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## **SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER**

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During the past four and a half years, I have had the privilege of being Pastor at North Main UMC. During this time, we have seen the United Methodist Churches struggle through the concept of "disaffiliation". Many things went into the decision to stay or go and a lot of it was financial. Many other things included how we would insure our large building and still continue to do the many missions that we have. During the 20th century, having an impressive building was a way to make a church's presence known. Impressive facades, of course, weren't the way the church became known in the New Testament. Paul reminded the church that they should not be known for their physical attire, but instead he encouraged them to "clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience" (Col. 3:12). Some churches spend an inordinate amount of time and money on the lighting, sound, musicians, broadcasting and staff associated with putting on an elaborate Sunday morning experience. The Bible is overflowing with people that God empowered to overcome adversity. Church history further attests to this. Christians have a gift whereby they come together and work for the long-term existence of the community of faith. It may mean that the facilities, staffing and priorities may change but the Holy Spirit and God's will for his church will not change. If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ, if his love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care, then agree with each other, love each other, be deep-spirited friends. **Focus on prayer and serving the needs of others. Love your Neighbors as you love yourself.**

The Methodist movement was founded and grew because of small groups who cared and love Jesus. Jesus exemplified this when he chose 12 learners who he apprenticed to become his 12 apostles. I can attest to the fact that Jesus would be proud of our congregation and our Church as we strive to be the best United Methodist Congregation we can be. We welcome each other with open arms and share our love and concern through our prayer chain, prayer lists, prayer shawls, charity giving by our Women in Christian Service, our Monday free lunch, our Food Pantry and our participation in the Neighborhood Engagements and our service to Nursing Homes. We exemplify our theme "Love Grows Here". Yes, I think Jesus would be proud of North Main St United Methodist Church every Sunday at 10:30.

Pastor Joyce Royal

*Joyce Royal*

The Interfaith Council of Churches/WIC Picnic took place on July 30 at Sir William Johnson Park. It was a lot of fun and a great chance to meet members of other churches.



### **Bible Study**

Bible Study resumes in September on Monday, September 23rd at 1:00 pm. The first study will be "The Daniel Prayer" by Anne Graham Lotz. This is a 6 week session. The video lessons average 20 minutes and study with discussion is usually about 75 minutes in total. We meet in the parlor with access through the 7th avenue/office door. Anyone interested in attending can give me their name/email and I will add them to group emailing. More information to come. There are so many great authors and topics that we need to look at possibilities that appeal most to the group. As a reminder to all, we follow the school calendar.. If school is closed or delayed by 2 hours, we will not meet. A one hour delay will usually mean that we are still meeting.

*Sally Kwak*

### **Captain**

We continue to supply a monthly meal for CAPTAIN on the first Wednesday of every month. September will be a 3 foot sub from Price Chopper with drinks, chips and dessert. October's plan is quesadillas. Emory, the outreach coordinator, has asked for donations of adult flavored toothpaste, so we are currently gathering that as well. Anyone who would like to be involved is welcome, but be aware there is paperwork involved if you want to be onsite with us!

*Sally Kwak*

### **Mission Team**

The Mission Team report for April through August: In April we sent \$220 to Heifer as a 1-3 match. Every dollar we sent was worth \$3. We purchased a Water Buffalo, so they got 3 Water Buffalo.. Then in August we gave \$150 to the Captain's Program. Thank you Sally Kwak for all that you do for them. We have blessed several Prayer Shawls. Thanks to others, several shawls have been given to the Wells House and several have been taken by our members for those that they feel could use the extra prayers. Again, thank you to those that make all of the beautiful shawls for us. They are definitely a work of God.

