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Worship Service Time:

10:00 Worship
11:00 Koinonia

Sunday school
Youth 9:00 a.m.
Adult 11:15 a.m.



Jr. and Sr. youth
bell choir played
during service
March 16th.





Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You have probably heard the saying,

“There are only two things you can be sure of – death and taxes. Actually that isn't quite true. There are more things we can be sure of -like the changing of the seasons. And, yes, this winter has gone on far too long, but we know eventually spring will arrive. Soon the days will be warmer, the snow will stop flying, the birds will begin singing, the flowers will start budding, and the crops will get planted.

It's just that when we have to wait for something (like the arrival of spring) longer than we had planned, we can get discouraged and even say things like, “I don't think spring will ever come.”

Well, sometimes, we also feel that way when we have to wait on God. When God calls us to wait for an answer to prayer, we can get discouraged. We might even say things like, “I don't think God is ever going to answer me.”

God understands our tendency to become impatient and discouraged when we are called to wait, so God offers Words of hope and encouragement, beautiful Words like-

“But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:31)

“The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.” (Lamentations 3:25)

This month we celebrate Easter. When Jesus died on the cross, the disciples thought it was all over. They had waited three years for their Lord to turn things around - to free the oppressed and save the lost. And now, all was lost, or so they thought. The disciples lost hope. It happens to all of us sometimes, and that is why we need to always remember the Good News of Easter morning – sorrow turned to joy, despair

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turned to hope, death turned to life everlasting.

Always remember :

1 For which reason, because we have righteousness through faith, let us be at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; 2 Through whom, in the same way, we have been able by faith to come to this grace in which we now are; and let us have joy in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but let us have joy in our troubles: in the knowledge that trouble gives us the power of waiting; 4 And waiting gives experience; and experience, hope: 5 And hope does not put to shame; because our hearts are full of the love of God through the Holy Spirit which is given to us. (Romans 5:1-5)

Have a Blessed Easter,

Pastor Karen

Lenten Opportunities to Grow in Your Faith

Men's Breakfast

Men, you are invited to a breakfast at the Oakland UMC on the following Saturdays -April 5, 12, 19 at 7:00am.

This is a special time for you to get together, share a meal, and talk about character-building insights from the life of Coach Dungy, former NFL player and former coach. For more info contact Jerry Hoff at 712-482-5539.

Lenten DVD Study

All are invited to attend the Lenten Study by Adam Hamilton, **24 Hours That Changed the World**. Through his DVD, Hamilton will guide us, step by step, through the last day of Jesus' life. We will meet following the 10am worship service beginning April 6.

Youth Led Worship Service

Our Ecumenical Youth Group will lead the worship service on the 5th Sunday in Lent, April 6th. Please join us for this special time of worship.

April Calendar of Events

Wed, 2nd	6:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
	6:30 p.m.	“Crave” Group Study
Sat, 5th	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast
Sun, 6th	9:00 a.m.	Sunday school/Women’s Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Communion/Youth leading worship
	11:00 a.m.	Koinonia
	11:15a.m.	Lenten Study <i>24 Hours That Changed the World</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Hispanic Service
Wed, 9th	6:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
	6:30 p.m.	“Crave” Group Study
Thu, 10th	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Board meeting (note the date change)
Sat, 12th	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast
Sun, 13th	9:00 a.m.	Sunday school/Women’ Study/Palm Sunday
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Koinonia
	11:15a.m.	Lenten Study <i>24 Hours That Changed the World</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Hispanic Service
Wed, 16th	6:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
	6:30 p.m.	“Crave” Group Study
Thu, 17th	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday service at Congregational UCC
Fri, 18th	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday “The Living Last Supper”
Sat, 19th	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast
	8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.	Easter Prayer Vigil
Sun, 20th	6:15 a.m.	Sunrise Service at Carson Cemetery/Breakfast at Carson Comm. Bldg. to follow
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	5:00 p.m.	Hispanic Service
Wed, 23rd	6:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
Sat, 26th	1:00—3:00	Reception for D.S. Brian Milford
	3:00—4:00	Reception Program at Griswold UMC
Sun, 27th	9:00 a.m.	Sunday school/Women’s Study
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Camp Sunday
	11:00 a.m.	Koinonia
	11:15a.m.	Lenten Study <i>24 Hours That Changed the World</i>
	5:00 p.m.	Hispanic Service
Wed, 30th	6:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group

Oakland family receives farm award

By Kirby Kaufman

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Posted: Wednesday, March 12, 2014

An Oakland farming family was recognized by the state of Iowa for their strong commitment to neighbors and the community. Terry Gleaves, 51, and his wife, Amy, 47, accepted the Gary Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award Monday during a ceremony held at the Oakland Community Center. The award recognizes Iowa livestock farmers who take pride in their work, care for the environment and livestock and treat their neighbors well.

