



Tanner Valley Voice



Tanner Valley United Methodist Church

August 2018

A Fruitful Church

I have really enjoyed getting to know you! I am still meeting people and hearing their answers to these questions:

1. What is God doing in your life?
2. How are you a missionary in your community?
3. What do you hope the church will look like in 5 years? What needs to happen for it to look like that? What do we need to do?



If I haven't heard your answers yet, please reach out! We can meet one-on-one. Even better, get a group of your friends together and we can make a party out of it!

It's always a little tricky to figure out where to start in a new place, so I always find it easiest to start at the basics. So far we have talked about sharing our stories and God's vision for the church. This month, we are going to be looking at our mission. We are going to be looking back to

what the first church did in the Book of Acts and learn how those same things can be what we do to grow in our faith today. These include:

1. worshipping with other believers,
2. intentionally developing our faith in small groups,
3. serving and giving for outsiders in a way that brings transformation to their lives and the community,
4. and making new disciples by sharing our faith and connecting people to the church.

These elements may sound familiar. They sound like our baptismal vows. They sound like Bishop Schnase's practices of fruitful churches. They should definitely sound like something you would read in the Bible. My hope is that they sound like what you are already doing as part of our church and what your expectations of church involvement looks like. It's through engaging in these practices that God makes us disciples. I hope you will join us in worship throughout August to hear more about these important aspects of our faith.

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Sundays—9am

Worship
Sundays—10am

UMW
2nd Thursdays—
7 or 12 pm
Check Calendars

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UMW Update

I am on Facebook, are you? Maybe your phone is not able to access that app or maybe you just are not interested in connecting with so many people. Frankly, I enjoy seeing pictures and comments from friends. Anyway one of the advantages is that you can connect with people by "friending" them. I can look up someone's name and then send them a friend request. If they are interested in interacting with me they accept my request and then we are part of each others lives. That means we text back and forth. Talk to each other about our family and tell each other our problems and concerns, if we want to share that information.

I just saw an advertisement on television suggesting the idea; what if God sent you a friend request? God requesting to be part of your life. Wanting to know all about the people you love, the problems you have and offering to help you work through them.

Hey wait a minute, that is what God offers us every day! He wants to hear about our family, about our problems and he wants to help us work through them.

You know that friend request thing on Facebook? When that pops up I have a chance to accept or decline the friendship offer. So, what would you do? Add God to your list of friends or decline the offer? You know what - it is a daily decision. As for me, I accept the friendship offer.

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will go in and eat with him, and he with me."

REVELATION 3:20

We had a delightful UMW meeting this week. Sue Sorsenson and Ruth Ann Hoyt prepared a delicious lunch and we all enjoyed a great conversation about how God has changed our lives. It was a very enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting will be August 9 with Clara and Harriet as hostesses. I will let you know about the time.

Give some thought to that "friend request" idea, you will be glad you did!

Nancy



Miscellaneous notes from council

The HIAS grant request was submitted on June 27th (dead line was June 30th). There has been no feedback or requests for additional information to date. Results will be announced at the end of July.

A Directory Update is being prepared and should be available in a printed version by the end of the month. Note that the on-line directory is always "up-to-date" any time a change is made.

Council Highlights

The church council met on July 11, 2018, with eleven of seventeen members present. Kim opened the meeting by welcoming Pastor Crystal, and she then gave an opening prayer.

Finance and Treasurer's report:

The June 2018 financial report was presented and reviewed.

For the General Account for the month, there were deposits of \$8,287.04 and withdrawals of \$12,054.75, a monthly deficit of \$3,767.7, leaving a balance of \$2,931.80. The average weekly deposits through 25 weeks is \$2,086.48 which is \$521.83 below the weekly budget need of \$2,608.33. This gap has been widening all year. The beginning balance was \$12,480.00 which has been decreasing each month to our current level.

A comparison of deposits and expenses for the first six months of the last four years follows:

Year	Deposits	Expenses	Mid-year Balance
2015 – through end Q2	\$54,979.23	\$55,532.69	\$4,759.78
2016 - through end Q2	\$56,998.00	\$57,908.07	\$11,492.11
2017 – through end Q2	\$58,486.00	\$60,503.60	\$9,212.95
2018 – through end Q2	\$51,644.00	\$61,638.51	\$2,931.80

Our deposits are down relative to last year by \$6,842.00, but expenses are up by only \$1,134.91. With known expenses pending for work at the parsonage plus other normal spending at a rate similar to that of last year, we are in a troublesome period. Until deposits increase, we need to control discretionary spending.

For the Special Account for the month, there were deposits of \$931.83 and expenses of \$497.74 leaving a balance of \$18,336.13. The new carpet for the parsonage will be paid from the Carpet Fund. However, other repairs (see Trustee's report following) will come from the General Account.

