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Worship Service Time:

10:00 Worship
11:00 Koinonia

Sunday school
Adult 11:15 a.m.



All Church Birthday Party

August 24
6:30 p.m.

Need volunteers
for cakes and
table decorations



BACKPACK BUNCH

Blessing of the Backpacks

August 17th

During Worship

Men's Prayer

Breakfast Saturday

August 9th at 7:00
a.m.

Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"All around the world, something's

going on about Jesus' love.

It's amazing! He loves us all so much with a love so strong.

No one else could love us more. It's amazing!

We're all a little different in many different ways.

No matter where we come from God loves us the same.

None of us is perfect so he forgives our sin.

Jesus is our Savior and his love will never end."

Those are the lyrics to a song titled "All Around the World," the theme song for our 2014 Vacation Bible School program. VBS was held at the Oakland UMC July 20 – 24. This year the theme was

"Weird Animals – Where Jesus' Love Is One -of -a -Kind."

Daily, the children learned a Bible point that corresponded to a Bible story and a key Bible verse. For example on Monday evening, the Bible point was Even when you're left out...Jesus loves you! The Bible story was Jesus heals ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19) and the key Bible verse was, "I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

Throughout the week the children were encouraged to finish a Bible point by shouting **"Jesus loves you!"**

Even when you're left out.....Jesus loves you!

Even though you're different....Jesus loves you!

Even though you do wrong.....Jesus loves you!

Even when you're afraid.....Jesus loves you!

As I thought about the Bible points and the lyrics to the songs the children learned during their time at VBS, I though those lyrics/Bible points are not only good lessons for our children, they are good lessons for adults, as well. Even as adults we sometimes feel left out, different, afraid, and yes, we still make mistakes

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and need God's forgiveness.

May you always have the assurance in your heart, that no matter what.....Jesus loves you!

And All God's Children Said,
"Amen."



BACKPACK BLESSING SUNDAY

The children are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church on Sunday, August 17. Pastor Karen pray a blessing for the backpacks and the children as they begin a new school year.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If you are a parent of a youth entering 7th -12th grade, your youth is invited to participate in Confirmation Classes beginning in October. Please call the church office by September 2 if you would like your youth to attend.

7th/8th and 9th-12th Ecumenical Youth Groups Begin on Wednesday, August 20



Youth in grades 7th -12th are invited to come to the Oakland UMC on Wednesday, August 20, at 6:30pm for our first youth group this school year. We will eat supper at 6:30pm (please bring \$1.00 for the meal). Following the meal we will have a time of fellowship and fun. We will end at 7:45pm.

The youth groups will meet most Wednesdays, with a few exceptions. (No youth group on August 27th.)

We look forward to seeing you on August 20! And as always, you can bring a friend!

THANK YOU'S



Vacation Bible School 2014

Special thanks to the many volunteers who helped to make VBS such a success. It takes many hands to provide such a ministry. We are grateful for all of

the ways you have helped, whether that be giving of your time, talents, and/or resources.

Thank you to all the parents for sharing your children with us. It has been a joy to be able to share the love of Jesus with your children. We have been blessed!



Max Hummel Service

“That was quite a list of women who donated various foods for Dad’s funeral lunch as well as those who worked in the kitchen. We sincerely appreciate every one of them and their efforts. Please express our gratitude and appreciation.

Everything was delicious and hit the spot after such a trying day.

Bless each and every one of you.

Larry, Louanne and Families”

Thank you to the LIONS

Many thanks to the Lions club for donating their May can money to the VBS program. The VBS program received a check for \$785.10!!!! We are very appreciative of the funds and all the work you do.

Thank you also to the many volunteers who showed up at the can corral to help count the cans.



