

June 2026

1st UNITED METHODIST CHURCH—Aurelia, IA



GIVING



GROWING



LOVING

It hardly seems possible that we are coming to the end of our time together. This will be the final month I will be serving the congregation of the Aurelia First United Methodist Church. For me this has been a truly blessed time and I have enjoyed the experience more than I can tell you. But now we need to prepare ourselves for the next chapter and it can be a bit scary, There is always a little apprehension as we await the new appointment. I will remind you that the Cabinet did not leave you abandon in March when I came to fill in for these four months and they will not leave abandon as they search for a good appointment for you now. Now is a time for us to continue to step into the future with faith and strength.

In Joshua 2:15-16 we find the people waiting to move into the promised land across the Jordan and they have lost their leader Moses. Joshua has been commissioned by God to lead the people and there is a not little amount of concern of how they are to move forward. As the scripture reads:

Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho.

The people are faced with what seems to be an impossible situation and yet they trust in God to walk them through. As they approach the flood they surely must of worried about how they were going to make this work. But they simply kept marching trusting that somehow God would guide them through their worries and the uncertain future. They kept their faith and kept marching.

As we approach the end of one chapter in our walk of faith we, too, must keep the faith. We may not at this time know what the life of the church will look like after July 1st, but we can be assured that God will be with us and we will continue to be the community of faith we have always been.

Again, it has been my great pleasure to serve you as pastor these last four months and I lift up prayers of thanks everyday that God has given me the opportunity to get to know you and walk with you as we have strove to be witnesses of God's grace and love. Please know that I will continue to lift you up in prayer even though I may no longer be serving as your pastor and I trust that God will continue to find ways for our paths to cross in the future.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Paul

Thank you!!!

We would like to express our appreciation for the following:

A big thank you goes out to the following for our landscaping and yard clean up: Liz Smith, Sonia and Ted Galvin, Glen McCannon, Kevin Flaherty, Mark Sangwin, Tim Galvin, Nathan Anderson, and Steve, Bradley, and Harley Gustafson on April 26th.

Then, we followed with our fundraiser. Thank you to Kevin Flaherty and Randy Galvin for smoking our meat. Courtney Bruce for the potatoes. And, of course, the great kitchen help, along with a few of our youth helpers. We were able to raise \$1,700! Most of all, a special thank you to our church family and community for supporting us.

Last on the list, but definitely not the least, is Sonia and Ted Galvin for taking over the new flower set-up out front. They are doing this in memory of Charlie Galvin.

Thank you again to everyone – and God Bless!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June	1	Dick Vogt
June	2	Amber Dowdy
June	2	Nicole (Dowdy) Fay
June	3	Julie Fordyce
June	3	Kate Westphal
June	6	Bob Bryant
June	7	Brantley Sargent
June	8	Clea Smith
June	11	Jeff Willfong
June	22	Cade Ahnemann
June	23	Brylee Bengston
June	25	Brian Lockin
June	25	Erin (Lockin) Radke
June	27	Annette Blake

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June	3	Lee & Colleen Goodwin
June	8	Dale & Kris Glienke
June	15	Roman & Shelby Redig
June	21	Daniel & Jessica Baker

“Experiencing the Heart of Jesus”

This is the title of the Bible study by Max Lucado that we have been studying on Wednesday evenings from 6:30—7:30 pm. All are welcome to attend the Bible study. We will meet once in June and July (dates to be determined). Then, we will take a break until September.

Ladies Hour

The ladies will meet on Thursday, June 18th at 1:00 pm. All are welcome to come!

Prayer Focus

This month, please pray for guidance and wisdom for those who will be selecting our new Pastor.



**Noisy Offering
for June
will go to CAASA
(Centers Against
Abuse and Sexual Assault)**

Sunday Morning Coffee

We need one or two friendly faces to make coffee and bring treats for Sunday mornings. Treats may be store bought (no big deal). If you



would rather not serve, but only bring treats, that is absolutely fine, too! Please sign up on a Sunday that works for you. Designate if you would like to only bring treats. Much

appreciated. Thank you!

