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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
- 5:00 Hispanic Service



Pray for a safe harvest for our farmers and field workers.



Sunday, November 23, 6:00 p.m. at the Oakland Community Center. Bring a salad, vegetable or dessert and you will be all set!



Join us. 2nd Saturday of the month 7:00 a.m. at the church.

November 30th
1st Sunday of Advent
Hanging of the Greens



First Sunday in Advent



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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I read that Alex Haley, the author of Roots, had an unusual picture hanging on his office wall. It was a picture of a turtle on top of a fence post. When Mr. Haley was asked why he had a picture of a turtle on top of a fence post hanging on his office wall his response was:

“Every time I write something significant, every time I read my words and think they are wonderful and begin to feel proud of myself, I look at the turtle on top of that fence post and I remember that he didn't get there on his own. He had help. And so have I.”

The truth is all of us have had help to get to where we are today. The psalmist poses the question, “Where does our help come from?” Psalm 121:2 tells us, “My help comes from the Lord. The Maker of heaven and earth.”

The basis of thankfulness is to remember that we got here with the help of God, and that God is the provider of every blessing we receive. All that we have comes from our Gracious Lord. I think sometimes we forget that.

In Luke's Gospel, we can read about Jesus' miraculous healing of the 10 lepers. We can also read that only one of the ten returned to Jesus to give him thanks. That story has always bothered me. Where were the others? Why didn't they show their gratitude to Jesus?

Maybe they considered their healing to be coincidental. After all, Jesus hadn't touched them. He just told them to go and see the priest. Maybe it was just a coincidence that they experienced healing after talking to Jesus. Maybe they were just lucky.

Or maybe they felt they were in some way responsible for their healing. They were the ones who decided to give Jesus a try. They were the ones who cried out. They were the ones who acted in faith by heading to the priest. If they were grateful, they were grateful for their

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own wisdom and resourcefulness.

Or maybe they were just in a hurry. They were excited to get back to their families. They couldn't take the time to say thank you.

Still, I find it very hard to understand why only one returned to give thanks. That is until I think about all the good things that have happened in my life and the times when I did not say thank you to God.

Maybe you, too, have sometimes forgotten to praise the Lord for the many blessings in your life. The Thanksgiving season is upon us. I invite you to join with me in offering praise and prayers of thanksgiving on a daily basis. Let us not let one day go by without giving thanks to our Lord for our blessings.

Centuries ago church father Clement of Alexandria wrote, “There is only one offering we can make to God – a thankful heart.” May it be so for us all!

Have a Blessed Thankful Thanksgiving.

And all God's children said,

“Amen.”

Pastor Karen

Everyone is invited!

Riverside Church Association Thanksgiving Dinner/Worship

Please join us for the annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship Service to be held at Oakland Community building on November 23 at 6pm. We will share a meal together at 6pm and a Thanksgiving Worship Service will follow.



*Please bring a dish to share.
The drinks and table service
will be provided.*

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All Saints Sunday

Come join us for worship on November 2. This will be a day of remembrance for those in our church family who have gone on before us. We will also be dedicating memorial gifts given in the past year. Following the lighting of the candles for those from our church family who have gone on before us, there will be a time for anyone in the congregation to come forward to light a candle in remembrance of a family member/friend who has passed away in the past year.

Thank you!

As of the publishing of this newsletter, fifty-seven 2015 Giving Cards have been returned .

We thank you for your Commitments of Gifts for the work of the church.

There is still time to return your 2015 Giving Card. If you did not receive a 2015 Giving Card or have misplaced it, please call the church office.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship.

Stewardship Committee

Ecumenical Youth Group

The Ecumenical Youth Group had a busy October. On the 8th they traveled to Treynor to see illusionist Jared Hall's performance. We are still trying to figure out how he made an end table fly through the air. Following his amazing performance, Jared shared with the group why he was really there. It was not to amaze us with his illusions, it was to amaze us with the Good News of Jesus Christ – which is what he did. He delivered a powerful message about the saving grace of our Lord. We were all glad we were able to attend!

On October 15th, following a meal together, the youth and adults had a worship service in the

Sanctuary. The youth sang praise songs, read scriptures, and participated in skits. The service ended with Holy Communion and Prayer..

