



The Shepherd's Star

"We have seen (Christ's) star and have come to worship him." -Matt: 2:2b (NIV)

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Sunday School
 for all ages
 gathers at
 9:00 am

Worship Service
 Every Sunday 10:30 am

Cephas's Corner

Cephas' Corner Hospitality

We United Methodist Pastors globally walk into churches each year as strangers because each time the bishop appoints us to new charges we are that "stranger" and wonder how we will be welcomed. Thus, we Methodist clergy know what it is to be strangers because of our itinerant system. My wife and I have received great hospitality since our arrival at Easton Place United Methodist Church. Thanks to the entire church for your great hospitality; Your Lay Leader & SPRC Chairperson, Bruce Tillotson has been and continues to help us in our transition. Church the idea of hospitality is meaningful, as us Americans especially as we have seen, read or are informed about the influx of unaccompanied children, families and refugees into our country and seeking refuge in our country; Thus, as an immigrant and pastor who has received hospitality from families, friends, and the community of faith, it takes unconditional love to see the stranger as oneself. According to Ann Marie Pineda; "To welcome the stranger is to acknowledge them as a human being created in the image of God; it is to treat them as one of equal worth." The act of hospitality helps one to understand that it is not just greeting a stranger at our church door on Sunday morning; thus hospitality is seeing the aliens and strangers as the unseen God that we worship. I know one may ask who is a stranger? Strangers are everyone, the rich, the poor, the oppressed, and all races; I am saying the stranger is everyone because each one of us becomes a stranger on our earthly journey. Hospitality is a moral imperative that causes us to stretch and grow in our walk with Jesus the Christ. God shows God's hospitality through creation and giving himself to the world in the person of Jesus the Christ. God calls us to love and care for the strangers, not to oppress them but to give welcome. Welcoming helps both, us and the strangers by means of transformation; thus, their experiences and stories impact us and change our thought of strangers even though we too are strangers. For me hospitality is giving without boundaries. As the old Negro spiritual goes, "if I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living will not be in vain". It is the act of reaching the least of these with love and kindness, showing that act of love and giving that God gives to the world without reservation. I often say 'to live is to give'; and giving without reservation is hospitality. Thus giving to the strangers is giving to God whom we have not seen. Brothers and sisters the most important ingredients of hospitality are agape love and relational deeds. Relational deeds are meant as acts that reflect Christians teaching in relation to hospitality. Finally, I close this corner with what my best friend Rev. Esau A. Greene said to an inter-faith worship on Monday January 18, 2016 "we all have one destiny", we will all die.....

Rev. J. Cephas Z.K. Davis, Mdiv.

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Finance Update

JULY

7/1/2018-\$2,608.75
7/8/2018-\$1,877.80
7/15/2018-\$1,625.42
7/22/2018-\$1,104.00
7/29/2018-\$843.85

Total for July \$8,059.82

JUNE

6/03/2018-\$1,785.28
6/10/2018-\$2,360.21
6/17/2018-\$1,135.46
6/24/2018-\$2,170.00

Total for June \$7,450.95

God is Good, All the Time! As we are starting the 8th month of 2018, we are coming along. We need \$10,000.00 every month. We have paid our bills. In June & July, we were not able to put money into our Apportionment fund. The summer months are here, and as a pattern at Easton Place, the giving drops. What if this year, we don't let that happen? If you are going to be gone, drop your offering in the mail, or drop it by the church. We have a lot going on at Easton Place, and we want to do more, but it can't happen if we don't give. As the Bible tells us, God only wants what is already His. Think about it. If everyone is giving what the Lord asks, think what we could accomplish!

In Christ's Love

The Finance Committee

Presence:
July 333

Gifts -Tithes and Offerings Received

July \$8,059.82

The Mission of Easton Place UMC

To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Gather in a safe, nurturing Christ-centered way in worship, meetings, and small groups as we...

