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AUGUST NEWSLETTER 2019

Loving God, Growing Together, Sharing Christ



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 am—Adult Sunday School
9:30am—Coffee time
10:00 am—Worship*
2:00 pm — Zomi Christian Fellowship
*Nursery available

Church Office Hours
Tuesday - Friday
9:00 am - Noon
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Closed on Monday

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FUMC Staff

Senior Pastor: Jeff Kodis x1002
Organist/Bell Director: Jan Randall
Worship Arts Director: Jenn Pedersen x 1016
Education Director: Jenn Pedersen x 1010
Administrative Assistant: Jo Ruff x1000
Business Manager: Kay Coutts x 1007
Custodians: Steve Cherveney x1001
Becky Goodell

Please send articles for the September newsletter to Jo Ruff
at fumc@fumc-mtown.org by August 23.

2019 VBS - "Power Up" - August 5-8 - We are excited for our summer VBS which will take place in the evenings during the first week of August, from 6-8:15 pm each night. We encourage everyone to consider how they can be a part of reaching the youth of our community through VBS. Do you have children in your neighborhood you could invite? Do you have co-workers with preschool and/or elementary age children or grandchildren that you could extend a special invitation to? Would you like to volunteer in some way during the week by being a small group leader, donating items, praying, volunteering to take photos/video, or running the registration table? There is a way for everyone to get involved.

Our theme of Power Up will be focusing on the power we have through the Holy Spirit to express the fruits of the Spirit in our lives. The kids (and volunteers) will be learning about love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Registration is requested and is available on our Facebook page or in the church office. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer please contact Jenn Pedersen.

Jenn Pedersen, Education Director

AUGUST

Monthly Meetings:

Church Council: Tuesday, August 20, at 5:30 pm
Trustees: 6:00 pm, Staff Room
SPRC: No Meeting
Finance: No Meeting
Stewardship: No Meeting
Vision: No Meeting

Endowment: No Meeting

TLC: Thursday, August 29, BBQ @ Mitchem's

Hand in Hand: Tuesday, August 13, at 5:30 pm

Missions: No Meeting



In Christian Sympathy
 Our thoughts and prayers go out to:

Vicki Huntrods in the loss of her uncle,
 Ted Krough.

Mike and Betty Kunc in the loss of
 their son, John Kunc.



**Communion
 August 4**



**August
 Change for Change:
 The Nest**

**COFFEE
 FELLOWSHIP**

Join us!



9:30 am Sundays



Temple Builders

Exercise Class
 8:15 - 9:00 am
 Tuesday & Thursday
 Fellowship Hall
 All you need is an
 exercise ball & mat.

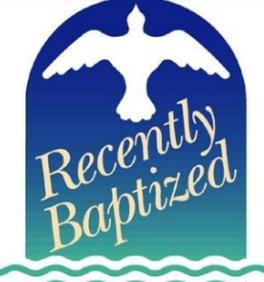
Insurance Requirement
 Please do not sit in the
 front row of the balconies.



August Collection:

**Supplies for
 Marshalltown
 Christian School**

**SCHOOL
 SUPPLY
 Drive**



Evelyn Ann Upah
 July 28, 2019
 Daughter of Sam &
 Haley Upah,
 Granddaughter of Stan
 & Leslie Groth



Prayer Shawl Ministry
 Thursdays at 10:00 am in the
 Staff Room.
 Anyone is welcome to join in.

WELCOME MINISTRY by Pam Vinson & Kay Lents



As many of you know, a new ministry has been created to take the place of the previous Hospitality Committee. This Ministry is separate from the Usher/Greeter team.

As you have noticed, the Welcome Center has been moved and **Attendants** are stationed there each Sunday before and after service to greet our existing members and to meet our **visitors** and present them with a **“Mug and a Hug”**. These mugs are new and filled with Hugs candies and are also available for current members to purchase for \$8.

Another component of our ministry is a **Connector** and this person “roams” the Sanctuary, greeting and is available to meet a visitor and connect him, her or a family to an existing member/family the visitor might have something in common with. This new process is working well, but there is one big problem: **We need more volunteers! More attendants, more connectors.** So, if you like people, if you love our Church and wish to serve our God, as He asks, please see Kay Lents, Pastor Jeff or Pam Vinson and **get involved in this ministry.**

If you have questions about this exciting Ministry please call Pam @ 751-3842 or Kay @ 751-0674.

TLC BARBECUE by Ruth Jackson

We will gather at Ray & Jana Mitchem's home, 1402 S. 3rd Ave., for a barbecue on Thursday, August 29, at 5:30. Bring your own meat to barbecue and a dish to share. Drinks will be furnished.

The T L C (The Love of Christ) visit our shut-ins at Nursing homes and home-bound monthly and help them feel included in our congregation. We invite anyone interested in our ministry to join us and find out more about us. Call Ruth Jackson, 641-238-1654, for more information.

UMW by Bev Sloppy

- **On July 11**, 5 UMW board members traveled to Bidwell Riverside for a morning of volunteering. Duties were to help clients fill their shopping carts for their size family needs of meat, fruit, vegetables, bread and sweets.
- **July 21-23** is Mission U @ IVCE in Marshalltown. UMW is willing to pay half of the registration. There are several interesting study categories. If you can't attend this one, another one is Oct. 18-20. Contact Edie Hodges or Bev Sloppy if interested.
- **August 1** is our next board meeting @9.30 in the lower tower room and anyone is invited to attend.
- **On October 3 @ 8:00** UMW is holding a memorial breakfast @ Perkins for UMW members who passed away in 2018 or prior to Oct. 2019. Anyone who wants to attend contact Ruth Jackson for a reservation.
- **November 2** is the Ingathering when it is time for all the kits (Hygiene and flood buckets) to be taken to Cedar Falls. We hope to have a big number of them to take. Monetary donations are also needed to be able to ship these.
- **Boxes of Cards** are still available. They are \$6.00
- More information in the coming months about the up coming Stroll/Cookie Walk and the Messiah.

