

# Waverly United Methodist Church Newsletter

July - September 2019



## FALL REFRESH

On August 20, Israel Rocha, Jr., began the painting project of the foyer. He not only painted, but also added trim and a new coat rack. He then hung the old transom window that was found in the attic and was re-glazed and cleaned by Margo and Charlie Larkin. We will all enjoy the fresh bright entrance to the church.

The cross and flame on the back of the Fellowship Hall were also given a face lift in September. Bruce Raney took the flame down, fixed, painted and returned it to its position. He also has power washed the parsonage to remove the 'green stuff' and painted it. Thanks to David Peters for supervising this project.

On Sunday, September 8, Linda Neal from the Missouri United Methodist Foundation attended our Sunday School and worship service. In the Downstairs Class she gave an informative talk about estate planning. She is a practicing lawyer who deals with estates and volunteers with the foundation. During worship she presented the church a check for \$2,400 to replace the church sign. Dick Livingston wrote and submitted the grant application last year, but we did not receive it. So, with a few tweaks, Dick resubmitted it, and this year we were successful. The total cost of the sign will be \$3,447. In addition, the project includes the tearing out of the old sign (already done), pouring the foundation and setting the sign. This will occur sometime after the first of October. Cody Schmidt and Chris Boehmer are doing this part of the project. Great job, Dick, Cody and Chris.



## FALL GIVING PROJECT

This year, our church's fall giving project will be a collection for hurricane relief for Puerto Rico and the Bahamas.

Puerto Rico was hit hard by Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Maria in 2017. Even though that was two years ago, the country is still in extreme need of help for rebuilding and recovery.

This year, 2019, Hurricane Dorian hit the Bahamas badly, leaving much death and destruction in its wake.

We will be taking donations for this project through October 20. If you would like to make such a donation, please mark it as such. (There are envelopes for this with the worship bulletins, in the vestibule of the church.)

Since UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is already involved and working in Puerto Rico and the Bahamas, we will be sending our collection through the UMCOR organization.

Let's all give to this very worthy cause and help relieve some of the suffering of our neighbors who live in Puerto Rico and the Bahamas.



**BIBLE SCHOOL IN MARSHALL** – Six of our children attended the Eagle Lake Day Camp hosted by the First United Methodist Church in Marshall on July 1-3. Kadie and Kaylee Drunert, Lyla Erdman, Mae and Sueanna Vandiver and Brayden Livingston enjoyed Bible stories, team games and water inflatables at this day camp experience. Fun was had by all!

**VICKIE ZUMALT BENEFIT** – On July 27, the church was the site of a fund raiser for Vickie Zumalt. A dinner of fish and BBQ pork plus a silent auction were enjoyed by all. This event raised \$2,474 to help in Vickie's cancer treatment.



**ACOLYTE TRAINING** – Saturday morning, August 24, Pastor Sally held a class for the acolytes. Five children attended and learned the proper way to advance to the altar, bow the head, light the candles, then take the light into the world. They each received a certificate. The kids really paid attention and are using their training to add to our weekly worship services and doing this perfectly.

**BLESSINGS OF THE BACKPACKS** – On August 25, Pastor Sally blessed the backpacks for the students returning to school. After the blessing, she gave each one an owl with scripture chain for the backpack. Then the bags for returning teachers and staff were blessed. Prayers for an excellent 2019-20 school year will continue.



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**BACK SNACK** – On Sunday evening, September 8, the youth group used part of its meeting time to bag food for the Snack Packs and Snack Sacks that are given out at school. The Harvesters food isn't delivered until late September, but food packs were left from last year, so the kids received their food beginning the first week of classes. FFA again received a grant to supplement the Harvesters food with weekly Snack Sacks. Some of this grant purchased food to mimic the Snack Packs contents as well as the extra Snack Sacks. Audrey, Randy and Pastor Sally also helped with the packing process. The kids then loaded vehicles and moved the crates of packed food to the elementary school. Kathy, Nancy and Gingy coordinate this activity and give the food to the elementary children each week.

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY** – The Advent Bible study is called "Almost Christmas: A Wesleyan Advent Experience." It will be taught using the study books and the accompanying DVD. It promises to be thought provoking and a help in really preparing our hearts and souls for Christmas, which is the purpose itself of the Advent season (the four weeks before Christmas).



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# Something from Sally

Dear Friends,

Several years ago, I heard a wonderful idea called “thanks-living.” Of course, it was a play on words for Thanksgiving, and it did come up in late November, near that holiday.

However, the idea could and should apply to the whole year. We need to live out our thanks to God, all the time.

The national holiday of Thanksgiving is the official day when Americans pause to give thanks to God. As wonderful as that is, it needs to not be the only day of the year when we are mindful of God’s blessings to us.

Each day there is something for which we can thank God. Why not live like it, by living lives which are appreciative to God?

Why not do our best to find the good thing for which we can thank God? Why not make a point of looking for the blessing or blessings which God has given us? That would be such a good way to live out our thanks.

