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The Monthly Newsletter of the Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church

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Warm greetings to all Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church sisters and brothers, and the Voyager readers who are also one family in Christ and in EFUMC!

I thought I closed and opened my eyes a couple more times; but time flies and it has been a year since I was appointed to Emmetsburg. When I look back at the last year, two words come up my mind; Grace and Love; God's grace and your love! Praise God and thank you all.



Many times, I have been asked same questions, which are "what brought you here?" and "How did you come to Iowa?" Well I do not want to say I'm a mystic, neither I do not want to answer "It is God's Will" or "God did it" as pastors will habitually say. But, "HE DID IT!"

I've been in ministry for 19 years, since 1999. I have served at two churches as a lead pastor. The first church that I served was in Korea for 9 years and then another 9 years at our previous

church in Ohio. Did I

mention both of these were Korean churches?

"How did you come to Iowa?" If you are asking the story of how I chose and moved to Iowa from

Ohio, "God inspired me through His messengers." Two years ago, (I'm so sorry to say that I did not know where IA was), two pastors, within 3 hours time, called me and suggested to me to consider serving in Iowa. Then Gloria and I started praying for discernment, if this was God's calling. It took two months to verify God was calling us to another ministry setting and there was a need to shift a gear for current church I was serving.

"How did you come to Iowa?" Also this question sounds like asking a question "why and how did you come to Emmetsburg, our church?" After applying to Iowa Annual Conference, I researched the Korean UMC in Iowa to get ready. Instead, I received a call from, the Northwest District Superintendent. He delivered the message from the Bishop that I was going to be appointed to Emmetsburg. Later, I realized it was a thoroughly examined and matched order from the bishop with her cabinet. However, at the time, I asked him three additional days for personal discernment. I opened this up to my family and asked them also to pray. Each of us sensed and confirmed His calling.

I want to ask you a same question now, "how did you come to Emmetsburg, Iowa?" During the summer season, our church provides Vacation Bible School for children, as well as,

Destination Unknown and Camp for youth. Regretfully, there is currently no program for adults during the summer. However, I strongly encourage you to plan an individual program that you want to do by yourself. For example, "Mark in 3 Hrs" is reading the gospel of Mark (only 16 chapters) in three hours. "Eat the Word" is reciting a verse each day at meal time for 3 days or a week. Another program is "Cellprayer", which is talking to God whenever you pick up your cellphone. For a reminder, you can change your password to "prayer" or take a screenshot of the word prayer and so on... To make it successful, let me know what you do and when you do, I will supervise you :)

"How did you come to Iowa?" which also asks "why do you come to our church?" Do you hear His calling whenever you come to church? Do you talk (pray) to God? Do you know God speaks to you? I pray that all of you may have a great experience, a better answer, healing grace, assurance, and a guidance when you are asked.

Blessings

Pastor Hojin Shin



City of
SANDUSKY, Ohio

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ,



Deny and I had the opportunity to go to general counsel of the United Methodist Church. What an experience! The whole conference was deemed towards “go make a difference”. There were around 1,000 people there. It was fun getting to know some of them, especially those from the NW district which extends from Sioux City to us. I suggested that quarterly we get together as a NW district and just fellowship the happenings in each other churches. Wouldn’t that be fun to travel to other churches and just explore, plus meet new friends.

Bishop Haller had some wonderful messages for us to ponder on. One in particular was for us to not always go with what we have; we may need to adapt to our surroundings. She compared the Lewis and Clark expedition to our journey with Jesus. The whole conference was well organized. Deny and I are hoping we get to go again. Thank you Church for letting us go this year. Deny and I both agree our favorite time was the worship of 1,000 people all praising God!!

In Christ love, Deny and Brenda Gonzales

Most Christians, if asked what makes them a Christian, would respond that they have accepted Jesus Christ as their savior and that He suffered and died on the cross to shed them from their sin. Sin is the violation of God’s law and it requires a price to be paid. Romans 6:23 tells us, “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life.” Without some payment for that awful penalty, human beings would face death with no hope beyond the grave.

In order for us to receive this gift, Jesus gave the ultimate sacrifice. This sacrifice was all part of God’s glorious plan. Many officials thought of Jesus as a threat. Jesus was falsely accused of being an anti-government rebel and was crucified and killed. To most of us, this random act is horrific, appalling and gruesome. This would cause most Christians to think, “How could anyone hold so much hatred that they persecute another?”

