



# *The CHIMES*



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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

July 2011

## **News from Joe**

Another month has passed already and lots of things still happening at 1st UMC!

The sidewalks on the southwest corner have been completed and all the new landscape and sod have been put down. The church looks great for the summer!

New handrails have been built and stained and will be installed in the choir loft in the next few days. This will help with the safety of our choir members as they enter and leave the loft.

The tiling and sump pumps that were installed last year seem to be "doing the trick" so new carpet will be installed in FM Classroom in late June/early July.

I will be finishing the history room with some paint and new baseboards. This should complete the repair of the damage caused by the water pipe burst back in January. While we have no pastor, I will be doing some work in the pastor's office...painting, carpet cleaning, etc.

A couple of projects on the agenda are painting the Sunday School rooms on the upper level and doing some work to the parsonage before a new pastor arrives.

A building of the age of 1st UMC requires lots of up-keep and time to keep it in working order. If you see something that needs repair or fixing, please let me know so that I can either take it before the Trustees for approval or simply fix the problem.



*From Administrative Council Chair*

As Methodists, we are taught to embrace transition. As with many things that are supposed to be good for us, we sometimes struggle to see the value. But eventually it comes into focus. It is important to keep such thoughts in mind as we begin another transition to a new pastor. This transition may follow a more winding path than usual, but we will get there.

The Administrative Council met with District Superintendent Dennis Tevis on June 23rd to discuss options for obtaining a new pastor. The outcome of that discussion was that we will have an interim pastor for the next 6-12 months. The Conference has not identified who that person will be but Rev. Tevis believes that we will know soon. A starting date has not been determined.

During these last several weeks the work of the church has continued. The folks on the Worship Committee have done a great job of preparing for worship services, where we have seen parishioners step forward to be liturgists and to preach the sermon.

To them we extend an extra measure of gratitude. The Missions Committee, having barely recovered from the Spring Rummage Sale, is already starting to talk about preparations for the Fall Rummage Sale. The Finance Committee continues to wrestle with the financial challenges faced by our church. Sidewalk Sunday School is in full swing and Vacation Bible School is soon upon us. All of this activity by our church and its members that has continued unabated is the heartbeat of First United Methodist Church. It is strong and it is steady and we will be ready to embrace our next pastor.

As I look around the church I see the faces of those who have been through many other transitions. We have many parishioners who have been leaders in the past and continue to provide leadership as we encounter this particular challenge. We will need the help of everyone, each in their own manner, as we move into this time of transition.

Jeff Larson

Interim Chair, Administrative Council

**Monthly Financial  
Information**

May Budgeted Income  
\$24,600

May Actual Income  
\$28,299

Year to Date Budgeted Income  
\$116,000

Actual Year to Date  
\$115,264

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If you, a member of your family, or a member of the First United Methodist Church family would like a visit and/or Holy Communion from a member of The Visitation Team, please contact the church office (576-7586). The Visitation Team would also like to know when a FUMC member has moved to a nursing home. Help us keep in touch!

Thanks,  
Donna Esmay

*Chimes Deadline  
July 22, 2011*

**Thank you, Donna Pearson**

The members of the Administrative Council, those who have served funeral luncheons, and the congregation would like to express a HUGE "thank you" to Donna Pearson or her many years of service as funeral Coordinator. Through Donna's efforts, a standard "plan" for serving has evolved and monies donated have been used to upgrade our church kitchen. For the past few years, Donna has been trying to say a final "no," but she continued to give hours and hours of service despite this effort! A slightly revised

Funeral  
Committee  
process will  
be put into



place now, but again, Donna did much to help make this transition as smooth as possible. Thank you so much, Donna, for the many, many, many hours you have spent in the kitchen making things easier for others!

