

BLOOMFIELD

What's Happening in July?



Outreach/Gathering Table

We will continue to gather food for children to prepare on their own while home for the summer. Please see list on the gathering table and continue to bring food through the end of July.

If anyone has an idea for August, please let Peggy know what you would like us to gather for Bidwell-Riverside.

Pastor's Column

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Matthew 28: 19 (NIV)

July 1st marks the start of a new appointment year for pastors in the United Methodist Church. Pastors are called by the Appointive Cabinet to go and serve a church. This process is much different than what other denominations use in securing or hiring a pastor for their church. Since a pastor is called to serve a church the job interview for the position normally consists of trying to match the pastor's skills with the specific needs of a church determined by the Staff Pastor Parish Committee (SPRC). A pastor does not actively seek out a new church on their own. New appointments can mean a move for the family and the last two weeks of June are busy days for the moving companies.

So for many churches this Sunday there will be a different person in the pulpit. It represents a real change for

the congregation and the pastor.

For some people, change may be a motivator and they will be more willing to adapt to the new pastor's leadership. However, others may be more resistant to change and for them it will take longer to adjust. Having been through this process several times as a pastor and numerous times as a member of a congregation I know how difficult things are for the pastor, and the church.

That first walk down the aisle as the "new" pastor is a very nervous time. Please keep all these churches and pastors in your prayers. May they accomplish great things in the name of Jesus Christ.

Bloomfield and Fort Des Moines will not be seeing a new pastor in the pulpit on July 3 rd . I will be back for another year. Although this is not a new appointment for me the beginning of July seems like a new year. It is amazing how fast the year has gone by. Looking back on the previous year we have been in ministry together, there have been many blessings at both churches.

For me, being called back to serve after my second retirement in 2016 was truly a blessing. The call was an answer to prayer and to be able to return and serve two churches is something in which I am very thankful. Coming back was an adjustment for Jean and myself as we had been "at home" service attendees due to the pandemic for close to fifteen months. What a joy it was to return to a live worship service! As the year went by, we were able to create new friendships and join in some old friendships established during the various times we have been part of the

Bloomfield church. It has also been a huge blessing to have people continue to step forward and volunteer to serve the church in many different capacities and roles. Some of those may go unnoticed by others. Thank you for your service!

What does the new appointive year hold for the churches? Hopefully, we continue to recover from the effects of the pandemic. May the programs established during this past year such as bible study and Sunday school continue to grow and prosper. I feel both churches know the importance of a musical ministry and will continue to contribute to the morning worship experience. In the upcoming year, physical improvements both inside and outside will be taking place at both churches.

Our programs and improvements are not done for only our benefit. They all work to tie into what is the purpose of God's church. Each of us are called to make disciples for Jesus Christ. May we keep that thought and purpose in mind as we enter a new year of ministry together. Thanks be to God!

Peace be with you!

Pastor Steve



Financial Report

Financial Report for May 2022

Carried into month	
General and Designated fund	\$47,445.49
Monthly Income	\$3,552.76
Monthly Expenses	-\$9,077.55
End of Month Balance	\$41,920.70

Carried into month Building	\$28,205.32
Monthly Income	\$3,724.25
Monthly Payment	-\$6,000.00
End of Month Balance	\$25,929.57

Financial Report for YTD 2022

Carried into 2022	
General and Designated fund	\$52,096.48
Income 2022	\$24,587.63
Expenses 2022	-\$34,897.36
Year to Date Balance	\$41,920.70

Carried into 2022 Building	\$28,238.36
Income 2022	\$20,219.25
Payments 2022	-\$22,528.04
Year to Date Balance	\$25,929.57

CHURCH DINNER

Lila and Esther are hosting a potluck at Lila's home on Saturday, July 30th, 2022 at 3 pm. Meat, potatoes and noodles and dinner ware will be provided by Esther and Lila. Please bring a side dish to share. Lila lives in the country near Bondurant and her address can be found on a flyer on the round table in Fellowship Hall. Pick one up or jot down her address. RSVP to Esther or Lila. Their phone numbers are also on the flyer. Everyone from the church is invited. If you want a ride, Peggy can take 3 people if you meet her at the church, she will drive from there. There will more than likely be other people who will also be willing to drive and take people who do not want to drive on their own. This will be a wonderful way to to have a casual get together, have fun and good food and get to know each other better. Hope to see you there. Peggy's phone number is 515-729-9213.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Danny Bartlett - July 25



Independence Day Poem by Margaret Cagle

Lord, on July 4th we'll celebrate
Independence Day in our nation.
You gave us the truth to set us free.
You sent Jesus to die for our salvation.
We thank you for the precious freedom
That we have in our nation today.
We know this country's not perfect,
But we honor our nation, the USA.
We thank you for the Founding Fathers,
Who for freedom took a brave stand.
Many placed their lives in peril
To start a free country in a new land.
We thank you for the brave soldiers,
Who gave their lives to keep us free.
They gave their ultimate sacrifice
For freedom for Americans like me.
As we shoot fireworks and celebrate
With patriotic concerts and parades,
We thank you for all your blessings
And your great love that never fades.
As we gather with our loved ones
For picnics and barbecues and fun,
We want to thank you for everything,
Especially for sending your only Son!

Projects to be Completed at Church

You may notice some dust and repair equipment around the church in the coming weeks. The Administrative Council has arranged for several maintenance projects to be taken care of this summer. The first project was to install a floor sink under the large sink in the kitchen. This is intended to prevent the floor drain from backing up during events at the church that involve washing a lot of dishes.

We have gotten estimates from a handyman to do a number of things for us from refastening the hooks on which the banners in the sanctuary hang to replacing the broken basement window and rehangng the eave troughs so that they no longer overflow during rain storms. He will also be doing several projects that require working from a tall ladder such as replacing damaged or stained ceiling tiles, replacing light bulbs in the sanctuary, dusting the ceiling fans in the sanctuary and adjusting the mechanicals for the bell so that it rings more easily.

Another project on our to-do list for this season is to work with the siding warranty company to have our blistering and peeling siding repaired. We hope to have this completed before cold weather is upon us once again.

We are looking for someone in the church who may be willing to shampoo all of the carpets in the classrooms, the office and the sanctuary. The necessary equipment can be provided by a family in the church. If you would like to take on this project, please talk to Geraldine.

We are also looking for individuals who may be able to help take care of the flowers and shrubs around the church. This includes pulling weeds and trimming bushes as needed. We may also try to plant more perennials around the church and the grounds. If you enjoy gardening and could help with this work, please talk to Geraldine.