

CLOVER RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2017



A NOTE FROM PASTOR MIKE

“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15 NKJV

We live in a amazing time. But it is also a time of sadness to us who are Christians. In America, each generation is seeing less and less people coming to follow Christ. There were half as many in my generation as in my Mom and Dad's generation. And in my kids generation there are half as many involved in church as my generation. We are headed towards where Great Britain is now. England/Scotland/Wales was once a very Christian nation. In the 1800's there were many, many missionaries sent to China and Africa and all over the world. They had great churches and great pastors like Charles Spurgeon and G. Campbell Morgan, But now in the UK statistics show only 4.3% of the nations citizens attend church and 48.5% identify as being no religious. I heard once that there are more going to a Mosque on the weekends than Churches in England. America will soon be there the way things are going.

What can we do?

1. Pray. Pray for God to bring revival. Pray for your unsaved and saved friends, family and co workers. Pray that God would have mercy on our nation and bring revival to us. Pray for a people to repent and come to Christ. Be a person of prayer. Pray that God would draw you close to Him and that He would use you.

2. Live a genuine Christ centered life. Let people see Christ living in You. Let people see someone who loves God and loves others. Let them see in you a servant/slave of Christ. Live for God. Enjoy life with God.

3. Witness to the gospel. What is the gospel?

John 3:16 tells us.

16) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 Corinthians 15:1-8 tells us too.

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2) by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3) For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4) and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5) and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6) After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7) After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8) Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. Witness to God's redeeming love in Christ and His resurrection. Let us tell people we have a great life with God. Let us tell them how God saved us from our sins. Let us tell them that God has given us new life, even resurrection life! Let us tell others, God loves you and wants to give you this life too!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mike

**CLOVER RIDGE UMC – NOVEMBER 2017
MISSION BASKETS – CHRISTMAS CARE BASKETS**

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Each Sunday: 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Congregational Worship			1 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power 6:00 p.m. Alpha Course 7:00 p.m. Trustees	2	3	4
5 All Saints Day Worship at 10 a.m.	6	7	8 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power 6:00 p.m. Alpha Course	9 7:00 p.m. Church Council	10	11 Veteran's Day
12	13	14	15 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power 6:00 p.m. Alpha Course	16	17	28
19 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship with potluck dinner after- Bring salad or dessert to share	20	21	22 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power 6:00 p.m. Alpha Course	23 Thanksgiving Day Thanks be to God for all His blessings!	24	25
26	27	28	29 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power 6:00 p.m. Alpha Course	30 Pastor Mike is available by appt. call: 319-551-3874		

Clover Ridge United Methodist Church
Lay Leadership/Nominations for 2018

Church Council Effective: January 1, 2018

Church Council ChairLarry Beltz 2018
Lay Leaders..... Gay Mercer 2018
Lay Member to Annual Conference..... Dann Harwood 2019
Church Treasurer....._Nancy Newberry 2018
Church Financial Sec't..... Brandie Gross 2019
Trustees Chair..... _____ elected 1-17
Staff Parish Relations Chair..... Ramona Heller 2018
Finance Committee Chair.....Nancy Newberry 2018
Missions/Service Team Chair. Ruth Phelps 6-30-2019
Evangelism/Fellowship Team Chair..... Cari Martin 6-30-2019
Discipleship/Education Team Chair..... Melissa Werner 6-30-2019
Worship Team Chair..... Sheryl Hein 6-30-2019
Church Membership Sec't.....Mary Northup 2018
Youth Leader Larry and Melanie Beltz
Church Council Recording Sec't..... Melissa Werner
Women's Group Representative.....Deb Hall
Men's Group Representative..... _____ Men's Group elects
Stephen Ministry Leader.....Rick Heller
Pastor..... Mike Townsley

Administrative Committees

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Ramona Heller 2018
Lay Leader: Gay Mercer 2018
Lay Member to Annual Conference: Dann Harwood 2019
Gordon Hurlbert 2019 Randy Hoskins 2020
Ramona Heller 2018 Don Martin 2018

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Chair: Shirley Lowe 2019
Pat Bahr 2018 Deb Hall 2019 Becky Palmer 2020

MEMBERSHIP AUDIT COMMITTEE

Membership Chair: Mary Northup Financial Sec't: Brandie Gross Pastor Townsley

FUNERAL DINNER TEAM

Debbie Hall, Shirley Lowe, Sheryl Hein, Jan Larson, Betty Cobb, Pat Bahr, Joanne Beltz, Gary Hall and Roger Lowe, Nancy Africa

FINANCIAL AUDIT TEAM

Ron Lown 2018 Dann Harwood 2019

CHURCH DECORATING TEAM (except Christmas): Debbie Hall (Sanctuary), Marlene Wasendorf & Nancy Africa (Fellowship Hall), Dorothy Snell still changes the parament colors

CHRISTMAS DECORATING TEAM: (For the whole church building)

