

# GOSPEL NEWS

## *The Newsletter for the St. Charles United Methodist and Dover Community Churches September 2018*



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Worship Times: 8:30 am St. Charles UMC & 10:00 am Dover Community Church

### Shalom

*Be at peace on this blessed day, whether it brings sunlight or storms, serenity or struggle, be at peace in passing through it, doing what needs to be done, living as fully as you can, as authentically as you can, at peace in your soul, knowing that all things come and go on the way to where you are called to be, they pass around you, they pass over and under you, but they do not define you or contain you, for your life is not an inventory of pains or pleasures, but a sonnet of the spirit, a mystery fashioned from and for eternity, a strength so powerful it can afford to be vulnerable to love. Be at peace on this blessed day.*

Bishop Steven Charleston, Retired Episcopal Bishop

We each have people who have become a force in our lives, an influence on how we live faith and life, some of whom we may never meet. We may encounter them in a book we have read, an article in a magazine, or, today, something that comes to us through social media. Bishop Charleston is one of those people for me. When his words of wisdom come to me they always seem perfectly timed to speak to what is on my heart and my spirit. I hope as you read this, his wisdom reached your heart also. I need his words today as I wonder how we will come back together as a country and as people of faith.

Another voice in my life is Ronald Rolheiser, the president of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas. I have read many of his books, most recently *Sacred Fire*. Rolheiser does this great reflection on the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. The gist of his teaching is that there really is no other way to breach the deep belief and value divides that make us enemies besides the compassionate embrace of one another—both sides equally and sincerely—and the physical real-world coming together in acts of brotherly and sisterly love. It is obvious that Jesus understood that as he began to prepare those disciples with him for the time the work that would now be theirs to do. Just like it is ours to do today. Here are Rolheiser's words from *Sacred Fire*:

*“Whether we are Catholic or Protestant, Evangelical or Unitarian, Christian or Jew, Jew or Muslim, Christian or Muslim, prolife or prochoice, liberal or conservative, we all must find the compassion and empathy to be able to embrace in a way that expresses love and understanding even as that embrace does not say that differences are of no importance.*

*There is a time to stand up for what we believe in, a time to be prophetic, a time to draw a line in the sand, a time to point out differences and the consequences of that, and a time to stand in strong opposition to values and forces that threaten what we hold dear. But there is also a time to embrace across differences, to recognize that we can love and respect each other even when we do not hold the same values, when what is common eclipses our differences ...*

*One of the signs of deeper maturity is precisely the capacity to radiate this kind of compassion, to mirror God's non-discriminating embrace ... to see people who are different from us as full brothers and sisters, as equally important citizens of this world, and as loved and valued by God in the same way we are.”*

There in lies the hope that Jesus intended them and us to hear and to live into. As long as we continue to view 'the other' as different, as less than, as wrong in all things, we will continue to be divided. The most spiritual thing we can do is love our neighbor. The most life changing thing we can do for ourselves, for our families, for our friends, for our communities and for our world, is to make that love real in our attitudes, our words, our actions and our lives. That is where hope lies – where we can be part of a future of coming together once again.

*“If your religion doesn't challenge you to care for people you might otherwise be dismissive of and, instead, reinforces your negative feeling about them, you don't have a religion – you have a formalized structure for institutionalizing your biases.” – Rev. Mark Sandlin*

Blessings

*Pastor Heather*

## From the Pulpit

"Questions, Questions, Questions"

**September 2 - 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Song of Solomon 2:8-13 ; James 1:17-24*  
*"Loving God"*



**September 9 - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Stories from Genesis  
"Violence in the Hebrew Bible, Violence Today"

**September 16 - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalms 19; Deuteronomy 6:6-9; Hebrews 4:12-13  
"The B-I-B-L-E"  
Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders

**September 23 - 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Various Scripture Texts  
"LGBTQIA and the Bible"  
*Annual Conference Presentation on "The Way Forward"*

**September 30 - 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Romans 8:38-39 ; Ephesians 2:8-9 ; Matthew 19:25-26*  
*"Am I Truly Saved?"*

## Tools and Resources to Help Businesses, Churches, Schools Plan, Prepare, and Protect from an Attack



The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) closely monitors attacks on public gatherings and public places to constantly enhance the Nation's security. During both steady state and times of heightened awareness, DHS engages closely with our private sector and community partners to provide expert counsel and recommendations about protective measures they can implement to protect facilities and venues. DHS provides free tools and resources to communities because the Department recognizes that communities are the first line of defense in keeping the public safe and secure.

The Department encourages businesses to Connect, Plan, Train, and Report. Applying these four steps in advance of an incident or attack can help better prepare businesses and their employees to proactively think about the role they play in the safety and security of their businesses and communities.

**CONNECT:** Reach out and develop relationships in your community, including local law enforcement. Having these relationships established before an incident occurs can help speed up the response when something happens.

**PLAN:** Take the time now to plan on how you will handle a security event should one occur. Learn from other events to inform your plans.

