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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



The children's table at the All Church Birthday Party, August 24th.

Third graders, Aaron Ehmke, Kyler Rieken, & Grady Jeppeson, receiving their Bibles from Pastor Karen.





Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Remember the old hymn "Count Your Blessings?" The refrain reads:

*Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count
your blessings, see what God has done;*

*Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count
your many blessings, see what God has done.*

As I read those words, I thought, "Where do I begin to count the many blessings in my life?" In not any particular order, I began to count my blessings. I soon discovered the list has no end because each day brings new blessings.

The truth is when we take the time to stop and think about the many blessings in our lives, we realize they are countless. And granted, for all of us, there are times we don't feel particularly blessed, times when there isn't enough money to pay the bills, times of illness, troubled relationships, losses, various trials. Yet, even during difficult times, God continues to bless us with his love, strength, and courage.

Psalm 24:1 reads, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it." In other words, all we have and all we are come from God. All the blessings in our lives are gifts from God. "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father and the heavenly lights" (James 1:17).

We are taught from an early age to say "thank you" upon receiving a gift. So how do we say "Thank you" to God for the many, many gifts He has given to us?

One way we say "thank you" is to set aside a portion of our earnings and offer them back to God in praise and thanksgiving for the blessings we have been given.

One of my most favorite scriptures about giving is found in the Second Book of Corinthians:

"Each one should give then, as he has decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause. As the Scripture says, 'He gives generously to the needy;

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his kindness lasts forever.' And God, who supplies seed for the sower and bread to eat, will also supply you with all the seed you need and will make it grow and produce a rich harvest from your generosity." (2 Corinthians 9:7-10)

May we be generous in our giving to God just as God is generous to us.

And All God's Children Said,

"Amen."

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Karen

Consecration/World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 5, has been designated as Consecration Sunday. During the worship service we will consecrate the 2015 giving cards. We will also celebrate World Communion Sunday, remembering we are a part of the whole body of believers.

Charge Conference

Our Charge Conference will be on Thursday, October 30, at 7pm at the Carson UMC. As in past years, this will be a Cluster Charge Conference. The Carson/Mt. Hope, Hancock/ Silver Creek/Shelby, Macedonia/Henderson/Wheeler Grove and Oakland United Methodist Churches will meet together.

The Charge Conference is not only a time to do the business of the church, it is also a time to share testimonies, celebrate ministries, and talk about our mission as disciples of Jesus Christ. Hope you will attend!

Confirmation Classes

Confirmation Classes for 7th graders and older will begin on October 5, at 9am.



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All Saints Sunday

Come join us for worship on November 3. 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.

Habitat for Humanity

19 youth from the Ecumenical Youth Group who meet at the Oakland UMC on Wednesday evenings and 4 adults traveled to Council Bluffs on Wednesday afternoon, September 17. The youth and adults cleaned three Habitat for Humanity properties of weeds, brush, sticks, and litter, and mowed the lawns in preparation for the building of Habitat for Humanity houses. They also toured a house that Habitat for Humanity is refurbishing. Thank you youth and adults for giving of your time and talents to serve others!!

(Photos can be seen on the bulletin board in the church entryway. Thanks Margaret!)

Youth Groups to Adventureland

43 youth and 2 adults from the Ecumenical Youth Group traveled to Altoona on Saturday, September 20 to enjoy the day at Adventureland Park. The weather was beautiful! It was a fun day for all .

Hispanic Worship Thanking OUMC

On Sunday evening, September 21, adults from the Oakland UMC morning worship service and adults and children from the 5pm Hispanic worship service joined together for worship in Fellowship Hall. The worship service was a special time to celebrate the third year anniversary of the start of the Hispanic

Worship Service at the Oakland UMC. Pastor Reuben Mendoza

preached a Spirit filled message. Cindy Serpas translated the message.

Rev. Mendoza thanked the Oakland UMC congregation for their hospitality. He expressed sincere appreciation for the ways the Oakland UMC has welcomed the Hispanic congregation. He gave thanks for the many volunteers who provide refreshments/child care for their Sunday evening services.