Over 40 youth and four adults traveled to Tim White's pumpkin patch on the evening of October 22. After picking pumpkins, the youth gathered around a camp fire to roast hot dogs and marshmallows for s'mores. It was a fun time of fellowship for all! The evening ended with prayer.

The Art of Marriage - Getting to the Heart of God's Design

We are excited to bring this video marriage conference series to couples in the community whomengaged,their first years of marriage, or have been together for many years.We will meet on the first three Fridays in November - 7, 14, and 21 from 6:30-9:30, beginning with dinner and concluding after viewing the video.We will meet at the church for the first session.Cost of \$35 will cover the workbook materials for each couple.Check out theartofmarriage.com for video testimonies and additional information.Send a message to Kristy Rieken at 402-658-4856 or the church office to register.This is an event your marriage can't miss!!If this event doesn't apply to you, but you know a couple it may help, offer to pay the fee or watch their children.God will bless you for participating or contributing.

UPCOMING IN DECEMBER

Hanging of the Greens

It is hard to believe that the Advent Season will begin soon. The first Sunday in Advent is November 30. We need your help to prepare our church for the Advent season. Following the 10 a.m. worship service on November 30th we will decorate the church and share in a light meal together. Hope you can join us!





OAKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Members Present: Barb Schorsch, Pastor Karen Hoff, Veva Larson, Dick & Louise Merkle, Lyle Bentley, Bernie & Norma Bolton, Gloria Gleaves, Terry Gleaves, Tim White, Kristi Reiken

Barb called the meeting to order and Pastor Karen opened with prayer.

Secretary's Report was read. Lyle moved to approve, Bernie seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report was explained by Dick. Norma moved to approve, and Gloria seconded. Motion approved.

Finance Team: Terry reported that envelopes for new pledges will be handed out Sunday 9/21

Board of Trustees: Bernie reported that Dave is very unhappy with the roofing job. Repairs will have to be made before the Ambassador roofing company is paid.

Staff-Parish Relations Team: Bernie requested that Karen return as pastor for another year. Salary will be set at the next meeting. Karen accepted.

Pastor's Report: Calendar: Karen will be absent September 28th. Merlin will fill in.

Sunday, the 21st, the Hispanic Service will be celebrating their 3rd year. We are invited to join them that evening.

Youth: Confirmation starts October 2nd on Thursdays.

October 8th the MYF will go to Treynor for their evening motivational speaker sponsored by Treynor State Bank

Ministry Team Reports:

Missions: The third Sunday special offering this month will be for Layette Kits

Nominations: This group will be meeting in October

Education: Sunday School started 2 weeks ago. There are three classes

Adult Education:

- Kristi reported that Art of Marriage materials had been ordered. The group will meet three Fridays in November. They may add a meal to their agenda.
- In 2015, Kristi hopes to have a 6-week course on the Blessings of women's decisions and directions.
- A Youth Faith and Fitness group is meeting once or twice a month. Would OUMC like to support this? Need volunteers to help and provide snacks.
- Merle Larson is leading the men's prayer group once-a-month-Saturday-breakfast.
- Louise Merkle has started a Women of the Bible study.

Memorials: Money from the Marie Johnk memorial paid for new music for the choir.

Old Business:

Moving two marked file cabinets from the Congregational Church should happen this month.

New Business:

- ESL is to begin September 25th and will meet from 5:30 to 7:30.
- All Saints Sunday is November 2nd. Karen asked if anyone should be added to the list.
- Charge Conference is October 30 at the Carson UMC.
- A possible garage sale to dispose of items left from Sunday school office and the attic was discussed and tabled till the next meeting.
- Dave Applegate should be asked to look at the new Insurance Policy.
- Our next meeting will be October 16th at 7:00.

Bernie moved and Terry seconded that we adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned.

The meeting closed with prayer

Veva Larson, Board Secretary

Iowa Annual Conference in June

Are you interested in learning how the Methodist Church of Iowa decides on the actions they take for the coming year? Do you have strong ideas about what you would like to see happen in the conference churches? If you have any interest at all in how the Conference operates, you could be a delegate to the Annual Conference in June representing the OUMC.

There is an allowance set aside for expenses to be in Des Moines for 3 or 4 days. There is some free time to have for yourself. For more information please contact Pastor Karen in the church office (482-5530).

