



## Christian of 개벽(開闢 gaebyeok) With Risen Jesus

Jesus is Risen!  
Indeed, He is Risen as he told!



Greetings to all families of Emmetsburg First United Methodist in the name of the Risen Christ Jesus! May all

have the grace of the resurrection! Jesus' Resurrection is a mysterious event that is beyond the limits of physics, reason, and our

understanding. So it cannot be explained scientifically, neither can it be logically described. Instead, we must study Jesus' Resurrection and the Bible not with the eyes of science but with the heart of faith.

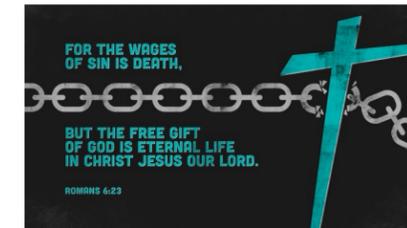
For example, when we read poetry, though it can sometimes destroy our grammar; we recognize that there is a limit to our ability to describe with our language. If we focus on what the poem sings to us; we begin to comprehend something more than just the mere words of the poem. We encounter a more profound meaning. It is a spiritual and emotional event.



Science

Now, just as we listen to poetry sing, we must listen to what God tells us through Jesus' resurrection.

Redemption and salvation through Jesus is the point. Jesus died on the cross to redeem our sins. The Bible clearly speaks out "the wages of sin is death" (Rom 6:23) and by His death, we can have eternal life instead of



punishment. Our God designed this process and made Jesus' resurrection at the end.

A huge transformation awaits those who believe this amazing way to salvation. Two disciples, who were going back to Emmaus in despair, were filled with joy after they met the risen Jesus and ran back to Jerusalem. The doubtful disciple, Thomas, after meeting the risen Jesus; he never doubted again and left on a mission to the farthest country, India.

The Korean word, 개벽 (gaebyeok) means opening of closed world, or arrival of new time. It is 'a new heaven and a new earth.'

People who believe and experience Jesus' resurrection can live the life of 개벽 (gaebyeok), like two disciples on the way to Emmaus, Thomas, and more. Believing Jesus' Resurrection, we can be set free from sin, judgment, and torment in this sinful world. Instead, we can taste and enjoy the lifestyle in the Kingdom of God "here and now".

Brothers and sisters in the risen Christ Jesus! Don't be attached only to the phenomenon itself; but instead, see God's purpose and live the life that goes beyond the death and resurrection. The life might have doubt, fear, or despair, but in the risen Jesus, you will overcome them and be filled with joy and excitement.

Blessings,  
Pastor Hojin



I had the privilege to attend a meeting with Bishop Laurie Haller in Cherokee, IA on April 21st. At this meeting, the topic was the Commission on a Way Forward. The following information was handed out during the meeting to help clarify what is being considered by the Commission on a Way Forward. The discussion during the meeting was productive and informative. As your pastor, I ask that we as a church keep the lines of communication open to one another as the United Methodist Church as a whole decides how to move forward. Please review the information below, follow the links for news and information via the internet, and as always, my door is open. I welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with any and all of you.

Pastor Hojin



**Commission on a Way Forward clarifies values as it presents two sketches to bishops**

DALLAS - What is Christ’s way forward for doing mission and ministry in the worldwide United Methodist Church? That is the question bishops pondered during their February meeting in Dallas this week as they received an updated report from the Commission on a Way Forward.

In the report given to the Council this week, the Commission shared with the bishops two sketches that carry forward many of the values and principles of the three sketches that were presented to the bishops at their meeting in November .

“The sketches of these two models represent the values, concerns and feedback we have received since we reported to the Council in November. The two sketches provide avenues for unity, contextualization and mission,” said Bishop Ken Carter, one of the moderators of the Commission.

The bishops offered feedback but did not vote on the two revised sketches, instead asking the Commission to continue working to prepare a final report to be presented to the bishops at their April/May meeting.

Summary of the sketches of the models

Here is a summary of the two sketches in process. Details may change based on the work of the Commission at its next meeting.

