

United Methodist Church News
804 East 5th Street
Valentine, Nebraska 69201 (402-376-3473)

April 2020

WHEN IN-PERSON SERVICES RESUME PLEASE CONSIDER BEING AN USHER

TO
WELCOME FOLKS
Signup sheet in Foyer

**VALENTINE
METHODIST
WOMEN CIRCLES**

Meet the 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.
or 3rd Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.
Pat Young 402.376.1654
Janet Cady 402.322.9932

Prayer Chain

Prayer is established on the foundation that God hears our prayers and responds.

Janet Cady

605.378.3895 home

402.322.9932 work

Prayer requests begin with

Janet.

UMC Facebook for:

Updates, Cancellations

Postponements

STAY INFORMED

Church Website:

www.umcvalentine.com

Church Email:

theoffice@gwestoffice.net

Church Facebook Page:

Valentine UMC

**May Newsletter
deadline is April 20**

Happy Spring!

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday

April 5

Maundy Thursday

April 9

Good Friday

April 10

EASTER SUNDAY

April 12

APRIL CHURCH EVENTS

All regular in-person services/meetings are
POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19

EACH SUNDAY

Sunday Service Live Stream on Facebook 9:30 a.m.

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Sundays: Adult Sunday School postponed

Mondays: Devotional Bible Study postponed

5: Palm Sunday/Communion via Facebook Live Stream

Please have grape juice and bread available at home.

9: Maundy Thursday

10: Good Friday

12: Easter Sunday Live Stream Service 9:30 am

13: Administrative Board 7:00 pm. To be announced.

15: Elizabeth Circle 1:30 pm postponed

April Funeral Committee

Contacts: Cherry Hafer

Servers: Arlene Dunn, Judy Reece

Cake/Salad Providers:

Becky Assarson, Donna Billings, Kim Buckendahl, Jerilyn Colburn,
Sally Conner, Betty Epke, Tracy Grooms, Danita Kime,
Dede Peterson, Michelle Richards, Marie Wiley

**CELEBRATE OUR RISEN LORD AND
SAVIOR!!!**

Have you moved,
or changed your
Phone number?

Please let the
Office know so we
will be able to get
messages and the
newsletter to you.

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God Bless!

*Just a note to introduce myself.
I am the recently hired office
manager. I have been on staff
for 2 months. Time has been
spent learning the ins and outs
of my position and the duties
that is expected of me. I can
tell you all ready that I have
been blessed serving the Valen-
tine Methodist Church. I enjoy
working with Pastor A. G. and
the Committee members and
chairs. Thank you for your pa-
tience as I continue grow and
learn in my position. If you
have questions or suggestions,
please contact me at
"The Office"
Kelly Hollopeter*



Daniel & Jerilyn Colburn 4/18, Richard & Faye Bachelor 4/20, Dan & Kimberly Epke 4/21



Sadie Bachelor 4/3, Becky Assarsson 4/4, Matthew Gibson 4/4, Jacqueline Grace 4/4,
Lacee Cox 4/6, Miles Simmons 4/6, Hugh Wilber 4/8, Jackson Ravenscroft 4/9,
Daniel Colburn 4/10, Taryn Tinant 4/11, Diana Ostrander 4/12, Janet Cady 4/13,
Rena Coleman 4/14, Taylie Fletcher 4/14, Clint Miller 4/16, William Colburn 4/17,
Megan Hoefs 4/17, Kaitlin Reece 4/17, Bronx Burney 4/18, Kristopher Gentry 4/21,
Savanna Pohl 4/21, Rosemary Thornton 4/23, Karen Andrus 4/24, Kade Arganbright 4/24,
Haley O'Keefe 4/24, Sandy Cox 4/25, Salem Deeds 4/28, Colby Fletcher 4/29,
Wayne Harris 4/29, Michaela Jackson 4/29

Pastor's Note

We are in the Lenten Season rapidly approaching Easter. During Lent we focus on self-examination and repentance. When Easter arrives, we focus on resurrection and new life.

What an interesting time for this season. We are in the middle of uncertainty related to Covid-19. It has disrupted our lives in ways we could not have anticipated. Social distancing is the watch word of our days. In some ways this is antithetical to living our faith. We are to be engaged in service to others. We are to gather as a community and worship our Creator. We are to go out to where people are and proclaim the Gospel. Jesus regularly healed others with his touch. Yet, in this moment our call to love one another, to protect the most vulnerable is a call that directs us toward creating physical distance. As a result, we will not hold Sunday services in the same way as before. Instead of meeting at the church, we will meet regularly online. Please check our Facebook page regularly for updates regarding Sunday services.

