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February 2019

Sunday School
 for all ages
 gathers at
 9:00 am

Worship Service
 Every Sunday 10:30 am

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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.

Finance Update

January

1/06/2019-\$2,010.41
1/13/2019-\$1,472.93
1/20/2019-\$1,684.69
1/27/2019-\$2,087.16

Total for January \$7,255.19

December

12/02/2018-\$3,212.70
12/09/2018-\$2,431.07
12/16/2018-\$2,041.00
12/23/2018-\$3,327.97
12/30/2018-\$1,858.27

Total for December \$12,871.01

God is Good! All the Time! Each month, we need about \$10,000.00 to pay all bills, salaries, have money for different programs in the church, and put money in the Apportionment savings.

As we can all see, we are not making our goal. Prayerfully consider your giving each month to Easton Place. We want to be able to offer things to our community, to get them in the door, and

see what we are all about. Right now, we are just keeping the doors open. We want to be a instrument for God to use, think about it.

In Christ's Love
The Finance Committee

Presence:

January 203

Gifts -Tithes and Offerings Receive

January \$7,255.19

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

NURSING HOME AND ASSISTED LIVING

RESIDENTS: Gladys Hooten (Spurgeon Manor, Dallas Center, IA), and) Nadine Layton (Bridges, Ankeny)

KEEP IN PRAYERS: Deb Christian, Karen Baumgartner, Anna Mascaro, Kim Cox, Judy Burns, Keith Mascaro, Ron Smith, Phyllis Randall, Virginia Kimberling, Darlene McFate, Denny Stuve

LOST A LOVED ONE:

Missions Report

God is so Good! The free meal is going great, every week we see someone new. It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of our 5th year, serving our neighbors.

We welcome anyone who might like to come and help, or cook a meal. All are Welcome! WE are excited to start 2019, we just know that God has new and exciting things instore for us!

In His Service
The Mission Committee

EASTON PLACE WOMEN UNITED News and Calendar for December 2018

- Feb. 6** **6:30 pm EPWU Board mtg**
7:00 EPWU General
Mary Circle Hosts
- Feb. 13** **6:30 pm Deborah Circle**
- Feb. 14** **1:00 pm Easton Service**
- Feb. 8** **1:00 pm Esther Circle**
- Feb. 27** **7:00 pm EPWU Board**
meeting

UNITED METHODIST MEN

- Feb. 9** **8 am in the fellowship hall**



February

Dennis Breeding	2-01
Todd Heer	2-02
Matthew Langill	2-04
Chris Buettner	2-08
Erna Warren	2-08
Jarod Fleck	2-11
Amanda Faux	2-16
James Cruchelow	2-20
Christie Sposeto	2-22
Dennis Stuve	2-26
Christopher Langill	2-27
Daniel Shoafstall	2-28
Chad Bridges	2-29

Worship Helpers for February 2019

February 3, 2019

Worship Leader: Romona Moore
Liturgist: Judy Burns
Sound: Rick Buettner
Acolyte: Jamisin Breeding
Ushers: Mary Jo, Caleb, Wimpy, Ray
Children Message: Rev. Sarah Garriott
Jr. Church: Jeannie Staton
Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
Bryan Dilks
Communion Stewards Mike Parsons
Cathy Parsons

February 10, 2019

Worship Leader: Romona Moore
Liturgist: Judy Burns
Sound: Rick Buettner
Acolyte: Jamisin Breeding
Ushers: Mary Jo, Caleb, Wimpy, Ray
Children Message: Jeannie Staton
Jr. Church: None
Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Mike Parsons
Jeannie Staton

February 17, 2019

Worship Leader: Rick Buettner
Liturgist: Connie Bishop
Sound: Mick McFadden
Acolyte: Delanee Stuve
Ushers: Marlys, Leo, Amanda, Aaron
Children Message: Jeannie Staton
Jr. Church: Diana Alton
Nursery: Kayli Brealing
Offering Counters: Janice Hoffman
Ellen McFadden

February 24, 2019

Worship Leader: Rick Buettner
Liturgist: Connie Bishop
Sound: Mick McFadden
Acolyte: Delanee Stuve
Ushers: Marlys, Leo, Amanda, Aaron
Children Message: Jeannie Staton
Jr. Church: Jeannie Staton
Nursery: Diana Alton
Offering Counters: Jeannie Staton
Bryan Dilks

Lectionary Scriptures for October for Personal Devotions and Study

February 3 Epiphany of the Lord

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

February 10
Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)
Psalm 138
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

February 17
Jeremiah 17:5-10
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

February 24
Genesis 45:3-11, 15
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
Luke 6:27-38

Circle Reports January

EPWU General

On January 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm EPWU installed their 2019 officers. On Friday, February 1, 2019 they will be holding a Crock Pot Soup Supper as a fundraiser. A free will offering will be taken. In March they will be hosting a Pizza Party fundraiser after worship on the 17th.

