

CLOVER RIDGE CHURCH NEWS

OCTOBER 2017



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

Please call first in case Pastor Mike has been called away.



A NOTE FROM PASTOR MIKE

Psalms 66:1 says-- "Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!"

God is a good God, Full of mercy and loving kindness toward us.

Charge Conference. What is it? It is usually a yearly planning meeting where we make contact with the District Superintendent.

Our United Methodist Book of Discipline, our church rulebook says this: "The primary responsibilities of the charge conference in the annual meeting shall be to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church, receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council that are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church."

This is a meeting to keep us on track. To do things we need to be right with the government. To remind us we are about important things in our mission. It gives us pause to stop and look at what we are doing, what we need to do different and make plans for the future.

The nominations report will be received and voted on. The Pastor Parish committee recommends my salary and that is voted on. If we have candidates for Pastoral Ministry, lay speakers, lay servants, certified lay minister or deaconesses, they are voted on. We also receive reports. It is a time of worship and reflection. Our Book of Discipline allows the Charge Conference to become a Church Conference so all the full professing members of the church can attend, if it is announced before hand. And it has been. So if you are a full professing member of our church you are invited to this meeting and you can vote. Our Church Conference will be Sunday, Oct. 15 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Marengo United Methodist Church, Marengo, Iowa. I think our Conference Superintendent Rev. Kiboko Kiboko will be in charge of the meeting.

Report on the tractor ride. We had 17 tractors come and we had the opportunity to have some fun and share the gospel of Jesus at a great lunch. Thanks to Pat Bahr, Kevin Bahr and Sherri Gillick for the donation of the wonderful Kolaches!!! Wow they were good. And thanks to our team who made the tractor ride possible, Rev. Diane Townsley, Nancy Newberry, Gay Mercer, Tim Hoskins and Stacy Pasker. The tractor ride made \$878 to help fund the ministry of our church.

I want to thank all of our volunteers. We have so many doing so many different things. Thanks to our Fall Supper, Auction, Bake Sale and Auction leadership and volunteers! You got a lot done and God gave us a good crowd. And we made money to help fund the ministry at CRUMC over \$5800 dollars. Alpha Course is going on now. We have 8 or so taking the course. We will have a great time.

We look forward to coming events. Sunday, November 5 is All Saints Sunday, when we remember and celebrate those who have gone before us! Thanksgiving Sunday will be November 19th with a Potluck dinner following worship.

**God Bless
Pastor Mike**

CLOVER RIDGE UMC - OCTOBER 2017 - MISSION BASKET (GENERAL FUND)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Congregational Worship	2 7 p.m. Church Council	3	4 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power 6:00 p.m. Alpha Course	5	6	7
8 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Congregational Worship	9	10	11 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power 6 p.m. Alpha Course	12	13	14
15 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Congregational Worship <u>2:00 p.m. -4:30 p.m. Church Conference at Marengo UMC</u>	16	17	18 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power 6 p.m. Alpha Course	19	20	21
22 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 am Worship	23	24	25 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power 6 p.m. Alpha Course	26	27	28
29 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 am Worship	30	31 All Saints Eve	November 1 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power 6 p.m. Alpha Course All Saints day			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S GROUP – We would like to thank everyone who donated their time, baking expertise, helping out at the bake sale, and buying items during the Fall Supper and Auction. The Bake Sale brought in over \$914.00. The money will go towards apportionments.

Thank you all again,
Women's Group

MISSION TEAM: Mission Team is collecting hats, mittens, coats, scarves, and sweaters for the month of October. Anything that is warm would be very much appreciated.

Thank You
The Mission Team

AUCTION NEWS: A BIG THANKS to all who participated and came out to support the 2017 Clover Ridge Supper/Auction/Bake Sale. Every year we can improve with everyone's help. Thanks to all of you who went out and collected donations, those who helped prepare the supper, worked at the auction, and also the clean up afterwards, or even made bars, salads, or made a cash donation. Thanks to all who purchased items from the auction and bake sale. Most of all, for just being there and praying for a great successful evening of fellowship. A great time was had by all. The supper brought in \$1,203.00, we served 149 persons. Funds raised from the Auction went into the General Fund. Bake Sale raised \$914.00 and the Auction approximately \$4,717.