Co-Chair Marlene Wasendorf & Nancy Africa

Lou and Sheryl Hein, Gary and Deb Hall, Roger and Shirley Lowe, Gay Mercer and The co-chair may ask others to help.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair: Nancy Newberry 2017

Church Council Chair: Larry Beltz

SPRC Chair: Ramona Heller

Financial Sec't: Brandie Gross **Lay Member to AC** Dann Harwood

Lay Leader Gay Mercer

Trustees Chair _____ **elected 1-18**

TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

Chair: _____ **elected 1-18**

Vice Chair: _____ **elected 1-18**

Sec't: _____ **elected 1-18**

Louie Hein 2020 _____ **2020**

Janice Rawson 2018 Don Martin 2018

Shane Palmer 2019 Rick Heller 2019

Nancy Africa 2020 Jan Larson 2020

Louie Hein 2020

LAY LEADERSHIP/NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair: Pastor Mike Townsley

Lay Leader Gay Mercer

Ashley Ferry 2019 Ruth Phelps 2019

_____ **2020**

Shari Harwood 2018 Juli Martin 2018

BIBLICAL PURPOSE PROGRAM TEAMS

DISCIPLESHIP EDUCATION TEAM

Chair Melissa Werner **6-30-19**

Vacation Bible School Director (In Process)

Larry Beltz, Melanie Beltz, Cathy Hoskins, Dann Harwood, and the chair of the team may recruit other team members.

WORSHIP TEAM

Chair: Sheryl Hein **6-30-2019**

Larry Beltz, Brock Ferry, David Forbes, LaVonda Gordon

MISSIONS/SERVICE TEAM

Chair Ruth Phelps **6-30-2019**

Mary Lou Stearns, Gay Mercer, Marlene Wasendorf, Joanne Beltz

EVANGELISM/FELLOWSHIP TEAM:

Chair: Cari Martin 6-30-19

Ashley Ferry, Cathy Hoskins, Melanie Beltz. Becky Palmer

Ministry in Other Capacities

Church Historian: Shari Harwood

Church Rental Contact: Kendra Lown

Communion Steward: Dorothy Snell

Alternate Member to Annual Conference: Gay Mercer

Accompanists: Piano: Brock Ferry, David Forbes, Ursula Williams

Church Library Director: Melanie Beltz

Medical Equipment Lending Ministry Director: Mary Northup

Nursery Ministry Director: Stacy Pasker

Grass Mowing: Louie and Sheryl Hein

Parking Lot Snow Removal: Don Martin

Church Cleaning Team: Chair: Dorothy Snell with help of congregation volunteers

Church Sign: Spencer Beltz and Gavin Pash

Church Handy Man: Louie Hein

**Sound Booth: Larry Beltz, Juli and Lizi Martin, Elliot and Spencer Beltz,
Gavin Pash, Aiden Gross**

Newsletter Editor: Sharyl Voss

Bulletin Folders: Gay Mercer, Betty Smith, Roger and Shirley Lowe

Church Facebook Page: Pastor Mike and Cathy Hoskins

Fall Supper: Co Chairs: Sheryl Hein and Shirley Lowe

**Deb Hall, Dorothy Snell, Shirley Lowe, Gay Mercer,
Nancy Africa, LaVonda Gordon**

Mary Lou Sterns, Joanne Beltz and Marlen Wassendorf

Fall Auction: Don and Cari Martin, Roger Lowe and Jan Larson, Debbie Hall

**PLEASE LET PASTOR MIKE KNOW ABOUT CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS...THANK YOU.
PRAISE GOD AND THANK HIM FOR ALL OUR SERVANTS OF THE LORD!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOVER RIDGE UMC FACEBOOK PAGE

We have a Clover Ridge UMC Facebook page, Cathy Hoskins is the editor. The web site is: <http://www.facebook.com/CloverRidgeUMC/>. Feel free to share and post on our Facebook page things concerning our church announcements and prayer request.

THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER

WHERE: CLOVER RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WHEN: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

TIME: AFTER WORSHIP THAT DAY (approximately 11:30 a.m.)

Our Thanksgiving Sunday will be after worship that day, you are all invited (bring friends too) our Church Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at our church

Fellowship hall. Meat will be provided, so bring salads and desserts to share. Last year this was a great meal. Don't miss it!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED...



Alpha Course members enjoying a meal before the class starts

MISSION TEAM: The Mission Team will be collecting food for holiday baskets in November & December. Thank you to everyone who donated coats, gloves, mittens, etc... It is greatly appreciated.

The Mission Team

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER:

“Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures.” Psalm 107:1
With the month of November in mind, I can’t find any famous quote that can summarize better than that. At Clover Ridge we are blessed! Please find below the monthly balances.

Balance to 9/30/17	\$1,035.94
Offerings 9/24 thru 10/15	\$6,253.23
Auction/Supper Proceeds	\$5,920.00
Interest Income	\$ 2.38
Expenses thru October	\$7,913.50
Balance 10/31/2017	\$5,298.05

The Fellowship Committee, with the efforts of their fund raiser WADDLE RUN, designated payment of \$500 to UMCOR. The current Mortgage Balance is \$229,155.80. Remember, if you are on a Purpose Committee and need to know your category balance, the monthly Balance Sheet can be found on the Narthex bulletin board. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 641-236-6797. Nancy Newberry.

