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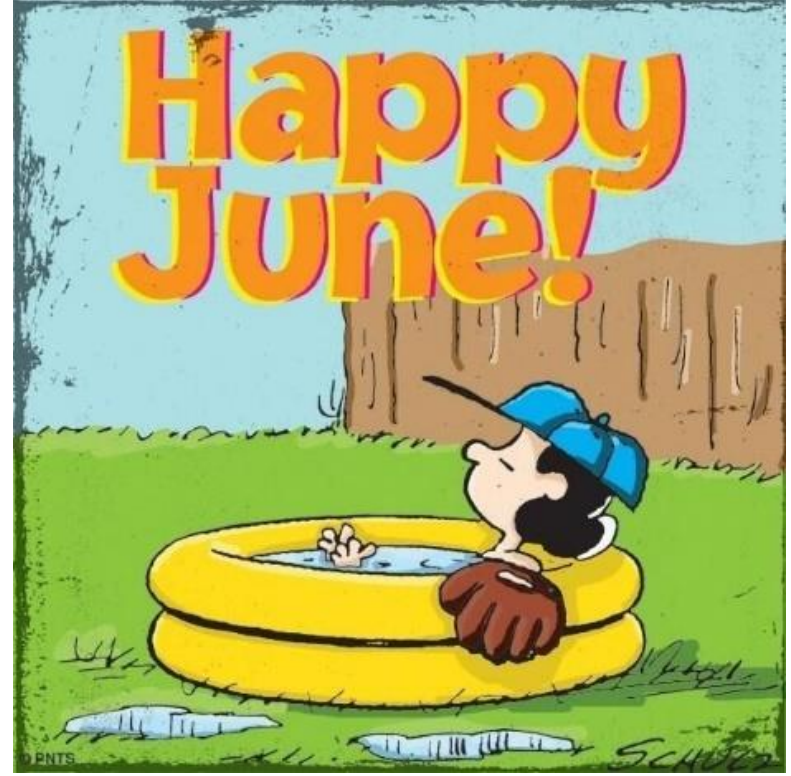
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Newsletter deadline 18th of each month

Visit us online: moraumc.org

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Worship & Children’s Church

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Ogilvie United Methodist Church

*“To know Jesus Christ as our risen Lord
and serve Him throughout the world”*

201 West Bragg Street, PO Box 267, Ogilvie, MN 56358

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9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Children’s Sunday Library

10:00 a.m. Fellowship

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Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands, protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen

PFC Carda Jeremy

348 Heidt RD, Guyton, GA 31312

Brad Peterson

504 Knolls Dr. Unit 104, Hampton News VA 23602-5753

Remembering Our People

Dorothy Carroll, Lorraine Kobberdahl

Eastwood Senior Living

170 Valhalla Circle

Mora, MN 55051

Ruth Johnson, Bob & Marilyn Goldsmith

St. Clare Living Community of Mora

110 N 7th Street

Mora, MN 55051

Ed Bossen

Mille Lacs Health System

200 North Elm St.

Onamia, MN 56359

Ardis Gotschall

Ecumen North Branch

St. Croix – Room 164

5379 383rd Street

North Branch, MN 55056

Lloyd Stegeman

VA Medical Center

Bldg. 49, Room 211

4801 8th Street

St. Cloud, MN 56303

320-202-2313

Mora UMC Missions

June 4 - Food Shelf Sunday, potluck at 11:30 a.m.

Vi Tatro, Missions Chair

Thank You

We are pleased to enclose a check for \$50 for March 2017 to Mora UMC for volunteer hours of Barb Rische and Jay Wicklander at One More Time Retail Store.

Seven County Senior Federation

Thank You

We are pleased to enclose a check for \$50 for March 2017 to Ogilvie UMC for volunteer hours of Sharon Knoll, Richard Brown and Phyllis Visser at One More Time Retail Store.

Seven County Senior Federation

Thank You

The Ogilvie Food Shelf thanks Ogilvie UMC for the gift of 29.6 lbs. of donations for May 4, 2017.

Thank You

This year UMCOR needs cleaning buckets, health kits, school kits and layette kits. Lists of items needed for each kit will be on the bulletin board in the narthex. Items can be left in Room F to be made ready for annual conference in June. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Vi Tatro, Missions Chair

Thank You

UMCOR thanks Ogilvie UMC for the following gifts:

\$55 Undesignated 4-26-17

Paul Lee Webster \$30.00 4-26-17

Paul Lee Webster \$10.00 4-26-17

Paul Lee Webster \$26.56 4-3-17

Family Pathways

Hello, I am Angie Detert, Family Pathways Social Respite Coordinator. We offer programs to help seniors remain in their homes for as long as possible. All seniors in the community are eligible. Call 320-364-1115 for more information and ask for Angie.

