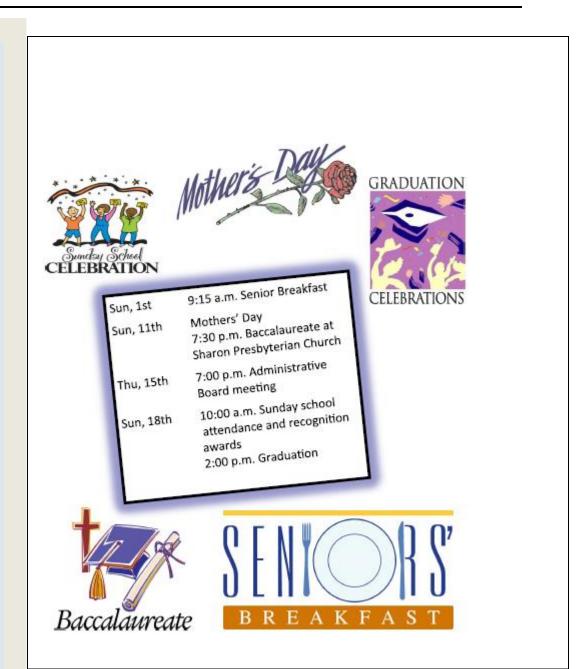


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Worship Service Time:

10:00 Worship 11:00 Koinonia

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



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I On May 18<sup>th</sup>, during our worship service, the Sunday School youth will receive their participation certificates. We will also recognize and present our Christian Education teachers with a Certificate of Appreciation. We are very blessed in this congregation to have people who are willing to give of their time, talents, and resources to teach our children/youth about our Lord and Savior.

The truth is (studies have proven) that a Christian education does make a difference in the lives of young people. Most importantly a child's faith is impacted by the church ministries they are a part of. Studies show that nearly half of all Americans who accept Jesus Christ as their Savior do so before the age of 13.

It is not only a child's faith that is impacted by a Christian education. A Christian education also plays a role in a child growing up to be a healthy, caring, and responsible adult. Search Institute has identified 40 building blocks (Developmental Assets) of healthy development that help young people grow up healthy, caring and responsible. One of the external assets states: "Religious Community – Young person spends one or more hours per week in a religious institution." Studies consistently show that the more Development Assets young people have, the more likely they are to be prepared for life and the less likely they are to engage in a wide range of high-risk behaviors.

What our teachers do for our young people, in the name of Jesus, is priceless! Please take time to thank these special people who give of their time, talents, and resources to teach our young people about our Lord and Savior. We are all blessed by this ministry.

And All God's Children Said,

"Amen."

Save Your Cans!

The Community Wide VBS Program will receive the proceeds from the Lion's Club Can Corral in May. Please deposit your cans in the can corral by the end of May. Thank You!!

#### **Opportunity to Serve**

If you would be interested in serving as a Sound Technician or Projector Technician for our church, please talk to either Bernie Bolton or Marty Reiken, cochairs of SPRC. Training will be provided.

#### Welcome!

Aiden, Wyatt, and Adalyn Bell, children of Herb & Leigh Bell, were baptized during the March 23 worship service. We celebrate this special time in the life of the church and in the lives of Aiden, Wyatt, and Adalyn. We welcome you in Christian love.

#### May 4 – Graduation Sunday

Please join us for worship on May 4th as we recognize our graduating seniors.

#### Sunday School Attendance Recognition/ Teacher Recognition

On Sunday, May 18, during the worship service, the Sunday School youth will receive their participation certificates and our Christian Education teachers will be recognized.

#### Men's Breakfast Group

The men who met for breakfast during the season of Lent have decided to continue to meet once a month on the second Saturday of the month at 7am in Fellowship Hall. The men have been reading and studying a book by Tony Dungy titled Quiet Strength. This is an invitation to all of the men of the church to come to the church on May 10 for breakfast and study. Please feel free to invite your neighbors and/or other friends.

Pastor Karen

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Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

## **ADVOCACY TEAM - 2014**

#### **PROTECTING CIVIL RIGHTS**

#### Providing Interpreters and Translators for Persons with Limited English Proficiency in Legal Proceedings (SF2199) *Approve*

We are a nation founded on the principles declared in our Declaration of Independence. *"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.* — That to secure *these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."* 

We are a people who believe in the rule of law, and in the rights of all people to have their day in court.

