

# CLOVER RIDGE CHURCH NEWS

## FEBRUARY 2018



**Pastor Mike is available to meet by appointment and can be contacted on his cell phone at: (319)551-3874.**

**Please call first in case he has been called away.**



### A NOTE FROM PASTOR MIKE

Hebrews 12:14 KJV

"Follow peace with all men, and **holiness, without** which no man shall see the Lord:"

This verse was one that drove John Wesley especially the phrase "**holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:**"

Holiness is becoming like God, Repenting from our sins, To do what He wants us to do.

John Wesley preached holiness and repentance. It was a constant theme of his preaching.

And that is a good thing. Are their times in your life where you heard a sermon and God spoke to you and it prompted a change in how you were living? **I am raising my hand! Yes!** And that was a good thing!!!! Sadly, many who call themselves Christians today don't want to hear it ...much to their own judgment.

Let's look at those 10 commandments

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make idols.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet.

If we have created a god or accepted a god or thing that has become a thing we worship and rank higher than the One True God then we should cast it away and come to put the One True God back in His rightful place of bring our God.

If we have made any idols....stone, metal, plastic that we worship. Or things, houses, cars, boats, and money, people or drugs that we worship. Or put them before trusting in the One True God. We should cast them out. Deut. 7:25 ""The graven images of their gods you are to burn with fire; you shall not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, or you will be snared by it, for it is an abomination to the LORD your God. " Now Moses was talking about idols to represent a deity you were to burn. If you have put a person above God, He is not commanding you to burn them! Just repent and make God the God of your life. Diane knows she is second in my life and that God is first and she is ok with that!

If our mouths have become littered with cursing and taking the Lord's name in vain, we need to stop and confess to God and ask His help what we should say. I know there was a time in my life after I became a Christian that I had to ask God to help me make a change in my mouth! It is not a good example and God is not pleased when we take His name in vain.

Think about the Sabbath day, to us it is Sunday. It was commanded to be a day of rest. I remember after I became a Christian, I was convicted on this. So I started to find a good job where I could have Sunday's off. Now don't get me wrong. If I was a nurse that might of been different! God understands and I believe supports those who doctor or nurse or police on Sundays. And of course I do work on Sundays now too as a Pastor but in a different way.

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Honor your father and mother. One of the things we discover when we get to be parents ourselves, is that parents are not perfect. I am not a perfect parent. Every home has some form of dysfunction. But God wants us to honor our parents. This of course also includes forgiveness. But think about your life and I will think about mine, am I honoring my parents?

Jesus talked about the commandment of murder. In Matthew 5 we read- "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' 22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire. Jesus reminds us in holiness we are to consider what we are thinking and our attitudes, not just physical acts. We may be convicted of needing a new baptism of love so we can love our enemies.

One of the commandments that is openly violated today is the commandment of not committing adultery. To honor God, It means we only have sexual acts with our husband or wife. I heard a person talking about this once who was coming to some realization about what this commandment meant; they had been having sex outside of being married. And realized they either needed to get married to that person or stop the sexual activity. They ended up stopping the activity and were sad to find out they then lost their friend. They were being used. I would say if we are involved in living together and/or acting out sexually with a person you are not married to, let God help you get right with him. Get married to that person, and stop the sexual activity. One of the reasons many people got married early, back in the day of the ancients, when I got married was so they could feel right about having sex with their spouse. Many people who have given themselves to someone before marriage thought they had found the person they were going to marry and it was ok...only to have the relationship broke up and now they do not have that gift to give to their spouse. And they dishonored the Lord. We need to ask God for help on this. Internet pornography use is on the rise they tell us. God help us!

"Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that has needs". Ephesians 4:28 Isn't it sad that we have cameras and we see arrests in stores? But it reminds us that some people have a weakness for stealing. You could go down all of the 10 commandments and different people have different weaknesses to each one. Seeking to live a holy life before God would cause us to stop stealing and ask His help in not doing so again.

Bearing false witness or lying is all around us. Even in the world of politics! We try to justify lying to save face, or in jealousy, or because of wanting to get even or hatred. Or to save our butt! God is not pleased when we lie. Proverbs 14:5 says "A faithful **witness** does not lie, But a **false witness** will utter lies."

Coveting is one of my weaknesses. I have to ask forgiveness often for doing it. Wow! Look at that nice car! Diane did you see that house! God help me to be satisfied with what you give me and to not covet. I want to please you.

