

The Courier



for the Orion United Methodist Church

June 2018

407 12th Ave. - P.O. Box 176
Orion, Illinois 61273
Office Phone: 309-526-8511
Parsonage Phone: 309-526-3721
Email: orionumc@frontiernet.net
Website: www.orionumc.org

Church Staff:
David R. Schultz, Pastor
Karl Bodenbender, Organist
Andrea Cooper, Choir Carrie McCunn, Bell/Chime Choir
Joy Seys and Amy Killion, Office
Peggy Crayne and Erin Herring, Custodians

It's Been all About Meghan

It seems like every morning for the past month I've turned on the television only to be greeted by the latest Meghan Markel story.

Have you heard? American actress Meghan Markel married England's Prince Harry on Saturday, May 19.

Of course, you've heard. After all, it was a royal wedding! But wasn't the cathedral breathtaking! Weren't the flowers stunning? And wasn't Meghan beautiful? Don't you wish you could've sneaked into just one reception dinner? After all, it was a royal wedding!

Royal weddings are a Big Deal. No detail is ignored. No expense is spared. No grandeur is forgotten. In America, millions of people with no connection to either Meghan or Harry set their TV recorders for this once-in-a-lifetime can't-miss spectacle. Did you? After all, it was a royal wedding with a beautiful, fairy-princess bride.

None of us were invited to that royal wedding. But we have all been invited to a far more glorious royal wedding; the invitation is found in Revelation 19:6b-9a—

“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God's holy people.)

Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!”

Can you imagine the scandal had Meghan walked down the aisle of St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle in, say, an old flannel shirt and ripped-up jeans? Or jammie pants, a “Suits” T-shirt and flip flops? The word *scandal* would barely suffice. Of course, those things didn't happen because she was properly prepared.

One day we will appear in heaven and we, the Church, will be presented to Christ as his bride. Will we prepare ourselves? Note in verse 7 that Christ's bride, the Church, “has made herself ready.” Have we made our selves ready

for the day when we are fully united to Christ? Or do we think we can get by in old, torn-up clothes and flip-flops?

I think not. God has spared no expense in preparing for this wedding; God didn't even spare the life of his only begotten Son. Let us not disrespect that amazing sacrifice by falling into the scandal of being ill-prepared to meet Jesus.

I'll see you in church,
Pastor Dave

Summer Projects

In last month's *Courier*, two summer projects were presented, the completion of our parking lot and the replacement of our boiler system in the Wesley Center. The estimate for both projects is \$71,150.

In May, final grading was completed on our parking lot with several tons of gravel applied to form the base, and it has been paved with asphalt and striped.

Work to replace our boiler had to wait until after May 18 when our TLC Preschool wrapped up for the summer. Once again, we anticipate that demolition of our old boiler will begin by the time you receive this newsletter.

On the financial front, we have already raised or set aside \$61,896 toward these two projects, leaving a balance to be raised of \$9,254. However, that number should come down as we are anticipating a \$2,700 rebate for our new boiler system. Since these projects were announced in church on April 15, \$10,750 has been given toward them in just five weeks. Included in that \$10,750 is \$1,000 from the Rebecca Circle which were proceeds from their spring rummage sale.

Please invest in the future of our church by giving toward these projects. When you give, please designate your gifts to the **Building Fund** rather than naming either project. This will give our finance committee the most flexibility in paying our contractors.

Thank you in advance for your faithful support of these projects above and beyond your regular support of our church. Completing these projects will position our church for a blessed future for many years to come.

Yours for the mission,
Pastor Dave

Prepare Your Heart for Sunday

Despite my original plans to wrap up my series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer, I'm going to continue that series this month. That means my sermon text throughout the month will be Matthew 6:9-13. Additional scriptures for each Sunday as suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary are listed below.

We will celebrate communion on Sunday, June 3 and again on Thursday evening, June 7. Scriptures include 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 and Mark 2:23-3:6.

Scriptures for Sunday, June 10 include 1 Samuel 8:4-20; Psalm 138; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 and Mark 3:20-35.

Father's Day is on Sunday, June 17 and I've invited the Moline Boys Choir to bless us. If time permits, Karl will lead a hymn sing. Scriptures include 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 and Mark 4:26-34.

We wrap up the month on June 24 with readings from 1 Samuel 17; Psalm 9; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 and Mark 4:35-41.

As always, scriptures for liturgists are underlined.

I'll see you in church,

Pastor Dave

2018 Confirmation Class

The following students were confirmed after completing the two-year Confirmation class taught by Diane McCunn and Greg McCunn. *God bless you!*

Allen Catour, Leah Manning, Hope Seys, Amaya Versluis

Congratulations 2018 Graduates

Middle School

Allen Catour, Leah Manning, Hope Seys, Amaya Versluis

High School

Anna Green, Michael Lees

College, & Graduate Degrees

Erin Herring, Baillie McCunn, Justin Schultz

Some YouthWorks missionaries have volunteered to do yard work and other jobs to earn money (free-will donations) for this summer's mission trips. If you could use their help, please contact one of the missionaries directly. Contact information sheets are located on the usher's table.

Fellowship Breakfast

The Finance Committee is serving breakfast in Fellowship Hall June 3 from 9:15-10:15. A free-will offering will be received. Everyone is invited!

The Mann's are Returning!

We are happy to announce that Mike and Glenda Mann are returning to OUMC on Sunday, July 8. They will preach the gospel through puppetry and magic during both morning worship services.

Their style of preaching is great for all ages. Please invite friends for a morning of smiles and laughter.

Mission of the Month

"Every child deserves a chance" is the motto for Chaddock of Quincy, one of our United Methodist ministries and our June Mission of the Month. The children, however, come to Chaddock from all over the United States because of the specialized care they provide.

