



# DISCIPLE EXPRESS

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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.**



**June 17 - June 21, 2013**

**from 6:00 PM to 8:15 PM**

**Oakland Christian, First Congregational, Sharon  
Presbyterian & United Methodist Churches**  
**Everywhere Fun Fair...**  
**Where God's World Comes Together**





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As United Methodists we don't always get it right. As our Communion liturgy of confession states, "We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy." And although at times we do fall short, I feel so blessed to be a part of a denomination that has, since its very beginning, sought to love its neighbors and to hear the cry of the needy.

John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement, was a strong proponent of the social Gospel. Wesley emphasized care for prisoners, the poor, the sick, the children, the elderly, and the uneducated. As early as the 1800's Methodists instituted preparatory schools such as Wesleyan Academy at Wilbraham, Massachusetts, and a number of colleges like Randolph-Macon College in Virginia, a home for the elderly in New York City, a home for children in Berea, Ohio, and opened their first hospital in Brooklyn.

Methodists worked for humane treatment of prisoners and changes in the criminal code. John Wesley spoke out passionately against slavery. The 1784 Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, following Wesley's lead, gave Methodists two choices: free their slaves or leave the church (*United Methodism in America, McEllhenny, 1992*).

Early Methodists also were concerned about the plight of workers. They supported improving working conditions, equitable wages, and protection for women and children in the work force. The Methodist Social Creed originated over 100 years ago to express Methodism's outrage over the lives of millions of workers in factories, mines, and mills.

Over the years the Methodist Social Creed expanded. Today our Social Creed is a basic statement of our convictions about the fundamental relationships between God, God's creation and

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humanity. This basic statement is expanded in a more lengthy statement called the Social Principles. The Social Principles are divided into six parts that explain how United Methodist Christians are called to live in God's world: Natural World, Nurturing Community, Social Community, Economic Community, Political Community, World Community (Social Creed and Social Principles are located on the UMC website, [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org). Click on *Our Faith* and then on *Church and Society*).

Very recently our church was awarded the 2012 Rainbow Covenant Award, Third Mile. In order to receive a Third Mile Award, churches have to first meet the requirements for the 1<sup>st</sup> Mile and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile. The 1<sup>st</sup> Mile requirement is to pay Apportionments in full, which you have done. Congratulations! You will find a copy of the appreciation certificate signed by our District Superintendent, Brian Milford, and our Bishop, Julius Trimble in this newsletter.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile is completed when the church contributes \$12 or more per member to mission projects over and above apportionments and when the church has fully supported projects in every rainbow mission category, which you have also done. Following is a list of the missions you contributed to in 2012 making it possible for us to reach the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mile goal:

### **PURPLE**

-Special Sunday Offerings (such as One Great Hour of Sharing & World Communion Sunday)

### **INDIGO**

- Builders Call
- Women at the Well
- SW District Offerings

### **BLUE**

-IA Disaster Relief

### **GREEN**

- Heifer Project
- Local Food Baskets
- Local Food Pantry
- School Milk Money
- Care & Share
- Children's Square

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### **YELLOW**

-Sandy Storm Relief

### **ORANGE**

-Red Bird Mission  
-US Missionary, Karen Ujereh

### **RED**

-Imagine No Malaria  
-UM Global Aid  
-Nigeria Student Scholarship  
-PET  
-Ghana Water Project

Upon completion of the Rainbow Mission Categories, a church can go "Over the Rainbow" (3<sup>rd</sup> Mile) by contributing to local needs and missionary support, which you did through your donations to:

-Trinity UMC  
-Shoe Box Angels

-Camp Scholarships

-Aid & Assistance

-Larry Kies, Missionary serving in Zimbabwe, Africa

As I said earlier in my article, I feel so blessed to be a part of a denomination that has, since its beginning, sought to love its neighbors and to hear the cry of the needy. I need to add to that statement. I feel so very blessed to be serving a church who takes this call to love its neighbors and to hear the cry of the needy to heart. Through your generosity in giving to the mission projects of our church, you have reached out to countless people in need with the love of Jesus Christ. Thank you for sharing your gifts with others.

And All God's Children Said,

"Amen."

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### **June Third Sunday Offering**

Our June mission emphasis will be **Habitat for Humanity**. Habitat relies on volunteers of all ages, donations, and the "sweat equity" of those purchasing the home. However, few of us are aware of the Re Store. The Habitat for Humanity Council Bluffs ReStore sells surplus new and used building materials and home items at 50 to 90% less than retail prices. All items sold at the ReStore are donated. Proceeds from the ReStore support Habitat for Humanity Council Bluffs in building and renovating simple, decent and affordable homes.

The address for the Council Bluffs Re Store is 1436 N 15th St. and Omaha has one at 1003 So 24th St.

### **New Book in the Library**

"God Is In the Small Stuff for your Family" has been donated to the library. "Slow down and invite God into the details of your family life" by Bruce & Stan, authors of "God Is in the Small Stuff and it all matters."

## ***PERSONALS***

### **Thank You**

I want to thank Bernie Bolton and the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee for the lovely flowers I received for Secretary's Day. They kept nice for a long time. I really appreciated the remembrance.

--Sheryl Sindt

### **Oakland United Methodist Church,**

Thank you for the generous scholarship the church gave me. I'm sure glad I applied.

Thank you also for the book. Yes, I have looked through it. I will use it throughout my future years ahead.

I won't forget you all!

Hayden Haines

### **Cans For VBS**

Last month the Lion's Club Can Corral was designated for the Vacation Bible School. At the time of the May newsletter we had not received the count from the donations. The final check from the Lion's Club was for \$638.20. Thank you everyone who donated their cans.

