

CLOVER RIDGE CHURCH NEWS

JANUARY 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

Psalms 119:105 says:

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

It is a good time to start a new habit!

Many of us try with a New Years’ resolutions! Here is a good one! Well! We need to spend time with God each day. In prayer, talking, listening, and reading His word the Holy Bible.

Here is some help to get you started on this for 2018:

1. Get a translation of the Bible that is one you can read and understand.

I recommend several. New King James Version, New International Version, New Century Version is a very good one to understand, and the English Standard Version is good as is the Holman Christian Standard Bible or I think it now goes by CSB.

2. Get you Bible in a large enough print that makes reading comfortable.

3. Go to a place where you are not bothered. Turn off your TV and phone.

4. Get a plan. Maybe you want to read the NT this year. Or you want to read the whole Bible this year. Or maybe you want to read a chapter a day? Look on line and find a plan that is helpful. If you are reading a chapter a day, start in Matthew, Mark, Luke or John, read through one gospel and go to the next. Read it through. Then read Acts. Read some of the letters to the churches. I suggest you read through Revelation last. But find a plan and stick to it. If you miss, catch up or skip a little just to get back on track.

5. It also might be helpful to have a good study Bible ...so if you get stumped, the commentary notes might help you understand. I recommend 3 different study Bibles.

a. The Life Application Study Bible (you can get it in different English translations)

b. The McArthur Study Bible (you can get it in different English translations)

c. The ESV study bible. You can only get it in the English Standard translation.

6. Spend time praying in your quiet time and reading God’s word and listening!

And you might like to keep a prayer list. That will help you remember who and what to pray for. For sure pray for our church, that God would empower us with His Spirit, and that we would grow and reach new people!

Spend time with God! You will not be sorry!

I am here to help and answer questions. I also have Bibles you can look at. Let me know how I can help!

Pastor Mike

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ham Dinner after the Christmas Pageant served nearly 60 people and collected \$393 in free will offering. Thanks to the Women's Group for providing the salads & desserts.

Women's Group News: The Women's Group is doing Valentines for Vets in Cedar Rapids and also to seniors. They will collect the valentines on Jan. 21 and Jan. 28 from the congregation.

ALPHA COURSE



Alpha Members: Stacy Pasker, Tim Hoskins, Marlene Wasendorf, Dorothy Snell, Joanne Beltz, Melissa Werner, Harriet Bierman.

Leaders: Dann Harwood, Gay Mercer, and Pastor Mike Townsley



Clover Ridge Women's Group donated items for the church kitchen instead of a gift exchange. Most of the kitchen items are donated! If you would like to donate please contact anyone in the Women's Group. Any donations are greatly appreciated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER:

Haste makes waste! – I really don't know who said it, but it is true! In my haste to list the 11/20 balance for last month's newsletter, I overstated the November expense figure. So, you will see the adjustment below. Again, the newsletter is awaiting my notes, but, I believe this month is accurate! (My apologies go to Sharyl Voss for the delay.)

Balance to 11/20/17	\$2,690.11
Offerings from 11/19 – 12/3	+\$5,661.00
Offerings from 12/10 & 12/17	Not deposited at this time of print time
Offering from 12/24/2017	+\$3,380.00
Interest	+\$ 5.48
Expenses adj. November	+\$ 916.23
Expenses thru December	-\$9,864.70
Balance December 31, 2017	\$2,788.12

The balance of the mortgage is \$227,611.19. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 641-236-6797. Nancy Newberry.



JANUARY MILESTONES



Happy Birthday To:

1: Harry Pegump Brock Ferry	20: Sadie Donahue
5: Dorothy Snell	22: Mary Messerschmitt Brandie Gross
6: Krista Barnell Randall Hoskins	24: Andrew Ward
7: Kathryn Martin	26: Aiden Gross James Balk
8: Nevaeh Cecak Richard Hatton	Natalie Christ
9: Debbie Erenberger	28: Tom Albert
15: Amanda Sproat	29: Spencer Beltz
18: Nathan Gross Debbie Sproat	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

(No Anniversaries reported)

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!

LAITY IN SERVICE – JANUARY 2018

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

January 7

Greeters: Sheryl & Louie Hein
Worship Treats: Sheryl Hein/Cathy Hoskins
Ushers: Women of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s): Aiden Gross
Nursery: Stacy Pasker / Ramona Heller
Snow Removers: Beltz's

January 14

Greeters: Shane & Becky & Sam Palmer
Worship Treats:
Ushers: Youth
Candle Lighter(s): Aiden Gross
Nursery: Stacy Pasker /
Snow Removers: Shane & Sam Palmer

January 21

Greeters: Randy & Cathy Hoskins
Worship Treats: Deb Hall & Betty Smith
Ushers: Men of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s): Aiden Gross
Nursery: Stacy Pasker / Deb Hall
Snow Removers: Beltz's

January 28

Greeters: Roger & Shirley Lowe
Worship Treats: Shirley Lowe & Dorothy Snell
Ushers: Men of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s):
Nursery: Stacy Pasker /
Snow Removers: Beltz's

Thank you to all that helped out throughout the year of 2017. Without your help the church wouldn't keep clean or function properly. We are very blessed with the volunteers that we have and are willing to donate their time to keep this beautiful church going and not have to pay someone to do these jobs. God bless you all and have a blessed New Year of 2018.

Sincerely your Newsletter Editor,

Sharyl R. Voss

January 2018
Clover Ridge UMC Calendar
Mission Baskets to General Mission Fund

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Happy New Year 2018	2	3 11 a.m. Hour of Power 7 p.m. Trustees elect officers	4	5	6
7 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 am Worship Service	8	9	10 11 a.m. Hour of Power 7 p.m. Church Council	11	12	13
14 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service	15	16	17 11 a.m. Hour of Power	18	19	20
21 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service	22	23	24 11 a.m Hour of Power	25	26	27
28 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service	29	30	31 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power			

2018 MISSION BASKET'S OFFERING

JANUARY

Apportionments Fund

FEBRUARY

One Great Hour of Sharing (All Month)

MARCH

Food Baskets for Easter

APRIL

Books for Kids

MAY

Mark and Ray Wilson Missionaries

MAY 12 – RUMMAGE SALE DAY

(Walford Garage Sale Day)

JUNE

Josh and Tammy Hunt Missionaries

JULY

General Mission Fund

AUGUST

General Mission Fund

SEPTEMBER

Imagine No Malaria

Coats – Hats – Mittens Collection (Also sweaters & blankets)

OCTOBER

Apportionments Fund

NOVEMBER

Christmas Food Baskets

DECEMBER

Christmas Food Baskets

(Deliver Christmas Food Baskets and Holiday Gift Bags)

We could do special offering in case of Natural or Man Made Disasters.

Thank you for your support of MISSIONS! IT FEELS GOOD TO GIVE, DOESN'T IT?

Sunday Morning Schedule

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

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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 18th, 2018. Thanks!

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