I believe that most people are good and strive to treat others with respect. However, our human nature is sinful and jealous and I often see “good individuals” persecuting others. Persecution can come in many forms: rude comments, ugly write-ups about others, and/or physical harm, to name a few. Our human nature is to blame others and get upset when things do not go our way, rather than accepting our own mistakes and misdoings.

Today, it is easy to get sucked into the culture that persecutes others. Advertisements abound stating that if someone has done one wrong, persecute. Some are quick to judge and lash out based on their anger or disappointment. This can lead to innocent people being wrongfully accused of something they did not do. In all of this, forgiveness is lacking whether one made the mistake or one wrongfully accused another. First Corinthians 6:1-8 states that for Christians not to forgive each other and reconcile differences is to demonstrate spiritual defeat.

We are not perfect. It is far easier to blame or persecute others for our inequities rather than accept our own downfalls. We are appalled by the behavior of the men that crucified Jesus. Let us remember that as we interact with our friends and enemies and ask ourselves, “what would Jesus do?” Would Jesus persecute others? Absolutely not! Jesus made each and every one of us in his likeness. He has made each of us perfectly. Psalm 139:14 states, “I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” I challenge each of you to celebrate not only you, but others as well. We are not perfect, but together, we can help each other be the best that we can be.

Submitted Anonymously



JULY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Offices Closed	7
8 9:00am Worship	9 4pm Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oak	10 4:30pm Shekinah Praise	11 1:30pm Upper Room 6:30pm Finance Committee Meeting 7:30pm Admin Council	12 6pm Intensified Prayer @War Room	13 Offices Closed	14
15 9:00am Worship	16 4pm Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oak	17 4:30pm Shekinah Praise	18 1:30pm Upper Room	19 6pm Intensified Prayer @War Room *Mens Walk to Emmaus Begins in Humboldt	20 Offices Closed *Humboldt Men's Walk to Emmaus Continues	21 *Humboldt Men's Walk to Emmaus Continues
22 9:00am Worship 10:30am Groundbreaking ceremony for Family Life Center *Humboldt Men's Walk to Emmaus Ends tonight.	23 4pm Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oak	24 4:30pm Shekinah Praise	25 1:30pm Upper Room Newsletter Submission Deadline!	26 6pm Intensified Prayer @War Room *Womens Walk to Emmaus Begins in Humboldt	27 Offices Closed *Humboldt Women's Walk to Emmaus Continues	28 *Austin Frerichs & Brianna DePue Wedding *Humboldt Women's Walk to Emmaus Continues
29 9:00am Worship *Humboldt Women's Walk to Emmaus Ends tonight.	30 4pm Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oak	31 4:30pm Shekinah Praise				

Chapters in Our Life Together



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|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Lexi Duhn | 13 David Tonderum |
| 2 Keaton Duhn | 14 Kayla Bell |
| 3 Logan Miller | 16 Gwen Carmichael |
| 5 Marsha Duhn | Kelly Weisbrod |
| 6 Kari Jones | Kaitlin Weisbrod |
| Karen McEwan | 17 Mandy Bisenius |
| Stephanie Simonsen | 18 Damon Argabright |
| 7 Brandyn Hauswirth | Darren Argabright |
| Janna Hoch | 20 Danielle Ditch |
| Jenny Hoch | Rachel Miller |
| Brenda Tonderum | Mikayla Myers |
| 9 Jana Harris | 23 Jenna Whitney |
| 10 Shayne Kogel | 25 Travis DePue |
| Hannah Allen | Nathan Nock |
| 12 Brian Garrels | 26 LJ Gonzales |
| | Kysen Kogel |
| | 27 Dave Ballman |
| | Randy Loomis |
| | 28 Judi Duhn |
| | 29 Lisa Siebrecht |
| | Chase Hoch |
| | Wendy Duhn |
| | 30 Bill Goodlaxson |
| | 31 Kelley Fog |



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| 1 Corey & Ana Shirk |
| 7 Randy & Jill Loomis |
| 8 Don & Dilene Larsen |
| 9 Bryan & Janna Hokinson |
| 10 Kari & Cary Anderson |
| 12 Ashley & Michael Westfall |
| 14 Heath & Tara Hoch |
| 15 Dan & Heidi Allen |
| Roger & Judy Lentz |
| 20 Rick and Johnny Hurley |
| 22 Jodi & Jeremy Ward |
| 24 Tony & Bev Salas |
| 25 Jay & Jackie Black |
| 26 Bill & Barb Goodlaxson |
| 30 David & Kelley Fog |



Congratulations to Jason & Beth Elman on the baptism of their daughter Jemma Elman on June 3, 2018. Witnesses for Jemma Elman's baptism were Johnathan Thompson and Derrick Elman.