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Dear friends and family,

Greetings once more from Mutare, Zimbabwe!!

Recently we were enjoying a cup of coffee with some visiting Volunteers in Mission when they asked about our backgrounds. Hearing that I (Larry) grew up in Iowa, one then asked, 'What does it feel like to be outside of your comfort zone for so long?'

My reply was that after 18 years in Zimbabwe, 11 here at Africa University, this is now part of my comfort zone. However, once in awhile I have reminders that we are on the other side of the world from my origins.

An annual reminder starts in late April when our poinsettia bushes start blooming. Poinsettias only start flowering when the days reach a minimum shortness. The floral industry goes to great lengths in the US and England to ensure that the correct hours of light occur in time for full bloom before mid-December. Here in the southern hemisphere, the plant's scarlet petals come six months too early for Christmas.



I first tasted avocado when I was in my 20's, so huge five-for-a-dollar avos are another reminder that we are not in Iowa.

Our Easter weekend provided yet other reminders.

On Good Friday we loaded our car with some of Jane's students from the DRC (Democratic Republic

of Congo) and drove to a rural church an hour away. Our double-cab pick-up only seats five in front, so the extras sat in the back. The students thought it quite funny when I used 'eenie, meenie, minie mo' to choose who would get the comfortable seats.

The service was supposed to start at nine, but eventually started at ten. A lunch break was scheduled for 12:30. We could see the outside kitchen crew using massive black 3-legged pots to cook for the crowd. However, the pastor announced at one o'clock that since the food was not yet ready, the congregation looked like they needed another sermon. She then proceeded to preach for 90 minutes. She spoke in Shona, but someone translated into English for the sake of Jane's students and us. Her style and message were such that people remained interested the whole time.

At 3 pm the lunch was finally ready, so a closing prayer combined with a grace for the food ended the five-hour service.

Easter morning we were blessed to participate in a sunrise service in the mountains near Mutare, looking over the border into Mozambique.

Especially during the Good Friday service we were reminded that here worship styles (and tolerance for unexpected delays) are very different from those in the typical American church (how many in your congregation would still be joyful after five hours?).

***But how great it is to share together our faith, and know that despite cultural, language and other differences we have the same Lord... who has risen from the dead!***

We hope your Easter was as eventful.

### **CAMPUS NEWS**

March 23-24 saw many visitors descending on the campus for the festivities celebrating the first 20 years of Africa University. The Dream is Alive! (cont'd)

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Classes are now on break until August, and we are looking forward to the graduation ceremony on June 8. Seeing our former students in caps and gowns always pulls at our heartstrings- especially those who we know could only graduate with the help of scholarships. And, Jane, always smiles when she remembers how little English her students had four years ago

### **FARM NEWS**

Big news on the university farm was the arrival of the new 82 hp Massey Ferguson tractor- at last. Many, many thanks to all who helped make the purchase possible!!!!



*Our new tractor helping harvest potatoes.*

### **FAMILY NEWS**

**Michael** is very happy to have a puppy; Carly's cat, Gypsy, is less than thrilled about Vader (as in Darth Vader). We were very pleased to hear Michael play keyboard in church with Carly and other youth.

**Pule** survived his first winter in Fargo and now cycles to work sometimes. A year ago we were celebrating his graduation from Iowa State!

**Ben** plans to move from Boston to start a new job in New York City in July. We are glad that he changed his mind about attending the Boston Marathon so was not directly affected by the bombing.

**Carly** trained hard and won medals in both the high school national swimming finals and the national track finals. She will write her SATs in June and is still very undecided about college plans. She also drives to school now that she has her driver's license!

### **LOCAL NEWS**

The election date is still to be set. Thankfully, we do not sense anywhere near the tension prevalent during the elections in 2008, and continue to encourage those who are considering a visit to 'come on over.'

*Over 80% of Zimbabwe's high school students failed their exams in 2012...a reminder of how much opportunity our graduates have to aid in the development of their countries.*

### ***Please pray***

For continued peace leading up to elections in Zimbabwe.

For our graduates that they find jobs and make a difference on their home continent and beyond

In thanksgiving that our residence permit was renewed for another year

Many thanks for your prayers, thoughts, emails, cards and support!

Yours and His,

Larry and Jane Kies

U.M.C. Advance Special numbers:

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Africa University Scholarships: 3021028

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### **Helping our Children to Understand**

My wife and I are parents of 3 small children, and like you we find it hard to talk to them when traumatic events come along. The last 8 to 10 months have really been difficult for so many parents, especially after such horrible events such as Newtown and just recently Boston. It's often during these times that our children are trying to figure out what this all means, and there are many fears within them that they just don't understand. It's during these times that we need to be there for them and reaffirm God's great love for them and also our love for them as a family and as a community. I would like to share a great resource that I think can offer some very genuine guidance and help from the General Board of Discipleship. It is very well done by Melanie Gordon the Director of Ministry with Children at the GBOD. I'm sure your family is asking the same questions as mine, so please take some time with your children and I hope that this information helps guide you as you share with them. God's grace and peace. Here's the link to Melanie's information: <http://wp.me/pXFoE-om> ¾

### **Eric Guy LDM for Young Adult & Generational Ministry Spinning Our Wheels**

We celebrated a birthday in our family this past weekend. Part of the weekend festivities required a trip to (and one of the gifts given required a purchase from) The Des Moines Bicycle Collective. Whether or not you know anything about the Des Moines - or any other - bicycle collective you can probably guess how the process works: Donated bikes are cleaned up,

repaired, refurbished, brought up to date and then sold at a significantly reduced price. Chains are and tightened. Gears are greased. Worn tires are exchanged for new. Broken and damaged parts are replaced. In short, what was once bright and new, but with time and wear has become tired and worn, is now given new life and is made useful once again.

