



**We are worshipping in person!
Masks are preferred but not required
Social distancing is practiced
JOIN US!**

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 11 AND
SATURDAY, SEPT. 12
UMW GARAGE AND BAKE SALE
Bring your treasures to donate!**

From My Heart to Yours

“...I was a stranger and you welcomed me...”

(Matthew 25:35b, NRSV).

“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God” (Romans 15:7, NRSV).

In his book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, Robert Schnase (UMC Bishop) talks about the five essential practices of fruitful congregations. Those essential practices are: Radical hospitality, passionate worship, intentional faith development, risk-taking mission and service, and extravagant generosity.

I suspect we think we are a pretty hospitable group of people, and we are. However, what we also need to remember is that our opinion about ourselves (and our hospitality) doesn't really help. No, for those who've never been to a worship service at any church, the fear and apprehension can be overwhelming.

Most of the people we share the pews with on Sunday morning were raised in the church. Many of us can't remember a time when we were not active participants in one congregation or another. We know what we're going to see and do and experience on Sunday morning. But, for the growing segment of the population that have never been inside a church, what we do here is foreign to them; it's foreign and a bit scary.

Remember, I became a Christian in my 20s. I remember how it feels. I remember looking around and trying to follow what everyone else was doing. They all seemed to know what we were going to do before we did it. I, on the other hand, always seemed to be one step behind them. Yes, hospitality is about welcoming, but it's also about coming alongside and making important connections.

When it comes to the importance of hospitality, Schnase reminds us that, “We belong to the Body of Christ because of someone's hospitality. Someone invited us, encouraged us, received us, and helped us feel welcome—a parent, a spouse, a friend, a pastor, or even a stranger.”¹.

We *must* remember that our motivation for reaching out with such radical hospitality has no parallel in the secular world around us. We should never reach out because of a desire to increase revenue, increase numbers, or merely to keep the doors open. After all, we are not a business!

¹ Robert Schnase, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2007), p. 12.

What we are is a small, yet vital, part of the Body of Christ and our mission is radically different compared to any other organization. Schnase reminds us that, “We invite people into that mysteriously sustaining community that finds its purpose in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.”²

What would we look like if we decided to exemplify such “radical hospitality?” Our concern and our focus would shift from our familiar inner circles, to those in the community who don’t know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Our focus would no longer be on those present on Sunday morning, but rather on those who are absent. Additionally, when a stranger comes through our door, we would proactively engage them. Our goal wouldn’t be to persuade them to become a member, but rather to make sure they feel welcomed, loved, and accepted.

Schnase warns, “Too many churches want more young people as long as they act like old people, more newcomers as long as they act like old-timers, more children as long as they are quiet as adults, more ethnic families as long as they act like the majority of the congregation.”³

Brothers and sisters, we must be different! Our goals transcend worldly objectives. We are called to be the conduit through which the love and grace of Christ flows to the unreached in our community.

Becoming a congregation that endeavors to offer radical hospitality is no easy task. A congregation becomes radical in its hospitality one person at a time. Radical hospitality, Schnase offers, “begins with a single heart, a growing openness, a prayerful desire for the highest good of a stranger.”⁴

Know that you are loved and prayed for.

In Christian Love and Affection,

Pastor Steve

² Ibid., p. 20.

³ Ibid., pp. 27-28.

⁴ Ibid., p. 29.



What could be easier than giving electronically???? Just go on-line to our church website and follow the link to GIVE and make your donation through pay pal.

You can also set up a monthly or weekly donation using your online banking or talk to a teller about automatic withdrawals. Of course you can still give each Sunday in the offering plate BUT should you forget the checkbook or not have the cash your electronic gift will still reach us no matter what!

Experience Christ's LOVE

Building relationship with God and neighbor.

Mark 12:29-31



Fellowship coffee will be suspended until circumstances make it safe to do so.



DISH TOWELS FOR SALE

The UMW has dish towels made by the UMW women for sale at the church. Prices are:

Set of 7	\$35.00
Set of 3	\$15.00
Singles	\$ 5.00

Proceeds go to missions. Call Ruth Trepp at 319-788-2561 or Earlene Nosbisch at 319-788-2948 to purchase yours today!

