC in August. I can just imagine how Paul must have felt when he wrote a letter to the church in Rome, prior to his arrival. Paul began Romans by introducing himself (Romans 1: 1-15) and then went on to write one of the most influential “letters” ever written by anyone, in anytime. Paul wrote from the city of Corinth to those in Rome while I am writing to you from Grinnell as I finish out my appointment here. The part that struck me in Paul’s letter was verses 8-12 that mimics how I feel prior to seeing each of you face to face. It reads: *“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established - that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.”* I feel that my appointment to Sharon UMC will be a blessing for me and I hope you feel the same way as well, that each of you will be blessed by this appointment.

Paul mentions that he has wanted to come to Rome for quite some time and was prevented from doing so. For me, I have wanted to come home to Cedar Rapids for over 6 years, but was prevented as well due to many circumstances. There is a sermon lesson in there; something about God’s will and His timing, not our own desires. What has happened in the past we can do nothing about; so the thing to do is leave it behind and look forward in anticipation to what God has in store for each of us in the coming days and years. God must feel the time is right for this appointment, and I just want you to know that whether it is preaching, teaching or whatever, I just look to God that I can make a difference in the lives of those in our church and in our community. I thank you in advance for your encouragement and your welcoming smiles. Our church is full of potential, and I am so excited to see what God has in store for all of us. May God continue to bless our church, Sharon UMC! 😊

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Kevin

Sharon Religious Arts Ministries (RAM)

We are just a month away from the new church season!

We are looking for additional Chancel Choir Members - anyone 6th grade and above. I believe this will be an excellent season of music and fellowship!



Those who might be interested in joining our choir can come to a special August 6th practice at 6:30pm. We are going to go over the new music of the year... We hope to create a little excitement.

The official Chancel Choir practice starts on Wednesday night, August 27th at 6:30pm. I hope you will consider joining Chancel Choir this year.

God bless....

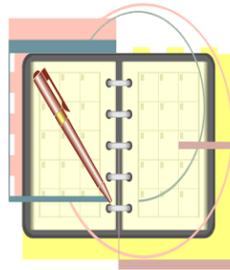
John and Karen Wagner, Religious Arts Ministry Directors



A Sound System Request:

If you have a CD/DVD that needs to be used in a service, please notify the sound person before that Sunday. Some of the new formats do not work with our system, and there is no time to check this out if you bring them right before worship. Thank you.

Contact person: Dale Usher



Notes from the Office Manager

- Please keep the office up to date on changes to your address, email and phone numbers.
- **The scheduling of the use of Fellowship Hall, the Sharon Room, or the sanctuary, needs to be done through the church office to avoid any scheduling conflicts.**
- Articles for the **bulletin** need to be submitted by **Wednesday morning** and articles for the **newsletter**, especially group activities, need to be submitted by the **20th of the month**.
- Committee chairpersons and leaders of groups - please check the mail boxes outside the church office once a week for important information.
- If you have an article for the bulletin board, please put it in the office.
- Thank you!!!

UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS

August 3: Communion Sunday

August 10: potluck after church to welcome Pastor Moore and his family

August 17:

August 24:

August 31: Labor Day Weekend



August Scriptures from the Lectionary

August 3: Genesis 32: 22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21

August 10: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10: 5-15; Matthew 14: 22-33

August 17: Genesis 45: 1-15; Psalm 133: Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15: 21-28

August 24: Exodus 1: 8- 2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20

August 31: Exodus 3: 1-15; Psalm 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12: 9-21; Matthew 16: 21-28



In our prayers this past month:

Dolores Usher; Zayne Miller; Nancy Deason; David and Kathy Hornocker; Todd Tomash; Gretchen Crawford; Pat Carder; Marg Ruppert; Kathy Patterson; Rick Zimmerman; Joanne LeGrand; Irma Rayborn; Dora Eden's brother, Connie.

Tamara Boxa and family in the loss of her father
Dora Eden and family in the loss of her sister
Pat Carder and family in the loss of her sister

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

No prayer shawls or scarves have been given away since the last newsletter.



Just a reminder: if you are admitted to the hospital, the hospital does not notify the church. You or a family member need to call the church (364-3688) with this information. Thank you.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT



Recent projects:

Any extra food in the Sharon Pantry was donated to Mission of Hope.

Ongoing projects:

Sharon Food Pantry for members and constituents: The church has shelves stocked with food items in the back hallway near the Sunday School rooms. If you are struggling financially, please use this resource.

Green Square Meals

Don't forget to sign up to help serve at the Green Square Meal site. Sharon Church helps on the 1st/5th Thursday of every month.



