



CLOVER RIDGE  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
JANUARY 2019

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MIKE

**Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ**

When I was younger, in my 20s, back in the 1970s, I used to wonder what the world and my life would be like in 2020 or so. Well here we are at 2019...almost there! I don't think I could have imagined how much computers could change the world! I remember in high school my best friend got a kit from Radio Shack for \$99 to put together a calculator that would do no more than the simplest calculator we can buy for a couple of dollars can do today. We were using slide rules to do math before calculators! Of course I could not have imagined the internet either. I think back in 1978 I would have thought by this time we would have had another big war even on US soil. I am soooo thankful to God that has not happened. We have seen our culture move away from Biblical Christianity and this saddens me very much. Our United Methodist denomination will have a big General Conference next month to decide how we will decide to deal with the issue of homosexuality. After the General Conference, it may be that local churches and we as individuals may have to make some painful decisions as to what direction we will go. A whole lot of predictions, possibilities, and outcomes have been discussed and debated, but truthfully we do not know what we will have to decide upon until the General Conference makes the decision on how the UMC will go forward. It could be they will come to no decision, like they did in 2016 and in 2012 and shove the decision into a future General Conference again. So pray for the General Conference that they stay true to God's Word.

None the less, may we keep busy doing the Lord's work. We are one more year closer to his return. There are so many souls around us who do not understand the Saviors love for them. And they have no idea they need a Savior! We still have much to do. God help us.

**Pastor Mike**

## January 2019: Calendar Clover Ridge UMC

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <b>Happy New Year!</b>	2	3	4	5
6 <b>Communion Sunday</b>	7	8	9 11:00 a.m. <b>Hour of Power Prayer</b> 7:00 p.m. Trustees	10 Pastor Mike gone on vacation Jan 10-20	11 Pastor Mike gone on vacation Jan 10-20	12 Pastor Mike gone on vacation Jan 10-20
13 Pastor Mike gone on vacation Jan 10-20	14 Pastor Mike gone on vacation Jan 10-20	15 Pastor Mike gone on vacation Jan 10-20	16 <u>NO</u> Hour of Power  7:00 p.m. Church Council	17 Pastor Mike gone on vacation Jan 10-20	18 Pastor Mike gone on vacation Jan 10-20	19 Pastor Mike gone on vacation Jan 10-20
20 Pastor Mike gone on vacation Jan 10-20	21	22	23 11:00 a.m. <b>Hour of Power Prayer</b>	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 11:00 a.m. <b>Hour of Power</b>	31		
Each Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Congregational Worship				Pastor Mike is also available by appt. call him 551-3874		

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FUNERAL TEAM:** We would like to thank everyone who donated food and their time working for the funerals of Rick Rawson and Marcus Beebe. We have served over 200 people with these two funerals. If you would like to help with this team of great people, please contact Deb Hall, Shirley Lowe, or Sheryl Hein.

Thanks Again,  
Clover Ridge Funeral Team

**Mission News:** Mission Team would like to thank everyone for the donations for the Christmas food baskets. The baskets were delivered on December 23. Thank you for your donations.

Thanks Again  
The Mission Team

## NOTE FROM THE TREASURER:

This year is rapidly coming to a conclusion. As I hand the books over to Dan Harwood, I would like to thank the Clover Ridge family for responding faithfully when the books needed a “boost”. There are offerings to be banked that are not reflected at this day; however, I feel that 2018 was a year for which we must give thanks for God’s lifting of our burdens. And in 2019, Clover Ridge will begin with new energy.

Balance to November 24, 2018	\$ 9,220.04
Offerings – 11/8 thru 12/3	\$ 4,710.00
Close of “electronic transaction account”	\$ 483.54
Interest	\$ 4.07
Expenses to December 31, 2018	\$10,193.26
Balance to December 21, 2018	\$ 4,224.39

Clover Ridge Mission baskets had collected a total of \$117.30 towards Conference Apportionments. The decision was made by the Mission Committee to add to this amount \$882.70 to make a total of \$1,000 towards Apportionments. The total paid to Apportionments for Clover Ridge (assisted by the Women’s Group) becomes \$2,104.63. The quarter collections (assisted by children) amounted to \$540.70! Other projects were collections for UMCOR (disaster relief) \$231.56, Iowa Disaster Relief \$500, Change a Child’s Story \$166.17, and Imagine No Malaria \$104.45. Missionaries (Wilson/Hunt) each received \$100. 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:

- 1 – Harry Pegump/Brock Ferry
- 5- Dorothy Snell
- 6 – Krista Barnell/Randall Hoskins
- 7 – Kathryn Martin
- 8 – Nevaeh Cecak/Richard Hatton
- 15 – Amanda Sproat
- 18 – Nathan Gross/ Debbie Sproat
- 20 – Elliot Beltz/Sadie Donahue
- 22 - Mary Messerschmitt/Brandie Gross
- 24 – Andrew Ward
- 25 – Emma Werner
- 26 – Aiden Gross/Natalie Christ/  
James Balk/Brody Bries
- 27 – Melissa Werner
- 28 – Tom Albert
- 29 – Spencer Beltz



### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:



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

**If for some reason that your BIRTHDAY or ANNIVERSARY is omitted it is ONLY by accident. Please let Sharyl Voss or Pastor Mike know so we can get it on the Milestone for the Newsletter.**

**Thank you,  
Sharyl Voss**

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**Sunday Morning Schedule**

**Sunday School 9:00 am**  
**Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am - 11:15 am**  
**Wednesday Prayer 11:00 am**

**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, 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 January Newsletter, please submit it to Pastor Mike or Sharyl Voss (609pershing@gmail.com) by January 27, 2019. Thank you!  
Please let the church know if you have moved or no longer wish to receive this newsletter.

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