

CLOVER RIDGE CHURCH NEWS

FEBRUARY 2019



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

Well the greatly anticipated, Special UMC General Conference will be held this month. The 2019 special session of the General UMC Conference will be held in The Dome, part of the America's Center Convention Complex in St. Louis, February 23-26, 2019. No doubt it will make national news. There will be protests no doubt. There will be people marching around the complex and in it. This is a special planned meeting to hopefully make some decisions on how the UMC will go forward concerning the issue of human sexuality. Our UMC denomination is divided over this issue and has been for many years. Even in local churches we have people on both sides.

As a result of the 2016 General Conference there is a committee made up of laity and clergy called "The Way Forward" that did much discussion and came up with 3 plans to give to the General Conference to consider, modify or reject on how the UMC will deal with the issue of homosexuality. There has been much discussion by some pastors and laity over this issue and thinking/scheming and planning if each of the 3 suggested plans is implemented! The truth is we could talk all day about them, but you and I are not General Conference delegates and we do not know how the General Conference delegates will vote. So planning, discussing, deciding is out of our hands and it creates lots of unnecessary fears and anxieties and stress, that need not be dealt with until the Special General Conference makes its decision. So much prayer is needed: for the General Conference, for the delegates to General Conference, and for our local church as a result of what the General Conference will decide, IF they make a decision! It is possible it will all be pushed back to the next General Conference in 2020! The General Conference had a motion before them in 2012 that suggested it was time to make a split over this issue since we cannot agree on it...that motion was voted down. When we find out just what the 2019 Special General Conference will decide, then we will have something to discuss. I heard once that if this Special General Conference, does come to a decision as to what the UMC stands for on human sexuality, that even that decision has to be approved by a 2/3 or 3/4 of the Annual Conferences in order to become approved so it will stand for the whole UMC. It is possible that some local churches, or a group of local churches or several groups of local churches might leave the UMC after the Special General Conference because they cannot live with the Special General Conference decision. This will be a painful process for the church. And could be for our local church. So will you join me in prayer to our Great God that this Special General Conference holds to God's word? For peace and love to prevail? And that good Christians can disagree and still respect and love each other? You can read more about Special General Conference at <http://www.umc.org/topics/general-conference-2019-special-session> I think they will give updates on the website through the Conference.

God bless you and yours,
Pastor Mike

CLOVER RIDGE UMC: FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Each Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 am Congregational Worship					1	2
3	4	5	6 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Trustees Meeting	7	8	9
10 Chili Cook-off is today at 5 p.m.in our fellowship hall!	11	12	13 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Church Council Meeting	14 Happy Valentine Day!	15	16
17	18	19	20 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer	28		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER:

Finance Status as of 01/24/2019

GENERAL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY:

Balance as of 12/31/18	\$12,885.84
Offerings 12/31 thru 01/13	\$ 4,787.00
Expenses to 01/24/19	\$ 7,201.01
Balance as of 01/24/19	\$ 10,472.83

BALANCES CHECKING ACCOUNTS:

Discipleship	\$ 1,356.60
Evangelism	\$ 317.99
Fellowship	\$ 5,886.97
General Account	\$ 10,472.83
Memorials	\$ 3,693.01
Missions	\$ 3,587.76
Trustees	\$ 3,624.52
Worship	\$ 144.68

BALANCES SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:

Parking Lot Fund	\$ 15,088.00
Property Improvement & Maintenance	\$ 8,875.80
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS:	\$ 53,048.16

Dann Harwood

Women's Group News: The Women's Group is doing Valentines for Vets in Cedar Rapids and also for Seniors at the Amana Nursing Home. Please help us out by writing a message on a card, which is out in the Narthex, to make their day a special one.

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



Menu: Sutton's Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, corn or green beans, homemade Kolaches and drink [Chicken Strips meal available also]

Cost: \$11.00

Children's Meal age 12 and under: \$6.00

Win a Door Prize!!

When: Saturday, April 6, 2019
Serving from 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



Clover Ridge UMC
125 5th Street North
Walford, Iowa 52351

Chili Cook Off
Sunday, February 10, 2019
5:00 p.m.

\$1.00 at the door buys your admission to a night of fun and food.

Use your TIP money to vote for your favorite chili cook.*

Let the Battle Begin!!!





FEBRUARY MILESTONES



Happy Birthday To:

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| 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 2019

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

February 3

Greeters: Terry & Sharyl & Chelsey Voss
Worship Treats: Sharyl Voss & Jan Larson
Ushers: Women of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s):
Nursery: Stacy Pasker /
Snow Shoveling Sidewalks: Larry & Spencer Beltz

February 17

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

February 10

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

February 24

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

As you can see we need help for the 17th & 24th of February. If you are willing to donate a little of your time it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Pastor Mike if you would like to help out. Thank you!



Sunday Morning Schedule

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

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We're on the Web!

Find us at:

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 24, 2019. Thanks!

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