

# FAITH *news*

## CONVERSATION with Pastor Courtney

### A prayer for reflection:

*I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.*

This prayer is called the Wesleyan covenant prayer and was adapted by John Wesley from the Puritan tradition. Traditionally, this prayer was said by the Methodist community at the beginning of the year as a way to renew their baptism. This prayer expresses commitment to God and a willingness to give of self to lead a Christian life. The Old English may trip us up, but the heart of the prayer is for us today and always.

I invite you to pray this prayer a second time. As you read, allow the words to soak into your heart. Make these commitments to God. Allow the prayer to transform you.

This prayer is my prayer for us as the community of Christ. When all of our hearts and minds and lives are focused on God, we are better together. We are a stronger community ready to do the will of God; to reach outside of ourselves and serve the community. God is alive in us. Thanks be to God.

## PLEASE note!

# OFFICE HOURS

**THURSDAYS only!**  
8:30-12:30

During the COVID19 shut-down, the office is only being staffed this one day per week.

*Replies to emails and phone messaging will not be forthcoming until Thursdays. Please look ahead and plan accordingly. If you have a time-sensitive issue that can't wait until Thursday, call Pastor Courtney at 641-340-1211.*



# please be praying for:

- \***The family of DONNA KUCHEMANN**, (Dennis Eudaley's mom) who passed away Tuesday night at Agrace Hospice facility in Wisconsin. A private family service will be held Sat. (10-3-20) in Galena, IL.
- \***BEA ABBAS** who will undergo eye surgery next Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> to correct a macular hole.
- \***LARRY HAUGLAND** who is recovering from having his second shoulder replaced last week.
- \*All those who have been displaced, lost homes & are suffering the effects of **HURRICANES and FOREST FIRES**.
- \***PHYLLIS KINNEY** who is home and recovering from back surgery last month. While she hit a 'slump' in her recovery, she's feeling a bit better again & hopes the trajectory of her recovery will continue in that direction.
- \***DENNY DenHARTOG, KEN FORDHAM & KEITH RIEWERTS** who are all suffering from serious back problems.
- \***CAROL ARTIS** (Carol Haugland's sister-in-law) who is being treated for a cancerous spinal tumor.
- \***BERNICE KINNER** (mother of Carol Kay) who is experiencing great pain & has entered hospice.
- \*Dennis Eudaley's other family members also need to remain in our prayers: **WENDY**, who is undergoing chemo and other treatments for breast cancer; **BILL** who is having treatment for an open pressure wound.
- \***TOM & LUCY PETERSEN** (Mary Beth Riewerts' parents) as they transition to their new home in assisted living.
- \*Thankfulness that **RUTH ARP** (Becky Esbaum's mom) is doing a lot better in her recovery from surgery to repair a broken hip! She is now breathing 90% unaided, feeling much stronger & getting around a little better too.
- \***A family member of Paula Bryant** who has been diagnosed with Covid19.
- \*The safety of **STUDENTS, TEACHERS & STAFF** all over the country as well as here in North Scott. For **SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS** and their difficult decisions. For **PARENTS** and their fears and trepidations about the safety and future of their children.
- \*For peace, understanding and patience throughout these trying times in our **NATION**.

## October BIRTHDAYS

10/1	Brian Popelka
10/3	Jennifer McLain
10/5	Kathy Dawson Carol Kay
10/7	Phyllis Kinney David Muhs
10/9	Jeff Newmeister Flo Veldhuis-Kroeze
10/12	Bill Tubbs
10/23	Loraine Otte Jan Veldhuis-Kroeze
10/29	Dave Faeth
10/30	Vicki Hawkins Laura McLain AJ Petersen
10/31	Paula Bryant

## October ANNIVERSARIES

10/1	Ben & Karen Apple
10/8	Jeff & Kelly Cronkleton
10/11	Lynn & Laura Reth
10/16	Cory & Cindy Crain

# reminders

\* Don't forget that we have plenty of copies of "The Upper Room" waiting for you on the table in the church vestibule. Stop in any Thursday morning or call to arrange a 'meet-up' to get your copy.

\* Several of our usual fall activities are unable to meet *at this time* due to COVID protocols. These include, Compass Grief Ministry, HiSET Tutoring, Wonderful Wednesdays, Churches United Meal Prep, etc. Watch weekly emails for updates!

