

Choose Better

Hate has 4 letters, so does Love
 Enemies has 7 letters, so does Friends
 Lying has 5 letters, so does Truth
 Negative has 8, so does Positive
 Under has 5, so does Above
 Cry has 3 letters, so does Joy
 Anger has 5, so does Happy
 Wrong has 5 letters, so does Right
 Hurt has 4 letters, so does Heal
 It means life is like a double edged sword... so
 transform every negative side to an aura of
 positivity. We should choose the better side of life.

From the book -
 A Laugh a Day!
 Top Ten Things to Do in
 Heaven Besides Playing
 the Harp

10. Tune the harps.
9. Double-check the harp inventory.
8. Post on harpnut.com blog.
7. Make up hilarious puns like "Just harpy to be here!"
6. Fuss with robe.
5. Re-tune the harps.
4. Hide in harp case, jump out, and scare unsuspecting angels.
3. Call radio stations, shout "More harp!" and hang up.
2. Tell yourself that 3,459th chair out of seven billion in the harp section is not that bad.
1. Sketch designs for harp tattoos.

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THE VISION

OCTOBER 2021

OFFERING INFORMATION:
 Offering needed to meet the
 monthly 2021 budget:
 22,682.92
 Offering received in
 September \$16,412.00
 (3 Sundays)

Blue Bucket money
 in October is for
 Thanksgiving food
 baskets.



October Dates

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| Oct. 2 | Morning Belles
practice 8:00 am |
| Oct. 3 | Worship 8:30 am
Sunday School
9:30am
Worship 10:30 am
Morning Belles |
| Oct. 9 | Kingsbury/Docken
wedding |
| Oct. 17 | Leadership Council
11:40 am |
| Oct. 26 | Charge Conference |
| Oct. 31 | Trunk or Treat
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
South parking lot |



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Food Pantry

Thank you for all your
 donations, We are well
 supplied for now..

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm



7th & 8th Confirmation
 Sr. High MYF

Leadership Council
Sept. 19, 2021

Members present: Pastor John, Alona Burtz, Lillie Palmer, Malon Burtz, Yvon Burtz, Dianne Fisher, Donna Duffy, Vanessa Goodell, Wade Burtz, Mick Rowe, Dan Patmore, and Jack Frantz.

The meeting was called to order by Vice chairperson Yvon Burtz at 11:40 am.

The opening prayer was given by Pastor John.

Dianne made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and Dan second. Motion carried.

Jack made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Mick second. Motion carried. The Blue Bucket for camp scholarships was not used. Alona will talk to Liz and Carol about what to do with that money. She had Cybertech help her with the payroll program. The cost was \$33. She sent checks to Glen McCready and Jim Cahoy for the Honor Flight (Blue Bucket money July 2020 - \$414 each) .

PASTOR'S REPORT: He will schedule a meeting with DS Bob in November for the ministry review. Charge Conference will be Oct. 26.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-VANESSA: There were 48 kids last week on Wednesday night at GPS Kids. August 29 was the Volunteer Kickoff for GPS Kids. Diane Durrin is helping with the 9th grade confirmation class. There are 24 kids in the 7th & 8th grade confirmation class. HS MYF had 22 kids last Wednesday. Simply Loved will start on Oct. 10 and be held the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. Trunk or Treat will be Oct. 31 from 2 pm to 4 pm. Vanessa is working on getting the Wrap Around services for the Foster Children set up.

OUTREACH/HOSPITALITY-CAROL/LIZ: They made cookies for grandparents at Golden Prairie and Elder Inn. They also made cookies to have after both services for Grandparent's Day on Sept. 12.

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS-MICK: They accepted the secretary's resignation. The last day to apply for the secretary's job is Oct. 1. The salary for the new secretary will be \$14 an hour for a 90-day probation period and then \$15 an hour. The staff will get a 2% raise starting in January 2022. The motion came from SPR and Wade second. Motion carried.

WORSHIP-WADE: They met on Sept. 1. Brandy is getting piano players for the 2nd service. (Brandy Biggins, Jan Ringstmeyer, Myrna King, and Loraine Price) Decorating the church and special music were also discussed. The budget request for 2022 will be the same as 2021.

TRUSTEES-DAN: Derald Bachmann poured concrete in the alley and next week the curb will be done.

FINANCE-WADE: They will meet in October to work on the 2022 budget. Wade made a motion that some of the rebate money from the pension fund (\$1,000 each) be given to the Abbot House in Mitchell, the Resource Center, the Senior Citizens for their utilities. Jack second and the motion carried.

CARES-DONNA: They met in August and made 12 health kits. They will meet Tuesday to decide about making Halloween treat bags. They will also decide about giving money for Trunk or Treat.

FUNERAL: None

AUDIO/VISUAL-DAN: They adjusted the volume on the drum set. They installed a cable for the tv in the Sr. High Sunday school room.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The nominations ministry will be meeting soon. Several ministries need new members, please give this consideration on how you can serve your church. If you are interested in serving on a ministry, please let the office or Pastor John know.

ADJOURN: Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jack second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 am.

CLOSING PRAYER: Wade gave the closing prayer.

Next meeting is Oct. 17 at 11:40 am.