**TRAIN:** Provide your employees with training resources and exercise your plans often. The best laid plans must be exercised in order to be effective.

**REPORT:** "If You See Something, Say Something™" is more than just a slogan. Call local law enforcement.

**September 24 - 7:00 - 9:00 PM**

**St Charles Elementary Auditorium**

**Michael Christianson, Protective Security Advisor, Department of Homeland Security, will present to the community how to think proactively about the role we play in the safety and security of our churches, businesses, schools and communities.**

**Please plan to attend and invite others to join you.**

(Direct any questions to Heather E. Klason, pastor.scdumcs@hbci.com)

St. Charles United Methodist Church Administrative Council

August 8, 2018

Members present: Jon Arnold, Allan Fagan, Troy Henry, Sue Stefanich, Dianna Pulley, Pastor Heather  
After a presentation about church vitality by Pastor Heather, the meeting was called to order by Allan Fagan.

Trustees:

Boiler replacement is progressing.  
Asbestos removal will be completed soon.  
The major work will begin mid August.



Proposals for the loan for the boiler were reviewed.

Jon Arnold motioned that the 5 year unsecured loan through Merchants Bank be accepted.  
Troy Henry seconded the motion. The motion passed.  
Troy Henry (Trustees Chairperson), and Lee Carlson (Finance Chairperson) will sign for the loan.

Sue Stefanich will contact MN Energy to adjust our monthly estimated energy charge and check about a rebate.  
Tiffany Gehling is interested in having dance classes in the fellowship hall. Sue Stefanich motioned that we charge \$75 weekly. Jon Arnold seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Finance:

Sue Stefanich distributed information of the building fund and monthly giving comparison.  
Sue Stefanich informed the council of her plans to move to Pine City. A new financial secretary will be needed.

Pastor Heather reported that there will be a presentation about facility security in St. Charles on Sept. 24, 2018.  
There will also be a facility walk through by Homeland Security of all area churches to give us options to consider for facility security.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dianna Pulley



Save the date  
and save your  
holiday treasures  
for the

**St. Charles UMW  
Fall Event  
November 3, 2018**



**Bible Sunday**  
September 16, 2018



These students will  
receive Bibles

Ava Rose Butson  
Nicholas Jared Butson  
Cale Jacob Myers  
Garrett Ryan Myers  
Isacc Joshua Kahn

New Sunday Schedule



Beginning September 2, 2018

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



**Nomination Committees**

The nomination committees  
will be meeting to select leadership for our  
churches.

If you have a position and are unable to  
continue serving or would like to be more  
active in our churches please, contact  
Pastor Heather.

We need your talents.



St. Charles United Methodist Church

Annual Turkey Supper

Wednesday, September 26, 2018



4:30-7:00 p.m.

Menu

Turkey, Dressing,  
Mashed Potatoes &  
Gravy, Carrots,  
Cranberry Salad,  
Apple or Pumpkin Pie,  
Roll/Butter  
Coffee or Milk

Price

\$12 Adults  
\$6 6 and under



Options

Dine In or Take Out  
(At door or call ahead  
507-932-4966)



**TURKEY SUPPER DONATION ENVELOPE**

If you are donating, time, talent or food, thank you very much!

We couldn't do it without you.

A monetary donation would be greatly appreciated.

For convenience, an envelope is provided.



**Confirmation and Adult Study**

Our confirmation program encompasses two years - this is the year for the study of the Bible. Confirmation classes begin on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Disciple Fast Track* groups meet for a total of 24 weeks, devoting 12 weeks each to the Old Testament and the New Testament. Participants read a manageable 3-5 chapters of the Bible daily in preparation for the weekly meetings, which last approximately 75 minutes

# Annual Turkey Supper

✠ Please contact one of the starred names on your list if you cannot work or donate.

✠ Please have your food donation to the church by 2:00 pm.

✠ Workers, please park in the Bridal Shop parking lot in the gravel area only.

✠ If you find your name omitted from the list or you are unhappy with your assigned job, please let us know. We would be happy to add you to an area of your choice!

## Co-Chairs

Peggy Dabelstein  
Allan Fagan  
Marion Decker  
Marcie Dabelstein

## Publicity

Advertising: Allan Fagan  
Poster: Rory Ellsworth

## Greeters

Pastor Heather Klason  
Cheryl Hinckley

## Table Setting

\*Gail Keller  
Barb Traxler  
Irene Van Norman  
Pastor Heather Klason  
Allan Fagan

## Ticket Sales

Gail Keller  
Barb Traxler  
Joan Hoff (back door)  
David Hinckley

## Potatoes

\*Dianna Pulley  
Lee Carlson

## Cranberry Salad

\*Alice Dabelstein  
Roy Holst  
Dianna Pulley

## Dressing

\*Jenell Pearson

## Gravy

\*Peggy Dabelstein  
Marcie Dabelstein  
Helen Tollefson

## Carrots

Dianna Pulley  
Deb Fagan

## Rolls, Butter, Pour Milk

Deb Reetz  
Norma Stephens

## Coffee Makers

Teri Arnold  
Jon Arnold

## Coffee Servers

\*Jon Arnold  
David Hinckley  
Mark Roubinek  
Willis Van Norman  
Jason Koeppel