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July Funeral Co-Chairs

Nancy Bolton 955-5540  
Bonnie Kersten 574--9806



## ***Look Who Is Having a Birthday!***



**“My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you,  
Lord; my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it’s in you.”**

*My Life Is in You, Lord*—words and  
music by Daniel Gardner

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|------|------------------|-------|-------------------|------|--------------------|
| 7-1  | Anne Davidson    |       |                   |      |                    |
| 7-2  | Maynard Koppen   |       |                   |      |                    |
|      | Jason Salvatore  | 7-17  | Sarah Jones       |      |                    |
| 7-3  | Ronald Fevold    | 7-18  | Beth McCabe       |      |                    |
|      | Shelly Rustvold  | 7-19  | William Good      | 7-28 | Meredith Berryhill |
| 7-4  | Larry Clark      |       | Keith Harrison    | 7-29 | Bret Charon        |
| 7-5  | Donna Stephenson | 7-20  | Dan Johnson       |      | Tanner Crinnigan   |
|      | Bryan Sullivant  |       | Kari Bahr         | 7-30 | Kenneth Anderson   |
| 7-6  | Jozlynn Porter   |       | Tamra Zeka        | 7-31 | Dave Gardner       |
| 7-7  | Beverly Nelson   | 7-21  | Julie Larson      |      | Jeri Green         |
|      | Jennifer Hess    |       | Kristin Moore     |      | Edward Jacobson    |
|      | Kelly Moore      |       | Will Schnurr      |      |                    |
|      | Tysen Kershaw    |       | Sara Moeller      |      |                    |
| 7-8  | Kaylee Cordle    | 7-22  | Ardy Swanson      |      |                    |
| 7-11 | Evelyn Fevold    |       | Stephen Schiller- |      |                    |
|      | Krista Dunn      | strom |                   |      |                    |
| 7-12 | Bill Grady       | 7-23  | Sonja Rogers      |      |                    |
|      | Ellen Schnurr    | 7-24  | Lee Berryhill     |      |                    |
|      | Lindsey Lundberg |       | Carolyn Kent      |      |                    |
|      | Will Woodruff    | 7-25  | Robert Pearson    |      |                    |
|      | Olivia Jarnagin  | 7-26  | Matt Remsburg     |      |                    |
| 7-13 | Brant Anderson   | 7-27  | Ruth Schmalenber- |      |                    |
| 7-14 | Megan Scacci     | ger   | Richard Bahr      |      |                    |
| 7-16 | Kallen Anderson  |       | Bryce Richardson  |      |                    |
|      | Laura Olson      |       |                   |      |                    |
|      | Jade Duncan      |       |                   |      |                    |





# Happy Anniversary

7-5	Bill & Carolyn Kent	7-19	Drew & Carol Sieben
7-6	David & Teresa Newman	7-20	Thomas & Jennifer Hess
	Paul & Deb Gray	7-21	James & Marta Kramer
7-8	Brian & Hope Bickmeier		Mike & Candie Messerly
7-10	Lnace & Jan Tepfer	7-26	Eric & Lynette Pearson
7-11	Don & Becky Seltz	7-30	Jerry & Beth Schnurr
7-15	Casey & Stacy Dencklau		Jeff & Cheryl Trunnell
7-17	Robert & Donna Pearson		
7-18	Mark & Valerie Steck		

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 3—United Methodist Men—8:00 am  
July 4—Office Closed—4th of July Holiday  
July 6, 13, 20 and 27—Men’s Bible Study, 7:30 am  
July 6, 13, 20, 27—Women’s Bible Study, 8:30 am  
July 6, 13, 20 and 27 -Vacation Bible School, 6:00 pm at Trinity United Methodist  
July 7—Evangelism Committee—6:00 pm  
July 8—Kid’s Night Out—6:00 pm  
July 11—Church Women United—Almost Home Animal Shelter, 1:30 pm  
July 14—Missions Committee—7:00 pm  
July 18– July 25—Becky on Vacation  
July 18—Finance Committee, 6:00 pm  
July 18—Trustees, 7:00 pm  
July 21—SPPRC—7:00 pm  
July 23—Inter Faith Forum Saturday Night Dinner Out, 4:00 pm  
July 28—Administrative Council, 7;00 pm  
July 30-Aug. 7—High School Mission Trip to West Virginia

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### Kid’s Night Out

Kid’s Night Out will be held on Friday, July 8 from 6 to 8 PM. This is a great time for parents to get a little quiet time while the kids come to the church and eat a light supper, play some games, and learn a short lesson!! Please call Jennifer at the church office to sign up!