Bad Weather Cancellations

Sometimes we have bad weather in the winter, so bad that we feel it is best to be safe and stay home. How will you be able to tell if that happens? Here is what I will do if it happens. I will try to do all of this by 8:15 a.m. on a Sunday if we have bad weather and are cancelling.

1. Put it on channel 2, KGAN and channel 9 KCRG
2. Put the cancellation on our church website at www.cloverridgechurch.org
3. Send out an email to those on my email list that church is cancelled. If you are not on my church email list, email me at crumc@southslope.net and I will put you on.
4. Hopefully also Get to the church and put it on the church phone message that SS and worship are cancelled today.

Chances are we will have one Sunday this winter that we think it is best to cancel for safety sake. We will see. If we cancel, I encourage you to have your own church at home. Be Safe!

Pastor Mike

NOVEMBER MILESTONES

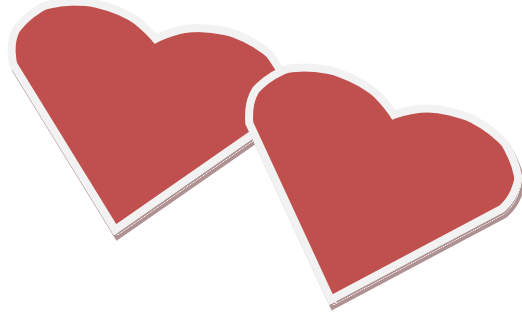
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

- 4: Don Martin
- 5: Brad Lown
Guetingar Rabbi
Jon Dahlstrom
- 12: Julianne Martin
- 14: Kaden Erb
- 15: Piper Lennon
- 17: Ursula Williams
Michelle Bahr
- 23: Betty Smith
- 24: Shirley Lowe
- 25: Camden Pash
Diane Albers
- 28: Vincent Ferry
- 30: Marcus Beebe
Elizabeth Ellis



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

- 26: Dale & Peg Carrothers
- 28: Casey & Tammy Frame
- 29: Ron & Vicki Conley



FACTS ABOUT NOVEMBER

Birthstone: Topaz

Flower: Chrysanthemum

The month of November comes between the seasons of autumn and winter.

Usually the trees are bare and the dead leaves have lost their brilliant colors that they had in October. Soft snow may hide the bareness of the fields but the grays and browns of the landscapes are still found by the hazy delightful sunny days that are left. The Anglo-Saxon called November “the wind month” and sometimes “the blood month”, probably because during this time of year they killed animals for their winter meat. Football is the outstanding sport in November with basketball starting.

A few more facts for November: (Nov. 6, 1869) First intercollegiate football game. (Nov, 19, 1863) Abe Lincoln’s Gettysburg Address was delivered. (Nov. 22, 1963) President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. (Nov. 26, 1789) First national Thanksgiving Day in the U.S.

LAITY IN SERVICE – NOVEMBER 2017

NOVEMBER 5

Greeters: Cari Martin & _____
Worship Snacks: Cari Martin & Shari Harwood
Ushers: Women of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s): Aiden Gross
Nursery: Stacy Pasker & Cari Martin

NOVEMBER 12

Greeters: Shane & Becky Palmer
Worship Snacks: Nadine & Doni Thompson
Ushers: Youth of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s): Aiden Gross
Nursery: Stacy Pasker & Ruth Phelps



NOVEMBER 19

Greeters: Deb & Gary Hall
Worship Snacks: Potluck meal after worship
Ushers: Men of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s): Aiden Gross
Nursery: Stacy Pasker & _____

NOVEMBER 26

Greeters: Joanne Beltz & Dorothy Snell
Worship Snacks: Joanne Beltz & Dorothy Snell
Ushers: Men of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s): Aiden Gross
Nursery: Stacy Pasker & _____
Sidewalk Shoveled: Don Martin



DECEMBER 3

Greeters: Nancy Africa & Marlene Wasendorf
Worship Snacks: Jan Larson & _____
Ushers: Women of the Congregation
Candle Light(s): _____
Nursery: Stacy Pasker & _____
Sidewalk Shoveled: Don Martin



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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

Sunday school: 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer: 11:00 a.m.

About Our Organization...

Clover Ridge is a United Methodist Congregation in Walford, Iowa. Our church is made up of people from Walford, Fairfax, and Cedar Rapids, Norway, Amana Colonies, Marengo, Walker and other places too. We are an evangelical Bible believing church who loves Jesus Christ.



If you have anything to contribute to the November Newsletter, Please submit it to Pastor Mike or Sharyl Voss (609pershing@gmail.com) by Sunday, November 22, 2017. Thanks!
Please let the church know if you have moved or no longer wish to receive this newsletter.

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