\* 41st Annual **MISSION INGATHERING** is coming to a close and we only need a few more items to complete our kits:

- 106 Band-Aids (3/4"x3")
- 10 Deodorants (2-3oz)
- 5 boxes of 24 Crayons

The collection ends on October 11th, so drop off your donation Thursday morning the 8th or call to arrange a pick-up or to ask us to shop for you. Janalee can be reached at either 563-285-4123 or 563-370-0717

## learning together

Pastor Courtney continues our study of the **Eight Life-Enriching Practices of United Methodists** Wednesdays at 7pm or Thursdays at 1pm via Zoom. The study will be based on the book *Eight Life-Enriching Practices of United Methodists* by Henry H. Knight III. There are two more sessions, but don't hesitate — each lesson stands alone & there is no need to purchase a book. Pastor Courtney provides a summary and discussion questions for each session. Those unable to join via Zoom may call in. Everyone is welcome to attend the remaining sessions as follows:

Session 5 (10/7 & 8): *Christian Community & Christian Lifestyle*

Session 6 (10/14 & 15): *Serving Our Neighbor & Sharing Our Faith*

For more information, please contact Pastor Courtney at 641-340-1211 or [cdake508@gmail.com](mailto:cdake508@gmail.com).

## missions project

Our missions committee continues its collection to purchase an additional \$3000 worth of paper **MASKS** for the NS School system. Each mask costs only 63cents, but they are going through them like lightning! Additionally, they would like some child/size CLOTH masks for elementary students. Just drop off your donations at the church, please!

## October at the Food Pantry

### CANNED MEAT



### GRANOLA BARS



### MUFFIN MIX



### CANNED FRUIT



Ecclesiastes 3

"There's a season for everything under the heavens. . ."

- ...living and dying
- ...planting and reaping
- ...killing and healing
- ...crying and laughing
- ...mourning and dancing
- ...embracing and distancing
- ...searching and losing
- ...tearing and repairing
- ...silence and speech
- ...loving and hating
- ...war and peace

## outdoor worship? we'll see . . .

We have been planning on another outdoor worship on October 10th but the weather seems to have turned on us once again and we're having some misgivings about the chill in the air. On the other hand, we're fully aware that we live in Iowa and it could be 75 degrees again by then! So...the worship committee is 'on it' and will have an answer for you by Thursday's message next week (we hope). In the meantime, let me just use this space to remind you of the protocols we must ask you to follow if we DO get an opportunity to meet outdoors in the future:

**MASKS!**

**SOCIALLY DISTANCED FAMILY GROUPS**

Bring your own **LAWN CHAIRS**,  
**Sunglasses**, **BLANKETS** or hand fans, bug spray,  
**water bottle...whatever makes you comfortable!**

