

FURLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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From the
Pastor

THE COST OF SUCCESS

Pastor Winget

With the focus of sanctification in the United Methodist Church, we seem to have successfully helped many people to be kind, humble, loving, and good people. In our world today, this type of person is somewhat rare when we are dealing with the secular world outside of the church. My father was a horse trader, and when I went along with him to trade for a horse, he would say, “don’t you dare say anything nice about that horse.” He could look at a horses’ teeth and tell you how old it was.

So out in the secular marketplace, the people of Furley are at a disadvantage. I don’t have a solution to this, nor do I want to discourage you from being nice. But please don’t feel guilty when you thought you ought to be nicer and pay the higher list price but accept the bargain.

Having the fruits of the Spirit also makes us tenderhearted and venerable in difficult situations. Maybe it even makes us more easily hurt when things don’t go well, or when something appears to us to be a slight or unkindness. This congregation has gone through a tough time a few years back that was hard for loving and kind people to handle. Some recent research indicates that some of the losses in membership of the church recently has been because of perceived harm that someone has experienced.

We have had family members quit going to church because of what the pastor or someone said or did not say, or what they did or did not do. I wish there was an immediate cure for their feeling about the church. The good news is that God seems to help the hurting in a special way. If you or someone you know has been hurt and left the church, the healing power of God’s love is back in the church today, and we invite them to come into the loving fellowship.

CHURCH STRUCTURE

We have included the church structure for 2024 in this newsletter. These persons officially take office the first of the year. The Administrative Council consists entirely of persons that have other positions in the congregation and at most could be fifteen persons. This is very unique for a congregation whose average attendance is around 30 persons at worship. This is extremely inclusive of those who attend worship. A church that is ten times our size would have about the same size administrative council.

GOOD WORDS

A Council meeting consists of hearing reports from the various other groups in the church, and coordinating calendar and financial matters. The Council has the final authority in the church.

ARTICLES OF RELIGION

In a campaign to get congregations to leave the UNITED Methodist Church, claims have been made that were false and outright lies. Rumors were circulated about what kind of changes might be coming. What has not been commonly understood is that we have a set of Articles of Religion. They outline our basic beliefs and form of the church. How often do they change?

Our constitution says they are not to change at all. So the document that was first set out in 1808 is unchanged. Imagine all of the fads and shifts that have happened over two hundred years, yet our Articles of Religion were so sound that they remain unchanged. Like the Apostle's Creed, our core form of living out our faith in a Christian community is solid and long standing.

SCRIPTURES TO ENCOURAGE THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

November's scripture calendar will focus on giving God thanks and praise. All are encouraged to use the daily scriptures for meditation and prayer.

Beginning around 2010, when Lorna Boden was our Pastor and Furley Church was part of the Revitalization Process, with Rev. Dennis Wallace (now retired) of Asbury UMC as our coach, a Prayer Team was formed. This monthly calendar was created by team members, calling the congregation to read the Word together and pray together with one scripture passage a day. The intent was to bring our hearts and minds in unity with Jesus Christ for abundant ministry to our community, world and to each other.

Over the years, this intent may have been forgotten by some, but prayer team members have been faithful to create the monthly calendar. Themes are based on discernment of what is believed God wants us to share from his word with the congregation. During times of great joy, sorrow, trials, and heartaches in the Church and world, we have drawn attention to the Word every month. Father God please open our ears, eyes, and hearts to how Furley UMC should continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. Show us how to make you and your Word priorities in daily living. Show us how you desire to use Furley Church to grow your Kingdom

and be a blessing. In Jesus name,
AMEN.

GREETERS

November 5th
Ron & Karen Buss

November 12th
Gary & Lamoyne Eilert

November 19th
Doug & Kimberly Hague

November 26th
Denny & Carolyn Hill

USHERS

November 5th
Ron Buss & Randey Koehn

November 12th
Gary Eilert & John Horner

November 19th
Doug Hague & Keith Slater

November 26th
Randy Koehn & Gary Eilert

November 26th
Keith Slater & Randey Koehn

Jesus Children
Psalm 5110
God Provides A New Season

The changing fall leaves are all around us. The colors are beautiful. The countryside has

OFFERING COUNTERS

November 5th
Pam Horner & Ron Buss

November 12th
Jan Lane & Pam Horner

November 19th
Karen Buss & Jan Lane

November 26th
Keith Slater & Randey Koehn

been painted by God with beautiful colors: yellow, orange, red, and some brown and gold.

Why do trees lose their leaves? Maybe God wants to give them a new pair of clothes, because they get tired of holding onto the old green color all year long. If you ever tried to hold on to a leaf for a whole year you might get tired of traveling about with that one leaf in your hand? Jesus knows we get tired, so he gave us a day of rest. That day is intended to be used to rest and thank God for all he has done for us.