It is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Agriculture, Iowa Ag Radio Network and Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers. Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Bill Northey presented the award in front of about 70 family members, friends and neighbors. The family was nominated for the award by Becky Lockwood of Oakland. "The Gleaves certainly represent what the Gary Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award is all about – going above and beyond what is expected of them on their farm, in their neighborhood and their community," Lockwood said in a press release.

The Gleaves have a cow-calf herd and operate a row-crop farm in rural Oakland. "It's basically a normal farm like everyone else in southwest Iowa," Gleaves said. Terry Gleaves said he helped a neighbor and fellow farmer who had cancer. Alongside his dad and other neighbors, they helped plant corn and beans.

People know about the family because Gleaves works for the East Pottawattamie County Natural Resources Conservation Service. "I have a lot of area people that I work with," Gleaves said. "I know a lot about everybody and just enjoy doing it."

Congratulations Terry and Amy!

New Mission Statement

Rev. Melissa Drake, Southwest District Field Outreach Minister, joined us for worship On February 16th.

Rev. Drake preached an inspiring message and following our potluck dinner, led us in a time of visioning for our church. One of the first questions Rev. Drake asked us during our visioning time was, "What is your mission statement?" Unfortunately none in attendance (including myself) could recite our mission statement word for word. In our defense, the Oakland UMC Mission Statement is over 132 words long. Those in attendance decided we needed a more concise Mission Statement, one we could remember and recite in its entirety. After discussion, the Ad Board came up with three Mission Statements that they believe reflect the Mission of our church. WE WOULD LIKE YOUR INPUT.

Which of the following three Mission Statements do you think best states the mission of the Oakland UMC?

You will have an opportunity to voice your opinion via an insert in the bulletin. If you prefer you may call the church office and let us know your preference. Thank you!

Pastor Karen

Mission Statements

1. _____ We seek to grow in Christ and to share our love of God in Word and deed.
2. _____ We seek to let God's light shine not only in us, but to shine through us to all.
3. _____ We seek to grow in our love for God and to help meet the needs of God's children by "Loving God with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind, and to love our neighbor as our selves."

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 04/01 Pierson, Lisa
- 04/03 Roller, A.C.
- 04/04 Weirich, Morgan
- 04/04 Buckhahn, Christopher
- 04/05 Pierce, Derek
- 04/06 Mills, Josh
- 04/08 Rieken, Kristy
- 04/12 Haines, Heath
- 04/12 Jefferson, Trevor
- 04/12 Knoke, Shyannah
- 04/13 Hildebrand, Ryan
- 04/14 Turner, Danielle
- 04/15 Bell, Aiden
- 04/18 Hartje, Audrey
- 04/18 Fulton, Derrick
- 04/18 Grobe, Chelsie
- 04/19 Martens, Mark
- 04/22 Waggoner, Mary
- 04/26 Gardner, Connie
- 04/26 Bates, Nick
- 04/28 Jeppesen, Lynelle
- 04/29 Nelson, Megan
- 04/29 Obrecht, Chad
- 04/30 Turner, Sydney



Our Military Family

Kristie Copenhaver, John & Mary Lou Copenhaver's daughter; **Jared Myers**, son of Robert Myers and Sid & Tami Skank; **Sonja Husz**, Niece of Butch & Velda Husz; **Lucas Smith**, Addie Mae's grandson; **Brian Thornton** from Avoca; **Tyler Clark**, Marvin & Carolyn Clark's grandson; **Brad Grosvenor**, Cathey Grosvenor's son stateside, and other area service men and women. **Landen Pedersen**, son of Tab and Lorie Pederson



If you have a loved one in the service and wish to have them listed on our prayer list, please contact the church office.