## Food Servers

\*Peggy Carlson  
Rory Ellsworth  
Karin Ferden  
Sunshine Pederson  
Teri Arnold  
Allan Fagan

## Wait & Re-Set Tables

Michelle & Eva Anderson  
Abbie & Eva Disbrow  
Addrianna Ellsworth  
Jill & Lily Hutsell  
Holly & Brynna Koeppel  
Teigen Henry  
Jill & Kaylee Butson  
Addie Karlen  
Emma Harvey  
Carson Mitchell  
Jaclyn Rounsville

## Dinners to Go

\*Marcie Dabelstein  
Rick Dabelstein  
Colter Dabelstein  
Mary Tostenson  
Troy Henry  
Kendra Henry  
Riley Ferden

## Clean Up 6:45 pm

\*Allan Fagan  
Doug & Riley Ferden  
Jared Butson  
Ken Decker  
Lee Carlson  
Noah Disbrow  
Shawn Ryan  
Steve Pearson  
Sue Stefanich  
David Pederson  
Kacey Schweitzer  
Kaleb Schweitzer  
Rick Schweitzer  
Brady Koeppel

## Pickle Donation

Dianna Pulley  
Marcie Dabelstein

## Milk Donation (3 gallons each)

Jared & Jill Butson  
Don & Patti Zingler

## Coffee Donation

Jon Arnold

## Butter Donation (4 lbs)

\*Allan Fagan  
Brett Decker  
Cheryl Hinkley  
Pastor Heather

## Pie Cutter

\*Marion Decker  
Barb Traxler  
Carol Mueske  
Myra McKay  
Pat Messer

## Turkey Donation

Nancy Rentfrow

## Turkey Prep/Cutters

\*Allan Fagan  
Deb Fagan  
Dianna Pulley  
Gary Klason  
Jon Arnold  
Kendra Henry  
Lee Carlson  
Marcie Dabelstein  
Marion Decker  
Roy Holst  
Peggy Dabelstein  
Rick Dabelstein  
Mark Arnold

## Pies Donation

Ray Martin

Our church is very blessed with all the wonderful people who help with the Turkey supper each year. We want to thank each and every one of you! This year we had another generous blessing of all the pies being donated. We are very thankful for this donation along with all the other food donation we receive for the Turkey supper. As a committee we personally would like thank everyone in our church family who has been so committed about donating your time, your experience, your talents and your financial contributions. Please help us make this year the best ever and consider making a donation towards the turkey supper to defer the costs.

**Please Note: Turkey Prep will be done at the church on Saturday, September 22. First shift at 7:00 am, 2nd shift at 9:00 am If you are unable to come please contact Al Fagan 507-951-1126**

## A Big Thank You to All!



## September Birthdays and Anniversaries



1	Nick Bussell	St. Charles
	Ben Ihrke	Dover
2	Gordon & Linda Ferguson	St. Charles
3	Tammy Torres	St. Charles
5	Roger Ihrke	Dover
	Louis & Shelly Wegman	Dover
6	Brad & Sarah Biers	Dover
	Willis & Irene Van Norman	St. Charles
8	Mike Bussell	St. Charles
	Tanner Ryan Pulley	St. Charles
10	Bryndon Koeppel	St. Charles
12	Rodney & Liane Hammel	Dover
	Miranda Ferson	Dover
13	Sheryl Brown	St. Charles
	Jarrood Sackreiter	St. Charles
14	Marion Decker	St. Charles
	Troy Henry	St. Charles
	Wade & Jean Messerschmidt	Dover
17	John Hart	Dover
	Wade Messerschmidt	Dover
18	Noah Disbrow	St. Charles
	Abby Disbrow	St. Charles
	Addrianna Ellsworth	St. Charles
21	Kristy Disbrow	St. Charles
	Isaac Kahn	Dover
	Jennifer Marshall	St. Charles
22	Olivia Ihrke	Dover
23	Breann Hart	Dover
24	Vivian Hawk	St. Charles
	Bob Ryan	St. Charles
	Chad Myers	Dover
28	Rick & Marcie Dabelstein	St. Charles



*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).*

The boiler project -  
out with the old, and in with the new!

Thank you for your generosity - half of the funds have been raised - total project \$47,000.

Please consider supporting this project further.



This will provide energy savings,  
lessening our carbon footprint

## Commission on The Way Forward

To find a pathway for all United Methodists  
in today's world about human sexuality.

There will be a presentation in worship on  
September 23, 2018.

Conversations on The Way Forward with Bishop  
Cough will be September 26, 2018 in Rochester  
and September 30, 2018 in Mankato.



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## September Worship Schedule

8:30 am Sunday Worship at St. Charles UMC

10:00 am Sunday Worship at Dover CC

10:15 am Sunday School at Dover CC .



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School  
will begin at Dover CC  
September 9, 2018

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