

Mora & Ogilvie United Methodist Churches
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Mora United Methodist Church

“Living for Christ, Sharing His Love”

Parish Office: 500 Clark Street, Mora, MN 55051-1804
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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

Like us on Facebook:

facebook.com/moraunitedmethodistchurch

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

August 6 - Food Shelf Sunday, potluck at 11:30 a.m.

Vi Tatro, Missions Chair

Thank You

The Mora Food Pantry thanks Mora UMC for the gift of 90 lbs. of food for April – June 2017.

Mora Food Pantry

Thank You Mora UMC

On behalf of all of us at World Day of Prayer USA we thank you for planning and holding a service and for your offering of \$179.00. The wealth, be it small or great, that you share with the women of the world makes it possible to put the prayers we offer God into action..

Mary M. Martin

Chair, World Day of Prayer USA Committee

New Office Hours

Please note new office hours are Wednesday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. or longer as needed.



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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From Our Pastor

August 2017



The 2017 Minnesota Annual Conference was held June 20-22 in St Cloud. Joining me in representing the Mora and Ogilvie Churches was Rusty Palmer from Ogilvie. The theme of this year's Annual Conference was "Encounter the Spirit: Live Expectantly!" We focused on what it means to be an Acts 2 church and to fully claim our identity as

people of Pentecost—filled with the Holy Spirit and called out into the world to share our faith and be the presence of Christ to others. We explored the importance of being evangelistic disciples and sharing our stories with others—and just like the earliest followers of Jesus in Acts 2, we came together for teaching, breaking bread, fellowship, and prayer.

Wednesday morning the Bishop encouraged Minnesota United Methodists to live expectantly. Isn't that a wonderful idea, to live expecting God to be at work in all we think do and say. Living expecting God to be out in front of us and preparing a way forward and for us to be looking for God in all we do.

Tuesday evening Rev. Junius B. Dotson, Discipleship Ministries' general secretary talked about reordering our priorities and relentlessly focusing on making disciples. "You are a child of God," Dotson said. "A lot of us aren't first to share in our faith. It's because we don't remember who we are. Sharing the gospel has some risk—the risk of rejection, the risk of being made fun of, the risk of being called holier than thou...but letting people know that they matter to God...that is worth the risk."

During Rev. Dotson's Wednesday morning teaching he said churches must be intentional, innovative, relentless in their pursuit of the "why" of discipleship, and hopeful. "We should always be asking: What role does this activity, event, or program have in helping us make disciples?" he said.

At a Celebration of Life in Ministry worship service Wednesday night, nearly 1,000 Minnesota United Methodists gathered to remember 34 friends and colleagues who have died over the past year, to honor 20 retiring clergy, and to celebrate seven people being ordained, 10 being commissioned as provisional members, 12 newly licensed local pastors, one person being recognized as an associate member, and one person who

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who completed the course of study for licensed local pastor. I am honored to be one of the 12 newly licensed local pastors. To God be the glory!

At the end of Annual Conference, \$73,192 had been given to the 2017 Love Offering. This year's Love Offering will go to the United Methodist University of Sierra Leone—School of Applied Health Sciences (60 percent), Emma Norton Services (30 percent), and Volunteers in Mission scholarships (10 percent).

The 2017 Annual Conference was a joy filled celebration of what it means to be a United Methodist. Rusty and I were honored to represent Mora and Ogilvie UMC's.

Live expectantly!

Pastor Deb

Happy Birthday Gladyce Anderson!

A 99th birthday celebration for Gladyce Anderson will be held Saturday, August 19, from 2-4 at the Villages. All are welcome!

Dear Janell & youth group:

Thank you for your generous gift to Peace UMC! Your donation will help support our newest ministry "PORCH" on Wednesday evenings!

We hope you had a safe and adventurous time in the BWCA. You are great guests – we didn't even know you were here.

Blessings,
Holly Lindgren
Peace UMC

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).

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.

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.**

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.

August

6 Edna Cole 679-3137 & Mavis Burk 679-2232

13 Marc, Marilee & Kelly Jensen 679-5137

20 Larry & Sharon Brettingen 679-1386

27 Mike & Valerie Prax 679-5207

September

3 Jarek & Christy Sundet 679-3628

10 Cindy Peterson 679-1651 &

Adam and Kelli Peterson 612-239-1257

17 Barry Madison family 679-5076 & Donna Trogstad 679-8379

24 Brody & Darcy Halverson 679-2541





THE OGILVIE LIBRARY NEW BOOKS

***The Atonement* by Beverly Lewis**

The mistakes of the past haunt, Lucy Flaud, now twenty-five and beyond Amish courting age. Instead, Lucy focuses on volunteering in both the Plain and fancy communities of Lancaster County. Yet no matter how hard she strives, she never feels she's doing enough. Then her father strikes up an unexplained friendship with an *Englischer* in search of a simpler way of life. Lucy forms a connection of her own with the thoughtful young man even as she rejects courtship with her longtime Amish friend. Is it too late to embrace redemption... and the power of love?

