

ANNA & BOTKINS UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

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A Note From the Pastor....

We have certainly been through a most strange time in the life of our churches, our families, our nation, and the world. Regardless of how you personally feel about the extent of the response to the Covid-19 pandemic, it's hard to just discount it when we are already over 130,000 deaths just in the United States. "Normal" is not a word we are familiar with right now and probably won't be until a vaccine is adequately produced.

But we are a community of faith, and it is our faith and trust in God through Jesus Christ that will get us through this time. As with most happenings, we have two choices to make: we can choose to live in fear; or we can work to make our ministry even stronger. Granted, we have to be creative to do this, but we can do it. Whoever thought we would be hosting a virtual Vacation Bible School? I know I never thought I would spend several weeks preaching to an empty church. But what an overwhelming blessing it was that first Sunday to see all the people who were home watching and chime in – many with a simple "Hello church family." Last year we didn't even have the capability to stream a service. I witnessed God at work helping to prepare us for what was coming, and the ability to broadcast our service and even engage in a Bible Study through computers and social media (yes, there is a *good* use for it) has been absolutely wonderful.

One thing the church worried about is how we would make it through this from a financial perspective. Many people are the same in that if they don't come to church, they don't think about finding a way to give their normal offering. It's not that they don't want to. We just don't think about it. The same thing always happens when we have one of those rare winter days where the weather prevents us from coming to church.

If you weren't able to make your regular offerings, I would urge you to think about how you might be able to help your church financially. We don't want to just 'pay the bills.' We want to be churches that continue – no matter the circumstances – to be a vital ministry in our communities and beyond. But I will add this: if you have been off work due to this crisis, we expect you do take care of your family and let us know if we can help in some way.

I simply ask that you continue to pray for each other as a part of your church family. We will get beyond this and continue in the ministry that we have been called to. If you still feel uncomfortable coming to church but have a prayer request, please let Pastor Randy know through email, text, or a phone



OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

**JULY - AUGUST
2020**

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Sermon Series

We began a summer message series based on the book “The Principle of the Path: How to Get from Where You Are to Where You Want to Be” by Pastor Andy Standley. The series began with the message: “Your Direction Determines Your Destination.” That was Sunday, June 28th and was followed on July 5th by “Making Course Corrections.” Both of these messages can still be watched either through the Anna Facebook page or on our Right Now Media website. If you weren’t able to be in church or catch the live-stream, I would highly recommend you start from the first message and catch up. As always, if you are still having trouble connecting in any way, please let Pastor Randy know and he will try to help.

July 12th will find the message “Your Heart Matters,” which will focus on one of my favorite scripture verses, Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your path straight.” This continues our study in the wisdom book Proverbs, written mostly by King Solomon, the son of King David.

The last two Sundays of July and the first Sunday in August will find us sharing about:

"Getting Help Along the Way"
"Look Where You Are Going"
"Dealing with Unreachable Destinations"

We hope you feel comfortable coming to church and sharing with us, but if not – please continue to follow us on Facebook (Anna UMC). We continue to stream the service live at Anna beginning about 10:45 A.M.



A Special Thank You to those who served during the Quarantine:

Pastor Randy Locker - Getting God’s Message out to everyone through Virtual Church!

Tracy Platfoot - Virtual Bible School

Brandon Lightle - videographer at AUMC.

Marie Carity - Children’s Moments

Jana Pulfer, Sarah Holobaugh, Abby Lightle, Makayla Platfoot & Jim Elsass - AUMC Praise Team.

May God Bless All of You!

Botkins Community Garage Sales

The Botkins Community will hold their annual garage sales (rescheduled from its normal 2nd weekend in May due to the virus) on the last weekend of August. That would be Friday and Saturday, August 28th and 29th. Our church in Botkins will host a church sale at the home of Jerry and Carol Vaughan (thanks again, Jerry and Carol). Anyone wishing to donate items should put prices on them and bring them to Vaughan's the week leading up to the sale. Will get out more information as we get closer to that time. If possible, plan your schedule so you can help either with setup or during the two days. It is greatly appreciated and we can't do this without everyone's help.

As we have done, the Outreach Team is planning to coordinate a food stand at the church during those two sale days. As with the garage sale, we will have more information as to how you can help as we get closer to that time. We will also need people to help man the food stand for the two days. Both things are great ways to help support the ministry of our church.

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of HOPE

BUMC Fish Pond Donations

July Item Is: Laundry Soap

August Item Is: Liquid Bath Soap or Shampoo

Or you can choose to donate whatever you want.

Make sure to check all canned items expiration date.



Birthday & Anniversary Calendars

July 2020

Happy Anniversary

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Makayla Platfoot Bob & Rhonda Anderson	4 Weslee Fogt
5 Nathan Boyd	6	7	8 Matt & Catherine Vasko	9	10 Brent & Marie Carity	11
12 Brandon & Rachel Lightle	13 Kacey Pulfer	14	15 Bridget Stettler	16	17 Charles Freeman	18
19	20 Abby Lightle Ralph & Ruth Howell	21 Emily Bensman	22 Dan Schnippel Tom & Risa Monfort	23	24 Andrew & Emily Gill	25
26	27	28	29 Eileen Boyer	30 Kirk Locker Braydon Romanowski Erik & Melissa Fogt	31	

August 2020

Happy Anniversary

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Charles & Kathleen Freeman Steve Latimer	4 Angie Swob Wayne & Diana Copeland	5 Carl & Linda Cartwright	6	7 Zandria Platfoot Tabitha Gratz	8 William Pulfer
9	10 Rick Latimer	11 Isaac Griffith Jena Stettler	12	13 Helen Lamastus	14 Kathy Gibson	15 Keah Egbert Marty Skinner
16	17	18	19 Piper Payne	20	21 Shelby Shumate Tracy Platfoot Austin & Kathy Gibson	22
23	24	25 Jill Boyd Cole Carity Amanda Schmerge	26	27 Dan & Cheryl Lightle	28 Roger Brown Josh & Tracy Platfoot	29 Mark Pulfer
30	31					

July 2020

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<p>Both the Anna and Botkins Churches are practicing "social distancing" guidelines set before us by the State and the Conference. If anyone does not feel comfortable attending services we are also Live Streaming our Anna service at 10:45 on Facebook or on Right Now media.</p>			1 Pastor Office Hours BUMC 8– 11 AM AUMC 12-3 pm	2	3	4 Independence Day
5 5th Sunday after Pentecost COMMUNION	6	7	8 Pastor Office Hours BUMC 8– 11 AM AUMC 12-3 pm	9	10	11
12 6th Sunday after Pentecost	13	14	15 Pastor Office Hours BUMC 8– 11 AM AUMC 12-3 pm	16	17	18
19 7th Sunday after Pentecost	20	21	22 Pastor Office Hours BUMC 8– 11 AM AUMC 12-3 pm	23	24	25
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16 11th Sunday after Pentecost	17	18	19 Pastor Office Hours BUMC 8- 11 AM AUMC 12-3 pm	20 Botkins & Jackson Center School Begins 	21	22
23 12th Sunday after Pentecost	24	25 Anna School Starts 	26 Pastor Office Hours BUMC 8- 11 AM AUMC 12-3 pm	27	28 BUMC Foodstand in the Church Parking Lot Botkins Community Garage Sales	29
30 13th Sunday after Pentecost	31	Botkins UMC will have their annual Garage Sale at Jerry & Carol Vaughan's Garage.				

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**Please Join Us for a Service
At:**

**Botkins United Methodist
Church**

Worship Service 9:00 A.M

OR

**Anna United Methodist
Church**

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

Worship Service 10:45 A.M.

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