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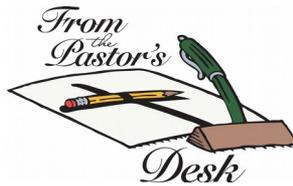
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The News~n~Views newsletter is a great place for all groups, organizations and committees within the Sidney UMC to communicate with the congregation as a whole and to involve more of our church family in what they have going on. If you have an article of church news you would like us to include in the August publication, simply email or call the Church Office and let us know!



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Greetings my dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

What a joy, a privilege, and an honor it is to be able to say that I am now officially the newly appointed pastor of your Sidney United Methodist Church! Melissa (my wife) and I have been overwhelmed with your love, kindness, prayers, and gifts! We arrived on Tuesday June 12th to Sidney, to find some food in the parsonage refrigerator, a fruit basket, a plant, and a gift card to a local restaurant for dinner! Your hospitality and Christian love is truly overwhelming!

I believe that with God's help that the Sidney UMC can be renewed and grow in many ways! I have faith in what God can do through Jesus Christ!

In his second letter to the church in Corinth, or 2 Corinthians, the Apostle Paul wrote in 5:7:

"for we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7, NRSV).

So many people that I talk to lately believe that the church that they attend is hopelessly declining. Many people that I talk to lately also think that churches in general are all slowly dying. Yet, we serve a savior of new life! I would ask you to dream God sized dreams with me, knowing that with Jesus Christ all things are possible! I believe that God has big plans for Sidney and the Sidney UMC.

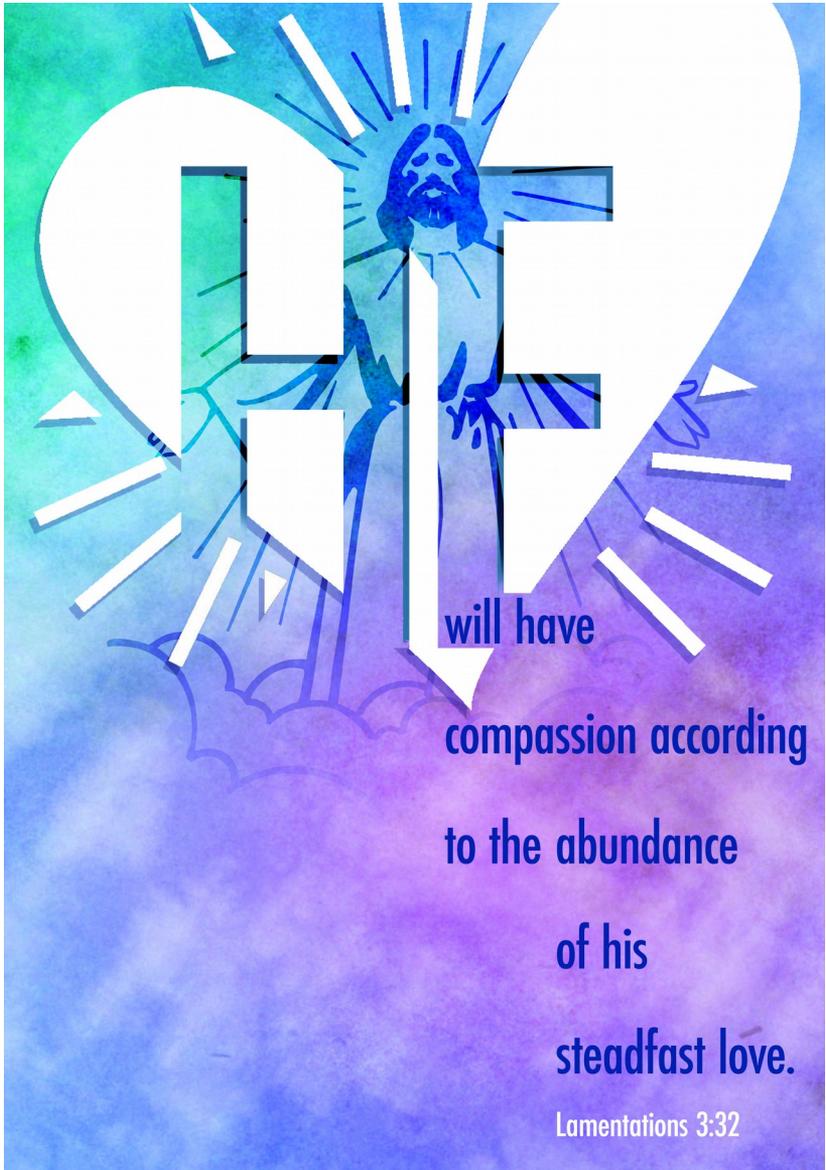
I believe that if we put our trust in the one named Jesus Christ, and if we walk by faith that God can use us to do new and mighty things in Sidney and in the world.