From Our Pastor



June 2017

May 13 through May 19 I attended a school designed for people feeling God's call into ministry but for whatever reason do not see seminary in their future. The education is called Licensing school and upon successful completion the

Conference Bishop signs a licensed for ministry in a specific church(s).

The website of the United Methodist Church General Board of Higher Education & Ministry states the following:

A local pastor answers God's call to serve the mission of Jesus Christ through serving a local congregation in The United Methodist Church. When appointed, the local pastor performs the usual duties of a pastor, including preaching and teaching; leading in worship and liturgy; receiving new members; performing the sacraments of baptism and The Lord's Supper; and performing the services of marriage (where state laws allow), burial, and confirmation. The local pastor's authority is only within the appointment setting and does not extend beyond it. The local pastor is not ordained, and serves under the authority of a license for pastoral ministry after completing the steps outlined in ¶ 315 of *The Book of Discipline (2012)* and meeting any annual conference requirements.

The week was full, very full. My friend Rachel said, "Licensing School is like drinking from a fire hose" and I agree with her. Our days started with a 7:30 a.m. worship followed by breakfast and then off to class, two in the AM and 2 in the PM. Lunch and dinner were both followed by worship with the majority of the worship services lead by students (in groups of three we planned and presented a service). The day ended after one's homework was done, which for me was usually about 10:15.

The class included 20 students representing 7 states, including two from Minnesota, and 9 faculty. I would guess the age range to be roughly 30 to 75. This was a diverse

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group with varied skills and talents. It was a joy to be with each one of the students and faculty.

You might be wondering what comes next for me and so was I. I will be acknowledged at the 2017 MN Annual Conference, June 21, as a Local Licensed Pastor appointed to Mora and Ogilvie UMC churches. I am required to continue my education in a program called Course of Study that will start within the next 6 months and if I am able to stay on track will be completed in five years. The best part of my future is that I am appointed as pastor to the Mora and the Ogilvie UMC churches!

Thank you for holding me in your prayers and for being the caring and loving people that you are. I look forward to our future together as we grow more in love with Jesus and do His work of making disciples. To God be the Glory for He has done a continues to do for us.

Your Sister in Christ,
Deb

pray

Rise and Shine and give God the Glory
Reach to the heavens and tell God your story
Do not be afraid of the contents within
Be assured God will wash away all that is sin
Thank God for your children and the joy they bring you
Thank God for the morning and dreams anew
Thank God for the stars that twinkle at night
Thank God for quiding you from darkness to light.

by Julie Krahmer

Sunday Morning Coffee at Mora UMC!

For those who are new to our church, or if you have never attended our Sunday morning fellowship hour we want to invite you to join our coffee group in the dining room (45 minutes before church begins). It is so nice to touch base with so many old and new friends and share a cup of coffee. Please do join us!!

We are happy to note that things seem to be working out very well for those who have graciously agreed to take a turn serving our fellowship hour. Many thanks to you all!

The newsletter will always print the current month of servers and usually the next months also. Again, if you can't serve on your designated Sunday, call anyone else in that month and trade Sundays with them and be sure to notify Colleen in the office, 320-679-2713.

If you have suggestions or questions please call Betty White at 679-2329.

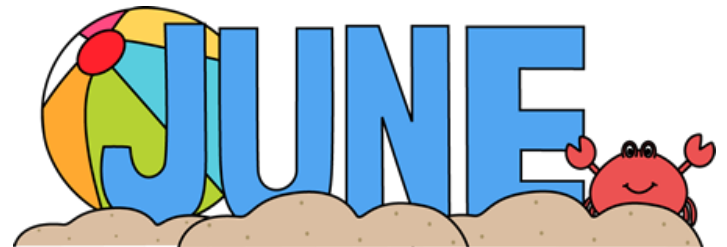
June

4 Worship Committee

11 Pat, Carmel & Angie Gorham 679-1621

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25 Barb Rische 679-3314



Car Wash



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Saturday June 17

11am – 3pm

At the Mora United Methodist Church
500 Clark St., Mora, MN 55051

(Sponsored by the Mora UMC Youth)



Vacation Bible School
6:00—7:30 pm August 1, 2, 3
Mora United Methodist Church

*Call, email for
registration form*



*Volunteer
parents and
teens are
welcome to help!*

God and Nature:
What can...
*Storms tell us about God?
Flowers tell us about God?
Spices tell us about God?*

For all kids age 4 through 6th grade
(this fall). *Everyone welcome.*
No charge, free program. Just come!
*Bring your friends! Families do not
have to be church members to attend.*
Kids will learn about God through
nature with fun stories, activities,
crafts, music, snacks.