Many of us believe that we are children of God, created in God's image, and members of the family of God. We take pride in protecting our civil and human rights. We take pride in being a nation of immigrants and cherish the diversity of nations and peoples who have come to this land for freedom and justice for all.

Being a nation with people from many nations means we are also a nation with diverse languages. To protect the freedom of all people and to see that justice prevails, it is necessary that those whose first language is not English to have interpreters to help them receive equal justice in all legal proceedings.

This bill, SF2199, brings Iowa into compliance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, provides for the paying of translators and interpreters, and assures that migrants, refugees and immigrants will have equal protection of the law and due process in court proceedings. refugees coming to this land from southeast Asia, Cuba, and Africa. We welcome these new neighbors in our places of work and schools. It is only right that we provide for them the equal protection under the law that we take for granted, but that we cherish for all.

These new residents seek to learn English, but especially in legal proceedings, even if they have learned rudimentary English, they need interpreters to help them through the often confusing procedures in courts—procedures they have had no experience with coming from nations where equal protection and civil rights were often violated.

It is also the right of those who take on the responsibility of translation and interpretation to be paid fairly for the work they do to protect civil rights. They are an important part of our justice system. This bill provides a process which recognizes their value and reimburses them for their services.

We urge the support of SF2199 relating to interpreters and translators for limited English proficient participants in legal proceedings and in court-ordered programs.

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## Imagine No Malaria Total so Far

Imagine No Malaria announced April 10 that United Methodists are 80 percent of the way toward reaching their goal of raising \$75 million by 2015. In the past year alone, the people of The United Methodist Church have made



contributions and pledges of more than \$28 million, boosting the total raised to more than \$60 million.

Iowans have been proud to be the new home for

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#### FROM IOWA TO NIGERIA JOURNEY OF THE (InGathering) KITS

(Reprinted as written by Beverly Nolte, Iowa Nigeria Partnership)

With items collected at the 2013 InGathering, two sea containers (a 20 foot one and a 40 foot one) were loaded on March 5. Filled with a myriad of kits in approximately 1,500 boxes, 3 metal beds, ma@resses, 2 solar refrigerators, solar panels/hardware, robes/paraments, school furniture, 6 Personal Energy Transporta@on to men@on a few items. These containers journey from Pleasant Hill, Iowa to the east coast where they will be loaded on a vessel bound for Apapa, Nigeria arriving April 27. Stephen Moses, our UM agent in Abuja, will secure their release, get them through customs and loaded on trucks bound for Jalingo. The Iowa team will unload them on June 12 with distribu@on to the appropriate programs/projects.

A HUGE thanks to all the persons in Iowa UM Churches who have planned, purchased prepared and packed kits and to the InGathering sites where workers repacked them into uniform size boxes for easy loading.

These kits are gratefully received by our UM partners in Nigeria.

Na gode (thanks)!

# Apportionment Dollars at Work in the Southwest District

The Nodaway Valley Free Clinic (NVFC) provides free medical care to the people of Clarinda and the surrounding area. They offer examinations, diagnoses, diagnostic tests, administrative support (applying to medicine discount programs), pharmaceuticals, necessary medical transportation, education about care of chronic conditions, and follow-up and accountability for care.

The clinic is open three Thursday evenings per

month to extend basic health care services to people without other means of support. Their volunteers include physicians, nurses, and other health professionals, as well as support staff, who are available at no cost to patients. Five churches in the area support the NCFC with regular volunteers, including two pastors.

The NVFC is a part of the Free Clinics of Iowa, the largest network of free medical clinics in the state. This donor-supported, not-for-profit organization has over 30 clinics in both rural and urban settings.

The NVFC is supported in part through a Matthew 25 grant from the Southwest District. These funds are made available from apportionment donations given by local United Methodist churches of the Iowa Conference.

## Go camping!!!!

There are many camping opportunities available. There is also camping scholarships to help with the cost.





Oakland United Methodist Church, and the Camp Opportunities Committee, Thank you so much for helping fund my trip with 'Cru' to Panama City Beach, Flurida. It was one of the best experiences of my life. The evangelism training from the Big Break conference Prepared us to share the Gospel with people on the beach. It Was amazing to see the lives Changed throughout the entire week. Thank you so much for the continued support from the church and its members.

