

GraceNotes

The Newsletter of

The United Methodist Church of Manton

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Worship with us Sundays at 10:30 am.

Office Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 9-Noon, Thursday 9-11 am.

June/July 2019

Pastor Jeff's Jottings

Jesus commissioned his disciples in Matthew 28:19 to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Based on that scripture, the United Methodist Church has developed a mission statement which states the mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

So how do we do that? What is our role, as a church and individually, in growing the kingdom of God? How long has it been since you invited a friend, a family member, a coworker, or a neighbor to church? How much do you share with these same people your involvement in your church? Are you proud to proclaim your faith? So, what's the holdup?

As your pastor, I am constantly looking for ways to grow the ministry of this church. What new ministries would you like to see to make church involvement more inviting? What can we, as the church, offer the unchurched persons in our community? There are a lot of possibilities out there but I need to hear from you. What would you like to see happening in our church?

When we are able to get people to set foot in the door, what do we do with them? Do we greet them? Do we make them feel welcome? Are they likely to return? I have seriously thought about appointing a Hospitality Committee to address these questions. What can we do to make people feel welcome and want to return for worship? I believe we need to have a process in place to be able to communicate with persons who have visited and may be "shopping" for a place to worship. We have the pads where people can sign in, but often they don't leave an address or phone number. I want you all to start praying about this. We will be having our next town hall meeting on June 23 and this is one of the items that will be on the agenda. I want to hear from you.

We all have a task. God has given each of us a job to do in His commission to grow His kingdom. From the pastor and church leaders all the way down to the elderly couple that has sat in the same pew for years, we are called to serve. We all have different talents that lead to different tasks but we all have been called to do something. Whether as a pastor, a worship leader, a Sunday school teacher, or serving dinners, we all have something we are called to do. Please do what you can to assist in growing the kingdom and growing the United Methodist Church of Manton.

God bless each and every one of you.

Pastor Jeff

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

~Matthew 28:19~

Ladies Birthday Luncheon

Ladies Birthday Luncheon will be June 20 at 12 noon at the Northside here in Manton.

Chéré Pepper to perform

Chéré Pepper is a Michigan recording artist. She will be at our church to perform on June 9 at our 10:30 am service. Come and listen to her message and songs. A freewill offering will be taken to help further her mission.

Mobile Food Pantry

The Mobile Food Pantry will be at Living Word Church on June 8. Registration is at 9 am and food distribution is at 10 am. Line up on Railroad Avenue after you register. As always, volunteers are needed and should be there at 9 am.

You are invited...

Who: Abbie Kongeal

What: High School Graduation Open House (Ice Cream Social)

Where: Manton UMC Fellowship Hall

When: Saturday, May 8 from 2-6 pm

New Church Directory

Live Touch will be at our church to photograph everyone for our new church directory on July 8 and 9. They will be here from 2-9 pm both days. You need to sign up in advance. Volunteers will be chosen to take over the registration process.

The directories are free, one for each family. You will only pay for additional photos.

Thank you

Thank you for donating to our City-2-Shore Manton Build day. We are so grateful for your support and your monetary donation.

-Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Wexford/Missaukee Counties

Painting with Toinette

The painting class was a lot of fun and believe me, I'm no artist. Toinette displayed a finished painting for our project. She showed us each step to come up with our own likeness of her painting. When I was finished, I enjoyed going around to see the other painter's perspectives on this project. I was amazed with what they came up with. I used the basic colors I was given. Others used more colors adding to the dimension of the flowers. The Swainston table was amazing. Azalea won the award for the most creative painting. She was so happy to join the group after going around to see what each artist was working on.

Pastor Jeff is thinking of continuing these classes every few months. Twenty percent of the fee was donated to Christ's Community Table. We all had a good time. Please join us when this opportunity comes up again.

-Mary Kibbe

Calling all Campers

Join us for a fun Family Camp weekend. The dates are Friday, August 2 through Sunday, August 4. It is located at Manton Pines Camp Ground, formerly Whispering Pines Campground. They are located on 39 Road north of 10 Road. The new owners have been busy with renovations. There is a new 15 room motel, updated camp sites and cabins. They have a pond, basketball and tennis courts. There are brochures in the Narthex. Stop by the camp and look around. Make your reservations early. Call Natalie at (231) 577-1658. I could also use some help with planning. Thanks, Stephanie (231)878-1762

Ad Council Minutes for April 23, 2019

PRESENT: Pastor Jeffrey A. Swainston, Terri Swanson, Cheryl Peterson, Dana Raymer, Liz Dykgraff, Noelle Wallace, Jane Fleming, Sandra Moffit, Diane Siddall, and Ruth Ann Ward

Lighting of the Candle: After the lighting of the candle, the meeting was opened with prayer.

Devotions: Ruth Ann Ward

March 26, 2019 meeting minutes were distributed, read by council members, voted on and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION: Liz Dykgraff – There was a discussion with regard to those who cover the nursery during church services. All workers are required to pass a background search. This is also required by our insurance company.

TRUSTEES: It was reported that all of the electrical work has been completed. Lyle will fix the sink and a plumber will fix the drinking fountain. The installation of the TV in the fellowship hall was also discussed.

MEMORIAL: Nothing new reported.

ENDOWMENT: Lyle is working on getting new committee members and having a committee meeting.

