

OSCEOLA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Your Church at a Glance

July 2019

Upcoming Calendar

Thurs. July 11—7 a.m.
Women's Bible Study
1 p.m. Bible Study at
RidgeView Heights
6 pm—Summer Bible
Study at the church
Fri. July 12—Noon—United
Methodist Lunch @ Good
Samaritan Center
4:30 p.m.—Mission Meal
leaves for the York
Mission
Sun. July 14—9 am Worship
10:15 am—Adult Sunday
School

Mon. July 15—6 pm—Trustee
meeting
7 pm Administrative Board
meeting
Thurs. July 18—7am Women's
Bible Study
1 pm—Bible Study @
Ridgeview Heights
6 pm—Summer Bible Study
at the church
Sat. July 20 Chrysalis formation
at Kearney Faith UMC
Sun. July 21 9 am—Worship
10:15 am Adult Sunday
School

July 24—28 Polk County Fair
Sun.—July 28—9 am Worship
10:15 am—Adult Sunday
School
Wed. July 31— 1:30—7 pm
Shelby United Methodist
Ice Cream Social at the
Shelby Senior Center



The Final Note from Jane

"You know, when you know". This is the phrase I have heard from friends and family when they knew it was time to step away from their chosen profession. Not that serving at the secretary of this church for the past 35 years was a chosen profession, but it has certainly has been a blessing to me. My family may not have always agree with this as more than once it was

suggested that I put a sleeping cot in my office. I must admit it was quite a juggling act over the years especially when I was assisting Charles and Joe with funerals and making sure that all sport uniforms were clean, cookies were baked for concession stands, etc. etc. Everyone knows this routine.

Over a weekend last May it became quite clear to me that I can't run as fast as I once did. Something had to change, but what was it going to be. If our five grandkids are doing something and they need an audience, we want to be there. In August I'm having a birthday that ends in "0". I want to continue with various volunteer positions I enjoy. I want to continue serving alongside many of you as we strive to bring the Word of God to others.

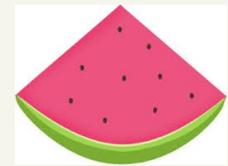
What will I miss the most about this job? I will miss having people stop by my office to just say "Hi" or to share with me their deepest concerns; I will miss writing the newsletter. Once Pastor Robert Perry taught me how to use the computer program, *Publisher*, creating the newsletter has been a joy!

As of September 1st, I will be retired as your church secretary.

Thank you congregation, thank you to the ten pastors I have worked with, thank you to Charles, Andy and Matt for allowing me to serve this church to the best of my ability. May God continue to bless each one of you.

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Thinking about joining the praise band this fall? Wonderful!! Please contact one of the current members!!

Committee on Nominations will be meeting in August. How can you best serve this church? Contact Pastor Teri.

We miss seeing you. Worship attendance has been low this summer and you are missed.



A Modern Day Parable of Sorts

One morning while camping with his family, a man noticed a snake had crawled into the fire pit where he had placed wood for a fire. Shortly after, it started to rain so the family decided to enjoy a breakfast of cold cereal, muffins, and fruit in their tent.

The man thought no more about the snake until that evening when, after starting a fire, he saw the snake come out from underneath the logs. It had buried itself among the ashes of the pit and was about to be enveloped by fire. So the man reached around the growing fire and grabbed the snake by its tail to fling it away.

Surprisingly, the snake twisted around and bit the man on his hand causing him excruciating pain. The man dropped the snake and it fell right back into the fire.

The man then looked about and saw a metal pole lying nearby which he used to lift the snake out of the fire, saving its life. Another man staying in the campsite next to him watched the whole thing and approached the fire saying "That snake bit you. Why are you still trying to save it?"

The man replied; "The nature of the snake is to bite, but that's not going to change my nature, which is to help."

The morale of the story ~ Do not change your nature simply because something or someone harms you. And do not let it deter your good heart from helping others, but have it become a lesson that will prevent you from being hurt in the same way again.

"God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen. Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you" (1 Peter 4:10-12).

May God's loving grace sustain us all in times of trial and may we also experience joy throughout them knowing our Lord Jesus is with us regardless of the circumstances.

Faithfully Serving,
Pastor Teri Lucas

ANNOUNCING

Jenny Boyer has accepted the position of church secretary!

Jenny has a fulltime position in York, so will be working at the church mid afternoons. She will officially begin on September 1.



Shelby United Methodist

Ice Cream & Pie Social

@ Shelby Senior Center

1:30—7 p.m. Wednesday, July 31



M. C. W. Guest Night Salad Supper

Wednesday, June 19th the Osceola Methodist Christian Women hosted their annual guest night salad supper. The Fellowship Room was filled with guests from surrounding communities as well as our own church members. M.C.W. president Roxanne Page welcomed everyone and gave a short devotional followed by the singing of the Wesley Grace.

Following the delicious meal of salads, everyone went upstairs to the sanctuary to enjoy music provided by the bell choir from the Seward United Methodist Church. Their director, Wess Robotham, took time to explain how bell choirs work and also fielded questions from the audience. Take a good look at the bell ringer fourth from the left in the front row. Yes indeed, that is Pastor Robert Perry. Robert admitted that learning to read the music and play the right bell at the right time has taken him out of his comfort zone and he is enjoying it!

"SUNDAY'S COOL"

Co-ordinator, Barb DeMers, will be scheduling a meeting of all Sunday's Cool teachers sometime during the last week of July. Teachers, be thinking about how we can best teach the stories of the Old and New Testament to our children.

As you know, the attendance for Sunday's Cool was very low last season. Be thinking and praying about our Christian Education program.

Sincere Sympathy

Long-time church member, Betty Majors, passed away this morning at the Good Samaritan Center. The funeral service for Betty will be Wednesday, July 10th at 10:00 a.m. here at the church.

Polk County Fair

The county fair will run from July 24 - 28.

There will be lots to see and do.

Be sure to have a meal or two at the St. Vincent Church lunch stand!

