



# Lake City Union Church Newsletter

September  
2017

## EDITOR'S CHOICE

*The following is a statement issued by Bishop Bruce Ough, President of the United Methodist Church Council of Bishops, following the events that took place in Charlottesville, Virginia. Thank you to Rev. Dwight Grovesnor for sharing it from the pulpit on Sunday, August 20th, and I thought it was a message that all of you might find noteworthy.*

My shock, dismay and grief over the clashes between white supremacy advocates and counter-protesters in Charlottesville, Virginia, continue to grow. I grieve for the lives lost, and pray for the family of Heather Heyer, the families of the two state troopers killed while monitoring the Charlottesville demonstration from the air, and for the healing of all the injured. I am shocked by the blatant resurgence of white nationalism, neo-Nazism and racially motivated domestic terrorism in the United States. I am dismayed (and frightened) by the animosity, division, extremism and evil that is spiraling out of control in the U.S.

Let there be no excuses or political justification for the evil that was on full display in Charlottesville last Saturday. Nor let us forget that many such displays of white supremacy, racism and hatred go un-reported or under-reported in many places. White supremacist and neo-Nazi ideologies are abhorrent and entirely inconsistent with the Christian faith. Jesus called his followers to "love your neighbor." It is clear this key spiritual imperative means all neighbors without regard to race, color, religion or national origin. And, Paul taught that "enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions and factions" are among many works of the flesh that are antithetical to the kingdom of God. "By contrast the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:19-23) These works of the Spirit lead to peace-making and the kingdom of God.

The Social Principles of our United Methodist Church are a clarion call and powerful witness in times such as these. "We affirm that no identity or culture has more legitimacy than any other. We call the Church to challenge any hierarchy of cultures or identities." (Para. 161A, The Nurturing Community, page 110, 2016 Book of Discipline). And, from Para. 161A The Social Community, page 120: "Racism, manifested as sin, plagues and hinders our relationship with Christ, inasmuch as it is antithetical to the gospel itself...Therefore, we recognize racism as sin and affirm the ultimate and temporal worth of all persons...We commit as the Church to move beyond symbolic expressions and representative models that do not challenge unjust systems of power and access."

Martin Luther King, Jr. echoed a similar sentiment when he challenged the United States to transform the thin paper of the Declaration of Independence that affirms the self-evident truth "that all men are created equal, are endowed with certain inalienable rights" into thick action.

.....*Bishop Ough's Issues Statement on Charlottesville continued on page 2.*

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Lake City Union Church is to praise and uplift God in all that we do.*

.....*Bishop Ough's Issues Statement on Charlottesville continued from page 1.*

I pray that the shock, dismay and grief of Charlottesville will be a turning point for the U.S. and even our global United Methodist Church. We share collective responsibility to turn our thin words into thick action. We share collective responsibility to break our silence. We share collective responsibility to restore health to the communities and relationships out of which extremism, hatred and racism grow. We share collective responsibility, as followers of the Prince of Peace, to create non-violent communities where people with different political and religious views respect each other. We share responsibility to articulate the vision of the Beloved Community where no person feels endangered on account of their social, racial or cultural identity.

This collective responsibility begins by each of us examining our own hearts for the prejudice that contributes to attitudes of supremacy or hatred, or to violence, or silence or fear. Peace-making and reconciliation always begin within.

This is the moment for The United Methodist Church and all peoples of faith to be bold in our witness against racism and white supremacy. The vision of the Beloved Community lies not behind us, but before us. I urge us to pray for the Holy Spirit to break through and work through The United Methodist Church to heal our broken world and make tangible, visible the kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Bishop Bruce R. Ough, President

Council of Bishops

The United Methodist Church

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*Editor's Note: On August 13, 2017, Rev. Dr. Harlan Gillespie, North Central District Superintendent of the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church wrote a very interesting article addressing this same issue. It was too lengthy for the Newsletter, but I have made a few copies that are available for you to pick up in the office.*  
*Miriam*



**Join Bishop Laurie Haller for the  
Iowa Annual Conference Bible Land Exploration**

January 9—18, 2018.