The worship service ended with prayer and singing. Following the service the congregation joined in a potluck meal together. It was a great time of worship and fellowship!

English Classes to be Offered

ESL classes did resume on Thursday, September 25, from 5:30-7:30pm at the Oakland UMC. The class will be held weekly on Thursday evenings. Child Care is provided for the children of the parents taking the classes. **If you would like to help care for the children or know of someone who would, please call Ernie Ruehle (funds are available to pay a child care worker).**

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.

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.

See the church web page for the college ministry articles.
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Administrative Board Minutes

Thursday, August 21, 2014

Members Present: Pastor Karen Hoff, Veva Larson, Mischa Martens, Dick Merkle, Lyle Bentley, Bernie & Norma Bolton, Merlin Jones, Dave Applegate

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

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

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

Board of Trustees: Dave reported that Ambassador (Council Bluffs) is getting the roof done. The same business will also fix the windows, the parsonage roof and siding. Dave noticed that there is no insulation between the ceiling of the sanctuary and the shingles. It is too late to fix it now as the shingling is nearly done. We should look at fixing this in the future.

Extra clean-up in the Sanctuary will be required of Dick Kates after the roofing. Lyle made a motion that we pay Dick an additional \$150 bonus. Dave seconded. Approved.

Norma noted that we should thank Dave for the day he spent cleaning up the tree damage in the parsonage yard after the hail/wind storm.

Staff-Parish Relations Team:

Sunday night, August 24th is the all-church birthday party at 6:30

Pastor's Report:

Calendar:

Bible presentations to the 3rd graders will be September 7

Youth:

The first night for youth group was last night with 45 kids present. Carol Wilson will be calling for people to serve suppers.

September 17th, the older kids will go to help with Habitat for Humanity

September 20th, 7-12th graders go to Adventureland at half price—help from church is available if kids can't pay. Tim will drive a school bus.

Karen will be leading a confirmation group this year starting in October.

Ministry Team Reports:

- *Missions:* August collection of more than \$300 goes to Riverside school to pay for extra milk.
- September collection will to **Ingathering** so that kits can be put together earlier.
- Assisted Living week is in September. What could our church do?
- Possibility of live-streaming our church services. Jerry is checking with Frontier about doing this.
- ?Game night?
- Karen will call activities director and ask about needs

Nominations: Lyle nominated Bud Beedle to be the Church Treasurer. Dick seconded. Approved. Thank you notes will be sent to Robin for her work as Treasurer and Marsha—organist

Memorials: Lyle reported that any ideas for use of memorial money would be appreciated.

Old Business: Moving file cabinets from the Congregational Church was tabled till we are sure which cabinets we have been offered.

New Business: Our next meeting will be September 18th at 7:00.

Dave moved and Veva seconded that we adjourn the meeting. Meeting Adjourned. The meeting closed with prayer

Veva Larson, Board Secretary

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Skip Applegate
- 1 Carole Bane
- 3 Julie Grobe
- 3 Devan Feigenbutz
- 4 Julie Busby
- 5 Lane Gram
- 5 Jaxton Long
- 7 Paul Rollins
- 7 Tim Applegate
- 7 Ryan Long
- 9 Stephanie Kroft
- 10 Joan Shanno
- 11 Bob Bane
- 11 Taylor Applegate
- 12 Brad Jefferson
- 14 Grace Gleaves
- 16 Hazel Harvey
- 17 Bud Beedle
- 17 Melissa Buckhahn
- 18 Kara Rollins
- 20 Bob Beckendorf
- 20 Kristine Schorsch
- 20 Kort Rieken
- 22 Lee Knudsen
- 23 Niki Hackett
- 24 Nicholle Kalb
- 24 Cole Jeppesen
- 25 Louise Merkle
- 25 Seth Thompson
- 26 Nick Keiser
- 27 Keaten Rieken
- 29 Carol Wilson
- 30 Terry Haines
- 30 Jenna Somers
- 31 Shelbie Harris



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, Anita Killion (for rehab)

Oakland Heights: Janice Harris, Pat Burgett, Neuonia Timberman, Joan Turner, Anita Killion