Pastor Humberto Gonzalez (Broadway - PT)

– Pastor Humberto is a part time Student Local Pastor and US citizen serving with the Hispanic Ministry at Broadway UMC in Council Bluffs and the wider SW District. Pray that his family will receive immigration approval to join him in Council Bluffs this Spring

NURSING HOMES - Remember those in the nursing homes with cards and visits.

Oakland Manor: Margaret Alff, Audrey Hartje, Dorothy Martens, Lucille Bentley, Erma Cleaveland,

Oakland Heights: Janice Harris, Pat Burgett Neuonia Timberman

Risen Son Christian Village: Max Hummel



April School Teachers for Nigeria

It's a love story. Carolyn Carter of Wilton, a high school science teacher, served as an individual volunteer at the Junior Secondary School in Jalingo, Nigeria in 2008. One of her acquaintances was Ezekiel Gwi of Mambila who was attending a Nigerian technical school. This friendship blossomed into a love relationship but Carolyn felt that if she were going to return to the U.S. it would be wise to break it off. So the two went their separate ways until Carolyn returned to visit all of her Nigerian friends in 2011 and was reunited with Ezekiel which led to sparks flying! From 2011 to 2013 Carolyn taught in El Salvador so they communicated via e-mails and skyped, they planned a rendezvous in Ghana where they decided it was the real deal. After mountains of paperwork, miles of red tape and postage costs to secure a Fiancé Visa, Ezekiel was granted one at the U.S. Embassy in Lagos. He will be winging his way to the Twin Cities where Carolyn now teaches. Wedding bells will ring in August. So, you never know what educational experiences and opportunities await you! Congratulations to Carolyn and Ezekiel!

Nigerian student, Paul Johnson attending Morningside College was elected Student Advocate, Ishaya David at Simpson College was selected as a Resident Advisor and Davidson Adams studying at WITCC in Sioux City is signing up for summer classes.

These students have no families to send them "care packages" so if you/your mission committee would like to box some goodies and send them or personally deliver them, I'm sure the guys would enjoy the contents appreciating the love you show them. Here are some ideas:

Cookies and crackers, granola bars, all kind of

toiletries, new wash cloth/towel, pair of socks (dress or sport) or sports shirt (size S/M), \$10 for purchasing minutes on their cell phone

Paul Johnson: Morningside College, 3609 Peters Ave. Sioux City 51106, Cell: 712 301 9530

Davidson Adams: WITCC, 4647 Stone Ave., Apt. G2, Sioux City 51106

Dorm room: 712 222 4936, Cell: 712 212 0303

Ishaya David: Simpson College, 701N. "C" St., #3379, Indianola 50125, Cell: 515 864 1746

Our BIG April project is raising funds to send Rev. Dauda Uzajja to Africa University for a Master's Degree in Peace, Leadership and Governance. Dauda is presently a lecturer at Banyam Theological Seminary in Bambur, Nigeria, is married, has six children, his last named Precious!

For the 2014-2015 academic year he needs \$5,000 to cover his tuition and all school fees. Let's help him get this Master's Degree so he can return back to the school, train seminarians which will benefit the UMC of Nigeria. It's a win-win-win situation. Monies may be sent through your local church to the conference treasurer designated: INP, #230, Dauda U.

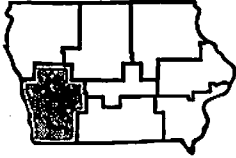
Jesus was the Master Teacher who utilized many different methods of teaching his disciples. As such let us go and do likewise through prayerful support and financial assistance for educational programs of the United Methodist Church in Nigeria, our partners in ministry.

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March 3, 2014

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Dear Pastor Karen:

Greetings in the strong and loving name of Jesus Christ.

I am writing to commend you and your congregation for their full support of connectional giving for 2013. Your pastoral leadership and the congregation's leadership in this important endeavor means that lives are being transformed in the name of Jesus Christ across the wide connection we call The United Methodist Church.

Please extend my heartfelt gratitude to all who have given sacrificially and made it possible for your congregation to meet this goal. Sharing the love of Jesus is the source of our deep joy as followers of Jesus and is what the church is all about. Your congregation has fulfilled an important goal towards that end through connectional giving.

