

REFLECTING THE PULSE OF THE PARISH

THE PARISH PULSE

ASBURY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 350 27th Avenue SW Cedar Rapids, Iowa
 319-364-3188 December 2018



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 AM - Bible Study 9:30 AM Traditional Worship 12:30 PM IFFM	3 9:30 AM Quilters 11:00 AM Staff Mtg	4 6-7:20 PM Kids Club/YG 7:30 PM-Choir	5 10:00 AM UMW Breakfast	6 7-9 pm IFFM Choir 9pm-12 am IFFM Prayer Meeting	7 4-8 PM IFFM	1 9:00 AM Deck the Halls 4-8 PM IFFM
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The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined. Isaiah 9:2 (NKJV)

Since the change in time from Daylight Saving time to Standard time a few weeks ago, I've been thinking more about light. For the record, I'm grumpy about the change in time and how it affects sleep schedules. I also don't like how it gets dark so early in the evening. If I thought there was a way to stop the change and keep the same schedule all year long, I'd volunteer to be on that committee.

Hank Williams wrote a song, way back in 1947 called "I Saw the Light". One stanza goes like this; "I saw the light, I saw the light. No more darkness, no more night. Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight. Praise the Lord, I saw the light."

From John 8: 12 (NKJV) Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

Jesus doesn't provide us with a physical flashlight. He provides guidance and clarity to our lives and situations in ways that no human is able to do. What a wonderful gift!

In this season of Christmas, pray about who you might invite to come to church with you to hear about Jesus. The Sundays in December will have celebratory worship. Look at the sermon topics. Anticipate the joy from the cantata. The Christmas Eve service will be at 4 p.m. in order for you to have time to come to church and still get to evening meals and gatherings.
 Serving Jesus with you, Pastor Diane

Sermon texts for December

December 2, "God Has a Plan" Isaiah 9:2-7

December 9, "God's Plan is for Everyone" Luke 2:8-14

December 16 - Cantata

December 23, "God's Plan is Something to Celebrate" Luke 2:14-20



United Methodist Women News

December 6

Thursday 10:00 am
Continental Breakfast

Hostess: Executive Committee

December 13 – 11:30 am

Christmas Lunch out



December Birthdays

3	Christopher McArtor
6	Larry Myers
8	Violet McDonald
10	Victoria Booth Hunter Booth
11	Stephanie Day
15	Minouche Luabeya
17	Kim Ties
22	Helen Hahn
25	Jesus Christ Logan Spores
27	Carol Hills Ginny Jungman

The Asbury Choir
will present the
cantata

**AND IT CAME TO
PASS**

Emmanuel

December 16th.
A compelling
musical triumph
that invites you on
a journey that
ultimately leads to
worship of the
Christ Child.

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Weather closings:

Please watch channel 9 (KCRG) or
check the church website,
asburymethodistcr.com,
for information regarding church closings due
to inclement weather. The Church Office will
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December 24th
4:00 pm

The Crowd Mentality, part 2

In the previous article, I stated that one of the characteristics of the crowd is that people's actions are influenced by others in the group or gathering. The crowd mentality is like a wave that can cause people to act in a negative way and against their own values. When an individual is in the crowd, it is easy for him or her to embrace and adopt the group mindset. The crowd mentality is like a seed that can birth a new set of behaviors. The Bible contains many examples of the crowd mentality.

In Exodus 32:1-14, the Israelites ask Aaron to build the golden calf to replace God because Moses was in the mountains.

In Numbers 14: 1-10, the Israelites listened to the ten spies' speech that instilled fear and the people were about to stone Moses if God did not intervene.

In Matthew 20: 29-34, people attempt to discourage Bartimaeus to call upon Jesus Christ to heal him.

In Luke 7:36-50, people brought a woman to be condemned and stoned. Jesus reminded them that they all sinners like the woman.

There are many stories and examples of the crowd mentality. These show how many people faced pressure from others and ended by acting against what they believe is true. As Christians, we need to know who is influencing us. That knowledge will enable us to make the right decisions and stand firm on our beliefs.

Together as a family,

Pastor Patrick Munyakazi

New Office Hours

Beginning December 2018 the office will be open
Tuesday thru Thursday from 9 to 3 and Fridays from 9 to noon.