

GOSPEL NEWS

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

October 2018



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Shalom

Fall is in the air! Beautiful sunshine, breezy, cool nights, colored leaves and fall activities at home, at school and at work are in full swing!

We begin October with World Communion Sunday and the rite of confirmation for those who have completed two years of classes and activities, and feel ready to move into this next chapter of their life of faith.

A trip down memory land has visited me as I have been through the decision time with this class. The passage of time has brought many before us in my time here – youth who have done the work of confirmation and have continued on their life journey, becoming men and women who will make a difference. We are so blessed to be even a part of God's movement in their lives, as they grow into the potentiality God has placed within each. And my memories have gone back even further, into the past before St Charles and Dover – other churches, other families, other youth. Even back to my years of classes and commitments of my own younger years. Do you remember back when we confirm God's work in these youth, remembering your own time of classes, the group you were with in church?

If you do, do you remember the reading, the learning, the worship expectations? We ask them to be in worship (this year a once a month commitment), to attend weekly classes and do the necessary reading and homework, to engage in mission opportunities, and field trips, for two years.

So, then I began to wonder, what are we modeling to them as the adult faith life?

When they come to church, is the church there to greet them? Are they seeing regular attendance by those who are already a part of the church? What model are they seeing of what regular attendance looks like – in their own families and in the church family in all seasons of the year?

How about adults continuing to learn and grow, beyond confirmation? We ask them to attend classes every week, to read scripture, to learn church history, to learn more about God and the practices of faith at this time in their life. Do they see in the church, in the adults who claim faith for themselves, the same level and commitment to learning and growing in faith? Are adults involved in small groups, like the youth are asked to be?

As our commitment to church attendance and study has changed, so has the visibility of youth after confirmation. So, in my 'trip down memory lane', I have also reflected on the changes I have seen over the years. Sadly, I have begun to realize that our youth have gotten their sense of graduation and 'doneness' after the confirmation class time in what they see within the churches and in the adults they are watching.

Let me share another example. This comes from my walking each day out in the community in the non-winter days. I see many families out riding their bicycles. You know what I have noticed? For the most part, the children are wearing helmets. You know what else I have observed? The parents often are not wearing helmets. The message being given, I hope unconsciously, is that 'when I become an adult, I won't have to wear a helmet'!

Are we, without intending to do so, giving the message to our youth, that when they become an adult God is asking for less engagement and focus? That there is less need to learn and grow?

It is worth thinking and praying about.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Heather

From the Pulpit

October 7 - World Communion Sunday
Confirmation Sunday - Joint Worship 8:30 AM

Psalm 26

We will celebrate the confirmation decisions of:

Abigail Disbrow	Brady Koeppel
Noah Disbrow	Kaleb Schweitzer
Kasey Schweitzer	

October 14 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost

"The Faith of Mr. Rogers: You Are My Friend"
Deuteronomy 6:4-9

October 21 - 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

"The Faith of Mr. Rogers: Won't You Be My Neighbor"
Matthew 22:35-40

October 28 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

"The Faith of Mr. Rogers: Forgiveness"
Matthew 18:21-22

November 4 - All Saints Sunday

"The Faith of Mr. Rogers: I Like You Just the Way You Are"
John 7:53-8:11

Candles will be available to honor our saints

Creation Care Ecumenical Rally

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Timothy Eberhart who will lead a series of workshop sessions that explore how Christians are called to share in the healing of creation:

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| * Practical Activism here and now | * Farming and Earth Stewardship |
| * Youth and creation care | * Helpful worship and other green practices |
| * Our faith commitments and solar | |

When: Saturday, October 13, 2018, 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM **Cost:** \$15 which includes lunch

Where: Christ United Methodist Church **Registration at:** email@cumthodist.com or 507-289-4019

November 4, 2018 is the end of Daylight Savings Time.
Our clocks will be turned back one hour.