August Daily Reading Guide

- 1 Galatians 5: 1-26
- 2 Galatians 6: 1-18
- 3 Ephesians 4: 17-32
- 4 Ephesians 5: 1-20
- 5 Ephesians 6: 10-24
- 6 Philippians 1: 1-30
- 7 Philippians 2: 1-30
- 8 Philippians 3: 1-21
- 9 Philippians 4: 1-23
- 10 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18
- 11 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-16
- 12 1 Thessalonians 2: 17-3: 13
- 13 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-18
- 14 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-28
- 15 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-12
- 16 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-17
- 17 2 Thessalonians 3: 1-18
- 18 1 Timothy 1: 20
- 19 1 Timothy 2: 1-15
- 20 1 Timothy 3: 1-16
- 21 1 Timothy 4: 1-16
- 22 1 Timothy 5: 1-25
- 23 1 Timothy 6: 3-21
- 24 2 Timothy 1-18
- 25 2 Timothy 2: 1-26
- 26 2 Timothy 3: 1-9
- 27 2 Timothy 3: 10-4:8
- 28 Titus 1: 1-16
- 29 Titus 2: 1-15
- 30 Titus 3: 1-15

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NURSERY

VOLUNTEERS

- 3rd Carrie Bane
- 10th Kyra Martens
- 17th Sheila Applegate
- 24th Gloria Gleaves
- 31st Norma Bolton



USHERS,

GREETERS,

CANDLELIGHTERS

- 3rd Jean Blackburn & Jessie Shiffer
Dick & Leslie Cleaveland
- Candle lighters
Calvin & Eric Duhachek
- 10th Leigh Bell & Lisa Rollins
Lindsey Henderson & Joan Shanno
- Candle lighters
Grace Gleaves & Camryn Pierson
- 17th ReAnn Hildebrand & Norma Taylor
Mary Waggoner & Barbara Schorsch
- Candle lighters
Anna Duhachek & Emma Ehmke
- 24th Claire Palmer & Cathey Grosvenor
Carolyn McJunkin & Andrew Jones
- Candle lighters
Kyler Rieken & Kristian Martens
- 31st Bud & Marsha Beedle
Gene & Gloria Gleaves
- Candle lighters
Calvin & Eric Duhachek



KOINONIA

- 3rd Velda Husz
- 10th Barb Schorsch
- 17th Haines Family
- 24th _____
- 31st Lucia Kinnison & Sandy Bane



5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship Service

Host Nursery

- 3rd
- 10th
- 17th
- 24th
- 31st



Mark your calendars!

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|-------------|-----------------------------|
| Sat, Aug 9 | Men's Breakfast |
| Sun, Aug 17 | Blessing of the Backpacks |
| | Last Vespers Service |
| Wed, Aug 20 | Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups |
| Sun, Aug 24 | All Church Birthday Party |

Sunday School at Oakland Manor

Oakland United Methodist Church will be doing "Sunday School" at Oakland Manor August 24th (Sue Duhachek, and family); November 23rd (Cyndy and Terry Haines and family).

If you are interested in volunteering to take a Sunday in the future please contact Cathey Grosvenor.

GODLY HUMOR

And God Laughed

THROUGH A CHILD'S EYES, WONDERFUL!!!

Dear God,
Instead of Letting people die
and haveing to Make new ones
why don't you just
Keep the ones you got now?

Jane

Dear God,
I am Amearican
What are you?
Robert

Dear God -
Please put a -
Nother Holiday
between Christmas
and Easter.
There is nothing good
in there now.
Ginny

Dear God
In bible times
did they really
talk that fancy?

Neil

Dear God,
I went to this wedding
and they kissed right in church
Is that ok?

Dear God,
If you watch in
Church on Sunday
I will show you
my new shoes

Mickey D.

Dear God,
If you let The dinasor
not extinct we would
Not have a country.
You did the right thing.

Jonathan

Jennifer

Dear God,
I bet it is
very hard
for you to
love all of
every body in the
whole world
There are only
4 people in our
family and I
can never do it.