Lillie Palmer
Recording secretary

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Dalton Petersen	Oct. 1
Brooke Headrick	Oct. 1
Caren Flynn	Oct. 1
Jack Frantz	Oct. 3
Jacob Clay	Oct. 4
Mick Rowe	Oct. 5
Hudson Kaup	Oct. 6
Justin Vanneman	Oct. 6
Zachary Olson	Oct. 7
Mark Rohde	Oct. 7
Kacie Petersen	Oct. 8
Vickie Barfuss	Oct. 9
Cheyenne Dougherty	Oct. 9
Kellen Brozik	Oct. 9
Laurie Osborn	Oct. 9
Lela Swedlund	Oct. 9
Kolbie Osborn	Oct. 11
Kaleb Osborn	Oct. 11
Judy Duffy	Oct. 13
Sophia Lewis	Oct. 13
Alice Hartford	Oct. 14
Bella Swedlund	Oct. 14
Ross Patmore	Oct. 16
Jack Burns	Oct. 17
Louise Flisram	Oct. 19
Bridget Goodell	Oct. 20
Wade Burtz	Oct. 22
Darryl Suess	Oct. 22
Chad Blotsky	Oct. 23
Tammy Harter	Oct. 23



Roger Dice	Oct. 23
Candace Patmore	Oct. 25
Tenlie Rohde	Oct. 26
Teresa Mathis	Oct. 26
Clint Vanneman	Oct. 27
Bailey Fisher	Oct. 29
Geneice Gebhart	Oct. 30
Koty Dougherty	Oct. 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Bryce & Vanessa Goodell	Oct. 7
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October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Food Pantry -		Blue Bucket - Thanksgiving Food			1	2 Morning Belles
3 Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Class Worship 10:30 am	4	5 Men's Group 6:30 am Bible Study noon AV Ministry 6:15 pm Trustees 7:00 pm	6 6:30 pm- 7:30 7th & 8th Confirmation GPS Kids SH MYF Worship Team 7:30 pm	7	8 Wedding rehearsal	9 Kingsbury/ Docken
10 Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Class Worship 10:30 am	11 Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm	12 Men's Group 6:30 am Bible Study noon Finance Ministry 8 pm	13 Golden Prairie 10:00 am Elder Inn 11:00 am Worship Ministry 5 pm 6:30 pm- 7:30 GPS Kids 7th & 8th Confirmation SH MYF	14 SPR 7:00	15	16
17 Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Adult Class Worship 10:30 am Leadership Council noon	18	19 Men's Group 6:30 am Bible Study noon	20 6:30 pm- 7:30 7th & 8th Confirmation GPS Kids SH MYF Worship Team 7:30 pm	21	22	23
24/31 Worship 8:30 am Sunday School 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am 31 Trunk or Treat	25 Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm	26 Men's Group 6:30 am Agape Circle 9:30 am Bible Study noon Cares Ministry 2:00 pm	27 6:30 pm- 7:30 7th & 8th Confirmation GPS Kids SH MYF Worship Team 7:30 pm	28	29	30

“Changed Hearts”

October 2021

One of the favorite saying of United Methodism for the past 20 years has been, “Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.” Now at face value it looks like a pretty good statement. We are to be a people whose hearts are open to those in need or may be hurting! We are not to be prejudiced toward those of other races or ethnicity. We need to have Open Doors! Now to me Open Doors are more than just unlocking them on Sunday morning. First, it means we welcome all who come through our doors, regardless of who they might be.

To welcome someone means to pay attention to them, talk to them and get to know them. Second, having Open Doors means we get out of our four walls and into our community and the world. Many will never come through our church doors for many reasons. They may feel unworthy, may have been hurt by the church or Christians or they simple do not have any idea of what it is all about. Open Minds, are a bit more nebulous to me. When a person says, “you need to be more open minded.” I am really not sure what they mean by that. If to be teachable is to be open minded, or being open minded means I am respectful of another’s persons view, and open mindedness means that not everything is black and white, I can go along with that. But quiet often for some it can mean, anything goes, or it doesn’t matter what you believe as long as you believe it enough, then I have a problem with the Whole Open Mind thing. I like what Tony Campolo said once, “Don’t be so open minded that your brains leak out!” Not all points of view are of equal validity.

What I think might be better to say is that we as Christians seek to lead people to a “Change Heart or Mind.” Isn’t that exactly what Jesus was trying to tell Nicodemus in John 3? Nicodemus was a religious leader, a Pharisee, a group who were not noted for being very open minded. God’s message of grace I believe has always been there! With the coming of Christ God was doing a new thing, a New Covenant but so many missed it because they still were doing the old thing. Now that doesn’t mean that every new thing that comes down the road is to be embraced. The bible tells us to, “test the spirits” and I believe that is a good thing. But those who are new can often bring a freshness, different perspective and enthusiasm to our fellowship. They can show us new ways and new perspectives to how the Holy Spirit is moving in our world.

A better phrase might be, Changed Hearts, Changed Minds, and Changed Community. After all that is what God calls us to be, that radical community reborn by the grace of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit for the transformation of the world. Whatever tradition one finds themselves does not matter, Changed heart and mind is for all Christians. But to use that label we need to back that up by a radical Christ filled lifestyle. May God make it so in our lives.



Sunday, Oct. 31

Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Candy and/or money donations are needed.

If you would like to have a "trunk", contact Vanessa or the office.

Thanks for all your support.