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The Character of a Methodist

THE CHARACTER OF A METHODIST A Tract by John Wesley, 1742

To the Reader.

[1] Many are at a loss in understanding what a "Methodist" is and what are the principles, practices, and distinguishing marks of this sect.

[2] At the urgings of both friends and enemies I will give the clearest account I can of this subject.

[3] Let it be noted that "Methodist" is a name of reproach given first to three or four young men at Oxford. This is not a name they took for themselves.

[4] I would be pleased if the name "Methodist" were never mentioned again; but would hope that I might be known for who I am, not what I am called.

I. WHAT A METHODIST IS NOT

[1] **"The distinguishing marks of a Methodist are not his opinions of any sort."** We do believe in the inspiration of the Scripture; and that this Word of God is the only and the sufficient rule of faith and practice. We believe Christ to be the Eternal Supreme God. But "as to all opinions which do not strike at the root of Christianity we 'think and let think'." So, opinions do not set apart Methodists.

[2] **Neither do words or phrases of any sort.** That is, we do not speak in any way other than what is normal and natural. Of course we do use Scriptural phrases and words when speaking of the things of God.

[3] **Nor can we be distinguished by actions, customs or usages of a nature not mentioned in Scripture.** Our clothing, covering our heads, abstaining from marriage, etc .are not a mark of Methodists.

[4] **Nor do we lay the whole stress of religion on any single part of it.**

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Prayer Requests

Remember our church members & friends who are less mobile and are unable to join us as often as they would like, including:

Colony Court Memory & Care Suites: Ann Swenson, Dick Westrum

Colony Court: Ardella Draheim, Nina Youngberg, Leona Quast, Muriel Jenkins, Fern Papke, Peter and Verna Fog

Lakeshore Inn: Florence Gutknecht, Liz Corchran

Latham Place: George and Lucille Kubista

Oaklawn Health Care Center: Jim Keller

Koda Living Community: Chuck Youngberg

Prayer Requests from Sunday Worship: Bruce & Deb Hering, Dan Possin, Marie Wells, Janice Kaupa, Gloria Pommerenke, Dave Ferch, Verna Fog, Byron Broughten, Peggy Deno, Mark Norby, Kim, Keith Smith



Graduation Fellowship

On Sunday, June 4 we will celebrate our high school graduates, Tyler Hyatt, Paige Logan, Anna Riecke, Caitlin Schauer and Mitchell Westrum. During the worship service we will pray God's blessings over them. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall after the service for cake and punch.

Congratulations Graduates!

Faith Crafters & Stickers

Faith Crafters and Stickers will meet on **Thursday, June 8**, from **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. You are welcome to bring ideas or materials for Bazaar 2017 craft items or your own project to work on. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Haven't been to Crafters and Stickers before? Consider checking us out. If you have questions, call Sandy Voshell at 835-4122.

Thank You

Thank you for all of your prayers, support and beautiful white rose. We truly appreciate our church family.

Norma Buland, Eric Buland, Glenn Buland, Peter & Susan Law

Financial Update

The financials through April 30 represent 1/3 of the year. The trends are encouraging. The income from envelope collections is \$4,500 more than budget. Apportionment receipts are \$2,500 below budget but are expected to be made up during the balance of the year. Overall income is equal to budget and overall expenses are \$2,000 less than budget. Not included in these figures are the grant from the Faith in the Future Fund (\$1,042) and the net proceeds from the sandwich luncheon (\$1,322) which this year will support our operating budget. This positive performance needs to be tempered a bit by the fact that a couple of members have paid significantly ahead for the year.

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II. WHAT A METHODIST IS

[5] **Who then is a Methodist?** One who has the love of God in his heart, who loves God entirely. One who finds in God the joy of his heart, the desire of his soul.

[6] **He is happy in God, rejoicing evermore in Jesus Christ and the redemption which is now his.** And why not? He has had his sins blotted out, the Spirit bears witness with his spirit that he is a child of God.