Seeking to live holy life is to live a God honoring life. 1 Cor. 10:31 says:  
"What ever you do, do it all for the Glory of God."  
God help us to see our need to repent and live holy lives.  
When we do, He will be honored and please.

Be a blessing to God and others!  
Pastor Mike

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women's Group News:** The Women's Group is doing Valentines for Vets in Cedar Rapids and also taking them to the Amana Nursing Home. They collected the valentines on Jan. 21 and Jan. 28 from the congregation.  
Thank you all who participated.

A Big Thank You to all who helped with Christmas decorations – Big job well done!!

Thanks Again  
Nancy Africa

**MARRIAGE:** Congratulations to Jessica Becker Wille, she and Blair Wille were married on Wednesday, January 24, 2018.

## Clover Ridge Annual Chili Cook Off

**WHEN:** February 11, 2018

**WHERE:** Clover Ridge  
Fellowship Hall

**SET UP TIME:** 4:30 p.m.

**COMPETITION TIME:** 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**What to Bring:**

- \$1.00 admission
- Tip money to vote for your favorite chili cook
- **BIG APPETITE**

Who will be our 2018 Chili Cook off Champ? You are all invited to come out to try out the different soups (Yes there will be other soups not all Chili). We are looking for folks who will enter their soups, there is a signup sheet at the church lobby or you can contact Cari Martin to enter. It is really a lot of fun! The public is welcome, so invite a friend. And spoons and bowls are provided.

Contestants: be there at 4:30 p.m. to set up.  
Doors open to everyone else at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, February 12.



### NOTE FROM THE TREASURER:

Thank you to all for the unparalleled giving to Clover Ridge during the month of December. That effort will certainly bolster us as we make our way into the New Year with new expenses.

Balance to Dec. 31, 2017	\$ 2,788.12
Luncheon Fund Raiser	\$ 393.00
Dec. Offerings Deposited in Jan.	\$14,905.00
Jan. 7 Offering	\$ 2,396.00
Expenses thru end of Jan.	\$ 8,409.86
Balance Jan. 24, 2018	\$12,072.26

The balance of the mortgage is \$226,740.45. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 641-236-6797. Nancy Newberry.

### PAINTING THE FELLOWSHIP HALL



Thank you to everyone who donated their time to helping with the painting in the fellowship hall.



**ROAST BEEF DINNER FUND RAISER**  
**Clover Ridge UM Church**  
**Highway 151, Walford, Iowa**



**Menu:**

**Sutton's Roast Beef Dinner**  
**(Includes Drink and Dessert)**

**[Chicken Strip meal available also]**

**Adults - \$10.00**

**Children's Meal age 12 and under - \$6.00**

**When:**

**Saturday, April 7, 2018**

**Serving Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**Where:**

**Clover Ridge United Methodist Church**  
**125 5th St. North (just off Highway 151)**  
**Walford, IA**

**WIN A DOOR PRIZE!!!!**



## FEBRUARY MILESTONES



### Happy Birthday To:

- |                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1: Eldon Newberry     | 15: Jane Graesser  |
| 2: Scott Williams     | Bill Graesser      |
| Nikolai Turk          | 18: Tanner Lennon  |
| 3: Chelsey Voss       | Mindy Wilson       |
| 4: Joanne Beltz       | 19: Tyce Hoskins   |
| 6: Samuel Palmer      | Linda Zapata       |
| 7: Dann Harwood       | 21: Dennis Wilson  |
| 11: Carolyn Dillinger | Lewis Wasendorf    |
| James Ferry           | 24: Rich Pash      |
| 12: Ruth Phelps       | 25: Molly Cavalier |
|                       | Gary Albers        |
|                       | 28: Corbin Becker  |

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

6: Eldon & Nancy Newberry

14: Joe & Krista Barnell



If you have a Birthday or Anniversary to add, Please call the church office @ 319-846-2349 and leave a message with your information.

Thanks!