ONE CHURCH MODEL

The One Church Model gives churches the room they need to maximize the presence of United Methodist witness in as many places in the world as possible. The One Church Model provides a generous unity that

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gives conferences, churches, and pastors the flexibility to uniquely reach their missional context in relation to human sexuality without changing the connectional nature of The United Methodist Church.

## MULTI-BRANCH: ONE CHURCH MODEL

This model is grounded in a unified core that includes shared doctrine and services and one Council of Bishops, while also creating different branches that have clearly defined values such as accountability, contextualization and justice. The five U.S. jurisdictions would be replaced by three connectional conferences, each covering the whole country, based on theology and perspective on LGBTQ ministry (i.e. progressive, contextual, traditional branches). Annual conferences would decide which connectional conference to affiliate with; only local churches who choose a branch other than the one chosen by their annual conference would vote to join another conference.

During this week's meeting in Dallas, the bishops also heard reports on the impact of both models on pension benefits, the connection, central conferences and fiscal responsibilities.

Council President Bishop Bruce Ough noted that the process of seeking a way forward was grounded in three major values:

1. A renewed attention to our public mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, especially with those who are not yet a part of our churches.
2. A focus on contextuality in a global church, and our continuing call to learn from each other, listen to each other.
3. Continuing to work with traditional, contextual and progressive values that are present in two models, one that is more aligned with a contextual church with the removed language about human sexuality, a second which differentiates between these values as different branches of one church.

The Commission on a Way Forward will meet in Los Angeles in a few weeks and then give its final report to the Council of Bishops at the April/May meeting in Chicago.

### About the Commission on a Way Forward

The 32-member Commission on a Way Forward was appointed by the Council of Bishops to assist the bishops in their charge from the 2016 General Conference to lead the church forward amid the present impasse related to LGBTQ inclusion and resulting questions about the unity of the church.

For more information on the Commission on a Way Forward, visit [umc.org/wayforward](http://umc.org/wayforward)

Facebook: [facebook.com/umcforward](https://facebook.com/umcforward) Twitter: [@UMCForward](https://twitter.com/UMCForward) Instagram: [instagram.com/umcforward](https://instagram.com/umcforward)

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THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN SPEAKS  
FROM APRIL 2013  
by Janice Kassel

Good Morning! My mediation today is a collection of thoughts gathered from experiences during the recent Easter season.

I was taking part in a prayer vigil, and had come to church to fill my appointed hour. As I entered the dim sanctuary, I was struck by a number of feelings. The first was one of calm...being alone in the dim, quiet church...a sort of spiritual aura about everything... feeling akin to being alone with God...a religious experience just being there. I studied the materials laid by someone before me, and prayed. After being there awhile, I began to look around me, and study my surroundings.

The altar is simple, really, but very beautiful. On the altar is a pair of candles with metal tops, and a large bible, open to the Paschal Scripture. Above is a golden cross, empty, as Jesus is not there, but alive. There are three tall, slim windows with patterns made of tiny pieces of stained glass...reds, blues, greens...all glowing with the early evening light. The altar itself is oak, with intricate carvings of vines and grapes in a border. Below that is a centerpiece carving of a lamb, with grapes, wheat and vines, below a banner and cross. The altar cloths are white, a beautiful brocade. There are banners hung down each side of the center aisle, lovingly made by church members. The one nearest the altar is black with a blood-red cross and "It Is Finished" in red letters. The opposite one is also black, with symbols of His crucifixion...a bag with 30 pieces of silver around it, a communion cup, a crown of thorns, and a rooster crowing. The others are stark outlines of faces...black on a white background, with quotes from Jesus' time on the cross.

The large windows are symbolic in design, with an icon in the center, and surrounded by scenes and patterns in stained glass, matching the altar ones. They, too, glow as if lighted.

All these have so much meaning to me as I try to let my mind and heart feel what Jesus went through for redemption. It is very deep and complex and I struggle understand it all. The Easter season is a time of pondering what Jesus' life, death, and resurrection means, and suffering through the terrible time of Good Friday before the joy of the open tomb. His suffering as shown on a video at the Good Friday service is so painful to watch...to think that people would do that to our precious Lord. There were many with flowing tears in the congregation.