STEWARDSHIP: Nothing new reported.

MISSION AND OUTREACH: Members are also needed for this committee. The Sleeping in Heavenly Peace project of building bunkbeds is scheduled for April 27, 2019, from 9:00 to 12:00.

WORSHIP: Terri Swanson – There will be a Taco Bar preceding the Variety Show on April 27, 2019. The Taco Bar will be in the fellowship hall at 5:30, and the Variety Show will begin at 7:00. There will be donation boxes in both locations. Said donations will benefit the Technical Fund.

We have six individuals graduating from high school this year. Each individual will receive a bible.

The Mother's Day service will be held on May 12, 2019.

STAFF PARISH: Dana Raymer – There was a discussion with regard to the employee reviews. There should be two individuals conducting the interviews.

FINANCE: Noelle distributed the church's balance sheet, discussion followed, and they were accepted as presented.

Cheryl discussed the fact that the church is \$5800 behind in revenue for the first quarter. While the first quarter is traditionally the worst quarter, the church is dipping into its reserves to pay bills. Cheryl will write a letter/report so that the church's membership will be aware of the situation before it gets any worse. There should also be updates during the townhall meetings.

It was also discussed that we should investigate offering the church's membership auto payments from their banks to the church for their pledges. This was voted on and approved.

OTHER BUSINESS: Pastor discussed creating a new church directory. The last church directory was done ten years ago. If we have Life Touch do the work in June or July, they will offer a 20 percent discount to members for additional photos. There is no charge to the church for the directories. One free church directory to each family and an 8x10 photo, and a mobile app. Approximately 63 percent of people order additional photos.

PASTOR JEFF UPDATE: Pastor Jeffrey A. Swainston will be gone the first three weeks in June. He has a church conference the first week of June, a daughter getting married the second week in June, and classes the third week.

The canvas painting class will be held on May 18, 2019, from 2:00 to 5:00. The cost is \$35. All needed supplies are provided, and 20 percent of the fee will benefit our CCT meals.

Next meeting is scheduled for: May 28, 2019

Volunteer for devotions for next meeting: Dana Raymer

Closing prayer: Jeffrey A. Swainston

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Ruth Ann Ward

Ad Council Minutes for May 28, 2019

PRESENT: Pastor Jeffrey A. Swainston, Bob Swanson, Terri Swanson, Cheryl Peterson, Noelle Wallace, Lyle Matteson, Jane Fleming, and Ruth Ann Ward

Lighting of the Candle: After the lighting of the candle, the meeting was opened with prayer.

Devotions: Terri Swanson

April 23, 2019, meeting minutes were distributed, read by council members, voted on and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION: Liz sent in a report that VBS is scheduled for June 28, 29, 30. The program will be musically oriented. Also, junior church is done for the summer.

TRUSTEES: A service agreement for the elevator maintenance will be given to Dick for his review and input.

MEMORIAL: Nothing new reported.

ENDOWMENT: Lyle reports that he has new committee volunteers. A committee meeting will be held to vote on and approve the new volunteers.

STEWARDSHIP: Nothing new reported.

MISSION AND OUTREACH: The Sleeping in Heavenly Peace project was a big success. Sixty dollars was raised for CCT from the canvas painting fund raiser. There will be no CCT on July 3.

WORSHIP: Terri stated that Cheryl Peterson will deliver the message on the 2nd of June. Cheré Pepper will perform on June 9. There will be a guest speaker on June 16.

STAFF PARISH: Nothing new reported.

FINANCE: Noelle distributed the church's balance sheet, discussion followed, and they were accepted as presented. She stated that the CD is due on June 4.

Cheryl prepared and distributed a Budget: Current Month vs. Year for the period of 01/01/2019 to 04/30/2019. Discussion followed. Last month the shortfall was in the \$5000 range and this month the shortfall is up in the \$7000 range. Cheryl will prepare and distribute an updated budget for the Town Hall Meeting to show our membership that we are falling behind and something needs to be done.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was a discussion with regard to possible ways of increase church membership.

There was also a discussion on placing an ad in the school's sports schedules. A quarter sized ad is \$150, a half page sized ad is \$175 and a full-page ad is \$275. Motion was made to place a half page ad, seconded, voted on and approved.

Pictures for the new church directory will be taken by Life Touch on July 8th and July 9th from the hours of 2 pm and 9 pm. Katie Moffit will coordinate the appointments.

PASTOR JEFF UPDATE: Pastor Jeffrey A. Swainston: Pastor will be at the annual conference in Traverse City on Sunday, June 2, at his daughter's wedding on Saturday, June 8. He will be gone on June 9, and attending one of his classes on Sunday June 16.

A Town Hall Meeting will be held on June 23, 2019. There may also be *Ice Cream with the Pastor* on that same day.

Pastor will have vacation time in August.

Next meeting is scheduled for: June 25, 2019.

Volunteer for devotions for next meeting: Dana Raymer

Closing prayer: Jeffrey A. Swainston

Meeting adjourned, Submitted by Ruth Ann Ward

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Open hearts, open minds, open doors.

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There are no visitors in God's house, only family members we have not yet met.

If this is your first time worshipping with us, welcome home.

We are always glad to meet new members of God's family.

If you are looking for a church home, please join us as we follow Jesus.

Welcome! We love you and are so glad you are here.



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