> Sincerely, Anna Hildebrand









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March 27, 2014

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Please let us know if you have questions and/or concerns, as we welcome the opportunity to speak with you. You can reach the Gift Processing Unit at 212-870-3611. You can find out more about UMCOR's work by visiting our website at **www.umcor.org**. To receive weekly updates about UMCOR's work, sign up on our website for the UMCOR Hotline, a weekly email about the latest happenings at UMCOR.

This gift will bring hope to those who need it most.

Grace and Peace,

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Roland Fernandes General Treasurer United Methodist Committee on Relief General Board of Global Ministries

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Shawn Bakker Deputy General Secretary Communications and Development

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#### Your help is needed.

Every Sunday Oakland Manor has a church service (they call it Sunday School.) Individuals and churches are helping to conduct these services. I would like for our church to volunteer to take the



4th Sunday at least every third month. We can do pretty much what we want, however, variety is appreciated. Four or more people work well. Pastor Karen has a list of resources if you would like to use those. I would like for us to have a list of interested people so that we can organize services for at least four times during the year. When you sign up you are not signing up for four services. If enough are on the list you might do it once a year, once every two year. These services are very important to the residents and their families. So friends, families, individuals, here's a great way to share our faith with the residents, their families, staff, and the community. If you are interested please contact the church office or Cathey Grosvenor cgr006@frontiernet.net 482-3511.

**Anna Hildebrand/Haley Hummel ?????** Sunday nights Watch for information about what these young ladies are about.

#### **Guest Preacher**

On June 1, Rev. Humberto Gonzalez will be our guest preacher. Rev. Gonzalez is from Cuba. Most recently he has been assisting with the Sunday evening Hispanic worship service at our church. Please come and hear Rev. Gonzalez share an inspirational message.

## **OUR GRADUATES 2014**

Reagan Gaynor Brian Gordon Tayler Mart Austin Morrison Connor Rankin Gabby Salais Brianna Skank

## Disciple Express May Daily Reading Guide

1	Psalm 80
2	Hebrews 11:1-22
3	Hebrews 11:23-40
4	Hebrews 12:1-29
5	Romans 1:1-17
6	Romans 2:1-16
7	Romans 3:21-31
8	Romans 4:1-12
9	Romans 4:13-25
10	Romans 5:1-21
11	Romans 6:1-23
12	Galatians 1:1-24
13	Galatians 2:1-21
14	Galatians 3:1-14
15	Galatians 3:5-29
16	Galatians 4:1-20
17	Galatians 4:21-31
18	Matthew 12:1-21
19	Matthew 12:22-37
20	Matthew 12:38-50
21	Matthew 14:1-21
22	Matthew 14:22-36
23	Matthew 15;21-39
24	Matthew 17:1-23
25	Ephesians 1:1-23
26	Ephesians 2:1-22
27	Ephesians 3:1-21
28	Ephesians 4:1-16
29	Acts 1:1-11

- 30 Acts 1:23-26
- 31 Psalm 47

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## History of Hymns: "Blessed Assurance"

by C. Michael Hawn

"Blessed Assurance" by Fanny J. Crosby *The United Methodist Hymnal,* No. 369

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of his spirit, washed in his blood. This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long.

Tune composer Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1839-1908) played a melody to Fanny Crosby and asked, "What does the melody say to you?" Crosby replied that the tune said, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!" and proceeded to recite the entire first stanza of the nowfamous hymn. Knapp was one of several tune writers that worked with Fanny Crosby. It was not unusual for one of her texts to be inspired by a preexisting tune. Knapp was the composer of more than five hundred gospel hymns and tunes.

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915), blind at the age of six weeks, was a lifelong Methodist who began composing hymns at age six. She became a student at the New York Institute of the Blind at age 15 and joined the faculty of the Institute at 22, teaching rhetoric and history. In 1885, Crosby married Alexander Van Alstyne, also a student at the Institute and later a member of the faculty. He was a fine musician and, like Fanny, a lover of literature.

An author of more than 8,000 gospel hymn texts, she drew her inspiration from her own faith. Crosby published hymns under several pen names including "Ella Dale," "Mrs. Kate Gringley," and "Miss Viola V. A." Her hymn texts were staples for the music of the most prominent gospel song writers of her day.