Go to [www.eo.travel](http://www.eo.travel) or dial 800-247-0017 for more information

OR

Contact Rev. Dwight Grovesnor for more details

OR

Stop in the office to page through the flier on the Secretary's desk

**Lake City Union Church  
Administrative Session  
July 18 2017**

Session of the Lake City Union Church was held in the Fireside Room-- 7:00pm. Meeting was called to order by Moderator Rev Randy Russom. **Attendance:** Jim Angove, Maria Bixenstine. Lisa Findley, Mike Jacobs, Nancy Janssen, Randy Kent, Jon Myers, Austin Olberding, Paige Reiter, George Schaffer, Karen Steig, Maurine Thieszen Rev. Randy and Kay Streeter. Absent: Brooke Schleisman. Also in attendance: Janelle Nesbitt and Erin Blair. Lisa gave the opening prayer.

**Session Minutes:** June 15, 2017 meeting minutes were read .A motion was made, seconded and approved.

**Clerk's Report:** The July Clerk's report was read and a motion was made and seconded to approve. Approved

**Christian Education:** Vacation Bible School is coming this week at the Woodlawn Christian Church. Youth Group will start again September 6th.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Cement work in front of the church is done. Work will be done at the Parish house. The lavender wall in the Pastor's office will be repainted to a more neutral color.

**Staff Pastor Parish:** Has not met

**Interpretation:** Has not met

**Worship and Music:** Erin will coordinate the music with the lay person doing the service.

**Memorial and Bequest:** No meeting

**Parish Life:** The ice cream fundraiser at the Western Day's parade raised \$344.

**Support:** Lisa gave an update on the money counter guidelines. The folder with the recording slips and the calculator is next to the money bag. Put the money in the bottom of the fire proof file cabinet when done and lock the cabinet. We do not have to have a CPA do our audit so Lisa is working on lining up the audit with a couple elders and Susan Combs.

**Nominating:** No meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve all the committee reports. Seconded and approved

**Treasurer's Report:** June 2017 report was reviewed, offerings are under budget as is the offering budget for the Net Roof Campaign. Checking balance for June 30 is \$952.74. A motion was made and seconded to approve. Full financials are in the church office

**Old Business:** Continue to work on goals set for 2017

**New Business:** Four or five people needed to develop a questionnaire for congregation participation. Karen Steig, Jon Myers, Maria Bixenstein, and Mike Jacobs agreed to get this started. A motion was made, seconded, and approved for these four to do this work. Strengths plus weakness equal challenges.

Next meeting will be August 17. A motion to adjourn, seconded and approved. 8:30 PM

Mike closed with prayer.

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Kay Streeter  
Clerk of Session

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Rev Randy Russom  
Moderator



Once again it is time for Kraft Pillow Cleaning Service. They will be at our church on Tuesday, September 26th from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. All types of bed pillows such as feather, foam or fiber can be brought in. They will be cleaned, fluffed and sanitized. New ticking will be placed on the outside. It is a one day service. Bring in your pillows and you will leave with pillows looking like new.

Kraft Pillow Cleaning Service is sponsored by Deborah Circle.



# September *BIRTHDAYS*

|                   |    |                     |    |
|-------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Heather Olberding | 01 | Garrett Krause      | 12 |
| Kristi Jacobs     | 02 | Evan Myers          | 12 |
| Nick Robinson     | 03 | Michelle Blair      | 13 |
| Abbigail Summers  | 03 | Dr. Derek Duncan    | 14 |
| Dillon Davis      | 04 | Martha Potts        | 15 |
| Zeta Bradley      | 05 | Bonita McChesney    | 19 |
| Blaine Barney     | 06 | Peggy Galletley     | 21 |
| Margaret Skinner  | 07 | Jennifer Richardson | 21 |
| Scott Nesbitt     | 08 | Blakelie Daniels    | 22 |
| John Patterson    | 09 | Mica Hickey         | 24 |
| Raygin Olberding  | 10 | Landon Spafford     | 24 |
| Kody Case         | 11 | David Clark         | 27 |
| Deagen Gorden     | 11 | Tristin Gorden      | 28 |
| Ellyott Winter    | 11 | Chad Potts          | 29 |
| Jeremie Kent      | 12 | Joshua Schneider    | 30 |



## *Church Office Hours*

Mon. 8-12

Tue. 8-12

Wed. 8-12

Thur. 9-12

Fri. Closed

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## Lost and Found

**LOST:** One man's car coat. Several months ago someone wore a car coat to Church and wore the wrong one home. The missing car coat has every day gloves in the pocket and was handed down in the family, so is special. Please check, and if you find it, exchange it for yours, which is hanging in the Church coat rack.

Also, we thank all of you for your food donations for funerals and other events and remind you, don't forget to pick up your bowls and pans from the kitchen.