May God continue to strengthen our shared witness as we grow in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world in the name of the One who is our Lord and Savior.

Grace and Peace during your Lenten Journey,

Brian K. Milford
Conference Superintendent
Southwest District



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Thank you so much for your recent donation to Open Door Mission. Your efforts will make a difference and help change lives.

Thank you for blessing us with toilet paper... a much needed item.

I would like to invite you to come for a tour so you can see first hand how lives are changed at Open Door Mission.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please call James Cummings at 402-829-1520.

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P.S. Open Door Mission is serving more hot nutritious meals than ever before. We need your support for men, women, and children that are *Hungry for Food and Hungry for New Life*. Please consider having a "Food Drive" to help us provide hot, nutritious meals. Please contact Tami at 402-829-1554 for more information to set up a drive.

Southwest District Annual Congregational Assessment

Church Oakland United Methodist Church

Pastor Karen Hoff

Please rate your church from 1 (low) to 9 (high) by placing an X on the line under each item

Low Clarity of the Mission of your Church

Only a few people know our mission statement or can talk about God's purpose for the church. Our church is primarily a social place where people enjoy each other's company. Church meetings deal with maintenance and other "routine" business.

1 _____ 3 _____ 5 _____ 7 _____ 9 _____

High Clarity of the Mission of your Church

We understand that the church exists to make disciples for Jesus Christ who will change the world in ways that benefit all of God's children. Our decision-making bodies focus on this mission rather than our own comfort or personal preferences.

Low Outreach and Mission

Our needs are our first priority. Our mission outreach into the community is quite limited.

1 _____ 3 _____ 5 _____ 7 _____ 9 _____

High Outreach and Mission

We believe that through reaching out we truly become the Body of Christ in our community and the world. We offer many opportunities for involvement in meeting human needs and relieving suffering in the name of Christ. We go outside our walls—into the community and world to extend God's reach.

Low Passion for Evangelism

We rarely have an adult profession of faith. We don't reach out to the unchurched in any organized way. We seldom invite people to church and have few visitors, but our doors are always open.

1 _____ 3 _____ 5 _____ 7 _____ 9 _____

High Passion for Evangelism

We regularly receive new members by profession of faith. We are constantly thinking of ways to communicate the Gospel in order to connect with the unchurched. We know we will need to go beyond our walls to meet new people in new places in order to fulfill our mission.

Low Spirituality

God seems distant and uninvolved. Few people are able to say how God is active in their lives or in our church.

1 _____ 3 _____ 5 _____ 7 _____ 9 _____

High Spirituality

Most people practice prayer, Bible study and other means of grace regularly. As a result, there is an on-going experience of the activity of the Holy Spirit in our personal and corporate life.

Low Quality Worship

High Quality Worship

Worship lacks energy and seems perfunctory.
People come to worship expecting little to happen.

Worship is alive. People are inspired. People
come to experience a fresh encounter with
the living God and the risen Christ.

1 _____ 3 _____ 5 _____ 7 _____ 9

Low Faith Formation

High Faith Formation

We have few small groups. There is little sense that
people are on a journey toward mature faith.
No one can remember when someone last responded
to God's call to full-time Christian service.

We have a number of classes and groups
studying the Bible, prayer and Wesleyan theology.
This learning leads to persons growing
as disciples, practicing their faith and sharing
with others. We expect some will respond to
God's call to full-time Christian service.

1 _____ 3 _____ 5 _____ 7 _____ 9

Low Stewardship & Generosity

High Stewardship & Generosity

People give from their excess to support the ministry
of the church. Giving is seldom viewed as a spiritual
discipline and a response of faith for all God has done
for us.

An increasing number of people are percentage
givers, moving toward giving a tithe. People give
as a response to God's generosity and
understand giving as part of sharing their faith.

1 _____ 3 _____ 5 _____ 7 _____ 9

Low Hospitality

High Hospitality

We think we are friendly, but have few repeat
visitors. Our first priority is to keep things comfortable
for us rather than have to make adjustments for
new people.

We are intentional about making people feel
welcome. We seek out visitors to greet them,
have conversation, and invite them to join us
again.

1 _____ 3 _____ 5 _____ 7 _____ 9

Low Connectionalism

High Connectionalism

We don't understand ourselves as being part of the "church
universal" and rarely participate in District or Conference
events. We hardly ever pay apportionments at the 100% level
and there is some resentment about paying them at all.

