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Worship Service Time:

9:00 Children's Sunday School
9:00 Choir Practice
10:00 Worship
11:00 Koinonia
11:15 Adult Sunday School



Community Meal

The last Tuesday of the month you are invited to share a meal and conversation at 5:30 p.m. at the Oakland UMC. There's no charge, just a time to get to know each other better. Come join us.

Congratulations to the seniors!

Happy Mothers' Day

Let's Go Camping

Get Ready for Vacation Bible School

VBS will be July 19th Thru the 23rd



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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I had intended to write my article for this newsletter when Jerry and I were on vacation. I knew we would be traveling in the car for a lot of miles, and I thought one of the things I could accomplish as a passenger on our 3000 mile trip was to write my article, but I didn't. I did read a good book, enjoyed the scenery, ate junk food, and told Jerry where to go.

Now, I am glad that I didn't get my article written because after listening to Maddie, the Southwest Regional Camp Ambassador, share with the congregation about camping, I knew what I wanted to write about – the joy of attending an Iowa United Methodist Camp. There are three United Methodist Camps and Retreat Centers across the state of Iowa: Okoboji in Spirit Lake, Pictured Rocks in Monticello, and Wesley Woods in Indianola.

As I read through the *2015 Iowa United Methodist Camps Events Catalogue*, I was amazed at the variety of activities offered at the camps – something for everyone! For those who love horses there is Horse Camp, Atomic Adventures Camp for those interested in science, Down on the Farm Camp for animal lovers. Mud Poles & Fishing Camp is for those who love getting muddy and fishy. Stars Spectacular Camp is for star gazers. At Bike Force Camp you will participate in a bike rodeo, and you can attend Roughin' It and Toughin' It if you love to canoe. You can find even more camps in the catalogue.

There are full-week camps, half-week camps, overnight camps, and day camps. The day camps are for the young camper, ages four through six. And if you think you are too old for camp, think again! Grandparents, there is a camp for you, too. There is an overnight Grandparent/Child Camp where you can spend quality time with your grandchild fishing, swimming, horse riding, and hiking. And A Friend & Me Camp is a great camp for a parent and child to attend to enjoy the camping experience together.

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And as great as all of that sounds, the best part of attending a United Methodist Camp is the opportunity to experience the love of Jesus and to grow in faith together. Worship and Bible study are a part of the camping experience.

Deke Rider, Wesley Woods Site Director, writes: "We believe in sharing with young people the presence of God's love all around them. We share the stories from the Bible and our personal faith journeys as we encourage young people to ask themselves what they think and discover more about who God has created them to be."

The church has funds to help with the cost of attending camp thanks to your generous donations on Camping Sunday.

There are three ways to register for camp: Complete registration form in the camp catalogue, call 1-800-765-1651 to register by phone, or register online at www.IAUMC.org/camps.

Remember-

Iowa United Methodist Camps transform, grow, renew, and they have an adventure for you!

Blessings,

Pastor Karen



Sunday School Attendance Recognition/Teacher Recognition

On Sunday, May 17, during the worship service, the Sunday School youth will receive their participation certificates and our Christian Education teachers will be recognized.

Recognition of Seniors

Please join us for worship May 3 as we recognize our graduates during the 10 a.m. service. Baccalaureate will be held in the evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Oakland Sharon Presbyterian Church.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



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Administrative Board Meeting

March 19, 2015

Present: Barb Schorsch, Merlin Jones, Lyle Bentley, Skip Applegate, Lynelle Jeppesen, Pastor Karen Hoff

After prayer concerns were shared, Pastor Karen opened with prayer.

Secretary's Report: The report was read. Skip motioned to approve. Merlin seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was read. Lyle motioned to approve. Lynelle seconded.

Pastor's Report:

Calendar: Mar. 22 Confirmation Sunday
29 Youth Service
Apr. 3 Good Friday Service
5 RCA Easter Sunrise Service
6-18 Vacation

Youth: Mar. 4 Field Trip to Harlan (43 youth, 4 adults)
29 Youth Service
Apr. 15 Matt Wibur came to talk to youth

Lay Leader Report: Merlin suggested lay leaders exchange pulpits (possibly for IAC)

Mission Committee: Heifer Project Offering totaled \$531.66

Children's Education Committee: VBS will be held in July

Adult Education Committee: Lynelle asked for ideas for an adult class and when would be the best time to offer

Memorial Committee: Lyle reported that he is getting an estimate to cover the south windows and repair of the old entrance and east maintenance repair

Old Business: Merlin gave a summary of what Sean shared about the elevator following our chicken dinner.

Could we use Builder's Call funds to help with elevator project?

Sheryl reported she and her husband will move the file cabinets from the UCC to our church.

Community Meal will be Mar. 31. Good response to insert asking for help.