[7] **And in everything he gives thanks, having learned to be content in whatever estate he finds himself.**

[8] **And he "prays without ceasing".** He is not always on his knees nor always in the house of prayer, but he always lifts his heart to God---and this is the essence of prayer.

[9] **And the Methodist who loves God, loves his brother also.** And he loves his enemies (and if it not be in his power to do good to them who hate him, yet he ceases not to pray for them---even if they use him in dastardly ways).

[10] **For the Methodist is pure in heart.** He has no desires for revenge, envy, malice and wrath. He is not contentious. He has no love for the things of the world. All his desire is unto God.

[11] **Indeed, his one purpose in life is to do the will of God.** "All that is in the soul is holiness to the Lord."

[12] **He loves God so he obeys the commandments of God.** Not just some, but all of them.

[13] **"For his obedience is in proportion to his love,** the source from whence it flows. And therefore loving God with all his heart, he serves him with all his strength, holy acceptable to God."

[14] **"By consequence, whatsoever he doth, it is all to the glory of God."** He not only aims at this, he attains it. This (glorifying God) is the one business of his life.

[15] **The vice of the world cannot tempt him to stumble.** He thinks and speaks of those things which are pure, lovely, and of good report.

[16] **"Lastly, as he has time, he 'does good unto all men'---unto neighbors and strangers, friends and enemies."** Not only by "feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting those that are sick or in prison, but much more does he labor to do good to their souls as of the ability which God gives; to awaken those that sleep in death ... so they may 'all come unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ'."

[17] **"These are the principles and practices of our sect; these are the marks of a true Methodist."** Yes, they can be said to be only the common fundamentals of Christianity. I wish that everyone understood this. The Methodist "is a Christian, not in name only, but in heart and in life." "And 'having the mind that was in Christ' he so walks as Christ also walked."

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[18] **These are the marks which we labor to distinguish ourselves from the unbelieving world; but from real Christians of whatever denomination, we seek not to be distinguished at all.** Whoever does the will of our Father in heaven is the same as my brother and sister and mother. For opinions or understanding of terms, let us not destroy the work of God. Do you love and serve God? It is enough. I give you the right hand of fellowship.

This is not a tract written to men and women who hoped to live life in this manner, they actually lived like this loving God and neighbor. The Methodist "is a Christian, not in name only, but in heart and in life." We seek ways to grow our church and denomination, perhaps it is not to find a new idea, but to go back to who we once were.

Pastor Victor

4th of July Potluck Picnic



Come and join us for a 4th of July church potluck picnic at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone please bring a dish to pass. Plates, cups, plastic eating utensils and a beverage will be provided.

After the picnic, stay and watch the fireworks. There will be lawn games provided. Come and enjoy some fellowship time with prizes to help pass the time.

Come and join the fun at our fourth annual "Pop for a Cure" sponsored by the Faith for a Cure Relay For Life team. There will be popcorn, pop and water available for sale during the fireworks and all proceeds will be going to the American Cancer Society.

Faith for a Cure/Relay for Life Team at Pizza Ranch

The Faith for a Cure/Relay for Life team will be working at the **Pizza Ranch** again on **Monday, June 12** from **5:00pm to 8:00pm**. Thank you for your continued support.

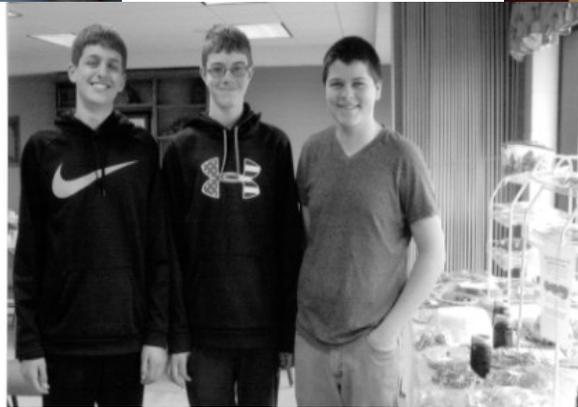
Hospitality Team Meeting/June M & M Night

Hospitality team is meeting **June 5th** at **10:00 a.m.** in the Lakeview room. Even if you have not been involved with the Hospitality group previously, we would sure love having you join us. We talk about ways we can be a welcoming church.

