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Worship Service Time:
10:00 Worship
11:00 Koinonia
11:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School

September thru Mothers' Day
9:00 Children's Sunday School
9:00 Choir Practice



STAIN GLASS WINDOWS THE MEANING OF THE SYMBOLS

JESUS CHRIST— Life Portrayed in five panels

Crucifixion—
Death of Christ

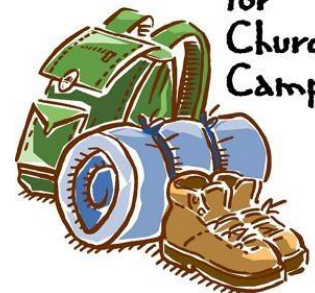
Romans 5:8, Matthew 27:32
-44, Mark 15:21-32, Luke
23:26-49, John 19:16b -24



Camp Sunday April 10th

Wear your camp clothes

Sign up
for
Church
Camp



Confirmation Sunday

April 17th 10:00 Service

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First, I thank God for all of you. I thank God for the countless ways you

have participated in the ministries of the church by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. Recently I completed the 2015 Rainbow Covenant Form. The Rainbow Covenant Program provides a way for congregations within the conference to show their love for missions here in Iowa, across the United States and around the world.

At Oakland UMC the Mission Committee selects mission projects for our Third Sunday Mission Offerings. Last year you supported the following Third Sunday Missions through your generous offerings:

- Children & Family Urban Ministry
- Iowa Disaster Relief Fund
- Open Door Mission
- Sienna Francis House
- UMCOR Response International
- Society of St. Andrew Potato Project
- Living Gifts (Heifer Project)
- Larry Kies, Missionary in Zimbabwe
- Shoebox Angels
- Layettes
- Preschool Books
- Camps

The United Methodist Church designates a number of Sundays throughout the year as opportunities for recognizing and supporting particular ministries. These are referred to as Special Sundays. In 2015 you financially supported the following Special Sunday Offerings:

- Human Relations
- One Great Hour of Sharing
- Native American Awareness
- Peace with Justice
- World Communion
- United Methodist Student

Offerings were also given to support the following missions:

- Builders Call
- Women at the Well
- UNICEF
- Feeding Starving Children

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- Strength for Service
- Strengthening Romania's Families
- ZOE: Helping Children Help Themselves
- Aid & Assistance
- Food Gift Cards
- Angel Tree
- World Day of Prayer

You also supported the designated Southwest District Missions:

- Carter Lake
- Hastings
- Hispanic Ministries
- MUMS
- Emerging Ministries

Because you paid the church's apportionments in full in 2015, supported missions in the seven mission categories, contributed monies to support a United Methodist Missionary, and supported local missions, the Oakland UMC will receive the Rainbow Covenant Award, Third Mile.

In the book of 2 Corinthians, Apostle Paul encourages us to give trusting God to care for us.

6 The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 7 Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 9 As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

10 He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. 12 For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. 13 By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your

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contribution for them and for all you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. 15 Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

Through your support and generous giving to the missions of the church, you are a testimony to what is possible when we put our trust in God.

Thank you for sharing your love of God in word and deed.

Blessings,
Pastor Karen

Mission CD

Ten years ago the Oakland UMC set aside 10% of the Gorden & Patty Chambers bequeath to be used for missions. Over the last 10 years the monies have been used to help to support many missions. The money has now been depleted.

We pray with your help we will continue to be able to support mission projects in the present and in the future as we have done in the past.

Thank You to Ecumenical Youth Group

Many thanks to the youth of the Wednesday evening Ecumenical Youth Group. The youth led the February 28th 10am worship service. They were awesome! Through song, scripture, and drama the youth reminded us of our calling to love God and to love others.

The youth were served a delicious breakfast before the worship service, thanks to Tim and Dianne White. Tim White, Trevor Jefferson, and Pastor Karen Hoff serve as the leaders for the youth group.

Camping Sunday--3rd Sunday Mission Offering

A representative from Wesley Woods UMC Camp will join us on Sunday, April 10th. Our guest will share with the Sunday School children and the congregation the joys of attending a UMC Camp. Please feel free to wear "camping clothes" on Camping Sunday. We will be taking the Third Sunday offering for Methodist Camperships that day instead of the 17th.

Tasty Tuesday Community Meal

Our April Community Meal will be served from 5:30-6:30pm on Tuesday, April 26.

