

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

320-679-2713 ~ Handicapped Accessible

Office Hours: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Tues. – Fri.

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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

515 Elm Street, Hinesville, GA 31313

Brad Peterson

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

Remembering Our People

Lorraine Kobberdahl, Betty Updegraff

Eastwood Senior Living

170 Valhalla Circle

Mora, MN 55051

Ruth Johnson, Charles Schwartz

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

Betty Roehlke

Rosewood Senior Living

653 N. Main St.

Cambridge, MN 55008

Lloyd Stegeman

VA Medical Center

Bldg. 49, Room 211

4801 8th Street

St. Cloud, MN 56303

320-202-2313

Mora UMC Missions

Mar. 5 - Food Shelf Sunday, potluck at 11:30 a.m. for Food Shelf.

Vi Tatro, Missions Chair

Thank You

We are pleased to enclose a check for \$50 for December 2016 to Mora UMC for volunteer hours of Barb Rische, Jay Wicklander and Dewey Jacobson at One More Time Retail Store.
Seven County Senior Federation

Thank You

Thank you Ogilvie UMC for paying 100% of your apportionments in 2016. Apportionments are used to support vital ministries across our conference, nation, and world as well as important benevolence and mission projects of the General Church and Annual Conference.

*Susan Nienaber
Big Waters District Superintendent*

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*Susan Nienaber
Big Waters District Superintendent*

Thank You

Thank you Mora UMC for your gift of \$205 for our general fund, chicks and goat from Heifer International. Families in countries where we work like Bangladesh, Guatemala and Malawi, who once struggled with hunger and poverty, now have the livestock and training they need to improve their farms. With your commitment and their hard work, they are on their way to building lives of self-reliance and dignity, uplifting entire communities in the process.

From Our Pastor



March 2017

Hello, can you believe we are entering Lent! This year the season of Lent starts March 1, Ash Wednesday, and ends on April 15, Holy Saturday. Lent is a period of forty days, not counting Sundays which represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

We often hear people talk about Lent as a period of time to “give something up.” It’s common to hear someone say “I gave up watermelon” or “I gave up exercise” or “I gave up spinach” or anything that we wouldn’t be eating or doing no matter what time of year it was. This year let’s not “give up” but instead let’s focus on our relationship with God through self-examination, reflection and preparation for the coming of Easter.

In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism and was created as the final step in preparation for those choosing to follow Jesus.

Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God through self-examination, reflection and preparation for the coming of Easter. Self-examination and individual preparation are part of the work of Lent as we ready ourselves for Easter.

During Lent our Sunday worship will focus on preparation for Easter but this alone does not and should not fulfill our personal preparation. So, throughout the season of Lent there are additional worship services and Bible studies offered.

The season of Lent starts with Ash Wednesday which this year is March 1. Ash Wednesday emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our own sin before God within the community of faith. Our two churches: Mora and Ogilvie will come together in Mora for the observation of Ash Wednesday service at 7 p.m. at Mora.

An eight-week study called *Jesus’ Final Week* is offered three times each week during Lent. Identical sessions are offered on Saturday mornings at 9:30 at Mora UMC in room D, Sunday noon at the Pizza Pub in Mora and 10 a.m. Thursday at the Ogilvie church.

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This study is designed to deepen our understanding of the last week of Jesus' life. Chapter 1 starts with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the final chapter celebrates Easter and challenges us to think about how the resurrection of Jesus changed our lives.

Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter and the day Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with His disciples thereby instituted the Lord's Supper, also called Communion. The Mora and Ogilvie churches will observe a special Communion service at the Ogilvie church on Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m., in memory of Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples and in celebration of this gift to us.

Good Friday we worship with a Kanabec County community service at Grace Lutheran in Mora. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ and his death at Calvary.

We end the week on Easter Sunday with the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection! Wow what a wonderfully busy time in the lives of Christians. We are, after all, Easter People.

This 40-day journey called Lent is a wonderful opportunity to grow in your faith. Find your path of self-reflection and spiritual discovery, and invite others to join you as you seek to observe a holy Lent. Together we enter this season of Lent, a season that changed our destiny – To God be the Glory!

