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# CLOVER RIDGE CHURCH NEWS

## JUNE 2017

### A Note from Pastor Mike

**Matthew 28:18-20**

**Jesus said- And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen**

**God has given the church 5 purposes for the church. These are 5 things we need to do!**

**1. Worship God, we do this together and as individuals. Give ourselves to praise, thanksgiving, singing and listening to God and His word, giving to the Mission of the Church. God calls us all to our weekly worship service together. We are not together without you!! The Bible warns us about missing our time together Hebrews 10:24-25 says- "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."**

**Part of our worship time together is hearing the Bible as being taught.**

**2. Share the gospel of Jesus Christ. Tell people about Jesus Christ, and His saving work. And that He wants them to have a living relationship with Him. Help them to start a life living with Jesus. Matthew 24:14 tells us- "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the entire world as a witness to all the nations," We need to share the gospel, invite people to worship. Share recorded sermons. We have many, many, sermons online.**

**3. Make Disciples. Teach them to follow Jesus Christ. Help them to learn what it means to be a follower. This includes baptizing them and helping them find their spiritual gift. Jesus said- "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; "That also means we must give ourselves to learning too!**

**4. Live in loving fellowship with each other. This means we have to get to know one another. Many bars in America are better at fellowship than the church is! This should not be so!! Jesus said we should love one another, Paul wrote we should bear one another's burdens. We are to know each other so we can help each other grow in our faith. And help each other through life!**

**5. Be in Mission and Service. The church was the welfare organization before the government got into that business. The church is called to reach out to help those in real need. Jesus said we should be people who give alms... that is, we give to help the poor, with food and shelter.**

**We are here to serve. Galatians 5:13 tells us- For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.**

**Remember Saints we are here to do these works, these assignments from God. We need God's help to do it! And we need to be about His business.**

**God bless you beloved of God,**

**Pastor Mike**

**Clover Ridge UMC**

**June 2017**

**Mission Baskets to- Josh and Tammy Hunt, Asia Missionaries**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>9 a.m.</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>11 a.m. Hour of</b> <b>Power</b> <b>7 p.m. Trustees</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Pastor Mike at</b> <b>Annual</b> <b>Conference</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Pastor Mike at</b> <b>Annual</b> <b>Conference</b>
<b>11</b> <b>9 a.m.</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Pastor</b> <b>Mike at</b> <b>Annual</b> <b>Conference</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Pastor Mike</b> <b>at Annual</b> <b>Conference</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Pastor Mike</b> <b>Vacation</b>	<b>14</b> <b>NO Hour of</b> <b>Power 7</b> <b>p.m. Church</b> <b>Council</b> <b>Pastor Mike</b> <b>Vacation</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Pastor Mike</b> <b>Vacation</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Pastor Mike</b> <b>Vacation</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Pastor Mike</b> <b>Vacation</b>
<b>18</b> <b>9 a.m.</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Pastor</b> <b>Mike</b> <b>Vacation</b> <b><u>Father's</u></b> <b><u>Day</u></b>	<b>19</b> <b>Pastor Mike</b> <b>Vacation</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>11 a.m. Hour of</b> <b>Power</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>USA Days</b> <b>Fairfax</b>	<b>24</b> <b>USA Days</b> <b>Fairfax</b>
<b>25</b> <b>9 a.m.</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>11 a.m. Hour of</b> <b>Power</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MISSION TEAM: THANK YOU** to everyone that helped with the Missions Rummage Sale. We made \$534.00. Thanks Again.  
**Ruth Phelps & Mission Team**

## **FLORAL NEWS:**

If anyone has REAL flowers and would like to arrange them for a floral arrangement for the altar table, PLEASE let Deb Hall know. Real flowers would be nice this time of the year.

## **WOMENS GROUP: BAKE SALE NEWS**

Thanks to all of you who donated baked goods and to those who supported the sale. It was a great success raising \$1,101. Thanks to those who worked the Bake Sale also. The money will go towards a stove, lawn equipment, or an outside lawn garage. What a great day we had.

**CLOVER RIDGE WOMEN'S GROUP**

## **YOUTH GROUP THANK YOU**

The Youth Group thanks you for all your support at Rummage Sale Day. We had good food sales, ran out of most everything. We made approximately \$700.00 to help send some youth to camp. Some of us will go to the Extreme Amped Camp again this year in July. It is for youth who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade and above..

