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The Spire September 2021

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Tuesday & Wednesday at Eden

Thursday & Friday at Osage

Greetings everyone!

The month of September brings back memories some good and some not so good. The most memorable, though, is going back to school. For me, those were the days pictures we not posted on the internet for everyone to see. Mom took the polaroid out, took the picture, didn't have time for it to develop, and out the door we went to catch the bus. It was when we returned home we saw the picture. And looking back on that now, I wore some interesting clothes in the 80s. I love the waiting and anticipation of how our school pictures might turn out. I only had to re-take one year because my glasses had a glare. Otherwise, most of my school photos were just fine. They captured who I was in that moment. I didn't really care, though I did notice the photographer always had me turn to the right side, with my hands on my knees, and looking over my left shoulder. We did that pose almost every single year in elementary! At any rate, here we are in 2021, where school photos are no surprise because everyone sees them before the student gets home. What is the fun in that, really? Oh well, it is what it is because we cannot stop progress or the overwhelming information coming in from the internet.

Speaking of which—the overwhelming information from the internet—we are getting way too much from some unreliable resources. It is difficult to sift through what is true or what is a lie. As I wrote in the mid-week devotional, it saddens me how far away we are from God's Word and His laws. We have bent and tweaked so much of what God asked us to do that I think sometimes it would be difficult for us to get back to where we “should” be.

Now, on that note, we really need to be mindful of our neighbors right now. The ministers are not allowed to do Nursing Home worships again because the COVID positivity rate is rising quickly. **I would like us to wear our masks in the church building, when we have large gatherings, and during worship.** We do not like to do this, I don't like doing it; however, this virus is not about you and it is not about me. The bare facts is if we do not take heed to what is going on in our community, we could have more deaths—and not just deaths in our elderly, this time it will be in our young children and young adults. And, we will have to consider closing the doors once again. I do not want to do that either. So, let's try hard to work together and keep this virus at bay.

1 Corinthians 12:14, “For the body is not one member, but many.” *“The body of Christ, or the people that are the whole of humanity, are a team. The body is not supported by one person, but by all of us. We are on, we are strongest working together in unity. Teamwork is the key to living life in harmony, so we can do God's will.” (TeamworkDefinition.com)*

Peace,

Pastor Dixie Laube



Ladies, Mark your calendars for September 17 at 10:30 am. Pastor Dixie invites you to join her in the fellowship hall for conversation and fellowship. This meeting will be informal to discuss the possibility of having a women's group. So, bring your thinking caps to talk about what it is you would like to do during our time together. We will try and meet, at least, every month on the third Friday at 10:30.

Pastor Dixie Laube

Osage UCC Leadership Minutes

May 19, 2021

The United Church of Christ Leadership Board met on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 11:00 am with Reed Kuper, Gene Cordle, Lou Ann Murphy, Pastor Dixie, Dean and Jill Olson in attendance. Ashley Kuper was not able to make the meeting. Agenda included a prayer by Pastor Dixie.

Old Business:

Dean Olson reported on property team notes. Rain gutters and screened gutters are completely done as of this meeting. Discussion on painting pillars has now turned to possibly having metal covering on the pillars and all other outside surface in the front of the church. We also discussed fixing the south handicapped entrance that needs repair of the concrete walk. Dean will be contacting businesses that maybe able to help with solutions.

Dean moved to accept Nadasha Murphy's scholarship application for the year 2021. Reed Kuper seconded the motion. All were in favor. Lou Ann did not participate in the vote. A \$500.00 check will be written out of Olson's Scholarship funds.

The Shared Table will be disbanding. This volunteer mission was highly successful but with COVID – 19 affecting how we serve the public community; the Shared Table Board has decided to not continue this mission. Helen Tubbs and Bonnie Bly were instrumental in this community mission.

The Board would like to thank all our volunteers and the leadership roles they played. The Shared Table involved Tony and Lou Ann Murphy as volunteers for the Shared Table Board and delivery of meals. There are many more members and other community leaders who played a part in this mission. Thank you for their time and their talents.

