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Worship Service Time:

10:00 Worship
11:00 Koinonia

Sunday school
Adult 11:15 a.m.



NEW MISSION STATEMENT

*We seek to grow in Christ
and to share our love of God in Word and deed.*

Pastor Karen Hoff

Oakland United Methodist Church

The "Living Last Supper" Cast and Support Cast gives your church, friends and guest a hearty thank-you for inviting us to perform the Dramatization of "The Living Last Supper" in the First Methodist Church in Oakland, Iowa.

Our members had expressed the nice setting for the presentation. The cast members took home \$806.00. This money will go to the Hogar Del Nino Orphanage in Gautemala. I will forward a couple pictures of the orphans that will appreciate your warmth.

We hope to stay in touch and maybe sometime in the near future we can come back to your community.

Thanks again and bless your church

Last Supper Cast

Harlan, Iowa





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

recently reread an article entitled
Back to Our Basics: Recapturing

Principles of Evangelism Espoused by John Wesley.”

The article was written by Dr. Wesley S. K. Daniel, former Director of Evangelism and International Church Development at the United Methodist General Board of Discipleship. The article caught my attention, in part, because it was about the unique contributions John Wesley, founder of Methodism, made to the church. But mostly it caught my attention because it serves as a reminder to us, the children of God, what we are to be about. Following is an excerpt from the article by Daniel:

“For Wesley, proclaiming the Good News and making new disciples was an imperative task; he did it with a sense of urgency. On one occasion, when he was teaching his lay preachers, he said '...you have nothing to do but save souls....Therefore, spend and be spent in this work....'

For Wesley and his followers, 'saving souls' for Jesus Christ was at the heart of his ministry.

Wesley possessed a deep and sincere passion to share the transforming power of the gospel, preaching the message of conversion unashamedly to the rich, the poor, and the downcast over and over again wherever he went.”

In Matthew 28:19, we read, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,” and in Mark 16:15, it is written “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation.” I have heard the sharing of the Good News, the message of salvation, referred to as a life-saving knowledge. And that it is!

I challenge you in the weeks ahead to think about reaching out to someone who has not heard the Gospel Message of salvation. Ask God to lead you to

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those people who need you to share your faith with them. Be assured- God will help you. “I can do all things in Him who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). I echo the words of John Wesley, “We cannot, with a good conscience, neglect the present opportunity of saving souls while we live!!”

Do you remember the song “This Little Light of Mine”? That song is based on the scriptures in Matthew 5:14-16 - “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid. Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

In the Message Bible Matthew 5:14, it says, “God is not a secret to be kept.”

God is a treasure to be shared!!

May it be so for us all.

And All God's Children Said,

“Amen.”

Annual Conference

Pastor Karen will be attending Iowa Annual Conference in Des Moines June 6-9. If you need to reach Pastor Karen during this time, please text or call 641-745-5611.

Vespers

Vespers is a new program began on Sunday evening, May 25 at 8pm. People of all ages came to worship our Lord through singing/listening to praise music. ! Come join us for a modern music worship service. Praise team positions are still available. All are welcome to come worship with us. If you are interested or have questions, contact Haley Hummel or Anna Hildebrand. Come check it out!

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New Mission Statement

Rev. Melissa Drake, Southwest District Field Outreach Minister, joined us for worship on February 16th. Rev. Drake preached an inspiring message and following our potluck dinner, led us in a time of visioning for our church. One of the first questions Rev. Drake asked us during our visioning time was, "What is your mission statement?" Unfortunately none in attendance (including myself) could recite our mission statement word for word. In our defense, the Oakland UMC Mission Statement is 132 words long. Those in attendance decided we needed a more concise Mission Statement, one we could remember and recite in its entirety. After discussion, the Ad Board came up with three Mission Statements that they believe reflected the Mission of our church. We asked your help in deciding which one best reflected the Mission of our church. The majority of you chose the following Mission Statement to be our new Mission Statement:

We seek to grow in Christ and to share our love of God in Word and deed.

Thank you for your input.