Nan

Dear God,
I think about
you sometimes even
when I'm not praying

Elliott

Dear God
Maybe Cain and Abel
would not kill each so much
if they had their own rooms.
It works with my brother

Larry

We read Thos. Edison
made light.
But in SUN. School they said
you did it.
So I bet he stoled
you r I dea.

sincerely,
DONNA

Dear God,
Thank you for
the baby brother
but what I prayed
for was a puppy

Joyce

July Answers

1. What did God change Jacob's name to? *Genesis 32:38* **Israel**
2. Who was told by God to name his son Maher-shalal-hash-baz? *Isaiah 8:3* **Isaiah**
3. Who told Joseph what Jesus' name would be? *Matthew 1:20-21* **An Angel**
4. What prophet was told by God to name his son Lammammi? *Hosea 1:9* **Hosea**
5. Who told Hagar to name her son Ishmael? *Genesis 16:11* **An Angel**
2. What did God change Abram's name to? *Genesis 17:5* **Abraham**
3. Who was told by an angel that his son was to be named John? *Luke 1:13* **Zacharias**
4. What prophet told the priest Pashur that his new name was to be Magor-missabib? *Jeremiah 20:3* **Jeremiah**
5. What did God call his human creation? *Genesis 5:2* **Adam**
6. What new name did Jesus give to Simon? *John 1:42* **Peter**

Bible Trivia with hints

1. Which Gospel records the ability of the resurrected Jesus to walk through locked doors? *John 20*
 2. What was the affliction of the man Jesus healed on the Sabbath at the home of a Pharisee? *Luke 14*
 3. What Roman of Capernaum asked that Jesus heal his servant? *Matt 8*
 4. When Jesus was healing people, whose prophecy did he claim to be fulfilling? *Matt 8*
 5. Where did Jesus send the demons he drove out of the Gadarene demoniacs? *Matt 8*
 6. According to Matthew's Gospel, what Sabbath healing caused the Pharisees to plot to kill Jesus? *Matt 12*
 7. What did Jesus tell the two blind men not to do after he healed them? *Matt 9*
 8. What future disciple did Jesus see, through miraculous means, sitting under a fig tree? *John 1*
 9. When Jesus healed a man who was both blind and dumb, what demon did the Pharisees accuse him of consorting with? *Matt 12*
 10. When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, what did they think he was? *Mark 6*
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UPDATE from MUTARE



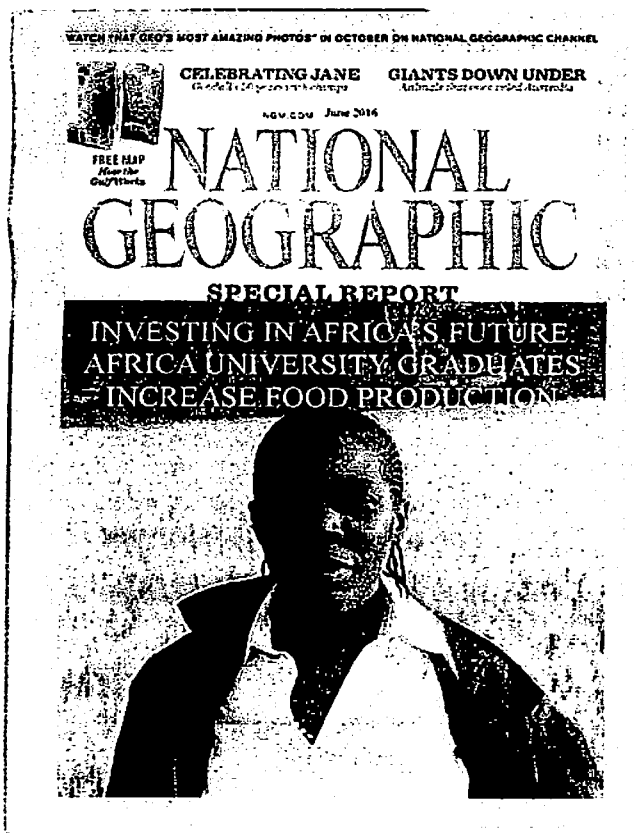
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I was hungry, and you gave me to eat.
Matthew 25:35

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Dear friends and family,
Greetings from Mutare, Zimbabwe!!