Cans for Vacation Bible School

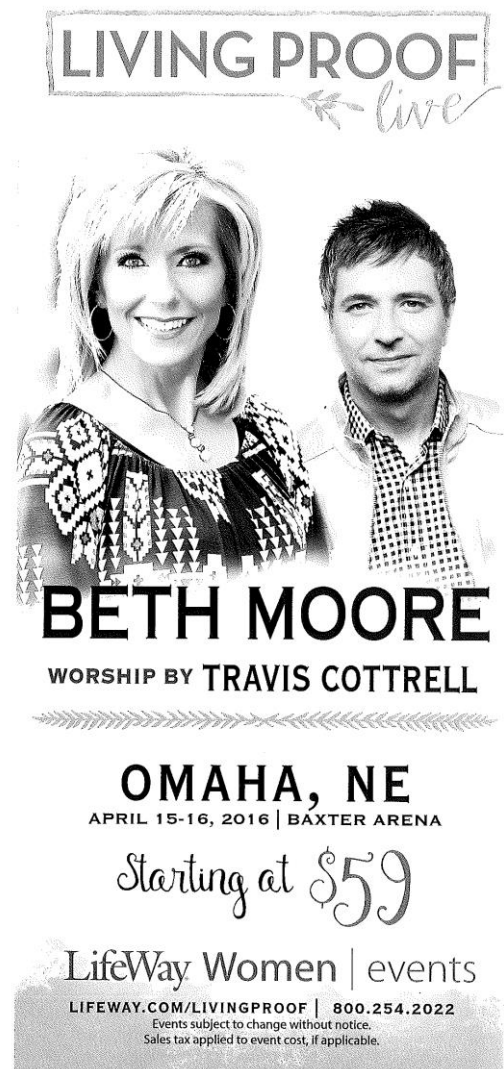
Lions Club Can Coral Proceeds in April will be given to the community wide Vacation Bible School Program. You can help to fund VBS by placing your cans in the bin by the end of April.

Confirmation Sunday

April 17 is Confirmation Sunday. On this Sunday, youth will renew the covenant declared at their baptisms, acknowledge what God is doing for them, and affirm their commitment to Christ's holy church. We invite you to join us for this special time in the life of the church and in the lives of these young people and their families.

Upcoming in May – Senior Recognition Sunday

Join us for worship on Sunday, May 1. We will recognize our seniors and lift them up in prayer.



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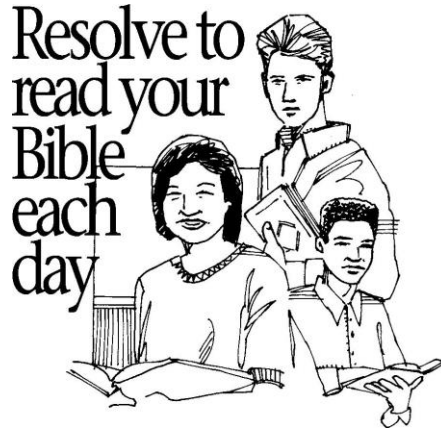
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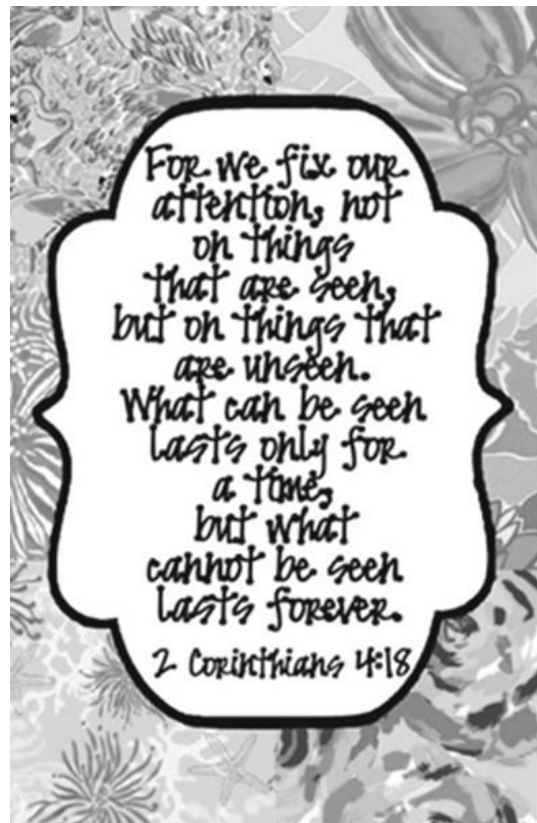
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Daily Bible Readings for April