Vacation Bible School

Join Oakland UMC, Sharon Presbyterian, Christian, Oakland Congregational Churches for 2014 VBS. The fun will begin Sunday, July 20, and wrap up Thursday, July 24 – from 6-8pm. Ages 3-through 5th grade are invited to attend. A light supper will be served each evening. Check OUMC website for registration. Preregistration is recommended to guarantee VBS t-shirt. Call church office for more info, 712-482-5530.

Welcome

Maelie Faith Marie Rieken, daughter of Marty and Kristy Rieken and sister of Kyler, Keaten, Kort, and Kasper, was baptized during the May 11 worship service. We celebrate this special time in the life of the church and in the life of Maelie and her family. We welcome you in Christian love. (Picture on back cover.)

Men's Breakfast Group

Men, you are invited to come to the church for breakfast on Saturday, June 14, at 7am. Following the breakfast, Jerry Hoff will lead in a time of discussion about the book by Tony Dungy titled Quiet Strength.

Thank You

A huge THANK YOU to the members of our church choir for their dedication to share their gifts of music with the congregation. The choir is blessed to be supported by the gifts of Trevor and Robin Jefferson and occasionally Marilyn Hackett. The Oakland United Methodist Choir will reassemble in September and will welcome ANY who would like to praise God with music.

Veva Larson

Members are: Merlin, Andrew, Sarah, and Sharon Jones, Ward Young, Jerry Hoff, Merle Larson, Calvin Duhachek, Richard and Louise Merkle, Leslie Cleaveland, Joan Shanno, Bev Beckendorf, Marsha Sauser.

Looking for the Owner of Sewing Machine with Cabinet

There is a sewing machine with cabinet in the room across from the adult lounge. We are looking for the owner of the sewing machine/cabinet. If you are the owner or know who is, please contact the church office. If we are unable to determine the owner, the sewing machine/cabinet will be given away. If you are interested in the sewing machine/cabinet, please call the church office.



Please keep the family of Nancy Young in your prayers. Nancy went to be with our Lord on May 7.

A visitation with the family will be held at the Oakland UMC from 5:00 to 7:30pm on Wednesday evening, June 4. A Memorial Service will be held at the Oakland UMC at 11am on Thursday, June 5.

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NURSERY

VOLUNTEERS

- 1st Gloria Gleaves
- 8th Barb Schorsch
- 15th Lindsey Henderson
- 22nd Joan Shanno
- 29th Lindsay Bentley



KOINONIA

- 1st Boltons
- 8th
- 15th Gloria Gleaves
- 22nd
- 29th



USHERS,

GREETERS,

CANDLELIGHTERS

- 1st Dana & Tami Palmer
Lyle & Peggy Bentley
Candle lighters
Calvin & Eric Duhachek
- 8th Craig & Lisa Hummel
Paul & Debbie Rollins
Candle lighters
Grace Gleaves & Camryn Pierson
- 15th Fred & Joyce Henry
Grant & Alison Henry
Candle lighters
Anna Duhachek & Emma Ehmke
- 22nd Dick & Louise Merkle
Dick & Leslie Cleaveland
Candle lighters
Kylar Rieken & Kristian Martens
- 29th Jerry & Suzanne Pierce
Hayden Haines & Cory Reichart
Candle lighters
Sarah & Andrew Jones



5:00p.m. Hispanic Worship Service

Host Nursery

- 1st Dick & Louise Merkle
- 8th
- 15th Lisa Rollins & Lynelle Jeppesen
- 22nd Bev Zuch
- 29th Cyndy & Terry Haines Family

Go camping!!!!

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



Mark your calendars!
The week of July 20th for
Vacation Bible School

GODLY HUMOR

Judas Asparagus

A child was asked to write a book report on the entire Bible. I wonder how often we take for granted that children *understand* what we are teaching???

Through the eyes of a child:

The Children's Bible in a Nutshell

In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, 'The Lord thy God is one, but I think He must be a lot older than that.'

Anyway, God said, 'Give me a light!' and someone did.

Then God made the world.

He split the Adam and made Eve. Adam and Eve were naked, but they weren't embarrassed because mirrors hadn't been invented yet.

Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating one bad apple, so they were driven from the Garden of Eden.....Not sure what they were driven in though, because they didn't have cars.

Adam and Eve had a son, Cain, who hated his brother as long as he was Abel.

Pretty soon all of the early people died off, except for Methuselah, who lived to be like a million or something.

One of the next important people was Noah, who was a good guy, but one of his kids was kind of a Ham. Noah built a large boat and put his family and some animals on it. He asked some other people to join him, but they said they would have to take a rain check.

After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast. Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat.

Another important Bible guy is Moses, whose real name was Charlton Heston. Moses led the Israel Lights out

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of Egypt and away from the evil Pharaoh after God sent ten plagues on Pharaoh's people. These plagues included frogs, mice, lice, bowels, and no cable. God fed the Israel Lights every day with manicotti. Then he gave them His Top Ten Commandments. These include: don't lie, cheat, smoke, dance, or covet your neighbor's stuff.

Oh, yeah, I just thought of one more: Humor thy father and thy mother.

One of Moses' best helpers was Joshua who was the first Bible guy to use spies. Joshua fought the battle of Geritol and the fence fell over on the town.

After Joshua came David. He got to be king by killing a giant with a slingshot. He had a son named Solomon who had about 300 wives and 500 porcupines. My teacher says he was wise, but that doesn't sound very wise to me.

After Solomon there were a bunch of major league prophets. One of these was Jonah, who was swallowed by a big whale and then barfed up on the shore.

There were also some minor league prophets, but I guess we don't have to worry about them.

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.')

During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Democrats.

Jesus also had twelve opossums.

The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount.

But the Democrats and all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot. Pilot didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.


Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution.

May Answers

1. Who plotted the execution of John the Baptist?
Matthew 14:3-8 Herodias, wife of Herod
2. Bernice was the consort of what ruler? Acts 25:13
King Agrippa
3. The Ethiopian eunuch that Philip witnessed to was the servant of what queen? Acts 8:27-38 Candace
4. Whose wife brought Daniel's gift of prophecy to her husband's attention? Daniel 5:10 Belshazzar's
5. What Jewish girl became queen of Persia? Esther 2:17 Esther
6. Who defied her royal husband and was replaced by a foreign woman? Esther 1:11 Vashti
7. What daughter of Ahab tried to destroy the entire royal line of Judah? 2 Chronicles 22:10 Athaliah
8. Who was removed from her position as queen other because she had made an idol?
2 Chronicles 15:16 Maacah
9. What Baal-worshiping princess let Ahab into idolatry?
1 Kings 16:31 Jezebel
10. During the reigns of David and Solomon, Tahpenes was the queen of what country?
1 Kings 11:19 Egypt

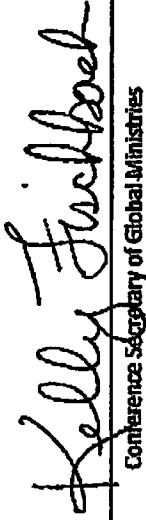
Bible Trivia with hints

1. Who told Pilate that a worrisome dream made it clear that Pilate was to have nothing to do with Jesus?
Matthew
2. According to one Old Testament prophet, there will come a day when young men will see visions and old men will dream dreams. Which prophet? Joel
3. Who repeats the words of this prophet in an early Christian sermon? Acts
4. Joseph, Mary's husband, was warned in dreams to do four things. What? Matthew
5. In Nebuchadnezzar's famous tree dream, who is symbolized by the majestic tree that is cut down? Daniel
6. Daniel had a dream of four beasts rising out of the sea. What did they look like? Daniel
7. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the statue, what four metals are mentioned as composing the statue? Daniel
8. One of Gideon's soldiers dreamed of a Midianite tent being overturned by an unlikely object. What was it? Judges
9. When God came to the young Solomon in a dream and asked him what he desired, what did Solomon ask for? 1 Kings
10. What three Egyptian officials did Joseph interpret dreams for? Genesis