Thank you!!



The next Food Bank Day is September 28th from 2:30–5:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 1st from 11:30–12:30 p.m.

By helping people with this basic need, time and resources open up for higher issues that might need to be addressed.

In 2016 we have given away about 25,000 pounds of food to families in need. Also, with the \$1,000.00 grant from Farm Credit Services, we work together as Christ taught us.

This year Jan Block entered her name in a Monsanto promotion and received a \$2,500.00 reward, which she designated to go to the Food Bank. We thank Rev. Beth for her work in getting the Lake City Union Church entered on a Web Site for Non-profit organizations, so we were eligible to receive this grant as a credit at the Food Bank of Iowa, and a special thank you to Jan Block for her generosity.

Helpers are always needed and appreciated on Food Bank day! Sign up for a time that works for you—Between 1:30 and 5:30p.m.

Thank you for your help!!

Mike and Kris Jacobs and Paige and Mary Reiter, Co-Chair



# YOUTH GROUP

**REACH  
AND  
GATHERING  
NEWS**

*Youth Group Kick-Off: September 6, 2017*

*Meet the Leaders and Staff*

*5:30 p.m.: Parent Assembly 6:00 p.m.: Meal 6:30 p.m.: REACH  
(all parents and families are invited)*

*Regular Programming 3:45 p.m.—5:15 p.m. - Gathering—K thru 6th Grades*

## **Gathering**

## **REACH**

**K thru 6th Grades**

**“Kids Spot” Bus from High School**

**3:45 p.m.—5:20 p.m. Pick Up North Door**

**Parents/Guardians sign out child (K-2nd grades)**

**Meal Provided**

**Wear comfortable clothing/shoes**

**7th thru 12th Grades**

**6:00—7:45 p.m. Meal**

**(option to stay later)**

**Meal Provided**

**\$25/Semester/per student**

**Thank you to the Lake City Union Church for the Youth Coordinator salary and building usage and to all the leaders, staff, students, parents, and community people for the continuous support throughout the school year who volunteer each week and work behind the scenes each week to make our program so strong.**