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NURSERY

VOLUNTEERS

- 5th Leslie Cleaveland
12th Joan Shanno
19th Sheila Applegate
26th Norma Bolton



KOINONIA

- 5th Sue Duhachek
12th ***Need Volunteer***
19th Lisa Rollins & Susan Harris
26th Lindsey Henderson & Leigh Bell



USHERS,

GREETERS,

CANDLELIGHTERS

- 5th Dana & Tami Palmer
Chris & Alyssa Hamilton
Candle lighters
Haley Haines and Eric Duhachek



- 12th Fred & Joyce Henry
Grant & Alison Henry
Candle lighters
Emma and Aaron Ehmke

- 19th Sid & Tami Skank
Mike & Kristy Bane
Candle lighters
Camryn & Allyee Pierson

- 26th Mitch & Penny Anderson
Bernie & Norma Bolton
Candle lighters
Kristian Martens and Anna Duhachek



5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship Service

Host Nursery

- 5th
12th
19st
26th



Mark your calendars!

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups on Wednesdays

Sat, Oct.11 Men's Breakfast

Thu, Oct 16th Administrative Board meeting

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Back to School

Growing up in South Dakota, we never started school before the State Fair got over. That's the joy of living in a small agricultural state. A lot of people view Iowa as a "small" ag. state, but compared to South Dakota, Iowa is a bustling metropolis of a state. There are just about as many people in the Des Moines metro area as there is in the entire state of South Dakota. Since our State Fair was in the end of August, we very rarely started school before Labor Day. Last month, the youth in my local church started practice for sports. Cross Country runners started doing morning runs. Football players started lifting routines. Last week things got kicked up to high gear when marching band started band camp. Those poor kids! I'm not even sure if many of them really had a summer. It's not officially summer until the kids get so bored they create random games that force the kids to look ridiculous in the name of entertainment. For example, my cousins and I used to play "Karate Kick Pinecone Dodge Ball." The name is pretty self-explanatory: we kick pine cones at each other while acting like Ninja.

Summer has been getting shorter and shorter, and it denies our youth the chance to rest and get time to themselves. Rest is a pretty major commandment in the Hebrew Bible. Everyone, everyTHING, is required to rest according to Scripture. Even the land itself is required to be inactive for years at a time in order to rest. However, we tend to shuffle our kids from one activity to the next leaving little time to study and stay caught up on school work much less even think about resting.

This trend leaves us with two challenges unique to youth ministry. First of all, how do we generate excitement for our youth programming? Most churches take time off during the summer from their

youth programming. After all we get that the youth need rest, but this puts us at a disadvantage to activities that start up in July. Once our Wednesday Night programming starts up again, the kids and parents are already being overwhelmed by how much they already have to do.

One of the many potential answers to this, is empower the older youth to take leadership in the Church programming. The older youth get, the harder it is to keep them involved in Church. If they have a sense of ownership, if they believe that they are being heard, then they will be excited to be part of the group. Also, we need to keep track of the youth that have drifted away. On average, a high school freshman will be involved in 5-7 afterschool activities. By their senior year, this average drops to 2-3. Upper Classmen are generally weeded out from the varsity level athletics. Older youth are more likely to figure out what they are interested in and will reject what they feel have been forced upon them. This decrease in programmed time will lead to identity confusion with the Junior and Seniors. The activities they used to find acceptance and security from are gone, so they often voice distress and disillusionment with high school life. We call this "Senioritis." The bottom line is secular groups are temporary in nature. Very few people belong to a sport or a band all the way through high school. Even fewer take that with them into college, and next to no one sticks with it when they leave academics. Church is eternal. Stay aware of the youth that have drifted away, and be ready to invite them back when they feel lost.

The other consideration we need to keep in mind is, are we providing rest for our youth? The rest of the world is tearing at them and demanding their time. Are we just compounding this issue? How can we, as representatives of Jesus, bring rest to our weary youth? We have this inclination to pressure our kids into being in teen choir, chancel choir, bell choir, youth group, work with the elementary school kids,

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November 2nd ends daylight savings time for this year.

visit the elderly in the nursing homes, and then do missional outreach in our church. All of these activities are important to faith life, but we are just making them busy. In the coming year take the time to teach your youth relaxation techniques. It is hard to hear the still quiet voice in the Lord if all of your waking hours are filled with the static of daily life.