Thank you

**Clover Ridge UMC Youth Group**

**Leaders: Larry & Melanie Beltz and Pastor Mike**

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUAT!**

Elizabeth Martin graduated from Benton Community. She is the daughter of Cari and Don Martin of Norway, Iowa. Elizabeth will be attending Wartburg College in the fall. Congratulations Elizabeth!!

## **ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2017**

The Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held Friday May 9-Monday May 12. Pastor Mike and Dann Harwood will be attending. Please pray for Annual Conference. It is the annual business meeting of the Iowa Annual Conference United Methodist Church. It takes place at Hy-Vee Hall (next to Wells Fargo Arena) in Des Moines.

## **Pastor Mike on Vacation**

Pastor Mike will be on Vacation Tuesday, June 13 through Monday, June 19. If you need emergency pastoral care please call one of our Stephen Ministry team. If you want them to visit you in the hospital, call one of them and ask them to come visit you. Our

Stephen Ministry Team is:

**Rick Heller 319-430-7039 Sheryl Hein 846-2471**

**Gay Mercer 319-622-3712 Joanne Beltz 227-7402**

**Sally Williams 319-213-5070**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...

## Vacation Bible School Help Needed

We have chosen our VBS dates for this year! It will be held from Monday, July 24th thru Thursday, July 27th from 6PM-8PM each night. We will need volunteers to make this a success.

If you would be willing to help, please contact me. Some of the things we will need help with:

**Registration-** People to welcome and register children

**Kitchen:** Cooks, Cleanup, Servers, Bringing food/snack

**Music:** Play Music CD's, play musical instrument, teach songs and movements to children (I will have songs/music/words ready)

**Arts and Craft:** Make projects with children (I will have lesson plans and supplies ready)

**Bible Lesson:** We will have groups and they will all need leaders to teach the Bible lessons and activities Group 1-Preschool, Group 2- Grades K-2, Group 3- Grades 3-5

**Games:** Organize and lead indoor/outdoor games

We also need nursery helpers. There is a sign- up sheet in the church lobby.

Our theme this year is "Shining Star-See the Jesus in Me!"

Lesson 1-Hearing God's Call....LISTEN

Lesson 2-Keeping to God's Path.....STUDY

Lesson 4-Living as Children of God.....FORGIVE

Lesson 5-Shining Like Stars....SHINE

This should be a great time and we look forward to working with all of you! Please contact me with any questions. Also there are VBS registration forms in the lobby of the church building. Feel free to pick some up to give to your neighbor children ages preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Or direct them to our church website <http://www.cloverridgechurch.org> and they can download a VBS registration there. Thank you!!

Michelle Bahr VBS Director

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## The Walford Waddle 5K Race and Walk

The Walford Waddle 5K Race and Walk is sponsored by our church! It will be Saturday morning, July 22, 2017 here on our church property. The Public is Welcome, we want to have as many walkers and runners as possible. The race will be July 22, 2017, registration will begin at 8 am. Start of Race will be 9 am. A Kid Fun Zone will be before, during, and after. We hope you will join us. For More Information contact Cari Martin 981-0341 or Ashley Ferry 480-2588.

## "God's Garden" Garden Project

Lizi Martin is heading up our Garden Project. This is GREAT! We are growing food for those in need! The Garden is in the back yard of the Parsonage (430 B Ave West in Walford). She is looking for helpers throughout the summer. You can contact Lizi by calling 319-981-3034 or email her at [lizi.martin99@gmail.com](mailto:lizi.martin99@gmail.com)

# June Milestones

**Mission Basket Offering: Josh & Tammy Hunt**

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

- 4: Harriet Bierman  
Elizabeth Martin**
- 5: Kristopher Bries**
- 6: Braxton Frame  
Kaitlyn Christ**
- 8: Brian Bries  
Cheryl Hatton**
- 12: Joe Buresh**
- 13: Reece Dolezal**
- 16: Marissa Schuchmann**
- 17: Sheryl Hein  
Diane Jeck**
- 22: Chad Christ  
Nick Pash**
- 23: Kevin Cecak  
Kiana Poolaw**
- 25: Zaccheus Gordon**
- 26: Pam Goschke**
- 28: Rick Rawson**
- 29: Tim Meyer**
- 30: Joseph Hatton**



## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

- 1: Dan & Sheri Harwood**
- 2: Ron & Kendra Lown**
- 3: Marcus & Lynn Beebe**
- 8: Steve & Mercy Dolezal  
Andy & Kristin Ward**
- 14: Bill & Jane Graesser**
- 17: Rick & Ramona Heller**
- 28: Brock & Ashley Ferry**
- 29: Rob & Debbie Sproat**



**JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> Flag Day**

**Don't forget to fly your flag on this day and be proud to be an  
AMERICAN**

**JUNE 18**

**Happy Father's Day**

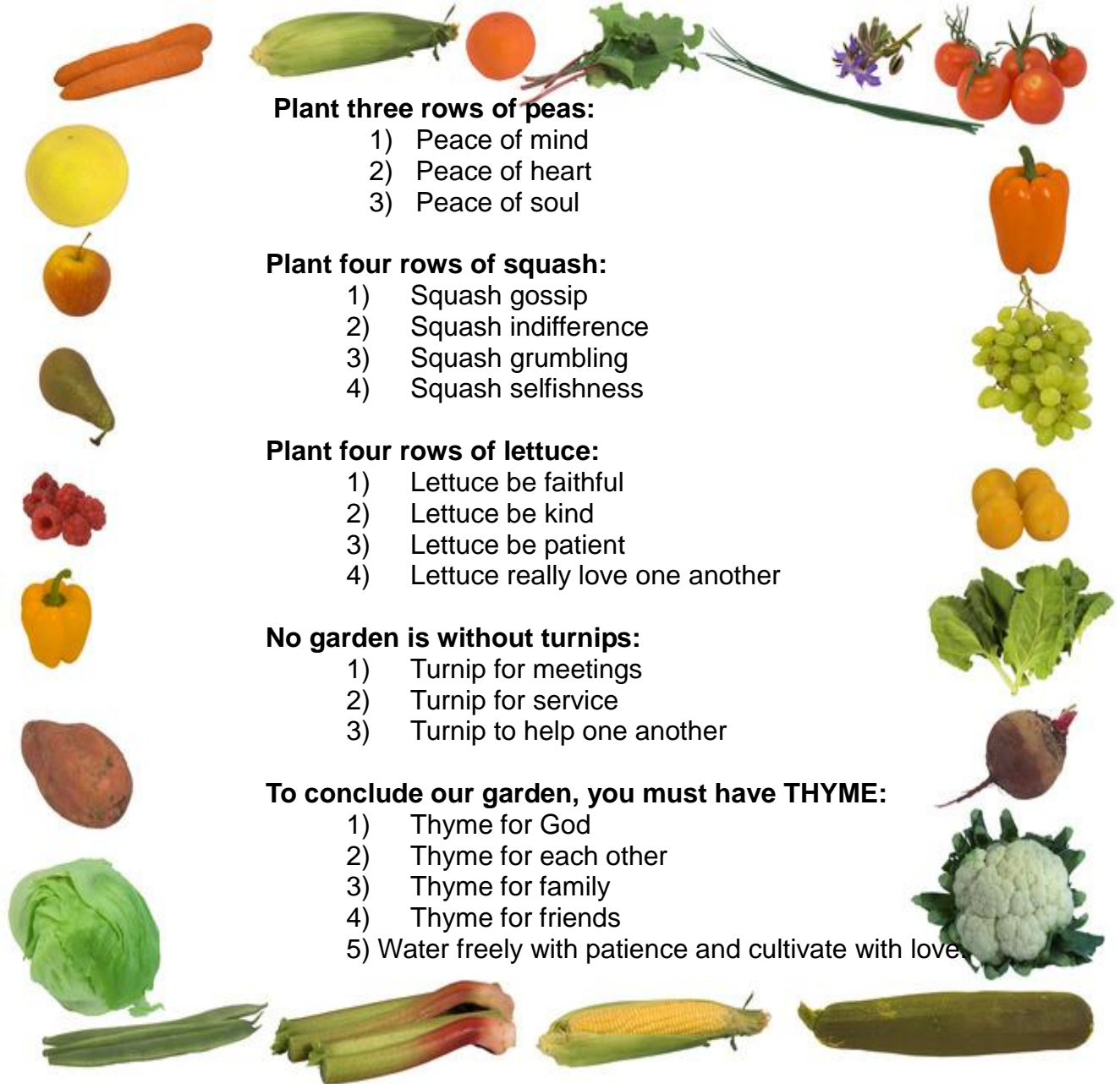
# How to Plant Your Garden: No Dirt Needed

Author Unknown

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First, you come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses.