New Business:

Dennis Fannin was asked to speak to the board about applying an epoxy surface on the entrance of the church where we have a north door and a south door. This project may also include the steps and up to the Fellowship Hall and possibly steps to the offices and the downstairs hallway. This project would enhance the entry way making it brighter and more inviting. This project is in the early stages of thoughts and how to pay for it. When we do this undertaking, this will be a special project, asking for donations. The flooring project will be on hold until we finish the front pillars and doors.

Pastor Dixie informed the Leadership Board by email that we will be joining the Eden Presbyterian Church's Session for a picnic, June 15th @ 5:00 pm at Spring Park. This meeting will be the first to bring the two churches together as future planning for both churches.

Coffee/Cookie sign up sheet is located in the entry way into the Narthex. This will be passed around for members to volunteer.

The Board agrees that the mask mandate become optional for church services. Please feel free to wear masks if you are not comfortable without them.

Meeting was adjourned @ 12:45 pm.

Jill Olson, Chairperson

—The Leadership did not meet on it's own in June and did not meet in July—

Joint Meeting Minutes

Eden Presbyterian Church

Osage United Church of Christ

Moderator: Rev. Dixie Laube

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Spring Park Shelter House

Attending from Osage UCC: Dean Olson, Jill Olson, Ashley Kuper, Reed Kuper, and Gene Cordle. LuAnn Murphy was excused.

Attending from Eden Presbyterian Church were Nina Bates, Mike Marth, Susie Brandau. Dean Pohren was excused.

Pastor Dixie Laube opened with Acts 2:42 (They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.), and prayer.

Discussed positives of both churches: family, fellowship, friends, Christ's teachings, scripture, Worship God, congregation, children's sermon, projects/ service. Eden has done Zoom coffee hours, worship on Facebook, YouTube to stay in touch of members. Osage UCC worship is now online with Facebook, YouTube, and a website. Days for Girls group. Shared Table was good but has since dissolved.

Discussed issues of past: loss of people, division with worship styles, ageing.

We discussed people needing to find value in worship. Our Care Teams (Deacons) are valuable for our shut ins and nursing home people.

Both churches will come together in worship, celebrate communion and have a potluck afterwards on the first Sunday of each month alternating the host church. Osage UCC will host the first worship on September 5, 2021, 10 a.m.

Meeting ended with prayer by Rev. Dixie Laube.

Our Income to Expenses (Jan.-August)

Total Income: \$ 71,766.67

Total Expenses: \$ 71,782.03

Net Income/Loss: \$ -15.36



These figures do not include the PPP loans that we have been given. And, it takes into account that we are paying a Part-Time Pastor salary and benefits. (Pastor Dixie might have looked at a number wrong in June for July's Spire. This is accurate! WE ARE DOING GREAT!)

Approved Budget for 2021: \$ 130,607.00 (this is \$8,063 less than 2020, which ended in the red \$5,270)

Our Monthly giving should be: \$ 10,884.00 to meet our budget for the year.

Joys and Concerns

- Diane Budding
- Carly Stephenson
- Taylor Cole (friend of Pastor Dixie's)
- The Doctors and Nurses continuing to treat COVID-19 patients
- The school administration, teachers, students, bus drivers, lunch people, janitors, coaches, and so many that work with the school
- The Joy of being together as the Family of God



Coffee with Pastor Dixie

How would you like to get to know Pastor Dixie a little better? She is inviting you to come and have coffee or tea with her on the following dates:

September 9 at 8:30 am—Cedar Valley Seminary

September 23 at 8:30 am—Kountry Kupboard



Worship With Eden Presbyterian Church

Out of extreme caution for everyone, we will not be having our joint worship with Eden. The COVID numbers are on the rise, and we want everyone to be safe.

We will have worship on Sept. 12, with communion just for Osage UCC at 9:00 am.