Frances Jane Crosby's hymns have historically been among the most popular songs sung by Methodists. "Blessed Assurance" (1873) is one of the ten most popular hymns sung by United Methodists according to Carlton Young, and it is one of eight Crosby hymns in *The United Methodist Hymnal*.

"Blessed Assurance" was published in 1873 in the monthly magazine edited by Joseph Fairchild Knapp and Phoebe Palmer Knapp, *Guide to Holiness*. Editor John R. Sweney included it in *Gems of Praise* (Philadelphia, 1873), and Knapp also chose it for "Bible School Songs" (1873). Perhaps the biggest boost came when it appeared in *Gospel Songs, No. 5* (1887) by Ira Sankey and was sung extensively in the Moody and Sankey revivals in Great Britain and the United States. It has been a part of Methodist hymnals since 1889.



## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Wyatt Bell
- 2 Shane Kinnison
- 2 Courtney Long
- 4 Shirley Adams
- 5 Jason Grobe
- 5 Michael Jacobsen
- 6 Tracy Reed
- 6 Robert McJunkin
- 8 Trisha Fulton
- 8 Kyler Rieken
- 9 Gene Gleaves
- 9 Norma Taylor
- 9 Keenan Sparks
- 11 LaDonna Applegate
- 11 Mike Bane
- 12 Erma Cleaveland
- 14 Rick Beedle
- 15 Michelle Kindred
- 16 Doc Blanchard
- 16 Kim Schorsch
- 20 Nancy Young
- 24 Charles Pierce
- 24 Dakota Somers
- 26 Dave Nolte
- 26 Andrew Jones
- 26 Sarah Jones
- 26 Brooklyn Hinzmann
- 27 Norma Bolton
- 28 Lila Hopping
- 31 Chris Wilson
- 31 Jacob Grobe





## <u>Disciple Express</u> REMEMBER OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

Kristie Copenhaver, John & Mary Lou Copenhaver's daughter; Jared Mvers. son of

Robert Myers and Sid & Tami Skank; **Tyler Williamson**, son of Michelle Swope; **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 & greatgrandson 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.



Please keep the family of Sandy Miller Grant in your prayers. Sandy went to be with our Lord on April 15.

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







# **GODLY HUMOR**

Don't let your worries get the best of you; Remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

#### \*+\*+\*

Some people are kind, polite, and sweetspirited until you try to sit in their pews.

#### \*+\*+\*

Many folks want to serve God, But only as advisers. \*+\*+\*

It is easier to preach ten sermons Than it is to live one.

#### \*+\*+\*

The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, But mosquitoes come close.

#### \*+\*+\*

When you get to your wit's end, You'll find God lives there.

#### \*+\*+\*

People are funny; they want the front of the bus,

Middle of the road, And back of the church.

#### \*+\*+\*

Opportunity may knock once, But temptation bangs on the front door forever.

#### \*+\*+\*+\*

Quit griping about your church; If it were perfect, you couldn't belong.

## <u>Disciple Express</u> • Food for Thought

Over look down on anybody, unless you're helping them up.  $\Diamond$ ◊ To realize the value of a sister/brother ask someone who doesn't have one. Δ ◊ To realize the value of ten years: ask a newly divorced couple.  $\Diamond$ ◊ To realize the value of four years: ask a graduate.  $\Diamond$ ◊ To realize the value of one year: ask a student who has failed a final exam.  $\Diamond$ ◊ To realize the value of nine months: ask a mother who gave birth to a stillborn.  $\Diamond$ ◊ To realize the value of one month: ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby..  $\Diamond$ ◊ To realize the value of one minute: ask a person who has missed the train, bus or plane.  $\Diamond$ ◊ To realize the value of one-second: ask a person who has survived an accident.  $\Diamond$ ◊ To realize the value of a friend or family member: LOSE ONE.  $\Diamond$ ◊ Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have. You will treasure it even more when

you can share it with someone special.

