

CLOVER RIDGE CHURCH NEWS

JUNE 2018



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A Note from Pastor Mike

Acts 16:31

So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."

Taking the gospel of Jesus to our communities is not easy. Most people today will not gather around someone preaching on the street...they would think you are a nut. Many churches today are trying to create ways to bring the gospel to people in other ways. We need to connect with our communities some of these ideas I have heard other churches do and some were found on the internet.

1. Free meal. The church advertises they are going to serve a free meal....all are welcome. The church folks invite their friends and neighbors. They prepare a simple meal. Open the doors and welcome people with a smile. There are signs inviting people to worship on Sunday morning. The church does this once a month or every couple months.
2. Have a party and invite your communities to it! Free of course. Refreshments or sandwiches are served. There might be a bonfire. Free hay-rack rides. The church rents some inflatables for the kids to have some fun. There might be a band playing too. All this is free.
3. Some churches have a mission Sunday. They look around in their community to see if there are people they can help? They might find some widow who needs painting done. They might find a single Mom who needs some fixing up on her house. There might be a family that needs a ramp built for a handicapped person to get into their house. They might work on cleaning up a local park. ETC. They look for people to help. Then they choose a Saturday morning or some churches do it on Sunday morning. They gather for a short worship service. Then people are given their assignments. And away they go. Off to help. News travels fast that this is the church who cares about its community.
4. Parents day or evening out. We have done this! It was great!
5. Movie Night, once a month. We have tried that.
6. Community cookout. Have a cookout and invite the community. Could include sweet corn with it? All free of course.
7. Chili Cook Off. We have done that.
8. BBQ Cook off ...have it like we do the Chili Cook-off...but in the summer.
9. Run a fitness session in a local park with a personal trainer.
10. Hold a church service outdoors (e.g. in a local park). This will make it easier for people to see what a church service is like, without the fear-factor of venturing into an unknown building. We have done this...but you have to advertise so your community knows..
11. Encourage the people in your church to participate in a 'invite your neighbor to lunch on Sunday. Free of course!
12. Another idea... Send a media release to local media each time a new event is run.

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13. Random Acts of kindness are always good.

- Free Car Wash....talks about Jesus washing us!
- When Halloween comes...have a party free party at the church. Pass out treats to kids.
- Be a welcoming neighbor
- WE do write valentines to Vets and people in nursing homes etc! Awesome!
- Drive someone to a doctor's appt or chemo infusion (I have benefited from this kind act!)
- Give out Gatorade to your garbage workers, that say Jesus is the living water...join us at church on.....
- Send cards ...to hospitalized, grieving, and those in nursing homes.
- Mow grass for people who are having a crisis in their life, hospitalized, grieving...Etc

14. Advertise our food pantry is open on a certain day or days of the week.

15. St Paul's UMC in Williamsburg, IA, opened a used clothing store.

16. Another UMC in Iowa opened a coffee shop that was open mornings.

17. One church did a weekly community newsletter that they printed and put in the local convenience stores, passing them out for free.Of course there was church news and some articles about how Jesus had changed lives in there too.

Do you have ideas? Our church council would like to hear of them. I would like to see our church start reaching out. Can you head up a project?

Also we need to plan ahead, so we can publicize the things we do. We HAVE to let people know what we are doing! I think we have not been good at getting the word out! God help us!

Walk with the Lord and be a blessing.

Pastor Mike

A Special Message from Pastor Mike

On Sunday, May 20, I gave a special message on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives, in our church, and how the Holy Spirit can change a nation! I invite you to go to:

<http://sermons.cloverridgechurch.org/>

I hope you will listen to that message. I am asking all of you to join me in praying every day, for the Holy Spirit to come and move in our church and nation. I hope you will join me in praying every day this summer. God help us! God change us! God heal us!

Remember

- The Youth are collecting (empty!) pop and beer cans, and (empty!) pop and beer bottles. There are boxes in the entry way in the front entrance of the church you can put them in. Thanks for helping support our youth!

- We have a church library. It is in the room on the front right of the church worship sanctuary. You can check out books. Enjoy!

- **We have a food pantry.** We are always taking food items for it. Do you know someone in need? Please let Ruth Phelps or Marlene Wasendorf know.

Our Worship Time for the Summer:

9:00 a.m. Each Sunday!

Don't be a stranger!

Remember your church has bills to pay when you are not attending too!

DON'T BE SO BUSY THAT YOU DON'T TAKE TIME TO WORSHIP THE ONE WHO GIVES US SO MANY BLESSINGS!