As I began to think more about these things, I began to realize that these furnishings... the altar pieces, the stained glass, the banners...were all symbols of believers' devotion to the church...an effort to express the love of God in earthly ways. The oak altar had designed, made, and paid for by someone who wanted to show love for the church building. The stained glass windows were a huge effort by someone (or many) to create something beautiful enough to be worthy of installing in a house of worship. I do not know who did these things. I do know who made those banners. They quietly make these banners, put them up in the appropriate season, take them down and put them away for the next season. There are many for different occasion...graduation, confirmation, Christmas, besides Easter. It is a measure devotion to Jesus, shown in a way that know how.

Further back in the church are evidences of service to the church and its members, ultimately to God. Plastic eggs filled with candy were ready for an egg hunt on Easter morning, newsletters were folded and sealed, waiting to be mailed out, special music was being prepared...all these activities were being done with loving service to the church and the glory of God.

These are all outward expressions of devotion to God, Jesus and the church. The church has been built

## Chapters in Our Life Together



- 2 Jane Hough
- 3 Greg Hoyman  
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Jeri McKinney
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(Gloria) Lee



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Roger Hankey  
Dean Jensen  
Taylor Schulz  
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- 6 Brandi & Jacob Ackridge  
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- 26 Troy & Sarah Strohman  
Laura & Craig Nyhus  
Roger & Lynn James

### Just for pun!

- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- The worker who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

## Baptisms

Congratulations to Kyle and Jodi Shirk on the baptism of their son Mason John Shirk and their daughter Mya Mae Shirk, Sunday April 22, 2018.



# Fun and



# games with



# Jr/Sr UMYF



by devoted Christians over the years. Some of these things were done by real sacrifice of time and money. The early church builders in this part of the country were farmers and tradespeople who were trying to build their businesses, but still gave to the church for its service to others. Those in the very early days of the church risked their lives and livelihood by actively supporting Christianity.

In the sermon Sunday, the pastor asked what we could give to Jesus to show our appreciation for what He gave to us. These are some of them. There are endless ways of doing this. Those with children are often short of money, but they can bring them to church and help with classes to learn about Jesus and being good members. Older children can take the membership class, with the support of their parents. Older people can attend regularly, and support monetarily, and helping with the mundane tasks of keeping a church building in good repair. Senior members often have more money than time and energy, so can help in giving, as well as lighter tasks. All these things to do are to be done with love for Christ and God's plans. How is it with your soul? Is a question often asked by our minister.

When next you are in your house of worship, give some time to looking at the building itself, and appreciate those who have made it all possible.

## Save the Date: May 13th, 2018 Mother's Day

After services, we will gather outside for a church picture. The picture will be placed in our historical cabinet next to the Mother's Day picture from May 13, 1956. We will be able to see how our congregation has changed and stayed the same over the last 62 years. We will be celebrating Mom and commemorating the many years of service that Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church has been in this community.



## Women's Ministries Circle Updates

### Evening Ladies Fellowship (ELF) March Meeting

At 7pm on March 21<sup>st</sup> at Emerald Oaks, the ELF group had its first spring meeting for 2018. Cartoonist Dave Carpenter the guest presenter for the evening. The ladies of ELF welcomed all who wish to come and enjoy the evening. The next ELF meeting will be on April 18th.



### Trinity PALS Circle March Meeting

The afternoon circles combined for a meeting March 15th at the church. There were ten members present. Plans were made for the coming year, as each group blended their goals. UDMO was to be gifted with non-perishable food items at the April meeting. The program was given by Myram Tunnicliff on resolving conflicting opinions. The next meeting will be April 19th at 1:30pm with Sharon Hobart as hostess. -Janice Kassel, secretary

### Evening Ladies Fellowship (ELF) April Meeting

Due to a blizzard, the April Evening Ladies Fellowship Meeting was cancelled.