Your Sister in Christ,
Pastor Deb

Thank You

Thank you Mora UMC for your gift to support the following missionaries and ministries of the General Board of Global Ministries: \$25 to Disaster Response International; \$450 to Ardell Graner, Dominican Republic. 100 percent of your contribution is applied to the designated project or to missionary support. Giving through The Advance enables United Methodists to partner with one another in mission and ministry around the world.

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 plus 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.

March

5 Robin Priebe 679-3854 & Riley & Nikki Priebe
12 Mike & Naomi Schultz family 679-5177
19 Avis Pixley 679-9364 & Gayle Bergloff 679-4829
26 Vi Tatro 679-2440 & Deloris Akkerman 679-2045

April

2 Brian Smith Family 679-1434
9 Rich & Jackie Nordstrom Family 679-0054
16 Easter
23 Ty & Jen Houglum Family 225-0056
30 Bruce Mosher 320-279-2763

Confirmation Help Sought

Pastor Deb is seeking a male to assist with Confirmation one Wednesday morning a month beginning in March and ending with the school year. For more information contact Pastor Deb, 320-515-2054 or email: debraschaffran@gmail.com.

Youth Group dates & times to remember:

Wed., Mar. 1, - Youth Gathering – meal at 5:30pm – 7pm

Wed., Mar. 8, - Youth Gathering – meal at 5:30pm – 7pm

LOOKING AHEAD:

MAYBE A SLEDDING PARTY in March right after church?

****PRAY FOR SNOW****

Sonrise Service – Sun., April 16 – Easter Sunday

Garage Sale – Spring 2017 – date yet to be determined

Canoe Club Food Stand – May 6

Boundary Waters Canoe Trips (2 trips one in June or July and one in August)

Hope to see all of you at each of these dates. Have a great winter!

Questions – Please call one of us:

Carmel – 320-260-5596 / Janell – 320-279-0462 / Bruce – 320-279-2763



Mora medical issues:

Madeline Farmer,

sister of Donna Trogstad

Marilyn Goldsmith

Ardis Gotschall

Ruth Johnson

Lorraine Kobberdahl

Betty Roehlke, in hospice

Charles Schwartz

Martha Schultz

Lloyd Stegeman

Lee Svoboda

Betty Updegraff, in hospice

Missionaries:

Gordon & Ardell Graner

Meals on Wheels 2017

Drivers please arrive at 10:45 a.m. to pick up meals.

Contact Sharon Lidstrom, 679-1386 to volunteer.

**Mora United Methodist Church's
schedule for 2017:**

March 30 & 31

May 8, 9, 10

June 5, 6, 7

July 13 & 14

August 14, 15, 16

September 21 & 22

October 26 & 27

December 4, 5, 6

For your convenience CLIP & SAVE

Ogilvie medical issues:

Steve Bachman

Danny Geisler, brother of

Phyllis Visser

Julie Lang

Gerrett Osterdyk

Helen Soligny

Roy & Jan Underdahl

Mark & Lynn Winkel

Military:

Jeremy Carda, US Army

Kyle Leske, National Guard

Missionary:

Pastor Paul Webster

MUMC Missions in Review 2016

January – Potluck for Graners; sent \$225 to Graners

February – Potluck for Graners

March – Potluck for Mora Food Pantry; \$92 donation to Food Pantry for 1st quarter 2016 – 129 lbs.

April – Potluck for Feed My Starving Children, \$190

May – Potluck for UMCOR, School & Health Kits, \$162

June – Potluck for Graners – sent to UMCOR \$162 for School and Health Kits; sent \$225 to Graners & \$190 to Feed My Starving Children; sent 10 kits of each Health & School to Annual Conference. 2nd quarter Food Shelf 113 lbs.

July & Aug. – Potluck for Missions & Graners

Sept. – Potluck for UMCOR cleaning buckets \$163 added from general mission \$100, \$263 to UMCOR; \$225 to Graners, also renewed covenant with Graners for three more years to 9-1-19

Oct. – Potluck for Feed My Starving Children \$154; 3rd quarter Food Shelf 56 lbs.