**L**, is for the Laughter I give to you every day  
knowing you'll never go away

**O**, is for the Options we'll have when were together  
knowing our love couldn't get any better

**V**, is for the Visions I have of you  
knowing I'll never find anyone quite like you

**E**, is for Everything that's true I've ever said  
especially when I said "we'll be together forever"

# LAITY IN SERVICE - FEBRUARY 2018

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
**PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR MIKE IF YOU CAN FILL IN ANY OF THE BLANKS**

## February 4

**Greeters:**  
**Worship Treats:**  
**Ushers: Women of the Congregation**  
**Candle Lighter(s):**  
**Nursery: Stacy Pasker /**  
**Snow Shoveling Sidewalks: Pastor Mike**

## February 18

**Greeters:**  
**Worship Treats:**  
**Ushers: Men of the Congregation**  
**Candle Lighter(s):**  
**Nursery: Stacy Pasker /**  
**Snow Shoveling Sidewalks:**

## February 11

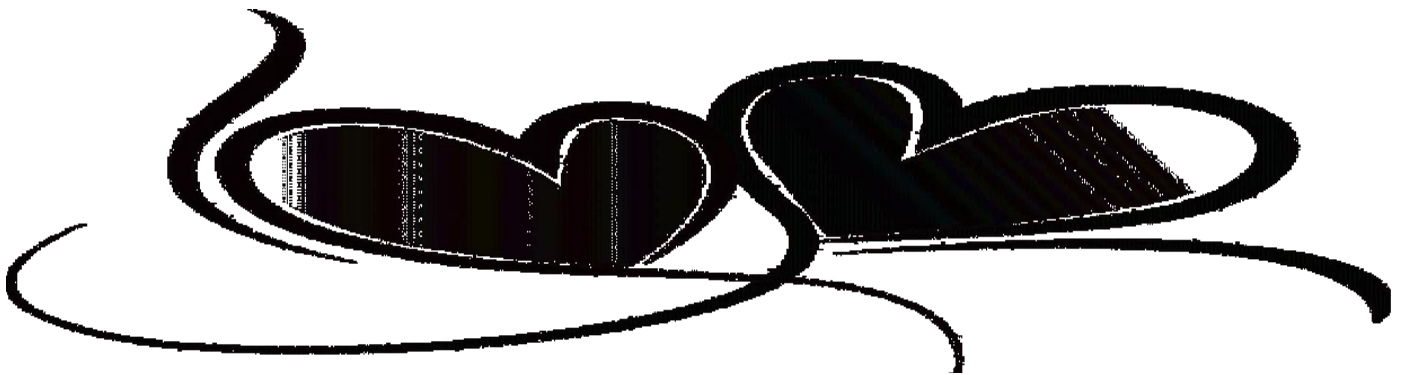
**Greeters: Gary & Deb Hall**  
**Worship Treats: Deb Hall & Betty Smith**  
**Ushers: Youth Group**  
**Candle Lighter(s):**  
**Nursery: Stacy Pasker /**  
**Snow Shoveling Sidewalks:**

## February 25

**Greeters:**  
**Worship Treats:**  
**Ushers: Men of the Congregation**  
**Candle Lighter(s):**  
**Nursery: Stacy Pasker /**  
**Snow Shoveling Sidewalks:**

## MARCH 4

**Greeters:**  
**Worship Treats:**  
**Ushers: Women of the Congregation**  
**Candle Light(s):**  
**Nursery: Stacy Pasker /**  
**Snow Shoveling Sidewalks:**



**February 2018 Calendar Clover Ridge UMC  
Mission Baskets to One Great Hour of Sharing**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Each Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  10:00 am Congregational Worship				1	2	3
4  Trustees Meeting After worship	5	6	7  11:00 a.m. Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer	8	9	10
11  5:00 p.m. Chili and Other Soup Cook Off!    Pastor Mike on vacation	12  Pastor Mike on vacation	13  Pastor Mike on vacation	14  No Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer  Ash Wednesday  Pastor Mike on vacation  Happy Valentine Day  	15	16	17
18	19	20	21  11:00 a.m. Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer  7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27	28  11:00 a.m. Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer		Pastor Mike is available by appt. call: 319-551-3874	

## Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday School - 9:00 am  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:00 am  
Wednesday Prayer - 11:00 am

### **Clover Ridge United Methodist Church**

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We're on the Web!  
*Find us at:*  
[www.cloverridgechurch.org/](http://www.cloverridgechurch.org/)

### About Our Organization...

**Clover Ridge is a United Methodist Congregation in Walford, Iowa. Our church is made up of people from Walford, Fairfax, Cedar Rapids, Norway, The Amana Colonies, Marengo, and other places too! We are an evangelical Bible believing church who loves Jesus Christ!**



**If you have anything to contribute to the March newsletter, please submit it to Pastor Mike or Sharyl Voss (609pershing@gmail.com) by Sunday, February 18, 2018. Thanks!**

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