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Sunday fellowship

I can't believe summer is almost upon us and that means vacation times, lake trips, and traveling.

The year's fellowship schedule has been prepared and the current month's servers plus next month's can be viewed on another page.

Phone numbers are always included, so if you know you'll be unavailable for a certain Sunday, **please call someone in your month and trade serving dates.** *If this can't be worked out, call me, Betty White, 679-2329.*

Anyone who would like to offer to serve on a Sunday morning do talk to me at church or call me. If you'd like to serve with another person – we can do that too!!

Thank to everyone for your wonderful support and willingness to help extend hospitality to all who come to our Mora UMC.

Betty White
679-2329



Ogilvie UMC Media Center
NEW BOOKS

Jennifer by Dee Henderson

The busy physician has a pediatric practice in Dallas, Texas, and meeting and falling in love with surgeon Tom Peterson is adding a rich layer to her life. She's sorting out how to introduce Tom to her friendly family --- she's the youngest of seven --- and thinking about marriage.

She's falling in love with Jesus too, and knows God is good. But that faith is about to be tested, and in a way she didn't expect. The results will soon transform her entire family.



TEST OF FAITH by Christa Allan

Like all marriages, Elle and Logan Butler's has its ups and downs. Yet they hang together, even as his political campaign escalates. But Elle has a secret that haunts her. One that she never thought would be revealed. It's a secret that has driven her from God and kept her from sharing her whole heart with the man she loves.

But now the secret must be told. The news rips Elle's world apart as she struggles with painful memories and paralyzing fear of what will happen when she tells Logan. Every secret has consequences and this one could destroy everything they've built.



Surprise 90th Birthday Celebration for Ruth Kaufert brought friends and relatives together to celebrate Ruth's 90th birthday. Her celebration took place at a potluck meal after the Ogilvie United Methodist Church morning worship service on April 9. Included in the photo are Ruth's sister June, sister Rita, Ruth and Ruth's daughter Klee behind Ruth. It was a great opportunity for the Ogilvie church to show appreciation for all of the service that Ruth has done and continues to do for the Ogilvie United Methodist Church.

UNAPPROVED Minutes of Mora UMC

Administrative Council Meeting, May 11, 2017

Present: Chair Robin Priebe, Pastor Deb Schaffran, Jan Anderson, Janell Anderson, Carmel Gorham, Pat Gorham, Melanie Halverson, Val Prax, Dick Smith, Ruth Smith
Meeting was called to Order by Robin, who asked Pastor Deb to lead in an opening prayer. Minutes of the March 9 Council meeting were approved with one correction (Melanie Stegeman to Melanie Halverson) upon motion by Janell, seconded by Val.

Pastors Report: Upcoming baptism of the 3 Hanson sisters, 3 new members probably accepted in the fall. Pastor at Licensing School, Debuque, Iowa May 12-22. Leadership and Nominations Committee scheduled for May 23 to prepare for June Conference meeting. Finance: Financial Secretary report by Jan was approved, motion by Pat, seconded by Janell. Treasurers report by Janell approved, motion by Pat, seconded by Jan. Pastor asked if the monthly bar graph could show both current year/month and previous year/month. Janell will work on that. Finance report by Dick reported change in Endowment Fund CD's due for renewal, now upgraded to 1.75% from .04% interest.

Old Business: Janell is considering representing Mora UMC as lay delegate to Annual Conference in June.

Church Pictorial Directory: Arlene Anderman has agreed to organize the project. Janell will get the samples stored in the church office for Arlene to look over. Records retention – no action with financial records. Shepherding Ministry is a very active card ministry, remembering birthdays, anniversaries, and get well cards.

New Business: Classic car gatherings on Friday evenings at Mora UMC. Big show on August 8, with food sales and invited car owners. Will develop a bookmark-sized handout with worship times and youth events to be distributed on the 8th.

Christian Education has decided to continue Childrens Church through the summer as well as nursery. Vacation Bible School will be August 1,2,3. The theme of nature will be continued from materials used in 2016. Pastor Deb will lead a Bible lesson each evening. Youth raised \$1900 from their rummage sale, donating 10% to the church. They completed yard cleanup at the Diesner home. They manned the food tent at the Mora Classic Canoe Race and earned \$866 for the race in exchange for use of their canoes and canoe trailer. Confirmation classes on hold until the fall. The Bible Study, Walking With Ruth, will begin the first Saturday morning in June. Can be done at Park Forest at their requested time. (call Pastor Deb). Youth will host a carwash June 17 along with a bake sale.