**Janelle Nesbitt, Youth Coordinator**

**Youth Group Contact Information:**

**Janelle Nesbitt: 712-210-1585**

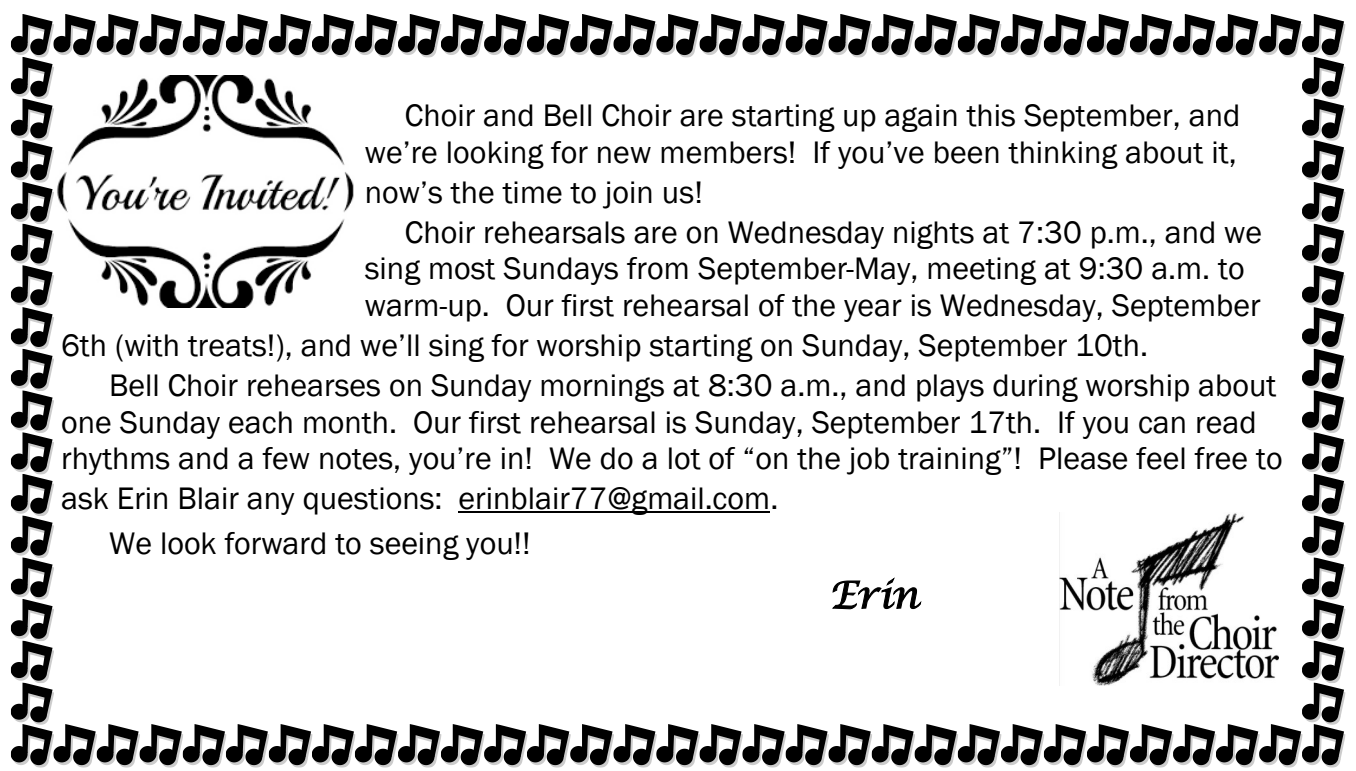
**MaeLaan Magnani: 712-210-6262**

**Lake City Union Church: 712-464-3221**

**Children’s Sermon August 13, 2017**



**Learning each ingredient is important in cooking, just as each one of us are important to God and in our Church.**



Choir and Bell Choir are starting up again this September, and we're looking for new members! If you've been thinking about it, now's the time to join us!

Choir rehearsals are on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m., and we sing most Sundays from September-May, meeting at 9:30 a.m. to warm-up. Our first rehearsal of the year is Wednesday, September 6th (with treats!), and we'll sing for worship starting on Sunday, September 10th.

Bell Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m., and plays during worship about one Sunday each month. Our first rehearsal is Sunday, September 17th. If you can read rhythms and a few notes, you're in! We do a lot of "on the job training"! Please feel free to ask Erin Blair any questions: [erinblair77@gmail.com](mailto:erinblair77@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you!!

*Erin*



**BAKE SALE**

All Women of Union Church will participate in a Bake Sale after church on Sunday, September 10. Bring your items at 9:30 am for pricing. Bread, rolls, and pies are popular. Brownies and cookies are another suggestion.

**CIRCLES MEET IN SEPTEMBER**

All women of the Church are invited to join the fellowship of a Circle, The Deborah Circle will meet on Thursday, September 14 at 7:00 pm with Lisa Findley as hostess. The Esther Circle will meet on Wednesday, September 20 at 9:30 am at the Church. Contact Marilyn Willis or Miriam Hight for more information.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

The Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, October 8 following Church. Mark your calendar!! The women of the Church will be serving pulled pork on a bun, homemade pie, bars, and homemade ice cream. Lemonade and coffee will be available. Contact Marilyn Willis or Miriam Hight if you can donate a pie or bars.

*Marilyn*

**Church Attendance**



August 6            53  
 August 13        58  
 August 20        52  
 August 27        51



**OFFERING COUNTERS**

**September 3**

Brooke Schleisman  
 Paige Reiter

**September 10**

Maria Bixenstine  
 Mike Jacobs

**September 17**

Lisa Findley  
 Maria Bixenstine

**September 24**

Jon Myers  
 George Schaffer

**\$\$\$ FINANCIAL NEWS \$\$\$**

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Offering— August 6                 | \$2,043.00   |
| Offering - August 13               | \$ 443.00    |
| Offering - August 20               | \$ 993.00    |
| Offering— August 27                | \$ 944.25    |
| 2017 Investment Income - 7/31/17   | \$73,000.00  |
| 2017 Contribution Income - 7/31/17 | \$53,231.42  |
| 2017 Total Income thru - 7/31/17   | \$126,231.42 |
| 2017 Expenses thru - 7/31/17       | \$120,254.55 |

**LAKE CITY UNION CHURCH STAFF**

*(Cut out and post for ease in communication)*

Website—<http://www.lakecityunion.org>

|                                  |                 |                          |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Secretaries                      | Miriam Hight    | mehight53@gmail.com      |
|                                  | Crys Jorgensen  | jorgca_62@yahoo.com      |
| Coordinator of Youth Programming | Janelle Nesbitt | jnesbitt@iowatelecom.net |
| Director of Music                | Erin Blair      | erinblair77@gmail.com    |
|                                  | Donny Hobbs     | dhobbs001@gmail.com      |
| Treasurer                        | Jon Thieszen    | jmthieszen@gmail.com     |
| Accountant                       | Marci Duncan    | duncanms5@yahoo.com      |
| Financial Secretary              | Peter Farley    | far443_70@hotmail.com    |