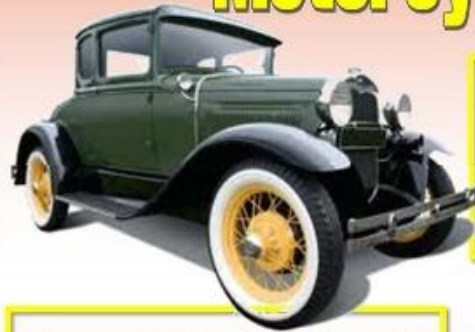


***Raw Edge* by Sandra D. Bricker**

Grayson McDonough has no use for teal ribbons, 5K runs, ovarian cancer support groups, or even church on Sunday anymore now that his beautiful wife, Jenna, is gone... but their nine-year old daughter, Sadie, seems to need those connections back to her mom.

When Annabelle Curtis, the lovely cancer survivor, organizing the memory quilt project for the Ovacom support group begins to bring out the silly and fun side of his precious daughter again Grayson must set aside his own grief to support the healing of Sadie's young heart. Even if his own broken heart manages to heal, is there hope for Grayson to find his way back to God along the way?

Classic Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show



Friday
August 18
5 to 8 PM

Mora Methodist Church
Parking Lot—500 Clark St



Just for show &
fun... no prizes

Food booth manned by the Mora Methodist Youth Group

Do You Have Keys?

If anyone has church keys no longer being used please turn in to the office. They can be placed in Colleen's mailbox near the offices. Thanks much!!

Ogilvie Oldie & Kids music group

Out of one ministry an ecumenical new music group has been formed. The Ogilvie Oldie & Kids' group was formed. The first practice and performance was at Food for the Soul, June 25. Marge Deal and Lois Terpstra joined the group to sing that afternoon also. The songs will be the old Sunday School and Vacation Bible School songs. There first song



was “This Little Light of Mine”. The diners joyfully joined in.

The core group forming this group was Linda Wynalda, Phyllis Visser, Paul Deal,

Grace Sharritt, Gavin McLevis, and Pat Fredrick. Everyone is welcome to join the group. Practice is at 3:00 p.m. before Food for the Soul.

Music and Food!!!

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Mora United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Meeting- July 13, 2017

Present: Robin Priebe, Naomi Schultz, Pat Gorham, Ruth Smith, Dick Smith, Carmel Gorham, Janell Anderson, Val Prax, Jan Anderson, Pastor Deb Schaffran, Heather Hanson

Meeting called to order by Chairman Robin Priebe, at 6:30pm and Pastor Deb led prayer.

Minutes of June 8, 2017 meeting reviewed and upon motion carried and approved.

Pastor's Report: Attendance for Bible study on Ruth has typically 1-3 people in attendance. All is going well with the nominations committee. They are well underway with nominations and will be meeting with teams in August. Janell will now be annual conference representative. Pastor Deb will be gone August 6, 2017 and Val will be leading services.

Financial Reports:

Financial Secretary: The June income was reviewed and approved.

Treasurer: Reported that there are more donations then last year and we are paid in full through April.

Finance/Stewardship: Developing a stewardship plan for starting in August. Currently looking for dates. Finance will meet on August 3 at 7:30 instead of August 10.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education: VBS will be August 1-3 from 6 to 7:30pm. We will be setting up on July 31 at 6pm. There is still a need for volunteers. Children's Church is continuing to go well.

Memorials: haven't met yet

Missions: We are looking at setting up Feed My Starving Children for October 2017. Undesignated funds to be used for painting project.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations: A change in office hours was approved. The office will now be closed on Monday and Tuesday and open Wednesday through Friday.

Trustees: Discussed building projects including painting, putting speakers in the Fireside Room, and moving the library to the Fireside Room.

Worship: Is set up through August 6 by committee design.

Service Groups:

Men's Club: Did not meet in July, next meeting will be August 3. There will be no more phone calls made, but the information will be placed in the newsletter and bulletin.

Women in Christian Service: suggestion was made to keep a stocked cart to dispense. This will be discussed further and a plan made. There is only 1 blessing bag left.

