

DIKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FROM PASTOR'S DESK (continued on p. 8)

Greetings!

While Pastor Dan is on his retreat recharging his batteries, I thought I, as his other half, would take this opportunity to write to you! (He said it was okay)

We all need to get recharged. This life keeps us pretty busy doesn't it!? School starting; clothes to buy, school supplies, new shoes, registration, and all that stuff that goes with starting a new school year. It's a change in our routine again! Have you been able to catch your breath and prepare for the busyness of life? Even if you don't have children in school, it still seems like we have to get ready too. Get ready to recommit ourselves to God and do a better job at honoring Him, serving Him, being with Him. I think a lot of us fail to realize just how important it is to get to **know God**. This world is changing rapidly. So much is happening and we have to catch our breath and recharge our batteries to understand it and deal with it. Jesus said in Matthew 24 what would happen at the end of the age.



Pastor Dan Ridnour

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Matthew 24:3

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept. 5 JAM meets! See article* WinGs will meet on Sept. 12.
- Sept. 6 Morning: 8:45 a.m. and Evening: 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 8 Men on a Mission
- Sept. 9 Christian Education Sunday: Fall Kick-off with breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Blessing of the backpacks during the service and Rootbeer floats after.
- Sept. 10 Administrative Board 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 13 Ladies Night Out 6:00 p.m. Lots of door prizes!

September Anniversaries

- Bill & Pam Jones 9/4*
- Merlin & Barb Chapman 9/10*
- Don & Dorothy Knudsen 9/14*
- Vern & Barb Lovell 9/20*
- Jerry & Jody Schipper 9/23*

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

Sunday School Teachers and Volunteers

WELCOME BACK!



**Don't forget to
check your E-mail
for important e-mail
messages and up-
dates!**



Prayers
please 

There is so much happening in our world to-day! Please, pray for our nation, our schools, our protection, our safety, our health, our spiritual lives, and don't miss praying daily.

Sunday School Kickoff and Tailgate Party & Blessing of the Backpacks



Sunday, September 9

Tailgate Party at 9:00 AM

**Wear your favorite team colors (it doesn't
have to be football)**

and join us for some tailgating food and fun.

Bring your favorite tailgating food or just show-up!

**The church will provide grilled sausage patties, milk,
coffee, and OJ. We'll have root beer floats after the
service! Come and enjoy!**

**We would also like to invite all our school-age chil-
dren to bring their school backpacks to our wor-
ship service at 10:15 a.m.**



**At that time, we will offer a blessing for
the students and their upcoming
school year.**

September Birthdays

9/2 Karen Heerkes
 9/4 Cloe Erpelding
 9/6 Rob Heerkes
 9/6 Cayden Buskohl
 9/8 Sarah Bixby
 9/8 Carol Schipper
 9/9 Anjuli Meyers
 9/11 Gail Huberg
 9/11 Shane Metz
 9/12 Lindsey Fischer
 9/14 Tim Bixby
 9/18 Blake Crosby
 9/19 Kevin Hemmen
 9/19 Randy Klug
 9/19 Jamie Kirby
 9/20 Jan Buskohl
 9/21 Taylor Hoehns
 9/21 Jim Hoehns
 9/21 Marti Bargman
 9/21 Dan Hughes
 9/21 Lydia Huntington
 9/22 Carli Freese
 9/23 Lilly Bennett
 9/24 Gloria Gerstenkorn
 9/24 Rhett Ehmen
 9/25 Berdene Biersner
 9/25 Rick Ehmen
 9/27 Gary Miller
 9/28 Carol Menken 9/30 Lloyd Grandon



Greeters/ushers are now assigned from the church roster. This information is printed weekly in the church bulletin. It also scrolls during announcements on Sunday mornings. If you cannot serve when you are assigned, please contact the church office at (319) 989-2535.



Date	Ushers and Greeters August/Sept.
9/2	Mike & Courtney McCarter
9/9	Chad & Karla Meester
9/16	Merle & Carol Menken
9/23	Shane & Mary Metz
9/30	LaVerne & Pat Middleswart
10/7	Gary & Ange Miller
10/14	Connie Morgan
10/21	Diane Paige
10/28	Tom & Shannon Peverill

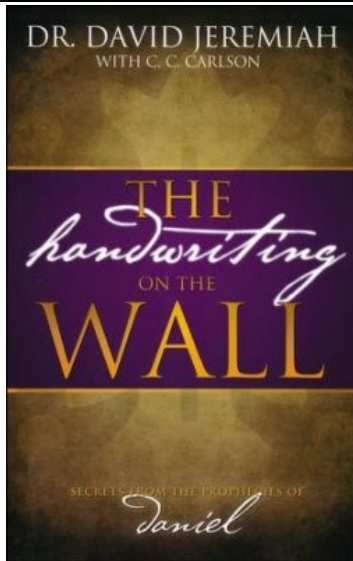
Deb Murphy
Bernice James
Jerry Eimers
Steve Gast



Lillian Gast **Family of Beth Nylander**
Amy Jensen **Valerie Ridnouer**
Gary Frank **Haiti Mission Trip**
Byron Mulder

Prayer Changes Everything

If you know of someone who needs our prayers, please contact the church office at (319) 989-2535



Bible Study

Part 2 of our Bible Study on the Book of Daniel is getting ready to resume! We took the month of August off after an amazing 12 weeks of study. 18 people attended this study either on Tuesday mornings or Thursday evenings. Beginning September 6th, I will be leading the Bible Studies on Thursday mornings right after Prayer Breakfast from 8:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. and then again on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 pm. I have cut down the time as I think we can get all we need to do in an hour and a half. The evening class will unfortunately have to come on a Wednesday evening the week of WIM which is once a month until their winter break. I have mailed out letters and the September calendar to previous participants and I realize some may not be able to continue due to schedules. This schedule works out better for myself due to my new calling to Plainfield UMC as Lay Pastor there. I do have 2 extra books if anyone would like to join the Bible Study. It doesn't matter if you missed Part 1. I'd love to have you! If you would like to attend, please let me know ASAP. (319-464-7972) Valerie

Note to Participants*

Lesson 13, 14, and 15 will be handed out on September 6th. We will do lesson 13 together after listening to David Jeremiah speak. Prior to that we will have a short devotion.