Barb shared about plans so far with regard to 150th Anniversary of Church celebration.

New Business: Frankie Valens and wife will perform a concert at our church at 7pm on April 28.

Discussion was held with regard to mission money. The special mission fund will be depleted by the end of this year. No decision was made.

The April meeting date will be changed to the 23rd.

As there was no further business to come before the board, Merlin made a motion to adjourn. Lyle seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. Barb closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Karen Hoff, Recording Secretary Pro tem

Community Meal— Tasty Tuesday

Our first community meal was served on March 31st. We served around 20 people. We expect that number to grow.

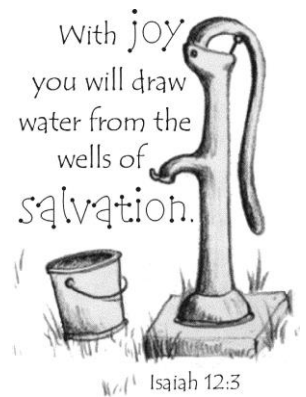
The food was delicious and the fellowship was great. Thank you for the ways you have supported this new ministry of the OUMC by your donations of food/money, serving as a greeter, cooking the meal, serving the meal, cleaning up after the meal and publicizing the meal. The date for the May Community Meal is the 26th.



Women at the Well UMC Receives General Church Grant

The United Methodist General Board of Church & Society (GBCS) has awarded \$41,400 to 15 Peace with Justice ministries around the world including a \$2,500 grant to Women at the Well UMC/Right Next Door.

On May 31st we will be taking a Peace with Justice Sunday offering. Your donations to that program helps support these missions.



The United Methodist Church Contributes \$9.6 Million to Fight Malaria in Africa

WASHINGTON, D.C.: The people of The United Methodist Church today will make a historic donation to the Global Fund with a gift of \$9.6 million, the single largest contribution made by a faith organization to the Geneva-based institution. United Methodists throughout the world contributed to the Imagine No Malaria initiative through donations and grassroots fundraising efforts, ranging from pancake breakfasts to 5K runs to lemonade stands.

“It is on behalf of and with much appreciation to the people of The United Methodist Church that we make this gift,” said Bishop Thomas J. Bickerton, who leads the church’s Imagine No Malaria campaign. “Today we celebrate, with our partner the Global Fund, the work we are doing to end preventable deaths from malaria on the continent of Africa. Our work is making a difference.”

The contribution makes The United Methodist Church one of the most significant non-government contributors to the Global Fund. The money will be used to purchase and distribute insecticide-treated bed nets and other tools to control malaria in Angola, Côte d’Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

“The United Methodist Church’s contribution to fighting the scourge of malaria is admirable and outstanding,” said Mark Dybul, Executive Director of the Global Fund. “This money will allow hundreds of thousands of African children to sleep under a bed net, significantly improving their chances of living malaria-free lives.”

The check presentation will be held at an event on Capitol Hill among a group of lawmakers, United Methodists and members of a wide variety of secular and global organizations and is among a number of global events held to mark World Malaria Day on April

25. United Methodists have organized events for World Malaria Day to raise Imagine No Malaria funds with the theme of #BringChange.

In 2010, the Global Fund and the people of The United Methodist Church joined forces in the fight against malaria. At the core of this partnership is the Imagine No Malaria campaign, which puts faith into action by empowering the people of Africa to improve health infrastructure and achieve a sustainable victory over malaria. The partnership leverages the denomination’s network of hospitals and clinics in Africa and the powerful commitment of United Methodists, along with the scope and resources of the Global Fund to achieve impact on a greater scale than would be possible alone.

The United Methodist Church has pledged up to \$28 million to help those at-risk enjoy malaria-free lives, and has raised \$18.1 million for the Global Fund to date.

Imagine No Malaria is near its goal of raising \$75 million for the battle against malaria.

About Imagine No Malaria

Imagine No Malaria is an extraordinary ministry of the people of The United Methodist Church, putting faith into action to end preventable deaths from malaria in Africa, especially the death of a child or a mother. With a comprehensive approach to fighting this killer disease, Imagine No Malaria empowers the people of Africa to improve health infrastructure and achieve a sustainable victory over malaria.

About the Global Fund

The Global Fund is a 21st-century organization designed to accelerate the end of AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria as epidemics.

Founded in 2002, the Global Fund is a partnership between governments, civil society, the private sector and people affected by the diseases. The Global Fund raises and invests nearly US\$4 billion a year to support programs run by local experts in countries and communities most in need.

