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Sperry

11756 Sperry Road
Sperry, IA 52650

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

Mediapolis

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9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Sunday Worship

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It doesn't seem possible we're already in the month of June, but here we are. It's not so much that June came out of nowhere, because I've been preparing for this month for quite some time. I have my garden in place, I've amended my soil for my garden to grow, covered the bare ground to preserve moisture, and set up a watering system for days I might need to use it. I've been treating the lawn to keep weeds and ants at bay, filling ruts where dead tree roots are caving in, and caring for the new trees to ensure they can grow as best they can. Even though it seems like June has arrived fast, I've been waiting for it, and I know we have all done things in preparation for Summer. As we look at everything that has been done to prepare for this month, we also recognize we're not suddenly taking a break. VBS is happening at Sperry later this month, where we will introduce and reintroduce the love of Jesus to many kids. Annual Conference is in a couple of weeks where we will focus on the possibilities ahead in our connection. Speaking of that connection, I had the opportunity to meet with Global Methodist clergy from Iowa's eastern districts as we focused on how we can be effective in ministry together. We

will have opportunities to join together in common mission and ministry, and I'll have more on that soon. Until then, I want to make sure you also know we are having a celebration at Mediapolis for our 150th anniversary on Sunday, September 7th. **We need your help!** As we consider the many blessings we have witnessed in the life of the church, we would like to acknowledge some of our most recent memories. Do you have pictures, videos, or stories you would like to share about how you have seen God at work through the church? Send them in to the office so we can include them! If you have an especially moving moment you would like to share, perhaps we can work together to record it so we can share it during that worship service. Please reach out to me so we can set up a time to talk. I've run out of space for this article, but I would love to keep the conversation going. Give me a call, text, or email to hear more. Have a blessed June, and to quote Paul in 2 Corinthians 13:14, "May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

In Christ,

Pastor Bruce Smith



In just a few short weeks we are going to hold Vacation Bible School at the Sperry Church! This year the theme is Avalanche Ranch A Wild Ride Through God's Word. We are excited about this awesome opportunity to minister to the children of our community! The mission statement for Mediapolis and Sperry Global Methodist Churches states: Raising Up Disciples to Love God and Reach The World. That is exactly what we intend to work toward as we bring together young people to learn about scripture, God's presence and power, and sharing His love with the world. In the past few years we have added a community mission section to the daily planning and will again be working to bless others in our community through some outreach! As I look forward to VBS and reminisce about my own Bible School experiences as a child, I find myself wondering what experiences each one of you have had? I remember songs from

some of those days gone by. There are craft projects that stick out in my memories and a few that are still floating around in my parent's house! I remember the games that we played and some of the awesome teachers and helpers that made things come alive for all of those in attendance! I remember the program that would happen at the end of the week. Our parents would come to hear about what we had learned, listen to the songs that we had practiced, and eat the awesome cookies that loving hands had baked for us to enjoy! Think back on your childhood experiences surrounding Bible School. I hope there are some happy memories to make you smile. I pray that our efforts in making Bible School memorable for the kids in attendance this year will create happy memories to be looked back on! As always, if you feel a desire in your heart to help make Bible School happen, please contact the church office or myself and we will get you plugged in! We would love to have you join us! Happy Summer!!

Tracey



Sunday, June 15th



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

www.facebook.com/mepochurch

PARKING LOT

10:00AM

Mediapolis Methodist Church
(live only) over 87.9 FM

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

What a busy month! In May, we wrapped up the Redeem the Screen series, attended bacculaureate, collected food for the Mediapolis Food Pantry and celebrated the year by burning homework and playing games at the McGhee's.

Attendance was up at this year's bacculaureate, where Adrian Matteson, along with his grandfather, Steve Stoller, delivered the reflection. The two of them, along with the area pastors, gave a great charge to the graduating class.

If you follow MCYG on Facebook, then you know how successful the collection was for the food pantry! It always amazes me how much food they collect in less than two hours! What a generous community we live in! Thank you to all who donated.

As we enter the summer months, MCYG tends to slow down a bit so we can prepare for the new school year. We will continue to meet in June for a more informal study time. Please keep us in your prayers though. We would appreciate continued prayers for our upcoming mission trip. We've already seen God working with the way things are coming together. I know it sounds silly, but please, please, please pray about the rental vehicles. Every year we "reserve" a 12 passenger van and every year there has been an issue with it, which causes much frustration. We have 15 people going on this trip so could really use the space. Of course, this is a minor issue. More important things to lift up would be the mission trip itself...that we would have an impact on those that we are going to serve, that we would be impacted ourselves, that everyone would remain healthy and strong, that the weather would cooperate, etc. May we be God's hands and feet and bring Him glory. Thank you for participating in this most vital form of service. We appreciate you!

Thank you again for your continued support of this ministry! We couldn't do it without you.

In His service,

Jenny McGhee, MCYG Director
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Father's Day Tribute

Submit a photo of your dad—or a dad you would like to have honored to:

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by **Tuesday, June 10th** to be included in our special Father's Day tribute.

JUNE 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	Job 21 – 24	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	Psalms 38 – 42	<input type="checkbox"/> 23	Psalms 104 – 106
<input type="checkbox"/> 2	Job 25 – 30	<input type="checkbox"/> 13	Psalms 43 – 49	<input type="checkbox"/> 24	Psalms 107 – 111
<input type="checkbox"/> 3	Job 31 – 34	<input type="checkbox"/> 14	Psalms 50 – 55	<input type="checkbox"/> 25	Psalms 112 – 118
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06/02 Kirk Honson
06/03 Kevin Bush
06/08 Donna Frank, Olivia Moehle
06/09 Jon Fye
06/10 Ken Dziulko
06/16 Jon Dziulko
06/20 Bonnie Fromm
06/21 Diane Patterson
06/23 Caleb Orr
06/29 Mike Thie
06/30 Beth Moehle



06/07 Tom & Catherine Sands
06/11 Kyle & Raegan Schulte
06/12 Joe & Terry Hicks
Jeff & Rachel Moehle
06/14 Troy & Kari Stephens
06/23 Kory & Rhonda Klenk
06/27 Charles & Karen Powers
06/28 Regan & Tracy Brader



This Month...

Prayer Group @ Mediapolis
Tuesday, June 3 & 24—6:30 PM

Communion will be celebrated
on Sunday, June 8th

2nd Sunday Social @ Sperry
Sunday, June 8—following the
worship service

SPRC @ Mediapolis
Tuesday, June 10—6:30 PM

Mediapolis Ad Council
Tuesday, June 10—7:30 PM

Sperry Women's Group
Wednesday, June 11—2:00 PM
Hostess: Carolyn Weyer Lesson:
Karen Harshbarger

Prayer Group @ Sperry
Tuesday, June 12 & 26—6:30 PM

**VBS @ Sperry June 23-27 - 9:30
AM—11:30 AM**