### Trinity PALS Circle April Meeting

Circle met at Sharon Hobart's home at 1:30pm, April 26, 2018. The meeting was opened by Bev Schmidt. Possible projects were discussed. Myram said she would continue taking food donations to the pantry. Nancy Hunsaker was duly nominated by Myram and seconded by Sharon to be Treasurer. Ayes carried the motion. Bette Priest moved there be no dues but rather tea money be offered each month. Sharon seconded, all ayes carried. Myram has petty cash to do flowers from an original circle. This \$45.59 will be transferred to Trinity Pals for Nancy Hunsaker to administer. A Thank You from Doris Gustafson and sons for her birthday flowers was read by Myram. The schedule was reviewed and hostesses, programs, and devotions filled in. Announcements were made for the Spring Fling at Ruthven UMC on May 2nd at 6:30pm. Carpool will meet at 6pm at the church. Church Women United at Ruthven will be May 5 at 1pm. Bev moved to bring baby items to circle for Stork Club for next month. Norma seconded and ayes carried. The program presented by Sharon Hobart was "Be Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado with a reading of Phillipians 4:1-4



### Intercessory Prayer Group

Intercessory Prayer Group continues to meet every Monday at 4:00pm at Emerald Oaks at either Doris Gustafson or Florence Malm's apartment. We continue to pray for anyone who needs God's healing powers or comfort; for peace for our world; for our country and our community; for our churches and leaders; for anything or anyone who needs God's love and care. So we pray for you and send God's Blessings to each of you!



### Intensified Prayer Meeting

every Thursday at 6pm in the "War Room" at Ruth Hand's.

The Prayers of Warriors



### Prayer in the Sanctuary

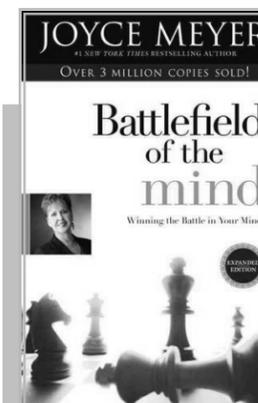
Every morning at 8am. We encourage everyone to come and pray in the way that is most comfortable for you. The sanctuary is opened at 8am but you can come anytime throughout the day.



### Upper Room Bible Study

Each Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. At Emerald Oaks Study is open to anyone desiring fellowship and growth. Refreshments are not served but we do have food for the soul!

**Emerald Oaks  
2603 17th St, Emmetsburg**



### Dig In To God's Word Bible Study

Mondays  
7pm  
Church Library

All are welcome to join us!



## Following God's Lead

Jazz musician Thomas Dorsey traveled an unlikely road to become the "father of black gospel music." At age 11, he dropped out of school to be a vaudeville performer and blues pianist. While Dorsey recovered from a nervous breakdown at age 21, his mother urged him to serve the Lord with his talents. It took several years, but the musician committed to composing spiritual songs — rejected by many mainstream churches as "the devil's music."

In 1932, after Dorsey's wife and infant son died during childbirth, he channeled his grief into the piano, writing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." Known to be a favorite song of Martin Luther King Jr., it ends with these lyrics: "Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home."



### You are invited to join Bell Choir!

The Bell Choir performs the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month during the worship service. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required.

**Bell Choir Director**

### Join the Chancel Choir!

Practices: the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month at 9:00 a.m.,  
Sing: during the worship service following practice.

Singers of all ages and levels are welcome. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required.

High School students are encouraged to join for community service.

**Choir Director - David Fog**  
**Accompanist - Kelley Fog**

### Potluck & Prayer

Emmaus 4th Day group meets on the 4th Sunday of every month at 5pm at Emmetsburg First UMC.

If you have any questions contact **Sarah Strohm** for further details.



QUILTING GROUP

Classic Quilters will get together at 4:00pm the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every month.

Anyone who enjoys quilting is welcome to join us.

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



If you want to send a card to Vicki Ellis, call the church office. The link below is for the caring bridge where you can get updates on Vicki's recovery. Please keep praying for her complete recovery.

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/vickiellis>



Lord, have mercy on them, strengthen them in their weakness; protect and guide us!