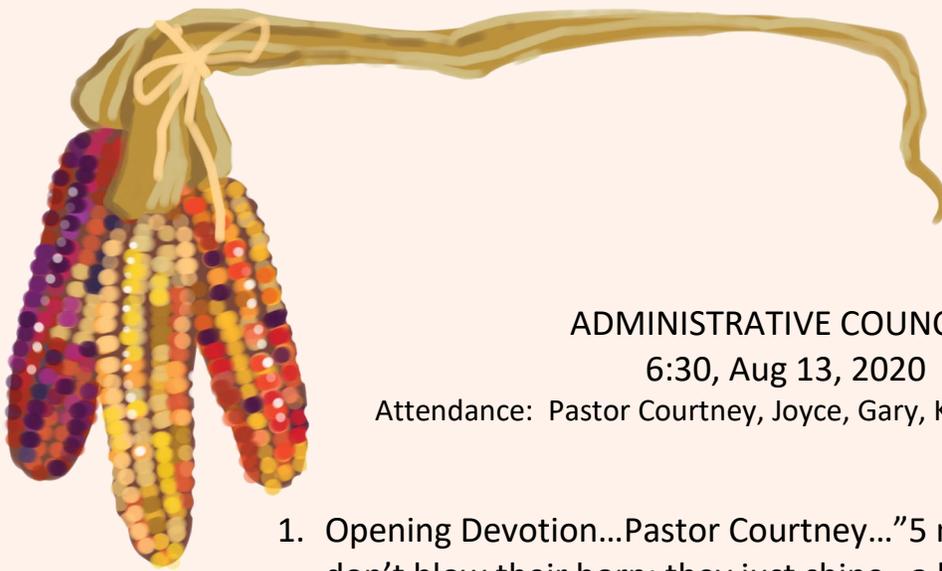


## 2020 Monthly Stewardship & Finance Update

2020 General Pledges		\$ 133,844.00	2020 Building Pledges	\$ 25,395.00
2020 Anticipated Growth		\$ 8,000.00		(\$2,116/mo.)
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$ 141,844.00		
		(\$11,820/mo.)		
Received in 2020:				
January		\$ 14,283.00		\$ 5,040.00
February		\$ 11,498.00		\$ 905.00
March		\$ 11,465.00		\$ 620.00
April		\$ 13,203.00		\$ 515.00
May		\$ 12,870.00		\$ 3,450.00
June		\$ 8,322.00		\$ 1,035.00
July		\$ 10,788.00		\$ 4,375.00
<b>August</b>		\$ 12,283.00		\$ 1,785.00
September				
October				
November				
December				
<b>Total-to-date</b>		\$ 94,712.00		\$ 17,725.00
<b>Percentage of 2020 pledges rec'd</b>		<b>71.00%</b>		<b>70.00%</b>
	Income	Expenses	Gain/Loss	
January	\$ 14,552.38	\$ 13,351.78	\$ 1,200.60	
February	\$ 12,423.03	\$ 14,966.66	\$ (2,543.63)	
March	\$ 11,958.52	\$ 7,601.73	\$ 4,356.79	
April	\$ 14,711.46	\$ 8,668.52	\$ 6,042.94	
May	\$ 13,089.16	\$ 9,992.51	\$ 3,096.65	
June	\$ 8,961.08	\$ 9,162.48	\$ (201.40)	
July	\$ 12,297.45	\$ 12,430.85	\$ (133.40)	
<b>August</b>	\$ 12,347.75	\$ 10,765.24	\$ 1,582.51	
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 100,340.83	\$ 86,939.77	\$ 13,401.06	
Apportionments are being paid at 100%				

### STEWARDSHIP

“Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation.”



## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

6:30, Aug 13, 2020 Virtual

Attendance: Pastor Courtney, Joyce, Gary, Kelly, Bill, Debbie, Steve, Judy,

1. Opening Devotion...Pastor Courtney..."5 minutes with Jesus." Lighthouses don't blow their horn; they just shine...a lesson for us.
2. Pastor Courtney... Reopening Comm.... Pastor Courtney will get this committee together. Several feel it is time to talk about reopening with an outdoor service. Goal was possibly Labor Day weekend with masks and social distancing.
3. SPPRC ---Gary and Debbie talked about the meeting this group had in the search for someone to replace Brenda doing the technical work for the Sunday morning virtual service. Brenda has made a tutorial which is very detailed for the new person. Keith has offered his help.  
The search...Integrated Solutions was contacted. Mike Linberg , co-owner, suggested we check with Baptist on Crow Creek Rd. (Pleasant View). Will also continue to search at Scott Comm College and Ambrose. Lyman Miller's younger daughter was suggested. John Kroeze's daughter, Sharon, was brought up. The search continues.  
Discussion of payment for Brenda also discussed and agreed she should be paid \$20/hour. 40 hours was mentioned for June/July.
4. Finance...Report by Kelly: Oct 4 Stewardship; Nov 8 Pledge Date
5. UMW...Joyce's report 1.NO peaches this year.2. Summer Club: a goodie bag was put together/gallon zip lock delivered to kids who came last year. 3. Bible Study to begin in Sept. 4. UMW will meet by zoom in Sept.
7. Missions: Steve gave a report of what progress is being made on Ingathering. There is a list of what is needed on an orange sheet in the entryway in a basket where items may be placed.  
Joyce also brought up she'd like to see the church do a service project. Suggested to contact the NS administration to see where there is a need
8. Closing Thoughts...Pastor Courtney offered a blessing.  
Next meeting 6:30,Sept 10

Respectively submitted  
Judy Kilzer