The cover article in the May 2014 issue of National Geographic magazine is about food. The author highlights the estimate that world crop production needs to double by the year 2050 to meet increased demands. To achieve this, farmers need to work not just hard but smart- using more efficient practices, improved varieties, even new crops that are better adapted to local environments than traditional ones.



As part of her Honors degree in Crop Production, Grace Dondo (above) did a research project. She worked with a local seed company to successfully screen varieties of soybean for

resistance to soybean rust, the most devastating disease of the crop. Farmers without the resources to spray against rust will find such resistant varieties the difference between a profitable crop of soybeans....and disaster.

Grace was able to attend Africa University through the help of several scholarship programs. The cover of National Geographic is not genuine- but Grace's desire to make a positive impact on food production on her home continent is. Thanks to all who have helped Grace and many other scholarship recipients!

NOT BY BREAD (OR SOYBEANS) ALONE

Good Friday morning saw us with two car-loads of students from five countries visiting a rural church. Half-way there the alternator vee-belt broke on our Toyota Raider. Fortunately, since the pickup is a diesel, we could continue even without the alternator charging the battery- as long as we got back before we needed lights.

Shortly after we arrived, so did the 'kitchen' (oxcart with firewood and black pots) for preparing lunch, followed by the Pastor, AU student Rev. Daniel Mawanga.....who happens to be a qualified mechanic! A nearby village 'bush mechanic' shop had the belt we needed, and after lunch the pastor installed the belt. We felt blessed... but please don't feel deprived if *your* pastor can't fix *your* car!



Agriculture students from Ethiopia, Liberia and Zimbabwe learn from the pastor-mechanic.

CAMPUS NEWS

Jane: My Intensive English (IE) weekly Bible study has given me the chance to see God developing leadership skills in our students. A former IE student, Salvador, has improved his English enough that he could lead the group several times. The time we spend together gives students the chance to talk about the many challenges they face.

FARM NEWS



The economics of growing soybeans has changed, so after a break of a couple of years when we did not grow them we have returned to planting them. Grace's research on soybean rust is especially relevant to us, since we have seen

the havoc the disease can wreck when we could not spray in time.

The Farm Development fund continues to provide funds for projects that help make the farm more efficient, including concrete slabs in front of the broiler house doors that are a big aid to bio-security. Current projects are an improved waste-disposal system at the dairy and continued expansion of the irrigation system- so that we can work hard *and* smart. A BIG thanks to those who help!

ON THE WEB

The website www.umcmision.org has a new video about Sustainable Agriculture in which Larry appears.

Giving to both AU Scholarships and AU Farm Development (and many other projects) can be done on-line on the same website (as well as through your local church) using the numbers at the end of this letter.

FAMILY NEWS

After a lot of prayer, Carly turned down other good schools and chose Emory University in Atlanta. She flies there on 30 May. Sigh. Sigh. Sigh.

Michael, almost 15, will miss Carly- but is also eager to move into the converted garage which is the room for the oldest teenager at home.



Pule and Ben both made it back to Mutare for Christmas. How sweet it was!!

Morris and Ann Taber in Michigan are helping stock the shelves of mission grade school libraries in our area. If you have some good children's books (not just Dr Seuss) that you can send to help fill their container, please email them directly: morris@taber.net.



Please pray

- That we all find ways, both now and in the long term, to help satisfy the hungry in this world of 7 billion people- including those in our own communities.
- For all graduating students (ours and yours) that they feel God's guidance and blessing on their career and education choices.
- For Carly as she begins the next phase of her life.

