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D. Leonard Sweet, a professor at Drew University in New Jersey, identifies four basic church structures which begin with an “M”.

1. Mission churches: these are movement-oriented and mission-minded churches, and they have a community like the early church at Antioch (Acts 11). It’s the most trustworthy and desirable feature of churches.

2. Ministry churches: these are more focused on ministry within the church than on the mission outside the church. These churches may affirm the value of connectedness and celebration, perhaps even the sense of separateness. But they have no sense of vision of reaffirmation of purpose. These churches do the ministry of administration.

3. Maintenance churches: these churches might be well-run, well-organized, efficient “church machines,” growing perhaps in breadth and prosperity, but not necessarily in obedience and faithfulness. These churches have all the pieces in place to affirm all four values, but they use those pieces to simply maintain the organization instead of mobilizing a body. These churches are best likened to a wisely managed country club and are sadly typical of many large affluent mainline denominational churches. These churches satisfy with themselves.

4. Museum churches: these are churches that are living off of old memories, a cherished heritage. These are churches that, as they should, recall and celebrate what God has done in the past. Unfortunately, they do not also structure themselves in expectation of what God might intend to do in the future. These churches tend to be all history—no present, no future, no

passion, no tears, no prayers, no dedication, and no obedience. What is in a museum? Mummies and things that are no longer alive. These churches are filled with a dead congregation.



It is obvious to be a mission church, however, the mission churches need the characteristics of the other three churches at the same time. The Mission churches keep moving forward. Everything should be done to spread the

Good News. The priority is to expand the kingdom of God. These churches are open, welcoming, and have compassion. They are not perfect nor strong, but they experience the power of God because they do His will. These churches are filled with noise from children’s running around the church. Even the older generation looks young because they have young and open hearts.

Brothers and sisters of the Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church! We must do more in our mission. We must open our hearts, minds, and doors wider. We must be reaching out farther. Welcoming more. Be more compassionate. There is a Korean expression, “Whip a galloping horse” which means to make it faster and better. We need to open wider, do more because EFUMC is a galloping horse.

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

- Luke 10:2 -

Pastor Hojin

Our Church Staff

Pastor: Hojin Shin
Secretary: Cindy Magee (interim)
Treasurer: Lois Stanley
Custodian: John Strohmman
Organists/Pianists:
 Rosemary Matthews
 Kelley Fog
Bell Choir Director:
 Melanie Flynn
Choir Director: Dave Fog
Accompanist: Kelley Fog

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please keep Rosie Culbertson, the Dave Fog Family, the Bob Wright Family, Sharon Hobart, Carol Hersom, John and Stacey Strohmman, Kort Freeman, Marge Solberg, Drew Davidson (son-in-law of Jamie & Cal Christensen), Scott Sanne (Grandson of Pearl Whitmore), Devin Morey, Deb Nissen (sister-in-law of Deb Wickman), Mike & Lea Shipull, Philip Christenson (brother of Marge Solberg), Jon Williams, Cole McDonough, Curtis Boekemeier, Cindy Kassel, Ted Strohmman, Jane Stevens, Adolph Knobloch (Tami Culver's Uncle), Vi Sampson, Joyce Muller, and others in your daily prayers, including those who have been hospitalized, Police Officers, firefighters, and our military members.



Our Charge Conference
 Sunday, October 22, 2017
 Following Worship Service



If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the church to inform us. The hospital does not and will not call us.

Fellowship Hall Update

The Building Committee Members, Trustees, Pastor Hojin, and Morton Building's, Inc. met on September 19, 2017 to review the bids for the new Fellowship Hall, Morton shared with us the firms contacted for bids, bids received and subcontractor notes. Overall, the bids came back much higher than the Committee or Morton were initially expecting.

The Building Committee and Morton attempted to include the input from the congregation to create a build that would meet our needs plus wants, however the cost of our wants exceeds what the Committee believes is a reasonable budget. The Committee has decided to investigate a few options that may allow the Fellowship Hall to proceed. In addition, the Committee will investigate leveling the site to provide for easier mowing and care plus ensuring the site is not an eye sore in the community. Our committee continues to discuss options that will best serve our church needs. Please feel free to discuss your wishes and desires with the committee members.