A movie is planned for the month of June; we just haven't finalized the date or the movie yet, so watch for the announcement!



Spring Sandwich Luncheon & Youth Mission Trip Bake Sale



Pillowcase Dress Sew-In Day

Nurses Notes - Waseca Food Shelf - Food for You

Recently I interviewed Kathy Kronebusch, the Director of the Waseca Food Shelf. I'm listing their ongoing programs below. The only requirement is to fill out a one page form and bring along a bill with your Waseca County address.

Senior Program: 60+ and income level of 225% of poverty level

When: Third Wednesday of the month
Time: 2:00 - 4:00
Food: 18 - 26 pounds of food for one person
Enough Food for three meals
Fresh vegetables and meat included

ALE - A Little Extra: Social Security Disability ages 18 - 59

When: First Wednesday of the Month
Time: 10:00 - 11:00
Food: 8 - 15 pounds of extra food (same as seniors)

Regular Food Shelf: Anyone who is 200% or less of level of poverty guidelines (example: single person with \$595 weekly income, family of four with \$1,012 weekly income)

When: Monday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 9:00 - 4:00
Tuesday 11:00 - 6:00
(They are out 11:30 - 12:30 daily)
Food: Depends on family size
60 - 300 pounds of food
Meat, dairy, fresh produce, bakery and dry goods

Emergency Bag: 12 - 20 pounds of food if you run out.

General Information: 150 - 170 households are served monthly. Support from community - organizational and personal and the Thrift Shop pays the wages of the staff. Feeding America - discount prices. Walmart, Hy-Vee and Kwik Trip donate food.

Have a great summer and eat healthy.

Your Parish Nurse,

Sherry Scholljegerdes, RN

UMW UNIT MEETING**MAY 15, 2017****2:00 PM**

Welcome - Opening Prayer

Hostess - Ruth Circle served wonderful sundaes with choices of fruits, ice cream, sherbet, whipped cream, nuts, etc., etc. YUM, YUM.

Devotion - By Janet Welch about "GENEROUS GIVER" "HEART AND HANDS"

Program - Our District Shepheress - Char Daniels gave a thoughtful message on Genesis 1:27-31

CLIMATE JUSTICE Our world belongs to God "Be Just, Be Green". This is one of the focuses of Mission U. We discussed how we can reduce our carbon print on earth.

Business Meeting

Secretary's Report - Approved

Treasurer's Report - Approved. Sandy reported 'Thank Notes' from Buland family, Ruedy family, Swenson family

Old Business

Southern Prairie District UMW Meeting on April 21 in Lake Crystal

Waseca received 5 STAR Award and GOLD STAR Unit and Mission Today awards.

Youth Mission Bake Sale raised \$410. \$140 from the youth fund was given to the project.

Pillowcase Dress sew-in was May 10th - 10 dresses were made

Mother's Day - 40 corsages from our UMW were pinned on all women. Next year we should plan for 50 as we were short a few.

New Business

Emma Norton's 100th Birthday offering was taken - \$99.00 was given.

Budget - a \$10 increase was approved for District commitment

June 13 - Day Apart Kiester, MN

July 14 - 15 Mission U

July 24 - 10:00 AM UMW Executive Board Meeting

August 8 - Guest Night "A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE" with Jan Jerdee and Company. WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION

August 21 - UMW Unit Meeting 2:00 PM

Sherry wants anyone interested in the out-of-town events to let her know.

Shirley Burdick, UMW Secretary 2017



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MONTHLY MEET-UPS:

Elizabeth Circle

UMW Elizabeth Circle meeting for June will be determined at a later date.

Ruth Circle

UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, June 13th** from **10:30 a.m.** to **12:00 p.m.** at the home of Lorraine Wick. If you do not currently belong to a circle, please feel free to come and visit and enjoy fellowship, a devotion, refreshments and laughter. If you have questions, call Patrice Waters at 835-2535.