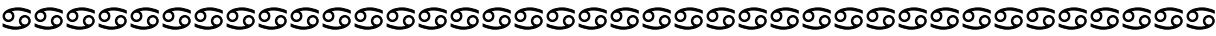


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THE COMMUNICATOR –JUNE, 2018



Ada/Minneapolis United Methodist Community
Christ’s Ambassadors by Inviting, Sharing, Nurturing and Forgiving
From the Heart of the Pastor!

Sunday May 20, 2018, was Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost has a Jewish as well as Christian significance. For the Jews, Pentecost is the festival of “FirstFruits”. In the Jewish feast of Pentecost, the Jews were to offer up a grain offering along with the regular burnt offerings. The grain was to be “FirstFruits” of new grain harvested from the land. In fact, Pentecost was a regular Old Testament festival. In the time of Moses, several annual festivals were prescribed and celebrated throughout the year. The festival of Passover was the first to be celebrated in the Jewish year.

Jesus Christ was crucified during the Passover. Exactly 50 days after Passover, the Jews celebrated the Feast of Pentecost. This was an allusion – the depth of which was unseen by the first Jews from the time of Moses – of the coming of the Holy Spirit on that more famous Pentecost Sunday in Acts Chapter 2.

Unlike Christmas and Easter, this Sunday passes with such little fanfare that there is a good chance that many Christians will not think about it or be reminded of it. But it is another sign, a remarkable allusion in the unfolding of the gospel that it deserves our full attention.

For many Christians, Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church! According to Acts Chapter 2, this is the day the Holy Spirit came down to indwell the followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus had instructed his disciples to remain in Jerusalem, and not to go anywhere until they have received the Holy Spirit. In fact, the reason that there were so many people in Jerusalem, from all corners of the world, speaking different languages, was precisely because they were there to celebrate the Old Testament Pentecost.

But God was making all things new! Charles H Spurgeon once said; “I may know all the doctrines of the Bible, but unless I know Christ, there is not one of them that can be saved!” On that day the spirit of God descended on the followers of Jesus and Peter preached the first gospel message and “three thousand were added to their number that day.” Acts 2:41. And the number of gospel followers has been growing continually ever since that new Pentecost Sunday!

The Acts 2 event happened 50 days after Jesus' resurrection. It was during this “quiet” interval of 50 days that the convictions of Jesus' disciples regarding his resurrection were formed and hardened. On Pentecost Sunday, it all went public and history has been changed because of it. Whether you believe in the resurrection or not, your life has been affected by the events of that new Pentecost Sunday.

Pentecost is significant on several counts. First of all, one of the reasons that the gospel is “Good News” is that not only is it about a conquering of death, but it is also about living life differently. Life is now a union between God and people. And this union takes place through the indwelling of the spirit of God – that started on the Pentecost Sunday. The Good News is that life can now be lived on a different level, in a relationship with God. Through the Holy Spirit. The indwelling spirit of God is a “first fruits” of the gospel, intimately tied with the resurrection because the spirit is a first fruit, a deposit so to speak, of our coming personal resurrection.

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On a personal note: Thank you Ottawa County community. You taught me a lot the past four years. I am moving on to Comanche County, Kansas July 1, 2018. I will be stationed in Coldwater. I will miss you and will be going with fond memories.

Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza

JUNE EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

LITURGISTS

- 3 - Outdoor worship
- 10 - Dale Henderson
- 17 - Shayla or Tim Bailey
- 24 - Dale Henderson

ACOLYTES

- 3 - Outdoor worship
- 10 - Conner and Jordan Peck
- 17 - Brinley Boyer
- 24 - Makenna and Kaitlyn Worlock

CHILDREN'S MESSAGES

- 3 - Dale Henderson
- 10 - Dale Parker
- 17 - Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza
- 24 - Tamala Lott

GREETERS

- 3 - Arlen Bacon
- 10 - Dale and Colette Henderson
- 17 -
- 24 - Dale and Colette Henderson

NURSERY

- 3 - Outdoor Worship
- 10 - Becky McDuffee & Rosalee Tibbits
- 17 - Becky McDuffee & Barb Kibler
- 24 - Becky McDuffee & Angel Constable

BEST CHOICE UPC LABELS

Please continue to save Best Choice UPC labels. All earnings go toward youth activities. Currently we have over 1,500 labels saved for this year. Our group earns \$30 in cash for each bundle of 1,000 UPCs sent in. Also we will receive an annual bonus certificate worth an additional \$30 when we redeem the first bundle of UPCs. Let's see if we can save another 1,500 labels or more before the end of the year!

