

Waverly United Methodist Church Newsletter

April - June 2019

open hearts
open minds
open doors



This spring, a confirmation class of four young people was held. Confirmation is the process in the United Methodist Church when young people make their own commitment to Christianity and church membership. The classes teach about Christianity, the United Methodist Church, their history and traditions, and the Bible.

The class had opportunities to participate during a Sunday morning worship service. Sophie Frazier assisted Pastor Sally with Holy Communion. Ava Schmidt and Allie Wesley passed out bulletins. Reid Monsees and Drew Schmidt served as ushers.

On Sunday, May 5, 2019, the church was nice and full for the confirmation ceremony and four young people were confirmed. Reid Monsees, Sophie Frazier, and Ava and Drew Schmidt (Drew completed confirmation classes in 2017) made the vows of the Christian faith and the United Methodist Church. Due to some scheduling issues, Allie Wesley was confirmed on May 12, 2019.

The last event for the class was a service project. On Monday, June 3, the class went to Apple Ridge Care Center and assisted the residents in playing bingo.



Front Row: Ava and Drew Schmidt

Back Row: Sophie Frazier, Pastor Sally DeMasters, Reid Monsees



Pastor Sally DeMasters and Allie Wesley



PIZZA AND GAMES – On March 31, the Youth Group hosted a Pizza and Game Day after the worship service. This was enjoyed by people from 6 to 60+. Those who played had the choice of various board games and video games. One of the highlights of the afternoon was a very spirited game of spoons! These games days are great fun, and the kids are great hosts!

BACK SNACKS – At the end of each week, between 35 and 45 high school and elementary children in the Santa Fe School District have benefitted from the Back Snack Program which was initiated by Waverly UMC several years ago. Nancy Peters, Kathy Hollingsworth and Giny Lebold work weekly to facilitate this project. Three different Back Snack choices are delivered by Harvesters and rotated so the food varies from week to week.

The Santa Fe FFA has written grants to add “Extras” to the Back Snack bags. Different members of the church have helped to bag these “Extras” that go home with each of the children. The “Extras” generally include a protein, fruit and snack, but twice during the past year the “Extras” were hygiene kits. The kids REALLY look forward to what’s in these goodie bags!

The grant for the “Extras” ran out with five weeks of school left. The board voted to provide funds to finish out the year. The Christian Church also donated money so that the kids could enjoy the “Extras”.

Thank you to all who have helped in the many ways to make this difference in the lives of these kids.



MOTHER’S DAY – Once again, flowers appeared on the benches outside of church for the moms to take home and plant. This year’s snapdragons were beautiful colors.

Thank you, Russ and Diane!

FLOOR CLEANING – The board, after seeking advice from professionals, decided to try a thorough, industrial cleaning of the basement floor as a first step in making it look better. This was accomplished in May with mixed results. The floor looks much better, but there are areas that just won’t clean up.

In order for the cleaning to happen, everything on the floor had to be removed. The Boy Scouts once again came to our aide. We thank you so very much for your assistance. Further thank you’s go to Sarah Schmidt, Scott, Mary and Brayden Livingston for returning all the tables, chairs, and extras to their proper spots prior to church.

BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING – [The Jesus Challenge: 21 Days of Loving God and Neighbor](#), by Justin Larosa. This study will be led by Pastors Randy and Sally DeMasters. The study will meet on Monday, July 29 from 6-7:30 p.m., Monday, August 5 from 6-7:30 p.m., and Monday, August 12 from 7-8:30 p.m. All are welcome! There will be a sign-up sheet in the church foyer; please note if you will need child-care.



Christ
is
Risen!



GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

For the Good Friday service we were joined by our friends from the Christian Church. This solemn service was a time for reflection and inspiration. The evening light captured the spirit of quiet worship.

SUNRISE SERVICE

Our church was the host for the Community Sunrise Service this year. The choir sang and the various members of the Ministerial Alliance took part in the service. The Christian Church's minister, Grant Roth, preached the sermon based on a painting titled, *Checkmate*, which means the end of the game. But an expert, looking at the pieces on the painted board, realized it was not the end of the game. Good Friday was not the end; Easter Sunrise begins a new life.

EASTER SERVICE

After a joyful Sunrise Service, we had a second joyful Easter Service. The choir sang several songs, and the favorite songs of Easter were sung and enjoyed by the congregation. Pastor Sally's sermon was "But They Were Looking in the Wrong Place." To complete this service, communion was given and received. "REMEMBER, God loves you, and there's nothing you can do about it." This well-known quote sums up what the Easter Miracle is all about.