For the garden of your daily living:



**Plant three rows of peas:**

- 1) Peace of mind
- 2) Peace of heart
- 3) Peace of soul

**Plant four rows of squash:**

- 1) Squash gossip
- 2) Squash indifference
- 3) Squash grumbling
- 4) Squash selfishness

**Plant four rows of lettuce:**

- 1) Lettuce be faithful
- 2) Lettuce be kind
- 3) Lettuce be patient
- 4) Lettuce really love one another

**No garden is without turnips:**

- 1) Turnip for meetings
- 2) Turnip for service
- 3) Turnip to help one another

**To conclude our garden, you must have THYME:**

- 1) Thyme for God
- 2) Thyme for each other
- 3) Thyme for family
- 4) Thyme for friends
- 5) Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you have sown.

## LAITY IN SERVICE – JUNE 2016

Thanks to all for your help!!!!!!! (As you can see there is a few blanks, if you would like to help, please let Pastor Mike know.)

### JUNE 4

**Greeters:** Roger & Shirley Lowe  
**Worship Treats:** Shirley Lowe & Dorothy Snell  
**Ushers:** Women of the Congregation  
**Candle Lighter(s):**

### JUNE 11

**Greeters:** Louie & Sheryl Hein  
**Worship Treats:** Sheryl Hein &  
**Ushers:** Youth Group  
**Candle Lighter(s):**

### JUNE 18 FATHER'S DAY

**Greeters:** Dorothy Snell &  
**Worship Treats:** Women's Group  
**Ushers:** Men of the Congregation  
**Candle Lighter(s):**

### JUNE 25

**Greeters:**  
**Worship Treats:**  
**Ushers:** Men of the Congregation  
**Candle Lighter(s):**

### JULY 2

**Greeters:**  
**Worship Treats:**  
**Ushers:** Women of the Congregation  
**Candle Lighter(s):**

#### **NOTES FROM THE TREASURER:**

“Trouble shared is trouble--halved”--Lee Iacocca

Sharing is usually deemed a good thing. “Sharing” evokes visions of passing that plate of your favorite cookies, or showing pictures of a vacation, or visiting with that favorite family member. But, with the word “Trouble” preceding, “sharing” becomes dark and concerning.

Although the General Expense balance is currently showing distress, we need to look at the last part of the quote-- “trouble, halved”. The term, “divide and conquer” comes to mind. If we adopt our stake in finances, the accumulation of efforts will quell the summer offering slump and allow us to catch up with current deficits.

Balance as of April 16 – General Expense	\$ 1,596.64
Offerings 4/23 thru 5/14	+ 5,305.00
Misc. Income	+ 2.52
Expenses for May (complete)	- <u>8,050.91</u>
Balance to May 14 (Expenses thru May)	- \$1,146.75

You can see that we are running in the red and depend on the balances of other purpose driven programs to pay the bills. Offerings have averaged only \$1,326 over the previous four weeks, and have not kept up with expenses. Please pray for Clover Ridge to prevail over this challenging time in finances. Remember to keep informed by referring to the bulletin board in the Narthex by Pastor's office door.

Current mortgage balance \$233,575.88. If you have questions, comments, or wish to have something addressed in future newsletters, please feel free to contact me at 641-236-6797.

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## **Sunday Morning Schedule**

**For the summer:  
Sunday Morning Worship 9:00 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, 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 July/August newsletter, please submit it to Pastor Mike or Sharyl Voss (609pershing@gmail.com) by Sunday, June 25th. Thank you!**  
**Please let the church know if you have moved or no longer wish to receive this newsletter. To sign up for electronic newsletter, please email [crumc@southslope.net](mailto:crumc@southslope.net).**

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