## WE'RE HEADING TO WEST VIRGINIA!!!

The high school youth group will be going to Logan County, West Virginia for its annual mission trip. Logan County is set in the Appalachian Mountains. This rural community will give our youth an opportunity to serve others in Christ's name by working on homes and with children in the community.

We will leave on Saturday, July 30 and return on Sunday, August 7. Please contact Jennifer with questions or to sign up. Space is limited!!!

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### 2011 Mission Offering

Jan	\$ 173.30	Transient Fund
Feb	\$ 835.77	Lord's Cupboard
March	\$200.77 \$1308.00	Heifer Project Earthquake/ Japan
April	\$ 169.00	UMCOR
May	\$ 732.15	Sidewalk Sunday School
June	\$0	Lord's Cupboard

Thanks for supporting these  
worthy missions!

*"Bear ye one another's burdens, and  
so fulfill the law of Christ."  
Galatians 6:2*

### VBS News!

Are you ready for VBS? We have such an exciting time planned for all of you! Come and join us for "Shake it Up Café!" We will not only be learning the stories from the Bible, but also how to live those stories in our daily lives. We will have music, crafts, stories, games, and food! All to help you learn how to carry out God's recipe in your life!



We will meet the four Wednesdays in July (6,13,20,27) from 6-8 PM. We will be meeting at Trinity UMC (address on registration form). Please fill out the registration form and return it to Jennifer as soon as possible!

## The Lord's Cupboard

### July

The most urgent needs are:

**Toilet Paper  
Tuna  
Ketchup & Mustard  
Cereal**

Plastic grocery bags are always needed.

As always, there is a great need for paper products. Items may be placed in the shopping cart in Wesley Parlor or brought to the church office. The Lord's Cupboard deeply appreciates all the donations you give.



### July Circle News



#### Julia-Lydia Circle

No Meeting

#### Ruth Circle

No Meeting

#### Priscilla Circle

July 27—1:00 pm  
Rose Legler Room

#### Vashti Circle

No Meeting

## LECTIONARY READINGS

### July 3

#### 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24: 34-28, 42-49, 58-67

Psalms 45: 10-17

Romans 7: 15-25a

Matthew 11:6-19, 25-30

### July 20

#### 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25: 19-34

Psalms 119: 105-112

Romans 8: 1-11

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

### July 17

#### 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28: 10-19a

Psalms 139: 1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

### July 24

#### 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29: 15-28

Psalms 105: 1-11, 45b

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

### July 31

#### 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 17: 1-7, 15

Romans 9: 1-5

Matthew 14: 13-21

*Your Staff:*

*The Congregation, The Ministers*

*Stephen Bibb, Pastor*

*Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assistant*

*Diane Logan, Organist*

*Jennifer Peterson, Program Coordinator*

*Mike Richardson, Choirs Director*

*Liz Johnson and Amy Champagne,*

*Children's Choirs Director*

*Mary Heimbruch, Praise Band Director*

*Jon Schuman, Chief Financial Officer*

*Linda Wakeman & Iris Jones, Nursery Assist.*

*Joe Egdorf, Supervisor of Buildings &*

*Grounds*

*Linda Wakeman, Assistant Custodian*

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Our mission is to provide the people of the Fort Dodge area opportunities for spiritual growth, real friendships, and giving of themselves.

**Worship Service  
10:00 am**



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