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Sperry

**11756 Sperry Road
Sperry, IA 52650**

**9:00 AM Sunday Worship
10:15 AM Adult Small Group**

Mediapolis

**601 North Street
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**9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Sunday Worship**

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In last month's Newsletter, I talked about the signs of life I saw on the new trees at the Parsonage. Seeing those tiny buds forming brought a sense of relief from some of the anxiety about these new trees I held onto throughout the winter months. I was relieved because they survived the winter, but I was also relieved that the initial planting process didn't go awry. The trees seem to be growing quite well, and I continue to be excited for their potential in the years to come. Do you know what else is growing well, though? Those dandelions in the background. They snuck up out of nowhere. We can get excited about signs of new life and the potential ahead of us, but sometimes we can miss the signs of these other things like weeds growing in the background. It makes me wonder, can that kind of thing happen with our life in faith? We can get so excited about new vitality and new possibilities that we lose sight of the dangers we face with temptation and sin. One of the best ways to tackle this kind of danger is to keep holding one another in prayer, and to keep encouraging one another through our faith. During this season after Easter as we celebrate new life through the resurrection, let's keep vigilant about the weeds that can grow in the background. Many have stayed active through reading Scripture during Lent, so let's

remain active in the word; especially as we approach the Summer months ahead. Many have faithfully prayed for those who are hurting during this season, so let's keep praying. We have prayer groups at each of the churches several times a month, and we're also about to implement a new method of praying together through the church app. By the way, be sure to download the new app if you haven't. It's becoming one of the best ways to stay involved and engaged in the many ways we continue to serve God. Here's one more thought for you. If you'd like a way to tie in this idea of dealing with weeds as a reminder to keep growing closer to Jesus, be sure to get involved with our lawn and landscaping groups. I promise I won't put you to work on my dandelions; that's a job I need to tackle. But each of the churches can use help with keeping the outside in good order, just as all of us together can help each other remain strong in our faith.



In Christ,

Pastor Bruce Smith

You may already be aware that May is set aside as Mental Health Awareness Month. Established in 1949 MHAM was intended to purposely increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in Americans' lives and to celebrate recovery from mental illness. For many years now, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has recognized **Mental Health Awareness Month (MHAM)** every May to increase awareness about the role mental health plays in our overall health and endeavored to provide resources and information to support individuals and communities who may need mental health support. In the past mental health was often treated as a subject that was not talked about because of a dark stigma that was attached to a need for counseling or medication to help a person navigate a diagnosis. Fortunately that stigma is continuing to be broken down and driven out as we all become more aware of the prevalence of mental

health issues and the availability of help for those who are in need. As a society we are realizing that we would not attach a stigma to the need for blood pressure medication or antibiotics and there is no need to attach a stigma to the need for an antidepressant or an anti anxiety medication. We live in a fast paced and go until you drop kind of society today and it should come as no surprise to us that fatigue/ exhaustion and major life happenings cause us pause and concern. In the midst of that we find that our relationship with a loving God is paramount in helping us navigate what life may bring our way. I pray for each of us, that God would give us eyes to see the needs of those around us and to come alongside of and encourage those around us who might be struggling with life in an imperfect world through temporary impairments such as depression, anxiety, or one of many other mental health diagnoses.

Blessings!
Tracey

NEED PRAYER OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES?

Organized prayer teams are available to minister to your needs. Please contact the church office with your prayer requests.

MEAL MINISTRY

The purpose of our Meal Ministry is to provide meals for families in our congregation who are recovering from an illness, surgery or childbirth. If you are aware of anyone who may need meals, please contact the church office.

Please call the church office if you or a family member will be admitted into the hospital.

Thank You!

Sunday Worship

IN PERSON

9:00AM @ Sperry
10:00AM @ Mediapolis

ONLINE

10:00AM

[www.mepochurch.com/
sermons.html](http://www.mepochurch.com/sermons.html)

www.facebook.com/mepochurch

PARKING LOT

10:00AM

Mediapolis Methodist Church
(live only) over 87.9 FM



VBS

June 23-June 27
9:00 AM—11:30 AM



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YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Our screens have incredible power in our lives. With the click of a button, we can connect to anyone across the globe in an instant. With a simple search, we can discover everything from today's weather forecast, to tutoring for a difficult math problem, to the ins and outs of our favorite celebrity's love life. Our screens can inspire us, but they can also distract us and make us mindlessly conform to what we see. Our phones, laptops, and TVs are some of the most powerful objects in our lives.