**USHER**  
*schedule*

**September**

Scott Nesbitt  
 Den & Crys  
 Jorgensen  
 Darlene  
 Nicholson



**Wednesday, September 6th**

Youth Group Kick-off

**Sunday, September 10th**

UCW Bake Sale

**Tuesday, September 26th**

Kraft Pillow Cleaning—9:00—1:00 p.m.

**Thursday, September 28th**

FOOD BANK

**Sunday, October 8th**

UCW Ice Cream Social



**Thank you** to Susan Steig, JoAnn Samuelson, Darlene Nicholson, Crys Jorgensen, Jean Fahan, Diane Kneller and Marilyn Collis for helping with the August Newsletter. **Thank you** to Paige Reiter for making the shelves in the Food Bank/classroom and for all the other maintenance work he does at the Church.

**Thank you** to Jeanne Devine for weekly updating the Children's Activity Bags for Church and for checking the Sanctuary for bulletins etc.

**Thank you** to Al Hight for the maintenance work he does at the Church.

**Thank you** to Mickey Goins and Jane Johnson for the beautiful flowers in the flower box and for their weekly care of the flowers.

**Thank you** to Randy Kent who, as Chair of Bldgs. & Grnds, was instrumental in overseeing the rebuilding of the flower box and the other brick maintenance done on the Church.

**Thank you** to Janelle Nesbitt & MaeLaan Magnani for decorating in the office, narthex and sanctuary, for planning the Potluck and all the other behind-the-scene things you both do for our Church.

**Thank you** to JoAnn Samuelson for laundering the dish cloths and dish towels and for always being there when help is needed.

**Thank you** to Scott Nesbitt for opening the Church on Sunday mornings and to Maurine Thieszen and Erin Blair for locking up the Church on Sunday mornings after Church.

(If there is someone I have missed, please let me know and I'll put them in next month.)

*The new privacy laws make it very difficult to know when members or friends of our congregation are in the hospital. Please be sure to notify the Church Office when you or one of your family members are hospitalized or sick. The card below may help you when an emergency occurs.*

50¢ each

## Greeting Cards

Card display in dining room

Cookbooks—\$5.00

Note Cards—\$1.00 Post Cards—10¢

Expiration Date: 00/00/00

### HOSPITAL ADMISSION INFORMATION

I request that you please notify the following church upon my admission to the hospital.

**Lake City Union Church**

**712-464-3221**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Courtesy of Union Church Women

### MOVING, CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS?

JUST A LITTLE  
*Reminder*

We have an address service with the post office whereby they let us know each address change of our Newsletter recipients, **for a fee.** We would appreciate it if you would let the Church Office know if you move or otherwise have an address change, so you can continue to receive the Newsletter. Also, we would appreciate receiving any telephone or e-mail changes that may occur.





*Lake City Union Church Bulletin Board*

**Hospitalized in August**

Pat Albright  
Cheryl Grosvenor



**REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

Ruth Albright  
Bob Brown  
Joan Brown  
Joyce Hiler  
Phyllis Morrow  
Richard Nesbitt  
Peggy Owen  
Dorothy Stotts  
Audrey Williams

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN HOME**

Springfield, MN.  
Margaret Lois Clark

**GREEN COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER**

Jefferson, IA  
Zeta Bradley

**AT HOME**

Arlene Blair  
Bev Maule  
Bonnie McChesney  
Mary Pratt



"May the Lord Smile on You and be Gracious to You"

Congratulations  
to the  
**Woodlawn Christian Church**  
and the  
**First Baptist Church**  
on their recent merger.

We wish them success and look forward to continuing to share worship activities with them, as they begin their worship life as one congregation.

May  
THE LORD  
bless  
you  
and  
KEEP  
you



# 2017—FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP



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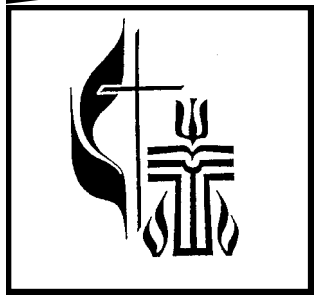


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