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Winner Methodist Church

THE VISION

JULY 2025

God Shed His Grace
on Thee

Leadership Council – June 22, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Tony Coffman, Malon Burtz, Donna Duffy, Diane Durrin, Vanessa Goodell, Mitch Miller, Linda Nelson, Dan Patmore, Mick Rowe, Lori Schaeffer, Clint Vanneman, Clint Woods and Judy Mills.

*The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM.

*The opening prayer was given by Clint Vanneman.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Motion to approve minutes by Mitch Miller and seconded by Lori Schaeffer; motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: Motion to approve Treasurers report made by Judy Mills and seconded by Diane Durrin; motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT-Pastor Tony: Pastor Tony provided journal with some of his activities. Pastor Tony commented on the Active Shooter in Church Seminar he attended.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-Vanessa: Signup has started for VBS. Kindergartens students must have a parent present. All helpers will need to have completed a background check.

CONFIRMATION-Diane: Taking a break.

OUTREACH/HOSPITALITY-Liz:

CARES-Liz: Fourth of July items have been delivered to the assisted living facilities.

STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS- Mick: No meeting.

WORSHIP MINISTRY- Bobbi: No meeting.

FINANCE-Pastor Lori: The church has two CDs at Bankwest: Missions \$10,000; scholarship \$12,000.

FUNERAL-Liz: May funeral was for Alice Hartford.

TRUSTEES-Dan: List provided of Trustees works including completion of temporary fence at parsonage, rugs for the church, ceiling fan installed at parsonage, two sump pumps purchased, AV and door projects begun, Bible racks on end of pews installed. Still working on holes in parking lot and sidewalk, weed spraying, shelves in storeroom, walls in men's bathroom, extend outside drain, put up highway sign, find someone to replace windows, air conditioner in MYF, choir and kids' room. The upstairs women's bathroom has a leak.

AUDIO/VISUAL-Dan: Internet upgrade complete.

MISSIONS-Mitch: Put together and delivered 19 food boxes to needy families in the area. Five-year commitment to Blessman International on feeding children; Received thank you from Rotary Club for backpack donation. Fuller Bike Adventure will be here July 1st; showers, dinner and breakfast will be provided. The bike group is riding to fund homes for displaced people. The Missions Committee will be requesting assistance from the congregation in completing chemo bags.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussed wedding policy, few changes to grammar made. If someone is to open the church and remain, they will be paid with a gift card. Motion to approve wedding policy with corrections by Mitch Miller and seconded by Dan Patmore; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor Tony presented the Child Safety Policy; he thanked everyone for their hard work on the project. The Administrative Council is to review the policy and return in July with any discussion. Kim DeMers discussed having a preschool program in the church. This would be for 3–5-year-olds. The child must be potty trained. If the child is not potty trained the parent could remain with the child. Discussion on CDs at Bankwest. Motion made by Diane Durrin and seconded by Clint Woods to let the scholarship CD renew for 6 months and then use it for senior scholarships; motion carried. For the next few months, we will try having the blue bucket in the back of the church. Tony will refer to the blue bucket with the benediction.

ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

CLOSING PRAYER: Pastor Tony Coffman

The next meeting is on July 20, 2025.

Judy Mills - Recording Secretary

Pastor's Corner

July 2025

Independence

Someone said to me this week, "Have a happy 4th." I know what they meant, but I thought to myself, "Self, there's no U.S. Holiday called, 'July 4th'." The U.S. holiday on July 4th is Independence Day.

Independence Day is our remembrance of the signing of our nation's Declaration of Independence, a document which was adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The Declaration of Independence declared the intent of the 13 American colonies to be independent of the rule of the British King.

Our country remains fiercely independent, even considering all of our political division. The more divided we get, the more independent we think we are. Americans are growing ever more distrustful of authority and government, more independent in thought and behavior, and ever more vocal about being independent from the requirements of religion.

Many of us still believe as most of our nation's forefathers did; that our nation was a blessing given to the world by God, founded not necessarily as a Christian nation, but certainly built upon Biblical principles for our laws and practices. But though our national Independence was God's gift to us, he never intended our independence to be a separation from him.

In fact, Jesus's plan for his church is the exact opposite of independent. The Father wants us to be completely and utterly dependent on him. Listen to some of what the Bible says about our being dependent on our Creator.

Proverbs 3:5

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lead on your own understanding.

Isaiah 26:4

Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD GOD is an enduring protector.

Psalms 118:8-9

It is better to take shelter in the LORD than to trust in people. 9 It is better to take shelter in the LORD than to trust in princes.

Finally, this is how serious God is about man not trusting in themselves or other men.