All this has gotten me thinking about Church. There is significant history and tradition embedded in our churches. Communities of faith have marked important milestones in our faith development. Our places of worship, in many ways, have gotten us to the place where we are now. And yet, our traditions may be a bit dented, rusty, locked up and sometimes leave us stranded or unable to reach our intended destinations.

It's important for me to remember that the bike mechanics at the Des Moines Bicycle Collective don't completely remake the bikes. They don't repaint them or remodel them or replace them. The bikes clearly still maintain their function as bikes. They aren't repurposed for a different use. They don't become rusty ornaments relegated to garden flowerbeds. They don't become pristine pieces displayed in museums. They don't become melted scrap molded into some new unrecognizable thing. These bikes remain useful - probably more useful than they ever were. The bikes both remain true to what they have always been - with all their history and tradition - but they are now relevant once again.

So, what understanding of "church" that we possess might need to be cleaned up, or repaired, or refurbished, or brought up to date? What in the way we "do church" has become tired and worn out? And, what can - with a little work, a little creativity, and a little patience - be given new life and made useful again - maybe more useful than it's ever been.

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### **Summer's here: See you at Camp!**

Wow, it finally feels like summer! In fact, you're Iowa UMC Camp and Retreat Centers are ready to go and we're ready for all those young campers who will be coming to share with us this summer. If you've never been to camp, then this is the summer to start, and remember it's never too late to sign up for camp; we have young people sign up all the way into July. So, if you haven't signed up for camp yet then give us a call and we'll find the right one for you. Here's a sampling of some of our cool camps:

- "Go-Kart Camps" (Okoboji)
- "Teen Week" (Okoboji)
- "Short Stacks" (Okoboji)
- "Adventure Camps" (Okoboji)
- "The Jump 2 Camp" (Pictured Rocks)
- "Girls Only Adventure" (Pictured Rocks)
- "Night Vision 1" (Pictured Rocks)
- "Encounter" (Pictured Rocks)
- "A Friend & Me Adventures Overnight" (Wesley Woods)
- "Animals, Animals, Animals" (Wesley Woods)
- "Horses, Horses, Horses" (Wesley Woods)
- "Green Striped Hippos" (Wesley Woods)

This is just a small portion of the camps we offer, but I hope it gives you a feel of the fun and cool things you can do. If you'd like to learn more about some of our other summer camps, please check out the following link to see what might best fit you, and as always, feel free to call one of your Iowa UMC Camp Team Members if you have any questions, we'd be glad to help. Also, I've included a link to a young person's testimony of how camp changed their life; it's powerful and I think you'll enjoy reading it. God bless you all, and all of us from your Iowa UMC Camp and

Retreat Team look forward to seeing you this summer.

### **No More Malaria Shirts are Now Available!**

**Let the world know we are saving lives!**

A few days ago, I was eating dinner with some friends and our waitress asked me what my green wristband was for. I turned to her proudly and said - I'm a part of the United Methodist Church and we are saving lives. I told her about the awesome work we get to be a part of and how only \$10 can buy a net or can provide diagnosis and treatment for someone who has contracted malaria. She thought it was amazing that we were involved in that kind of work and mentioned as she was heading out, "My friend asked me to go to her church... I think it's Methodist... I'm going to have to go now!"

You, too, can let the world know we are saving lives. You can order our bright green wristbands or some of our new t-shirts. We now have available two different t-shirt designs that help promote Imagine No Malaria here in Iowa... and help save lives at the same time. The t-shirts are \$10 each and over half of that amount goes back into the ministry. The green shirt says: "This Bites! Every 60 seconds, a child dies from malaria." and on the back proudly states that you are a LIFESAVER. The light brown shirt has our logo on the front and on the back it says "If you think you are too small to make a difference, try spending the night with a mosquito. – African Proverb"

The best way to get t-shirts is to pick one up at a conference event or at annual conference. If your church would like to order shirts for an event (like your pancake breakfast), please download the Order Form from the Conference website. We will charge \$2/shirt for shipping if you need the shirts mailed to you.

Everyday, find a way to tell the world about how we are saving lives - and they can, too!

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You remember the headlines from 2012.

Hurricane Sandy whips New York and New Jersey. Tornadoes pummel the Ohio Valley and the southern United States. Wildfires rage in Colorado and Montana. Droughts plague the United States and the African Sahel. Avalanche buries civilians, soldiers in Pakistan. Earthquake shakes Iran. Typhoons and floods hit the Philippines. Refugee crisis grows as Syrian families flee civil war.

In response to many of these disasters, United Methodists reached out in phenomenal ways as neighbors far and near coped with life-changing losses.

Thanks to your generous gifts to the **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering, you provided the much-needed staff to administer hope and healing. Without your gifts year after year, the United Methodist Committee on Relief could not respond to disasters quickly and effectively.

**In 2012 alone, the disasters to which UMCOR staff responded included:**

UMCOR's assistance wasn't limited to material goods. "We want to be proactive and not just react, so capacity-building among the people is the focus of our humanitarian response," said Ciony Ayo-Eduarte, Philippines director for UMCOR.