Old Business:

The materials for the painting project will begin being ordered within the next week. They will be stored at the fairgrounds.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm. Next meeting will be held on Thursday August 10, 2017 at 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Heather Hanson, Council Secretary

**MORA UMC
ACOLYTES**

Aug 6 Matt Madison
Aug 13 Natalie Sigstad
Aug 20 Zander Gravning
Aug 27 Nora Houglum

FLOWERS

Aug 6, 13 Gayle Bergloff
Aug 20, 27 Carmel Gorham

GREETERS & USHERS

Aug 6 Arnie & Jackie Voight
Aug 13 Dick & Ruth Smith
Aug 20 Pat & Carmel Gorham
Aug 27 Bob & Melanie Halverson &
John Cooper

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Aug 6 Heather & Carol Hanson
Aug 13 Christy & Nikcole Sundet
Aug 20 Zins family
Aug 27 Heather & Carol Hanson

READERS

Aug 6 Avis Pixley
Aug 13 Robin Priebe
Aug 20 Naomi Schultz
Aug 27 Ruth Smith

SERVERS

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Mavis Burk 679-2232
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679-5137
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27 Mike & Valerie Prax 679-5207

SOUND & LIGHTS

Aug 6 Mike Schultz
Aug 13 David Zins
Aug 20 Dick Smith
Aug 27 Robin Priebe



**OGILVIE UMC
READERS**

Aug 6 Dyanne Olson
Aug 13 Lori Huro
Aug 20 Rusty Palmer
Aug 27 Vern Kaufert

SERVERS

Aug 6 Bryan & Pat Fredrick
Aug 13 David & Kaye Carda
Aug 20 Sharon Hess
Aug 27 Mission potluck brunch

USHERS

August 6, 13, 20, 27
Sharon Knoll, Sharon Hess



Mora UMC

01 Ty & Jenny Houglum

03 Delila James
03 Matthew Madison

04 Barry & Ginger Madison

04 Adam Peterson
05 Jenny Houglum

08 Riley & Nikki Priebe

10 David Nordenstrom

10 Brody & Darcy Halverson

18 Bob & Marilyn Goldsmith

22 Victor & Paula Vanecek

22 Sheri Engblom
22 Zander Gravning
23 Robert Hanson

25 Bruce Mosher

26 Gladyce Anderson

26 Jarek & Christy Sundet

29 Donna Trogstad
29 Jeffery Munkberg
30 Angela Gorham

Ogilvie UMC

05 Steve & Lori Huro

07 Robyn Polsfuss

08 David & Laura Hess Ulman

08 Dale & Candice Eberly

15 DeLores Gossen

17 Steve Huro

20 Ashley Barlow

24 Christianna Eberly

28 Julie Krahermer

31 Kyle Carda

Bold indicates anniversaries

August 2017

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

Mora & Ogilvie Calendar of Events

Tuesday, August 1

6:00pm M - Bible School
10:00am M - CORE Prof.
6:00pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, August 2

M - Bible School
10:00am O - Exercise
6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

Thursday, August 3

» 7:30pm M - Bible School
6:00pm M - UM Men

Friday, August 4

10:00am O - Exercise

Saturday, August 5

9:00am O - Rise/Shine Group

Sunday, August 6

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

Monday, August 7

10:00am O - Exercise
7:00pm M - KISS, NA

Tuesday, August 8

10:00am M - CORE Prof.
6:00pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, August 9

10:00am O - Exercise

5:30pm M - Trustees
6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

Thursday, August 10

5:00pm M - Worship Comm.
6:00pm M - Council
6:00pm M - Finance

Friday, August 11

M - Youth Group BWCA
10:00am O - Exercise

Saturday, August 12

M - Youth Group BWCA
7:30am O - Og. Food Shelf

Sunday, August 13

M - Youth Group BWCA
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, August 14

10:00am O - Exercise
10:45am M - Meals on Wheels
7:00pm M - KISS, NA

Tuesday, August 15

10:00am M - CORE Prof.
10:45am M - Meals on Wheels
6:00pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, August 16

10:00am O - Exercise
10:45am M - Meals on Wheels

6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

6:00pm M - WICS

Thursday, August 17

5:00pm O - Finance
6:00pm O - Council

Friday, August 18

10:00am O - Exercise
2:00pm M/O - C & F deadline
5:00pm M - Classic Truck, Car & Motorcycle Show

Saturday, August 19

9:00am O - Rise/Shine Group
2:00pm M - Gladyce Anderson birthday party

Sunday, August 20

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

Monday, August 21

10:00am O - Exercise
7:00pm M - KISS, NA

Tuesday, August 22

10:00am M - CORE Prof.
6:00pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, August 23

9:30am M - Brighter Day Residence
10:00am O - Exercise

6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

Friday, August 25

10:00am O - Exercise

Saturday, August 26

7:30am O - Og Food Shelf

Sunday, August 27

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, August 28

10:00am O - Exercise
7:00pm M - KISS, NA

Tuesday, August 29

10:00am M - CORE Prof.
6:00pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, August 30

10:00am O - Exercise
6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