Thanks, Colette Henderson

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ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Corey & Cassie Bohl
- 1 - Richard & Sharon Foust
- 8 - Stanley & Ruth Briggs
- 11 - Daren & Ruthie Sanders
- 21 - Dave & Cheryle Hardesty
- 29 - Al & Joan Miles

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Rhonda Bacon & Colton Fuller
- 3 - Kathleen Wedel & Kaleb Ocker
- 4 - Lance Johnson
- 5 - Shasta Weatherman
- 8 - Paul Muller & Jean Robbins
- 10 - John Tibbits & Brock Constable
- 14 - John Hudson
- 15 - John Griffin
- 18 - Patricia Baccus
- 21 - Carlean Sanders
- 28 - Dustin Lott
- 29 - Megan Grimes & Becky McDuffee
- 30 - Rick Nichols

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – ADULT

Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Following are the lessons that will be discussed in June:

- 3 - Justice and Sabbath Laws
- 10 - Parables of God's Just Kingdom
- 17 - Jesus Teaches About Justice
- 24 - Reaping God's Justice



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Thanks to all who participated in any way in our UMW Bake Sale downtown on May 25.

June 9 – 9:00 a.m. Fellowship Breakfast UMW invites everyone to join us in fellowship hall for a time of fellowship, devotions, and breakfast.

June 12 – 7:00 p.m. Meet in Fellowship Hall for an evening of cutting, pinning, stitching as we make feminine hygiene kits for missions. Bring scissors, pins, sewing machines. All women are welcome.

OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The Fathers will be recognized on Father's Day. The Committee will conduct a school supply collection for teachers to provide to the children in need.

Deb Nichols and Tammy Krueger,
Co-chairpersons

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Sunday, June 3 at 9:30 a.m. will be the annual Outdoor Service at the Bennington State Lake shelter house. This will be a combined service for the Ada and Minneapolis Churches. A light brunch will follow the service. Contact the church if you need a ride. A bus will be available to take anyone to the event.

A lively group of 23 youth had lunch together then met for acolyte and usher duties training on May 19 and 27. Thank you to Steve Baccus for conducting the usher training and parents for supporting our youth in this important ministry of the church.

Colette Henderson and Pat Baccus,
Co-chairpersons

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

On September 8, Missions will be holding a garage sale, so start collecting your items for the event.

Blythe Atwell and Rosalee Tibbits, Co-chairpersons

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Administrative Council Committee will not meet in June. The next meeting will be on July 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL...

...will take a summer hiatus beginning June 3. It will resume when school starts in the fall.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the cake and punch that you had for us graduates.

It was really nice and we really appreciated it. Also, thank you for the Bible's we got as gifts. Clayton Goddard, Colton Fuller and Kadyn Fuller (Thank you Notes Cont. next column)

(More thank you notes!)

Dale and Colette Henderson wish to thank anyone involved in the nine baseball concession stands this spring. From those who donated hamburger, made brownies, cookies or other treats, or worked in the stand, a sense of family certainly prevailed. What a great group of youth we have! And they do an awesome job of counting back change!! Approximately \$1800 was earned for youth activities.

Dear Pastor Kennedy,

I am the daughter of Beth Hazlett, for whom you conducted her funeral. I am writing to tell you how much I enjoy your Pastor's Pen in the Minneapolis Messenger. I have continued taking the paper, and your message is one of the reasons. Thank you for touching my life with Christ's spirit.

Best wishes on your move! Elaine Beck



Planning for FAIR STAND 2018 is well on its way!! Please save the dates and be thinking of how you can help our church's major fundraiser be a roaring success!!

We have people working well ahead of time on grocery and paper goods orders, buying and cooking meats and tortilla shells, planning menus and more! There are individual people in charge of each of those projects, a morning shift chairman, an evening shift chairman, another in charge of the work schedule and pies, and yet another working to get the fair stand cleaned before and after the fair etc. etc. etc.!! We even have someone responsible for taking care of the money every day!

There is plenty of work for everyone interested in helping!!

Watch for more information to be emailed, posted on the back wall and announced in church.

Questions? Comments? Ideas? Interested in volunteering?

Contact Steve (392-7140) or Pat (392-7316) Baccus.

Your help is always needed and appreciated!!