United Methodist-related hospital answers

Ebola call

DALLAS (UMNS) — Methodist Health System in Dallas has agreed to provide space for specialized treatment of Ebola, should more cases materialize in Texas. Gov. Rick Perry announced the involvement of Methodist, among other health care systems. A Methodist Health System facility in Richardson, Texas, near Dallas, will offer an entire floor for Ebola treatment. "It is the right thing to do," said Stephen Mansfield, president and CEO of Methodist Health System.

Please see our web page for more information.

www.oaklandiaumc.org

November Daily

Reading Guide

- 1 Genesis 1: 1—2: 4a
- 2 Genesis 2: 4b-2:5
- 3 Psalm 104
- 4 Psalm 8
- 5 Psalm 24
- 6 1 Chronicles 16: 8-43
- 7 Nehemiah 12: 27-47
- 8 Esther 9: 20-32
- 9 Job 42: 1-17
- 10 Psalm 138
- 11 Psalm 145
- 12 Psalm 146
- 13 Psalm 147
- 14 Psalm 148
- 15 Psalm 149
- 16 Psalm 150
- 17 Revelation 4: 1-11
- 18 Revelation 5: 1-14
- 19 Psalm 92
- 20 Psalm 93
- 21 Psalm 94
- 22 Psalm 95
- 23 Psalm 96
- 24 Psalm 97
- 25 Psalm 98
- 26 Psalm 99
- 27 Psalm 65 Thanksgiving
- 28 Psalm 66
- 29 Psalm 67
- 30 Psalm 100 1st Sunday of Advent

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BLACK FRIDAY and GIVING TUESDAY

Thanksgiving is less than two months away... and with it Black Friday. Neither event is held here in Zimbabwe, so people here are usually fascinated with the histories behind those two days. We REALLY like the more recent development of Giving Tuesday which follows Black Friday. Please consider including Africa University Scholarships and Farm Development in your gifts that day.

The website for UMC Advance Specials is www.umcmision.org, or you can give through your local church, using the numbers at the end of this letter.

CAMPUS NEWS

Jane: My new group of Intensive English (IE) has been enjoying learning English by watching videos of 'The No 1 Ladies Detective Agency'. The BBC series is based on the books of the same name, set in Botswana. Very funny- and many reminders of our years living and working in Botswana.

We have welcomed a new Vice Chancellor (University President). Professor Furusa is a Zimbabwean who has been re-transplanted after working in universities in California.

CHURCH LIFE

A major event in the life of the Zimbabwe UMC was a three-day gathering in the National Stadium in August. The theme was 'Ebenezer'- from the verse in 1 Samuel referring to the 'Stone of Help'. We were among over 50,000 who were refreshed and inspired by the messages, singing and fellowship. The stadium seats were full of colorful UMC uniforms.

LIFE IN THE USA

This past American summer saw two AU Ag students studying agriculture side by side with American farmers. Tafadzwa in Iowa and Ngaatendwe in West Virginia both had their worlds enlarged through their experiences- while giving a glimpse into Zimbabwe life to their generous hosts. If you are at all interested in participating in this wonderful exchange program, please email me soon since jumping through all the hoops for visas etc takes time. (cont'd)

Update from Mutare

Larry and Jane Kies Newsletter Oct 2014

*Samuel then took a stone...and named it Ebenezer,
'The Stone of Help' I Samuel 7:12*

Dear friends and family,

Greetings from Mutare, Zimbabwe!!

In our family we love receiving the National Geographic magazine- the informative articles, excellent photographs, the glimpse into cultures very different from our own. This year I have been inspired by the magazine's series on Food. The articles have highlighted not only the challenges but also some of the successes in satisfying the appetite of a growing world population. I believe that as people of faith God calls us to help Feed the Hungry.

In the October issue an info-graphic showed where the less-marketable parts of the US chicken industry end up, since the main demand in the US is for breast meat. Here in Zimbabwe even the heads and feet are consumed. In fact, for awhile a large commercial poultry producer marketed these items packaged together as 'walkie-talkies'.

