

GOSPEL NEWS

The Newsletter for the St. Charles United Methodist and Dover Community Churches August 2018



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Summer Joint Worship 9:00 am at St. Charles United Methodist Church

Shalom,

In our lives today, we are bombarded constantly with negative attitudes and images. It seems as if many conversations begin and end with statements, adversarial in nature, of what we don't believe or what we are against. Many of us have heard messages that politics were either not to be a topic of conversation or un-Christian. Yet, when we look at the teachings and modeling of Jesus it is very obvious we are to be political, just not partisan.

Read these words from Parker Palmer, "*When we forget that politics is about weaving a fabric of compassion and justice on which everyone can depend, the first to suffer are the most vulnerable among us—our children, our elderly, our mentally ill, our poor, and our homeless. As they suffer, so does the integrity of our democracy.*"

What would the world be like if we focused on what we did believe and told our own truth? If we live according to the teaching of Jesus and use his words and actions as a filter for all our attitudes, decisions and speech, it would change.

Parker Palmer reflects on the necessity of heart-consciousness within politics in his book, "Healing the Heart of Democracy":

When all of our talk about politics is either technical or strategic, to say nothing of partisan and polarizing, we loosen or sever the human connections on which empathy, accountability, and democracy itself depend. If we cannot talk about politics in the language of the heart—if we cannot be heartbroken, for example, that the wealthiest nation on earth is unable to summon the political will to end childhood hunger at home—how can we create a politics worthy of the human spirit, one that has a chance to serve the common good? . . .

Here are five interlocking habits of the heart . . . deeply ingrained patterns of receiving, interpreting, and responding to experience that involve our intellects, emotions, self-images, and concepts of meaning and purpose. These five habits, taken together, are crucial to sustaining a democracy.

We must understand that we are all in this together. Ecologists, economists, ethicists, philosophers of science, and religious and secular leaders have all given voice to this theme. . . .

We must develop an appreciation of the value of "otherness." . . . [This] can remind us of the ancient tradition of hospitality to the stranger. . . .

We must cultivate the ability to hold tension in life-giving ways. . . . When we allow [these] tensions to expand our hearts, they can open us to new understandings of ourselves and our world, enhancing our lives and allowing us to enhance the lives of others. . . .

We must generate a sense of personal voice and agency. Insight and energy give rise to new life as we speak and act, expressing our version of truth while checking and correcting it against the truths of others. . . .

We must strengthen our capacity to create community. . . . The steady companionship of two or three kindred spirits can kindle the courage we need to speak and act as citizens.

He speaks from a deep faith and lives his life staying connected to Jesus – these five interlocking habits of the heart are a pattern he has developed out of that faith which he shares with us.

I find myself deeply troubled by the many ways movement is visible today away from the place of compassion and inclusion, from love without conditions and judgments, from care for the most vulnerable and the refugee, from making all secure in food, shelter, health care, and safety, increasing violence, and from care for the environment. Without these, the teachings and example of Jesus are not being followed.

Time to get back to basics. Read the Gospels, reflect and pray. Always be willing to ask yourself in any situation – what would Jesus do? What does he see with his eyes of love that I also need to see? Who is being hurt right now that Jesus would like me to help? Is there a change that needs to happen to move back into the place of compassion and care? What could you do to help?

If we could spread love as quickly as we spread hate and negativity, what an amazing world we would live in. Exactly the one Jesus intends

Pastor Heather

From the Pulpit

"What You Always Wanted to Know But were Afraid to Ask"

August 5 - 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 119: 105-102

2 Timothy 3:16-17

John 6:24-35

"The Bible Tells Me So"

August 12 - 2th Sunday after Pentecost

"Cowboy Church"

August 19 - 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 8:10-17

Romans 8:28

John 9:1-41

"Why Do Bad Things Happen?"