We will also be changing our worship times.
Beginning November 4, 2018

St. Charles UMC worship will be at 9:00 am
Dover CC will worship at 10:15 am
Dover Sunday School will be at 10:30 am





Please keep our confirmation class in your prayers

We welcome back for their second year of confirmation:

Eva Anderson (Denny and Betty Anderson),
Lily Hutsell (Mike Hutsell),
Brenna Koeppel (Sandy Nisbit),

Emma Harvey (Linda Harvey),
Adilyn Karlen (Marion Evenson),
Carson Mitchell (Nancy Kieffer)

We welcome our new first year class member:

Zach Magnusen (Mickey Badker)

This year our focus is on the Bible. We will be using Disciple Bible study.

October 3	'Breaking the Ice" - Goals of Confirmation - Timeline of Old Testament
October 7	Service of Confirmation at St Charles
October 10	"The Creating God"
October 13	Haunted House, Dover Church - 12:00-2:00 PM
October 17	No Class - MEA
October 24	"The Rebel People"
October 28	Visit to Synagogue - leave from Dover at 10:45
October 31	No Class - Halloween

Rite of Confirmation – October 7 – World Communion Sunday

St Charles UMC – 8:30 AM

Class Biographical Statements

Abigail Disbrow

My name is Abbie Disbrow. I am 15 years old and I will be graduating from St. Charles High School in 2022. I have two siblings, Noah and Eva, and my mom is Kristy. My hobbies are playing soccer, basketball, and running track. I love horses and horseback riding (which I hope to get more into). I like to go hiking and paddle boarding. My plans after high school are to go to college for being a dentist or a veterinarian because I love animals.

Noah Disbrow

My name is Noah Disbrow and I am 15. I am in the class of 2022 and am a freshman. I have four people in my family including me, my mom and two sisters, one is older and the other is my twin. I am big into sports and I do them a lot. I am in football, basketball and track. Sports take most of my time, but I also like weightlifting. I like farming and enjoy helping and working there. I am really looking forward to driving because I like shopping and could go to the mall with my friends whenever I want. I am hoping to go to a four year college and pursue my dreams and never stop.

Brady Koeppel

My name is Brady Koeppel. I am 14 and am in 9th grade. My family includes my dad Jason, my mom Holly, my brother Bryndon, and my sister Brenna. My hobbies include baseball, football and wrestling. Some of my interest include reading, playing video games, and hanging with friends. In the future I want to go to college and go into the medical field like my parents. This year in school I want to get straight A's and earn my academic letter for next year.

Kaleb Schultz-Schweitzer

I am Kaleb Schultz-Schweitzer and I am currently 14 and in the class of 2022. I have a large family of four brothers and four sisters. I also have a twin brother. I like to play football, baseball and basketball. I like to play video games and plan on going to a four year college.

Kasey Schweitzer

My name is KC Schweitzer. I am 14 and am in the class of 2022 and in 9th grade. There are eleven people in my family which includes me, Kaleb, Colton, Chris, Erika, Tasha, Nikki, mom and dad. Some of my hobbies are fishing, hunting, being outdoors, cowboy boots, and working. Somethings that interest me are going to college. Getting a good job and making money. I play football and baseball. I am intelligent, active and very social to others

Joint St. Charles/Dover Administrative Council meeting

September 12, 2018

Members present: Teri and Jon Arnold, Allan Fagan, Sue Stefanich, Jennifer Mitchell, Betty Pedersen, Dianna Pulley, Pastor Heather.

After devotions and prayer by Pastor Heather, the meeting was called to order by Jennifer Mitchell.

Minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting were approved.

Joint Worship: There was a motion that:

- October 7, 2018 is Confirmation Sunday. There will be a joint service at SCUMC at 8:30 am.
- Summer services in 2019 will be at both churches. Maybe a midweek service at Dover.
- Worship times beginning Nov. 4, 2018 will be SCUMC 9:00 am, DCC 10:15 am.

The motion passed.

Coming worship schedule:

- Christmas Eve Service (December 24, 2018) will be at Dover CC
- Easter Sunrise Service (April 11, 2019) will be at St. Charles UMC
- Easter worship service (April 11, 2019) will be at Dover CC
- Lent services:

March 6, Ash Wednesday - Dover CC

March 13 - St. Charles UMC

March 20 - Berea Moravian

March 27 - Dover CC

April 3 - St. Charles

April 10 – Berea Moravian

Charge cluster conference will be December 2, in Rochester

Mission Recognition Sunday at both SCUMC and DCC will be December 30. No pulpit supply needed that Sunday.