Our May newsletter displayed an Africa University student on an NG 'cover'. A number of people indirectly complimented my Photoshopping skills when they emailed me asking which issue had the article. I confess that I didn't emphasize later in the newsletter that the 'cover' was not genuine, and was dated 2016... apropos for AU's motto, 'Investing in Africa's Future'. Most teachers nurture dreams that their students will help make the world a better place, even if they don't appear on magazine covers. Certainly it is exciting for us to see AU students providing skilled manpower on the African continent, not only in agriculture and as pastors, but in many fields, including health care.

Ebola has been very much in the news here. We are aware that our Pan-African student body increased our risks of exposure when students returned from their home countries- including the west African nations hardest hit. Screening was done, and contingency plans put in place, and university life went on as usual. We are thankful that the campus, in fact all of southern Africa,

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AU FARM NEWS

To help produce more food, as well as be better models for our students and area farmers, we try to follow the slogan, 'Don't just Work HARD- Work SMART!' A major recent thrust has been to escape the vagaries of the rainy season. We are in the final stages of extending our irrigation system to the most fertile field on the farm. Trenches have been dug and we will soon lay pipes so we can plant our first irrigated crop in this field by late October. **Thanks** to all who have helped us to make this and other investments!

FAMILY NEWS

We were proud of Michael when he recently won his school age-group swimming races in both the freestyle and backstroke.

Carly is now very busy with classes at Emory University in Atlanta. We hope that on Thanksgiving Pule can fly from Fargo to join her in visiting Ben in New York.

Please pray

Ø For wisdom for our new VC as he leads staff and students.

Ø For all new students (especially here at AU and one in particular at Emory) that they are stimulated in their studies and are blessed with the local support networks they need to cope with the pressures of campus life, far from home.

For those affected by Ebola, both directly from infection and indirectly from the upheaval caused by the outbreak.

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)

Africa University

Box 1320

Mutare Zimbabwe

email- LKies@AfricaU.edu

Handy Little Chart

YOU SAY GOD SAYS BIBLE VERSES

You say: "It's impossible"

God says: All things are possible (Luke 18:27)

You say: "I'm too tired"

God says: I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-30)

You say: "Nobody really loves me"

God says: I love you (John 3:16 & John 3:34)

You say: "I can't go on"

God says: My grace is sufficient
(II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

You say: "I can't figure things out"

God says: I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: "I can't do it"

God says: You can do all things (Philippians 4:13)

You say: "I'm not able"

God says: I am able (II Corinthians 9:8)

You say: "It's not worth it"

God says: It will be worth it (Roman 8:28)

You say: "I can't forgive myself"

God says: I Forgive you (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say: "I can't manage"

God says: I will supply all your needs (Philippians 4:19)

You say: "I'm afraid"

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear
(II Timothy 1:7)

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"

God says: Cast all your cares on ME (I Peter 5:7)

You say: "I'm not smart enough"

God says: I give you wisdom (I Corinthians 1:30)

You say: "I feel all alone"

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you
(Hebrews 13:5)

BUILDING GUIDELINES FOR OAKLAND UMC

The Oakland United Methodist Church offers its facilities to others in living out our mission of "Growing in Christ, Sharing Christ with Others." Those who use our facilities need to contribute to the well-being of individuals and the community. Church office phone: (712) 482-5530.

PRIORITY OF USAGE

- * Congregation sponsored activities, groups and programs.
- * Church-related activities, agencies, groups and programs.
- * Functions for members and their families.
- * Volunteer community service groups or programs.
- * Activities and programs of community concern or citizen interest.

BUILDING POLICIES

- **No** smoking in the building.
- **No** alcoholic beverages in the building.
- **Thermostats** and fans are to be adjusted by the church custodian **ONLY**.
- If air-conditioning/heat is being used, all doors will be kept closed to preserve the cool/warm air inside the building. *(This includes doors into the sanctuary.)*
- **Any** damage to church facilities/property will be repaired or replaced at the expense of the group using the facility.
- **No** chairs may be placed in the aisles due to fire codes.
- **The church is not responsible for purses, valuables or other items left unattended.**
- **Except** for our United Methodist organizations, there shall be NO fund-raising projects/business promotions.

BUILDING ACCESS - Access to the building is available Monday through Friday, 9:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Need for building access outside these hours should be arranged with the church office. If at all possible, paid church staff will open and lock the building. Other use may be allowed by the loan of a key. Church staff is responsible for determining key use, under the guidance of the Trustees.