Membership Committee: nearly done with 2016 report to present at Mora/Ogilvie joint Conference.

Trustees have listed the needs for painting the church building outside, and conditioning and repainting the bell tower. Sidewalk repair is needed where heaving has occurred. Mens Club did yard maintenance including brushing at the southeast property line, patching holes at Clark Street entrance to the parking lot, digging out creeping Charlie at the meditation garden fence line. Scotts Lawn Service sprayed for weeds on Friday, May 5.

Worship Committee will have plants for Mother's Day for the moms. Val Prax will fill in for Pastor Deb the two Sundays she is gone for Licensing School. Thank you, Val! Plans are made to honor our graduating senior Laura Schultz on June 4. That day begins the season of Pentecost. We are reminded to wear red to that first Pentecost service. Children will sing May 21. Praise Team's last Sunday until fall is May 14.

Women in Christian Service will meet May 17. Members should bring sharp scissors to complete gift blankets.

With no further reports, Dick motioned adjournment, seconded by Carmel, motion carried.

Unapproved minutes submitted by Ruth Smith

Catherine Sundet graveside service

There will be a graveside service for family and friends for Catherine Sundet, June 3, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Oakwood Cemetery in Mora.

Ogilvie Methodist Church Council Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2017

Present: Pastor Deb, Vern & Ruth Kaufert, Sharon Hess, David & Kaye Carda, Phyllis Visser

Next meeting June 16, 2017

Ruth Kaufert opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting was then turned over to Vern Kaufert.

Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Kaye Carda. Sharon Hess made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Ruth Kaufert.

Committee Reports: 1. Pat Fredrick will be going to the spring UMW meeting in Forest Lake April 22, 2017.

2. Kaye Carda reported the sanctuary lights are up and flooring, tri and paneling all done.

3. Kaye Carda also reported some of the ceiling tiles and roof needs repair.

Old Business: no report given

New Business: 1. the insurance for church will remain the same. Motion to approve was made by Ruth Kaufert, seconded by David Carda.

2. Kaye Carda will have a person help her in the yard and \$50 will be gifted for helping. Motion to accept was made by Phyllis Visser and seconded by David Carda.

Pastor's Report: 1. Bible study will be on Ruth each Thursday at 10 starting next week if books we will be using arrive.


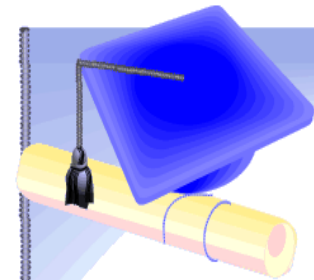
2. Cy Olson and Mark Little will be two new members joining the church.

3. Pastor Deb talked about having committee meetings. She will draw up the plans for the team structure to be discussed at the next meeting.

4. The plans for the Mora church dinner will be discussed at the next meeting when Russ Palmer will be there.

5. Ruth Kaufert reported the food shelf has gotten 114 lbs. of food and \$330 in cash donated in the past year.

A motion was made by Kaye Carda and seconded by David Carda to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned.



Mora High School Graduate!

1. Name: Laura Schultz
2. What are you doing after graduation? Work or school? Where?
I am going to Pine Technical and Community College for Nursing, start June 5.
3. What do I recall being my most meaningful experience of God's love at Mora UMC?
Youth Group because I get to be with my friends and Youth Group is my safe place.
4. To what or how do I understand God's call in Christ to find meaning and joy in life? And to serve others?
I'm looking forward to helping others by being a nurse.
5. Who was an important mentor in your faith journey?
Carmel, Janell, Pastor Rob and Bruce.

**MORA UMC
ACOLYTES**

June 4 Brandi Wellnitz
June 11 Lindsay Sigstad
June 18 Parker Mitchell
June 25 MacKenzie Merkwán

FLOWERS

June 4 & 11 Maree Nordenstrom
June 18 & 25 Jan Anderson

GREETERS & USHERS

June 4 Arnie & Jackie Voight
June 11 Mike & Laura Schultz
June 18 Dick & Ruth Smith
June 25 Pat & Carmel Gorham

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

June 4 TBD
June 11 Heather & Carol Hanson
June 18 Christy & Nikcole Sundet
June 25 Carmel Gorham