Make prayer central to your youth ministry. Kids really don't know how to pray. When asked to lead in prayer, many youth will recite short memorized, often rhyming, prayers. They feel uncomfortable speaking to God from the heart. Encourage them to pray using their own words. By unburdening themselves they can find rest in the Lord.

I wish you all a fruitful ministry in the coming year! Prepare, get the word out, and remember to give teach your youth to rest!



Dear Oakland United Methodist Church,

Thank you for your generosity in providing me the \$750.00 Scholarship. I am very grateful for your support in my future.

Sincerely,
Dallas Bane
Dallas Bane

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Cluster Charge Conference

October 30th 7:00 p.m. at Carson UMC

Please have your committee forms in to the office or sent on line to the District Office on time.

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).

October Daily Reading Guide

- 1 Psalm 7
- 2 Psalm 9
- 3 Psalm 10
- 4 Psalm 11
- 5 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
- 6 Leviticus 25: 1-22
- 7 Leviticus 25; 23-38
- 8 Leviticus 25: 39-55
- 9 Job 42: 1-17
- 10 Psalm 138
- 11 Deuteronomy 1: 9-33
- 12 Deuteronomy 10: 1-22
- 13 Deuteronomy 16: 18-17:13
- 14 Psalm 72
- 15 Psalm 73
- 16 Psalm 75
- 18 Psalm 85
- 19 Isaiah 2: 1-22
- 20 Isaiah 3: 1-15
- 21 Isaiah 5: 1-30
- 22 Isaiah 11: 1-
- 23 Isaiah 2: 1-23
- 24 Isaiah 29: 15-24
- 25 Isaiah 32: 1-20
- 26 Isaiah 33: 10-24
- 27 Ezekiel 34: 1-31
- 28 Habakkuk 1: 1-17
- 29 Habakkuk 2: 1-20
- 30 Habakkuk 3: 1-19
- 31 Psalm 46

September Answers

1. What wealthy man had 14,000 sheep? *Job 42:12*
2. Who married the shepherd girl Zipporah? *Exodus: 2:16-17 Moses*
3. What former shepherd boy is supposed to have written "The Lord is my Shepherd"? *Psalms: 23 David*
4. Whom did Jesus command to shepherd his church? *John: 21:15-17 Peter*
5. Who was the first shepherd? *Genesis:4:2 Able*
6. Who is the good shepherd? *John: 10:11 Jesus*
7. Which prophet said, "All we like sheep have gone astray"? *Isaiah 53:6*
8. Which Old Testament book compares a lover's teeth to a flock of newly shorn sheep? *Song of Solomon 4:2*
9. In which Gospel does Jesus speak of separating the sheep from the goats? *Matthew 25:32*
10. Who had compassion on the people because they seemed like sheep without a shepherd? *Matthew 9:36 Jesus*

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Prophets

AMOS
 DANIEL
 ELIJAH
 ELISHA
 EZEKIEL
 HABAKKUK
 HAGGAI
 HOSEA
 ISAIAH
 JEREMIAH

JOEL
 JONAH
 MALACHI
 MICAH
 NAHUM
 NATHAN
 OBADIAH
 ZECHARIAH
 ZEPHANIAH

G O P S J E B I H C A L A M I C
 F I M E X E T O L E V J I R H E
 O S H U K A R D H X G I Y A A T
 N A E S O T S E Q A W P B H I K
 R I L R E B N I M I C A H E R A
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 T A K Z P X K A I U S D E X H L
 H S E E T I W B E P H I O J A E
 A J Z O D R U N H I F A I G E W
 N A E L I S H A L E V H N U O M