**UMCOR staff direct and coordinate these efforts on your behalf.**

One Great Hour of Sharing calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with

those who hurt. Your gifts to the special offering ensure that 100 percent of donations toward specific disasters go to help disaster survivors. One Great Hour of Sharing funds pay UMCOR's administrative expenses. Although many United Methodists celebrated One Great Hour of Sharing on the designated date — March 10 — contributions are always appreciated.

While you may never travel physically to the places that make the headlines, through your generous gifts to **One Great Hour of Sharing**, you are there. Thank you!

In mission and ministry together,

Thomas Kemper General Secretary General Board of Global Ministries

### **Scholarship Recipients**

Three seniors applied for our Oakland UMC Memorial Scholarship.

On Senior Recognition Sunday, May 5, Hayden Haines, Cory Reichart, and Dani Turner were each awarded this scholarship. Our second year recipients of this scholarship were Haley Hummel and Anna Hildebrand.

The Knudsen Scholarship, awarded to a senior who will be attending Morningside College, was awarded to Rachel Faga.

Congratulations to all the recipients!



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Camryn Pierson
- 5 Troy Kinnison
- 7 Taylor Weirich
- 7 Hayden Haines
- 8 Ward Young
- 9 Maverick Kalb
- 11 Becky Hobson
- 12 Bill Adams
- 12 Robin Jefferson
- 13 Kacey Danker
- 14 Marsha Beedle
- 14 Haley Hummel
- 15 Merle Larson
- 16 Kelly Bentley
- 17 Brody Henderson
- 17 Dawson Henderson
- 19 Marvin Clark
- 19 Andy Rollins
- 20 Adam Bartlett
- 20 Evan Sowers
- 21 Beverly Beckendorf
- 22 Nolan Moore
- 24 Scott Duhachek
- 24 Dustin Applegate
- 25 Merlin Jones
- 26 Velda Husz
- 27 Carter Bentley
- 28 Andy Bentley
- 29 Mitch Rollins
- 29 Emma Ehmke
- 30 Junellyn Pierce
- 30 Cody Schueman



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Carol Kroft
- 4 Dawn Royalty
- 4 Scott Harris
- 5 Todd Bentley
- 5 Dallas Bane
- 6 Collin Sowers
- 7 Lisa Rollins
- 7 Liz McMahan
- 8 Sydney Somers
- 9 Dana Harris
- 9 Veva Larson
- 9 Bo Reed
- 10 Kim Bane
- 10 Hannah Hummel
- 12 Shirley Frizzell
- 12 Danene Hildebrand
- 14 Pam Ehmke
- 15 Wayne Bryant
- 15 Dakota Feigenbutz
- 16 Kasper Rieken
- 17 Roger Schnack
- 17 Keagan Allensworth
- 19 Brogan Allensworth
- 20 Merv Larimore
- 21 Jared Schwarte
- 22 Ray Galitz Jr.
- 22 Collin Applegate
- 23 Walt Keast
- 25 Kyle Hackett
- 26 Erin Pierson
- 26 Justus Brammer
- 27 Landen Pedersen
- 29 Joyce Shiffer
- 29 Jonathon Schwarte
- 30 Jacob Miller
- 31 Joyce Henry
- 31 Daryl Henningsen
- 31 Sara Haines
- 31 Amanda Applegate



### SUMMER CAMP

**Be thinking about going to camp.  
Scholarships are available. Contact  
Robin Jefferson or Sheryl in the office.**

## June Calendar of Events

|                  |                              |  |
|------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Sun, June 2      | 10:00 a.m.                   | Worship/Communion                                    |
|                  | 11:00 a.m.                   | Koinonia   |
|                  | 3—5 p.m.                     | Ed Kail's retirement gathering Carson Community Bldg |
|                  | 5:00 p.m.                    | Hispanic Worship Service                             |
| Fri—Mon 7th—10th |                              | Pastor Karen and Sheryl at Annual Conference         |
| June 11th—24th   |                              | Secretary Sheryl Sindt on vacation                   |
| Sun, June 9      | 10:00 a.m.                   | Worship  |
|                  | 11:00 a.m.                   | Koinonia   |
|                  | 5:00 p.m.                    | Hispanic Worship Service                             |
| Sun, June 16     | 10:00 a.m.                   | Worship/Habitat For Humanities 3rd Sunday            |
|                  | 11:00 a.m.                   | Koinonia   |
|                  | 11:15 a.m.                   | Adult Bible Study                                    |
| 17th—21st        | 6:00 p.m.<br>to<br>8:15 p.m. | Registration at 5:30/Vacation Bible School           |
| Sun, June 23     | 10:00 a.m.                   | Worship/Baptism                                      |
|                  | 11:00 a.m.                   | Koinonia   |
|                  | 11:15 a.m.                   | Adult Bible Study ?                                  |
|                  | 5:00 p.m.                    | Hispanic Worship Service                             |
| Thu, June 27     | 7:00 p.m.                    | Administrative Board Meeting                         |
| Sun, June 30     | 10:00 a.m.                   | Worship/Conservation Sunday                          |
|                  | 11:00 a.m.                   | Koinonia   |
|                  | 11:15 a.m.                   | Adult Bible Study ?                                  |
|                  | 5:00 p.m.                    | Hispanic Worship Service                             |



## **Mark Your Calendars**

**Vacation Bible School will be held in  
the evenings June 17- 21 at the  
Oakland UMC.**

# **GODLY HUMOR**

- Moses was making a speech to his people after his conference with God on Mt. Sinai. Pointing to his tablet, he said, "And now, a message from my sponsor."

"Does your husband attend church regularly?"

"Oh, yes. He hasn't missed an Easter Sunday since we were married."