Hand in Hand by Gina Ruddock

It's "School Supply Season" in Marshalltown and lots of kids who need help preparing for the new school year. Since the materials are on sale in the stores we thought we'd remind you of TWO WAYS to support students. First is the LOCAL drive run through House of Compassion.

School supplies can be dropped at buses located at HyVee on July 26 (4pm-8pm) and at Walmart of July 27 (11am-4pm).

The second is the UMCOR drive which goes to children around the globe. Hand in Hand will coordinate UMCOR Ingathering starting in the fall. We will once again focus on Hygiene Kits and School Kits. There is plenty of time to prepare these kits but now is the perfect time to find the best deals. So below is the School Supply Kit list. (Please pay close attention to the requirements.)

MORE INGATHERING INFORMATION COMING IN SEPTEMBER!

UMCOR Ingathering School Kit List

- One pair blunt scissors (round tips only, not plastic scissors)
- One box of 24 crayons (only 24-count boxes are accepted)
- Three one-subject notebooks (no marble composition books, no 3 or 5-subject notebooks)
- One pack of loose-leaf paper (100-200 page packs are acceptable, wide or college rule accepted)
- One hand-held pencil sharpener (1-inch or longer, remove from packaging)
- One ruler (12 inches or 30 centimeters long, sturdy or flexible material accepted)
- Six unsharpened pencils
- One eraser (two inches or larger)

HAND IN HAND by Gina Ruddock

We will hold our regular second Tuesday meeting on August 13 with two activities. Gathering at 5:30 in the staff room, we will prepare snacks for the oncology clinic and Iowa River hospice families. And we will do another neighborhood clean up to beautify the area for our neighbors. All are welcome to join in the work and fellowship!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY by Kathy Braga



Have you been wanting to learn to knit or crochet? We are teaching this right now. We really have a great small group with great fellowship. If you are interested, join us on Thursday mornings at 10 in the work room next to the church office. We will have yarn and needles.

We have made about 19 shawls/ lap blankets so far this year and given away 11 so far. We pray over these shawls every week while we are making them and continue to pray for the recipients of them. Thank you for your support of our group!

MARSHALLTOWN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWS

Even though it was a sopping wet, rainy weekend, customers stood in the rain waiting to get inside for the many donated items on sale in support of Marshalltown Christian School. Thank you for your support and generosity through the many gifts of merchandise for our sale. The MCS Garage Sale fundraiser blesses the school's operations fund and also our community members. As one buyer put it when she loaded up her furniture purchases, "I am so very grateful that I came today!" MCS is thankful, too, that the shoppers came and departed "drenched" in bargains.

Reading in the Park is an MCS reading project being held this summer for students entering first through fourth grades who want to continue building their reading skills and stay connected with their school friends during the summer break. Staffed by volunteers, Carrie Glessner and Kristi Cameron, students in attendance have enjoyed reading – and, of course, playing in the park!

Board members will be traveling to Des Moines this summer to attend the summer IACS Conference (Iowa Association of Christian Schools). Topics of interest will include sustainability, long-term vision, and strategic planning.

Parking Request

On Sundays, if you are able, please park in the lot across the street to the east or on the north side of the building so people who have difficulty walking can park in our lot. Thanks for being considerate of others.

Weather Cancellations

To find out if church activities are cancelled, check
Email
KCCI TV Channel 8
Facebook

LOCAL & GLOBAL MISSIONS by Barb Matya

We hosted 16 people with a mission team from Center Point last month while they did tornado repairs in town. They stayed at the church and we provided 3 meals a day for them. Thank you to everyone who provided food, money for groceries and helped prepare meals. A huge thanks to Gina Ruddock for lining up their work sites and Greg DeSaulniers and Jenn Pedersen for helping pick up materials and getting them to the sites. The group built sheds for 2 families, helped with a fence and cleaned and mulched several flower beds on Main Street.

We paid Paul & Karen Haenze and Larry & Jane Kies, our missionaries, \$2,000 each for this year. We also gave Gabe Cherveney \$300 to help with his expenses after his extended hospital stay and health issues.

We will collect items for Marshalltown Christian School (lists will be available) in August and Change for Change will be directed to The Nest.

We are expecting a visit from Lynn and Sharon Fogleman, one of our missionary families, on Wednesday, November 13th, for lunch and an update of their work. I hope you will note this on your calendars.



CPT Derek Johnson
Deployed to Afghanistan
7/15/2019

Please remember to pray for our military.

Grant Fitz

Jim Hart's grandson

Derek Johnson

Brian & Joan Johnson's son

Garret Larson

Don & Judy Westphal's grandson

Rob Larson

Don and Judy Westphal's son

Scott Tasler

Linda Tasler's son

Scott Vial

Lee & Mary Jo Vial's son

Remember them and their families in your prayers.



Lt. Col. Scott Vial
Will Deploy to
Saudi Arabia 9/1/2019