August 26 - 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:2-3

Romans 12 ("The Message")

1 John 2: 3-6

Matthew 6: 19-24

"Numero Uno"



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

*Our thoughts and prayers
go to the
families and friends of*

Ron Clark

And

Gus Doty

*who passed away during
June 2018*

Please Remember these People

in Your Prayers



Vicki Marquart,
Julie Gettler,

*If you know of anyone in the hospital or in
need of prayers, visits, or who would like
communion brought to them, please contact
Pastor Heather (320-290-7460).*

Annual Conference Report

Peggy Carlson

The theme for Annual Conference 2018 was “Discover Joy, Live Deeply” Jesus said, “I am the vine, you are the branches.” Annual Conference has different components: Worship, teaching, reports, and legislation. The schedule does flow from one to the other well. The last two years we’ve stayed in the same area for all our sessions, once we are let loose to go to another place, it is difficult bringing us back in a timely manner—a “conversational” church!



Day 1: Bishop Ough gives his Episcopal Address. The United Methodist is working on the Gospel Imperatives which are: **Grow in the love of God and neighbor**

Reach new people

Heal a broken world

Bishop Ough asks WHY Jesus? We need to share our stories, we need to listen to the stories other’s share. He also asked us in his address and throughout the conference, what was Jesus’ one thing?? The answer, LOVE. Stay in love with God. You must love one another.



He quoted John Wesley with **DO NO HARM**

DO GOOD

STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD.

The teaching session on day 1 was Rev. Olu Brown. Again **he asked us WHY Jesus?** His answer, Jesus is the vine, he is the life, and we are the branches. We are all called to go into the world. Rev. Brown talked a lot about establishing relationships and discipleships. *We must welcome all, we must recognize all people are worthy, we must let all people know they have a place. Do we do this?*

The reports for the first day show that the United Methodist Church has a lot going on, so there are lots of reports. All church missions go back to the gospel imperatives: grow in the love of God and neighbor, reach new people, heal a broken world.

Day 2 : Rev. Tyler Sit, a recently ordained pastor, gave the pastoral address. His is a new church start pastor and reaching new people and a stewardship of earth is his ministry. He spoke using the gospel of John, which he said is a survival guide to the expelled. *There is always a new way to look at what the Bible says to you and me.*



We had another teaching session with Rev. Brown who continued his discussion of creating relationships and sharing our WHY Jesus stories.

Day 3: We started with another worship session. Music is always such a vital part of the conference worship sessions. This year the praise band from Christ Methodist in Rochester shared the music. The love offering is collected and shared. This year our offering went to Puerto Rico Hurricane recovery trips, Park Avenue UMC Children’s Defense Fund, and NUMAS Haus, an emergency shelter for homeless women and their children in New Ulm.

We went through our legislative items. We had mostly routine legislation to deal with, the nuts and bolts and finances of the annual conference.

The final service of each annual conference is the “Celebration of Life in Ministry” service. We recognize those that have died, we honor those who are retiring and we celebrate those that are entering ordination and commissioning. It is always a moving service. To see all the pastors who have served and loved God and us. And then to see the newly ordained pastors who are excited to serve God and us is a bit overwhelming.

January through December

Income	Actual 2017
Benevolence Offerings	\$ 1,339.99
Designated Giving	\$ 250.00
Loose Plate	\$ 806.67
Missions	\$ 75.00
Pledges	\$ 67,671.00
Rental Income	\$ 85.00
SEMCAC Rental Income	\$ 12,000.00
Special Events & Meals	\$ 7,311.25
Special Offerings	\$ 51.00
Total Income	\$ 89,589.91
Expense	Actual 2017
Salaries	
Pastor Salary & Comp total	\$ 41,232.19
Pastor Salary	\$ 21,570.00
Housing or Utilities	\$ 3,169.83
Health Insurance	\$ 10,096.20
Pension & Disability	\$ 4,551.72
Continuing Education	\$ 398.24
Travel	\$ 1,168.68
Other Professional Exp	\$ 277.52
Salary - Boiler Inspection	\$ 2,400.00
Salary - Treasurer	\$ 1,200.00
Taxes	
Payroll Taxes	\$ 183.60