 2013 RAINBOW COVENANT AWARD

THIRD MILE



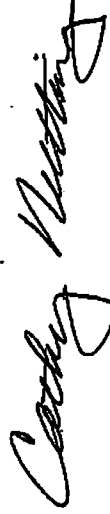

Conference Secretary of Global Ministries

Oakland

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District Superintendent



District Mission Secretary

Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

ADVOCACY TEAM - 2014

Human Trafficking and Iowa

Human trafficking is the modern form of slavery for at least 12 million men, women, and children globally. It generates at least \$32 billion for traffickers and related businesses and is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world. Human trafficking takes the forms of forced or bonded labor, debt bondage and involuntary servitude among migrant laborers and domestic workers, forced child labor, sex trafficking and prostitution, and children exploited for commercial sex and sex tourism. ***Over half of the estimated 300,000 annually trafficked victims in the U.S. are women and children, most of them born in the U.S.*** Unfortunately, Iowa has not been immune to these terrible crimes, including rural as well as urban areas.

Iowa, with its major interstate highways, provides a perfect trafficking pathway in all directions. In addition, there is an average of 200-300 runaway Iowa youths a month, so Iowa ranks as one of the top states for its proportion of homeless youth running from dysfunctional or dangerous family situations, which makes them vulnerable to trafficking, especially into the commercial sex trade.

The good news is that Iowa is one of only a few states, especially in the Midwest, that has enacted comprehensive human trafficking laws (Iowa Code Chapter 710A and Chapter 725). ***However, there are ways that these may be strengthened.*** Some current proposed legislation, SF2311 and the related HF2309, as well as HF2254, speaks to some of the needs regarding juveniles and sex trafficking and we support these efforts. We also applaud the work of the Iowa Attorney General's Human Trafficking Enforcement and Prosecution Initiative and encourage its continuation in future years. It is important to keep Iowa on the leading edge of anti-human trafficking

efforts.

We support the following efforts as some of the ways to further address human trafficking in Iowa and the long-term effects to all trafficked victims:

- referring sex trafficked juveniles as children in need of assistance (SF2311/HF2309), with long-term provision of services appropriate to trafficking experiences—this requires monetary resources
- providing for the option to both youth and adult victims of human trafficking of vacating/expunging criminal charges incurred while trafficked (some options for juveniles in HF2254)
- applying the “rape shield” law to sex trafficking victim witnesses in court testimony
- funding shelters, trauma and health services, employment training and other services needed for life restoration for all victims of human trafficking—this requires monetary resources
- monitoring and regulating businesses through which trafficking commonly occurs, such as escort services, “massage” and nail parlors, truck stops, strip clubs, Internet marketplace sites, etc. Community involvement in addition to law enforcement is important.
- educating and training of law enforcement groups, including those in rural areas, to recognize the signs of human trafficking and to conduct victim-centered investigations. Some education is occurring, but much more is needed.

Thank you for your consideration.

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HOW you can
HELP

Mission Committee: The Sunday offering for Heifer totaled \$748 and \$350 was given from the Mission Money for a total of \$1098. This would purchase 54+ flocks of chickens.

Old Business:

No decision on Mission Statement. Need to get more input.

New Business:

We are continuing to seek out people to be trained to be sound/projection technicians.

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Merlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gloria seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm. Barb closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Karen Hoff, Recording Secretary Pro tem

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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 cgro06@frontiernet.net 482-3511.



Thank You

Very recently our church was awarded the 2013 Rainbow Covenant Award, Third Mile. In order to receive a Third Mile Award, churches have to first meet the requirements for the 1st Mile and the 2nd Mile. The 1st 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, Rev. Brian Milford, and our Bishop, Bishop Julius Trimble, in this newsletter.

The 2nd 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 done. Great Work!

Upon completion of the Rainbow Mission Categories, a church can go "over the Rainbow" (3rd Mile) by contributing to local needs and missionary support, which you also have done (copy of 2013 rainbow Covenant Award in this newsletter). Outstanding! 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.

