

# The Messenger



## To Mars and Beyond – Explore Where God’s Power Can Take You is almost here!

Vacation Bible School is June 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00pm. We have classes for those age 2 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Dinner will be served nightly at 5:30 in Fellowship Hall.

To Mars and Beyond invites Voyagers of all ages on a space travel adventure to explore where God’s power can take them! Along the journey, Voyagers discover a new realm of possibilities as they reach for the stars and encounter the limitless power and love of God.

- Monday Daniel Trusts God in the Lion’s Den
- Tuesday Queen Esther Takes a Stand
- Wednesday The Good Samaritan
- Thursday Jesus Heals the 10 Lepers
- Friday On the Way to Emmaus

- Go Beyond with Faith!
- Go Beyond with Boldness!
- Go Beyond with Kindness!
- Go Beyond with Thankfulness!
- Go Beyond with Hope!

**Registration begins on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.** There will be a table set up in the entry way downstairs. There is a \$5.00 registration fee and everyone gets a cool shirt again this year. Register early to make sure you get the size you want. We will do two service projects during the week. We will collect cans to be donated to Calvin Center Food Pantry. The pantry shelves get a little bare in the summer and this is a great way for us to help those who are hungry. We will also collect a nightly offering which will go to UMCOR for global missions, tying to our theme of “beyond.”

And, of course, we have a new puppet friend who is sure to be a hit – EP3-20. Its name came from our theme verse which is found in Ephesians 3:20 – “Glory to God, who is able to do far **beyond** all that we could ask or imagine by His power at work within us.”



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# Member News



Thank you for the pretty carnation while I was in the hospital. Thanks to Sue Aarr for her visits and prayers.

~Annette Williams

Cody, Thank you for attending our Family Event at Coleman! I appreciate you and your time!

Stacey Case, Coleman Elementary

Thank you to the Chancel Choir for serving at the Food Kitchen and the Good News SS class for serving at Haven House!



Through out the year you may donate to InterServ's Food Pantry at Ashland.

Following is a list of items that they need:

Sugar, Ramen Noodles, Drink Mixes, Crackers, Cereal, Instant Oatmeal, Juice, Fruit, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Canned Soups, Peanut Butter, Pasta Sauce, Tuna Helper, Canned Pasta, Canned Ham or Chicken, Tuna, Kleenex, Deodorant, Paper Towels, Detergent, Dishwashing Soap, Shampoo.

When you are grocery shopping please pick up a few extra items for the Food Pantry to help those in need.



Dave Bridenstine collects the items and takes them to InterServ. Thank you Dave for your faithfulness and doing such a great job with this ministry.

We have collection bins for donated items at both the Ashland and the east parking lot entrances. Thank you!



## Coffee with the Pastor

Sunday, June 9 at 10:00 a.m.

If you are new to Ashland or if you have been visiting for a while and would like to explore membership, please join me on Sunday, June 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in my office for *Coffee with the Pastor*. This will be an opportunity to discuss church membership and learn more about the United Methodist Church. We will also discuss how to form a connection in the life of the church.

I sincerely hope that you will join me. Pastor Doug

The **Sew 'n' So's** have chosen the first three months of the year annually to make and donate those items to organizations in St. Joseph. We have made 14 hospice gowns for Mosaic Hospice. Noyes Home for Children received 20 pillowcases and 7 lap quilts and we are also continuing ministry of quilts for Ashland veterans and Pivotal Point graduates. We are currently working on 2 quilts for the young men who are occupying our Pivotal Point apartment and will be graduating from high school. We are busy sewing items for our upcoming sale in October. Proceeds from this sale are used to finance supplies. We welcome monetary donations and cotton fabric. Each hospice gown takes 2 1/2 yards of flannel or 100 percent cotton. Thank you for your continued support.





Join us on  
Saturday, June 22

We will meet at  
the church  
at 8:00 a.m.

Questions?  
Karen Sparks  
816-289-2317  
ks7818@swbell.net



Volunteers Needed for  
Ashland's  
Habitat for Humanity Build Day  
Saturday, June 22  
(meet at church at 8:00 a.m.)

Habitat for Humanity helps others in our community with decent and affordable housing. The Habitat Ministry at Ashland needs six people to volunteer their time and energy on Saturday, June 22 to help someone in the community realize their dream of a home they can call their own. Please contact Karen or Larry Sparks at 816-289-2317 or ks7818@swbell.net if you would be willing to help. Thanks!



**Glenn Miller Festival—Clarinda, Iowa  
Friday, June 7**

Leave church at 9:00 a.m.  
Return around 7:00 p.m.

First, we will tour the Glenn Miller Birthplace & Museum. Admission is \$5.00. Lunch will be at the famous *Ice House Restaurant* where you will purchase your own lunch. After lunch we will have some free time to shop the shops in Clarinda. Then it's on to Clarinda High School for a Tom Dougherty Orchestra Big Band Concert at 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$25.00. We plan on returning to Saint Joseph by 7:00 p.m. Sign up sheets are located at both information desks.