*Val Kevlin*  
Mission Team Co- Chair

## Back Pack Giveaway

On a spectacular sunny day, North Main St UMC, in conjunction with North Bush UMC and also this year with Northville UMC, held our Fifth Annual Back Pack Give a Way. 112 back packs were purchased from grant money given to us from Stewart's Holiday Match, 50 bags were for North Main, 50 for North Bush and 12 extras were for Edinburg School although we ended up giving them 16 bags. All bags were filled with essentials that the school children needed. The contents were supplied by members of North Main UMC congregation for the North Main bags and from the congregation at North Bush for theirs. A great time was had with hot dogs, chips, drinks, and ice cream donated by Stewarts. A corn hole tournament took place with the game supplied by John and Nancy Marsh, and a craft table with crafts donated by Sharon Rogers. Our Therapy Dog Abra was on hand with Nancy Cairo Estes to greet everyone. The children had a great time challenging each other to the corn hole games and doing the crafts. Each child received a back pack full of school items and a snack bag completed by Sharon Rogers. A big thank you to every one who donated their time for the day including Pastor Ron Talbott and Maggie, Sharon Rogers and Sally Kwak at the craft table, Nancy Marsh serving the food, and Pastor Joyce and Werner cooking and helping set up and take down. We had a visit from the Leader Herald-Gazette to interview all of us.. Watch for the news about North Main and North Bush UMC soon. Looking forward to the Sixth Annual Give a Way with more games and more schools and more supplies.



## Lay Team

Our Lay Team, consisting of Penna Smith, Sally Kwak and James Medbury brighten up the lives of Wells House residents by visiting them every third Tuesday at 10:30. They conduct a short service consisting of prayers, songs and reading of a Psalm. They also bring prayer shawls and pocket prayer squares to distribute. Their visits are very well received and attended. Thank you Penna, Sally and James for this important ministry.

## Food Pantry Report – July

It was a hot pantry day. The turnout was not as busy as other months but steady. We had 72 families which included 96 adults, 31 children and 58 seniors. We had five new families this month. We gave out pulled pork, hamburger, cheese, and butter. The dry bags had canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, macaroni, kidney beans, soup, and canned chicken and tuna. There were the choices of cold cereal, juice, and shelf stable milk. We also had mayonnaise along with coffee and some tea. We will be restocking before the next month's pantry.

Our pet ministry is still doing very well. We had food requests for 18 dogs and 58 cats. We will be restocking with the monies that have been donated. We had a small supply of diapers in assorted sizes this month which was very well received. Again, thanks to all those who donate to the funding of our pantry and those who work so hard to make our pantry a success. A special thanks to Price Chopper for the donated bags which we were given to add to our outreach. We thank God that we have the chance to help those in our community who are in need. Trying to keep the costs down while getting enough food items for those in need is ongoing. We are thankful for the grant money we have received and those who put the work into applying for them.



## Food Pantry Report – August

It was a nice day for our pantry. The turnout was more than expected this month. I guess people are spreading the word as we had another group of new families with 12. We had planned on 80 but ended up with had 92 families which included 139 adults, 68 children and 59 seniors. We gave out Italian sausage patties, bratwurst, and eggs. We also had bags of apples and assorted salad mixes. The dry bags had canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, macaroni, and soup. There were the choices of cold cereal, juice, and shelf stable milk. We also had mayonnaise along with some coffee. We will be restocking before the next month's pantry. Our pet ministry is still doing very well but due to staffing we did not offer this month. We will be restocking with the monies that have been donated. We had a small supply of diapers in assorted sizes this month which was very well received.

Again, thanks to all those who donate to the funding of our pantry and those who work so hard to make our pantry a success. I wish to express my greatest appreciation for those who stepped up this month to fill in for me while I was dealing with health issues. God bless you all. I am getting better every day. We thank God that we have the chance to help those in our community who are in need. Trying to keep the costs down while getting enough food items for those in need is ongoing. We are thankful for the grant money we have received and those who put the work into applying for them.