June Daily

Reading Guide

- 1 Isaiah 6:1-13
- 2 Isaiah 61:1-11
- 3 Isaiah 62:1-12
- 4 Joel 1:1-20
- 5 Joel 2:1-17
- 6 Joel 2:18-32
- 7 Joel 3:1-21
- 8 Acts 2:1-28 Pentecost
- 9 Acts 2:29-47
- 10 Acts 5:12-42
- 11 Romans 8:1-17
- 12 Romans 8:18-39
- 13 Romans 12:1-21
- 14 Romans 14:1-23
- 15 John 14:1-14
- 16 John 14:15-31
- 17 John 15:1-27
- 18 John 16:1-15
- 19 John 16:16-33
- 20 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- 21 1 Corinthians 14:1-25
- 22 1 Corinthians 14:26-40
- 23 Ezekiel 1:1—2:1
- 24 Ezekiel 2:2-10
- 25 Ezekiel 3:1-27
- 26 Ezekiel 36:1-15
- 27 Ezekiel 36:16-38
- 28 Ezekiel 37:1-28
- 29 Ezekiel 39:1-29
- 30 Ezekiel 43:1-17

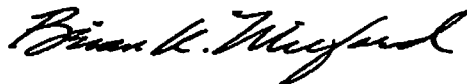


recognizes and appreciates the commitment to Christian stewardship of

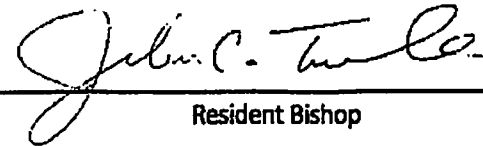
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through the connectional system with 100% support in 2013 of:

General Church Apportioned Funds
Conference Ministries
Conference Missions



District Superintendent



Resident Bishop

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 06/01 Pierson, Camryn
- 06/05 Kinnison, Troy
- 06/07 Weirich, Taylor
- 06/07 Haines, Hayden
- 06/08 Young, Ward
- 06/09 Kalb, Maverick
- 06/11 Hobson, Becky
- 06/12 Adams, Bill
- 06/12 Jefferson, Robin
- 06/13 Danker, Kacey
- 06/14 Beedle, Marsha
- 06/14 Hummel, Haley
- 06/15 Larson, Merle
- 06/16 Bentley, Kelly
- 06/17 Henderson, Dawson
- 06/17 Henderson, Brody
- 06/19 Clark, Marvin
- 06/19 Rollins, Andy
- 06/20 Kalb, Oakkley
- 06/21 Beckendorf, Beverly
- 06/21 Petersen, Abi
- 06/22 Moore, Nolan
- 06/24 Duhachek, Scott
- 06/24 Applegate, Dustin
- 06/25 Jones, Merlin
- 06/26 Husz, Velda
- 06/27 Bentley, Carter
- 06/28 Bentley, Andy
- 06/29 Rollins, Mitch
- 06/29 Ehmke, Emma
- 06/30 Pierce, Junellyn
- 06/30 Schueman, Cody



**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY**

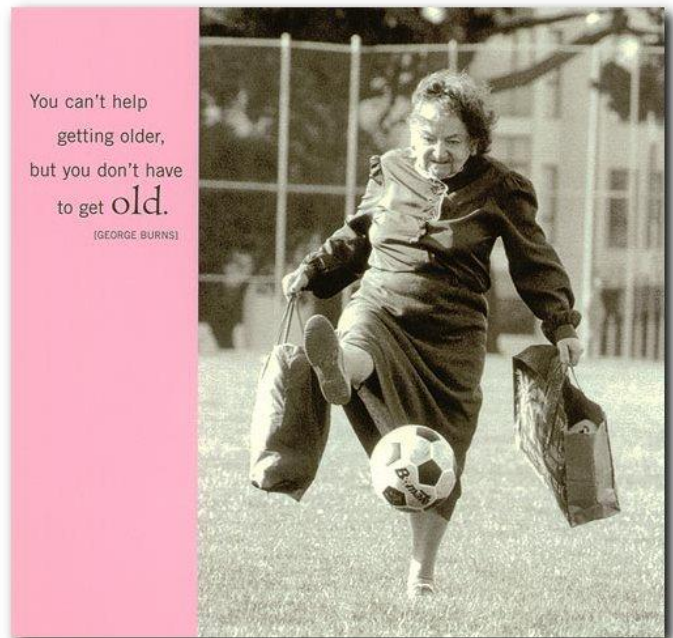
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Our Military Family

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.



