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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday School 8:30 am
(September-May)

Worship 9:45 am

From the Pastor's Desk

36 Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." 37 Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, 38 but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. 39 They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, 40 but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. 41 He went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

Acts 15: 36-41

I wonder how many people know that the United Methodist Church has only been in existence for a short amount of time in the grand scheme of things? It was formed back in 1968, with the union of the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church. There had been other splits and unions prior to this merger as well, with the beginning of Methodism only dating back to 1784. The history of this denomination is fluid and has changed looks multiple times throughout our short 238-year history!

At multiple junctures, the church has faced issues which go to the core of what it means to be the "Church" universal. When two sides within the church disagree on a "core" doctrinal issue, each side has essentially decided that they must follow their conscience and peacefully go the way the Lord is leading them.

As you see in the scripture above, this process of "Church Expansion" actually pre-dates Methodism, and all other denominations for that matter. It goes back to the very beginnings of the formation of the body of believers called Christians. Paul and Barnabas had a "sharp" disagreement on who should accompany them on their gospel mission trips. Due to this core disagreement, they would agree to part ways and pursue the mission the Lord is leading each one of them toward.

As some of you may know, the United Methodist Church faces another one of these moments today, when core doctrinal issues are viewed differently and are disagreed upon at a fundamental level. Our church is divided upon issues of biblical authority and interpretation as well as others that go to the core of the gospel message. Due to this disagreement, each local church will have the opportunity to decide for themselves which direction the Lord is leading them on these matters. The Administrative Council and I will be spending some time over the next few months sending out pertinent information, preaching through these issues, and leading a town hall meeting, so that you will have the opportunity to be informed of all sides of these matters. I encourage you all to take the time to read as much information about the current divide, and then seek God's wisdom and judgment on these matters before we would take a vote in the coming months. **Our first town hall is being planned for June 26th, 2022, so please make sure you save the date!** In the meantime, I would invite anybody who would like to talk about this in more depth, to reach out to me and we can chat. I look forward to walking through this transitional time in our calling to be the body of Christ in this time and place.

God bless you,
Pastor Josh

Small Group Studies

These studies are open to ALL. Come join one or more to hear the word of God and build a lasting relationship with Him and fellow Christians.

Men's Breakfast @ VJ Reinken 108 Grant Ave Lisbon

This group meets for a devotional reading from My Utmost for His Highest, prayer, breakfast, and Christian Fellowship.

Sisters in Christian Study (SCS)-We are currently reading Max Lucado's book Be Anxious About Nothing. Our next meeting will be May 17 at 7:00pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome to attend.

Women in Christ (WIC)- WIC met Friday, April 1st in the Fellowship Hall with 5 ladies present. Kathy Jamison was the hostess and we enjoyed Girl Scout Cookies and iced tea that she shared. The UMW Purpose and Bible Verse 1Corinthians 15:57 was read. Nancy Forbes led the time of prayer. Roll Call was answered with “what kind of new musical instrument would one like to learn to play” and that was from harmonica to piano.

Business discussed was the UMW Baked Potato Day on Palm Sunday. Mission ideas with SELinn and Lisbon Library were postponed until the May Meeting.

Bev Achey led Lesson 2 of Galatians titled, Your Life is Rich in Purpose. A very good discussion followed. Nancy Forbes will be lesson leader in May and Diane Miller will be the hostess on May 6. The meeting closed with Numbers 6: 24-26.

United Methodist Women-United Methodist Women is now United Women in Faith! The move is part of a refreshing of the organization that includes a new logo and an array of new and improved programs to nurture current members and welcome new women to join to put their love in action on behalf of women, children, and youth.

The organization remains incorporated in New York as United Methodist Women and is doing business as United Women in Faith. United Women in Faith seeks to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship, and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities

For more detailed information you can go to the web page:
unitedmethodistwomen.org

Blessings to all..... Wendy

Reminders

Looking for a way to get involved?

- Summer is quickly approaching, and I know we all get busy, and our calendars fill up quickly. I would like you to pray and think about helping with Vacation Bible School this year. I am still working on dates that will take place. I am looking for volunteers to run the different market shops, lead students around to the different stations, lead in music, help with the

skits, build sets, help with food, check-in, and even a prayer team would be great this year to pray over everyone involved and to help spread the message of Christ to the kids. This is a great chance for you to look back when you were a kid and who you had that helped lead you to Christ. If you didn't have one, now is the chance to step up and be one! Remember the church is just a building. Where 2 or more are gathered there he will be as well. We are called to build the church, so now it is time to do the work. A great church starts with a strong foundation. This is a chance to build our foundation for the future of our church family, our community, and to spread His love and message. Jesus said to bring the children to him. This is a great way to do this, and the memories you create with these kids will last an eternity. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Your Adopted brother in Christ,
Nick Booth

- Summer Camp
 - Campers and Counselors wanted
 - Check out the opportunities to be involved at camp this summer!!!
 - Campership applications for Lake Okoboji are available in the overflow room.
 - UMW is currently accepting applications for camperships.
 - Applications are available in the overflow room.
 - Please return your application to the church office or to Peggy Bock.

