

Donovan United Methodist Church August 2018

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Please come join us for our worship service each Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

Highlights from Administrative Council July 24, 2018

Chairman Doug Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with eight people in attendance.

Minutes of the June 26, 2018 meeting were read and approved.

The financial report was reviewed. The report was approved.

Doug discussed a medical incident during VBS. He has spoken with our insurance agent regarding coverage in case a claim were to be filed.

Jim Anderson advised the sidewalk project is to begin in August with Wright Construction.

Jim Neuschwander reported the DUMC sponsored community garden is growing and had been watered recently by the Donovan Fire department. Veggies are looking good. Kale, green beans, sweet corn are nearly ready for harvest. Jim says the plot has become a true community project as non-DUMC church people are taking part in the plot.

A discussion regarding church insurance liability was held. The current policy is with Williamson Insurance Agency for 1/14/18 to 1/15/19. The coverage complies with conference mandates.

Pastor Kevin discussed the following items:

- He continues to work on placement and installation of a church sign along the highway
- Tree removal at parsonage will be done in conjunction with town wide project by Bob Marquis.
- Unable to sign in to square space site – May be a computer issue.
- Will have communion at Carley Lake July 29

Future events scheduled are as follows:

- *July 29 — Communion Sunday at Carley Lake joint service with Crescent
- *August 1 — 15 — Pastor Kevin on vacation, need guest speaker Sundays 5th & 12th
- *November 10 — Group Charge conference Danville

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Pastor Kevin closed with prayer. **The next regular board meeting will be August 28 at 7:30 pm.**

Highlights from Donovan United Methodist Women

The Donovan United Methodist Women met on July 25, 2018, at 1:30 p.m. Seven members were present. Pam Anderson led the group in the purpose.

The Secretary's report was approved as read. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Old Business

The group was reminded of the upcoming combined church service to be held at Carley Lake on Sunday, July 29th, at 10:30 a.m. Potluck to follow.

The community garden is doing well and is supplying fresh produce for the town.

New Business

Upcoming church and community events were discussed.

Various needs in the community and the world were discussed and action taken.

After joys and concerns were shared, Pastor Kevin led the group in prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. Our next regular meeting will be held on August 22, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

Sermon Summary

- August 5 Guest Speaker
- August 12 Guest Speaker
- August 19 Dear Philadelphia-The Open Door of Opportunity—
Revelation 3:7-13
- August 26 Dear Laodicea-The Church That Makes Me Sick—
Revelation 3:17-28

Rev. Kev Says...

Your Own Worst Enemy

Have you ever heard the expression, “You are your own worst enemy?” It refers to times when we act or think in such a way that we self-destruct or cause our own difficulties in life. Try as we might to blame someone else, when it is all said and done, we must look in the mirror for the culprit.

God knows us intimately and deeply. God knows that there are times in our lives that we may be bent on self-destruction or cause our own pain.

I have known people who don’t really have any self-control, who live by the rule- my way or the highway...but, too often their life is filled with disastrous consequences. They have lost their way.

I have seen folks think themselves into a real mess. They perceive a situation to be something it is not and before long they believe “the lie” they have dreamt up in their mind. Tragically, they don’t want to know the truth which could set them free.

I have watched others who abuse substances and who jump from one emotional cage to another, trading existence for life.

Human life was created by God. And God knew there would be times we would be our own worst enemy. Our way alone doesn’t work. We need Christ. Jesus told His followers that He is THE WAY, THE TRUTH, THE LIFE. Through Him, we know God.

Someone asked me a while back, “Why did Jesus have to come?” Jesus came to point us back to God, to help us when we are lost to find our way again, to reveal God’s truth and to be our model for living. When we are our worst enemy, Jesus desires to be our very best friend. He wants to lift, to love and to restore life. Do you truly know this within your spiritual life? If you don’t, I would like to invite you to our worship services every Sunday morning (weather-permitting): Donovan UMC at 8:30 a.m. and Crescent City UMC at 10:15 a.m. Discover for yourself how Jesus can be a vital part within your life while worshipping with us and acting upon what you’ve learned so you can become intimately close to God.

