

Waverly United Methodist Church Newsletter

open hearts
open minds
open doors



March – May 2018

THE NEWSLETTER RETURNS!

The idea of the newsletter was brought to the board by Pastor Sally and was discussed and dismissed...then several started thinking (This can be dangerous!). The result at the next board meeting was the decision to print a newsletter again but do it quarterly. The idea is to distribute in April (looking back to March and forward to May). The same plan will be followed with printing in July, October and January. If you have an event to publish, write it up and send to Lindsey or tell Giny the details, and she'll write it up. Any ideas will be joyously accepted.

LENTEN PROJECT

The project for Lent, 2018, was collecting money for UMCOR for relief specifically for Puerto Rico and the U. S. Virgin Islands. The children collected 40 coins to remember the 40 days of Lent. Their coins were approximately \$23 of the total \$1854.63. This is a definite example of extravagant generosity.

PALM SUNDAY

The traditional parade of kids with the palms took place on Palm Sunday in commemorating the palms laid in the street for Jesus as he entered Jerusalem. The kids marched as the congregation sang, "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna."

EASTER SUNDAY

For Easter Sunday, the church was beautifully decorated with lilies, crosses and spring flowers. Thanks go to Mary Scanlin (Livingston) Brayden and Nancy Peters for the lovely arrangements. The children enjoyed their traditional hot cross buns, and then all participated in communion. The choir sang several Easter songs which added to the joyous worship service. It was also April Fool's Day, but Christ rising from the grave is not a fool's prank! He is Risen!



Something from Sally

“But What Can We Do?”

We live in strange and uncertain times. The Waverly Bible Study group just finished a study called “Embracing the Uncertain”, and there seems to be many others on the same topic which have been published.

When we watch or read or hear the news, there are so many upsetting and divisive and tragic things going on in our country and our world. We may find ourselves wondering, what can we do to change things. We may wonder if there is anything which we can do, or if the state of things cannot be changed at all.

I have been thinking about all of this. I have come to the conclusion that yes, there is something we can do. In fact, in some cases, there are several things we can do.

Two very good things about our country are freedom and democracy. If we find that politics and government matters are not to our liking, we can vote accordingly, and we can write letters to the current holders of office, especially those which represent us.

Another thing which we can do, in every area, in every situation, is to pray. Prayer does a lot. It is more than a fond way of saying we care about someone or some situation. God hears all our prayers and cares about each one. Mysterious though it is, prayer changes things.

Lastly, though very importantly, we can help the world by living up to our Christian beliefs. What I mean is that the values which Christians cherish – love, mercy, truth, honesty, kindness, hard work, justice, obedience and reverence toward God – are things which our country and our world need, desperately. As we live our lives, we can add those things to our workplaces, our schools, our neighborhoods.

For example, a Christian can be that person who speaks up for honesty when an iffy situation arises. This needs to be done politely and considerately, of course. But it needs to be done!

A Christian can be the one who asks a blessing at a meal. A Christian can be the one who puts his or her charitable feelings into action when there are people in some kind of need.

Or, as Mahatma Gandhi put it so well, “Be the miracle you want to see in the world.”

Oh, yes, we can do something about the state of things! We can do our share, so to speak, of helping with God’s great intention of having God’s “kingdom come and will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,” as it says in the Lord’s Prayer.

Pastor Sally DeMasters

what's new?

BRIGHT SUNDAY – On April 7, we celebrated Bright Sunday; this was the first time to do this in Waverly. The idea is that there is so much joy that comes with Easter that it spills over into the next week and Sunday. We enjoyed "Holy Humor." The kids saw a sight joke with an illusion featuring a hidden Jesus. Later several members and Pastor Sally shared verbal jokes. It was fun to begin a new tradition!

NOISY OFFERING – On April 15, a new offering was begun. After Children's Time, the kids were given small pails and collected only coins...hence clanging in the buckets! The money will be used for mission projects. The first offering was \$31.36. This will be a weekly addition to the service, so remember a few coins for the Noisy Offering!



BAPTISM

On March 17, Maren Elizabeth, the daughter of Lindsey and Seth Tyre and sister of Wyatt and Charlie, was baptized by Pastor Sally. We welcome our newest member to our United Methodist family.





Game Day

Some were probably dealing with taxes on April 15, but some of us were enjoying the radical hospitality of the Youth Group. They hosted their second Game Day for all members of the church, providing a variety of games plus the invitation to bring a game. Adam set up the electronic games enjoyed by many of the youth. The younger kids and adults of all ages enjoyed the board and card games. A number of people learned new games such as Antonia, dominos and Yahtzee. Between games, cookies, chips, veggies and fruit were enjoyed. It was a fun afternoon. Thanks go to the Youth Group!