GREAT JOB!

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

“No road is long with good company.” – Turkish Proverb

Clover Ridge, we made it through another month - together again. Although an insurance premium made it a financial close call, we gave \$764.01 to UMCOR to help those suffering from hurricane damage in Texas and Florida. Well done! Here is an update...

Balance as of 8/31	\$ 3,795.10
Offerings 9/3 thru 9/17	\$ 5,748.00
Tractor Ride Fund Raiser	\$ 878.00
Misc. Income	\$ 22.49
Expenses thru 9/30	\$ 9,257.65
Temporary Start up Supper Cash	\$ 150.00
Balance to 9/30	\$ 1,035.94

Current Mortgage Balance - \$230,099.52. If you have questions, comments, or wish to have something addressed in future newsletters, please feel free to contact me at 641-236-6797.

Nancy Newberry

P.S. Just a quick update to let you know about the Fall Supper/Auction proceeds. First thing....thank you to all the willing workers that made it all such a success! Everything went so flawlessly. The food was great, a good crowd was served. And, as always, the auction was filled with fun-filled moments. The proceeds are as follows.... (Businesses Cash Donations \$ 350.00) (Supper Precedes \$1,203.00) (Auction Precedes \$4,367.00) = Total \$5,920.00.

Laity in Service

October 8

Greeters: Roger and Shirley Lowe

After Worship Treats: Shirley Lowe and Sharyl Voss

Ushers: Youth

Candle Lighter(s):

Nursery: Stacy Pasker and _____

October 15

Greeters: _____ and _____

After Worship Treats: _____ and _____

Ushers: Men of the Congregation

Candle Lighter(s): _____

Nursery: Stacy Pasker and Debbie Hall

October 22

Greeters: _____ and _____

After Worship Treats: _____ and _____

Ushers: Men of the Congregation

Candle Lighter(s): _____

Nursery: Stacy Pasker and _____

October 29

Greeters: _____ and _____

After Worship Treats: _____ and _____

Ushers: Men of the Congregation

Candle Lighter(s): _____

Nursery: Stacy Pasker and _____

OCTOBER MILESTONES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

3: Nadine Thompson
9: Jan Larson
Ashley Ferry
12: Steve Dolezal
Vicky Gordon
Brook Nemec
13: Mary Northup
15: Joshua Barnell
20: Louie Hein
24: Sara Sjobakken
25: Sally Williams
Nathan Ward



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

1: Jeremy & Kiana Poolaw
10: Terry & Sharyl Voss
13: Larry & Melanie Beltz
17: Kevin & Charity Cecak
20: Shane & Rebecca Palmer
26: Richard & Cherryl Hatton



If you do not see your name on your BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY MONTH, PLEASE let Sharyl Voss or Pastor Mike know so we can get it on the Milestone.

Facts about October

Birthstone: Opal & Tourmaline

Flower: Calendula

The first frost usually occurs in October in the North Temperate Zone. Most crops are harvested and finished by the farmers with the scare of cold weather but we still have days of warm, hazy sunshine. Leaves are changing to the wonderful colors of different reds, browns, and gold's. Flowers that bloom at this time are wild asters, goldenrod, and fringed gentians. Most birds have left to fly south where warmer temperatures are found. The sparrows are fond of the October weather and also feed on the fields and meadows which are rich with weed seeds that might otherwise damage the next crop. Columbus Day is observed on the 12th day of October which he arrived in America in 1492. One of the children's favorite days is in October that would be Halloween, the last day of the month.

A few more facts that happened in October: The "Model T" Ford was put on the market in 1908, The Great Chicago Fire happened in 1871, and the Statue of Liberty was dedicated in 1886.

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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, 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, October 22, 2017. Thanks!

Please let the church know if you have moved or no longer wish to receive this newsletter.

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