Welcome our newest members. Daniel, Jeanelle, and Jerrod Stokes transferred from Mallard United Methodist Church in the month of June 2018. Please welcome them when you see them.



Sympathies to the family of Luke Rouse, who died on June 26, 2018. Services were held on June 30, 2018. Luke has been a member of Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church since March 22, 2009.

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 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

The Prayers of Warriors

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

Prayer in the Sanctuary

Every morning at 8am. We encourage everyone to come and pray in the way that is most comfortable for you.

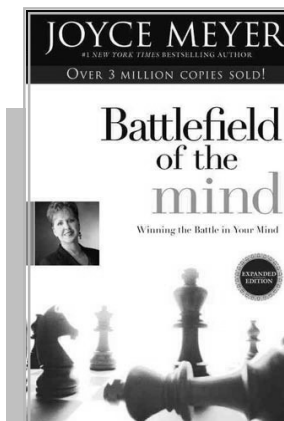
The sanctuary is opened at 8am but you can come anytime throughout the day.



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!



My meditation today is kind of a history lesson, with the subject being the beginnings of the Methodist Church, and its founder, John Wesley. John, with his brother, Charles Wesley and George Whitefield of London started a new movement that was centered in the British Isles and North America.

The origin of Methodism is directly related to the careers of the Wesley brothers, John and Charles. In 1738, influenced by the Moravians, they organized small groups within the Church of England for religious sharing, Bible study, prayer and preaching. The Wesleys and their associate, George Whitefield, traveled widely among working people, preaching to large, enthusiastic crowds. The Church of England had not paid a lot of attention to the poorer people, and the movement spread rapidly through England, Ireland, Wales and Scotland. John Wesley brought these groups together in the British Conference.

Methodism is a name designating several Protestant groups. It has its roots in the work of John and Charles Wesley and assisted by George Whitefield. They stressed ‘inward religion of the heart’. The Wesleys maintained their ties to the Church of England with its emphasis on the sacraments, anti-popery, and essential Episcopal. The Methodist Connection was autocratically controlled by John Wesley. A Sunday service was based on the Book of Common Prayer and the Twenty-five articles of religion that Wesley backed.

When John Wesley died in 1791, the relationship between the Church of England and the Methodists became strained, but the British Conference of 1795 asserted that Methodist preachers could administer sacraments.

As is to be expected, differences began to crop up among the Methodists. The Methodist New Connection, the Primitive Methodist Church, and the Bible Christians separated from the conference in 1797 and 1815. These were reunited to form the Methodist Church in Britain, which now has a membership of 800,000.

Whitefield conducted several preaching tours in North America and helped establish Wesleyan Methodism in America by unofficial lay missionaries. Many of the people he reached were essentially unchurched, and glad to have his message of the Bible and redemption.

The next controversy was over slavery. In 1843, the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America was started by a group of antislavery Methodists. Three large black churches were organized, largely in protest to racial prejudice. There was the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1860, which was antislavery; the African Methodist Episcopal Church (1816), the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (1820), and the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church (1870).

The Wesley brothers were the sons of an Anglican rector and his wife, Susannah. They sailed to America in 1735. John felt that he was a failure there, lacking ‘inward holiness’. On May 24, 1738, he attended a meeting in Aldersgate Street, that was a turning point in his life. He felt his heart ‘strangely warmed’ and felt that he was indeed saved. By 1739, the distinct and aggressively evangelistic and highly disciplined Methodist movement spread like wildfire.

The pastor of our church used a small book for the basis of a series of sermons on a Wesleyan way of life. The book was written by Reuben P Job. John Wesley felt that three simple rules had the power to change the world. Reuben P. Job is a former Bishop of the Iowa Conference of the Methodist Church. That he is black is significant, because only about 3% of the population of Iowa is black, yet he was one of the most popular bishops ever.