We recognize that we are part of the body of
Christ and connected to other United
Methodists and other Christian denominations.
The connection is a blessing to us.

1 _____ 3 _____ 5 _____ 7 _____ 9

GODLY HUMOR

◇ Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands. When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. "You're running around with other women," she charged.

"You're being unreasonable," Adam responded. "You're the only woman on earth." The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve. "What do you think you're doing?" Adam demanded.

"Counting your ribs," said Eve.

◇ Cowboy Joe was telling his fellow cowboys back on the ranch about his first visit to a big-city church.

"When I got there, they had me park my old truck in the corral," Joe began.

"You mean the parking lot," interrupted Charlie, a more worldly fellow.

"I walked up the trail to the door," Joe continued.

"The sidewalk to the door," Charlie corrected him.

"Inside the door, I was met by this dude," Joe went on.

"That would be the usher," Charlie explained.

"Well, the usher led me down the chute," Joe said.

"You mean the aisle," Charlie said.

"Then, he led me to a stall and told me to sit there," Joe continued.

"Pew," Charlie retorted.

"Yeah," recalled Joe. "That's what that pretty lady said when I sat down beside her."

◇ After a church service on Sunday Morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up."

"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell than to sit and listen."

◇ A Pastor in Florida lamented that it was very difficult to get his message across to his congregation. "It's so beautiful here in the winter," he said, "that heaven doesn't interest them. And it's so hot here in the summer that hell doesn't scare them."

◇ A Sunday school teacher was teaching her class about the difference between right and wrong.

"All right children, let's take another example," she said. "If I were to get into a man's pocket and take his billfold with all his money, what would I be?"

Little Johnny raises his hand, and with a confident smile, he blurts out, "You'd be his wife!"

◇ After a morning worship service, a mother with a fidgety seven-year-old boy told her Pastor how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet. About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, "If you don't be quiet, the Pastor is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again!" It worked!

Bible Trivia with hints

1. Who came out dancing after David killed Goliath? 1 Samuel:18
2. What is the only book in the Bible to mention God laughing? P.
3. What epistle tells Christians to turn their laughter to mourning? James (what verse)
4. What old woman said, "God hath made me to laugh so that all who hear will laugh with me"? Genesis 21
5. Who told Job that God would certainly fill a righteous man with laughter? Job 8
6. According to Psalm 126, what caused laughter among the Jews? (what verse)
7. What old man laughed at God's promise that he would father a child in his old age? Genesis 17
8. What group of people were busy dancing and partying when David caught up with them? 1 Samuel 30
9. What graven image did the Israelites dance in front of? Exodus 32
10. What book says there is a time to weep and a time to laugh? E

March Answers

1. Which of Jacob's wives was the first to bear children? Genesis 29:31 Leah
2. What woman was called a prophetess by Luke? Luke 2:36 Anna
3. Who died giving birth to Benjamin? Genesis 35:18 Rachel
4. What clever woman hoodwinked her father-in-law out of a signet ring and bracelets? Genesis 38:17 Tamar
5. Who falsely accused her Hebrew servant of trying to seduce her? Genesis 39:14 Potiphar's wife
6. What woman was the mother of two of Jesus' disciples? Mark 15:40 (see also Matthew 27:56) Salome
7. Who asked Jesus for the special water that would quench her thirst forever? John 4: the Samaritan woman
8. Who called Jesus "Rabboni"? John 20:16 Mary Magdalene
9. To what earthly woman did Jesus say "God is a Spirit"? John 4:24 The Samaritan woman
10. Which of David's wives was described as "very beautiful to look upon"?
2 Samuel 11:2 Bathsheba or Bath-shua

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The secret
to having it all...
is knowing you already do

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Palm Sunday Service

April 13th is Palm Sunday. Join us for this special time of worship and our traditional children led Palm Sunday Processional.

Maundy Thursday Service

There will be a Maundy Thursday Tennenbrae Service at the Congregational UCC Church at 7:30 pm. All are invited.

Good Friday

“The Living Last Supper” will be presented by the Harlan First UMC at the Oakland UMC on April 18, at 7pm. Please join us for this memorable reenactment of the Lord's Supper. Bring a friend. We would like to fill the church!