It is so easy to let the difficulties of a day or of a bad situation “win.” But it does not have to be that way. Each day contains good and bad, and we do well to put our attention to what is good.

Let’s all take up “thanks-living” and live out our appreciation for God’s blessings!

God bless you,

Pastor Sally

“Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving,  
and God’s courts with praise!”

Psalms 100:4



Our church received the following praise from the 15<sup>th</sup> Children’s Division Community Outreach Group. They have been issuing requests that typically come through Care Portal. Amazing things are happening through your generosity!

“This week we would like to spotlight Waverly United Methodist Church for all their generous help meeting the needs of our families and our children. This church and their members have consistently stepped up to meet many family’s needs, both big and small. Waverly United Methodist Church has gone above and beyond by meeting needs quickly and truly caring for the families and children in our community. Thank you, Waverly United Methodist Church!”



# Member Spotlight

By Sarah Schmidt



## Nancy Peters

When Nancy headed off to the University of Missouri, she was sure she would graduate with a business degree - just like her big brother. At some point during her studies, God stepped in to help her see the direction He actually wanted her to go - education. This critical decision put Nancy on a path for a life filled with educating, building relationships and helping students of all ages.

Nancy grew up in Hermann, MO, and was raised with her 2 brothers and sister in the Catholic faith. Her father and his family were devout Catholics and strictly adhered to the teachings. It was during Nancy's college years that she began exploring different denominations. Also, in college, she met Paul Peters and married him 2 weeks after graduating from MU with her education degree.

Once settled in Waverly, Nancy got a job at the school in Miami where she taught 7th and 8th grade. She and Paul also started on a quest to find a church home. After attending many in the community, they chose the United Methodist Church as their own. Nancy says she felt at home in the Methodist Church and still does to this day.

While Nancy loved teaching and was a great teacher, she was not a great disciplinarian, and it really takes both in the classroom. After 5 years in the classroom, Nancy decided to stay home to start a family. Their daughter Kate was born in 1991, and Sam arrived two years later in 1993. Nancy soon realized she could be a better mother if she could continue working part-time outside the home. After talking to someone about her future it was suggested she might look into school counselor as a possible career choice.

Being a school counselor takes a Master's degree, so Nancy began her studies to accomplish this feat working toward her new goal of counseling. During this same time, the Santa Fe School district had an increase in enrollment. In addition, the state laws were changing suggesting each building have a counselor. "One Saturday morning Greg Prather knocked on my door and broached the subject of me joining the Santa Fe Elementary school as a part-time counselor," she says. "It was a perfect fit for me as I was still studying for my Master's and the position required in-classroom teaching. I got to do the stuff I loved without the stuff I didn't like as well."

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Slowly the relationship grew as the school's needs grew and Nancy completed her Master's work. "I think other people recognized my gift before I did," she says. "I'd be asked to sit in on a meeting or be a part of a discussion because they said I always knew the right thing to say. I now know that God gave me a gift of words. I believe God leads the words that come out of my mouth and that He is always with me." Nancy's time at school was expanded to its current 4 days a week with a focus on counseling and building relationships with students.

"After watching my kids maneuver life as the technology age was beginning, and now seeing so many students try to get through life in the midst of this heavy technology-focused world, I have a genuine concern," she says. "We are working hard to build personal relationships with students - making real effort to know our kids and connecting with them in a non-academic way." Nancy is a positive influence on our kids and impacts how they face and handle challenges in life.

Nancy has held a number of positions in the church. Right after moving to Waverly, she and Paul jumped in to leading the youth group and soon after, Nancy began teaching the high school Sunday School class. She has headed the Pastor Parish Relations Committee and currently serves as Lay Leader for the church. She also has taken over setting the communion table, a duty she is thoroughly enjoying.

Nancy says she is passionate about her family and her faith. In recent years she really has enjoyed learning more about her faith, the Bible and how both impact her life and make her who she is. Nancy says she is fiercely loyal to her schools and their sports teams, attending nearly all MU football and basketball games. Nancy also has a passion for the ocean and beach. "I am amazed that God created it for us. Each and every time I sit on the beach I have a talk with God about this very thing," she says.

Psalm 146:6 He is the maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them - he remains faithful forever.



## *The* CHRISTMAS STORE



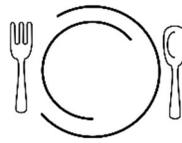
Once again, we will be hosting the Christmas Store in connection with the Food Pantry. The Store will be in our church basement again this year with light refreshments for our guests. We need gifts for children, teens, men and women. As for clothes, we offer only gloves and hats, please. Toys and stuffed animals go quickly. Perfumes, lotion gift boxes and jewelry are ideas for the girls and women. Gifts for teen boys are usually the ones we run out of first. Last year hammers and screwdrivers were hits with the men. Think about what you would like!! We try to keep the cost under \$10. Please bring your gifts to the church by Wednesday, December 11.