But what about all the people who use the day of rest to do things for themselves, and who never go to church? How does Jesus tell them about himself? He can use you to tell them. Or Jesus might tell them by showing them his creation.

Furley United Methodist Church

2024 Structure and Personnel

Administrative Council Chair	*Jan Lane
Administrative Council Secretary	*Deloris Ewing
Lay Leader	*Candy Elting
Treasurer	*Cheryl Slater
Financial Secretary	*Carolyn Hill
Annual Conference Delegate	*Jason Smith
Membership Secretary	* <u>Vacancy</u>

SPPR Committee *Jan Lane Chairperson *Annual Conf. Delegate

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Lamoyne Eilert	Denny Hill	Pam Horner
Sarah Smith	Dick Ewing	Doug Hague

Finance Committee *Ron Buss Chairperson

Administrative Council Chair, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Staff Parish Chair, Annual Conference Delegate, Trustee Chair

Board of Trustees	*Gary Eilert, Chairperson	
Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Gary Eilert	John Horner	Keith Slater
Dick Ewing	Candy Elting	Jan Brandom

Nominating Committee

Pastor is Chairperson

Lay Leader, Candy Elting

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Candy Elting	Sarah Smith	Dennis Hill
Deloris Ewing		_____.

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**Come
Let's Journey Together
Living Life,
Loving Jesus**

Worship**, *Deloris Ewing, Chairperson

Debbie Creekmore Candy Elting

Christian Education**, *Jan Brandom, Chairperson,

Congregational Care**, *Jan Lane, Chairperson

Fellowship**, *Kim Hague, Chairperson

Mission and Outreach *Karen Buss, Chairperson
Randy Koehn Jan Lane, Mathilda Sipult

Good Samaritan Fund Committee

Karen Buss , Cheryl Slater, Treasurer and pastor

Wheat State Manor Board Member Jason Smith

Alternate Ron Buss

Wheat State Manor Auxiliary Members

Vivian Smith, Candy Elting, Deloris Ewing

*Persons with asterisks by their name are members of the Administrative Council.

** Committees with a double asterisk have flexible committees that are recruited by the chairperson for specific meetings, tasks, projects.



Recycle

OFTEN AND RECYCLE RIGHT

Last name beginning....

A thru K = November 21

L thru Z = November 7

Recycle reminders

- ◆ Remove all labels and tape from cardboard boxes, then flatten before placing them in the cart.
- ◆ Plastic bags are not allowed in the recycle cart.
- ◆ Prescription bottles can be recycled. Labels do not need to be removed. Caps may remain on the bottles. It is suggested to black out personal information.
- ◆ All tin cans and other items that have contained food must be washed before recycling.

More details on what can and cannot go in the recycle care are found

at www.wm.com.

THANK YOU for recycling often and right.



COMMUNITY LUNCH
BLESSINGS!

Diana Thomi from Victory in the Valley was our special guest for the October 6th First Friday Community Lunch. She shared how the organization came to be and what types of services it has grown to provide for individuals and their families going on the cancer journey. Victory's Volunteer Coordinator, Alma Hammer, told of ways anyone can volunteer. Visitors to their Victory House at 3755 East Douglas are always welcome. A portion of the Furley UMC Fall Food Drive

donations will be shared with Victory in The Valley's Food Pantry.

Mr. Lee Owen from KBR/Youth Horizon was presented with over 20 blankets collected during September's blanket drive. Additional blankets have come in since October 6th. Those will be shared with YH as soon as possible. We appreciate the help from Mr. Owen's and KBR residents and staff to set up and tear down our monthly lunches. We pray these blankets will provide warmth and comfort to the young men at KBR and young women at Wren House.



THANK YOU for every helping hand that made October's luncheon happen. Your service will be needed once more for the November 3rd Thanksgiving Community Lunch, which will conclude the 2023 "season" of serving lunch to our community. This has been a great year, indeed. We don't get it right every month, and sometimes have too little or too much food, but **God has provided** in so many ways for the continuance of this ministry. To him be all the glory!

Please hold this early Thanksgiving gathering up in prayer: strength for our church family to prepare and serve our community, for good conversations that honor God during the lunches, for Furley Church folk to be welcoming and attentive to our guests and their needs, for God to move in hearts and minds and use this gift of food and hospitality for His glory.

Hope you can join us for lunch on November 3rd!

(Jesus Children continued from page2)

During the fall season, when we look at the beautiful colors on the trees, it reminds us of how wonderfully awesome is God.

Think about the leaves for a moment. If we wore the same pair of clothes all year, what a mess they would be! Just like the dirt that gets on the leaves and the holes eaten in them by bugs. Jesus gave us seasons to remind us of the renewal we need. There are times we need to let go of the bad habits or things we have done and ask for forgiveness.

Jesus can grow new habits in us, just as he grows new leaves on trees in springtime. Jesus uses creation to tell us about himself! Let's be sure to thank him for the beauty.