Vicki Ellis, Ellen Saxton, Brenda (Faulstic) Plenke, Irene Goff, Pat Anderson, Reba Williams, Gene

Twait, Rose Spears (Mother of Lynette McGrath), Carol Ensley, Nancy Hinrichs, Bernice Hersom, Lois Lowman, Cindy Kassel, John & Stacey Strohm, Kort Freeman, Mike & Lea Schipull, Scott Sanne (Grandson of Pearl Whitmore), Jane Stevens, Philip Christenson (brother of Marge Solberg), Ted Strohm, Joyce Muller, Cole McDonough, Deb Nissen (sister-in-law of Deb Wickman), Vi Sampson, Marjorie Solberg, including those who have been hospitalized and our military members.



*Below are the addresses of our members who are in area nursing homes or assisted living facilities.*

*Please visit or send a card to brighten their day. They would love to hear from you.*

**Emmetsburg Care Center**  
2405 21st Street,  
Emmetsburg, IA 50536  
712-852-4266

**Emerald Oaks Assisted Living**  
2603 17th Street,  
Emmetsburg, IA 50536  
712-852-8408

Lilian Cox  
Bev Hankey  
Vida Krough  
Betty Miller  
Mae Stevens  
Ted Strohm  
Shirley Weisbrod

Mary Etta Baxter #5  
Gwen Carmichael # 20  
Jackie Donovan #23  
Doris Gustafsen #8  
Rosabelle Johnson 1  
Florence Malm #22  
Louise Sackett # 16

**Lakeside Assisted Living**  
401 N. Lawler Street,  
Emmetsburg, IA 50536  
712-852-4060

Shirley Levernz  
Anna Beth Magee

**Willow Ridge**  
3203 1st Street,  
Emmetsburg, IA 50536  
712-852-5480

Pat Anderson #103  
Anne Carney #216  
Virginia Place #210

**PARC Hall**  
3201 1st Street,  
Emmetsburg, IA 50536  
712-852-5520

Joyce Muller  
Paul Kooker  
Lois Lowman  
Vi Sampson  
Pearl Whitmore

# PUZZLE

## WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?

Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M	N	O
E	F	G	P	R	S
H	I	L	T	U	Y

" \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ and your \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_." 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

# PUZZLE

## Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, NIV.

A= E= I= O= U=

"L\_\_RD, \_\_\_\_\_ r L\_\_rd, h\_\_w  
m\_\_j\_\_st\_\_c\_\_s y\_\_r  
n\_\_m\_\_n\_\_ll th\_\_  
\_\_rth!"  
Ps\_\_lm 8:1, N\_\_V

Answer: "Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Psalm 8:1, NIV

# HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.

Mom, you're the light of my life!

**What you need:**

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

**What you do:**

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.

# FRUIT LADYBUGS

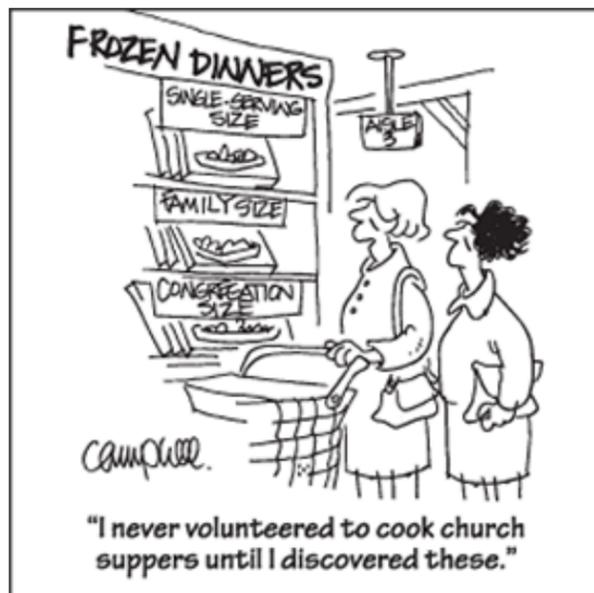
Get creative in the kitchen with this sweet springtime snack.