Here is our call to creativity, to reaching outside our box of how we are used to doing things. How can we serve others while observing physical distancing? How can we gather to worship yet not be physically together? How can we go proclaim the Gospel without putting people at risk?

God is infinitely creative. We are in God's image, so we too have a great capacity for creativity. Let's tap into that gift and come up with new solutions and expressions of what God calls us to.

Some ways to serve others in this moment may be calling one another to check up and to chat. Or assuring that the needs of those quarantining themselves or who don't wish to go out and risk infection are met. What are some others?

Some ways to gather without creating undue risk could include gathering online and for those not at risk, forming a team to be part of this online service. It could include gathering with family, praying, singing and studying Scripture. It could be meeting in much smaller groups with people with whom you regularly interact such as friends or people with whom you work. What are some other ways we can gather without risking the health of others?

Some ways to proclaim the Gospel where people are might be to invite people to the above. We might call people we know and include faith related matters in our conversations with them. We might submit an article to the newspaper or post something about our faith online. Can you come up with other ways to proclaim the Gospel to others without being physically present with them?

This is also a time to learn the lesson of slowing down and of spending time together as a family. It's a time to reflect on how important gathering together is to us and how we've taken the ability to do that for granted. It's a time for us to step out of our day to day routine and set aside time to quietly listen to God.

There is no question that this will be a challenging time for everyone. However, challenges cause us to rise, to become creative, to start new things and to break the chains of routine and habit.

Let's seek God together as we creatively and with passion reach out and serve in new ways! May we never go back to the land from which we came but always strive to move into the new land God has promised. God's path for us is an adventure. Let's explore and in that exploration thrive physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually and relationally as we find new expressions of fulfilling God's work in our lives, in our faith family and in our community!

Carpe Deum!

Pastor A.G.

Administrative Board Meeting: March 9th, 2020

Administrative Board met March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Attending: Steve Brown, RJ Luthy, Rusty Markus, Lila O'Keefe, Janet Cady, Kelly Hollopeter, Pastor A. G., Pat Young, Julie Hoefs

Steve Brown opened with prayer. Joys and concerns were shared. Minutes of the February 10, 2020 were read. Julie Hoefs made a motion and Janet Cady seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Pat shared the treasurers report. Motion to approve the report was made by Lila O'Keefe and seconded by Janet Cady. Pat stated that Amazon. Com changed from monthly fee to annual fee. Wix.com the website needs to be updated. After some conversation, it was decided to table it and brainstorm how and who can update it. Since Pastor A. G. receives the Midland News online, the paper subscription has been canceled and a refund will be given.

Finance Committee/Audit: Will be meeting February 16. Discussion was held about New Treasurer, Pat Young and Office Manager Kelly Hollopeter. They reported that things were going well.

SPRC have not met.

Trustee's Report: Rusty reported that the shingles are on. Grant Bitner has committed to doing the flooring at the parsonage in the next month of two.

Christian Ed: Lila reported that the Sunday School will be singing at Easter Services and Mother's Day Services. Easter Egg Hunt is planned Easter Day. The youth room project is planning a painting day Saturday, March 15th to complete the project. Upcoming events: LOGOS end of year program is April 1 @ 7pm. Emily is planning the fall LOGOS kick off with a carnival. April 12, Easter Sunrise Services will be held followed by a breakfast at the church. Donations of money will go for camp scholarships and Guatemala Missions.

Worship Committee: Met February 13. Lila reported they will order palms for Palm Sunday, April 5th. A signup sheet to order Easter Lilies will be available in the foyer. Maundy Thursday Services will be held at the Presbyterian Church April 9 and Good Friday Services will be held April 10 at our Church with the Presbyterian congregation joining us. Easter Day Sunrise Services will be held April 12 at Big Rock, at 6:30 a.m. Breakfast will follow at the Church. Baccalaureate is scheduled for May 13 at School Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Janet Cady reported on the Valentine Methodist Women. They met March 5. Heart Sunday was celebrated. Fifty-one bags of items have been donated to the Northwest Community Action. Mother-Daughter banquet will be held May 6th at 6:30 p.m. May 30th is the date for the church garage sale. Camp Scholarships deadline is June 1st.

Old Business: none

New Business: Pastor A.G. suggested a check be sent to the Ministerial Association for Sermons-Ala-Carte. This could come out of the Outreach Special Account. R. J. Luthy made a motion and Rusty Marcus seconded it to Send \$250 from the Outreach Special Account. Motion carried.