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, Neunia Timberman

Risen Son Christian Village: Max Hummel



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

July 20-24 from 6:00—8:00 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 _____

Phone Number: _____

Home Church: _____

Allergies or other medical concerns: _____

T-shirts will be available for \$9. If interested mark how many you want.

- | | | |
|-------|-------------|--------------|
| _____ | 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 to the Oakland United Methodist Church:

PO Box 606, Oakland IA 51560

June Calendar of Events

- Sun, June 1 10:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion
11::00 a.m. Koinonia
5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship
8:00 p.m. Vespers Service
- Thu, June 5 5:30-7:30 p.m. English as a Second Language Class
- June 7th—9th Pastor Karen and Sheryl will be at Annual Conference in Des Moines
- Sun, June 8 10:00 a.m. Worship
11::00 a.m. Koinonia
5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship
8:00 p.m. Vespers Service
- June 10-20th Sheryl will be on vacation - Bev Zuch will be covering the office
- Thu, June 12 5:30-7:30 p.m. English as a Second Language Class
- Sat, June 14 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- Sun, June 15 10:00 a.m. Worship
11::00 a.m. Koinonia
5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship
8:00 p.m. Vespers Service
- Thu, June 19 5:30-7:30 p.m. English as a Second Language Class
- Sun, June 22 10:00 a.m. Worship
11::00 a.m. Koinonia
5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship
8:00 p.m. Vespers Service
- Thu, June 26 5:30-7:30 p.m. English as a Second Language Class
- Sun, June 29 10:00 a.m. Worship
11::00 a.m. Koinonia
5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship
8:00 p.m. Vespers Service

Vacation Bible School will be July 20th thru 24th.
See the Oakland UMC web page for more information. www.oaklandiumc.org
If you would like to help in any capacity with
VBS please call Leigh Bell, 402-616-3288 or email at lbell921@yahoo.com

Summer Bible Study

Summer Bible Study for college students/recent graduates on Tuesdays, 6:30—7:30 p.m. (beginning June 3) at the Carson UMC. For more information call 712-484-2247.



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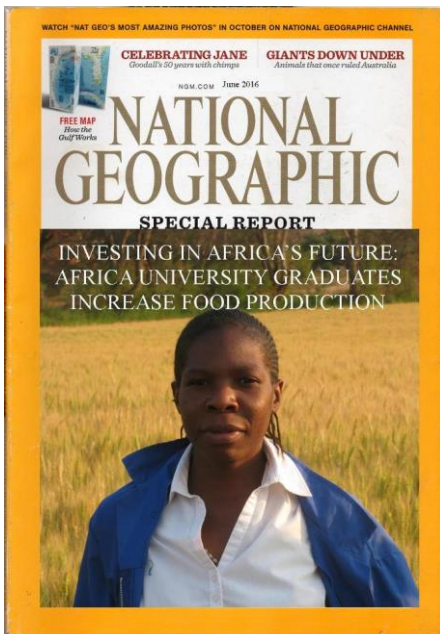
I was hungry, and you gave me to eat.
Matthew 25:35

Newsletter
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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!



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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! many challenges they face.

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

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Summer camp staff needed

The Lake Okoboji U.M. Camp is in need of summer staff. Looking for a summer job that gives you plenty of time outdoors, great fun with friends and an opportunity to impact the lives of children and youth? Apply for a camp job. If you are 18 years old or older and want to have the best summer of your life, we want to talk to you. Staff positions are available in areas of cabin leadership, activity leaders, kitchen and maintenance help. All seasonal staff receive salary, room, board, certifications through the American Red Cross and uniforms. Contact us toll-free for application information at 866.856.9862 or E-mail (info@okobojicamp.com). We can't wait to meet you! Bryan Johnson, Lake Okoboji UM Camp Site Director, www.okobojicamp.com, 712.336.2936



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