Love in Christ,
Rev. Kevin

For Your Information

Food Pantry News

During the month of July we were closed on July 4 and open on July 5. Our numbers were low that day due to the change of date. We served 251 families which included 954 individuals during the month of July.

July 5 -----43 Families / 153 Individuals
July 11 -----64 Families / 226 individuals
July 18 -----64 Families / 247 Individuals
July 25 -----58 Families / 191 Individuals

Sheldon Fun Days

Sheldon Fun Days take place August 17-19 with many activities. Some highlights include:

Friday evening:

Little Mister & Miss Pageant, Slow Boys Tractor Club Ride, Minute to Win It and a Teen Dance

Saturday:

Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge, Operation 911 kids event, Car Show, Slip & Slide kickball, Inflatables, "Frozen at the Beach" craft fun, a magician, Family movie, NATU band,

Sunday:

Kids kickball tournament, inflatables, Community Worship Service followed by a potluck meal, Grand Parade, Golf Cart/Lawn Mower Float judging, Pie in the Face, Grand prize raffle.

The Community Worship Service will be at the Community Center at 10:30 a.m. and will feature "A Natural High". The Sheldon Area Food Pantry is the mission for this service.

Fried Green Tomato Fest

This Festival takes place on Saturday, August 25 from Noon until 11 p.m. There is a little bit of something for almost everyone. Along with the events listed on the flyer, there will be live music and comedians on stage throughout the day. The Fried Green Tomato Festival is a supporter of the Sheldon Area Food Pantry.

8TH Annual
Fried Green Tomato Festival

**In memory of
Tim Portwood**

LIVE MUSIC
Noon to 11:00 p.m.

Yeppp, Fried Green Tomatoes Too!!!

Saturday, August 25, 2018

Food Served - Noon to 5:00 p.m.

Car Show from 10:00 - 3:00
Contact: Mike Eastburn @ 815-383-3824

Mr. Magic from 2:00 - 5:00
Will be performing throughout the crowd

Bike Show @ 1:00, Judging @ 3:30
Contact: State Line Riders @ 815-383-0969

Dunning Park • Iroquois, Illinois
3 miles north of the Intersection of Rts. 24 & 52

GREAT CAUSES - All proceeds benefit local organizations

AUGUST 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Replacement of some of the sidewalks around the church will be taking place this month.			1 Pastor Kevin on vacation through August 15	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Sheldon Fun Days	18 Sheldon Fun Days
19 Sheldon Fun Days	20	21 Donovan First Day of School	22 1:30p-UMW meets	23	24	25 Fried Green Tomato Festival
26 Tin Cup Collection	27	28 7:30p-Ad Council meets	29	30	31	

Birthdays & Anniversaries

8/1—Laura Anderson
 8/2—Dylan Abernathy
 8/5—Janice Garfield
 8/5—Vern Grohler
 8/6—Jan McVey
 8/7—Denise Lareau
 8/10—Dave & Gloria Grant
 8/11—Jim & Dee Neuschwander

8/12—Doug & Pam Anderson
 8/14—Weston Lareau
 8/15—Seth Bishop
 8/15—Blake Clatterbuck
 8/16—Jerry Fertig
 8/17—Lenny & Shirley Arnold
 8/18—Jim & Aldene Anderson

8/20—Cameron & Deann Charles
 8/20—David Munson
 8/22—Larry & Carol Munson
 8/25—Doug Anderson
 8/25—Cameron Charles
 8/27—Eugene Grant
 8/27—Tracy Prater



**Donovan Students
 Return to School on
 Tuesday, August 21!**

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The Word

August 19—13th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalm 130

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

August 26—14th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43

Psalm 84 (UMH 804)

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

September 2—15th Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Psalm 72

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

August 5— 11th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Psalm 51:1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16;

John 6:24-35

August 12—12th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33;

Psalm 130 (UMH 848);

Ephesians 4:25-5:2; J

John 6:35, 41-51