



# *Morris First United Methodist Church*

## **Upcoming Events:**

June 30<sup>th</sup> – Church Cleanup Day 9 am.

July 1<sup>st</sup> – Church Family Fireworks 7 pm

July 3<sup>rd</sup> – SASSY's 12 pm

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Independence Day

July 11<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting 7 pm

July 16<sup>th</sup> – Christ's Cupboard Open

July 21<sup>st</sup> – UMM 8 am

25<sup>th</sup> – Kids Bible Study 9 am-noon

July 29<sup>th</sup>-Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> - VBS



Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 7pm

at Rick & Anna Davis' house

800 S. 1<sup>st</sup> St, Morris



Hot dogs will be provided. Bring a  
dessert and your lawn chairs and  
join the fun!



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

I survived camp! This was the first time I've ever been to Youth Camp and I am so happy that I experienced it because it gave me a new perspective on what it means to be a disciple and to make disciples. The theme was Beyond Belief. Each day the campers were challenged to imagine beyond our wildest belief what God can do in and through us.

In the last 6 months I have been telling you in Worship that we are preparing ourselves to become more effective disciples by focusing on God and our relationship with him and that we are learning to make disciples.

In camp, we asked the youth, "What if we belong to God?" through the activities the youth found out that God created us so that God can love us and know us intimately. Nothing we can do can change God's intimate love for us. That relationship is the beginning of discipleship which has what I feel are four basic parts: prayers, presence, gifts and service.

Scripture challenges us to pray without ceasing. In every aspect of our lives we can be praying. We can pray for example as we are cleaning – God cleanse our hearts of all unrighteousness or while we are putting silverware away – for each utensil, pray for a person who needs God's touch in some way like the people on our list. Daily prayer can become a wonderfully holy habit.

Our presence is needed in Worship, ministry and missions. I would say that Worship is the most important. In Worship, we are raising our praise and thanksgiving to our loving God who provides all that we have and all that we are. Worship should be the number one priority of a disciple, then ministries, mission work and making disciples. Worship allows us time in the presence of God to become closer to him. This is the first step of a new disciple and should be a continuing priority of a mature disciple.

Often we forget that our gifts include our tithing, other monetary gifts and our gifts that the Holy Spirit has bestowed on us. Tithing is when the disciple gives the first 10% of what God has given them back to further the ministries and missions of the church. The church is unable to accomplish anything without the faithful giving of its members. I thank all of you that are faithful givers!

At camp, the campers learned that when we wonder, "Am I able?" God equips us with the means to make an impact and that when we feel lost, confused, or unsure, God equips us with the talents to push forward. This is true for us; God equips us with the resources and talents to do what he has called us to do. We are meant to use them.

The last day of camp, the campers learned that service is important to being a disciple. They were asked, "What if we changed the world?" Jesus encourages us to embrace the ways that God wants to use us to make

the world a better place. Service is the culmination of our growing relationship with God and our love for God. This is where the action is. This is where we do all the things we plan to do and that we have prepared to do. This is our work at Christ's Cupboard, filling backpacks, cooking and serving the Thanksgiving meal, Angel Tree and all of the others in our community and beyond.

Remember without all of the areas of discipleship, we are ineffective and unable to accomplish what God has planned for us and we are unable to extend God to others who desperately need him. I pray that we continue to grow closer to God and work harder to accomplish his mission for our lives.

*Pastor Tracy*

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## **Church Cleanup Day**

**Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**9 am**



**Getting the parking lot and yard cleaned up from the storm.**

## **Christ's Cupboard**



**The food pantry was able to serve 13 families (40 people) in June.**

**They are in need of creamy peanut butter and jelly this month.**

# Prayer Requests



Darlene Walden	Jennifer Roper	Matt Davis	Mike Bergevin	Charlotte Johnson
Patsy Zink	Deloris Hart	Becky Riley	Glenda McAlester	Robin Melton
Suzy Langford	Patsy's co-worker	Mary King	Mike Vaughn	Joyce McDowell
Lamont Mace	Rhonda Stephenson	Judy King	Edward Sullins	Lauren & Natalie Crandall
Eunice Johnson	Julius Kellner	Ron's son	Scott Mayberry	Penny Crandall
Ida Mae Vaughn	Chelsea Zink	Sue Curran	Frank Morris	Singrays
Christ's Cupboard				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4th of July Celebration Linda Furer	2	3 SASSY'S	4 	5	6 Mike & Lisa Osborn	7
8	9	10	11 Board Meeting	12	13	14 Baylee Osborn
15 Jerry & Patsy Zink	16 Christ's Cupboard Open	17	18	19	20 Briezy Woodham	21 UMM 8am
22 Mick & Natalie Clark	23 Benny & Lori Kellner	24 Tim Davis	25 Kids Bible Study 9-12	26	27 Bill & Debby Golden Ann. Cheryl Rea	28
29 -----VBS-----	30 -----VBS-----	31 -----VBS-----				
	Linda King					