USE OF CHURCH EQUIPMENT – Permission to borrow church equipment shall be obtained from the church Trustees. Any party borrowing equipment from the church is responsible for loss or breakage.

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SUGGESTED BUILDING FEES	Members	Non-Members
Fellowship Hall Usage	Donation	\$50.00
Adult Lounge Usage	Donation	\$25.00
Sound Technician	\$50.00	\$50.00
Custodian	\$50.00	\$50.00

Fees are payable at the time of reservation. Checks should be made payable to the custodian, Dick Kates and Oakland United Methodist Church, respectively. Exceptions to building use fees will be made at the discretion of the church staff.

October School Teachers for Nigeria

Bishop John Wesley Yohanna, Episcopal leader of the Nigeria Annual Conference, will be a guest in Iowa for several days in late October. He will be speaking in the Central, East Central and Southwest Districts from Wednesday, October 22 to Tuesday October 28. You are welcome to attend a speaking event in your area. Bishop Yohanna serves the growing UMC in Nigeria which includes a variety of mission projects jointly supported by the Iowa Conference.

Wed. Oct. 22	3 PM Visit Cross Ministries in Osceola 5:30 PM Osceola UMC pot luck, presentation, overnight Osceola
Thur. Oct. 23	10 AM Norwalk UMC 2 PM Monroe UMC 5 PM Pleasantville UMC, overnight Pleasantville
Fri. Oct. 24	9:30 AM Prairie City UMC 6 PM Dinner and overnight at home of Beverly Nolte
Sat. Oct. 25	10 AM – 3 PM Iowa Nigeria Partnership Committee Meeting 5 PM Grace UMC, overnight in Polk City
Sun. Oct. 26	8:15/10:30 AM Polk City UMC, overnight at home of Beverly Nolte

Mon. Oct. 27	2 PM Atlantic UMC, 5 PM Harlan UMC, overnight in Harlan
Tues. Oct. 28	9:30 AM Broadway UMC, Council Bluffs 11:15 AM Transfer to the Great Plains Conference (NE)

As the holiday season approaches, remember our Nigerian students Paul Johnson attending Morningside College, Ishaya David at Simpson College and Davidson Adams studying at WITCC in Sioux City who have no family to send them “**care packages.**” You are welcome to prepare a “care package” and here are some items on their “wish list.”

- ◆ Cookies and crackers, granola bars, microwave popcorn
- ◆ All kind of toiletries
- ◆ Pair of socks (dress or sport) or sports shirt (size S/M)
- ◆ 3 ring notebooks for classes
- ◆ \$10 for purchasing minutes on their cell phone

This is the contact and delivery information for each of the Nigerian students:

Paul Johnson: Morningside College, 3609 Peters Ave. Sioux City 51106, Cell: 712 301 9530

Davidson Adams: WITCC, 4647 Stone Ave., Apt. G2, Sioux City 51106 Dorm room: 712 222 4936, Cell: 712 222 4930

Ishaya David: Simpson College, 701 N. “C” St., #3379, Indianola 50125, Cell: 515 868 2037

Five faculty houses on the Banyam Theological Seminary campus have been renovated making them a bright spot on the campus with fresh paint, new roofs and clean interiors. These renovations have been a morale booster on campus as the staff and students see Christian love and concern shown by Iowa United Methodists. Bravo!

The Nigerian Government has now **allowed all schools to begin classes** after having been closed due to the Ebola virus. The Junior Secondary School started classes on Sept. 22. Nigeria’s president says Nigeria is Ebola free. We pray so!

