

REFLECTING THE PULSE OF THE PARISH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8 AM - Bible Study 9:30 AM Traditional Worship 12:30 PM IFFM	4	5 9:30 AM Quilters 11:00 AM Staff Mtg	6 6-7:20 PM Kids Club/YG 7:30 PM-Choir	7	8	9 7-9 pm IFFM Choir 9pm-12 am IFFM Prayer Meeting
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THE PARISH PULSE

ASBURY

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
350 27th Avenue SW Cedar Rapids, Iowa



A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. John 13:34 (NKJV)

Dear Friends,

Valentine's Day is this month. It's a day that we associate with gifts of flowers, candy and cards. What do you think of when you hear the words "Valentine's Day"? I remember as a school child, taking Valentine cards for all the members of my school class and having frosted, heartshaped cookies for a treat.

Then one day, over 30 years ago, Valentine's Day took on a new meaning. After a 6 month hospitalization, my mom passed away at the age of 53. You might imagine how hard of a time that was. My mom was a thoughtful person and even at that relatively young age, she had all of her funeral plans in place. What a wonderful gift that was for us!

I often think of how loving it was of her to make those plans ahead of time. Her gift to us only cost the price of the piece of paper that it was written on, but its effects were long-lasting.

Jesus's command to His disciples to love each other didn't involve going to a store and buying a gift. It's talking about a lifestyle of caring for each other and that's one of the reasons that the early church grew. What are ways that we can model that lifestyle of living according to Jesus's command?

Serving Christ with you, Pastor Diane

Sermon texts for February

- February 3 - Luke 4:21-30
- February 10 - Luke 5:1-11
- February 17 - Jeremiah 17:5-10
- February 24 - 1 Corinthians 3:9-16

February is Heart Month:

Each Sunday a special collection will be taken to help the homeless and needy.



Please give generously.

February Birthdays

- 2 Zach Roth
- 5 Alice Lindsey
- 12 Rande Baty
- 15 Jo Myers
- 20 Robert Grady
Carol Mauck
- 21 Sharon Hills
- 24 Laura Booth
Charlene Goodreau

Anniversaries

- 8 Jim & Jerry Buttleman
- 13 Neal & Peggy Johnson



The week end of Sunday, January 13, these 6 "kids" showed up for the Children's message. The 1st serious snowfall of 2019 may have affected attendance.



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 be closed if school is cancelled.



United Methodist Women News

There are no meetings scheduled for February

Good news!

Due to some very very generous gifts from multiple church supporters, we closed 2018 in the black! Thank you all for noticing where help was needed and stepping up to help. Some gifts came in before anyone asked. How wonderful!

2018 summary:
Budget=\$141k,
Income=\$138k,
Expenses=\$137k.

Pledges last year totaled 40 units. Currently for 2019 we have 30 pledges with 8 more possible based on last years giving. If we reach 38 with those remaining 8 we have a great chance of equaling the pledge total from last year which was \$91k.

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Small changes eventually add up to HUGE results.

I Am Responsible For My Actions

For if anyone thinks he is something [special] when [in fact] he is nothing [special except in his own eyes], he deceives himself. ⁴But each one must carefully scrutinize his own work [examining his actions, attitudes, and behavior], and then he can have the personal satisfaction and inner joy of doing something commendable ^{4a}without comparing himself to another. ⁵For every person will have to bear [with patience] his own burden [of faults and shortcomings for which he alone is responsible] Gal 6:3-5 (AMP).

I would like to share my sermon on December 31st, 2018. It is a short scripture that contains few lessons that can help us to improve our relationship with God and others.

Lesson 1. Be honest with yourself about you really are. Being honest is not weakness but humility. When we recognize our mistakes, God will forgive us and restore us.

Lesson 2. Be happy when you make progress in your life. We measure our progress according to what God has planned for us. But when we compare to each other, it creates envy and jealousy. Remember Cain killed Abel because he compared what God did for his brothers. I read somewhere that Jealousy and envy are considered murdering someone in your heart.

Lesson3. No one, except me, will bear the consequences of my actions. That why we need to watch our thoughts. Every action started as thoughts. Then the thought became words. Finally, our words will determine our actions.

Thats why the Bible also says "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked [He will not allow Himself to be ridiculed, nor treated with contempt nor allow His precepts to be scornfully set aside]; for whatever a man sows, this *and* this only is what he will reap."(Gal 3:7)AMP

May God help us to be responsible for our actions in 2019.

Blessings, Pastor Patrick Munyakazi