Office & Admin Services	
Payroll Fees	
Computer & Internet Exp	\$ 1,734.14
Office Equipment Maint	
Office Supplies	\$ 437.31
Postage	\$ 197.56
Bank/Vanco service chgs	\$ 167.18
Professional Fees	\$ 408.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 164.56
Utilities / Maintenance	
Church Heat & Electricity	\$ 7,717.27
Church Maintenance	\$ 1,929.54
Kitchen Supplies	\$ 94.23
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 365.73
Parsonage Maintenance	\$ 304.84
Conference Apportionments	\$ 13,055.28
Building Ins & Work Comp	\$ 4,075.19
Ministry / Programs	
Total Conference & Mtgs	\$ 261.43
Total Church Programs	\$ 2,110.87
Special Events & Meals	\$ 2,076.12
New Ministry Initiatives	
Mission/Giving	\$ 2,959.16
Miscellaneous	\$ 21.46
Total Expense Budget	\$ 83,095.66
Net Income	\$ 6,494.25

St. Charles United Methodist Church Building Fund—2017

Beginning Balance 1/1/2017	\$ 14,153.59
Interest	\$ 18.20
Boiler Fund Donations	\$ 3,600.00
Balance 12/31/17	\$ 17,771.79

St. Charles United Methodist Church Memorial Fund 2017

Beginning Balance	\$ 32,749.29
Interest	\$ 9.22
Memorials/Donations	\$ 3,465.00
Purchases - Copier/Chairs/Flooring	\$ (32,002.43)
Balance 12/31/17	\$ 4,221.08

SCUMC January—May 2018 Financial report

Date	Description	Year to Date
Jan-May 2018	Income	\$ 30,795.90
	Actual Expense	\$ 30,795.90
	Net Income	\$ 1,165.90
	Expense if apportionments were paid	\$ 35,648.00
	Net Income if apportionments were paid	\$ (3,686.20)

As of May 31, 2018, St Charles UMC owes \$4,852.10 in apportionments, none of which have been paid. This is reflected in the Net Income of -\$3,686.20.



Church School Connection

August, 2018

If you have access to school lists, you can refer to those. But the following items would be good for both St Charles and Dover-Eyota Elementary Schools:

16 or 24 count boxes of crayons

Pencils (sharpened if possible)

Crayola washable markers

White school glue

Large glue sticks

Fiscars scissors

Colored pencils

3x5 index cards

Pocket folders

Spiral bound wide lined notebooks

erasers

Please bring to church during the month of August



Lunches for Children

The SCUMC will coordinate and host "Lunches for Children" in July and August . We need help to : 1) bake cupcakes for August 9, 2) serve on August 9, and 3) Last day clean up on August 9

To volunteer, contact : Sue Stefanich (651-366-7170) or Dianna Pulley. (scdumcs@hbc.com)



Save
This
Date

St. Charles UMC
Turkey Dinner
September 26, 2018

Details will follow in the
September newsletter.

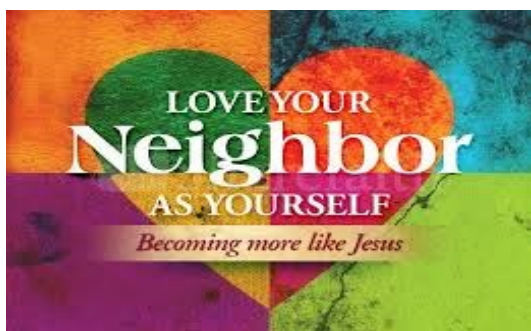
Join us for a morning of
Christian fellowship and fun.

Cowboy Church
August 12, 2018
9:00 am
St. Charles UMC



The people of our churches help others locally, nationally, and globally. These are some of our missions.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE



We give funds for others' actions.

- † Dorothy Day House
- † UMCOR
- † Post Prom Party
- † Triathlon
- † Shoes for Children
- † UMC special ministries
- † Hometown Resource Center
- † St. Charles Library
- † Camperships
- † Emma Norton Services

Both time, talents, and financial support are given for these activities.

- Meals on Wheels
- Therapy Dog
- Food for Families
- Lunches for Children,
- Children's backpacks
- School Supplies
- Adopt a Family
- Labels for Education
- Volunteers for Schools
- Hometown Resource Center Volunteer
- Headstart Learning Bags
- Little Libraries
- Winona County Fair Volunteer
- Whitewater Healthcare Birthday Party
- Holiday Celebrations

*You can also be a part God's work.
The pay is "out of this world"!
Call Pastor Heather or the church
office to find your place in these
wonderful missions.*



THANKS!