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NURSERY

VOLUNTEERS

- 2nd Pam Ehmke
 9th Barb Schorsch
 16th Carrie Bane
 23rd Lindsay Henderson
 30th Hayley Haines



USHERS, GREETERS,

CANDLELIGHTERS

- 2nd Leigh Bell & Lisa Rollins
 Mark & Mischa Martens



Candle lighters

Aiden Bell & Eric Duhachek

- 9th Alan & Connie Gardner
 Dick & Leslie Cleaveland

Candle lighters

Emma & Aaron Ehmke

- 16th Jerry & Suzanne Pierce
 Jean Blackburn & Jessie Shiffer

Candle lighters

Camryn & Allyee Pierson

- 23rd Skip & Ilene Applegate
 Marty & Kristy Rieken

Candle lighters

Kyler Rieken & Anna Duhachek

- 30th Doc & LaVinna Blanchard
 Mark & Lynelle Jeppesen

Candle lighters

JJ Wilson & Calvin Duhachek



KOINONIA

- 2nd Lynelle Jeppesen
 9th Pam & Emma Ehmke
 16th Mary Waggoner & Mary Lou Colvin
 23rd Barb Schorsch
 30th Bernie & Norma Bolton

November and December Sunday School

	Pre K-K	1st-2nd	3-6th	Music
2nd	Jodi	Pam	Lynelle	Sue
9th	Carrie	Leigh	Susan H.	Sue
16h	Kristy	Jamie	Jenn	Sue
23rd	Lindsey	Pam	Lynelle	Sue
30th	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL			
7th	Jodi	Kristy	Susan H.	Sue
14th	Carrie	Jamie	Pam	Sue
21st	PRACTICE FOR PROGRAM			
28th	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL			

5:00p.m. Hispanic Worship Service

	Host	Nursery
2nd	Louise & Dick Merkle	
9th	_____	
16th	Mary Waggoner & Mary Lou Colvin	
23rd	_____	
30th	Gute Family	

Mark your calendars!

- Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups on Wednesdays
 Fri, the 7th The Art of Marriage Video Seminar
 Sat, Nov 8th 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
 Thu, Nov 20th Administrative Board meeting
 Sun, Nov 23rd 6:00 p.m. Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner and worship at Oakland Community Bldg.

November Calendar of Events

Sun, Nov 2	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation Class/Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Worship w/Communion/All Saints Sunday/Aid Assistance Offering/Daylight Savings Time Ends (Fall Back)
	11:00 a.m.	Koinonia
	5:00 p.m.	Hispanic Worship
Mon, Nov 3		Pastor Karen will be in Atlantic
Wed, Nov 5	6:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
Thu, Nov 6	5:30—7:30 p.m.	English as a Second Language
Fri, Nov 7	6:30—9:30 p.m.	“The Art of Marriage” Video Seminar
Sat, Nov 8	7:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast
Sun, Nov 9	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation Class
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Koinonia
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	5:00 p.m.	Hispanic Worship
Wed, Nov 12	6:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
Thu, Nov 13	5:30—7:30 p.m.	English as a Second Language
Fri, Nov 14	6:30—9:30 p.m.	“The Art of Marriage” Video Seminar
Sun, Nov 16	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation Class/Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Worship /Children Sing
	11:00 a.m.	Koinonia
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	5:00 p.m.	Hispanic Worship
Wed, Nov 19	6:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thu, Nov 20	5:30—7:30 p.m.	English as a Second Language
	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Board meeting
Fri, Nov 21	6:30—9:30 p.m.	“The Art of Marriage” Video Seminar
Sun, Nov 23	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation Class/Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Baptism
	11:00 a.m.	Koinonia
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	5:00 p.m.	Hispanic Worship
	6:00 p.m.	Community Thanksgiving Dinner and Worship
Wed, Nov 26	6:30 p.m.	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
Thu, Nov 27	5:30—7:30 p.m.	English as a Second Language
Sun, Nov 30	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation Class/Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Koinonia
		Hanging of the Greens immediately following Koinonia
	11:15 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	5:00 p.m.	Hispanic Worship

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Job Postings

Administrative Assistant

First United Methodist Church of Atlantic is seeking an experienced administrative professional to fill the position of Administrative Assistant. Qualified candidates must possess working knowledge of the Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Publisher, Power-Point, Excel), familiarity with accounting practices (billing, deposits, and payroll); provide secretarial support for staff; maintain church records; and have experience with dissemination of information through various forms of social and print media, email communications, and web management.

This position requires a self-starter that is organized, flexible, able to maintain a high level of professionalism in all situations through excellent communication and people skills and adhere to confidentiality expectations.

Interested candidates are invited to send their cover letter, resume, and references to: Rev. Lanette Plambeck; First UMC; 800 Poplar Street; Atlantic, IA 50022 or emailed to lanette@metc.net.