\*\*\*\*\*Last day to sign up is Sunday, May 26\*\*\*\*\*



**Coleman Elementary Mentor Monday**—We have strengthened our partnership with Coleman Elementary this year as we started a **Mentor Monday** program where we take a group of mentors to meet with third-grade students who need help in various subjects. It has been so rewarding to see the relationships develop between the mentors and the children. This program is truly making a difference in the lives of the kids who are in our neighborhood; they look forward to meeting with their mentors, and it has helped the kids be at school on Monday morning. One example of how these relationships are making an impact is that you might know Ed Gorsky by Ed, but at Coleman, Ed is known as their friend “Eddy” who comes to visit on Monday mornings. God is doing great things through this partnership and is shaping the lives of these children through kind words and a bright smile.



Stay tuned for how you can become part of this program in the fall.

Cody Oshel was at Ashland’s table for **Coleman’s Fine Arts Festival**. The Ashland table looked great! Thanks Toni Sawyer for your assistance.



On Tuesday, May 14, Ashland hosted **Coleman Elementary Students** that fulfilled the **Thrive for Five** program for this school year. Coleman had 180 students that succeeded in keeping their absence to 5 or under for the school year. A big shout out to Ashland members that served lunch to the students. Coleman Elementary cafeteria provided the food.



Ashland teamed up with Mosaic Life Care to sponsor the first ever sock hop fundraiser to help raise funds to support **The Crossing**. After several months of planning, (a big shout out to Mary Margaret Laney and Donna Wilson from Ashland for coordinating the event) the night was a great success and truly helped raise awareness for an organization that is making a difference in Saint Joseph. If you aren’t familiar with the work of the **The Crossing**, they provide a hot meal and a place to spend the night all year long, seven days a week. The evening was filled with lots of fun and dancing (who knew that our folks could dance so well). This event wouldn't have been a success without the participation of our congregation. We want to thank Tom Duke, Dennis Ketchem and Mark Lockhart for giving up their Saturday to cook 300 burgers and 200 hotdogs. Thousands of dollars were raised to directly help The Crossing’s Ministry thanks to you! Cody Oshel



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# Advanced Degree Graduates!

**NOAH BIELBY**, Master's in Curriculum & Instruction  
from Northwest Missouri State University  
(Barb Bielby, grandparent)



**NANCY KIRBY**, Master's in Education Leadership  
from Northwest Missouri State University

**ALYCIA DROST-MEYER**, Master's in Curriculum & Instruction  
from Northwest Missouri State University  
(Jeff & Amy Drost, parents)



**DR. ERIC SAWYER**, PhD in Molecular Cell Biology  
from University of California Berkeley  
(Lee & Toni Sawyer, parents)

**KRISTEN WATSON**, Master's in Library & Information Science  
from Pratt Institute New York, NY  
(Frank & Chris Barber, grandparents)



# Youth Ministry

**CLASS OF 2019**

Ryan Watson—Abbey Grooms—Stefan Folk



Please keep the Sr. High in your prayers during our Mission Trip to Rockport, TX June 8<sup>th</sup>– 15<sup>th</sup>.

**TO MARS AND BEYOND**  
COKEBURY'S VBS

**VBS**

Jr. High Youth  
June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>  
6pm-8:30pm  
(Dinner at 5:15)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Jr. High in the loft!  
Sr. High in the youth room!  
College in the library!  
10:00-10:50 a.m.



# Children's Ministry



## Messenger Information for May:

Our last Sunshine Story Time was May 16<sup>th</sup>. We had such a fun year with our preschool friends. Our story was the *Parable of the Ten Silver Coins*. Each family was presented with the book *Favorite Parables from the Bible*. Our friends that will be going to kindergarten next year were also presented with the *Rhyme Bible Storybook*. We look forward to starting up again next September.

**Summer Sunday School** will begin on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Children in Preschool and Kindergarten will remain in their same classes. Children in 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in room 106 for Destination Exploration. Sixth graders will move up to the Junior High Class.



**Destination Exploration** is new, fun and exciting! Each week will have a stand-alone lesson that will help you explore many different things. You will have an Exploration Passport that we will stamp each week that you are here. If you get eight stamps (that means you can only miss two Sundays) you will get a prize on August 11<sup>th</sup> after Attendance Recognition. We have fun things planned so you won't want to miss at all!

June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Explore the Church	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Explore Friendship
June 9 <sup>th</sup>	Explore Music	July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Explore Puppetry
June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Explore Communion	July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Explore Creation
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Explore Fruit of the Spirit	July 28 <sup>th</sup>	Explore Memories
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Explore the Ocean	August 4 <sup>th</sup>	Explore the Garden of Eden

Look on the front of the Messenger for VBS information.



Don't forget to check out our **Children's Ministry Facebook page**. Ms. Toni posts a lot of pictures of our wonderful Ashland kids and there is a weekly Faith at Home post. These next few weeks Faith at Home will have ideas for spring.