The Comcast (Xfinity) current account was cancelled and a new account created to save cost. This created a new parsonage phone number (812-290-2954).

Trustee Committee: Bill reported the items at the parsonage that have/will incur expenses. They are:

- Pine trees removed (\$1200 paid in June)
- Carpet replaced (\$2500 to be paid from carpet fund in July)
- Lawnmower, gas can and string trimmer (\$300+ to be paid in July)
- Ice maker in refrigerator (\$191.00 to be paid in July)
- Drain issue affecting back-up in floor drain (TBD \$ bill pending)
- Basement floor covering (on hold until issue with floor drain corrected.

Nick has volunteered to do the work, but the church would need to buy the materials)

At the church building, Donny McCool is clearing the trees and shrubbery by the road.

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

August 6

Greeter

Bev Graf

Acolyte

Christopher Delp

Reader

Donna Morgan

August 13

Greeter

Connie Fox

Acolyte

Christopher Delp

Reader

Larry Delp

Ushers

D. Chapman, R. Hesse, P. Titkemeyer, P. Meyer

GIC

Nancy Hesse, Billie Stockum

August 20

Greeter

Barb Branigan

Acolyte

Christopher Delp

Reader

Kim Schmeltzer

Ushers

Paul & Nella Hoffbauer,
Bill & Debbie Robertsom

GIC

Donna Morgan, Ruth Ann Hoyt

August 27

Greeter

Bonnie Knox

Acolyte

Christopher Delp

Reader

Dorothy McCool

Ushers

Bryan & Amy Delp,
Larry & Peg Delp

GIC

J.Schmeltzer, P. VanDyke

NOTE: Assigned Worship Servants are requested to find a replacement if they will not be able to fulfill their duties on the date indicated. Trading places a week or so before avoids any confusion on the assigned date.

Thank you for volunteering and for serving.

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Council Summary (continued from page 3)

Pastor Parish Relations Committee: The PPR committee met on July 11th, and their discussion centered on being better stewards. Some actions that have been or will be taken in that regard are as follows:

Change the Comcast account at the parsonage to be in compliance with the UMC discipline (done effective July 12th).

Receipts are required for any reimbursements.

Any use of the church facilities, such as the Fellowship Hall, must be requested and approved through the council or an appropriate committee. A special council meeting can be held after worship service if a short notice situation has arisen.

Missions Committee: Jean noted that visits to Heart House will be made only once per month on the first Thursday. Visits to the YES Home will be made but not on a scheduled basis at this time. Jean asked about resurrecting the practice of “back pack blessings” for students and an appropriate blessing for teachers as the next school year begins. Pastor Crystal agreed and will work this into the worship schedule, but it may not be done before the start of the school year.

Secretary: Larry reported on three subjects.

...MAKING DISCIPLES
OF JESUS CHRIST...

August 2018




	sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
29		30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
					6:30pm Heart House		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	7pm—Missions Mtg.	1:30pm—Nursing Home	Newsletter Deadline 6:30pm Feed My Sheep 7pm Finance Mtg.	7:00pm—JMW		10:00am Rivertown Quilters	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	7pm—Christian Edu. Mtg.		7pm—Rivertown Quilters	7pm Trustees		6pm—Knife & Fork	
26	27	28	29	30	31		

BIRTHDAYS: 6-Dorothy McCool; 13-June Seevers; 18-Jace Lewis; ANNIVERSARIES: 1-Mary Mitchell; 2-Pete & Emma Schwebach;
19-Beverly Graf; 26-Rich Hesse; 27-Kim Schmeltzer; 4-Norma Skidmore; 18-Kim & Jeanmarie Schmeltzer, Bryan & Amy Delp,
28-Sandy Quillen, Jennifer Brackney; 29-Emma Schwebach Ryan & Melissa Batchelor

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September 2018



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	7pm-Missions	1:30pm-Nursing Home	7pm-PPR	6:30pm-Heart House		10am Rivertown Quilters	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	11:00am Red & Blue Dinner	7pm-Christian Edu.Mtg	7pm-Council Mtg	7pm Rivertown Quilters	7pm Rivertown Quilters	Newsletter Deadline	
		7pm Rivertown Quilters	7pm Rivertown Quilters	7pm- UMW	7pm Rivertown Quilters	6pm Knife & Fork	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
	30		6:30pm-Feed My Sheep				

BIRTHDAYS: 1-Peg Delp; 5-Bonnie Knox; 6-R.Dale Waltz; ANNIVERSARIES: 12-Dale & Sylvia Waltz; 14-Johm & Lisa Hooten;
 8-Sheila Stevenson; 10-Pete Schwebach, Jeanmarie Schmeltzer; 17-Craig & Laura Lenhart; 27Greg & Karen Huffman; 29-Paul & Tracy Meyer
 15-Rosalie Jones; 19-Cyera Power; 23-Charles Blodgett;
 30-Tracy Meyer