- A man who survive the Johnstown flood never tired of telling about his experiences. He grew old and died and went to heaven. St. Peter met him at the gate and welcomed him and said, "If there is anything you can think of that will make you happier here, just mention it."

"Well, there is one thing," replied the man. "I'd like to tell everyone about my terrible experiences in the Johnstown flood."

"All right," replied St. Peter. "There should be someone here who hasn't heard you tell it. But I think I should warn you, Noah is here somewhere."

- Jimmy came skipping home with a big candy bar in his hand. "Where did you get that candy?" his mother asked.

"I bought it with the dime you gave me."

"But that dime was for Sunday School."

"I know," replied Jimmy, "but the preacher met me at the door and let me in free."

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- The boy listened closely as the rabbi read the Bible. "May I ask a question?" he asked. "Sure. Go ahead. Ask your question," replied the rabbi.

"Well, the Bible says that the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea—the children of Israel built the temple—the children of Israel did this and the children of Israel did that. Didn't the grownups ever do anything?"

- "What did the rabbi talk about in church today?" the father asked his young son.

"Well, he told about how the Jews got chased out of Israel, and they came to the Red Sea. The Jews saw the Egyptians following them, so they built a bridge over the Red Sea and got over safe. But when the Egyptians kept coming, the Jews blew up the bridge and the Egyptians fell in the sea and drowned."

"You mean the rabbi told you this story?"

"No, not exactly, said the boy, the way he told it you'd never believe it."

- A very religious man heard a noise in the night. When he got out of bed he investigated and found a burglar in his house. He got his gun and stood quietly in the doorway, pointing it at the burglar.

"My friend," he said softly, "I wouldn't do you any harm, but you're standing where I am about to shoot."

- A minister was speaking of the difference between fact and faith: "That you are sitting in front of me in the pews is a fact. That I am speaking to you from the pulpit is also a fact. It is, however, only faith that makes me believe any of you are listening."

## **GUIDELINES FOR CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION**

When you come to this congregation to receive pastoral care, participate in small groups, or have prayer, it is understood that you may share personal stories with the pastoral staff. These disclosures will be handled with the utmost care and with consideration for your right to control their dissemination.

When you receive pastoral counseling, the pastor will consider what is shared to be a sacred trust. This information will remain confidential with a few legal and ethical exceptions. These exceptions are determined by State and Federal laws and the ethics codes of clergy in each denomination.

If you disclose to a pastor, lay minister, group leader, or other mandated reporter that a child (someone under the age of 18) has been harmed or is at risk of being harmed, or that an elderly person or disabled person has been harmed or is at risk of being harmed, the information necessary to protect individuals from such harm will be forwarded to protective services.

If you tell a member of the pastoral staff that you are in danger of harming yourself, being harmed, or harming someone else, the information shared with our staff may no longer be considered confidential and may be forwarded to protective services or state law enforcement agencies. If the disclosure falls under state or federal law as a mandated report, it will be disclosed according to those laws.

Although there are circumstances under which some state laws may protect a one-on-one "privileged" conversation between a clergy person and a parishioner from disclosure, this only happens in very limited situations, such as a confessional booth with a priest or the confession of an incarcerated person facing execution. In the daily practice of ministry where counseling is provided, children and adults are offered prayer, and education or supervision is provided, this information is likely not "privileged." Disclosures made to members of the clergy while passing in the hallway of a church, at a church function, or where others are present are not likely "privileged" under the law. When parishioners turn to ministers for guidance these conversations are not protected from disclosure if harm has occurred or would likely occur if such disclosure is not forthcoming.

As a Christian fellowship we are called to create an atmosphere of personal respect and safety. We intend to be a congregation that is free of rumors or gossip. When you share your story with pastoral staff or lay members in the congregation we recognize that you are entrusting us with your personal and spiritual information, and we will do all we can to honor that trust. Pastoral confidences will be honored within the limits of these legal and ethical guidelines regarding the reporting of harm to others. When harm is not of concern, pastoral confidences are held in sacred trust, and as such will not be passed to anyone else in the congregation or outside of the congregation without your documented verbal permission or written permission. We believe that with these guidelines in place, and regular evaluation of these guidelines, we create and maintain a congregation of safety and respect.

(McClintock, 2009)

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## **Vacation Bible School Registration Form** (VBS to be held at the Oakland UMC)

June 17—21 from 6:00—8:15 p.m. Light meal served at 6:00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirts will be available for \$9. If interested please circle your size:

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| Extra Small | Size 2 – 4   |
| Small       | Size 6 – 8   |
| Medium      | Size 10 – 12 |
| Large       | Size 14 -16  |
| X-Large     | Size 16+     |

If in need of assistance purchasing a t-shirt please contact one of the church offices.

Method of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Cash

Payment Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or e-mail to the Oakland United Methodist Church:

PO Box 606, Oakland or oaklandumc@frontiernet.net

**Yellow Jackets/Bulldogs Throwback Game**



**What:** Charity basketball game between the last 2 basketball teams in the Riverside community to play in the state tournament; 1986 vs. 2013! A pregame lunch and silent auction will be held before the game. Auction items include autographed sports memorabilia by professional athletes and college coaches.

**Why:** Have fun, reunite, share memories, and raise money to save lives! All proceeds will go toward *Imagine No Malaria*, a national campaign with the goal to end malaria-related deaths in Africa.