If there is anyone who would like to join this class, please just go ahead and come. I will have 2 extra books and notebooks for you.

If you would like to know what this study is about, please talk to a participant for myself for details. If you are not in a Bible Study, I would encourage you to join one; wherever that might be. Learning God's Word is very important.

Pastor Dan and Valerie

Administrative Board :

Monday, September 10th, 2018 @ 7:30 PM

Chairperson's of Committee groups are required to attend these meetings. Committees meet at 7pm.



Pray for those going to Haiti in October to help our missionaries get some needed work done on their home and a building for others who are coming to work with them. Donations welcome!



Women in Mission will be hosting a Ladies Night Out on September 13, 2018, at 6:00pm at the Dike United Methodist Church.

A meal will be served and 40+ door prizes will be given. The cost is \$10.00.

Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship.

Reservations are necessary. Please call the church office (319-989-2535) or Velda Groote at (319-269-9513 or 319-989-2401.



JAM (Jesus and Me)

Wednesday, September 5th from 3:30–5:00 p.m.

- Dike Community Building
- Theme: “Sharing My Faith” 1 Thessalonians 5:15
- Register: Contact Maureen Stockdale (319–231–9998)
- Students must bring waiver with them on September 5th.

WinGs (Walking in God's Service)

Wednesday, September 12th from 1:30–4:00 p.m.

- Meet at the Dike Community Building
- Students will be bused to Fredsville Church
- Theme: “Sharing My Faith” 1 Thessalonians 5:15
- Register: Contact LuAnn Jones (luann.jones@yahoo.com or 319–239–1427) by September 9th (one time only)
- Students must bring waiver with them on September 12th.

Communion for the Homebound

We are looking for people who would like to serve Communion to our homebound members.

This is a very fulfilling ministry!

We will train you on what to do and say.

We are also looking for people who would like to receive communion at home.

Call Jim Huberg
(319)269-1695



WIM

September 20th @ 7:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

September Mission Focus Christian Education Sunday



IMPORTANT NOTE!

The congregation and children of Dike United Methodist Church may be photographed during activities.

For your privacy we do not publish the names of anyone under 18.

FROM PASTOR'S DESK

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Matthew 24:6-8— “You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of birth pains.”

Jesus, I believe, was preparing His disciples to be ready. “Recharge your batteries and prepare yourself for whatever life throws at you. Life won’t be easy, so catch your breath, trust in Me alone, and we can do this,” Jesus was saying. Have you recharged your batteries? Are you prepared for whatever comes your way? Trust Jesus. Have faith. Take the peace that He has offered us and hold on to it, tight! Hold on to Him! He will recharge you!

Blessings, Valerie



Men on a Mission Breakfast

Saturday, Sept. 8th, 2018 @ 8:00 am

Pancake and Bacon Breakfast

We are men who are dedicated to following God as we lead our family, our church, and our community.

Come and join us on our mission to make a difference!

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 2018	Worship Attendance	General Fund	Apportionment Offering	Missions Offering	Food Bank
8/5	83	\$2,683.00	\$95.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
8/12	75	\$1,988.00	\$370.00	\$45.00	\$10.00
8/19	91	\$1,399.00	\$140.00	\$134.00	\$5.00
8/26	92	\$1,555.00	\$75.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
Totals		\$7,625.00	\$680.00	\$289.00	\$120.00

September 2018

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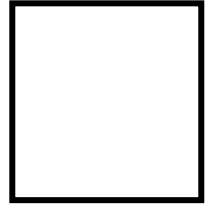
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				*Prayer Breakfast is every Thursday morning @ 7:30		1
2 Communion Adult Sunday School 9:00-10:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m.	3 Labor Day	4	5	6 Bible Study 8:45-10:15 a.m. 6:30-8:00 p.m. Prayer Breakfast	7	8 Men on a Mission 8:00 a.m.
9 Education Sunday Adult Sunday School 9:00-10:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m.	10	11	12 Bible Study for evening class @ 6:30 pm	13 Ladies Night Out Bible Study for Morning class @ 8:45 a.m.	14	15
16 Children's Sunday School 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 9:00-10:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m.	17	18	19 Bible Study for evening class @ 6:30 pm	20 Bible Study @ 8:45 a.m. WIM @ 7:00 p.m.	21	22
23 Sunday School for kids/adults 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. _____	24	25	26	27 Bible Study 8:45-10:15 a.m. 6:30-8:00 p.m.	28	29
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Cancellations: dikeumc.org, Facebook: Dike United Methodist Church, Twitter: dikeumc and broadcast on KWWL (Ch. 7), KCRG (Ch.9), KGAN (Ch. 2)



Dike United Methodist Church

439 Church St. Dike, IA 50624



Sent with a Prayer to:

Or Current Resident

Sunday School — Sunday 9:00a.m.
Morning Worship Service — Sunday 10:15 a.m.
Prayer Breakfast — Thursday 7:30 a.m.
Women in Mission — Third Thursday 7:00 p.m.

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Live Like Jesus

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