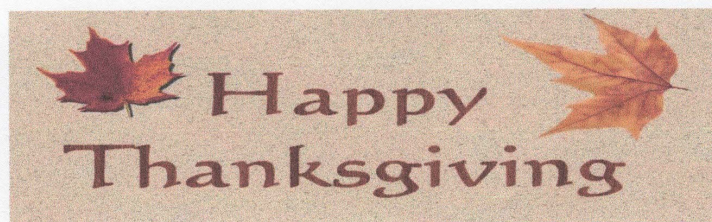
Adapted from
www.sundayschoolnetwork.com

Lyric Edgerle was named First Team All Conference Volleyball for her Freshman year at Spoon River College in Illinois. She was also named 3rd place as Freshman of the year.

Lyric is granddaughter of Gary and Lamoyne Eilert.

CONGRATULATIONS!!





First Friday Community Lunch

WHEN: NOVEMBER 3rd, 11:30 am - 12:45 pm

WHERE: Furley United Methodist Church
11400 East 101st North

All are invited to join us for lunch!

Traditional Thanksgiving Meal

Roasted Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Baked Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Salads,
Homemade Rolls, Dessert, and Beverage

Carryout meals will be available. Delivery to home bound residents. Please call 744-0318 after 8:30 am on Nov. 3rd to request delivery. Containers will be available at 12:45 if you would like to take food home for the weekend.

Free Will offering. First Friday Lunch is brought to you by the
people of Furley UMC and the Furley Community.

Come together as a community to celebrate
God's many blessings!

"Let them praise the LORD for his goodness and for his wonderful works to the people! For he satisfies the
longing soul and fills the hungry soul with goodness." Psalm 107:8 - 9

Give Thanks and Praise

November 2023 Scripture Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1</p> <p>Read 1 Chron. 16:8</p> <p>Give thanks to the LORD: call on his name, make known among the nations</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Read Psalm 69:30</p> <p>Magnify him with thanksgiving</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Read 1 Peter 2:5,9</p> <p>As lively stones, we are to offer spiritual sacrifices of thanks</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Read Hebr. 13:15-16</p> <p>With our lips we give thanks for Jesus, God's sacrifice for us</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Read Psalm 95:2</p> <p>Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Read 1 Chron. 16:23</p> <p>Proclaim His Salvation. PTL!</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Read 1 Tim. 2:1,3,8</p> <p>It is good and right in God's sight to hear men pray, giving thanks</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Read Philip. 4:6</p> <p>Do not be anxious for anything, but in lift it up to God with thanksgiving</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Read 1 Chron 16:34</p> <p>Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Read Ephe. 5:20</p> <p>Giving thanks to God the Father for everything in Jesus' name</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Read 2 Thess. 1:3</p> <p>Give thanks for brothers and sisters in Christ, growing more and more</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Read Nehim. 12:46</p> <p>Sing songs of praise and thanksgiving</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Read 1 Cor. 15:57</p> <p>Thanks be to God, which gives us the victory through Jesus Christ</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Read Psalm 107:21</p> <p>Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Read Psalm 106:1</p> <p>I praise and give thanks to the Lord, for he is good</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Read 1 Chron. 16:31</p> <p>Let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Read 1 Thess. 5:18</p> <p>Give thanks in all circumstances</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Read Psalm 89:1</p> <p>I will sing of the LORD's great love forever</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Read Psalm 100:4</p> <p>Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Read Psalm 89:52</p> <p>Praise be to the LORD forever!</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Read Isaiah 25:1</p> <p>LORD, in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things! I will praise you!</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Read Psalm 7:17</p> <p>I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Read Psalm 9:1</p> <p>I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart and tell of your wonderful deeds</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Read Psalm 136:3</p> <p>Give thanks to the LORD of Lords: his love endures forever</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Read Psalm 103:1</p> <p>Praise the LORD my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Read Col 4:2</p> <p>Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Read Psalm 106:1</p> <p>Give thanks to the LORD for he is good. His love endures forever</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Read Lament. 3:23</p> <p>Your mercies are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness, O God!</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Read Psalm 28:7</p> <p>The LORD is my strength and shield and I praise him with my song</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Read Col 3:17</p> <p>Whatever you do in word or deed in the name of Jesus, give thanks to God</p>		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 <i>First Friday Lunch 11:30- 12:45</i>	4 <i>Shae Latta</i>
5 <i>Daylight Savings Time</i>	6 <i>KK</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <i>Dale Segraves</i>	16	17	18
19 <i>Prepare Sandwiches for Open Door 9:15</i>	20 <i>KK Deliver Sandwiches to Open Door</i>	21	22	23 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	24 <i>Bingo WM 3:00</i>	25
26	27 <i>WSM Auxiliary Meeting 6:30</i>	28	29	30		