October Calendar of Events

- Wed, Oct 1 6:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
- Thu, Oct 2 5:30—7:30 p.m. English as a Second Language
- Sun, Oct 5 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation Class/Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion/Aid & Assistance Giving
11:00 a.m. Koinonia
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship
- Wed, Oct 8 6:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
- Thu, Oct 2 5:30—7:30 p.m. English as a Second Language
- Sat, Oct 11 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
- Sun, Oct 12 9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation Class/Choir Practice
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Koinonia
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School
5:00 p.m. Hispanic Worship
- Wed, Oct 15 6:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
- Thu, Oct 16 5:30—7:30 p.m. English as a Second Language
7:00 p.m. Administrative Board meeting
- Sun, Oct 19 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, Oct 22 6:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Thu, Oct 23 5:30—7:30 p.m. English as a Second Language
- Sun, Oct 26 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, Oct 29 6:30 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups
- Thu, Oct 30 5:30—7:30 p.m. English as a Second Language
7:00 p.m. Cluster Charge Conference at Carson UMC

GODLY HUMOR

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UNTIMELY ANSWERED PRAYER

During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Tommy's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence and, after church, asked, "Tommy, whatever made you do such a thing?" Tommy answered soberly, "I asked God to teach me to whistle, and He did!"

TIME TO PRAY

A pastor asked a little boy if he said his prayers every night. "Yes, sir," the boy replied. "And, do you always say them in the morning, too?" the pastor asked. "No sir," the boy replied. "I ain't scared in the daytime"

ALL MEN / ALL GIRLS

When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls." This soon became part of her nightly routine, to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?" Her response, "Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"

SAY A PRAYER

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was

seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother. "I don't need to," the boy replied. "Of course, you do." his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"

**A woman was asked by a coworker,
'What is it like to be a Christian?'**

**The coworker replied, 'It is like being a
pumpkin.' God picks you from the patch,
brings you in,**

**and washes all the dirt off of you.
Then He cuts off the top and scoops
out all the yucky stuff. He removes the
seeds of doubt, hate,
and greed. Then He carves you a new
smiling face and puts His light inside of
you to shine for all the world to see.'**



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(Summarizing the IAUMC's stance on the following bills and social issues;)

Iowa Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church

ADVOCACY TEAM - 2014

Issuance of Temporary Visitor Driver's Licenses

(SF 2087) Approve

The Bible says "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God." Leviticus 19:33-34

The United Methodist Church has historically stood against racism, cultural prejudice and other forms of intolerance. We affirm and celebrate God's diverse human creation. As Christians and United Methodists we are called to love the stranger in our midst and to treat that stranger as we would our own family. We affirm that we must work to ensure the just treatment of the foreigners living among us.

Every immigrant to this great nation has had to overcome obstacles to successfully make this nation their home. One of the obstacles which faces today's immigrants is the lack of the ability to get a valid driver's license—which results in difficulty getting to work, stress if they must drive a family member to get medical attention, avoiding police rather than seeing them as their friends, and many other difficulties that arise from not driving in a nation where everyone has a car.

We will all benefit when all motorists get licensed. The Highway Safety Coalition notes the benefits:

- Police will be able to use licenses to identify motorists during stops and check their driving records.
- First responders and health care providers will be able to use the license to identify the individuals they are assisting.

- Drivers will more likely stay at the scene of an accident to aid police and exchange insurance information.
- Court time will be limited and jail space will be less burdened with cases of drivers who are there solely for driving without a license or insurance.
- As more drivers get insured, the cost and premiums on accidents will most likely decline and insurance rates will fall for all drivers.

Enabling all of Iowa's immigrants to have access to driver's licenses improves roadway safety for all by ensuring that all drivers get tested on their driving skills, know the rules of the road, and have access to mandatory insurance.

We strongly urge the Iowa legislature to support the issuance of Temporary Visitors Driver's Licenses. SF 2087 gives us a model of legislation needed. **This doesn't change the status of these immigrants nor does it allow them to get other benefits or vote. It simply makes our roads safer, our police forces' work simpler, and our employers more satisfied knowing that their employees have better transportation getting to and from work.**

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"No, I think it was just Divine intervention."

from *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*
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Address Service Requested

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

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Some of the adults attending the All
Church Birthday Party, August 24th.



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