October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am Adult School 10:00am Worship Holy Communion Chancel Choir	2 4pm Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oak	3 5-8pm Just For Kicks 6pm Praise Team Practice	4 1:30pm 345 ALIVE, Upper Room 6:00pm JR/SR UMYF, Bell Choir 6:30pm Finance 7:30pm Ad. Council	5 5-8:30pm Just For Kicks 6pm Intensified Prayer	6 Offices Closed	7 4:00pm Wedding of Pelzer & Forrer
8 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am Adult School 10:00am Worship	9 4pm Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oak 5-7pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Dig in Bible Study	10 4pm Classic Quilters 5-8pm Just For Kicks 6pm Praise Team Practice 7pm Financial Peace	11 1:30pm Upper Room 3:30pm 345 ALIVE 5:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm JR/SR UMYF Bell Choir	12 5-8:30pm No Dance 6pm Intensified Prayer	13 Offices Closed	14
15 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am Adult School 10:00am Worship Bell Choir	16 4pm Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oak 7pm Dig in Bible Study	17 5-8pm Just For Kicks 6pm Praise Team Practice	18 1:30pm 345 ALIVE Upper Room 5:30-9pm JR/SR UMYF "The Bridge" 6:00pm Bell Choir 7:00pm ELF	19 1:30 PALS @ Church Trinity 3 @ Norma Shaffer Home) 5-8:30pm Just For Kicks 6pm Intensified Prayer	20 Offices Closed 4:30-6:30pm Soup Supper	21
22 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am Adult School 10:00am Worship Chancel Choir 11:00am Charge Conference	23 <i>Due date for Newsletter</i> 4pm Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oak 7pm Dig in Bible Study	24 4pm Classic Quilters 5-8pm Just For Kicks 6pm Praise Team Practice	25 1:30pm Upper Room 3:30pm 345 ALIVE 5:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm JR/SR UMYF Bell Choir	26 5-8:30pm Just For Kicks 6pm Intensified Prayer	27 Offices Closed	28
29 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am Adult School 10:00am Worship	30 4pm Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oak 7pm Dig in Bible Study	31 9:30am Young at Heart 5-8pm No Dance 6pm Praise Team Practice	Nov 1 1:30pm 345 ALIVE Upper Room 5:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm JR/SR UMYF Bell Choir	Nov 2 5-8:30pm Just For Kicks 6pm Intensified Prayer	Nov 3 Offices Closed	Nov 4



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| 1 Evan Mattice | 25 Brennan Duhn |
| 2 Arlene Aldrich | 26 Kiersten Duhn |
| Bridget Myrhe | Marcie Frevert |
| Jon Jamison | Kyle Malm |
| 3 Madelyn Anderson | Cole Shirk |
| 4 Howard Argabright | 28 Florence Malm |
| Owen Rouse | Madison Burns |
| Tracey Henderson | Matthew Hill |
| 5 Brad Becker | Larry Leners |
| Elaine King | 29 Nicolett Boblit |
| 6 Alyvia Curry | Bill Pelzer |
| Carter Hudson | Missy Hall |
| 7 Nancy Hinrich | 30 Wade Lundgren |
| Clay Shirk | 31 Virginia Place |
| Alaina Duhn | Jon Williams |
| 8 Judy Sample | |
| Ehren Lundgren | |
| 9 Rosabelle Johnson | |
| Marshall Lewis | |
| Kathy Heng | |
| 11 Connie Manwarren | |
| Dan Chism | |
| 12 Rachel Duhn | |
| Troy Hall | |
| 15 Wendell Duhn | |
| 16 Rich Rouse | |
| Sharon Lowman | |
| 17 Nicole Manwarren | |
| 19 Bonnie Whitney | |
| 23 Joel Hoyman | |
| 24 Kyle Hurley | |

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| 3 Julie & Larry Leners |
| 4 Linda & Doug Welander |
| 7 Judy & Dick Sample |
| 8 Joyce & Lyle Muller |
| Deb & Brad Becker |

Outreach Soup Supper

Friday, October 20, 2017, 4:30-6:30 pm
 We will offer homemade chicken noodle soup, chili and vegetable beef soup, crackers, rolls, drink and a variety of bars. Free will donation. This is the main fundraiser for Outreach and funds are distributed to various organizations at the end of the year. We appreciate your support for all our activities. Come join us!

Annual Harvest Auction

Sunday, November 19, 2017
 Donations (new items only) need to be at church by November 15th.
 Ideas: Basket of homemade goodies, craft items, gift certificates, theme baskets, be creative!

Circle Updates

Young at Heart Group: "YAWS" met at the church at 9:30, September 26th. Seven people were in attendance. Arlene Aldrich had devotions, Karen Chisum served a delicious brunch and Myram Tunnickliff gave an interesting program about "Animals Their Family had Encountered in Alaska," while they lived there for 15 years. \$12.00 was collected for our project, Mobility Worldwide, formerly known as PET. We will meet October 31st at 9:30 am at the church. We welcome anyone who wishes to join us for Christian Fellowship. Irene Goff, Secretary

Trinity III Circle of the United Methodist Women: Trinity III will meet October 19th, at 1:30 pm at Emerald Oaks with Kaye Currans as Hostess. Kaye will have devotions and everyone is asked to bring a reading or poem for the program. We welcome anyone who wishes to join our group. Irene Goff, Secretary

The Peace & Love: The PAL group met on September 21st with 7 members present. During our business portion we voted to give money to the Evening Fellowship group to be used to help pay for postage when they send their kits to Ingathering. We also decided to bring items for the Stork's Closet at the PACH to our next meeting in October. Jan Bare shared a very interesting devotion about the Good Samaritan, which led to a lot of discussion about our own situations we have encountered. Jan also served a very delicious lunch of apple pie and ice cream. We are a very informal group and have a good fellowship. We are open to new members. Our meetings are the third Thursday of the month at 1:30pm in the church.