The first tenant is DO NO HARM. This sounds pretty simple and is very useful in dealing with complex and difficult issues. He found that when this simple rule was remembered, it often saved him from saying or doing the wrong thing. If all involved in a conflict will observe this rule, it will change the climate of the conflict. If one can do no harm, that means you cannot gossip about the conflict, you cannot speak disparagingly of others, manipulate the facts, diminish those who disagree with you. If you do not wish to follow that, rule it is usually because it demands too much self discipline.

The next tenant is to DO GOOD. ‘whoever does good is from God’ (3 John 11b). “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good...” (Acts 10:38) In one of his journals, John Wesley said “There is daily occasion to do good. Here are poor families to be relieved; here are children to be educated, here are the prisons, and with a complication of all human wants. Now it gets harder. Just when we were ready to buy into the idea of not doing harm to anyone, we are faced with an even more difficult choice. Remember these words of Jesus, “But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those that curse you, pray for those that abuse you.” (Luke 6:27-28) To do good, we have a serious challenge from Wesley, and a direct command from Jesus. These words suggest that doing good is a universal command. That is, doing good is not limited to those like me. Doing good is directed at everyone, even those considered unworthy. No one is exempt. It is a proactive way of living. We do not need to be told to help someone in need or wait till someone else starts to relieve suffering or injustice.

The third rule is to STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD. “Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually.

In attendance: (28) Rosie Agrabright, Dave Ballman, Jackie Black, Danielle Ditch, Mike Embrock, Ruth Hand, Kent Klootwyk, Dilene Larson, Cindy Magee, Tony Salas, Pastor Hojin Shin, Lisa Siebrecht, Lois Stanley, Troy Strohman, Myram Tunnicliff, Dan Zeigler, Jim Stevens, Marylyn Carlstrom, Ken and Janice Kassel, Marj Merrill, Sylvia Ballman, Dick and Judy Sample, Bev Schmidt, Bill Harris, District Superintendent Ron Carlson and his wife

Call to order: District Superintendent Ron Carlson called the meeting to order, and opened the meeting with prayer.

Introductions: DS Carlson introduced himself and his wife and asked all present to introduce themselves and tell what they did or helped with at our church.

Reason for Special Charge Conference:

Vote by Administrative Council on Family Life Center. DS Carlson asked the following questions regarding the Family Life Center:

- How long has the idea of a Family Life Center been talked about? Lisa Seibrecht answered for over 10 years.
- What are some of the Pros of the Family Life Center? We would have a handicap accessible building for events, a place to gather as a community of faith, more space for youth activities (currently using pastor’s basement)
- What are the major concerns (Cons) of the Family Life Center? Financing, Endowment Money – using it all, questioned if we had to take all or could we leave some. DS Carlson stated we needed to vote on what was presented (it was presented using the entire Endowment Fund). Discussion on concerns of not being able to provide Camp Scholarships and other items currently being funded by the Endowment.

DS requested any additional comments regarding the Family Life Center:
Marj Merrill stated she would like to see the Administrative Council listen to the voice of the congregation.

Vote:

A list of the members of the Administrative Council allowed to vote was read as follows: Pastor Hojin Shin, Chairman-Troy Strohman, Treasurer-Lois Stanley, Secretary-Cindy Magee, Chairman/Co-Chairs of the following committees: Nurturing Ministries-Dave Ballman, Outreach-Rosie Agrabright/Dilene Larson, Trustees-Lisa Siebrecht/Ruth Hand, SPRC-Danielle Ditch, Finance-Brian Garrels, Endowment-Kent Klootwyk, Lay Leader-Ken Kassel, History-Myram Tunnicliff, Nominations-Dan Zeigler, Members at Large-Tony Salas, John Kerber, Mike Embrock (18) Two members were absent: Brian Garrels and John Kerber

A written ballot was taken, Yes or No were the options. Ballots were counted by DS Carlson’s wife and the count was Yes-14, No-1, Abstained-1.