Clover Ridge UMC: June 2018
Mission Baskets to- Josh and Tammy Hunt, Asia Missionaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power Prayer 7:00 p.m. Trustees	7	8 Pastor Mike and Dann at Annual Conference through June 11	9
10 Randy Davis Caulk Artist will be here!	11	12	13 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power 7:00 p.m. Church Council	14	15	16
17 Father's Day	18	19	20 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power Prayer	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power	28	29	30
Each Sunday 9:00 a.m. Congregational Worship				Pastor Mike is also available by appt. call him. 551-3874		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GROUP: The Youth Group made around \$1,100 from the Rummage Sale Food Stand. Proceeds will go towards camp and other necessities for the Youth.

MISSION TEAM: THANK YOU to everyone that helped with the Missions Rummage Sale. We made \$534.00. Thanks Again.

Ruth Phelps & Mission Team

WOMENS GROUP: BAKE SALE NEWS

Thanks to everyone who baked goodies and helped with the Bake Sale. It was a great success! A total of \$864.00 was raised to purchase a few light weight round tables and to replenish the kitchen fund to keep kitchen items stocked. Thanks for your support.

CLOVER RIDGE WOMEN'S GROUP

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

The Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held Friday, June 8 – Monday, June 11. 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.

Our church has a new sign! We are taking donations to pay for it. Our old one needed fixed and it was fading...The trustees said, "Let's get new redesigned sides and fix the lights inside." Low and behold it looks great. If you can help us pay for it, we would so much appreciate it. Send a check or put your check in the offering plate on Sunday. Make sure you designate the check "Church Sign" so it goes to that purpose! Thanks for your help!!!



Remember, we have a nursery available for kids 4 years and younger. Stacy Pasker is volunteered to be our leader. And we need a back ground checked adult to help Stacy each week. Please help if you can! This is a very important ministry to have if we expect to attract young families. Thank you Stacy and Thank you Volunteers!!

Randy Davis, Caulk Artist, from Ottumwa, will be here on Sunday June 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. worship! Invite your friends to come!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: This year the theme for VBS will be HOLYwood. It will be held on July 23rd – July 26th, from 6 – 8 p.m. More about it will be in the JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER. Any questions contact Melissa Werner.

June Milestones

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 4: Harriet Bierman
Elizabeth Martin**
- 6: Braxton Frame
Kaitlyn Christ**
- 8: Cheryl Hatton**
- 12: Joe Buresh**
- 13: Reece Dolezal**
- 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 14TH 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

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:

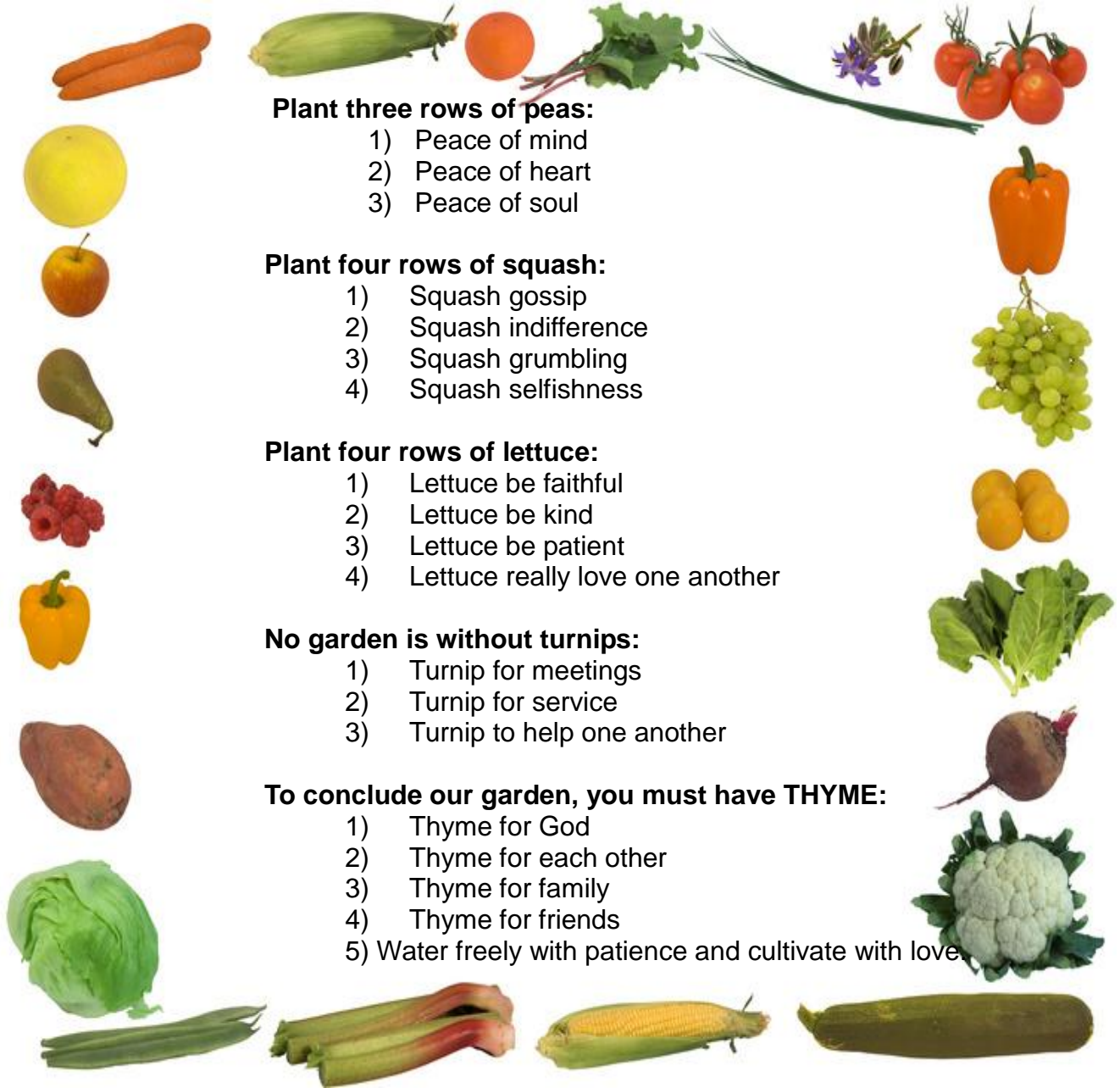
- 1) Lettuce be faithful
- 2) Lettuce be kind
- 3) Lettuce be patient
- 4) Lettuce really love one another

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 2018

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 3

Greeters: Cathy & Randy Hoskins
Worship Treats:
Ushers: Women of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s): Emma Werner
Nursery: Stacy Pasker & Melissa Werner

JUNE 10

Greeters: Louie & Sheryl Hein
Worship Treats: Sheryl Hein & Gay Mercer
Ushers: Youth Group
Candle Lighter(s):
Nursery: Stacy Pasker &

JUNE 17 FATHER'S DAY

Greeters: Dann & Shari Harwood
Worship Treats: Jan Larson &
Ushers: Men of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s):
Nursery: Stacy Pasker &

JUNE 24

Greeters: Roger & Shirley Lowe
Worship Treats:
Ushers: Men of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s):
Nursery: Stacy Pasker &

JULY 1

Greeters: Larry & Melanie Beltz
Worship Treats: Sharyl Voss &
Ushers: Women of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s):
Nursery: Stacy Pasker &

A NOTE FROM OUR TREASURER:

“A Father is one friend upon whom we can always rely.” – Emile Gaboriau
As we celebrate Father’s Day, let us remember that our Father is our true foundation. And, as we continue “constructing” what He plans for us, we need to thank Him for the tools he provides.

May was a very busy month for many purpose committees. The Trustees have collected \$1,968 in special offerings for the sign. The Mission committee, helpers, and those donating had a very successful rummage sale: the total, \$1,329.90. The recent UMCOR offerings netted \$231.56. The Books for Kids collection raised a total of \$166.17. The children continue to gather Heifer quarters: total to date sent to conference is \$181.11.

Another insurance premium will be due June, so we will be using a bit more of the reserve balance. As the summer unfolds, and special events occur, please remember the general expenses need your support. Thank you!

Balance to April 30, 2018	\$7,606.34
Offerings April 22 & 29	\$1,641.00
Offerings May 6 – 20	\$5,953.00
Interest	\$ 3.27
Expenses to end of May	\$8,530.36
Balance May 29, 2018	\$6,673.25

The balance of the mortgage is \$223,334.72. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call @ 641-236-6797. Nancy Newberry

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Find us at:
www.cloverridgechurch.org/

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE:
Sunday Morning Worship time: 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer Time: 11:00 a.m.
Summer schedule until Labor Day

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 July/August newsletter, please submit it to Pastor Mike or Sharyl Voss (609pershing@gmail.com) by Sunday, June 24th. 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 Pastor Mike: crumc@southslope.net.

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