

The Voyager



August 2023

The Newsletter of the Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church

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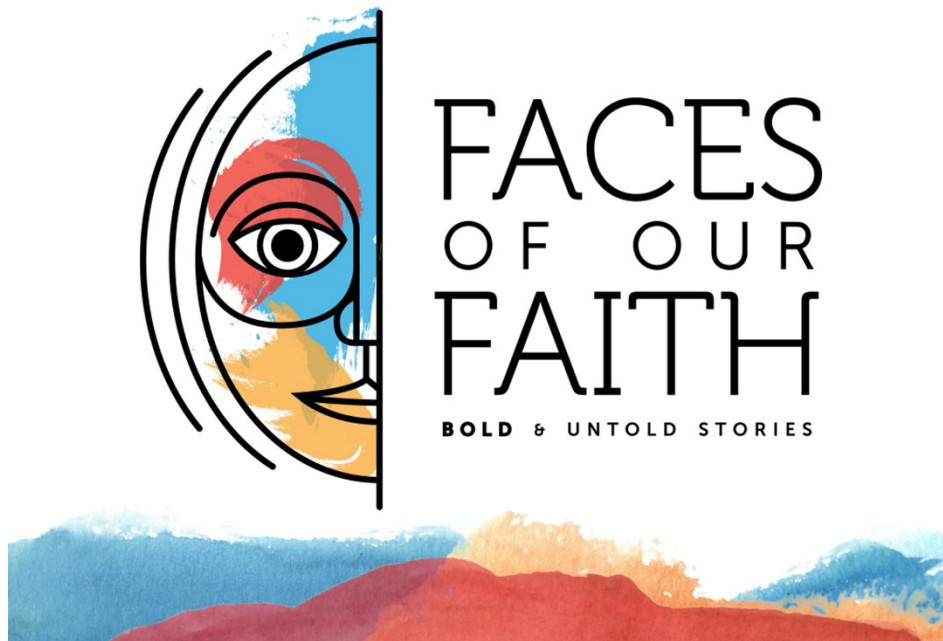
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VBS 2023 was a success!!



August Worship Series



Blessing of the Backpacks Aug 20th



Bring your backpacks, bags, briefcases, brooms, etc. We will be blessing and praying for all students and all staff for the schools and colleges represented.



Grace & Peace First UMC Friends,

Last time I wrote you, my husband, Randy, and I were in the midst of packing and moving, and we'd only been to Emmetsburg once. Since then, we have moved into the lovely parsonage with all our stuff and too many vehicles. We have been blessed by the beautiful lake views on morning walks, and we have enjoyed living in a town with A&W.

If you have walked by, our dog, Lucky, has barked at you. If you've been in worship, you have heard me trying to carry a tune in a bucket. If you have been in a meeting or gathering with me, I have heard a little of your story, and you have seen that I am by no means shy (at least most of the time).

Yesterday Randy and I hitched up our travel trailer—something we have only done twice. (The travel trailer saga is for another day!) I won't tell you where we store it because then you could watch us as we learn to back that thing up! We're getting better at hitching it up, but we spent a couple hours practicing backing into a space—let's just say, we're not so keen on going backward. We agree that forward is much better.

I am looking forward to the same thing with you and this congregation. I am not here to fix you or reset this church; I am here as shepherd for the journey. Of course, I have ideas about shaping our journey together as followers of Jesus, but it will take some practice to live together as sisters and brothers.

You and I are just beginning to know one another through worship and chats. We are just starting to understand one another as Faces of Faith. I am convinced that learning to know one another well teaches us Jesus' Greatest Commandment: love God and love our neighbor. Maybe you've noticed, it's pretty hard *not* to love someone you know!

And so, this month I hope to continue meeting more of you—and to visit a little more than our sharing of the peace in worship, or shaking hands after. Watch for several opportunities to visit over the next few months. I want to hear your story; I want to understand where you have been as we approach 150 years of church in this community! And I want to make a life here as you have, as sisters and brothers in Christ.

Love Big, Be Well

Pastor Kolleen

First United Methodist Church
Regular Monthly Administrative Church Council Minutes

Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 8:00 pm

In Attendance: Sarah Frederick; Rosie Argabright; Lois Stanley; Brian Garrels; Dilene Larsen; Tami Culver; Rosemary Matthews; Jodi Ward, Rose Webb; Dave Fog; Karen Sargent; Pastor Kolleen; Jamie Christensen

Call to Order: at 7:58pm by Brian Garrels

Devotions: Pastor Kolleen asked for introductions and had questions for each member to answer. She opened the meeting with prayer.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from June 14, 2023. Motion to approve by Rosemary Matthews and seconded by Lois Stanley. Approved.

Treasurer's June 30, 2023 Report February: Balance of \$43,104.77., \$25,152.22 is for designated items, and Trustees have \$221.38.

Motion to approve by Rosie Agrabright and seconded by Tami Culver. Approved.

Committee reports:

Nurturing Ministries: No report. (Mission spiritual formation.)

Outreach Ministries: This is less active time for Outreach.