I look forward to meeting you, if I haven't already, I would love to visit with you, get some coffee with you, and get to know you and your family. I am also looking forward to running Bible studies and hopefully other programs. Know that Melissa and I love you, and that we have and will be continuing to pray for you.

I look forward to getting to work in beautiful Sidney!

In the hope of Jesus Christ ,

Pastor Paul W.



will have

compassion according

to the abundance

of his

steadfast love.

Lamentations 3:32

Lay Leader's Letter

Freedom, Where Is It??

God created the earth for all to live in and to build their lives. God wanted harmony, peace, and love. Today, though we are not allowed to speak of God. We are not allowed to pray in the public places. We are told to not fly our American flags or the military flags for it is very offensive to those who do not have FAITH. God said: "we are to unite as one in this Nation. The forefathers of our nation were well aware of this profound truth. Unlike most of the current leaders of our country, the men who established our Bill of Rights were, for the most part, men who BELIEVED in something and STOOD FOR IT. These men lived in a time when people still had RESPECT for good moral standards and godly living. They weren't all Christians, but there was still a reverence for God and the Bible. This was a time when Americans had a FEAR OF GOD before their eyes, and sin was kept down to a minimum. This was a time when God the Holy Spirit could move about and find some men to get a job done. Friend, this was a time when some SOLID FOUNDATIONS could be laid for our nation. So they were laid. One only has to read Benjamin Franklin's appeal to President Washington for a National Day of Prayer to realize the truth in the above statements. Franklin's appeal reads in part: *"In the beginning of the contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for Divine Protection. Our prayers, Sir, were heard -- and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a superintending Providence in our favor. . . . And have we now forgotten that powerful Friend? Or do we imagine we no longer need its assistance? I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth, that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow can not fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have also been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that 'except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it.' (Psalm 127:1) I firmly believe this, and I also believe that, without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel. . . ."* Our nation was built by men who knew that an empire without a solid foundation could not stand. Our nation was built by men who knew that we needed God's help if we were going to become a strong nation. In 1789, both Houses of Congress requested that President Washington recommend to the American people a day of public THANKSGIVING and PRAYER, and he did so. Washington himself, from the very start, knew that our young country must have the blessing of God for survival. After placing his hand on a Bible and taking the oath of office on April 30, 1789, President W "It would be peculiarly improper to omit, in this official act, my fervent supplication to that Almighty Being, Who rules over the universe, who presides in the council of nations, and whose providential aid can supply every human defect, that his benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States. . . Every step by which they have advanced seems to have been distinguished by some providential agency. . . . we ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven can never be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which Heaven itself has ordained." Good foundations were laid. Our liberties were built upon basic Bible principals, and it is for t

this very reason that we have become the great nation that we are today. However, IF THE FOUNDATIONS BE DESTROYED, WHAT CAN THE RIGHTEOUS DO? Friend, for FAR TOO LONG we have stood silently by the wayside and allowed the Devil and his evil forces to HACK AWAY at the foundation stones of our country! While looking out for our own selfish desires, we have allowed the enemy to slip in and literally KNOCK our foundations out from beneath us! As Asaph says to us in Psalm 82:5, "They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course." Washington made his views very clear concerning the source of authority: Satan is destroying the foundations of our freedom. In this brief message, we'd like to do our best to point out SOME of these foundations that are under attack. Hopefully, we can encourage someone to stand up and fight for our God-given freedom while there is still time. Modern men are ASHAMED to be associated with the Bible. Satan is using science and education to make the Bible look old fashioned and archaic in the eyes of twentieth century man. People are naturally looking for an alibi to sin; so the Devil gives them science and education to "disprove" the Bible. It seems that the American people have forgotten that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." II Tim. 3:16-17.