Grow in relationship with Christ; and

Go into the world, to share the love of Christ with others

**As members of the Easton Place UMC,
we vow to faithfully participate
in its ministries**

Asking Jesus into your life:

O God, without you, I am lost - a sinner in a sinful world. Jesus I believe in you. I need you. Be my Lord and Savior? Receive me -- your child. I ask for forgiveness. I ask for guidance. I accept you as my God, my Guide, my Help, and my Hope from this day forward into the very light of eternity. I lift this prayer in the power of Jesus' mighty name. Amen. God's Promise of Forgiveness: 1 John 1:9 God's Promise of Salvation: John 3:16 God's Promise to You: Romans 8:15b-17a All you need to do: Romans 10:9



****To start prayer chain:**

Call Romona Moore

Keep In Prayer For Healing: (Remember to let the office or the Pastor know if you are in the hospital)

PRAY FOR

HOSPITAL:

RECOVERING AT HOME Virginia Kimberling

NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING

RESIDENTS: Gladys Hooten (Spurgeon Manor, Dallas Center, IA), and Mary Alice Winterbottom (Fleur Heights) Nadine Layton (Bridges, Ankeny)

KEEP IN PRAYERS: Deb Christian, Karen Baumgartner, Anna Mascaro, Kim Cox, George Schultz, Jenny Schultz, Judy Burns, Keith Mascaro, Ron Smith, Phyllis Randall

LOST A LOVED ONE:

Missions Report

Missions at Easton Place are fantastic! The Free Meal is going strong. We average 40-50 people each Thursday. The week of VBS we had approximately 75 people come to eat! God is good! On Sunday July 29th, a 2nd offering was taken to help the people in Marshalltown, after the devastating tornadoes that hit. \$305. was collected. Hygiene Kits, hygiene items, diapers, totes, and laundry soap was delivered to Marshalltown UMC on Monday July 30th. Thank you Easton Place for your support.

In Christ's Love
The Mission Committee

This is what was donated for the \$305.00 collected. 20 Hygiene kits, 3 tooth paste, 20 deodorants, 15 razors, 52 combs, 10 plastic bins w/lids, 6 pkgs of diapers, 6 pkgs of wet wipes, 10 bottles of laundry soap, 20 bottles of shampoo, 10 cans of shaving cream and 22 bars of soap.



August

Caleb Cook	8-02
Corrine Comer	8-10
Sandy Mathews	8-10
Robin Hoffman	8-11
Gary Keeling	8-16
Robert Lynn Bishop	8-17
Jonathan Rus	8-18
Brian Williams	8-20
Lora Christian	8-23
Chloe Heer	8-23
David Rus	8-25
Donna Wyer	8-26
Brian Christian	8-29

Worship Helpers for AUGUST 2018

August 5, 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Mick McFadden
Liturgist: Connie Bishop
Sound: Mike & Janice Hoffman
Acolyte: Jamisin Breeding
Ushers: Bob, Peggy, Kathy, Sub
Children Message: Jeannie Staton
Jr. Church: Jeannie Staton
Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Janice Hoffman
 Mike Parsons
Communion Stewards Sandy Mathews
 Janice Hoffman

August 12, 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Cathy Parsons
Liturgist: Connie Bishop
Sound: Mike Parsons
Acolyte: Jamisin Breeding
Ushers: Bob, Peggy, Kathy, Sub
Children Message: Diana Alton
Jr. Church: None
Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
 Janice Hoffman

We are looking for someone to do the ***Children's Moments*** the 2nd Sunday of the month. If there is more than one that want to volunteer for this that is great. We will just add you to the list and rotate with the others.

+69 August 19th, 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Romona Moore
Liturgist: Ellen McFadden
Sound: Mick McFadden
Acolyte: Josalyn Adams
Ushers: Sandy, Mike, Amanda, Kay
Children Message:
Jr. Church: Diana Alton
Nursery: Kayli Brealing
Offerng Counters: Sandy Mathews
 Ellen McFadden

August 26th, 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Leader: Mick McFadden
Liturgist: Ellen McFadden
Sound: Mike Parsons
Acolyte: Josalyn Adams
Ushers Sandy, Mike, Amanda, Kay
Children Message: Jeannie Staton
Jr. Church: Jeannie Staton
Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
 Kathy Fedson

The church needs ***three more*** ushers. Please see Mick McFadden if you would like to volunteer.