**When and Where:** Saturday, June 15;

Lunch and Silent Auction from 12:00-1:30PM @ Carson United Methodist Church

Pregame warm-ups at 2:00PM with Tipoff at 2:30PM @ Carson Middle School

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL THE FESTIVITIES!**

-The lunch and game are free of charge. A free-will offering is welcomed and appreciated and will go toward the Imagine No Malaria campaign. For more information visit <http://www.imagenomalaria.org/>

-Results of the silent auction will be announced at halftime of the basketball game. Halftime will also include a half court dollar shot, with the chance to win 1/3 of the money if you sink the half-courter!

-The lunch menu will include savory smoked meat, a variety of salads, drinks, and desserts.

# JUNE VOLUNTEERS

## **NURSERY**

### **VOLUNTEERS**



- 2nd Gloria Gleaves
- 9th Barb Schorsch
- 16th Lindsey Henderson
- 23rd Joan Shanno
- 30th Lindsay Bentley

## **KOINONIA**

- 2nd Bernie, Norma, Lori, Mischa
- 9th Sandy Bane & Lucia Kinnison
- 16th
- 23rd Larry & Judie Danker

## **USHERS,** Ushers & Greeters

### **GREETERS,**

### **CANDLELIGHTERS**



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jerry & Suzanne Pierce  
Skip & Ilene Applegate  
Candle lighters  
Andrew Jones & Sarah Jones
- 9<sup>th</sup> Mark & Lynelle Jeppesen  
Merle & Veva Larson  
Candle lighters  
Kyra Martens & Kristian Martens
- 16<sup>th</sup> Doc & LaVinna Blanchard  
Marty & Kristy Rieken  
Candle lighters  
Emma Ehmke & Anna Duhachek
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Gerald & Carol Wilson  
Larry & Judie Danker  
Candle lighters  
Grace Gleaves & Camryn Pierson
- 30<sup>th</sup> Butch & Velda Husz  
Ward Young & Ronnie Lockwood  
Cancel lighters  
Andrew Jones & Kristian Martens

## **5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship Service**

|      | Host              | Nursery      |
|------|-------------------|--------------|
| 2nd  | Margaret White    | Carol Wilson |
| 9th  | Leslie Cleaveland |              |
| 16th |                   |              |
| 23rd | Mischa Martens    |              |
| 30th |                   |              |

**CAN YOU HELP?**

**Snack Food Needed for  
Vacation Bible School**

June 17—21

Fruit  
Carrots & Celery  
Cookies  
Brownies  
Trail mix items (no popcorn)  
-cereal  
-pretzels  
-fish crackers, etc

*Contact the office if you can help.*



# JULY VOLUNTEERS

## **NURSERY**

### **VOLUNTEERS**



- 7 Kristy Rieken
- 14 Lisa Pierson
- 21 Suzanne Pierce
- 28 Carol Wilson

## **USHERS,**



## **GREETERS,**

### **CANDLELIGHTERS**

- 7th Jean Blackburn & Jessie Shiffer  
Joan Shanno & Leigh Bell  
Candle lighters  
Andrew Jones & Sarah Jones

- 14th Lisa Rollins & Lauren Schueman  
Lindsey Henderson & ReAnn Hildebrand  
Candle lighters  
Kyra Martens & Kristian Martens

- 21st Claire Palmer & Mary Waggoner  
Barb Schorsch & Cathey Grosvenor  
Candle lighters  
Emma Ehmke & Anna Duhachek

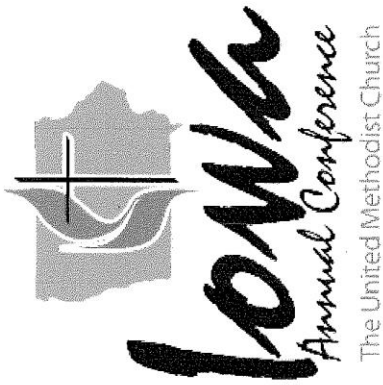
- 28th Norma Taylor and Carolyn McJunkin  
Bud & Marsha Beedle  
Candle lighters  
Grace Gleaves & Camryn Pierson



## **JULY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 4th & 5th Church office will be closed for 4th
- Sun, July 7 10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
- 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
- 5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship Service
- Sun, July 14 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
- 5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship Service
- Sun, July 21 10:00 a.m. Worship/Soles For Souls 3rd Sunday
- 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
- Sun, July 28 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
- 5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship Service





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## ***Disciple Express***

### **May School Teachers for Nigeria**

Congratulations to Rev. Ande Emmanuel, our Iowa supported graduate at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., on his Master's of Arts Degree. Ande arrived in the U.S. in August 2011 and began his studies with the help of the following persons/groups:

**Dow City and Dunlap UMC Churches/Christine Brink**

**Katie and Mike Powers of Sperry**

**Kathryn Newhall/Trinity UMC in Cedar Rapids**

**Camp Wesley Woods/Deke Rider in Indianola**

**Bishop Trimble and Iowa Cabinet**

**Taylor Scholarship of Boone UMC**

**LaMars UMC, LeMars**

**Many friends who provided clothing, books, supplies, funds, overnight housing, meals and prayers**

Ande comes from a hard working family with 10 siblings who are felt the need to be educated. After high school Ande received God's call to work for God in ministry. He graduated from Banyam Theological Seminary in Bambar, the Reformed Theological Seminary in Benue State. He began his pastoral ministry at Sabon Layi UMC, was ordained deacon in 2009 and thanks to Bishop Kulah and Bishop Trimble, he was ordained elder in June 2012 in Iowa. Ande enjoyed Christmas 2011 in Iowa, spent the 2012 summer as a camp counselor at Wesley Woods in Indianola and learned his way around D.C.