Lay Leader, Echo Adams



This year at VBS we will be encouraging our kids to help with a mission project called The Shoe That Grows. Our goal is to raise \$500 to send to the The Shoe That Grows organization to provide shoes to children around the world who either have none or have shoes too small for their feet. According to the founding organization, Because International: "1.5 billion people suffer from soil transmitted diseases worldwide. Without shoes, children are especially vulnerable to soil-transmitted diseases and parasites that can cause illness and even death. Children who get sick miss school, can't help their families, and suffer needlessly. And since children's feet grow so quickly, they often outgrow donated shoes within a year, leaving them once again exposed to illness and disease." The VBS team will be collecting loose change beginning Sunday, June 3. A container will be placed in the back of the sanctuary for donations. If you would like to contribute more than change we have a webpage setup to take donations.

Just visit <https://fundraise.becauseinternational.org/sidneyumcvbs>

For more information about The Shoe That Grows you can visit their website at <https://theshoethatgrows.org>.

New Pastor Welcomed

The Sidney United Methodist Church is looking forward to the arrival of our new Pastor Paul Winkelman. It will be a new beginning for our church in Sidney. Pastor Paul and his wife Melissa will reside in the Parsonage, he is young with a lot of energy, and a good sense of humor. He will be new to the Sidney Community. Pastor Paul describes himself as an old fashion Pastor and he comes with a lot of experience. His first sermon will be July 1, 2018 at the Sidney United Methodist Church. Please come out and give Pastor Paul and Melissa a great Sidney welcome.

Our Interim Minister Cheryl Hine has been serving our church since January 1, 2018 and she will be leaving the end of June. Pastor Cheryl has done an excellent job here at Sidney United Methodist Church and we will miss her. Thank you, Pastor Cheryl for your leadership of the past 6 months and your commitment that we enjoyed during that time.

Once more, Pastor Paul's first sermon will be Sunday July 1st at the Sidney United Methodist Church. Please come and give Pastor Paul and Melissa a great Sidney welcome. Hope to see you all on July 1st.

Yours in friendship,
Mary Braun



Light one candle

On Good Friday 2017, Jeannie Gaffigan, a writer and producer, wife of comedian Jim Gaffigan and a mother of five, learned she had an apple-sized tumor on her brain stem. As a Christian, she knew she needed God's help to face the ordeal — and knew she still had “a lot of work” to do for him. On Easter Monday, the benign mass was removed during a nine-hour operation.

A year earlier, the Gaffigans won a Christopher Award for positive contributions to media. The award's inscription — “Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness” — now has new meaning for Jeannie. “There's an urgency to do things that may be smaller, like lighting one candle, [rather] than these ambitious, huge goals of doing major shows in order to change the world,” she says. “We all want to light a thousand candles, but there's that one candle that's right in front of you that God is presenting for you. Open up your eyes and look at it and light it.”



A Starry Light

Summer is the perfect time to gaze at the wonders in the sky. Make this craft as a reminder of God's handiwork – including you!

What you need:

Glass jar
Permanent marker
Glue (and water)
Paper plate
Paintbrush
Star sequins
Battery operated tea light

What you do:

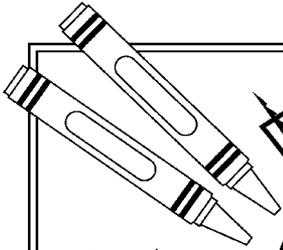
- 1: Around the jar's opening, write in permanent marker: Shine ... like stars in the sky. Philippians 2:15
- 2: Pour some glue on the plate. Thin with some water.
- 3: "Paint" the outside of the jar with glue and then sprinkle on some sequins. Let dry.
- 4: Add the tea light and give a room a starry glow at nighttime.



July 2018 Dates to Remember

- Canada Day, July 1, 2018
- Independence Day, July 4, 2018





PUZZLE

Wonders of creation

Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)

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PSALM 147:4, NIV

Answer: He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Psalm 147:4, NIV



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