Evening Ladies Fellowship: The ELF met on Wednesday September 20th with 12 members present. We packed 50 Health Kits for the Ingathering. (Picture Below) Our next meeting will be October 18th and we will be packing the Layettes for Ingathering. All are welcome to join us!





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Upcoming Youth Events

October 18th—Jr./Sr UMYF will go to the Hope Church in Spencer to “The Bridge,” with Cory Nikkle giving a message, *Uncomfortable Jesus*. Our church bus will leave at 5:30, a vehicle will bring athletic kids over later. A fun night with games, pizza and a message.

November 12th– Youth Group Fundraiser, Afternoon of Soup and Painting . The Youth will have a soup lunch and a wood art sign event on November 12. The plans are still in the works, but, keep an eye for a flyer soon in the Narthex. This will be an afternoon of fun and fellowship, while supporting our youth activities.

4. Family Life Center - Tables (Round) and chairs (200) were purchased at Auction and will be donated for building.

- **Chair of SPRC: Cindy Kassel**
 1. Marsha is serving only as church secretary. Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00 pm. Volunteers will be in charge of youth ministries.
 2. Bus driver advertisement was in newspaper, not sure if any applications were received. Doug Miller will be a backup driver, if possible with his work schedule. He drove bus today!
- **Chair of Finance: Brian Garrels**
 1. No meeting this month. They will start working on plans for Harvest Auction.
 2. Discussion was held regarding a breakdown of donations/pledges for building project. Brian said he would have this ready for next meeting. After bids are received there will be a final push for additional donations.
- **Chair of Endowment Committee: Kent Klootwyk**
 1. No funds have been withdrawn from Endowment Fund for new building; this will be done when the project is ready to begin.
- **Lay Leadership Vice Chair: No Report**
- **Chair of History Committee: Anne Carney and Myram Tunncliff**
 1. Continuing to work on scrapbook, Myram contacted newspaper in regards to no names being listed under pictures in the newspaper. Names make it easier to recognize members doing good things in our community.
- **Memorial Committee: No Report**
- **Other Committee/Additional New Business:**
 1. Gift from Marvel Davis Estate – Trustees need to have in their minutes an official acceptance of this gift. Then a decision needs to be made to determine what the money should be used for. Be thinking of the best use of this money for next meeting.
 2. Nomination committee is close to finishing up, thanks for ‘Yes’.

Saturday evening services- discussions were held regarding options: numbers vs expenses (accompanist), different type of service (contemporary), 2 Sunday services, etc. Pastor Hojin will ask members for their preferences during home visits.

- **Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm**
- **Closing Prayer**
- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at 7:30 pm**

Submitted by Recording Secretary: Cindy Magee.

First United Methodist Church
Administrative Church Council Minutes

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

- **In attendance:** (17) *Arlene Aldrich, Rosie Argabright, Karen Chism, Brian Garrels, Cindy Kassel, John Kerber, Kent Klootwyk, Dilene Larson, Darrel Leverenz, Cindy Magee, Marje Merrill, Bev Schmidt, Pastor Hojin Shin, Lisa Siebrecht, Lois Stanley, Jim Stevens, Myram Tunnicliff*
- **Call to order:** Kent Klootwyk called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.
- **Devotions:** Pastor Hojin Shin's devotion focused on Hebrews 12:1 – (Since we are surrounded by a such a great cloud of witness...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.) Following God is not a solo endeavor. He did not create us to run the race of life alone. Companions can help us persevere through difficulty as we do what God has called us to do.
- **Secretary's Report:** Minutes from August 9, 2017, Motion to approve: Brian Garrels, Seconded: Rosie Agrabright, Approved as written.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Lois Stanley reported the August, 2017 Treasurer's Report, General Fund Balance: (\$8,587.82) Motion to approve: Brian Garrels, Seconded: Myram Tunnicliff, Approved as presented.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - **Nurturing Ministries Planning Team: Dave Ballman and Cindy Magee**
 1. Youth Groups started today! 345 Alive meets on Wednesday in the afternoon when school is out, Cindy Magee, Rosie Agrabright and Karen Sargent work with this group. 18 kids attended this afternoon. Jr. UMYF and Sr. UMYF meet on Wednesday evenings. Susan Embrock, Troy and Missy Hall, Kari Anderson and Darrin Adams work with these groups. Jr. UMYF had 19, and Sr. UMYF had 15 attend tonight! *Great start!*
 2. Sunday School will start Sunday, Sept. 10! Teachers still needed.
 - **Outreach Ministries Planning Team: Rosie Argabright:**
 1. Then Feed Just One is Saturday, Sept. 9, workers are still needed.
 2. Annual Soup Supper being planned, no date set yet., ELF – (Evening Ladies Fellowship) has completed the school kits, and will work on health kits this month.
 - **Witness Ministries Planning Team:** No Report
- **Administrative Committees:**
 - **Chair of Trustees: Marje Merrill and Lisa Siebrecht**
 1. Parsonage bathroom - bids are being taken, and water leaks show a new roof is needed.
 2. Front Steps - Janitor's Closet has given a bid to fix them. They will be contacted to do the job.
 3. Concrete by curb on north side – previously patched but needs to be redone.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Jr. and Sr. UMYF