Pastor A.G. has been in communication with Valentine Arts Council. They would like to partner with us, Valentine Methodist Church in presenting a Christmas Cantata. This would be coordinated with the Live Nativity and the fundraising supper. The church would provide the Sanctuary and Valentine Arts Council would handle the publication. Pastor thought this would be a good partnership and it has the potential to reach out to more people in the community.

Closing prayer was offered by R. J. Luthy

Meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting: April 13, 2020 at 7:00

Respectively submitted, April 13, 2020, Kelly Hollopeter

The Executive VMW meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. Mar. 5, 2020. Present were: Janet Cady, Pat Young, June Stroup, & Lila O'Keefe. We recited the purpose, joys & concerns were shared and Janet opened the meeting with prayer.

Pat Young gave a detailed treasurer report with our balance being \$5148.50. Out of this money \$1623.84 is ear tagged for Congregational Care ministry from when we had the garage sale 2 years ago. We continue to collect Coins of Kindness (\$36.21) in the empty pill bottles that are given to the Ministerial Association for their use.

Funeral dinner chairs for March is Lila O'Keefe April chair is Cherry Hafer.

Coffee time for March is Abigail circle and it will be Elizabeth for April. There is a schedule on the freezer for those that would like to sign up to bake the cookies used for fellowship time. Pat purchases the frozen cookie dough and puts it in the freezer for volunteers to bake and return them to the freezer for use on Sunday mornings.

Everyone remember to continue to bring items for UMCOR school and health kits. Pat said for school kits we could really use some one subject notebooks and 1 gallon ziplock bags. For the Health kits we need fingernail clippers and combs and 2 gallon ziplock bags. All items are appreciated but these are some that we can make some kits up if we had some of these right now. It would be a good idea to bring items for either kit to the next circle meetings. A complete list is in the foyer as well as in your VMW booklet.

We celebrated Heart Sunday and collected 51 bags of items that have been donated to the Northwest Community Action. Thanks to those that supplied items as well as those that brought cookies for the fellowship and outreach.

Pat has a sign up sheet in the Narthex area for people to donate casseroles, cakes, gallons of green beans and rolls for the Sermons Ala Carte noon Lenten luncheon for April 1st.

The Mother Daughter program committee will try to meet Tuesday, March 10th after the Bill Gallino funeral to discuss themes for the banquet. Once a theme has been set, the food and decoration committees can begin to meet. The Mother Daughter banquet will be May 6th at 6:30 pm. Tickets this year will be \$12.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids 10 & under.

May 30th will be the day for the all church garage sale. It will be from 8 am-2 pm with a \$2.00 sack sale starting at 1:00. Items can be dropped off in the very west Sunday School room but not until May 1st.

Camp scholarships will need to be turned into the office by June 1st if campers want to apply for either the church or the VMW scholarship monies. There is just the one form to be filled out by the camper and parent and the form will be shared then with Pat Young for dispersal of the scholarship monies from VMW. There are forms in the Narthex and Pat will make sure Kelly Hollopeter, the new church secretary, has a copy so it can be in the next monthly newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned.

Lila O'Keefe, Secretary

Calling all campers!!!! Camp Norwesca is gearing up for a summer of fun-filled growth in the Lord. Camps start June 7 and run through the end of July. www.norwesca.org has all of the details on the variety of camps as well as information on registration and cost. There are several new offerings for a variety of age levels, including a girls only camp, a boys only camp, a mission trip camp and Olympic camp. Please know that your church family is here to help support you in your growth and faith journey. There are funds available to help cover the costs, please contact the church office for more information. You will need to fill out the scholarship application



If you are interested in donating funds to church camp scholarships, please contact Janell Stoeger at 376-5413. For the past two years, our Valentine campers have had all costs covered from funds through the church. Camp Norwesca costs range from \$65 for a one day camp up to \$410. No donation too small or too big!

United Methodist
Camp Scholarship Form
Deadline for application June 1st

Date of application _____

Name of Camper _____

Parent/Parents Name &
Phone Number _____

Address _____

Name Camp wanting to attend _____

Location of camp _____

Cost and dates of this camp _____

Why do you want to attend camp (if you need more room please use the back of this page)

Have you attended camp before _____
If so, how many years

Location(s) of that/those camp(s) _____

Recipients must attend Sunday School or the Logos program at least ½ of the times they meet to be eligible for a scholarship. This form will be used for all scholarship funds available through the Valentine Methodist Women and the Christian Education Committee.

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