Administrative Committees:

Chair of Trustees: Dave Fog reported all the repairs and replacements and cleaning done to prepare the parsonage for Pastor Kolleen and Randy. The roofs of the buildings will be inspected for any damage following the recent storms. An estimate for resurfacing the floor in the FLC is in the works.

Chair of SPRC: Jodi Ward/Michelle Kogel: Jodi has been orienting Pastor Kolleen including getting the new computer in her office set up. The committee voted unanimously to support Sarah Strohman in following her call to ministry.

Chair of Finance: Too few members present to hold a meeting. No report.

Lois Stanley announced she will be leaving the position of treasurer of our congregation in December.

Chair of Endowment: Brian Garrels reported on the current investments and the interest rates. There were thanks from scholarship recipients.

Chair of Nominations: Bonnie Whitney (not present)

Chair of Witnessing/Mission Trip: Sarah Frederick: Trip to Siouxland Soup Kitchen, is still in the plans.

Chair of History: Rosemary Matthews: the work continues as the 150th celebration date approaches (September 10). The weekly bulletin has requests for various needs and a historical fact is included each week.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Kolleen is planning a series of messages titled "Faces of Faith".

Old Business:

Greeters are needed for services and volunteers to help with Swallowship. The Kerber and Aldrich memorials were discussed and members tabled making decisions about those funds.

New Business:

Jodi Ward shared a request from Hope Haven to use the kitchen in the FLC Fridays from 1-2 when the space is available to train some clients. Request will be honored.

Next meeting: August 9, 2023

Closing Prayer:

Meeting adjourned: 9:25 P.M. Motion to adjourn Lois Stanley and seconded by Dave Fog.

Recording Secretary: Jamie Christensen

Emmetsburg First UMC has created multiple ways for you to give:

- Online via vancopayments.com or emmetsburgumc.com
- Mobile phone giving: Vanco App
- Venmo App - @Eburg-UMC Code 2508
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)

Thank you for your faithful support of the church!



Empowering EFUMC Ministry Giving Report (June 24 -July 24)

General Fund

-Monthly giving	\$	13,379.12
-Fellowship Hall	\$	186.86
-VBS	\$	319.00
- Wednesday Worship	\$	36.00
-Misc. General	\$	25.00
-Funeral Hospitality	\$	400.00
-FLC Rental	\$	600.00
General Fund Total	\$	14,945.98

Needed Yearly for General Budget \$ 217,681.00

Needed monthly \$ 18,140.08

Needed Weekly \$ 4,186.17



Worship Service Volunteers

August Acolytes

8/6
Mason & Beckham Shirk
8/13
Madi & MaKenna Burns
8/20
Hank Rouse
Gage Ditch

8/27

Axton Curry
Owen Steffan

9/3

Sophia & Cammi Manz

9/10

Nora & Liam Hokinson

9/18

Steven Horseman
Hunter Strohman

9/25

Savannah Strohman

Kysen Kogel

August/August Computer Worship Helpers

8/6
Anderson Family
8/13
Duhn Family
8/20
Ditch Family
8/27
Kogel Family
9/3
Hudson Family
9/10
Anderson Family
9/17
Duhn Family
9/24
Ditch Family

Communion Stewards

August 13th

Jamie Christensen
Sarah Strohman
Mary Lou Morrison

September

Sarah Frederick
Ana Shirk
Danielle Ditch

August/September Liturgists

8/6
Sarah Frederick
8/13
Michelle Kogel
8/20
Danielle Ditch
8/27
Sarah Strohman
9/3
Jodi Ward
9/10
Sarah Frederick
9/17
Michelle Kogel
9/24
Danielle Ditch

Video & Livestreaming

Keaton Duhn

Sunday Offering Counters

8/6
Shayne Kogel
Karen Sargent
8/13
Troy Hall
Cal Christensen

8/20
Dean Ver Mulm
Steve Hoyman
8/27
John Strohman
Brian Garrels
9/3
Greg Hoyman
Jim Hobart

9/10
Tony Salas
Todd Ditch
9/17
Jamie Christensen
Jodi Ward
9/24
Shayne Kogel
Karen Sargent

Ministering to our seniors



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

Jackie Donovan
Jane Stevens
Anne Carney #21

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

Darlene Harris

St. Luke's (Spencer)
1301 St. Luke's Dr,
Spencer, IA 50501

Marjorie (Marj) Solberg
Room D9

Lakeside Senior Care

301 N Lawler St
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-4060

Virginia Place

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

Joyce Muller
Helen Merrill #203

Willow Ridge

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

Pat Anderson #103
Jan Bare #206

If you are or know of someone who is home bound, in a nursing home, or feeling alone and would like a visit; please let Pastor Kollen know, contact the church office at 712-852-2154 or email at kolleen.queener@iaumc.net



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

Prayer Requests:

Anne Carney
Judy Sample
Emily Neet
Josh Hobart
Samantha Graham
Missy Hall
Lincoln Coakley
-(grandson of Joann Coakley)

*Those who have been hospitalized or are in long term care facilities.

*Hospital & nursing/assisted

care facility staff, essential workers, & our military members.

*Students of all ages and staff at schools and colleges. Students away at college as well as those at home.