Nov. – Potluck for Graners – had special food collection for Thanksgiving for Mora Food Pantry

Dec. – Potluck for Graners. In Dec. we sent donations to the following charities: Heifer Int. we bought one goat and a flock of chicks; Mora Crisis Pregnancy Center; the Refuge; Habitat for Humanity; Overland Missions; 4th quarter food shelf 196 lbs; sent \$450 to Graners.

Missions would like to say a very big thank you for all the support we received from our monthly potlucks.

Vi Tatro, Chair

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Mora United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Meeting – February 9, 2017

Present: Ruth Smith, Melanie Halverson, Pastor Deb Schaffran, Janell Anderson, Jan Anderson, Val Prax and Edna Cole.

Meeting called to order by Ruth Smith at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Deb led prayer.

Minutes of January 12, 2017 meeting reviewed and upon motion by Jan/Val carried and approved.

Pastor's Report: Jail Ministry training completed, will begin rotation in May.

Financial Reports:

Financial Secretary: Upon motion Janell/Melanie report was approved.

Treasurer: Upon motion Jan/Val report was approved and filed for audit.

Finance/Stewardship: Audit completed by Bob Halverson.

Old Business:

World Day of Prayer: Ruth reported on committee meeting, requested help.

Lay Delegate: June 20-22, St. Cloud, May 1 registration, Deb will do newsletter contact.

Church Pictorial Directory: Janell, Val motion to form committee to produce in house directory with prototype page to include photo, address and other information for each member/family unit. Motion carried. Janell appointed as Council Rep on project.

Records Retention: Conference recommendations received, starting to implement for all committees.

Shepherding Ministry: Council supports project. Research needed.

New Business:

Agenda Template/Procedure: Use agenda with modifications as tool. Note be added to meeting notice requesting agenda items be sent to Robin or Edna. Agendas available at meeting.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education: Confirmation planned for spring utilizing school release times. Start

Wednesday, March 1 at Parsonage, male co-leader being sought. Prayer Walk /study group beginning April 29th.

Communication/Technology: No report

Membership: Reports completed with membership of 162 and 86 constituents.

Memorials: No report

Missions: Funds dispersed, March Pot luck for Food Shelf.

Nominations: No report

P:ermanent Endowment: Meeting needs to be set up.

Staff Pastor Parish Relations: No report

Trustees: Small furnace repaired

Worship: Bible Study (Jesus Final Week) formed, 2 -3 options for attendance; Ash Wednesday service in Mora.

Service Groups:

Men's Club: No report

Women in Christian Service: Ham Dinner, Friday, April 28th.

Other: Puzzle contest went well.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 P.M upon motion Janell/Jan passed. **Next meeting to be held on March 9, 2017.**

Respectfully Submitted: Edna Cole, Council Secretary

**MORA UMC
ACOLYTES**

Mar 5 Sam Zins
Mar 12 Nikcole Sundet
Mar 19 Mackenzie Merkwon
Mar 26 Parker Mitchell

FLOWERS

Mar 5 & 12 Jan Anderson
Mar 19 & 26 Carmel Gorham

GREETERS & USHERS

Mar 5 Bob & Melanie Halverson
Mar 12 Marc & Marilee Jensen
Mar 19 Mike & Valerie Prax
Mar 26 Gene & Jan Anderson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Mar 5 - Valerie Prax & youth
Mar 12 - Chris and Nikcole Sundet
Mar 19 - Jen & Tess Houglum. Kids
will sing in church. Special day for 3rd
graders - presentation of their Bibles!
Mar 26 - Naomi & Laura Schultz

READERS

Mar 5 Naomi Schultz
Mar 12 Gayle Bergloff
Mar 19 Jackie Voight
Mar 26 Pat Gorham

SERVERS

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Deloris Akkerman 679-2045

SOUND & LIGHTS

Mar 5 Dick Smith
Mar 12 Brody Halverson
Mar 19 Robin Priebe
Mar 26 David Zins



**OGILVIE UMC
READERS**

Mar 5 Kaye Carda
Mar 12 Sharon Hess
Mar 19 Lori Huro
Mar 26 Rusty Palmer

SERVERS

Mar 5 Sharon Knoll
Mar 12 Jane St. George
Mar 19 Ruth Kaufert
Mar 26 Mission Potluck Brunch