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#### NURSERY

#### VOLUNTEERS



- 4th Lisa Pierson
- 11th Leslie Cleaveland
- 18th Cyndy Haines
- 25th Carol Wilson





#### GREETERS,



## CANDLELIGHTERS

- 4th Claire Palmer & Mary Waggoner Barb Schorsch & Norma Taylor
- Candle lighters Calvin & Eric Duhachek
- 11th Cathey Grosvenor & Carolyn McJunkin Bud & Marsha Beedle
- Candle lighters Grace Gleaves & Camryn Pierson
- 18th Gene & Gloria Gleaves Larry & Lucia Kinnison
- Candle lighters Anna Duhachek & Emma Ehmke
- 25th Marvin & Carolyn Clark Terry & Cyndy Haines Candle lighters

Kyler Rieken & Kristian Martens

#### KOINONIA

4th Mary Waggoner & Nicholle Kalb11th18th25th

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

Host	Nursery
Judie Danker	

#### **Sunday School Teachers**

	4th	11th	18th
Pre K	Lindsey	Carrie	Leigh
K-1st	Lynelle	Jodi	Jamie
2nd-4th	Jen	Sue	Jen
5th-7th	*** Pasto	r Karen	sunday scho
Music	Pam		Our our



## Mark your calendars!

Sunday, May 18th Sunday school recognition and awards. The last day of Sunday school till Fall.



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## **BIBLE TRIVIA** with hints

- 1. Who plotted the execution of John the Baptist? Matthew
- 2. Bernice was the consort of what ruler? Acts
- 3. The Ethiopian eunuch that Philip witnessed to was the servant of what queen? Acts
- 4. Whose wife brought Daniel's gift of prophecy to her husband's attention? Daniel
- 5. What Jewish girl became queen of Persia? Esther
- 6. Who defied her royal husband and was replaced by a foreign woman? Esther

- What daughter of Ahab tried to destroy the entire royal like of Judah? 2 Chronicles
- 8. Who was removed from her position as queen other because she had made an idol?2 Chronicles
- 9. What Baal-worshiping princess let Ahab into idolatry? 1 Kings
- 10. During the reigns of David and Solomon,Tahpenes was the queen of what country?1 Kings

#### **April Answers**

1. Who came out dancing after David killed Goliath? 1 7. What old man laughed at God's promise that he would Samuel:18 The women of Israel father a child in his old age? Genesis 17:17 Abraham 2. What is the only book in the Bible to mention God 8. What group of people were busy dancing and partying laughing? P. Psalms 2:4; 37:13; 59:8 when David caught up with them? 1 Samuel 30:16-18 The Amalekites 3. What epistle tells Christians to turn their laughter to mourning? James 4:9 9. What graven image did the Israelites dance in front of? Exodus 32:19 The golden calf made by Aaron 4. What old woman said, "God hath made me to laugh so that all who hear will laugh with me"? 10. What book says there is a tie to weep and a time to Genesis 21:6 Sarah laugh? Ecclesiastes 3:4 5. Who told Job that God would certainly fill a righteous man with laughter? Job 8:21 Bildad From The Complete Book of Bible Trivia by 6. According to Psalm 126, what caused laughter among J. Stephen Lang the Jews? Bringing the captives back to Jerusalem 126:2 Tyndale House Publishers, Inc. Copyright 1988

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## May Calendar of Events

Thu, 1st	5:30-7:30 p.m.	English as a Second Language Class
Sun, 4th	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15a.m. 3:00-4:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sunday school/Women's Study/Senior Breakfast Worship/Communion Koinonia Lenten Study 24 Hours That Changed the World District Conference in Atlantic Hispanic Service
Wed, 7th	6:30 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Group
Thu, 8th	5:30-7:30 p.m.	English as a Second Language Class
Sun, 11th	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Sunday school/Women' Study Worship/Mother's Day Koinonia Lenten Study 24 Hours That Changed the World Hispanic Service Baccalaureate at Sharon Presbyterian Church
Tue, 13th	6:30 p.m.	Pre-conference Training at Carson UMC
Thu, 15th	5:30-7:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	English as a Second Language Class Administrative Board meeting
Sun, 18th	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Sunday school/Women' Study (last day of Sunday school till Fall) Worship/Sunday school attendance awards Koinonia Lenten Study 24 Hours That Changed the World Hispanic Service
Thu, 22nd	5:30-7:30 p.m.	English as a Second Language Class
Sun, 25th	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	Worship Koinonia Lenten Study 24 Hours That Changed the World Hispanic Service
Thu, 29th	5:30-7:30 p.m.	English as a Second Language Class



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Aiden Bell

#### Baptized March 23 Adalyn Bell

Wyatt Bell





Parents Herb and Leigh Bell