READERS

June 4 Avis Pixley
June 11 Robin Priebe
June 18 Valerie Prax
June 25 Ruth Smith

SERVERS

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SOUND & LIGHTS

June 4 Dick Smith
June 11 David Zins
June 18 Robin Priebe
June 25 Mike Schultz



OGILVIE UMC

READERS

June 4 Bryan Fredrick
June 11 Kaye Carda
June 18 Sharon Hess
June 25 Lori Huro

SERVERS

June 4 Phyllis Visser
June 11 Sharon Knoll
June 18 Jane St. George
June 25 Mission potluck brunch

USHERS

June 4, 11, 28, 25
Torgesons



JUNE

Mora UMC

05 Gene Anderson
06 Maggie Madison
09 Roy Ammerman
12 Janell Anderson
15 Rolf & June Forslund
17 Dale Nelson
20 Ashley Schuroff
20 Joseph Zins
23 Kate Larison
24 Heather Hanson
30 Bradley Peterson

Ogilvie UMC

03 Lynne Eskuri
14 Rayne Villa
14 Chad & Lori Schoumaker
15 Gavin McLevis
18 Bob & Sharon Knoll
20 Andrea Elliot
22 David Carda
22 Sharon Knoll
22 Rusty Palmer
28 Bea Covell
29 Hap & Mary Hess Spooner

Bold indicates anniversaries

June 2017

(due to frequent changes, check calendar online for better accuracy)

Mora & Ogilvie Calendar of Events

Thursday, June 1

6:00pm M - UM Men

Friday, June 2

10:00am O - Exercise

7:00pm O - Ogilvie Graduation

Saturday, June 3

9:00am O - Rise/Shine Group

9:30am M - Adult Bible Study

11:00am M - Catherine Sundet graveside service

Sunday, June 4

9:00am M/O - Communion

9:00am M/O - Food Shelf

Sunday

9:00am O - Ogilvie worship

9:30am M - Fellowship

10:00am O - Children's Sunday Library

10:00am O - Fellowship

10:30am M - Mora Worship & Children's Church

11:30am M - Missions Potluck

2:00pm M - Mora graduation

Monday, June 5

10:00am O - Exercise

10:45am M - Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, June 6

10:00am M - CORE Prof.

10:45am M - Meals on Wheels

6:00pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, June 7

10:00am O - Exercise

10:45am M - Meals on Wheels

6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

Thursday, June 8

5:00pm M - Worship Comm.

6:00pm M - Finance

6:30pm M - Council

Friday, June 9

10:00am O - Exercise

Saturday, June 10

7:30am O - Og. Food Shelf

9:30am M - Adult Bible Study

Sunday, June 11

M/O - Peace w/Justice Sunday

9:00am O - Noisy Change

9:00am O - Ogilvie worship

9:30am M - Fellowship

10:00am O - Children's Sunday Library

10:00am O - Fellowship

10:30am M - Mora Worship & Children's Church

Monday, June 12

10:00am O - Exercise

Tuesday, June 13

10:00am M - CORE Prof.

6:00pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, June 14

10:00am O - Exercise

5:30pm M - Trustees

6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

6:30pm M - Christian Ed

Thursday, June 15

5:00pm O - Finance

6:00pm O - Council

Friday, June 16

10:00am O - Exercise

Saturday, June 17

9:00am O - Rise/Shine Group

9:30am M - Adult Bible Study

10:00am M - Youth Car Wash

Sunday, June 18

9:00am O - Ogilvie worship

9:00am O - Student Sunday

9:30am M - Fellowship

10:00am O - Children's Sunday Library

10:00am O - Fellowship

10:30am M - Clunky Change

10:30am M - Mora Worship & Children's Church

2:00pm M/O - C & F deadline

Monday, June 19

10:00am O - Exercise

Tuesday, June 20

M/O - Annual Conference

10:00am M - CORE Prof.

6:00pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, June 21

M/O - Annual Conference

10:00am O - Exercise

6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

6:00pm M - WICS

Thursday, June 22

M/O - Annual Conference

Friday, June 23

10:00am O - Exercise

Saturday, June 24

7:30am O - Og Food Shelf

9:00am O - Rise/Shine Group

Sunday, June 25

9:00am O - Ogilvie worship

9:30am M - Fellowship

10:00am O - Children's Sunday Library

10:00am O - Fellowship

10:00am O - Missions potluck

10:30am M - Mora Worship & Children's Church

4:00pm O - Food/Soul

Monday, June 26

10:00am O - Exercise

Tuesday, June 27

10:00am M - CORE Prof.

6:00pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, June 28

9:30am M - Brighter Day Residence

10:00am O - Exercise

6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

Friday, June 30

10:00am O - Exercise