DS Carlson Adjourned the meeting.
Submitted by Recording Secretary: _____
Cindy Magee

First United Methodist Church
Special Administrative Church Council Minutes
Wednesday, June 20, 2018, at 6:30 pm

In attendance: (15) Rosie Agrabright, Dave Ballman, Jackie Black, Danielle Ditch, Ruth Hand, Kent Klootwyk, Don and Dilene Larson, Cindy Magee, Pastor Hojin Shin, Lisa Siebrecht, Lois Stanley, Jim Stevens, Troy Strohman, Myram Tunncliff,

Call to order: Troy Strohman called the meeting to order

Reason for Special Meeting:

Prior to meeting a group of six church members, Kent Klootwyk, Cal Christianson, Cindy Magee, Karen Sargent, Ruth Hand and Dave Ballman, counted the results of the Church Survey. Before counting began a decision needed to be made regarding survey's which arrived after deadline. Two survey's arrived late but were postmarked June 14, prior to deadline, and one survey was hand delivered on June 20. **Motion:** by Cal Christenson to accept the two postmarked before deadline and to not accept the one delivered after deadline. **Approved** as stated by voice vote. Chairman, Troy Strohman read comments on the surveys.

Complete Natural Church Development Questionnaire:

All present were asked to complete this questionnaire for Pastor Hojin

Receiving of Survey Count:

The results of the Church Survey were: Yes – 62, No-47

Acceptance of verified count: The committee who counted the surveys presented a signed sheet verifying the count.

Special Charge Conference:

Special Charge Conference will be held Friday, June 22, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Kent Klootwyk stated all members are invited to attend the charge conference, but according to the UMC Book of Discipline only the members of the Administrative Council will be allowed to vote. The following are members of the Administrative Council: Pastor Hojin Shin, Chairman-Troy Strohman, Treasurer-Lois Stanley, Secretary-Cindy Magee, Chairman/Co-Chairs of the following committees: Nurturing Ministries-Dave Ballman, Outreach-Rosie Agrabright/Dilene Larson, Trustees-Lisa Siebrecht/Ruth Hand, SPRC-Danielle Ditch, Finance-Brian Garrels, Endowment-Kent Klootwyk, Lay Leader-Ken Kassel, History-Myrum Tunncliff, Nominations-Dan Zeigler, Members at Large-Tony Salas, John Kerber, Mike Embrock (18).

Comments/Questions:

Do both Co-Chairs get a vote? Pastor will ask District Superintendent Ron Carlson.
What were some of the comments? Biggest concern was using all of the Endowment money

Troy closed in prayer

Submitted by Recording Secretary: _____
Cindy Magee

(Psalm 105.4) “as you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him rooted, and built up in him, and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in Thanksgiving.” (Colossians 2:6-7)

John Wesley’s list of practices that keep the relationship with God vital is a public worship of God, the Lord’s Supper, private and family prayer, studying the scriptures, and fasting. These practices can become a life-giving source of strength and guidance to us. We may list our spiritual disciplines differently, but we must find a way of living and practicing those ways that will keep us in touch and in love with God. Here are some common essentials, a daily time of payer, reflection on and study of scripture, regular in the life of a Christian community, including weekly worship and communion, doing some acts of mercy, and taking time to share our faith with others.

I learned a lot in preparing this mediation and hope that you gained something from it also. May you have a beautiful week, thinking and acting on DO NO HARM, DO GOOD, AND STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD. -Janice Kassel

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the church to inform us.



The hospital does not and will not call us.

Matthew 25:34-36

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’



Lord, have mercy on them, strengthen them in their weakness;

protect and guide us!

The family of Ellen Saxton,
The family of Luke Rouse,
The Family of Orval Hankey, Lincoln (the grandson of James & Joann Coakley, James Coakley, Ethel DeJung, Richard Henrichs, Vicki Ellis, Will Farlow, Irene Goff, Gene Twait, Cindy Kassel, Pat Anderson, Mike & Lea Schipull, Carol Ensley, Rose Spears (Mother of Lynette McGrath), Bernice Hersom, Nancy Hinrichs, Vi Sampson, Kort Freeman, Cole McDonough, Scott Sanne (Grandson of Pearl Whitmore), Lois Lowman, Jane Stevens, Joyce Muller, Deb Nissen (sister-in-law of Deb Wickman), Philip Christenson (brother of Marge Solberg), Marjorie Solberg, Ted Strohman, 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.