Administrative Assistant

The Audubon First United Methodist Church is seeking applications for an Administrative Assistant. If this is a position that interests you then a job description and application can be picked up at the church office at 428 Washington Street in Audubon, Iowa. Call for details at 712-563-3342.

Deadline for application in November 28th 2014

UMC #GivingTuesday.

The United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries announced that on Dec. 2, 2014, it will match up to \$1 million in gifts made online to any project through The Advance as part of UMC #GivingTuesday.

Marie Kuch-Stanovsky, who chairs the communication and development committee of

Global Ministries' board of directors, expressed enthusiasm about last year's record \$6.5 million raised online through The Advance on UMC #GivingTuesday. "It was a wonderful sign of commitment and extravagant generosity, maximizing the impact of thousands of United Methodists coming together on one day to transform the world."

See OUMC web page or face book for more information.

PERSONNALS

Thank You

Dear Pastor Karen and Church Family, Thank you for awarding me with the generous church scholarship. It will be used to help further my education for my : year at Iowa State.



Thanks for all your support over the years. Everything helps!

God Bless and *Go Cyclones!*

Dani Turner

Congratulations

Congratulations to Katie Schorsch who just completed her Masters in Communications at Drake University with a 4.0 grade point!!



See the church web page for the college ministry articles.
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College Addresses

If you have a student in college and they do not receive this newsletter, please forward their address to us. We would love to keep in touch.

Fitness Program needs volunteers.

The Faith and Fitness After School Program that meets at the school on Friday afternoons is in need of volunteers. Please contact Kristy Rieken for more info.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GROW IN YOUR FAITH

Opportunities for growing your church through deeper discipleship!

The Southwest District ministry team is passionate about making disciples in our local churches. The next opportunity is for the laity at our Lay Servant Ministry weekends (Nov. 7 & 8 at Stuart UMC and Nov. 21 & 22 at Salem UMC.) Our class offerings at both locations will be the Basic Course as well as Accountable Discipleship. The cost is \$15.00! To register, please see the attached registration form, which also includes the details about materials needed for either course. The Accountable Discipleship course is open to any and all lay folks, regardless if they have taken the Basic Course. We want this great time of fellowship, learning and deepening your faith to be available to everyone!

It is our hope that all laity will consider taking advantage of this opportunity to get inspired, fired up, and resourced around next steps for better and deeper discipleship in your own local congregations and communities. If you have any questions about either of these equipping opportunities, please feel free to contact Rev. Melissa Drake at melissa.drake@iaumc.org.

Please contact Pastor Karen if you are interested or for more information



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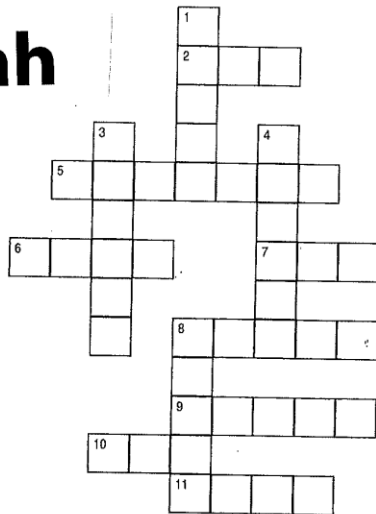
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"We invite all persons to be a part of our Community of Faith by participating in worship, education, fellowship and Christian service."

Noah



ACROSS:

- 2. What Noah's boat was called. (Gen. 6:14)
- 5. This is the symbol of God's covenant with Noah. (Gen. 9:13)
- 6. & 7. Two of Noah's sons. (Gen. 6:10)
- 8. Number of days and nights it rained. (Gen. 7:4)
- 9. The leaf the dove brought back was from this tree. (Gen. 8:11)
- 10. God asked Noah to take this number of each animal into the boat. (Gen. 6:19)
- 11. The second bird Noah sent from the boat. (Gen. 8:8)

DOWN:

- 1. The first bird Noah sent from the boat. (Gen. 8:7)
- 3. One of Noah's sons. (Gen. 6:10)
- 4. Noah's boat was made from this wood. (Gen. 6:14)
- 8. God sent this to destroy the earth. (Gen. 6:17)

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