Our youth enjoying the Christian concert at the Clay County Fair, September, 2017. Artist included: Jordan Felize, Sidewalk Prophets and For King and Country.

ACTIVITIES

Service Projects:

Landscape & Cleanup
at a members home,
Then Feed Just One,
Hurricane Harvey collection.

Fun Times:

Kick-Off Night - 9 Square Fun
Clay County Fair - Christian Concert

Youth Group Times:

345-Alive (grades 3-5)
meet after school
every Wednesday

Jr UMYF (grades 6– 8)

Sr. UMYF (grade 9-12)
meet at 6:30 pm
every Wednesday



Our youth groups went around Emmetsburg collecting items for Hurricane Harvey survivors. Items for personal hygiene and cleaning kits were collected, then taken to Spencer, loaded on a truck and taken to Texas. Thank you to all who donated items or money.

Gratitude

Written by **Janice Kassel**

for the *Christian Women Speaks*

that was aired on *KICD AM Radio Sunday morning*,

September 11, 2017



everything? Sometimes things happen that are not what you WANT to happen, or that seem like nothing you could possibly be thankful for. But if you are not accepting or thankful, you may become angry and bitter with God...thinking that He is not providing what you NEED and DESERVE. If we are not content and happy with what we have, we are likely to be rebellious and complaining, thinking that others get more than we do and we should really have better.

But stop and consider what that means about your thinking...that God is not trustworthy and that He doesn't care for you...that He doesn't want what is good for you. Studying God's word tells us that He is in control and will provide for those who love him.

Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him".

Philippians 4:4, 6, & 7 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, rejoice. In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus".

These verses are for each of us personally. But what about us as a nation? How do we show gratitude for what we have?

I recently read an article by Jay Leno...you know, the late night talk show host, making us laugh at the foibles of the day. He said he was reading a news magazine and came across some poll data that he found hard to believe. The magazine poll alleged that 67% of Americans are unhappy with the direction the country is headed, and 69% are unhappy with the performance of the President. So, essentially, 2/3 of the citizenry are just not happy. So he started thinking...what are we unhappy about? Is it that we have electricity and running water 24



hours a day, 7 days a week? Is it having AC in the summer and heat in the winter?

Is it that 95.4% of those unhappy people have a job?

Maybe it is just too much to take that you can walk in to a grocery store any time and see more food than Darfur has seen in the last year?

Or is it that you can get in your car by the Pacific Ocean and drive across the country to the Atlantic, and never have to show and ID at a state line.

Or maybe it is all the clean, safe motels along the way that turns you off. Camping along the way would be so much better. And all those restaurants...and the patrolmen who would help if you need it.

Or maybe you are one of the 70% of Americans who own a home. All this in the backdrop of a neighborhood free of bombs and terrorists (so far), with 90% of the teenagers owning cell phones and computers.

Maybe those things are what make 67%

of the people unhappy.

Fact is, we are the largest group of ungrateful, spoiled brats the world has ever seen. The most blessed people in the world who complain about what we don't have, and what we hate about the country instead of thanking the Good Lord for what we have here.

Can you take a look around and see all the good things and be glad? So Leno says, turn off the TV, burn The Week magazine, use the NY Times for the garbage can liner. We are among the most blessed people on earth and should thank God several times a day.

Paul's letter to the Thessalonians is as relevant today as 2000 year ago. "Rejoice in the Lord always".

Rejoice in the Lord always

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18 "Respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord. Live in peace with each other, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, and be patient with everyone. Be joyful always, pray continuously, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Dear Lord!

Help us be happy in our world, grateful for what we have, and accepting what we don't.

Bless us in our daily walk, and help us to be a blessing to others". Amen.

Does that really mean being thankful for