Did you know?

- The United Methodist Women had a Baked Potato luncheon on Palm Sunday. Thank you to everyone who worked and joined us for lunch.
- The Men's Breakfast group provided Easter Sunday breakfast for everyone. The menu included fruit salad, pancakes, waffles, sausage links, and scrambled eggs. It was delicious and enjoyed by all. Thank you to the men for making this an enjoyable time.



Dates to Remember:

- Every Wednesday Men's Breakfast @ VJ Reinken 108 Grant Ave Lisbon
- May 1-Mother's Day photo booth
- May 4-Confirmation/Mentor meal at 6pm
- May 6-WIC Meeting 1:30pm at the Church
- May 15-Confirmation Sunday
- May 15-Ad Council
- May 17-SCS 7pm at the Church
- May 18-Baccalaureate to be held at Seeds of Faith 7pm
- May 22- Lisbon High School Graduation
- May 30-Memorial Day
- June 26-Town Hall Meeting following worship

Future Events:

- Vacation Bible School (VBS) This year's exciting journey is "A Jewish Marketplace. Watch for future updates as to dates and times.

Prayers

Please keep the following families in your prayers

- Julie Light's grandson, Hayes; Betty Stoneking; Nancy Rottman;
- Dale Johnson; Jeff DuCharme; Zelah Logue; Ben Jamison
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- Emma Bock as she leaves on her mission trip and while she is in Thailand.

Thank you, Jesus, for the answers to our prayers! We praise and thank You for new life, healing of the injured and sick, providing our daily needs! We lift up prayers for our family members who are sick, hospitalized, injured, and those who are in need. We ask for Your Presence in our community and in our world. Amen



Our FriYay is: On April 23 we were able to celebrate my parents, Fred and Marlene Himes 67th Anniversary with half of our family-16 kids, grandkids and great grand kids. They are such a blessing and great role models in unconditional love and perseverance.

Senior Highlight



Rachel Masters will be graduating Lisbon High School on Sunday, May 22nd. She is the daughter of Wayne and Renee Masters and sister of Jake Masters.

Rachel has been very active throughout high school including: Football cheerleading and captain, band, jazz band, choir, speech, theatre, 4-H, Girl Scouts (all 13 years and has become an Adult Lifetime Member), student

council, Spanish Club (as Vice President) and youth group.

Rachel has grown up in this church; first through baptism, attending Sunday School, VBS and church camp at Pictured Rocks. Later on, Rachel

became a VBS volunteer, Sunday School teacher for the 2-year olds classroom alongside our late friend, Carol Walden and was confirmed into the church membership. Rachel has been attending youth group with her friends at Community Bible Church. One of the highlights is when they went to Indianapolis, Indiana to attend the youth conference called "Momentum".

Rachel's future plans are to attend Central College in Pella, Iowa. She will be double majoring in Secondary Education and English with a minor in Theatre. Her goals are to become a high school teacher teaching English and a high school theatre coach for speech and theatre. Rachel would like to invite our church family to come celebrate at her graduation party on Saturday, May 21st from 4pm to 7pm at the Tin Roof Hideaway and Event Center, previously known as Regal Crown, located at 1003 N Washington St in Lisbon. If you are unable to come and would like to send best wishes on her next chapter in life, please send your card to:

1243 White Oak Ave NE Lisbon, IA 52253. Thank you for all your



support!
Blessings to you,
Rachel Masters

Member's Musings

Stay in Your Day

Mary Morningstar

We visited our daughter, Grace, at college recently, Bethel University in St. Paul, MN. While there we went to a college student entrepreneur fair, where young people were sharing their ideas for small business. One young woman caught my eye. She was selling apparel that said, "Stay in Your Day." I stopped in my tracks, and all I could think was, "Yes, amen." Her backstory is a cancer diagnosis for her dad, and "Stay in Your Day" became a family motto. I think this is a message for all of us.

Jesus said, in Matthew 6, "Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its

own.” And the apostle Paul wrote in Philippians, “Forgetting what is behind, I press on toward the goal for which God has called me...”

I can spend too much time in the past, in sorrow or regret, with thoughts such as, “I wish I would have done that better, parented that child differently, said those words before it was too late.”

And I’m pretty good at worrying about the future. “How will this situation turn out, how will we handle retirement, where will Ben’s future take him?” I want to Stay in My Day. It is a gift from God. I am sure there are opportunities He has for me, blessings too.

Will you join me in being present in each day? May we thank Him for a new day, for His mercies are new every morning. Lord, thank you for each day. Please give us eyes to see your goodness, no matter the circumstances of our life. By your grace may we Stay in Our Day.

Reminder-if you would like a copy of the new Our Daily Bread, Mike and Dawn Morgan will deliver them to your home. Please call the office at 319-455-2000.



We will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows, and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:15-16

***Reminder: Please have all articles/information for the June newsletter to the church office by May 24.**