Tony Murphy's Birthday

Dean Olson's Birthday

Keith McKinley's Birthday



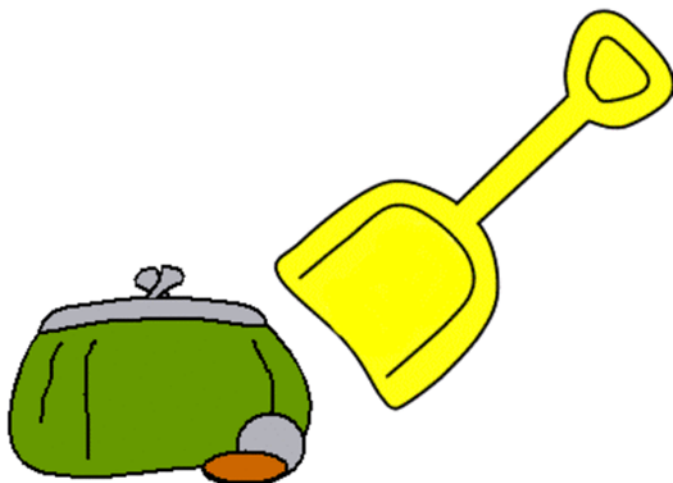
Dean And Jill Olson's 48th Anniversary



Parable of the Talents Word Search

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abilities	parable
buried	servant
celebrate	special
doubled	take
faithful	talents
master	trustworthy
more	valuable



Bible Facts

Koine Greek	55
5	27
Aramaic	New
Old	Hebrew
2	2
66	39

1. The Bible is divided into _____ parts.
2. The _____ parts of the Bible are the _____ Testament and the _____ Testament.
3. There are _____ books in the Bible.
4. There are _____ books in the Old Testament.
5. There are _____ books in the New Testament.
6. The Old and the New Testaments are divided into _____ parts.
7. The Old Testament is written in _____ and _____.
8. The New Testament is written in _____.

The congregations of the Northeast Association
of the Iowa Conference United Church of Christ

are cordially invited to the

Installation Service

For the Reverend Dixie L. Laube

As Pastor and Teacher of both

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Eden Presbyterian Church of Rudd

Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 1:00 pm

Cake and punch reception following worship

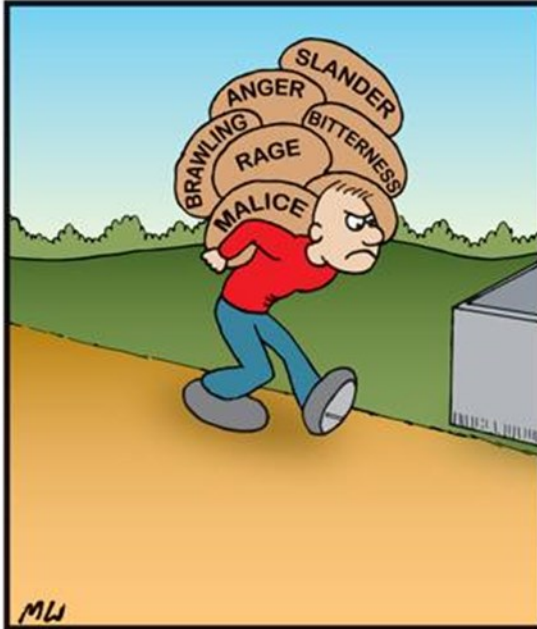
All clergy are invited to wear robes with red stoles for the
processional.

RSVP to Osage UCC at 641-732-4763

MASKS REQUIRED

DUMPSTER

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

— EPHESIANS 4:31-32 NIV





September 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 UCC Clergy Cluster	2 Osage Office 9-1	3 Osage Office 9-1	4
5 UCC Worship 9:00 Eden 10:30	6 Eden Office 9-1	7 Eden Office 9-1	8 Eden Office 9-1 Iowa Board Mtg 5-8 pm	9 Coffee 8:30 Osage Office 9-1 Joint meeting 5:30 at Spring Park	10 Osage Office 9-1	11
12 UCC Worship 9:00 Eden 10:30	13 Continuing Education in Newton Jannie at son's graduation in Puerto Rico thru Sat.	14	15	16 Osage Office 9-1	17 Osage Office 9-1 Women Gathering 10:30	18
19 UCC Worship 9:00 Eden 10:30	20 Eden Office 9-1	21	22 Eden Office 9-1	23 Coffee 8:30 Osage Office 9-1	24 Osage Office 9-1	25 Installation 1 pm will be on Facebook
26 UCC Worship 9:00 Eden 10:30	27	28 Eden Office 9-1	29 Eden Office 9-1	30 Osage Office 9-1		