During his last semester Ande had an internship with the General Board of Church and Society working with Neal Christie, their educational director. Ande assisted with a presentation to African delegates in Zimbabwe in January, returned to Nigeria in Feb. to arrange for a "Peace and Reconciliation" seminar in March and will return back to Nigeria following graduation exercises. GBCS wants to give him a position as West African Grassroots Organizer & Advocate consultant. He was sent to the United National Center in New York for four days training on Grassroots Organizing. He would be working out of Nigeria where he lives in Jalingo with his wife, Lami and baby, Goodness.

Ande says, "I always tell people in Nigeria that I am the most fortunate person among those who benefited from Iowa Nigeria Partnership. This is not only a mere statement; it is a real

testimony of how UMC Iowa Annual Conference has impacted my life in a positive way that has transformed me to what I am today. I owe everything to Iowa Annual Conference. I want to use this medium to send my appreciation to the entire Iowa Annual Conference, for the radical hospitality it has shown me over these years that I was a student at Wesley Theological Seminary Washington DC. Honestly, I lack word to express my innermost gratitude for all that I have received from Iowa Annual Conference. I would love to mention names but there is no enough space here to contain the long list of people that have made a considerable impact in my life."

May God reward all UMC Iowa members. By the grace of God my commencement comes May 13th at the Washington Cathedral. After graduation I hope to go back to Africa and help in building the Church and Community through grassroots organizing and to assist Bishop John Wesley Yohanna in peace building and conflict transformation. I also hope to continue my doctorate degree depending on the availability of funding. Thank you!"

Ande's story is a success story, a win-win situation for him but also for the Iowa Conference who has faithfully supported him to further his theological education allowing him to become well educated, well spoken and well equipped to be a leader with United Methodism on the African continent, especially in Nigeria. He returns to Nigeria on May 20.

If you wish to offer him a "graduation" gift, send funds through your church to the Conference Treasurer designated: INP, #230, Ande Emmanuel.

A kitchen in desperately needed at Banyam Theological Seminary where a wind storm blew through the student housing area destroying several makeshift kitchens. The cost for a new one is \$700 which would be used by several families.

Davidson Adams continues his computer technology studies at Western Iowa Technical Community College in Sioux City. He is enrolled for the summer and will continue through to May 2014. He is challenged by the educational teaching methods used in U.S. schools which are different from "rote" learning in Nigeria. The computer textbooks for his classes are over \$100 each which puts a drain on his finances. You are welcome to help support him during his time at WITCC as he prepares to return to Nigeria to coordinate the UMC of Nigeria's Computer programs.

Beverly Nolte

5221 Village Run Ave. #604

Des Moines IA 50317 515 266 4186 home

## Administrative Board Meeting



Thursday, April 18, 2013

Members Present: Barb Schorsch, Karen Hoff, Veva Larson, Terry Gleaves, Dick & Louise Merkle, Skip Applegate, Norma & Bernie Bolton, Lynelle Jeppesen, and Ed Kail.

Board Chair, Barb Schorsch called the meeting to order and asked Pastor Karen to open the meeting with prayer.

Ed Kail is moving to the Kansas City Area for retirement and plans to begin a neighborhood ministry. He would appreciate our prayers for this ministry. Ed then reviewed our Five Practices for Fruitful Congregations Plans for the future. Helpful suggestions and discussion followed.

Louise and Dick described their idea for neighborhood block parties. It would help neighbors to meet neighbors (learn names) and build a sense of community. There would be no organized mixers, hosts would provide meat and drinks and others would bring side dishes. The HTC flyer could be passed out. The city map could be used to define neighborhoods. Pictures could be taken and sent to the newspaper with a short article.

Norma read Luke 4:16-21.

The Secretary's Report was read. Bernie moved to approve, Terry seconded, Approved.

Dick Merkle presented the Treasurer's Report. Skip moved to approve, Norma seconded, Approved.

Finance Team: Terry reported that the Knudsen Scholarship CD had matured and has been renewed for three years @ 2.39%.

Board of Trustees: Bernie did a walk-through at the church with Dick Kates to identify maintenance needs.

A new faucet is needed in the kitchen. The north windows need to be caulked.

Painting and Repair in the Narthex. Cleaning and

insulating the attic.

Dick will do these at an hourly wage beyond his salary.

Van Ert Glass bid \$20,865 to repair windows, doors, and stained glass on the south side of the old church.

Sean Emke is working with an architect/engineer on basement work and elevator possibility.

Bob Myers will be working on the parsonage.

Mark Jeppesen has new furnaces in and functioning.

Staff-Parish Relations Team: Bernie said that Dick Kates would have a 6 month evaluation. Payment for weddings and funerals and job description will be ready at that time.

Karen's evaluation will be done in April. It is due May 1st. Parsonage inspection is due May 20.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Karen

Calendar –

Youth -- the Wednesday evening group is averaging 30 youth. Recently they had a program for the high school on Teen Pregnancy. The same program was then presented to the junior high group.

Lay Leader—no report

Ministry Team Reports:

Missions Team— no report

Nominations – Pastor Karen – Veva Larson was nominated as board secretary. Nomination Approved.

Education – Children's Sunday School – Leigh Bell – Bible School will start June 17 – Monday – Friday.

Adult Education – Kristy Rieken & Lynelle Jeppesen – The last Dave Ramsey class will be on Monday. The Legacy Journey is the "next step" and may be offered in the fall.

Old Business

Secretary's Salary -- Bernie moved and Dick M. seconded that Sheryl's salary be increased from \$7200 to \$7500 or \$625 a month. Motion approved.

## *Disciple Express*

Energy Audit – Mid-America Rebate Application needed a signature.