Our Daily Bread

We hope you are enjoying the devotions in these publications. A new one covering June—August has just been placed on the podium in the entry way. As you take one, please consider placing a donation in the small locked box at the top of the podium.

Donations are appreciated and will help the printer continue to offer these meaningful devotions for Christians to read.



Thank You!

Though we may have already expressed our appreciation to Pastor Paul, we'd like to say thank you to him again for being with us since March. We appreciate his willingness to come out of retirement and help us our during our interim. We pray that God continues to bless you!

April 2026 Expenses Explained

The April 2026 Treasurer's Report listed expenses at \$26,169.03. Some of you have been asking for a more detailed explanation of these expenses. Let me break it down a bit.

Recurring Monthly Expenses

Note: Some of these amounts, such as payroll, taxes, Aurelia utilities, Mid American, Nuvera, Visual Edge, etc vary each month.

IRS Tax Payment	\$149.70
Aurelia Utilities	225.61
Mid American	364.00
Apportionments	1,077.16
Nuvera	145.49
Intuit (Quickbooks)	32.53
Matt Collins (#3987)	75.00
Alyn Sargent	255.11
VEIT (Copier)	128.50
TOTAL RECURRING	\$2,453.10

Other Bills from April

Tax 1099 (file Qtrly Taxes)	5.75
HyVee (Easter lilies) #3990	149.86
H&S Elec (work @ church) #3991	1,104.63
Modern Htg (furnaces) #3992	12,037.24
Barbie S. (Youth pizzas) #3993	37.43
Aubree N. (media booth) #3994	50.00
Builders Sharpening (lawnmower) #3997	6,850.00
Gayle G (sandwiches) #3998	55.75
Blooming House (Palm Branches) #4000	48.15
Guide One (Qtrly Ins Due 4-23-26) #4001	2,507.25
Modern Heating (gas leak @ church) #4002	292.87
TOTAL OTHER BILLS	\$23,138.93

Note:

#3992 was paid with the Morlan/Trustees fund

#3993 was paid from Youth Savings

#3997 was paid from the following accounts:

Memorials	\$2,110.00
Morlan/Trustees	\$2,763.58
Harvest Dinner	\$1,976.42

#3998 was paid from Youth Savings

Transfers

Note: Funds transferred out of the general fund to a savings account also count toward the expenses.

TR to Youth Savings	377.00
TR to Kitchen/Funeral Savings	200.00
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$577.00

The final breakdown:

TOTAL RECURRING	\$2,453.10
TOTAL OTHER BILLS	\$23,138.93
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$577.00
TOTAL APRIL EXPENSES	\$26,169.03

I hope this helps!

Celeste Cummins, Treasurer

June 2026

Aurelia First United Methodist Church - Aurelia, IA

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 1:00 – 8:00 pm Pastor’s Office Hours	4	5	6
7 9:30 am Worship	8	9	10 1:00 – 8:00 pm Pastor’s Office Hours	11 Annual Conference in Des Moines	12 Annual Conference in Des Moines	13 Annual Conference in Des Moines
14 9:30 am Worship Trustees Meeting Annual Conference in Des Moines	15	16	17 1:00 – 8:00 pm Pastor’s Office Hours	18 1:00 pm Ladies Hour	19	20
21 9:30 am Worship Ad Council Mtg	22	23	24 1:00 – 8:00 pm Pastor’s Office Hours	25	26	27
28 9:30 am Worship	29	30				

Welcome, Sweet Summertime!



Contact Information

Aurelia First UMC:
31 Valor Rd.
Aurelia, Iowa 51005

Pastor:
Paul Evans
Sec/Treas:
Celeste Cummins

Telephone: 712-434-5994
Website: www.aureliafumc.org
Office Email: afumc4all@newulmtel.net