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April 2015 School Teachers for Nigeria

On the move:

Yahuda Zailani completes his Master's Degree program in early May, graduates June 7 from Africa University and returns back to Nigeria, his family and his position as a theological professor at Banyam Theological Seminary on June 8. He had to print his dissertation for 4 faculty members, would like to purchase a Kindle loaded with theological books for his teaching, rent a cap/gown for graduation and have expense money for travel back to Bamur once he returns to Nigeria.

Uzajja Dauda will complete his first academic year at Africa University in May and will be traveling back to Nigeria for his internship at the Development Exchange Center in Bauchi. Here he will focus on four areas in the organization: Education, good governance/peace building, development and sustainable community development. His degree is in Peace, Governance and Leadership so the internship will enhance his course of study. He will return to Africa University in Jan. 2016 to complete his last semester before graduation. Obviously he needs travel money to and while in Nigeria.

Davidson Adams completes his course work at Western Iowa Technical Community College in Sioux City with plans to continue the completion of his Bachelor's Degree at Bellevue University starting in August.

Congratulations to **Paul Johnson** who is the new President of the Student Body at Morningside College. Well done, Paul, we're proud of you!

On **June 8 we will celebrate 25 years of partnership with the UMC in Nigeria.** Starting with a worship/celebratory service at 8:30 AM we ask you to join us at this gala event. Wear your ethnic dress or UMVIM work team t-shirt to highlight our missional outreach. Here's what's happening:

Silent Auction of Nigerian clothing, cloth, artifacts, short handled hoes, pictures, etc.

Where: Iowa Nigeria Partnership Display table at Hy Vee Hall A

When: Silent bidding begins Sat. June 6 at noon, concludes Mon. June 8 at 5 PM

Winners: Announcement of highest bidders on Mon. June 8 at INP Dinner, Tue. June 9 at 8:30 AM

Pickup/payment: Tues. June 9 by 10:30 AM, checks payable to Conf. Treasurer

Pictorial walk of Nigerian pictures in Hy Vee Hall taken by Iowans who traveled to Nigeria.

Celebration dinner at 5:30 PM on Mon. June 8 at First UMC in Des Moines at 1001 Pleasant St., Tickets are \$10 and reserved with a check payable to First UMC and sent to Christine Anders, 1001 Pleasant St., Des Moines 50309. Come one and all to hear "Out of Africa/Nigeria" stories. You'll want to hear about Bishop Trimble's birthday cake!!!

Check out the **Nigerian village** as you enter the seating area of Hy Vee Hall.

Prepare to "dance" to the front of the stage as we take an **offering** a la Nigerian style.

Let's celebrate together this momentous 25 year event which has moved the UMC in Nigeria from infancy to full fledged self sufficiency.

You are always welcome to support these students or any UMC related educational project in Nigeria. Monies may be sent through your local church to the conference treasurer, marked, INP, #230 and your designation. Pray for the staff at each of these church schools as they impart wisdom, offer educational challenges, motivate continued learning while providing a Christian witness in action and word.

Beverly Knolt

Godly Humor

The Wednesday-night church service coincided with the last day of hunting season. Our pastor asked who had bagged a deer. No one raised a hand.

Puzzled, the pastor said, "I don't get it. Last Sunday many of you said you were missing because of hunting season. I had the whole congregation pray for your deer." One hunter groaned, "Well, it worked. They're all safe."

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Go camping!!!!

There are many camping opportunities available. There is also camping scholarships to help with the cost. Contact the church office for more information.



May Daily

Reading Guide

- 1 Corinthians 12.1-31
- 1 Corinthians 14.1-40
- 1 Corinthians 15.1-11
- 1 Corinthians 15.12-34
- 1 Corinthians 15.35-58
- Romans 8.1-17
- Romans 8.18-39
- Romans 12.1-21
- 2 Corinthians 1.1-11
- 2 Corinthians 2.12—3.18
- 2 Corinthians 4.1-15
- 2 Corinthians 4.16—5.10
- 2 Corinthians 5.11-21

Ascension Day

- Acts 1.1-26
- John 15.18—16.4a
- John 16.4b-33
- Ezekiel 1.1-28
- Ezekiel 2.1-10
- Ezekiel 3.1-27
- Ezekiel 34.1-31
- Ezekiel 36.1-38
- Ezekiel 37.1-28
- Joel 2.28—3.21

Pentecost

- Acts 2.1-13
- Acts 2.14-47
- Galatians 1.1-24
- Galatians 2.1-21
- Galatians 3.1-29
- Galatians 4.1-31
- Galatians 5.1-26
- Galatians 6.1-18

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NURSERY

VOLUNTEERS

- 3rd Sheila Applegate
- 10th Suzanne Pierce
- 17th Leslie Cleaveland
- 24th Pam Ehmke
- 31st Gloria Gleaves



KOINONIA

- 3rd Mary Lou/Mary W/Nicholle K.
- 10th Mothers' Day
- 17th Marvin & Carolyn
- 24th Gloria Gleaves
- 31st Jones Family