**What you need:**

- Strawberries (washed)
- Knife
- Plate or wax paper
- 1/2 cup melted chocolate chips
- Zippered baggie
- Scissors
- Blueberries (washed)
- Adult help

**What you do:**

1. De-stem the strawberries. Cut in half and then cut a small V atop each half to make the ladybug body. Set them on a plate or wax paper.
2. Place the melted chocolate in a baggie and cut off the tip of a bottom corner.
3. Pipe a dividing line and "spots" on each strawberry. Also use the chocolate to attach a blueberry "head" by the V shape.
4. Pipe chocolate antennae and legs onto ladybugs.
5. Let harden. Enjoy!



**Chair of SPRC: Danielle Ditch**  
SPRC committee has not met – No Report

**Chair of Finance: Brian Garrels**  
Finance Committee met tonight at 6:30 pm, reviewed Treasure's Report and the Annual Audit, both were approved. Other items discussed were the Building Project Funding/Pledges and due to current issues with an area church, discussion regarding the church offering handling procedures was held. Our procedure is the following steps:

1. 2 unrelated persons count the offering in the library every Sunday immediately following the service; a monthly schedule is set with 2 different people each week. During the counting two separate forms are completed and signed by each person counting. One form is then placed in a locked bank bag along with the money and locked in a file cabinet. The second form is given to the Pastor.
2. The secretary gets the locked bank bag from the locked file cabinet and counts the money (comparing amounts to the counters form and if a difference is found, a notation is made on the form), then a spreadsheet is prepared detailing all giving, then a deposit slip is completed and the offering is taken to the bank. The secretary then logs each individual and all anonymous donations into our computer giving program and runs a report verifying the amount deposited. She then prints a weekly report which is given to church treasurer, and second copy is attached to deposit slip, counter's form and placed in a notebook with all weekly reports.
3. All church expenses/bills are given to the treasurer and the treasurer is responsible for paying all bills.

The committee feels the procedure has a good check and balance system. They like the fact that the persons counting the money, the person making the deposit and the person paying the bills are not all the same person.

**Chair of Endowment Committee: Kent Klootwyk**  
Application forms for Endowment Money are being accepted until March 15. Please turn completed applications into church office.

**Lay Leadership Vice Chair: No Report**

**Chair of History Committee: Anne Carney and Myram Tunnicliff**  
Myram completed reading the accomplishments of our previous pastors. This reading included accomplishments of Pastors from 1962-Present.

**Memorial Committee: No Report**

**Other Committee/Additional New Business:**

1. "The Way Forward" – Trustees Lisa Siebrecht and Ruth Hand attended a meeting on this topic and brought this topic to the attention of the Administrative Council. The *Commission on a Way Forward* is a 32-member Commission which was appointed by the Council of Bishops to assist the bishops in their charge from the 2016 General Conference to lead the church forward amid the present impasse related to LGBTQ inclusion and resulting questions about the unity of the church. More than half of the bishops favor changing the *Book of Discipline's* position to allow same-sex weddings and ordination. So what does this mean for our church? **Nothing has been decided and the power remains in the hand of the General Conference delegate who will meet at the Special 2019 General Conference in St. Louis.** Please pray for the bishops, the Commission on a Way Forward, and for discernment for the faithful way forward for our church. The Trustee's reason for bringing this topic to our attention was for our awareness in regards to our building project and the possibilities of this decision splitting our congregation, (as it has many other denominations) and the effect that would have on the building project. For more information on the Commission on a Way Forward visit [www.umc.org/wayforward](http://www.umc.org/wayforward), articles may also be found in *Insight* and *Good News* publications. Jackie can also provide you copies of these articles.
2. Lisa has talked to Officer Darrin Adams regarding him providing an "Active Shooter" Drill for our congregation. They will set a date and more information will follow.
3. Building Project Update – the building committee met a few weeks ago with Morton for a revised turnkey cost for the new Family Life Center building. The building will have the same footprint with approximately 5400 square feet, with changes being made to the mechanical/electrical and finishing details the new cost is \$860,000. (\$46,000 of this amount has already been paid to get to this point.) Currently, they are waiting on details of the exact materials/finishes to be used at this cost. Hopefully, within a month, they will be ready for a presentation on this revised proposal. Decision on a Church or Charge Conference to move forward or not will need to be made before any action will be taken.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 7:30 pm** \*(rescheduled for May 9th, 2018 at 7:30pm)JB  
**Troy Closed Meeting with a Prayer**  
**Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm**