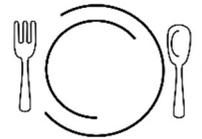
Oct. 1 – Laura Barrett  
 Oct. 12 – Noreen Burgess, Gutherie Baldwin  
 Oct. 14 – Liz Lindley, Taylor Wesley  
 Oct. 18 – Emily (Null) Miller  
 Oct. 20 – Greg & Donnis Prather, Suzanne Hudson  
 Oct. 21 – Dakota Jones  
 Oct. 22 – Jason Utlaut  
 Oct. 25 – Joe & Teresa Frazier  
 Oct. 29 – Cole Jones

Nov. 1 – Brad Hinz  
 Nov. 2 – Maren Tyre  
 Nov. 3 – Jack Peters, Leigha Graf, Justin Williams  
 Nov. 5 – Ginky Lebold, Nathan Wesley  
 Nov. 10 – Scott & Kristina Campbell  
 Nov. 14 – Amber Drunert  
 Nov. 17 – Gary & Vickie Zumalt  
 Nov. 20 – David & Jeanie Peters  
 Nov. 21 – Traci Freiberg, Allie Wesley, Karen Zumalt  
 Nov. 23 – Ann Vogel  
 Nov. 25 – Gia Baldwin

Dec. 4 – Seth Tyre, Brian Erdman  
 Dec. 5 – Krissy Benet  
 Dec. 6 – Lyla Erdman  
 Dec. 7 – Donnell Wesley  
 Dec. 10 – Chris Layton  
 Dec. 18 – Kathy Abshier  
 Dec. 19 – Keaton Graf  
 Dec. 24 – Charlie Tyre  
 Dec. 28 – Clara Mae Vandiver,  
 Randy & Sally DeMasters  
 Dec. 29 – Patrick Wilson  
 Dec. 31 – Sophie Frazier



**SUPPER OUT**  
**5:30 – 6:30**  
**Eat In or Carry Out!**



Oct. 8 – Waverly Christian Church  
 Oct. 22 – Immanuel Lutheran Church  
 Nov. 12 – No Supper Out  
 Nov. 19 – Victory Christian Fellowship  
 No Supper Out in December  
 Jan. 14 – Waverly Baptist Church  
 Jan. 28 – Immanuel Lutheran Church  
 Feb. 11 – Victory Christian Fellowship  
 Feb. 25 – Waverly Christian Church



On June 30, Christi Snider joined our church by transfer of membership. Welcome to our newest member! She is our sixth new member for this year. God's Blessings!

*Congratulations*

Jake and Aubrey Hollingsworth were married in Newark, Ohio at St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church on September 21. They are at home in San Diego, CA, where Aubrey teaches math, and Jake is the ticket operations director at the University of California - San Diego.

# COME JOIN US UPCOMING EVENTS...

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| Sun. Oct. 13 -   | Charge Conference at First United Methodist Church in Marshall  | 2 – 4 p.m.     |
| Mon., Oct. 14 -  | Administrative Board Meeting  | 6 p.m.         |
| Sun., Oct. 20 -  | Children’s Sabbath  | 11 a.m.        |
| Sun., Nov. 3 -   | All Saints Day  |                |
| Mon., Nov. 11 -  | Administrative Board Meeting  | 6 p.m.         |
| Mon., Nov. 25 -  | Advent Bible Study  | 6 p.m.         |
| Wed., Nov. 27 -  | Waverly Community Thanksgiving Worship service at Waverly Baptist Church, with Pastor Jerry Curry speaking. | 7 p.m.         |
| Sun., Dec. 1 -   | First Sunday of Advent<br>Christmas Cantata<br>“Hanging of the Greens”                                      | 11 a.m.        |
| Mon., Dec. 2 -   | Advent Bible Study  | 6 p.m.         |
| Sun., Dec. 8 -   | Second Sunday of Advent   |                |
| Mon., Dec. 9 -   | Administrative Board Meeting<br>Advent Bible Study  | 6 p.m., 7 p.m. |
| Sat., Dec. 14 -  | Christmas Store for the Food Pantry recipients, at our church.  |                |
| Sun., Dec. 15 -  | Third Sunday in Advent, Christmas program presented by Kids’ Club and Sunday School.                        | 11 a.m.        |
| Mon., Dec. 16 -  | Advent Bible Study  | 6 p.m.         |
| Sat., Dec. 21 -  | The Christmas Store   |                |
| Sun., Dec. 22 -  | Fourth Sunday in Advent   |                |
| Tues., Dec. 24 - | Christmas Eve Worship Service, with Holy Communion  | 7 p.m.         |

# QUESTIONS GOD WON'T ASK

God won't ask what kind of car you drove; He'll ask how many people you drove  
who didn't have transportation.

God won't ask the square footage of your house; He'll ask how many people you welcomed in your home.

God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet; He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.

God won't ask what your highest salary was; He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

God won't ask what your job title was; He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

God won't ask how many friends you had; He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived; He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.

God won't ask about the color of your skin; He'll ask about the content of your character.

God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation;

He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.

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