Member Spotlight

By Sarah Schmidt



Richard Livingston

Richard Livingston's spiritual journey started decades before he and wife Kathleen moved to Waverly in 1978. Richard grew up in Independence, Mo., and was immersed in the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints with a father who was a Bishop and a mother who was active in all aspects of church life. It was during his tween years that the church brought him to the love of his life. Through the church youth group, called Zion's League, Richard met Kathleen and their future began.

The Livingston's moved to the area for Kathleen's job in 1978. After visiting several of the local churches, and with forceful encouragement from then neighbor Anna Lee Woodward to get their children into Sunday School, the Livingston's chose the Waverly United Methodist Church as their church home.

Richard harkened back on his own fun youth group experiences, and it was these wonderful memories that prompted him to rekindle the youth group of the United Methodist Church in the early '80s. He and Kathleen served as youth leaders for a number of years with help from Rich and Terry Blackmon, and Mary Ellen and Larry Kitchen

Richard has served as chairman of the Administrative board, served on the PPR committee, the Board of Trustees, and currently is chairman of the Finance committee. Richard is an active member of the choir and enjoys making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

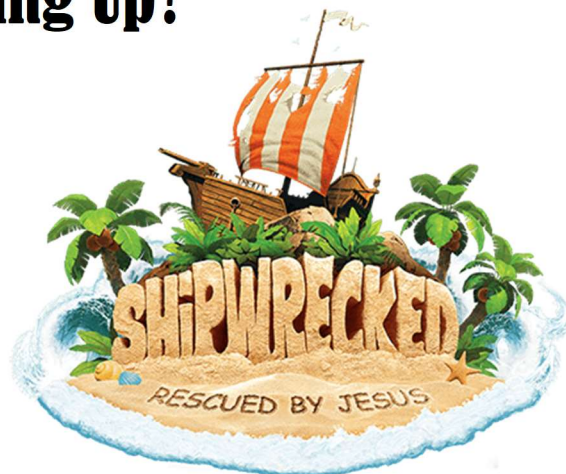
In addition to his other church activities, Richard currently serves as COR (Charter Organizational Representative) for the Methodist's Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 243. He has a deep connection and love for scouting as he earned both the Arrow of Light as a cub and the rank of Eagle as a Scout. He also was a Scout leader during his son's scouting years, and now has the chance to work with his grandsons as they come through the scouting program too!

Richard and Kathleen like to spend their winters traveling in their RV – exploring different regions of God's world. When home, Richard enjoys spending time with his family, reading and tending to his retirement project – the Vineyard.

What's Coming Up?

GRADUATION

On May 6 Bibles will be given to our three graduating seniors. Our prayers and good wishes go to Carson Graf, Cara Hinz and Brett Ives who will graduate from Santa Fe High School on May 13 at 4:00.



LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER

It was decided to continue with the distribution of the Backpacks for the summer. We will work with the school to set up the delivery. Over the summer these are provided by Harvesters for students in the community who need them. There will not be a meal on delivery day as last summer it was not successful. More information and requests for help will come through the bulletin as plans are finalized.

The Community Vacation Bible School dates are July 22-26. This is a most successful endeavor of the community churches for a wonderful experience for kids of all denominations. It is held at the Baptist Church with each church providing one meal. Later there will be calls for volunteers to be crew leaders (shepherd small groups to the activity stations) to be group leaders (teach at each station) to help with set-up and clean-up. Amber Drunert is our church liaison and will be able to answer questions or accept offers to help this summer.

MAY 3 – NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE, WAVERLY UMC, 7 P.M.
CONDUCTED BY THE CLERGY OF THE WAVERLY COMMUNITY MINISTRIES
MAY 6 – SENIOR SUNDAY, WAVERLY UMC
MAY 6 – LAST YOUTH GROUP MEETING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR
MAY 10 – BACCALAUREATE SERVICE, SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL, 7 P.M.
MAY 13 – MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 13 – SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, 4 P.M.
MAY 14 – WAVERLY ADMINISTRATIVE BOAR MEETING, 6 P.M.
MAY 20 – PENTECOST SUNDAY. WEAR SOMETHING RED TO CHURCH
AND HELP US ALL CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH.
JULY 22-26 – WAVERLY COMMUNITY VBS, BAPTIST CHURCH





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