Malaria Pancake Breakfast April 28<sup>th</sup> – Mark Jeppesen has asked several for help. Meat will be donated from Oakland Foods. Sharon will be asked to pick up plates, drink cups, and silverware.

Wireless Adapter – Karen bought one for \$30. Trevor Jefferson installed it and it is working.

### New Business

Parsonage – Sewer backed up in basement. The carpet was torn up. Terry Gleaves will talk to Mike Baragay about checking sewer line.

City Wide Clean-Up May 2-5 – May 5<sup>th</sup> we will clean up the library yard after church then come back to church for Blimpie Sandwiches.

English Classes – Ernie Ruehle is trying to get these started again.

Church Mutual Walk Through – the Insurance Company will be here April 26<sup>th</sup> to see if there are any liability issues.

Set Up in Old Sunday School Room – a TV stand is needed. Veva Larson will check on one that is no longer being used.

The next Board Meeting will be Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.

Terry moved to Adjourn the meeting. Bernie Seconded. Approved.

Barb Schorsch closed the meeting with prayer.

Veva Larson

Board Secretary

**Cherokee Indian legend** Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of Passage? His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone.



Once he survives the night, he is a MAN. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man!

Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold.



It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone.

Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, Sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.



**Moral of the story:** *Just because you can't see God, Doesn't mean He is not there. "For we walk by faith, not by sight."*

## LOST AND FOUND

Several pieces of outerwear have been left at the Oakland UMC. We are attempting to locate the owners. Following is a list of the items:

- blue/gray men's winter jacket with hood
- gray/orange stripes men's Garst spring jacket, L
- navy/yellow stripes Cherokee spring jacket, XL
- red Trax spring jacket, L
- black John Storm women's spring coat, L
- green/lace collar Loft jacket, L
- red/blue stripes Artic Circle men's winter jacket, L
- gray winter women's coat, L
- black Old Navy women's spring coat, M
- red women's sweater, L
- brown zippered sweater, L youth
- white Cherokee zippered sweater, 6/6x
- black winter scarf
- three ball caps- Hawkeye, Lake Tahoe, Napa Outdoors

The items are hanging in Fellowship Hall. If you think any of the items may belong to you, please come and take a look at them or call the church office. Items not claimed by the end of July, will be donated.



## MISSION TRIP SUPPLIES

Brianna Skank has raised enough money to go on the mission trip to Haiti. Thanks everyone who donated to her expenses.

The group will be taking supplies with them and would accept donations of the following items. There is basket in the entry of the church to leave the items.

-Children's clothing (boys & girls various sizes, ages 5-17, light weight

summer wear

- White rice
- Jelly/jam
- Ragu spaghetti sauce
- Oatmeal
- Pringles
- Dinty Moore Beef Stew
- Clorox wipes
- Septic safe toilet tissue
- Paper plates
- Bar soap
- Plastic mattress covers, twin
- Twin size mattress pads

- Paint roller covers (heavy nap)
- plastic knives/forks/spoons
- Peanut Butter
- Spaghetti
- Macaroni n' cheese
- Cream of wheat
- Pancake mix
- Pampers
- Glad wrap
- Pillows
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste

## BE PREPARED

Once again we are reminded that weather in Iowa can change in a few hours. Who would have thought that we would have snow on the second of May?! But it does give us a chance to pause and reflect on our need of a disaster plan to help us when those unforeseen things happen.

Each person is unique and has different needs and abilities. Therefore each individual can take steps to prepare for all kinds of emergencies and put plans in place for each situation. Take time to evaluate you and your families own needs and making an emergency plan so you can be better prepared for any situation.

If you need to look at a plan go to the IAUMC disaster website or if you have special needs you might want to look at <http://www.ready.gov/individuals-access-functional-needs> for some guidance. Trish Burket

Iowa United Methodist Church Conference Disaster Response Coordinator (IUMCDRC),

Iowa Disaster Human Resource Council (IDHRC) Board  
223 Crystal St #308  
Ames, Iowa 50010  
cell: 515-460-4892

## REMEMBER OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN



**Kristie Copenhaver**, John & Mary Lou Copenhaver's daughter; **Jared Myers**, son of Robert Myers and Sid & Tami Skank; **Sonja 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 & great-grandson of Edith Haines

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

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

**Oakland Manor:** Margaret Alff, Eileen Haines, Audrey Hartje

**Oakland Heights:** Lucille Bentley, Erma Cleaveland, Janice Harris, Pat Burgett



## BIBLE TRIVIA with hints

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1 What New Testament character was the "voice crying in the wilderness"? (Mark 1:3)                       | 6 What barren woman moved her lips in prayer but made no sound? (1 Samuel 1:13)                        |
| 2 What blind father recognized Jacob's voice but was deceived by his glove covered hands? (Genesis 27:22) | 7 According to Deuteronomy, where did God's voice come from? (Deut 5:24)                               |
| 3 When Moses was in the tabernacle, where did God's voice come from? (Numbers 7:89)                       | 8 Who told Saul that obeying God's voice was more important than sacrificing animals? (1 Samuel 15:22) |
| 4 Who heard a voice that said "Write down what you see?" (Revelation 1:10)                                | 9 Which Gospel mentions the voice of Rachel weeping for her children? (Matthew 2:18)                   |
| 5 Where did God speak to Moses in a voice like thunder? (Exodus 19:19)                                    | 10 Who heard the voice of an angel ordering that a large tree be chopped down? (Daniel 4:14)           |

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**June Third Sunday Offering  
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**Please begin saving your gently used shoes for our  
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