Submitted by Recording Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Magee  
Cindy Magee

**In attendance:** (17) Rosie Agrabright, Jackie Black, Danielle Ditch, Mike Embrock, Brian Garrels, Ruth Hand, Kent Klootwyk, Darrel Leverenz, Cindy Magee, Marj Merrill, Bev Schmidt, Pastor Hojin Shin, Lisa Siebrecht, Lois Stanley, Jim Stevens, Troy Strohmman, Myram Tunnicliff,

**Call to order:** Troy Strohmman called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**Devotions:** Pastor Hojin Shin's devotion focused on Cell Phones and Talking to God. Cell phones are modern, cool and expensive, Prayer is timeless, free and never fails. We have a father who is always at the other end of our call. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray Continually. Pastor Hojin stated 3 ways to pray: Jesus Prayer, Centering Prayer or Intercessory Prayer.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from February 7, 2018, Motion to approve: Brian Garrels, Approved as written, by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lois Stanley reported the February, 2018 Treasurer's Report, General Fund Balance: \$12,538.50, Motion to approve: Brian Garrels, Approved as corrected, by voice vote. A Motion was also made by Brian Garrels to approve the 2017 Annual Audit; Approved as presented, by voice vote.

**Committee Reports:**

**Nurturing Ministries Planning Team: Dave Ballman and Cindy Magee**

Cindy reported on Worship Taskforce Group: Pastor Hojin and I have met to discuss the various things he would like this taskforce to work on. I will be working with Pastor to get the taskforce process started.

Cindy reported on youth group activities:

345ALIVE – 17 kids today. We are continuing to talk about Lent and Easter. Today's topic was "Candy is sweet, but Jesus is sweeter!" We discussed keeping our eye on the resurrection of Jesus during the Lent season.

Jr UMYF – 12 kids tonight and they watched "The Passion of Christ"

Sr UMYF – 9 kids tonight

Remember on Saturday, March 17, the Youth Group Fundraiser, Potato Bar. They will serve from 11:00-1:00 pm, Free Will Donation. Baked Potato with all the toppings, bar and drink included! Stop by before the parade and support our youth!

**Outreach Ministries Planning Team: Rosie Argabright**

Rosie reported the Outreach Team's - Valentine Candy Sale raised \$756.50 and will be distributed along with other funds at the end of the year to various local non-profit organizations.

The Easter Tree is up, please take an egg off the tree and purchase the item listed inside. Donations for these personal items will be accepted until March 29. Tree will be taken down before Good Friday services.

The Annual Garage Sale will be held, but no date has been set. We try and hold this event along with the City Wide Garage Sales. Start gathering your stuff, remember no clothes please.

Evening Ladies Fellowship have not met during the winter months, Wednesday, March 21, at 7:00 pm is their next meeting. They will meet at Emerald Oaks with the program by Cartoonist, Dave Carpenter.

The meeting is open to any of the congregation who wish to attend this fun evening.

**Witness Ministries Planning Team: No Report**

**Administrative Committees:**

**Chair of Trustees: Lisa Siebrecht and Ruth Hand**

Lisa reported the following:

1. Aaron Dietrich is working on the parsonage bathroom
2. Just for Kicks contract is up for renewal. \$300 per month and things have gone well. We will renew.
3. Ruth purchased a new laptop for the office; old one was having major issues. Also, purchased the updated software for our Donations Program. We were no longer able to add new givers to our old version. Update has been installed.
4. Swift Air has repaired the issue with the Boiler.

Ruth made a suggestion that our church sponsor a Movie Night at the Theater and possibly show the movie, "Genesis: Paradise Lost", entire community would be invited. This would be a community outreach for our church. Free will donation maybe asked and funds could possibly be donated to theater for their new seat project. Pastor will review movie and then plans can be made.