We learned much about Chaddock over the past few years thanks to the ministry of Rev. Jeff Rasche who has previously been our guest preacher. Jeff serves as the Associate Director of Stewardship for Chaddock.

The demand for Chaddock's services has grown so much that last year construction began on a new school. Visit www.chaddock.org and click on the yellow "Chaddock School Construction" icon and see the progress which is being made on the new facility.

Your June Mission of the Month offerings will go towards helping the children of Chaddock.

Illinois Bicentennial Celebration

Mark your calendars for a day of celebration Saturday, August 4. The Village of Orion and Main Street Orion are hosting a day-long event at our church.

A quilt show will be held in our sanctuary from 10 am-2 pm. Quilts are needed for display. If you have a quilt you would like to show or if you have questions, please contact Sandy Mizen. She works at the Orion library, and her email is sandymizen@gmail.com. To help people attending the show, please write up a short historic background sheet on your quilt and pin it to your quilt along with your name and phone number. Sandy will be able to answer any questions you may have about this event.

"Tea with Mrs. Lincoln" will take place in our fellowship hall that afternoon. Cookie and sandwich makers are needed as well as people who would be willing to use their china to set a table for six for the tea. Ten people are needed to sign up for table settings. If you can help or would like more information on the tea, please contact Candice Schultz at director@mainstreetorion.com.

Thank you for helping to make this event a success!

Thursday Worship

I've been concerned about our worship attendance over the past year as the passages of life continue to have an impact on our congregation. Some of our faithful members have passed away while others have moved away or gone to college. For others, sports or other important weekend activities have limited their ability to participate in Sunday worship.

In response, I have been conducting an abbreviated worship service on Thursday evenings at 6:30. This has been a shortened version of the previous Sunday service, concluding around 7 pm.

Church attendance typically dips in the summer, so I'm excited about the possibilities of what our Thursday worship can do for our church—and for your spiritual growth—during the summer.

So far, this has been a trial run, held during May and June. Attendance has averaged 15 and I've been very pleased with that average. If we can continue to maintain it, then regular Thursday worship at 6:30 pm will become a permanent part of our church schedule. Your attendance will determine the success of this worship opportunity.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Vacation Bible School will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church July 23-27, from 9 am to noon.

Ages for VBS are: age four by Sept. 1, 2018 through those entering 6th grade in the fall.

Cost is \$10 per child prior to the first day of VBS. Cost to register on the first day of VBS is \$20 per child. Registration questions should be directed to the St. Paul Lutheran Church office at 526-8406.

Please watch for sign-up sheets to help with items needed for crafts and snacks. Persons who have signed up to donate items for VBS should return them to the box in the lower narthex. Thanks!

Attention Youth

Sixth through twelfth graders, make sure you are receiving the most up-to-date youth announcements by having your cell phone number on file in the church office.

Texting seems to be the most effective way to communicate with teens. Parents are also welcome to sign up and receive youth-related texts.

Annual Conference donations are due back to the church by Sunday, June 3. A list of items we are collecting for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center for Tornado Totes is in the upper narthex. Thanks in advance for helping.

PERFECT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

Grayson Gustafson
Dylan Manning
Dylan Nelson
Micah Nelson
Devin Nelson
Kelli Knox
Sandy McCready

Will Gustafson
Thea Seys
Riley Knox
Rachel Bollinger
Diane McCunn
Don Berns
Rachel Girotti

Barb Cooper
Peggy Crayne
Sophia Seys
Hope Seys
Rob Manning
Marilyn Berns

Deb Miller
Roman Gustafson
Ian Bollinger
Faith Catour
Lanie Nelson
Jane Meyer

Nevan Browning
Owen Bollinger
Derek Nelson
Tara Miller
Joy Seys
Margaret Johnson

Orion United Methodist Church
P.O. Box 176
Orion, IL 61273

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 3
ORION, ILLINOIS



Pink Ribbon Luncheon – July 21

The 10th annual Breast Cancer Awareness Salad Luncheon will be held Saturday, July 21 at Orion UMC from noon to 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased by contacting Karen Bloomberg (738-3412).

Reservation deadline is Saturday, July 14.

Support the Cause

And

Wear PINK!



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday school for youth will not meet during the summer giving our teachers a break. Mark your calendar for Rally Day on August 26 where promotion certificates will be handed out. Regular classes will resume September 9. Enjoy your summer! See you on Rally Day!

We will hold Sunday school for adults over the summer. They will meet in Fellowship Hall. This class is open to everyone.

Thank you so much to our classroom teachers and our music teachers for all they do during the year. Your creativity and dedication are very much appreciated. Enjoy your summer!

Blessings on your Birthday!

6/01	Xander Carlson	6/22	Gerald DeBaillie
6/03	Noelle Carlson		Pat Kretchman
	Vicki Winsor	6/23	Kylie Smutzer
	Butch Thomsen		Marc Wright
6/07	Annie Bingham		Bryant Cooper
6/09	Teresa Pierce		Brendan Pasmore
6/11	Nolan Richardson	6/24	June Rettig
6/12	Donald Pasmore	6/25	Linda Thomsen
6/13	Margaret Johnson		Lisa Bohland
6/14	Ava Ainsworth		Brittany Lefever
	Tim Combites	6/27	Adelynn Blade
6/17	Noah Seys		Micah Knox
6/19	Mitchel Magee	6/28	Kameron Weaver
6/21	Jonni Gilbraith	6/29	Seth Atkinson
	Lanie Nelson		
	Jordan Schultz		



Please let the office know if your name should be added.