Prayer Vigil

We will have a Prayer Vigil at our church on Holy Saturday, April 19, from 8am –8pm. We encourage you to come to the church to pray on this Saturday before Easter Sunday. A sign up sheet will be available in the church entry way or you can call the church office to sign up for a time.

Sunrise Service

The RCA Easter Sunrise Service will be held at the Carson Cemetery at 6:15am (sunrise) on Easter morning. Following the service, a breakfast will be served at the Carson Community Building.

Easter Service

The Easter Service at the Oakland UMC will be held at the usual worship time, 10am.

Prayer Jar

A Prayer Jar is located in the sanctuary (by the sound system) for anyone who has a private prayer concern they would like the pastor to know about and to pray about.

Camping Sunday/Soil & Water

Stewardship Sunday

April 27 has been designated as Camping Sunday/Soil & Water Stewardship Sunday. We will highlight the spiritual benefits of attending a Bible camp and hear from youth who attended a summer camp. Our monthly special mission offering, to be taken on the 27th, will be used to help our youth attend a camp.

We are also asking anyone who would like to participate in raising extra funds for camping to bring a baked item or homemade craft (or just use your imagination) to the church on Sunday morning, April 27. Please put a price on your donation. The funds raised through this activity will also go to help send our youth to camp.

We will also think about our role as caretakers of God's creation.

Enclosed is a Southwest District Annual Congregational Assessment Form.

The Ad Council/SPRC Committee are asking that you complete this assessment and return to the church office no later than April 21. Thank you for your participation.

April Daily Reading Guide

- 1 1 Peter 2:1-25
- 2 1 Peter 3:1-22
- 3 1 Peter 4:1-1
- 4 1 Peter 5:1-1
- 5 2 Peter 1:1-21
- 6 2 Peter 2:1-22
- 7 2 Peter 3:1-18
- 8 Revelation 1:1-20
- 9 Revelation 2:1-29
- 10 Revelation 3:1-22
- 11 Revelation 4:1-11
- 12 Revelation 5:1-14
- 13 Mark 11:1-11
Palm Sunday
- 14 Mark 11:12-3
- 15 Mark 12:1-27
- 16 Mark 14:1-31
- 17 Mark 14:32-72
- 18 Mark 15:1-41
- 19 Mark 15:42-47
- 20 Mark 16:1-20 Easter
- 21 Romans 1:1-20
- 22 Romans 6:1-23
- 23 Romans 15:1-21
- 24 1 Corinthians 15:1-34
- 25 1 Corinthians 15:35-58
- 26 1 Peter 1:1-25
- 27 Revelation 6:1-17
- 28 Revelation 7:1-17
- 29 Revelation 19:1
- 30 Revelation 20:1-15

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NURSERY

VOLUNTEERS



6th Lisa Pierson
 13th Leslie Cleaveland
 20th Norma Bolton
 27th Carol Wilson

5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship Service

Host Nursery

6th Mischa & Kyra
 13th Dick & Louise Merkle
 20th Pastor Karen Hoff
 27th Mary Waggoner

USHERS, GREETERS, CANDLELIGHTERS



6th Youth Group
 13th Larry & Judie Danker
 Ward Young & Jean Blackburn
 Candle lighters
 Grace Gleaves & Camryn Pierson
 20th Jessie Shiffer & Joan Shanno
 Dawn Turner & Leigh Bell
 Candle lighters
 Anna Duhachek & Emma Ehmke
 27th Lisa Rollins & Lauren Schueman
 Lindsey Henderson & ReAnn
 Hildebrand
 Candle lighters
 Kyler Rieken & Kristian Martens

Sunday School Teachers

	6th	13th	20th	27th
Pre K	Leigh	Carrie	Lindsey	Jodi
K-1st	Jodi	Jamie	Lynelle	Leigh
2nd-4th	Jen	Sue	Karen	Pam
5th-7th	Pastor Karen			
Music	Pam			

KOINONIA

6th Lisa Rollins
 13th
 20th No Koinonia (Easter)
 27th Barb Schorsch



Mark your calendars!

Men's Breakfast Saturday, April 5, 12, & 19 at 7:00 a.m.