Minneapolis First United Methodist Church
Administrative Council Committee Meeting
April 11, 2018

The Administrative Council Committee (“ADCO”) met for their monthly meeting. Those in attendance were: Dale Henderson, Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza, Gary Kay, Colette Henderson, Deb Nichols, Tamara Krueger, Sharon Foust and Joan Miles. A meeting was not held in March.

The meeting was opened by Pastor Kennedy giving a devotion.

Minutes: The February, 2018 Minutes had one correction. The second paragraph of the Finance Committee Report should read: The Hand Bells have been refurbished and the bill has been paid. It is still to be determined where funds will be transferred from to take this expense out of the budgeted line item for Worship. Gary Kay approved the Minutes with the correction. Sharon Foust seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Treasurer’s Report: No report.

Finance Committee Report: No report was given. The Finance Committee and Trustees will have a joint meeting Wednesday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Jean King memorial.

Trustees’ Report: Gary Kay reported Bruce Brown with Callabresi Heating & Cooling evaluated the condition of the air conditioning and heating units. The Trustees recommended replacing the Wesley Room furnace. Gary Kay made a motion that the furnace be replaced and Sharon Foust seconded the motion. All Ayes.

Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Committee Report: No report.

Education Committee: No report.

Outreach/Fellowship Committee: Tammy Krueger reported the Committee completed their third meal for FCA. The next event will be Mother’s Day and Graduation at which time a reception will be held before church to honor the graduates. The Mothers and Graduates will be recognized during church service. A card shower will be given for Don Serrien’s 90th Birthday. The Fathers will be recognized on Father’s Day. The Committee will conduct a school supply collection to Love INC or teachers to provide to the children in need.

Missions/Youth: Dale Henderson reported that \$550 was taken in at the concession stand for the first three games. A school bus will be provided to transport children to and from church camp.

Love INC: No report.

Worship Committee: Colette Henderson reported an outdoor church service is being planned for the first Sunday in June. The Ada church will help set up this event.

United Methodist Women: Sharon Foust reported three women attended a Spiritual Retreat in Hillsboro on Saturday, April 7. The UMW annual Salad Supper will be on April 17. Our church is hosting the Salina District UMW Board meeting on April 14. The UMW will be serving at the Blood Mobile on April 23.

Noah’s Ark Preschool: Sharon Foust reported the Noah’s Ark Preschool meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month. The Preschoolers are going to Rolling Hills April 27. Graduation will be May 10 for the children who attend Preschool on Tuesday and Thursday and May 11 for the older aged children who attend Preschool on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

Old Business: Nothing was discussed.

New Business: Nothing was discussed.

Pastor’s Report: The Lenten Bible Study was a success with eight people attending. Pastor Kay Metzler from Lincoln, KS is the network leader. Pastor does not know if we will do the Peer Group as well as the network. The National Day of Prayer is May 3 at 6:30 p.m. hosted by the Ada Methodist and Baptist Churches. The Great Plains Conference Renewal will be at the Central UMC in Nebraska on April 27 and at the Asbury UMC in Wichita on April 28. All are invited to attend these meetings. There will be a special conference in February at St. Louis, MO. The Bishop has asked us to pray about issues within the United Methodist Churches. The meeting was closed with a prayer by Pastor. The next Administrative Council Committee Meeting will be May 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at which time the April Minutes will be approved/corrected and submitted in the June Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joan Miles

Blessings to the Newlyweds



*Mr. & Mrs. Austin Goddard
Married April 21, 2018
Son of Larry Goddard and
Norman and Denise Fuller*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 a.m. Outdoor church service at State Lake	4	5	6	7	8	9 9:00 am UMW Fellowship Breakfast
10 Second Sunday Pot Luck Church Dinner.	11	12 7:00 pm Women meet to make kits for Missions	13 Annual Conf. – Wichita ---- Ad. Council mtg. is cancelled.	14 -----	15 -----→	16
17 Father’s Day	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Youth Camp-----	26 -----	27 -----	28 -----	29 -----→	30

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FOR YOU, DAD!



FROM _____ Age _____ June 17, 2018

This picture may win you a prize!

All you have to do is color the picture, sign your name below the picture, and put the picture in the drawing folder provided that you will find in the church foyer! Turn your picture in early to display for everyone to see. The drawing will be Sunday morning, June 24...the day before kids leave for camp! (You may enter the drawing, even if you cannot go to camp!)



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June, 2018