Pastor Joyce, along with pantry volunteers Jan, Marilyn and myself, will attend a training session at the Food Bank for the new computer program we will be instituting in the coming months to make registration easier. Onward and upward! Thank you,

*Edna Bennett*

## Free Lunch

We are happy to be getting items from the Regional Food Bank in Latham. Many items that we can use are free or very reasonably priced. Our only problem is space- in the fridge, freezer and even on our shelves! My idea of a case is very different from reality! This month we were able to get fish sticks and pulled pork for free along with sliced cheese, fresh nectarines, cookies and juice boxes. Items that we paid for were shelf stable milk, hot dogs and Jello cups. Many other items are covered, price wise, by the grant that we received. The food bank has also GIVEN us cutting boards, liquid soap, gloves and other health related items. We are glad for our new helper, Nancy Eagan.

## WICS

Not much to report. Our numbers are down to only about 4-5 who are actually active. Others are still members, but due to illness and aging, aren't able to attend. It's very sad. The Women of ANY church have always been the backbone. They always seem to get things done. Unfortunately, those days are gone. At North Main, we still do what we can. Thank you to those who help in any way.

We still have some Tastefully Simple mixes and seasonings left. If anyone is interested in purchasing something, please let me know. It's almost time for our Fall sale, already!

I have a

Beer bread value pack \$24

1 Chocolate pound cake mix \$10

3 Lemon pound cake mixes \$10 each

4 Almond pound cake mixes. \$10 each

1 Steak seasoning

2 Taco seasonings \$10 each

Buy any of these and you save on shipping charges!!!!

*Nancy Marsh*

## Fund Raising

**If you want to order mums for Fall please contact the office or James Medbury. The price is \$15 for one Mum and \$30 for three. Checks made out to NMSUMC must be in by Sept. 8 and pick-up will be on September 14.**

**Also, there will be a take-out only spaghetti dinner on October 16 at the Plaza Italian Bistro from 3:30 – 7:00. Tickets are \$10 and are available from James or the office.**

## Birthdays

*Linda Sammons* – September 6  
*Bill Rogers* – September 7  
*Sally Kwak* – September 8  
*Sara Towne* – September 11  
*Marilyn Cornell* – September 22  
*Dave Sammons* – September 23  
*Landon Rajter* – September 24  
*Barb Croston* – September 29

*Marlene Thomson* – October 1  
*Carol Johnson* – October 3  
*Kasey Frederick* – October 5  
*Mavis Baldwin* – October 7  
*Penna Smith* – October 12  
*Joyce Royal-Paul* – October 23  
*Joanne Brown* – October 24  
*Stephen Wood* – October 27

## Anniversaries

*Sharon and Bill Rogers* – September 2  
*Cheryl and Tom Bielli* – September 4  
*Nancy and Sim Morey* – September – 10  
*Teresia and Eric Davis* – September 19

*Sandy and Roger Trevett* – October 9  
*Valerie and Tom Kevlin* – October 14  
*DiAnne and Jack Sanford* – October 27

## Math facts you might not know

1. Ratio of an igloo's circumference to its diameter = Eskimo Pi
2. 2000 pounds of Chinese Soup = Won ton
3. 1 millionth of a mouthwash = 1 microscope
4. Time between slipping on a peel and smacking the pavement = 1bananosecond
5. Weight an evangelist carries with God = 1 billigram
6. Time it takes to sail 220 yards at 1 nautical mile per hour = Knotfurlong
7. 365.25 days of drinking low-calorie beer = 1 Lite year
8. 16.5 feet in the Twilight Zone = 1 Rod Serling
9. Half a large intestine = 1 semicolon
10. 1,000,000 aches = 1 megahurtz
11. Basic unit of laryngitis = 1 hoarsepower
12. Shortest distance between two jokes = a straight line
13. 2000 mockingbirds = two kilomockingbirds
14. 1 kilogram of falling figs = 1 Fig Newton
15. 1000 cc's of wet socks = 1 literhosen
16. 8 nickels = 2 paradigms