*Families who have lost loved ones and are grieving.

*People in countries at war around the world

*All individual prayer requests will be listed for 6 weeks. At

which time they will be removed from the list.

If you wish for a name to remain, be removed, or to be put back on the list, please contact the church office at 712-852-2154.

Thank
You!



Chapters in Our Life Together



1 Doug Merrill		23 Tracey Mattice
Abby Burns		25 Karen Chism
3 Kent Malm		26 Kari Anderson
Bill Whitney		27 Kyle Shirk
5 Jackie Hoch		Bev Schmidt
Judy Richardson		28 Jacob Hall
Darrel Leverenz		James Manwarren
BJ Curry		30 Hank Rouse
Margaret Miller		31 Lynne Farnsworth
8 Deb Wickman		Cheryl Garrels
Kinsey Kogel	14 Troy Stohman	Tiffany Manz
10 Randy Becker	17 Dawn Jensen	
	18 Mark Hobart	
	19 Deb Weisbrod	
	20 Darci Curry	
	22 Rose Webb	



2 Bill & Jana Harris	8 Shayne & Michelle Kogel
Anthony & Brandi Fehr	10 Dan & Betty Zeigler
4 Kent & Tati Malm	12 Jon & Lana Williams
6 David & Ruth Rouse	14 David & Mary Tonderum
	17 Rich & Sue Rouse
	21 Craig & Debbie Kassel
	29 Ted & Vicki Ellis
	30 Nathan & Stephanie Hudson

Attendance July 2-23

Sunday 7/2/22 ~ 58

Sunday 7/09/22 ~ 79

Sunday 7/16/22 ~ 65

Sunday 7/23/22 ~ 65

Tuesday, August 1

12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)

Wednesday, August 2

3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Thursday, August 3

1:00PM Horizon's (FLC)

2:45PM Emerald Oaks Monthly Service

Friday, August 4

10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)

Saturday, August 5

12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)

1:30PM Horizons (FLC Hall)

Sunday, August 6

12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)

1:30PM Bible Study (FLC)

Monday, August 7

3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

5:30PM Wednesday Worship

7:30PM Finance Meeting Narthex)

8:00PM Admin Council (Narthex)

Tuesday, August 8

1:00PM Horizon's (FLC)

7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)

Wednesday, August 9

9AM Private Event (FLC)

Thursday, August 10

10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)

Friday, August 11

12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)

1:30PM Horizons (FLC)

4:00-10:00PM Private Event (FLC)

Saturday, August 12

12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)

1:30PM Bible Study (FLC)

7:00PM ELF & Outreach (FLC)



Sunday, August 13

12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)

1:30PM Bible Study (FLC)

Monday, August 14

3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Tuesday, August 15

1:00PM Horizon's (FLC)

7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)

Wednesday, August 16

3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Thursday, August 17

1:30PM TrinityPALS (FLC)

7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)

Friday, August 18

10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary),

Blessing of the Backpacks

11:00AM Sunday Brunch

Saturday, August 19

12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)

1:30PM Horizons (FLC Hall)

**Newsletter deadline*

Sunday, August 20

12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)

1:30PM Bible Study (FLC)

Monday, August 21

**First Day of School*

3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)

Tuesday, August 22

1:00PM Horizon's (FLC)

7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)

Wednesday, August 23

10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)

Thursday, August 24

12:00PM Card Club

1:30PM Horizons (FLC Hall)

*Please contact the church office to reserve space or with questions about the schedule.
712-852-2154





First United Methodist Church

Is proud to announce its

150th ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION

With a special service

on September 10, 2023, at 10:00 am

Followed by a Luncheon

**Come join us for a time of commemorating the
history of our church.**

150TH ANNIVERSARY

Emmetsburg

First United Methodist Church

Emmetsburg, Iowa 50536

The following items serve as “little guideposts on the footpath to peace,”

According to author and pastor Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933):



- To be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars;
- To be satisfied with your possessions but not content with yourself until you have made the best of them;
- To despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice;
- To covet nothing of your neighbor's except [their] kindness of heart and gentleness of manners;
- To think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends and every day of Christ;
- To spend as much time as you can with body and with spirit in God's out-of-doors.

Emmetsburg First UMC Membership Update

To help Pastor Kolleen learn more about you and our congregation, as well as update our records, please complete the update and survey below and return to church in August. *Thank you!*

Name _____
Address _____

Do you have online/internet access? yes no

Household Members & Relationship	Birthday	Anniver- sary	Grade if in School	Baptized? Location/Year	Confirmed? Location/Year	Transferred? Location/Year	Email	Phone

1. Would you like to receive the monthly newsletter by email or snail mail?
2. What's your favorite hymn/song?
3. What do you think EFUMC is known for in the community?
4. For your own faith formation, what kinds of church activities outside of Sunday worship would you like to participate in (select as many as apply):

_____ Small Groups – Activity-based
_____ Prayer Team
_____ Visitation Team
_____ Midweek Gathering

_____ Bible/Book Study
_____ Community Mission Team
_____ Children's/Youth Ministry



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August 9th
Wednesday Worship

Soper Park
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Worship in the Park