You make pick up a registration in our church Narthex

Or

Online registration is available! Visit our website @ [www.emmetsburgumc.com](http://www.emmetsburgumc.com)

Follow link to VBS Registration or complete this registration form and return to the church office.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
 DONATIONS REQUESTED**

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| Vanilla pudding cups (24 pkgs of 4)             | 4 30 oz packages of Multi-colored goldfish       | ct.)                             |
| 6 boxes Graham Crackers                         | 10 24-32oz bottles of Tropical Blend fruit juice | 2 large glass jars with lids     |
| Snack size zip lock bags                        | LaCroix citrus flav. Sparkling water, 12 oz cans | 2 real coconuts                  |
| Plastic spoons (48ct. Boxes)                    | 100 Colorful drinking straws                     | 30 small gatorade bottles        |
| 2 Lg bag of pretzels sticks                     | 2 pkgs 16oz regular size marshmallows            | blue powdered drink mix (2 packs |
| Small paper plates 8 pkgs(48ct.)                | 9 oz plastic cups (3pkgs of 40ct.)               | Gorilla Glue                     |
| 6 bags of cheese puffs                          | 1 CD Player                                      | Gold or Silver Masking tape      |
| 100 Reg. size wooden spring-loaded clothes pins | 3 containers of Wet Wipes                        | Small gem stickers               |
| 100 1" heart stickers                           | saltine crackers                                 | green dot color coding labels    |
| 2 lg bags of Jelly Beans                        | small paper plates (60 ct.)                      | red dot color coding lables      |
| 2 lg bags of M & M's                            | napkins (30 ct.)                                 | craft sticks (30 ct.)            |
| 100 5"x11" plastic treat bags                   | 3-ounce paper or plastic cups (30                | Cotton balls                     |
| 5" plastic cups (6 pkgs of 40ct.)               |  |                                  |



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Jasmine Boblit

Graduation party will on Friday May 18th from 4-7pm 1003 Madison, Emmetsburg, Iowa 50536. Cards may be sent or dropped off at the above address.



Kristen Kassel

Cards may be sent to 4106 420th St., Emmetsburg, IA 50536



Hannah Frerichs

Cards may be dropped off at the church office.



Brennan Duhn

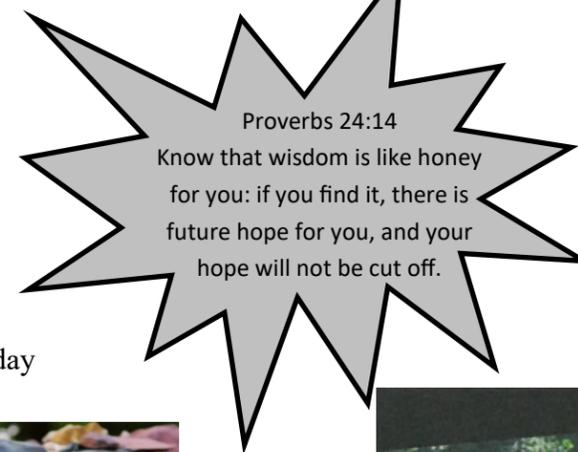
Graduation breakfast party will be Saturday May 19th from 9am-12pm at 4335 360th Street, Emmetsburg, IA 50536. Cards may be sent or dropped of at the above address.

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you; plans to give you hope and a future."

Rachel Duhn

Graduation party is Friday night, May 18th from 5-8pm at The Shores. Cards may be sent to P.O. Box 147, Emmetsburg, IA 50536.



Proverbs 24:14

Know that wisdom is like honey for you: if you find it, there is future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.

Isaac Embrock

Graduation party will be Saturday May 19th from 1-4pm at the Shamrock Lanes party room. Cards may be sent to 3107 7th St., Emmetsburg, IA 50536



Blake Ver Mulm

Graduation party will be May 19th from 4-7pm at 208 Ford Road. Cards may be sent or dropped off at the above address.

