



Prairie Spirit Co-operative Parish

United Methodist Church of Owatonna

May 2020 Newsletter

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship


Wednesday Schedule

5:15 p.m. Jubilee Ringers

5:30 p.m. Supper

6:30 p.m. Wednesday Service

7:00 p.m. Choir



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If you've seen the movie *Mary Poppins* when you were young or with your children, you probably know about the "east wind". Burt noticed twice in the movie that the "wind's in the east" - which literally blows Mary Poppins into the lives of those who come to love her - and then blows her back out again when her time is done. You can see the first in a short clip on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSfGBskfthg>.

As Mary Poppins comes and goes with the wind, she does not appear to have much say about it. But she accepts her lot and goes on to her next assignment, whether it's the Banks family or those coming next. She is "practically perfect" and does not let it bother her in the least. At least that's her plan. Nevertheless, she takes on whatever changes she is called to make.

Wouldn't it be nice if we were like her and "practically perfect in every way"? However, as we've already seen in our Lenten study and services recently, we miss the mark. We drop the ball. We point the finger. We may be practical but definitely not perfect. Mary Poppins, on the other hand, had little trouble making the necessary changes the 'east wind' brought.

The wind is changing. I had worked at a church as an associate pastor in a great position. Being in charge of outreach and evangelism, I was given a budget of \$100 monthly to spend on people, companies, or organizations. Yet, there were a few problems within the church infrastructure, and it was getting somewhat difficult. Still, I knew I had to be where God wanted me and for as long as He wanted me there.

Then, one evening on the way home after teaching a Bible study, I felt a nudge in my spirit and sensed the words, *the wind is changing*, impressed upon my mind. I had been thinking of anything but that, so it was a bit surprising. Yet I knew it was God telling me it was time to move on. God was initiating change. If we believe God has our best at heart, we can believe the change which the 'wind' (or God) is bringing is for our good.

Like Mary Poppins, this change was not orchestrated by us. But she did not dig in her heels and need to be carried away by the wind. She knew that change can bring good. She came in and went out graciously and willingly. Oh, to have her grace!

But if we're not practically perfect, is there a way for us to have it, also? Yes, it's already ours. Simply put, we can *embrace the grace*. Embrace that grace which God always gives us in every situation to overcome, to persevere, to stand up to, to bravely lead, or to take on change. Jesus said to Paul in 2 Corinthians 12:9a, "My grace is all you need". That means it's enough. It is enough for us to go forward. Realizing that can bring comfort.

Our churches are taking on a triple whammy of a wind this June when it comes to change: I am leaving, Scott is leaving, and Linda is leaving. That's a lot of change! But we must remember the verse from Romans 8:28 - "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them." That's a lot of promise. In fact, His promise is always bigger than our change! And He will cause everything to work together for our good. Realizing that can bring us peace. Then Philippians 4:7b states God's peace will guard our hearts and minds as we live in Christ Jesus.

Together then, comfort and peace establish trust - trust in a God who is bigger than us and knows more than we are able to fathom. And trust brings rest for our soul. I pray that rest for all, knowing more can be accomplished when we are at rest than in turmoil.

I've enjoyed so much the time spent with you. But the wind is changing. And maybe it's even about to come from the east! Let's learn a thing or two from this nanny who navigated so well through periods of transition. Thank you so much for your warmth and your welcome during this time. I'll still get a chance to say a formal goodbye in June, but this is a moment I can feel the warmth. And I don't even need a cozy sweater.

Blessings,

Pastor Joyce



News

The District Superintendent of the River Valley District of the Minnesota Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church - the Rev. Cynthia Williams - has announced that Bishop Bruce R. Ough has appointed The Reverend Lisa Vick as minister of the Owatonna United Methodist Church, in Owatonna, Minnesota. And acting on behalf of the congregation the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee of Owatonna UMC has confirmed the Bishop's intention. More details will be forthcoming in regard to when Pastor Lisa Vick will officially be starting her work at OUMC. Both Pastor Scott and Pastor Linda will complete their time as pastors of OUMC in June and the new pastor will begin her tenure here following that time. For now, there's an opportunity to support Pastor Lisa Vick through our prayers as she takes leave of the current congregations that she is serving.