This month we went through the first two parts of a three-part youth series, by pastor Kyle Idleman called Redeem the Screen, where we are walking through Romans 12, and learning how to be transformed by Jesus. Pastor Kyle believes that when we let Jesus transform our lives, our screens will no longer be a distraction—they will become a tool to make Jesus known all over the world.

We are praising God for bringing some new students to us recently! Please pray that He would move in all the students' hearts and minds. Also, please continue to pray for our upcoming mission trip to help with disaster relief in North Carolina this July. We need God to work out the lodging and transportation details. Thank you for partnering with us in this vital way!

In His service,

Jenny McGhee, MCYG Director

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 <p>BACCALAUREATE</p> <p>Wednesday, May 17 7:00 PM</p> <p>Mediapolis Community School Auditorium</p> <p><i>Sponsored by the Mediapolis Area Churches</i></p>	 <p>GRADUATION <i>sunday</i></p> <p>Join us as we honor our 2025 High School Graduates on Sunday, May 18th during the morning worship services.</p>	 <p>CONGRATS Graduates!</p> <p>MAXIMUS STUCKER & JOHNNY FORD</p> 
<p>GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD</p>  <p>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</p> <p>May 1, 2025</p>	<p><i>Memorial</i> DAY</p>  <p>MAY 26TH</p>	 <p>ASCENSION DAY</p> <p>MAY 29TH</p>

MAY DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE

One of the best ways to know God is to become acquainted with the full counsel of His written Word.
This reading plan will guide you through all 66 books of the Bible in the coming year

<input type="checkbox"/> 1	1 Chronicles 7 – 9	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	2 Chronicles 17 – 20	<input type="checkbox"/> 23	Nehemiah 8 – 10
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<input type="checkbox"/> 3	1 Chronicles 13 – 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 14	2 Chronicles 25 – 28	<input type="checkbox"/> 25	Esther 1 – 5
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	1 Chronicles 17 – 19	<input type="checkbox"/> 15	2 Chronicles 29 – 31	<input type="checkbox"/> 26	Esther 6 – 10
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	1 Chronicles 20 – 23	<input type="checkbox"/> 16	2 Chronicles 32 – 34	<input type="checkbox"/> 27	Job 1 – 4
<input type="checkbox"/> 6	1 Chronicles 24 – 26	<input type="checkbox"/> 17	2 Chronicles 35 – 36	<input type="checkbox"/> 28	Job 5 – 8
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5/01 Adam Dziulko, Cathy Larson,
Russell Moehle, Caitlin Smith
5/02 Claire Schmidt
5/03 Melonie Baggot, Jordan Steffener
5/04 Bev McKasson
5/05 Matt Cummings, Tanya Smith
5/06 Brent Hicks, Clint Parry,
Gloria Warner
5/08 Dallyn Schmidt
5/10 Corky Cover
5/12 Mickey Hobbs
5/14 Kenton Klenk
5/15 Georgia Allen
5/18 Mike Chenoweth, Aiden Schmidt,
Kathy Thomson
5/19 Erma Perry
5/20 John Cortum, Tom Jones,
Leighton Schulte

5/21 Arnie Crouch
5/22 Addison Breder
5/23 Ryan Hunerdosse
5/27 Martha
Shelman, Lyn Isom
5/28 Troy Stephens



5/04 Chris & Lishay Allen
5/10 Ken & Gail Davis
5/11 Ken & Kathleen Dziulko
5/21 Arnie & Jane Crouch
5/26 Chuck & Carol Staley
5/30 Brian & Lyn Isom

This Month...

Communion will be celebrated
on Sunday, May 4

Prayer Group @ Mediapolis
Tuesday, May 6 & 27—6:30 PM

Prayer Group @ Sperry
Thursday, May 8 & 22—6:15 PM

2nd Sunday Social @ Sperry
Sunday, May 11

Sperry Women's Group
Wednesday, May 14—2:00 PM

Sperry Ad Council
Tuesday, May 20—6:00 PM

Mediapolis Ad Council
Tuesday, May 20—7:30 PM