IT WAS A TIE! This year, Heifer International was chosen for our Lenten Project. The children learned about four different possible projects during kids' time and then voted on the one we would support. When they voted, it was two for the Flocks of Hope and two for Trio of Rabbits. When the funds were all collected and counted... it was a tie again! As a church, we were able to buy five Flocks of Hope (chickens, ducks and/or geese) and five Trios of Rabbits for our \$600. We are able to help 10 families move forward in their pursuit of a better life.



WAVERLY COMMUNITY VBS

Don't miss out on all the fun!
The theme for this year's VBS is
ROAR! Life is Wild – God is Good!

July 21 – 25 from 6 – 8:30 p.m.
Meals will be provided every night.

Ages 4 – 6th grade
Children must be 4 by August 1st



Something from Sally

“Do a good turn daily.” “That is my good deed for the day.” Those are wonderful ways for all people to live (even if they are not Boy Scouts, the ones whose slogan is the first sentence.)

Those ideas also fit right in with one of the Three General Rules which John Wesley, the founder of the Methodists, has for the organization: Do good.

It is helpful to keep in mind that every good action we take adds goodness to the world and makes the world a better place.

Mr. Wesley gave his rule during the 1700’s. The present mission statement of the United Methodist Church is: “The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” This mission statement was adopted in 2008.

The portion, “for the transformation of the world”, is meant to give the church a way to live out its directive to make Christian disciples, according to Bishop Gregory Palmer. He also said that “We seek to join God in the redemption of the whole world.”

The redemption of the whole world? That is a tall order. Perhaps John Wesley was in that frame of mind when he came up with this saying: “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, as long as ever you can.”

However, before any churches or mission statements or people named Wesley ever existed, there was a man named Jesus, who was also the Son of God. Part of his answer to his disciples, on how they should pray, was this wonderful, beautiful line: “Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:10)

That is part of the Lord’s Prayer, which we pray every Sunday in worship. It is more than something we say, to sound nice, or be traditional. It is a true prayer, asking for something we want to happen.

Just think! We can be helpful in bringing God’s kingdom, and in having God’s will be done on earth, with the good we do!

God bless you,

Pastor Sally



Member Spotlight

By Sarah Schmidt



Pastor Sally DeMasters

“Each person who comes to church should be treated as if he or she were Jesus himself.” This has been Sally DeMasters’ pursuit most of her life. She first adopted it as a registered nurse caring for patients and applying the practice of giving everyone equal care no matter who they were. She carried it over into her ministries and life because she feels it should be the standard for each day and every interaction.

Sally first heard her call to the ministry when she was attending a Bible study at her local church. She started attending the Bible study as an educational endeavor to learn the Bible better. After relocating, she attended a different Bible study, and was then asked to teach it. After some time teaching, it hit her that she was really good at it. This idea of joining the ministry just wouldn’t go away, she says. Perhaps a sign that God is ever present; silently working His will on His people.

After completing the last 2 years of a 4-year college degree, Sally registered for the seminary at Perkins School of Theology at SMU in Dallas. She spent 2 years at school there. She did a 9-month internship at a very large church in California where she worked as one of many pastors serving a very large congregation. It was after this experience that she realized a large church may not be for her. Her second internship was in England. She loaded up her three kids and spent 9 months serving a Methodist church in England which she describes as a wonderful experience. When she returned to the United States, she came home to the Kansas City area and finished her school at the Saint Paul School of Theology.

It was shortly after her return from England that her first marriage ended, and her family was split up. A rough time was made easier with her first appointment in Garden City, Mo. She served as pastor at Garden City United Methodist Church for 7 years. It was during this time she met Randy at Annual Conference and they fell in love. With both Sally and Randy serving as pastors at different churches, when they were married, they made a vow to live together always, no matter where their charges took them. Sally was moved in 2003 to Northern Boulevard United Methodist in Independence where she served for 7 years. Her appointment just prior to Waverly, Norborne and Sweet Springs was in Braymer and Breckenridge where she served from 2010 to 2017.

“Each of the churches I’ve served has had their own personality,” Sally says. “I really enjoy knowing the people in my congregations. I learned way back during my internship that a large church isn’t for me because I could never feel like I know the congregation well.” Sally also says it’s been a great joy to be able to serve each of her churches for a length of time to be able to watch them grow and be a part of their life milestones.