THANK YOU

Tim Ruppert wishes to extend heart-felt and sincere gratitude to Duane Usher and Marvin Evenson for their sandbagging and assistance in constructing wooden barriers on Monday during the massive flooding caused by Indian Creek. Watching the water begin to recede at 2:30am on Tuesday was a blessing as the home was spared disaster by less than a foot. With current speeds reaching 3200 cubic feet per second, it was truly a sight to behold. God is great.

To All of My Sharon Friends:

Even though I have a long way to go in my recovery, I want to let everyone know how thankful I am. A gigantic "thank you" to all of you for your prayers, greeting cards, prepared meals, words of care and concern, and even transportation to doctor appointments. I am blessed to be a part of the "Sharon Family".
Mary Boxa

**SMALL GROUP
OPPORTUNITIES**

FIC - Friends in Christ

Ages 50 and beyond.
no meetings until the fall

Chat 'n Chew

Meets Monday, August 11
8:30am
Tommy's Restaurant
anyone is invited to come

InBetweeners

Ages college to 50
no meetings until the fall

Sarah Circle:

no meetings in
June, July or August

Knit Wits

August 20 - 11:00am
Kava House in Swisher
Everyone is welcome

Mini-Youth

for grades 3-6
no meetings until the fall

Prayer Shawl Ministry

is taking the summer off

**Sunday School for children
and adults:**

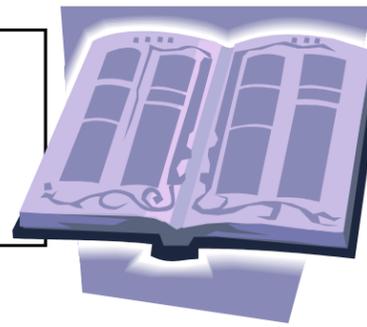
no sessions until the fall

Youth Group

grades 7-12
no meetings until the fall

Women's Bible Study

Meets every Monday
@ 9:30am
in the kitchen



Bible Study

Meets every Wednesday
@ 7:00pm
in the Sharon Room

EAST CENTRAL DISTRICT NEWS

Urban Farm Summer Camps - June and August.

This summer Matthew 25 will be offering 2 Urban Farm Summer Camps for students who have completed third, fourth or fifth grades. You are invited to come explore local foods and spend a week at an urban farm right in Cedar Rapids! Hands-on activities will allow participants to dive in, get their hands dirty, and have fun while learning about where food comes from. Activities will include art on the farm, learning about healthy soils, field trips and cooking farm-fresh foods that participants harvest themselves. The week-long day camps will run Monday-Friday from 9am-3pm. The first session will be held June 16-20 and the second session is August 11-15. Cost of the camp is \$160, which includes activities, field trip transportation, a camp T-shirt, and daily snacks. For more information, contact Matthew 25 at 362-2214 or email -cultivate@hub25.oth.

Visit <http://www.hub25.org/programs/cultivate-hope/farm-summer-camp/> to find complete details and download the registration form.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

All 13 HyVee locations in Cedar Rapids and Marion are supporting the Ecumenical Community Center in its mission of sharing ministries and service with the surrounding neighborhood!

You can purchase a coupon booklet for \$10 from staff at 601 2nd Ave SE any time between 10am and 4pm, Monday-Friday. This coupon book has hundred of dollars worth of savings on items you would normally buy at HyVee. In fact, if your family buys at least \$100 of groceries, you immediately get your \$10 taken off the bill. It is truly a win-win-win situation. Buy many books as they are good all year long! See you at HyVee!



Flood the Run

Join in a family-friendly water themed 2.6 mile run/walk in the Ellis Park area on August 9th at 8am. to register or get more information go to:

www.crfloodtherun.com

All proceeds will be split between Matthew 25 and The Salvation Army.

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August Helpers						
Date	Greeters	Liturgist	Hymn Leader	Sound System	Laptop	Cleaning Crew
3	Tami Flockhart Gloria Jahnel Kathleen Weiss	John Wagner	Zach Wagner	Bill Jahnel	Mark Achey	Jahnel Paul Newman
10	Marilyn Clements Jan Kuda Joyce Lins	Tami Flockhart	John Wagner	Steve Flockhart	Jan McMann	Odeen
17	Dale Usher John Wagner Zach Wagner	Mark Achey	Kathleen Weiss	Duane Usher	Phyllis Daugherty	Flockhart
24	Jamie Achey Harry Odeen Toni Overton	Gloria Jahnel	John Wagner	Dale Usher	Cecil Ellison	Boxa
31	Doris Flynn John Powers Karen Reid	Marcy Usher	Tim Ruppert	Bill Jahnel	David Hornocker	Dale Usher