USHERS, GREETERS, CANDLELIGHTERS



- 3rd Sid & Tami Skank
Mike & Kristy Bane
- Candle lighters
Camryn & Allyee Pierson



- 10th Mark & Mischa Martens
Mitch & Penny Anderson
- Candle lighters
Emma & Aaron Ehmke

- 17th Bernie & Norma Bolton
Bob & Beverly Beckendorf

- Candle lighters
Eric Duhachek & Kyler Rieken

- 24th Alan & Connie Gardner
Dick & Leslie Cleaveland

- Candle lighters
Aiden Bell & Anna Duhachek

- 31st Jerry & Suzanne Pierce
Andrew Jones & Hayley Haines

- Candle lighters
Claire Harris & J J Wilson



- The People of Nepal
- The Family of Rick Beedle
- The Family of Gerald Hackett
- Margaret Alff Oakland Manor
- Audrey Hartje Oakland Manor
- Lucille Bentley Oakland Manor
- Erma Cleaveland Oakland Manor
- Joan Turner Oakland Manor
- Janice Harris Oakland Heights
- Pat Burgett Oakland Heights
- Neunia Timberman Oakland Heights
- Anita Killion Oakland Heights



Pray for 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.



May Calendar of Events

- Sat, 2nd 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (Note the date change for this month)
- Sun, 3rd 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Choir Practice
9:15 a.m. Senior Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Worship/Senior Recognition/Communion
11:00 a.m. Koinonia
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
7:30 p.m. Baccalaureate at Sharon Presbyterian
- Wed, 6th 6:30 p.m. Last Sr. High Youth Group
- Sun, 10th 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Worship/Mothers' Day
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- Sun, 17th 9:00 a.m. Last Day of Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship/Children Sing/
Promotion Sunday/Teacher Recognition
11:00 a.m. Koinonia
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
High School Graduation
- Thu, 21st 7:00 p.m. Administrative Board Meeting
- Sun, 24th 10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Koinonia
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- Tue, 26th 5:30 p.m. Community Supper
- Sun, 31st 10:00 a.m. Worship/Peace with Justice Sunday
11:00 a.m. Koinonia
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School

May Birthdays

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



Godly Humor

Golf in Heaven

A cleric found himself wondering whether there were any golf courses in Heaven. He even began to ask the question in his prayers. One day, in answer to his prayers, he received a direct answer from on high.

"Yes," said the Heavenly messenger, "There are many excellent golf courses in Heaven. The greens are always in first class condition, the weather is always perfect and you always get to play with the very nicest people."

"Oh, thank you," said the cleric, "That really is marvelous news."

"Yes, isn't it?" replied the messenger, "And we've got you down for a foursome next Saturday."

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

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds.

After explaining the commandment to "honor thy father and thy mother," she asked "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy answered, "Thou shalt not kill."

April Trivia Answers

1. What plant sprang up miraculously to give shade to the prophet Jonah? (Jonah 4:6) a gourd	6. What, according to the New Testament, produces the smallest seed of any plant? (Matthew 13:31) Mustard
2. What woman used mandrakes to gain a night in bed with Jacob? (Genesis 30:14-16) Leah	7. Which book mentions the rose of Sharon and the lily of the valley? (Song of Solomon 2:1)
3. Who used rods of poplar, hazel, and chestnut trees to make genetic changes in his sheep? (Genesis 30:37-39) Jacob	8. What mythical creature eats grass — according to the book of Job? (Job 40:15-22) Behemoth
4. What kind of tree did the weary Elijah sit under? (1 Kings 19:4) A broom tree	9. What is the only book of the Bible mentions the apple tree? (Song of Solomon 2:3)
5. What plant had such a bitter taste that it became the symbol for sorrow and disaster? (Proverbs 5:4; Amos 5:7) Wormwood	10. What kind of tree did Zacchaeus climb in order to see Jesus? (Luke 19:1-4) A sycamore

From *The Complete Book of Bible Trivia* by
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Trivia with Hints

1. In what land did Moses see a burning bush that was not consumed? Exodus 3	6. In the parable of the sower, what unwanted plant causes some of the seeds to die? Matthew 13
2. On what day of Creation did God make the plants? Genesis 1	7. What was Moses' basket made of? Exodus 2
3. What kind of flowers were supposed to be carved into the sacred lampstands? Exodus 25	8. What plant was used to lift up a sponge to the dying Jesus? John 19
4. What were Solomon's chariots made of? Song of Solomon 3	9. What plant was given to Jesus as a mock scepter by the Roman soldiers? Mark 15
5. What book mentions "apples of gold".	10. What plant food, given to pigs, was wanted by the prodigal son? Luke 15



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