# Ashland United Methodist Church

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### Sunday Worship Times:

Traditional: 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Contemporary: 9:00 AM

**Doug Walter**, Senior Pastor

**Cody Oshel**, Pastor (Intern)

**Sue Abarr**, Chaplain

**Shaun Agnew**, Director of Worship Arts & Web Ministries

**Kathy Cordero**, Director of Fiscal & Children's Ministries

**Amy Grooms**, Director of Youth Ministries

**Christine Barber**, Office Manager

**Sammy Aures**, Custodian

**Leah Conrad**, Hospitality Hostess

**Bobbie Sue Bareiss**, Nursery Attendant

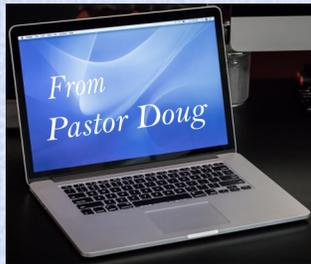


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I am having so much fun with our current sermon series, "I Love My Church." I have intentionally not watched the video clips until Sunday morning; I see them for the first time at the 8:00 am service. I am so humbled to serve Ashland and I am blessed by each person that talks about what they love about their church. I am smiling just writing and thinking about the diverse reasons people have stated in talking about why they love Ashland. I know I am still kind of the new person but can, without qualification, state that I love my church.

Ashland has the heart of the New Testament church; I believe that has been key to why people love this church. We are focused outward into our community, but not at the expense of those already a part of the church. I can't overstate how important this tension is to our ministry. A church can't be an either or in this area. We are balanced in taking care of our members while reaching out to welcome new people into our body of Christ. The conversation about being outwardly focused is important, but if you don't care for your own you won't have anyone to focus outside the church.

Ashland is intentional in service to those in need. I grant you that being a large church certainly allows us to expand into many ministries, but we are not having an impact because of our size, we are having an impact because of our heart. We have a DNA of service to those in need, it is not an acquired trait; it is who we are. Ashland hasn't been limited by the 80/20 rule we hear so much about in many organizations. We have an attitude of everyone involved and being a part of mission.

Ashland also excels in ministry to kids; we have ministry for kids of all ages. We have also been blessed by one of, if not the best, Mother's Day Out program in St. Joseph. Ashland has made children a priority in our ministry. The beauty of this priority is the kids know they matter. I love watching the video of our young people sharing why they love Ashland; it is without question why many families have joined Ashland.

I will soon celebrate 2 years of ministry at Ashland. I remember the first series of messages I preached as if it were yesterday; we talked about Discipleship! I love my church because discipleship is a way of life. The past 2 years we have had a Discipleship Campaign that provides people the opportunity to connect. We have had a 90% plus response to this opportunity; that, my friends, is nothing short of outstanding! Everything that people have said they love about Ashland is directly related to this being a church where discipleship is a priority.

I will close this month's letter with an invitation to everyone using social media to share and invite people to our platforms. We continue to grow because of the excitement Ashland people share with friends and family. This is a great way to invite people to the many reasons why we say, "I Love My Church!"

Blessings, Doug

# June 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> 10:00am Summer SS begins 1:00/4:30pm Girl Scouts (FH)	<b>3</b> 3:00pm UIMW Board Mtg.(111) 6:30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday Women(Parlor)	<b>4</b> 9:00am Sew & So's(201) 9:30am Mother's Day Out	<b>5</b> 6:30am Men's Study(G11) 6:00pm Praise Band Practice(Sanctuary)	<b>6</b> <b>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b> 9:30am Mother's Day Out 1:30pm Reflections Bible Study(G13) 2:30pm Prayer Group(Prayer Room) 6:00pm Girl Scouts (G12-13)	<b>7</b> <b>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b>	<b>8</b> <b>ANNUAL CONFERENCE</b> Youth Mission Trip
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<b>16</b> VBS Teacher Dedication 	<b>17</b> 5:30pm VBS Dinner(FH) 6:00pm VBS Sessions	<b>18</b> 9:00am Sew 'n So's(201) 9:30am Mother's Day Out 5:30pm VBS Dinner(FH) 6:00pm VBS Sessions	<b>19</b> 6:30am Men's Study(G11) <b>9:00am Messenger Articles Due</b> 5:30pm VBS Dinner(FH) 6:00pm VBS Sessions	<b>20</b> 9:30am Mother's Day Out 1:30pm Reflections Bible Study(G13) 5:30pm VBS Dinner(FH) 6:00pm VBS Sessions	<b>21</b> 5:30pm VBS Dinner(FH) 6:00pm VBS Sessions	<b>22</b> 8:00am Habitat Work Day (Meet at Ashland)
<b>23</b>  <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <b>30</b>	<b>24</b>  <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <b>1</b> <b>Pastor Doug Walter's birthday</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00am Sew & So's(201) 9:30am Mother's Day Out	<b>26</b> 6:30am Men's Study(G11) <b>10:00am Messenger Mailing(113)</b> 6:00pm Praise Band Practice(Sanctuary)	<b>27</b> Mother's Day Carnival 9:30am Mother's Day Out 1:30pm Reflections Bible Study(G13) 2:30pm Prayer Group(Prayer Room)	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>