Early Observances of Memorial Day

The [Civil War](#), which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history and required the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries.

By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, it marks the beginning of the summer season.



Spring



May Weekly Prayer List

May 1 - 2: Loren & Mary Olson; Audrey Parker; Joyce & Kendy Parker; Phillip Parker; Delores Parrish; Pamela Pates

May 3 - 9: Daniel Peach; Jeffrey & Sheri Peach; Danny & Dorothy Petersen; Judy Phillips; Michelle Pittman & Tony Pyatt, Grace; Anne Raetz

May 10 - 16: Lisa Raetz; Tom & Patricia Raetz; Margaret Randall; Howard & Pat Rethemeier; Arlene Rhodes; Leora Richardson

May 17 - 23: Henry Ripka; Jeremy Saufferer; Joseph Saufferer; James Schafer; Paddy Schafer; Caitlin Schneider

May 24 - 30: Chelsea Schneider; Mitchell Schneider; Todd & Susan Schneider, McKinley; Carole Schroeder; Aaron Schroht, Weston, August & Adeline; Audrey & Randal Schroht



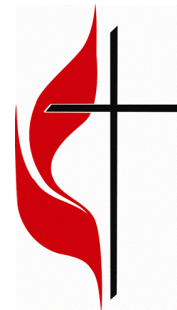
Pastor Scott and Pastor Linda are available for home visits and counseling when requested, as well as hospital visits when informed. Remember that the hospital does not inform us of your admission. Pastor Scott may be reached at 507-276-0323. Pastor Linda can be reached at 507-456-0806.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who participated in the birthday celebrations/parade for Lorraine Bakko, Elmer Lamont, & Allan Terpstra. It was a big hit!

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Minnesota Food Share & UMCOR!
Food shelf- UMC donated 3 lbs. of food and \$40.00
UMCOR-donations totaled \$60.00



May Birthdays

Fran Boots	05/01
Keith Loquai	05/01
Michael McColley	05/02
Mavis Higgins	05/05
Kathy Jackel	05/06
Wade Nelson	05/06
Kyle Huisenga	05/07
Patricia Holm	05/08
Pat Bentley	05/09
Pam Mount	05/10
Brandt Dirks	05/10
Derek Harvey	05/12
Breanna Terpstra	05/12
Ben Huisenga	05/14
Marian Miller	05/15
Greg Matthes	05/15
Don Miller	05/16
Bruce Dirks	05/16
Elliot Jenkins	05/16
Trisha Hortop	05/18
Todd Schneider	05/19
Jeremy Saufferer	05/19
Karl Luiken	05/21
Carole Schroeder	05/24
Katie Swanson	05/24
Brenda Ambe	05/25
Delores Parrish	05/26

May Anniversary's

Larry & Wanda McLagan	05/05
Jeanne & William Hankerson	05/14
Jay & Kathryn Krause	05/18
Dave & Jill Hoggard	05/20
Donald & Carolyn Huff	05/23
Melissa & Andrew Clark	05/25
Robert & Rebecca Turnbull	05/29
Steve & Amy Mussman	05/30



May Circle Meetings

Charity Circle

Tuesday, May 26th
2:00 p.m.

Faith Circle

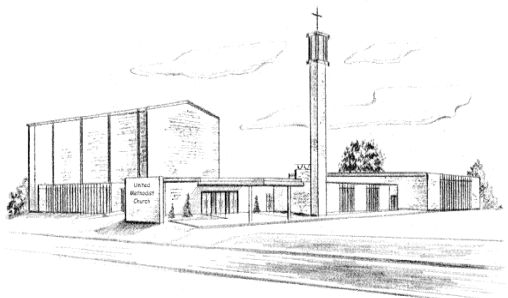
Wednesday, May 27th
9:00 a.m.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Happy Mother's Day!	11	12	13	14	15 	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25  No School/ Office Closed	26 2pm - Charity Circle	27 9am - Faith Circle	28	29	30
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Return Service Requested



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Sunday worship service can be seen on
Charter channel 181 and Jaguar channel 900 at the
following times:

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

Services are available 24-7 on
www.owatonnaalive.com