Thank you to the many people who helped in our many activities during June and July

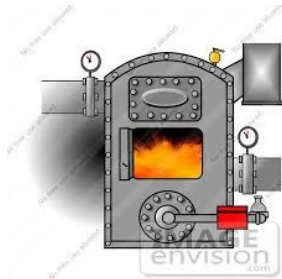
- Bible school,
- Meals on Wheels,
- Independence Day Celebration
- Winona County Fair Volunteer
- Food for Families
- Therapy Dog
- Lunches for Children



One of our local missions is Food for Families. Around 10 people from our parish distributed food to around 40 families on July 12, 2018.

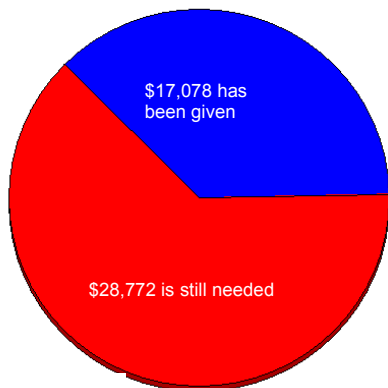


Replacement of the boiler in the St. Charles church will begin in August



Thank you to all who have donated toward this needed repair. \$17,078 has been raised.

\$28,772 is still needed. Every contribution is an amount that will not have to be borrowed.





1	Jaime Putzier	St. Charles
2	Phil Putzier	Dover
5	Brenna Koeppel	St. Charles
6	Lee & Peggy Carlson	St. Charles
	Robert Christie	St. Charles
	Don Zingler	St. Charles
	Joshua & Peggy Kahn	Dover
8	Jacob Sackreiter	St. Charles
	Zach & Megan Fay	Dover
	Sue Bedtka	Dover
	Thomas Badker	Dover
	Dennis & Deb Reetz	St. Charles
	Cale Myers	Dover
	Garrett Myers	Dover
10	Eric Voss	St. Charles
11	Emma Harvey	Dover
12	Peggy Dabelstein	St. Charles
13	Jessica Ihrke	Dover
	Cory and Alax Fortsch	St. Charles
14	Charles Stephens	St. Charles
15	Courtney Pedersen-Louis	Dover
16	Teri Henry	St. Charles
17	Melanie Suljic	St. Charles
20	Penny Ryan	St. Charles
21	Alden Wegman	Dover
	Jill Harvey	Dover
22	Will Boelter	Dover
24	Sandy Hart	Dover
	Evan Wegman	Dover
26	John & Sandy Hart	Dover
	Ella Sexton	St. Charles
28	Casey Flury	Dover
30	Brian Kieffer	Dover
	Don & Patti Zingler	St. Charles
	Brayden Hutsell	St. Charles
31	Wayne Fix	Dover
	Hailey Brown	St. Charles



The Independence Day Celebration at Dover was fun for all









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<p>5 9:00 am Joint Worship at St.. Charles UMC</p>		<p>1 No Assisted Living Worship Service</p>	<p>2 No Assisted Living Worship Service</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>6:30 pm Book Study</p>	<p>7 Lunches for Children</p>	<p>8 7:00 pm Joint Ad. Board At Dover</p>	<p>9 10:00 am Assisted Living Worship</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 9:00 am Joint Worship at St. Charles UMC</p> 	<p>13 14</p>	<p>15 12:00 pm UMW Picnic at City Park</p> 	<p>16 10:00 am Assisted Living Worship</p>	<p>17 Articles for Newsletter due in office</p> 	<p>18</p>
<p>19 9:00 am Joint Worship at St. Charles UMC</p>	<p>20 21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 10:00 am Assisted Living Worship</p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9:00 am Joint Worship at St. Charles UMC</p>	<p>27 28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 10:00 am Assisted Living Worship</p>	<p>31</p>	

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August Worship Schedule

August 5—26 9:00 am Joint Sunday Worship at
St. Charles UMC

August 12 9:00 am Cowboy Church at
St. Charles UMC

Worship time change



Beginning in September 2018,
worship times will be
St. Charles UMC 8:30 am.
Dover CC 10:00 am



Join us for "Cowboy Church"
August 12, 2018 9:00 am
St. Charles United Methodist Church