USHERS

Mar 5, 12, 19, 26
Sharon Knoll/Sharon Hess



Mora UMC

01 Virginia Nordenstrom
01 Allen Mattkins Sr.
04 Larry & Sharon Brettingen
05 Janice Schulz
06 Adam & Kelli Peterson
06 Florence Wahl
07 Andria Horwitz
08 Amy Zins
09 Charles & Avis Pixley
10 Skyler Smith
12 Katie Madison
12 Karl Schultz
18 Edith Sederberg
19 Linda Rother & David Mormann
27 Betty White
28 Natalie Sigstad
28 Richard & Ruth Smith
31 Laura Schultz

Ogilvie UMC

06 Heather Krahmer
23 Megan Torgeson
28 Gerrett Osterdyk
29 Dillon Broehl

Bold indicates anniversaries

March 2017

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

Mora & Ogilvie Calendar of Events

Wednesday, March 1

M/O - Ash Wednesday
8:00am M - Confirmation
3:10pm M - JAS, K-6
5:30pm M - Youth Gathering
5:30pm M - JAS Potluck
6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group
7:00pm M - Ash Wednesday service

Thursday, March 2

10:00am O - Lent Bible Study
6:00pm M - UM Men

Friday, March 3

12:00pm M/O World Day of Prayer

Saturday, March 4

9:00am O - Rise/Shine Group
9:30am M - Lent Bible Study

Sunday, March 5

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
12:00pm M - Lent Bible Study
Monday March 6
6:30pm M - Christian Ed
Tuesday, March 7
10:00am M - CORE Prof.

6:00pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, March 8

3:10pm M - JAS, K-6
5:30pm M - Youth Gathering
5:30pm M - Trustees
6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group
7:00pm M - Praise Team practice

Thursday, March 9

10:00am O - Lent Bible Study
5:00pm M - Worship Comm.
6:00pm M - Girl Scouts Leader meeting

6:00pm M - Finance

6:30pm M - Council

Saturday, March 11

7:30am O - Og. Food Shelf
9:30am M - Lent Bible Study

Sunday, March 12

9:00am O - Noisy Change
9:00am O - Ogilvie worship
9:30am M - Fellowship
9:45am M - Praise Team practice
10:00am O - Children's Sunday Library

10:00am O - Fellowship

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

12:00pm M - Lent Bible Study

7:00pm M/O - Woodbury

Chorus-St. Mary's

Monday, March 13

5:30pm M - Girl Scouts

Tuesday, March 14

10:00am M - CORE Prof.

6:00pm M - TOPS

Wednesday, March 15

3:10pm M - JAS, K-6
6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group
6:00pm M - WICS

Thursday, March 16

10:00am O - Lent Bible Study
5:00pm O - Finance
6:00pm O - Council

Saturday, March 18

9:00am O - Rise/Shine Group
9:30am M - Lent Bible Study
11:00am M - Dala Heritage

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

Sunday, March 19

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

12:00pm M - Lent Bible Study

Tuesday, March 21

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

Wednesday, March 22

9:30am M - Brighter Day Residence
3:10pm M - JAS, K-6
6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

7:00pm M - Praise Team practice

Thursday, March 23

10:00am O - Lent Bible Study

Saturday, March 25

7:30am O - Og Food Shelf
9:00am O - Rise/Shine Group
9:30am M - Lent Bible Study

Sunday, March 26

M/O - One Great Hr. of Sharing

9:00am O - Ogilvie worship
9:30am M - Fellowship
9:45am M - Praise Team practice

10:00am O - Children's Sunday Library

10:00am O - Fellowship

10:00am O - Missions potluck

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

12:00pm M - Lent Bible Study

4:00pm O - Food/Soul

Monday, March 27

5:30pm M - Girl Scouts

Tuesday, March 28

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

Wednesday, March 29

3:10pm M - JAS, K-6
6:00pm O - Ogilvie Youth Group

Thursday, March 30

10:00am O - Lent Bible Study