Homeland Security meetings need a good representation of each church at the community meeting on Sept. 24 at the St. Charles Elementary auditorium 7:00—9:00 pm.

And Sept. 25 at a walk through at the SCUMC church 7:30 – 9:15 am; Dover at 9:30 am.

Meeting was adjourned.

St Charles United Methodist Church Administrative Council Meeting

September 12, 2018

Members present: Jon and Teri Arnold, Allan Fagan, Sue Stefanich, Dianna Pulley, and Pastor Heather

Allan reported on the boiler fund:

\$19,600

Funds received

4,000

Building fund

\$21,600

Funds available

The loan at this time will be \$24,000. However we are still waiting to know what the rebate total will be.

Jon has investigated new windows in the basement beginning with the headstart room.

6 windows will cost \$1,198.50.

He will proceed with this project and need help to install the windows.

Sue Stefanich and Mark Roubinek will be packing the truck to move. Volunteers will be appreciated.

St. Charles/Dover United Methodist Women Meeting

September 5, 2018

Members present: Myra McKay, Gail Keller, Teri Arnold, Sue Stefanich, Dianna Pulley, and Pastor Heather

Devotions were about God's creation, grace and forgiveness even when we make mistakes.

Call to Order by Dianna Pulley, president.

Minutes of the June 6, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

New Business:

Who would like to bring cupcakes to celebrate Sue and Mark's contribution to our church and good wishes in their new home in Pine City on September 23, 2018?

Myra, and Dianna will bring cupcakes on Sept. 23.

Pastor Heather asked that we make and send cards to shut ins during each UMW meeting.

We made cards for Kay Phelps, Carol Stennes, and Bernice Richter.

Meeting adjourned,

Dianna Pulley (acting Secretary)



United
Methodist
Women



St Charles United Methodist Church Fall Event



Fall, Christmas & Attic Treasures
Bake Sale & Luncheon



Saturday, November 3, 2018
9:00 am - 1:30 pm



Turkey Supreme Luncheon

11:00 am—12:30 pm

Adult \$6.00

12 yrs. & under \$3.00

*A BIG thank you
to all who helped with
the turkey dinner.*

*We could not have done it
without you.*



Thank you



**Saturday
October
13th
12-2pm**

**Join us for
9th Annual
Dover Pumpkin Festival**

**Craft Show * Carnival
Hay Wagon Rides * Haunted House**

Events @ Dover School & Dover Community Church

**Church is collecting coins for UNICEF,
please bring your donations**

Lunch 11:00 am — 1:00 pm



Congratulations to these fair exhibitors

**Anna Ferden
Tanner Pulley
Andrew Boelter
Adrianna Ellsworth
Lynlee Boelter**

**Riley Ferden
Teigen Henry
Grace Boelter
Will Boelter**



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Adrianna Ellsworth won
two grand champions at
the state dog show.



Thank you to the
Earl Voss family for
donating the
perennials for our church
garden.

Walk to Emmaus – A Journey with Christ

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them...- Luke 24:15

The walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a three-day short course in Christianity. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers.

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with the prayerful invitation from a sponsor – or someone who has walked the journey before you. Just as Christ walked with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, a sponsor walks with both you and Christ to ensure you don't walk alone in this journey.

Who should go to an Emmaus weekend? Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination who's aim is for the development of Christian leaders who ...

- Are members of a local church
- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- May have unanswered questions about their faith
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner

What happens on this 3-day weekend? You will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it is expressed to the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you bring that grace to others.

What happens after an Emmaus Weekend? You are invited to have a closer walk with Christ for the rest of your life. Where the retreat is 3 days of your life – the days following your walk are referred to as your 4th Days.