Jeremiah 17:5

The LORD says, "I will put a curse on people who trust in mere human beings, who depend on mere flesh and blood for their strength, and whose hearts have turned away from the LORD."

So, as you spend time with family and friends, enjoy a meal from your smoker or BBQ, and hear the fireworks, thank our God for your total dependence on his good will and blessings.

Happy Independence Day,
Pastor Tony



Colleen Springer	7/1
Bryce Goodell	7/3
Kari Heenan	7/3
Leah Wiechelman	7/4
Makenna Petersen	7/4
Makayla Petersen	7/4
Taylor Haley	7/6
Steve Nielsen	7/6
Savanna Swedlund	7/8
Sally Brozik	7/8
Lisa Coffman	7/10
Yvon Burtz	7/11
Lauren Tideman	7/11
Frank Weaver	7/11
Dustin Fisher	7/14
Gary Durrin	7/15
Gary Petersen	7/15
Chuck Mills	7/17
Matt Hagen	7/18
Lucy Kartak	7/18
Bev Janak	7/19
Heather Heying	7/20
Jordan Nelson	7/20
Lena DeMers	7/21

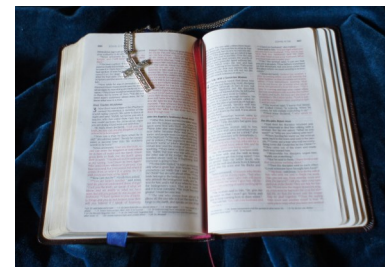
Seth Olson	7/22
Emily Tideman	7/22
Jody Brozik	7/23
Randy VandenHoek	7/23
Casey Osborn	7/23
Brooke Fisher	7/24
Jessica Olson	7/25
Sarah Hoffer	7/27
Marilyn Olson	7/28
Jude Haley	7/28
Cora Lookabill	7/29
Abe Ekroth	7/31



Malon & Alona Burtz	7/1
Tresh & Sara Swedlund	7/3
Frank & Lori Weaver	7/4
Clint & Kim Vanneman	7/5
Darin & Alicia Nelson	7/10
Doug & Linda Nelson	7/11
C.A. & Twila Owen	7/17
Jim & Tracie Haley	7/23
Dan & Filena Miller	7/25
Trent & Becky Olson	7/25

READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

July 2025



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1 2 Kings 6-10	2 Psalms 81-83	3 Proverbs 10	4 Ezekiel 25-30	5 Luke 19-20
6 Colossians 3-4	7 Leviticus 16-18	8 2 Kings 11-15	9 Psalms 84-86	10 Proverbs 11-12	11 Ezekiel 31-36	12 Luke 21-22
13 1 Thessalonians 1-3	14 Leviticus 19-21	15 2 Kings 16-20	16 Psalms 87-89	17 Proverbs 13	18 Ezekiel 37-42	19 Luke 23-24
20 1 Thessalonians 4-5	21 Leviticus 22-24	22 2 Kings 21-25	23 Psalms 90-92	24 Proverbs 14-15	25 Ezekiel 43-48	26 John 1-2
27 2 Thessalonians	28 Leviticus 25-27	29 1 Chronicles 1-4	30 Psalms 93-95	31 Proverbs 16		



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 6:15 PM AV Ministry 7:00 PM Trustees Fuller Bike Group	2	3 2:00 PM Women's Needle Group	4	5
6 9:00 AM Worship Service	7 VBS 6:00 PM—8:00 PM	8 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group VBS 6:00 PM—8:00 PM	9 VBS 6:00 PM—8:00 PM	10 2:00 PM Women's Needle Group 6:30 PM Missions Ministry	11	12
13 9:00 AM Worship Service Communion Sawyer Lapsley Baptism	14	15 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	16	17 2:00 PM Women's Needle Group	18	19
20 9:00 AM Worship Service Leadership Meeting	21	22 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group 2:00 PM Outreach	23	24 2:00 PM Women's Needle Group	25	26
27 9:00 AM Worship Service	28	29 6:30 AM Men's Prayer Group	30	31 2:00 PM Women's Needle Group Lifeline Screening		



BLUE BUCKET REQUEST—EMT

FOOD PANTRY REQUEST—SALTINE CRACKERS

WINNER METHODIST CHURCH

Service Time **9:00 AM**

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BIBLE VERSES

for the

FOURTH OF JULY

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

– **2 Corinthians 3:17**

Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

– **1 Peter 2:16**

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

– **Galatians 5:1**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

– **Psalms 33:12**

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

– **John 8:32**

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

– **John 8:36**

Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.

– **Psalms 118:5**

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.

– **Galatians 5:13**

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