Deborah Circle

On January 9, 2019 at 6:30 pm Deborah Circle met at Fazolis on the south side. Jeannie opened the meeting with a devotional on "The Promise of Forgiveness", Matthew 6:9-15. That we should choose to forgive people and let God deal with their hearts. Secretary report was read, followed by the treasurer's report. We then took up the offering and read the prayer of the least coin. New Business: We made needed changes to the Directory and thanked those who worked on it. We will share at February's meeting ideas for General meetings. Also, think about why **you** don't attend General meetings. Next meeting is February 13, with Janice, Julie & Cathy hosting. On Friday February 1 at 9:00 am those that are available and willing meet at the church to decorate for the Crock Pot Soup Supper. People who want to help with the EPWU historian book can come one hour before the board meeting to help, at 6:00 on January 27th. Sue Bellis made a motion to close the meeting. Mary Jo seconded the motion. The meeting was closed with prayer.
Cathy Parsons

Easton Service Group

Easton Service Group met on January 10, 2019 at 1:00 in the afternoon in the fellowship hall. There were eight of us in attendance and our first order of business was to pass out our 2019 year books. A big thank you to Ellen and Sandy for having them all ready. Our new chairman, Cathy Parsons, then opened with reading the introduction from Boomerang Joy by Barbara Johnson. Cathy then did a great job leading our business meeting with the Crock Pot Soup Supper being the center of the discussion. Plus we also voted to give our \$15 mission money for December and January to Lila Roe for the wonderful mission she does giving the bags of necessities to the gals at the facility. Then Cathy turned our meeting over to Romona for

our program on Acts 10:34-38 from the Daily Bread. It stressed that God shows no partiality and that through Jesus all may find peace. Then our meeting was turned back to Cathy who as our hostess treated us to delicious angel food cake with strawberries on top. Needless to say, we had a great meeting and you really should come join us in February.

Diana Alton

Esther Circle

No minutes submitted.

Mary Circle

Mary Circle met on January 16th at 7:00 pm with 6 members. Diana presented each of us with "Valentine Bells" and in honor of her sister, we each received a bag of Australian red liquorice. Janice gave the treasurer's report. A motion by Sandy to continue the \$25 per quarter to Lila Roe for the Women's Facility, 2nd by Linda was carried. Diana announced the Crock Pot Soup Supper on February 1, 2019. Mary Circle is hostess for the General in February so plans were made for a "fun evening for all" is planned. Diana turned over the meeting to our hostess, Linda, and we enjoyed cheese & crackers, cookies, pretzels and hot chocolate. We then played a word search game. Linda also read a story from Guide Posts "Don't Cry over Spilled Milk." Mary Circle wishes everyone a "Blessed New Year!"
Sandy Fleck

Mark your Calendar January 2019

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| 1. | 4:30-6:30 pm Crock Pot Soup Supper | 17. | Scout Sunday |
| 2. | 1:00 - 3:00 pm Girl Scouts | 18. | 11:30 am CWU meets |
| 3. | Souper Bowl of Caring after Worship/Free will offering | 19. | 6:00 pm SPRC meets |
| 4. | | 20. | 7:00 pm Mary Circle meets |
| 5. | 6:00 pm Education meeting
7:00 pm Worship meeting | 21. | 4:30 pm Missions meeting |
| 6. | 6:30 pm EPWU Board meeting
7:00 pm EPWU General meeting
Mary Circle Hosts | 22. | |
| 7. | | 23. | 12:00 - 4:00 pm Girl Scouts
4:00 - 7:00 pm Denny Stuves' 80th Birthday Celebration at Best Western Premier, 2502 SE Tones DR, Ankeny IA. |
| 8. | 1:00 pm Esther Circle | 24. | |
| 9. | 8:00 am UMM meet
1:00 - 4:00 pm Erna Warrens' 80th Birthday Celebration in the Fellowship Hall | 25. | |
| 10. | | 26. | 6:00 pm Finance meets
6:45 pm Ad Council meets |
| 11. | | 27. | 7:00 pm EPWU Board meets |
| 12. | 6:00 pm Trustees meeting | 28. | 7:00 Easter Cantata Practice |
| 13. | 6:30 pm Deborah Circle meets | 29. | |
| 14. | 1:00 pm Easton Place Service Group meets | 30. | |
| 15. | | 31. | |
| 16. | Fellowship Hall reserved all day/
DJ Bishop | | |

Friday, February 1st join
the women of EPWU in
our

Crock Pot Soup Supper

4:30 - 6:30 pm

All the soup you want

Relishes

Dessert

Free Will Offering

Sunday, February 3

Souper Bowl of Caring

after worship, free will

offering for Hope

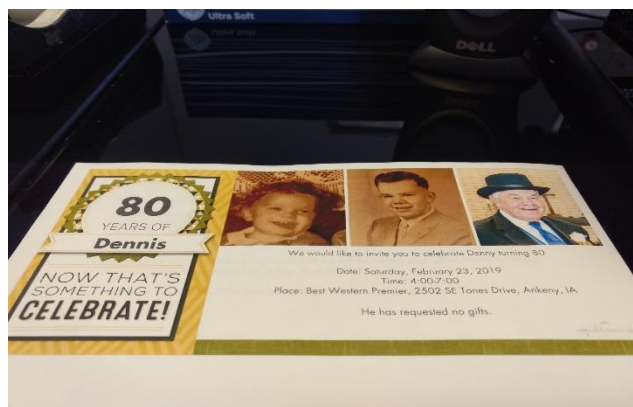
Ministries

Join *Erna Warren* on
February 9th, 2019

To celebrate her **80th**
Birthday!!

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

She requests no gifts,
please.



**Please join in celebrating
Dennis Stuve's 80th
Birthday Celebration
February 23
Premier Best Western
2502 SE Tones Drive, Ankeny
4:00 - 7:00 pm
No gifts please**

Julie Stanley Drew, Daughter of former members Francis and Jean Stanley, passed away on January 12, 2019. There will be a memorial for Julie here at the church on Saturday March 2, 2019 at 11:00 am, followed by a luncheon. All are welcome!

Thank you!

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VBS

Hard to believe, but Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. We will have a planning meeting soon. In the meantime, think about what you can do or will do, to make this the most successful year! All for Jesus, that's what we want.

In Christ's Love
Julie Marker
Janice Hoffman