Upcoming in Minnesota:

For Men: October 25 – 28; January 17 – 20

For Women: November 1 – November 4; January 25 – 27

For more information about Walk to Emmaus or these upcoming walks, contact the Community Lay Director (cld@mneumaus.org). Or call Jim Rottinger 952-412-3594



**Thanks
to Our
Volunteers!**

Thank you to all who helped clean the Dover church after it was closed up for the summer.



Sue, Mark, Jon and Al have all worked together to keep the St. Charles church clean. Now that Sue and Mark are no longer with us, the church needs your help.

We have separated the cleaning jobs into chunks. Will you choose a part and do it regularly?

Fellowship hall and downstairs entry	weekly
Sanctuary	monthly
Offices	quarterly
Bathrooms	weekly
Kitchen	monthly
Dusting	monthly
Front entry	monthly
Classrooms	bi-quarterly
Conference room	monthly

Please contact Dianna at the office to volunteer

Thank you for your help

October Birthdays and Anniversaries



2	Doris Duellman	St. Charles
3	Leah Arnold	St. Charles
4	Larry Ellsworth	St. Charles
	Bob Littlefield	St. Charles
5	Colter Dabelstein	St. Charles
6	Erik Ihrke	Dover
7	Tonia Fix	Dover
8	Janis Fix	Dover
9	Larry & Rory Ellsworth	St. Charles
	Timothy (TJ) Ellsworth	St. Charles
10	Lee Carlson	St. Charles
	Marsha Gleason	Dover
	Jordan Olsgard	Dover
	Wilma Sheely	Dover
12	Alexandra Arnold	St. Charles
13	Rocky Dabelstein	St. Charles
	Brian & Melinda Kieffer	Dover
14	Gene Schneider	St. Charles
17	Jill Butson	St. Charles
19	Mark Arnold	St. Charles
	Matt Arnold	St. Charles
	Glen & Peggy Dabelstein	St. Charles
	Doug Ferden	St. Charles
	Brianna Ryan	St. Charles
20	Gail Keller	St. Charles
	Bill & Robin Harps	Dover
22	Reuben Torres	St. Charles
23	Shannon Spies	Dover
25	Leah Nelson	Dover
26	Megan Fay	Dover
27	Shaheen Christie	St. Charles
30	Sawyer Pierce	Dover

*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).



**Come join the fun in
Sunday School**

St. Charles 9:30 am
Dover 10:15 am




Volunteers are needed to lead
a lesson or craft.

Please contact
Jon Arnold (SC) or
Jennifer Mitchell (Dover).



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October 2018

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8:30 am SC Worship 10:00 am Dover Worship 10:15 am Sunday School DCC			1:00 pm UMW at SCUMC 6:30 pm Confirmation 	No Assisted Living Worship		
7 8:30 am SC Worship 10:00am Dover Worship 10:15 am Dover SS	8	9	10 6:30 pm Confirmation 7:30 pm SCUMC Ad Council 	11 10:00 am Assisted Living Worship	12	13 12:00-2:00 Pumpkin Festival Dover
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October Worship Schedule

8:30 am	Sunday Worship at St. Charles UMC
9:30 am	Sunday School at SCUMC
10:00 am	Sunday Worship at Dover CC
10:15 am	Sunday School at Dover CC

Books

I am reading



“Not in God’s Name” by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks –

one of the best books I have ever read about violence and faith

“The Lost Art of Reading Nature’s Signs” by Tristan Gooley-

In the modern world, we have not only often lost our connection with the natural world, God’s creation, but also with the ability to read natural signs contained in nature – fascinating read!

“Graceful” by Diana Butler Bass –

learning to live life with an attitude of gratitude, living fully into God’s generous grace.

“The Soul of America” by Jon Meacham -

Meacham, through the lens of history and culture, draws us into an understanding of how we got where we are today in this country

“White Fragility: Why it is so Hard for White People to Talk about Racism” by Carol Anderson –

This book is a wake up call to underlying, usually unexamined attitudes, behavior and privilege

“White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide” by Robin D’Angelo –

Hard but essential to read as the violence and injustice, from the past and the present, is told – heart-breaking wake up call

Pastor Heather