Good Friday, April 18th—"The Living Last Supper" performance by group from First UMC in Harlan.

Sunrise Service at Carson cemetery at 6:15 a.m. with breakfast to follow service.

Camp Sunday will be April 27th.

Don't forget to sign up for the Easter Prayer Vigil.

Administrative Board Meeting

February 20, 2014

Present: Dave Applegate, Bernie Bolton, Norma Bolton, Dick Merkle, Louise Merkle, Terry Gleaves, Merlin Jones, Pastor Karen Hoff.

After prayer concerns were shared, Pastor Karen led the board in prayer. In Barb's absence, Bernie opened the meeting.

Secretary's Report: The report was read. With one correction, Norma motioned to approve the report. Terry seconded.

Correction: Under Memorial Committee Report, the last sentence was deleted and the following added: The desire is to keep memorial monies given for the elevator project separate from other monies given for the elevator project.

Treasurer's Report: Dick explained the January Treasurer's Report. With one correction, Dave motioned to approve the report. Terry seconded.

Correction: Miscellaneous Committee Support and Miscellaneous Expense no longer funded and Lay Member to Annual Conference is funded at \$400.00.

Finance Committee: Terry reported on Iowa Methodist Foundation Funds yearly report.

Trustees Committee: Dave reported he is in the process of getting a second bid on the parsonage bathroom remodeling project.

Staff Parish Relations Committee: Bernie reported that we are in need of a volunteer treasurer. It was suggested to put a notice to that affect in the bulletin and the newsletter.

Pastor's Report:

Calendar:

- Feb. 23 – Baptism
- Feb. 24 - SW District Hispanic Team Meeting in Council Bluffs
- Feb. 26 - RCA Meeting
- Feb. 28 – dCom Meeting at District Office
- Mar. 2 - Day of Vacation
- Mar. 5 - Ash Wednesday Service at UCC
- Mar. 10-18 - Vacation

Youth:

Feb. 19 – 33 youth and 4 adults went on field trip to Harlan

Mar. 5 - Youth to attend Ash Wed. Service

Mar. 19 –Guest Speaker

Lay Leader: Merlin asked if we would need him to preach on Iowa Annual Conference Sunday because other churches have already started asking him. Merlin was asked to preach at the OUMC on Iowa Annual Conference Sunday. Merlin will also preach on March 16 when Pastor Karen is on vacation.

Nomination Committee: The Nominating Committee reported nominating Sean Ehmke for the Trustees Committee. Dave motioned to approve the report. Merlin seconded.

Adult Education Committee: The adult women's study Made to Crave will begin on Wed. evening, Mar. 12. The Art of Marriage video event will be offered soon.

New Business: There was discussion with regard to shortening our mission statement (as a result of our visioning time with Rev. Melissa Drake). Pastor Karen will bring some ideas to our March meeting.

There was discussion about updating our Through Service Sheets. It was suggested that the sheets could be given out more often than once a year, possibly quarterly. They could be specific/color coordinated for the different seasons as the availability to serve changes.

Some discussion was held about fees for the use of the church for a wedding. As long as a member of the wedding family is a member of the church, the membership fees will apply.

Pastor Karen reported that Counsel Document credited us \$350 for color overcharge.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. Bernie closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Karen Hoff, Recording Secretary Pro tem

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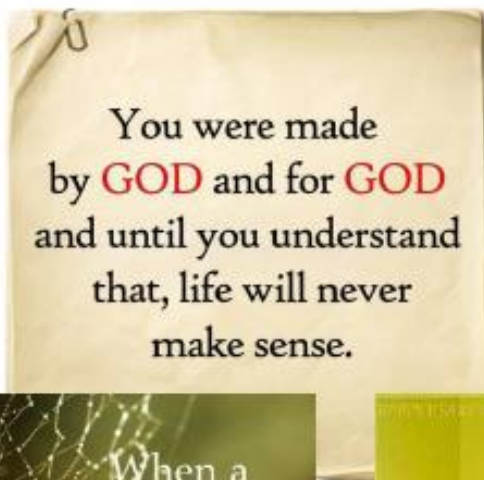
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TOO MUCH.**
i've got this, remember?
Love, God



Sometimes,
it's ok to
take a step
back and admit
you're being
ridiculous.