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1 Carl Cheeseman, Mark Peterson
- 5 Kerry Lovell, Jan Ehrig
- 6 Brenner Wetzal
- 7 Jordan Thede, Daniel Koch, Brandy Sealman
- 9 Sherris Brown, Theresa Peterson, Josh Latting
- 12 Gary Graveman, Kaye Koch
- 15 Laney Mendenhall, Julie Russell Steuart
- 16 Matthew Sealman, Eric Wrage, Ryan Thran
- 18 Shawn Dugan
- 19 Jim Petersen
- 20 Melanie Eiffler, Lois Knaack
- 24 Brandon Thran, Tracy Eiffler
- 27 Michelle Jans



Please let the church office know your birth date if you have not been included in our birthday lists.



Birthday

TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 2 Jim Grupp,
- 3 Krissy Junker, Tena Peters
- 4 Megan Jans, David Steuart
- 5 Don Brown, Jude Larson
- 6 Warren Schildroth, Cliff Moye, Cody Bown
- 7 Brady Bown, Trisha Mohlis
- 8 Amanda Heasley, Malissa Martin
- 9 Linn Neal, Tiffany Rasmussen
- 11 Brody Buskohl
- 12 Dan Smoldt
- 15 Roy Tessau
- 18 John Stull
- 25 Kyle Stanley
- 26 Bill Raney, Dennis Bolt
- 28 Jeff Henricks
- 29 Danny Klatt, Jamie Eiffler
- 30 Karli Kreisel



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KNOW God's word

Know Jesus, "The Word became flesh."
John 1:14

505 PRAYER GROUP

REQUEST PRAYER AT ANY TIME

Join the group for prayers and fellowship in the church library on Tuesdays at 5:05 pm.



GROW In Christian Discipleship

"Grow up in every way into Christ."
Ephesians 4:15



Children's Church – Ali Jo continues to have a message each week on facebook! Join her for your weekly inspiration!



The September UMW meeting will be on Thursday, September 24th at 1:30 pm. Joan Fogt will have the program with Eloise Monk and Sherris Brown as hostesses. The October meeting will be on Thursday, October 22nd

- Faith Circle will meet for September 3rd at 9 am with hostess Ali Jo Baker and program by Dorothy Weltha. Octobers meeting will be October 1st at 9 am with hostess Sherris Brown and program by a guest speaker.
 - Sarah Circle will not meet until October.
- Watch the enews for updates on meetings for both groups!**

Sign up for email news at www.ReinbeckUMC.org

GO Share your faith.

“Go into all the world.”

Matthew 28:19



Bring Aid and Assistance donations 1st Sunday of every month! The Food Pantry is in need of: large cans of soup, canned fruit, Kleenex and any kids cereal.



September Operation Christmas Child donations ARE: T-shirts and underwear.

October donations ARE: \$9 postage fees per box. If you would rather have someone else do your shopping, place your donation in an envelope from the Servant table marked Operation Christmas Child and we will do the shopping!



UMW GARAGE AND BAKE SALE

Friday, September 11

Noon to 5 pm

Saturday, September 12

8 am to noon

Accepting donations now!

LEADING THE WAY

Leadership Team, Committees and more

Committees and Church Council Meetings

September

- ❖ Leadership Team 6:30 pm Wednesday, 9/16

October

- ❖ Leadership Team 6:30 pm Wednesday, 10/21



Leadership Team

July 15, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Members present: Andy McQuillen, John Stull, Dixie Schildroth, Melinda Smoldt, Kim Moye, Ali Jo Baker, Dian Junker, Erin Schildroth, Nancy Kiehne,

and Marie Schildroth.

Andy chaired the meeting in Pastor's absence. Kim moved, and Ali Jo seconded, that February's minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried. This was the first Leadership Team meeting since February due to the coronavirus.

Communication – Dian. The payroll continues to be paid. She has done the July/August newsletter and there will be one for September/October.

AGENDA

Treasurer's Report – Dixie Schildroth. The treasurer's report was presented in printed form and indicates a balance in the General Fund of \$2,490.91. Report was submitted and approved.

Program Ministry Reports:

Education – Ali Jo/Treva. Ali Jo continues to post children's lessons online. There will be no VBS. Jim Ellenberger presented a children's book to her that he recently received.