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

Yours and His,
Larry and Jane Kies

U.M.C. Advance Special numbers:
Africa University Farm Development: 3021027
Africa University Scholarships: 3021028
Salary support: 09572Z (Larry) 10739Z (Jane)

Thanks to St Mark's in Cedar Rapids for sending this newsletter. Pls send address changes to them or email us.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 08/01 Hackett, Lorraine
- 08/01 Schnack, Janelle
- 08/01 Colvin, Trae
- 08/02 McMartin, Anita
- 08/04 Henry, Peggy
- 08/04 Bartlett, Joan
- 08/04 Jacobsen, Gia
- 08/06 Jones, Sharon
- 08/06 Stott, Karalyn
- 08/10 Hildebrand, Anna
- 08/11 Clark, Carolyn
- 08/11 Grobe, Lynn
- 08/11 Gute, Jodi
- 08/11 Anderson, Shea
- 08/12 White, Dianne
- 08/13 Danker, Jody
- 08/15 Blanchard, Sherri
- 08/15 Thompson, Melinda
- 08/18 Duhachek, Anna
- 08/19 Rankin, Conner
- 08/20 Nisley, Lori
- 08/21 Cleaveland, Mychal
- 08/22 Martens, Mischa
- 08/22 Schueman, Lauren
- 08/26 Ehmke, Aaron
- 08/28 Haines, Mattie
- 08/28 Haines, Meg
- 08/31 Pitt, Bob



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.



In Remembrance

Our sympathies are with the family of Lois Allen who went to be with our Lord on June 28. A memorial service was held on July 2.

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, Joan Turner



Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

ADVOCACY TEAM - 2014

HEALTH CARE—PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

Decriminalization of HIV (SF2297)

Approve

Restoring Persons to Community: We support the Decriminalization of HIV so that those who have this disease will not also bear the added burden of being labeled criminals. The progress in the last 30 years to control HIV, allowing people to live long and productive lives free of AIDS, makes it imperative that the fears which created the crime of HIV be put aside. We urge the support of SF2297 as a wise and prudent step in restoring persons with HIV to community.

Background: Iowa Code 709C summary: A person commits criminal transmission of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) if the person, knowing that his or her HIV status is positive, engages in intimate contact with another person. Exposing someone to HIV, whether or not the virus is transmitted, is a class B felony with sentencing up to 25 years in prison. There is no evidence that 709C is an effective deterrent, and it may actually deter people from getting tested for HIV because (1) they assume (wrongly) their intimate partners would have told them, or for those who do not know whether or not they have HIV do not get tested because *knowing they test positive* makes them liable for being charged. (You cannot be charged under this code if you do not know your status.)

When this law was conceived the knowledge about HIV, how it was transmitted and how it could be treated were all very different from today's world. It is still a very serious health issue. HIV is the virus that can lead to acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). Unlike some other viruses, the

human body cannot get rid of HIV. That means that once you have HIV, you have it for life. As of December 2006, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates, more than one million people in the United States were infected with HIV. One-quarter of these were unaware of their status! There is no cure for AIDS. Approximately 56,300 new HIV infections occur each year:

[\(www.cdc.gov/hiv/surveillance/resources/reports/2008report/\)](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/surveillance/resources/reports/2008report/)

When someone is purposely trying to infect another with the disease, there needs to be legal consequences. However, treatment of HIV has progressed so much in the last 30 years that, when they receive the proper treatment, someone diagnosed at age 25 has nearly the same life expectancy as an unaffected person. If HIV is treated effectively, it does not become AIDS.

Public Health Education and Prevention: "HIV prevention and treatment, substance abuse prevention, and sexually transmitted disease treatment and prevention services must be better integrated. . . — first, to help uninfected people stay that way; second, to help infected people stay healthy; and third, to help infected individuals initiate and sustain behaviors that will keep themselves safe and prevent transmission to others." (United Methodist Book of Resolutions, 2012, "A Covenant to Care: HIV/AIDS in the USA" page 364.)

SF2297 changes 709C so that it encourages safe practices to prevent the spread of HIV and early diagnosis of HIV. We urge its support.

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August Calendar of Events

- Sun, Aug 3 10:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion
11:00 a.m. Koinonia
5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship
8:00 p.m. Vespers Service
- Sat, Aug 9 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast**
- Sun, Aug 10 10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Koinonia
5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship
8:00 p.m. Vespers Service
- Sun, Aug 17 10:00 a.m. Worship/Blessing of the Backpacks
11:00 a.m. Koinonia
5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship
8:00 p.m. Vespers Service (Final Vespers for this year)
- Wed, Aug 20 6:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
- Sun, Aug 24 10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Koinonia
5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship
6:30 p.m. All Church Birthday Party
- Sun, Aug 31 10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Koinonia
5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship at the Congregational UCC Church

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August 17th, be sure to have the school children's back packs. Pastor Karen will bless the backpacks and the children going to school.