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As for what she enjoys the most in her position, she says she likes preaching. She likes researching it, writing it and developing it. She feels the congregations she has now are very receptive to sermons which provides satisfaction and gratification. Secondly, she believes she has a gift for visiting those in the hospital and home bound. She believes it was God's will for her to have a healthcare background prior to becoming a pastor so she is able to perform this ministry so well for those who need it.

In addition to her 3 biological children, she has 2 adopted children and a dog named Duffy. In her free time, she enjoys reading, cooking, watching movies, gardening and traveling.

Graduation



Anthony Dudley graduated from Santa Fe High School May 12. He plans to use his Building Trades certification to join the work force.

Robyn Faler, Sophie Frazier, Reid Monsees and Allie Wesley graduated from the Eighth Grade on May 13 and will begin their high school careers next fall.



BACCALAUREATE - Pastor Sally was the preacher for the Baccalaureate Service at Santa Fe High School on May 9. Her topic was Fare Thee Well.

Thank you!

Dear Friends at Waverly United Methodist Church,
Thank you so much to everyone who helped celebrate my high school graduation. It really meant a lot, and you were so generous.

God bless you, Anthony Dudley





July 5 – Leslie Utlaut, Jeanie Peters
 July 9 – Suzann Smith, Don & Eleanor Aversman
 July 10 – Chad Sanders
 July 11 – Brett Ives
 July 14 – Jonas Larkin
 July 16 – Mary Ellen Kitchen
 July 22 – Vickie Zumalt
 July 24 – Blake Monsees
 July 29 – Ken & Kathy Hollingsworth
 July 30 – Ben Hinz

Aug. 3 – Charles & Margo Larkin
 Aug. 7 – Greg & Amber Drunert
 Aug. 11 – Jeff & Carolyn Campbell, Meili Hollingsworth
 Aug. 15 – James Campbell
 Aug. 22 – Jack & Darlene Peters
 Aug. 24 – Scott Campbell
 Aug. 26 – Audrey Campbell
 Aug. 29 – Marc Aversman, David Smith, Don Riley,
 Brad & Missy Hinz

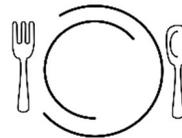
Sept. 4 – Sarah Schmidt
 Sept. 10 – Ken Hollingsworth
 Sept. 15 – Hannah Vogel
 Sept. 17 – Reid Monsees
 Sept. 19 – Donnis Prather
 Sept. 20 – Diane Dieckhoff
 Sept. 24 – Darlene Peters
 Sept. 30 – Don Wilson



On Saturday, August 24, we will be holding an Acolyte class for children, ages 5 and up, to learn or review the important job of lighting the altar candles for worship. A snack will be included. Watch for a postcard closer to the day!

Congratulations

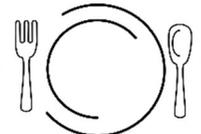
Best wishes to Sam and Felicia Peters who were married in our church on June 1. Your church family sends many prayers for a wonderfully, blessed life together.



SUPPER OUT

5:30 – 6:30

Eat In or Carry Out!



July 9 – Waverly Baptist Church
 July 23 – St. Luke’s UCC (Grand Pass)
 Aug. 13 – Victory Christian Church
 Aug. 27 – Immanuel Lutheran Church
 Sept. 10 – No Supper Out



According to church policy the folding chairs and the white tables in the basement are to be used only in the church.

COME JOIN US UPCOMING EVENTS...

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| Mon., July 1 - Church day camp at Marshall United | 9 a.m.-4 p.m. |
| Wed., July 3 - Methodist Church, for kids 7-12. | |
| Mon., July 8 - Administrative Board Meeting | 6 p.m. |
| Sat., July 13 - Waverly Street Fair | |
| Sun., July 21 - Waverly Community Vacation Bible | 6:30-8 p.m. |
| Thurs., July 25 - School, at the Waverly Baptist Church | |
| Mon., July 29 - Bible Study Begins | 6-7:30 p.m. |
| Sun., Aug. 4 - Worship at Apple Ridge Care Center | 1:30 p.m. |
| Mon., Aug. 5 - Bible Study | 6-7:30 p.m. |
| Mon., Aug. 12 - Administrative Board Meeting | 6 p.m. |
| Mon., Aug. 12 - Bible Study (Note Time Change) | 7-8:30 p.m. |
| Sat., Aug. 24 - Acolyte Class for children, ages 5 and up, a snack will be included! | TBD |

Note: Two special youth events are planned for the summer, but dates have not been set yet.

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