Nurture – Kim. She was wondering if there has been a need for aid and assistance from members of the congregation.

Outreach/Missions – Kress/Melinda. Operation Christmas Child emphasis for July is jump ropes, slinkys, paddle balls, sunglasses, watches, etc. Melinda has not heard anything about Cropwalk which is usually held in September.

Worship – Clint. No report. Members present indicated it is good to be back on Sundays for worship.

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UMW – Nancy Kiehne. There have been no meetings since February.

Administrative Reports:

Finance/Treasurer – John/Dixie. The quarterly insurance bill to Grinnell Mutual has been paid. Expenses have been somewhat down. Only one apportionment has been sent in. Discussion was held on the church receiving funds from the PPE program. Kim moved, and Melinda seconded, that John contact the bank and find out what the application process is. Motion carried.

Trustees – Wade. Andy reported for Wade that he has repaired some soffit on the parsonage and is working on getting a programmable lock on the kitchen door. Grinnell Mutual did an evaluation and is recommending the church be locked overnight.

He has contacted someone to grind the stump and trim some big limbs at the parsonage.

Rick Lockhart has been contacted to weed and feed the lawn at the parsonage. Pastor would like to have the concrete pad installed on the south side of the garage. Window coverings and a microwave also need to be purchased for the parsonage. Landscaping around the parsonage also needs to be freshened up. Dian mentioned the cameras don't always work. She is going to check with Wade on this.

Lay Leader Report – Erin. No report.

SPRC – Beth. No report.

Pastor's Update – Pastor Steve. No report.

John moved, and Dixie seconded, that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule – The next Leadership Team meeting will be August 19, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Schildroth, Secretary

Leadership Team
August 19, 2020
6:30 p.m.

Members present: Pastor Steve, Andy McQuillen, John Stull, Ali Jo Baker, Beth Thompson, Nancy Kiehne, Wade Van Hauen, Kress Boheman, Dixie Schildroth, Clint Anderson, and Marie Schildroth.

Pastor shared devotions from Romans 12:1-8 followed by prayer. John moved, and Dixie seconded, that last month's minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Communication – Dian. None

AGENDA

Treasurer's Report – Dixie Schildroth. The treasurer's report was presented in printed form and indicates a negative balance in the General Fund of \$ -938.64. Report was submitted and approved.

Program Ministry Reports:

Education – Ali Jo/Treva. Ali Jo continues to post children's lessons online.

Discipleship – Jim/Angie. No report.

Nurture – Kim. No report.

Outreach/Missions – Kress/Melinda. They have received no word on Cropwalk which usually takes place in September. Operation Christmas Child emphasis for September is tee shirts, socks and underwear.

Worship – Clint. No report.

UMW – Nancy Kiehne. We will meet August 27th at 1:30 p.m. for the first time since February due to the coronavirus. Masks and social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Administrative Reports:

Finance/Treasurer – John/Dixie. John reported that the church received \$21,185.00 from the PPP program. The church was eligible as a non-profit organization and funds were deposited on August 7th. The funds cover payroll, pensions and medical insurance for one full-time employee and three part-time employees. It is a forgivable loan when all expenses are monitored for ten weeks. Our church's official name is United Methodist Church of Reinbeck, Iowa.

Trustees – Wade. The soffit was repaired after the first wind storm. There has been additional damage to trees, gutters and church roof due to the derecho. Wade took pictures for the insurance company. He will check on the deductible. He talked to Bovys and they cut down and cleaned up a tree for \$300.00. Discussion was held on the concrete pad and approach to be installed south of the parsonage garage. Concrete will also be poured for the patio on the south side of the church. He has received a bid from Sweerin Concrete for \$4,334.00. John moved, and Kress seconded, that \$1,500.00 come from the Trustee budget and the remainder from the capital purchases budget to cover this cost. Motion carried.

Lay Leader Report – Erin. No report.

SPRC – Beth Thompson. The committee recently met and are satisfied with how things are going, especially because of the pandemic.

Pastor's Update – Pastor Steve. Charge conference will be held via Zoom. No date has been set. He will keep us up to date.

John moved, and Nancy seconded, that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule – The next Leadership Team meeting will be September 16, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Schildroth, Secretary