PRAY
for our
Students



Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group starts Wednesday, August 20. (No meeting August 27th.)



Sunday school will begin September 7th. Third graders will receive their Bibles that day also.



JULY SCHOOL TEACHERS FOR NIGERIA

In Nigeria:

The rainy season has started.

Banyam Theological Seminary will be dismissing for mid year break.

Junior Secondary School will graduate 38 students on July 12.

The North Conference is trying to raise \$3,125 to begin construction on a new Nursery/Primary School. The present building is a one large auditorium size room, no separating walls, a dirt floor, no electricity, crooked wooden windows...a pathetic sight but faithful teachers teach making the best of the situation and children learn by the rote method.

SALADUNA, KUKU KWACHA & HAKURI

Strange names! Each of these Nigerian villages is the location of literacy programs sponsored by the Lit-Lit program of the Central Conference United Methodist Church. Ahmadu Maidoki, the Literacy Director, visits almost inaccessible villages where there are no schools for anyone, 95% of the people are illiterate, superstitious and don't understand the need for education. His question is "How will these people grow spiritually?"

In places like Saladuna, literacy teachers are sent to enroll learners with great success. Classes are set up for adult learners using a blackboard under a tree with their school supplies being their finger and sand. Simple reading, basic arithmetic and printing letters are all taught along with Bible reading. Upon completion of the Lit-Lit course, the most sought after item is a Bible in the Hausa language for the students to own and read. Bibles may be purchased

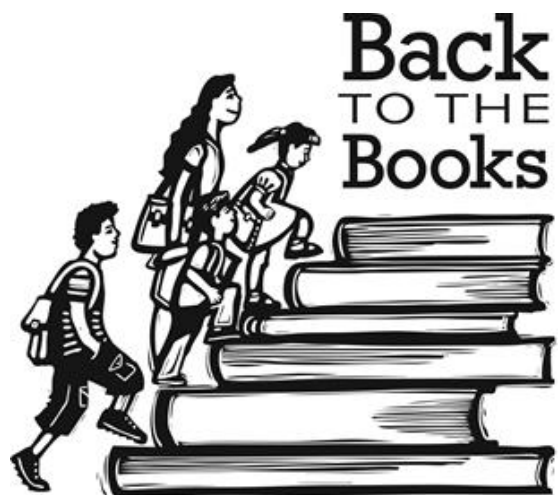
for about \$8 in Nigeria.

Ahmadu Maidoki says " May the Lord give us spirit in decreasing the number of illiterates for the Glory of God." Through support of the Lit-Lit program idol worshipers or animists will come to know Jesus Christ and souls will be saved!

How can we make that happen? Your support may be sent through your local church to the Conference Treasurer marked; INP, #230, Lit Lit. We who have been educated know the importance of learning!

Uzajja Dauda, one of the Banyam Theological Seminary faculty, will be traveling to Abuja to get his Zimbabwe visa in preparation for flying to Zimbabwe where he will attend Africa University getting a Master's Degree. We are short about \$1,500 to pay his tuition, books and school fees so if you are willing to help with his continuing education, see paragraph above about sending money. He's thrilled and I'm excited for him to have this educational opportunity, thanks to you lowans.

Our love story between Carolyn Carter, from Wilton but who had been an individual volunteer teaching at the Junior Secondary School in Jalingo, and Ezekiel Gwi, who arrived in the U.S., has a U.S. driver's license and is getting his social security number. Their wedding is August 9 in MN.



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Pastor Karen will be on vacation August 5-8.

If you are in need of pastoral assistance while Pastor Karen is on vacation please call Pastor Brody Tubaugh at the Carson UMC at 712-484-2247 or email

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