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



Joyce Muller
Paul Kooker
Lois Lowman
Vi Sampson
Pearl Whitmore

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

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

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

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

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

Mary Etta Baxter #57
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

First United Methodist Church
Regular Monthly Administrative Church Council Minutes
Tuesday, June 5, 2018, at 7:30 pm

In attendance: (12) Rosie Agrabright, Jackie Black, Brian Garrels, Ken Kassel, Dilene Larson, Cindy Magee, Pastor Hojin Shin, Lisa Siebrecht, Lois Stanley, Jim Stevens, Troy Strohman, Myram Tunnicliff,

Call to order: Troy Strohman called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Devotions: Pastor Hojin Shin's devotion focused on a letter written to him from his father as they were moving to Iowa. In the letter his father said to for Pastor Hojin to focus on the young to believe early. VBS is an important mission! Pastor asked for prayers to support VBS and the new Family Life Center.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from May 9, 2018, Motion to approve: Brian Garrels, Approved as written, by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Lois Stanley reported the May 30, 2018 Treasurer's Report, General Fund Balance: \$10,706.55, Motion to approve: Brian Garrels, Approved as presented, by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Nurturing Ministries Planning Team: Dave Ballman and Cindy Magee

Cindy reported Youth Group Activities are over for the summer. Also, VBS decoration making day was a big success! Many helpers got a lot of things done and we are well on the way for another successful VBS!

Cindy reported on youth group activities:
345ALIVE – End of year party at the bowling alley, 18 kids bowled 2 games each and enjoyed pizza and pop.

Jr UMYF - Both groups enjoyed an end of year party.

Sr UMYF

Outreach Ministries Planning Team: Rosie Argabright

Rosie reported the Father's Day Pie Sale will be Sunday, June 17. Also, ELF (Evening Ladies Fellowship) garage sale made \$936. Elf also sponsored a Little League team this year and sponsored 10 people to work at Then Feed Just One.

Witness Ministries Planning Team: No Report

Administrative Committees:

Chair of Trustees: Lisa Siebrecht and Ruth Hand

Lisa reported the following: Parsonage Roof has been shingled and the bathroom update is complete. They are looking at replacing the gutters. Handicap parking is to be extended on the south and east side and the area in front of the north steps is to be repaired.

Chair of SPRC: Danielle Ditch

The committees met and recommend raises for Pastor, and Treasurer. Secretary has recently been given a raise after initial employment period.

Chair of Finance: Brian Garrels

Voted on Building Project to be June 17, all members will vote.
2018-2019 Budget was presented. Motion to approve: Brian Garrels. Approved as presented by voice vote.

Chair of Endowment Committee: Kent Klootwyk

Lay Leadership Vice Chair: No Report

Chair of History Committee: Anne Carney and Myram Tunnicliff

Myram read some history about our church's past building projects:

In 1937, fire ruined the entire roof and plastering along with water damage to the floor and organ of the church. To raise funds a housewarming with a chicken supper, a "white elephant sale," and a pageant was held. A mortgage placed upon the parsonage property had to be taken out for the sum of \$2,500. Members in 1939, took it upon themselves to pay off the remaining debt with farmers pledging an acre of corn, town members giving \$10, others giving lesser amounts and the Ladies Aid taking the rest of the load.

Facts about our church dated November 19, 1953:

Our church burned in 1947.

Donations to the church building fund have been made by 333 different persons.

There have been 161 persons who have paid \$99 or less, each towards this building.

Six have each paid more than \$5,000 towards the new church.

Only 14 different persons have paid \$2,000 or more toward this church building

Perhaps you wonder why you should pay for a church for the people to use for years to come; Well, did not someone pay for the church you are using now?

Success or failure for the church is not added on the adding machine. Nor can it be summarized by any human measuring rod. But where do we begin when we are dealing with humanity? Perhaps we must begin and end with ourselves. For the church can be no more or less than what we have been. The church's advances or backsliding can be no different than our own. For we are the church...

Memorial Committee: No Report

Other Committee/Additional New Business:

Vote on the Building Project – According to the UMC Book of Discipline only the members present may vote at the Church Conference. Since we have already had a Church Conference in the beginning do we need to have another one? Pastor will check with District Superintendent Tom Carver to see if we can do a church canvas so we can have members vote to see how our membership wants to proceed.

Cancel Church Conference scheduled for Sunday, June 17, do a church survey so all members can have their voice heard. Motion: Brian Garrels, Approved by voice vote.

Next Meeting: A Special Admin. Council meeting will be held Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 6:30 pm and the Regular monthly meeting Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 7:30 pm

**Troy Closed Meeting with a Prayer
Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm**

Submitted by Recording Secretary: _____

Cindy Magee