**Lectionary Scriptures for May
for Personal Devotions and Study**

August 5

11th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26-12, 13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 12

12th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 19

13th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 26

14th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, and 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

**EASTON PLACE WOMEN UNITED
News and Calendar for July 2018**

August 1 No General Meeting

**August 8 6:30 pm Deborah Circle
Hostesses: Romona & Lora
Mission: School Supplies**

**August 9 Easton Service Group
Visit Gladys Hooten**

**August 10 Esther Circle
12:30 pm Barratta's on
South Union**

August 15 No Mary Circle

**August 22 EPWU Board meeting
7:00 pm**

UNITED METHODIST MEN

August 11 8 am in the fellowship hall

Circle Reports

EPWU General

General did not meet in July

Deborah Circle

We met on July 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm. There were 19 members and 2 guests present. Jeannie opened the meeting with prayer. Jeannie and Bev served us a delicious finger food supper of sandwiches, cookies, chips, fruit and veggies. Pastor and Phyllis joined us. Jeannie had candles to light for our devotion. Corinthians 4:6. was read. There is a lightbulb that has been continually burning for 150 years. It reminds us to radiate God's love constantly. "How will I glorify God today". We prayed for those who are suffering in our group. Business meeting: Secretary's report was read. Treasurer's report was read. Offering taken and the prayer of the least coin was read. No old business. New Business: Mission next month is school supplies. Hostesses next month are Romona and Lora. Janice made a motion to give \$50 to VBS. Darlene seconded it and was passed. Mary Jo made a motion to close the meeting and it was seconded by Kathy Fedson. Motion carried. Julie led the lesson from Women's devotional entitled When we are unable to bear our burdens, just pray. "Crying out loud". Crying is not a sign of hopelessness., Even Jesus cried. He will wipe our tears away and heal our wounds. Respectfully submitted
Cathy Parsons

Mary Circle

Nothing submitted

Easton Service Group

Easton Service Group had a great meeting at the church July 12, 2018 at 1:00 pm. There were seven of us in attendance plus a friend of Diana's visiting from Oklahoma and our new Pastor, Pastor Davis. Romona began our meeting by singing "What a Friend we Have in Jesus" and then leading us in a discussion of Isaiah 51:12-16. Romona then led our business meeting. Janet had a great story about "Butterflies" for our program and Virginia served us delicious goodies, lemon bars and seven layer bars, oh so good. It truly was a nice way to spend an afternoon. Next month we plan on visiting Gladys.

Esther Circle

Esther Circle met up at Perkins on Friday July 13, 2018 at 10:30 am for good eating and fellowship. Next month we'll be eating at Barattas, so please feel free to join us. There were seven of us today, hopefully more for lunch next month.

Mark your Calendar August 2018

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| 1. | EPWU General not meeting | 17. | Sanctuary reserved for wedding rehearsal |
| 2. | | 18. | Sanctuary reserved for Parson/Shepherd wedding |
| 3. | | 19. | Fellowship Hall reserved all week for the Basement sale |
| 4. | Jessica Bishops Baby Shower
2 pm in fellowship hall | 20. | 11:30 am CWU Board meeting |
| 5. | | 21. | |
| 6. | 6:00 pm Worship meeting
No EPWU General meeting | 22. | 7:00 pm EPWU board meeting |
| 7. | | 23. | |
| 8. | Deborah Circle 6:30 pm
Romona & Lora Hostesses
Mission: School supplies | 24. | |
| 9. | Easton Service Group 1:00 pm
Visiting Gladys Hooten | 25. | |
| 10. | Esther Circle 12:30 pm
@Barratta's on South Union | 26. | |
| 11. | 8:00 am UMM meets
1:00-3:00 pm Girl Scouts
in Fellowship Hall | 27. | |
| 12. | | 28. | |
| 13. | | 29. | |
| 14. | | 30. | |
| 15. | Mary Circle NOT meeting | 31. | |
| 16. | | | |



Congratulations on the birth of
your little boy:

Ledger Malloy, 7 lbs., 21”

Born: June 27, 2018

Proud Parents:

Kate & Keith Malloy.

Prouder Grandma:

Julie Moore

Proudest Great Grandparents:

Romona and Gary Moore

The women of the church are
invited to a baby shower for
Jessica Bishop given by
Janice Hoffman.

August 4, 2018 at 2:00 pm
in the fellowship hall.



Basement Sale: August 24th
& 25th

Donations are being
accepted now. If you need
something picked up call
Jan Green or Lila Roe.

VBS

It's hard to believe Vacation Bible School is over. We had a great week. We averaged 30 kids each day. We had great teachers and helpers.

Thanks to all who helped, donated items and prayed. VBS is a BIG Deal to the church, and we are so glad that we can continue to offer it and let the kids know about Jesus.

If you want to help next year, the planning is just around the corner!

In Christ's Love
The VBS Crew

Totaling Offerings at VBS

Daily offering during VBS

\$639.83

Offering at VBS program

\$139.62

Donations from Sunday school & EPWU

\$144.88

\$1,024.33