1st	Jonah 3: 1-10
2nd	Jonah 4: 1-11
3rd	Hosea 1: 1—2:1
4th	Hosea 2: 2-23
5th	Hosea 3: 1—4:10
6th	Hosea 4: 11—5: 15
7th	Hosea 6: 1—7:2
8th	Hosea 7: 3-16
9th	Hosea 8: 1-14
10th	Hosea 9: 1-16
11th	Hosea 9: 17—10: 15
12th	Hosea 11: 1-11
13th	Hosea 11: 12—12: 14
14th	Hosea 13: 1-16
15th	Hosea 14; 1-9
16th	Leviticus 16: 1-19
17th	Leviticus 16: 20-34
18th	2 Samuel 9: 1-13
19th	1 Kings 16: 29—17:7
20th	1 Kings 17: 8-24
21st	Psalms 32
22nd	Psalms 51
23rd	Psalms 52
24th	Psalms 56
25th	Psalms 57
26th	Psalms 91
27th	Psalms 102
28th	Psalms 103
29th	Psalms 121
30th	Psalms 130



*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*



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.

Remember those in Nursing Homes with cards and visits.

Oakland Manor

Margaret Alff
Lucille Bentley
Erma Cleaveland

Oakland Heights

Janice Harris
Neunia Timberman



Anita Killion

February 14, 2016

Oakland United Methodist Church
200 N. Main Street
Oakland, IA 51560

Dear Church Family,

The Family of Delores Schorsch wants to thank everyone who played a part in making her funeral so special and personal for all of us.

A special thank you to Pastor Karen for the very personal eulogy that comforted us. We appreciate the work of Trevor Jefferson who ran the sound board flawlessly and Marilyn Hackett's accompaniment for the Hymn of Promise. The church was beautiful thanks to Dick Kates and I know we left some plant debris for him to clean up afterwards.

Carol Wilson is a blessing as she organizes so many luncheons and stays to help serve. Thanks go to the other kitchen helpers Gloria Gleaves, Donna Kelly, Carolyn McJunkin and Carolyn Clark. They were kept busy serving the crowd. We thank them for packaging up the leftover sandwiches and cake for the family. We went through a lot of the sandwiches later that afternoon. And the cake was a special treat for Collette to take back to her home to share with her friends, especially since her birthday was the next day.

Thank you to the ladies who provided the food: Donna Kelly, Teresa Keiser, Joan Shanno, Carolyn McJunkin, Lori Nisely, Mary Waggoner, Sharon Jones, Lori Hackett, Debbie Rollins, Beverly Zuch, Amy Gleaves, Mardell Peek, Gloria Gleaves, Tami Skank, Veva Larsen, Carol Wilson, Claire Palmer, Jessie Shiffer, Lucia Kinnison, Joretta Johnson, Lynelle Jeppesen, Carolyn Clark, Kristy Rieken, Cyndy Haines, Anita McMartin, Peggy Pierson, and Lisa Rollins. All of the sandwiches, salads, cakes and bars looked delicious and your time and effort to provide them are appreciated.

With blessings to all of you,

The Delores Schorsch Family



Siena / Francis House Homeless Shelter

*The region's largest shelter providing food, shelter, clothing and hope
to homeless men, women, and children for over 40 years*

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January 12, 2016

Oakland United Methodist Church
200 North Main Street
Oakland, IA 51560

Dear Caring Friends,

I would like to thank you for the generous \$513.00 gift you made to the Siena/Francis House homeless shelter on January 7, 2016. Your caring support allows our organization to provide the most basic human services of food, shelter and clothing to the hundreds of homeless individuals and families who seek assistance at the Siena/Francis House every day.

January 20, 2016

Oakland United Methodist Church
200 North Main Street
Oakland, IA 51560

Dear Caring Friends,

I would like to thank you for the generous \$200.00 gift you made to the Siena/Francis House homeless shelter on January 7, 2016. Your caring support allows our organization to provide the most basic human services of food, shelter and clothing to the hundreds of homeless individuals and families who seek assistance at the Siena/Francis House every day.

For your information, the Siena/Francis House is currently providing overnight accommodations to well over 500 women, children and men each and every night. And, our kitchen staff is prepared to serve more than 1,500 meals every day, to feed each one of them.

Please know that our organization has been providing our services to the homeless in record numbers. In 2014, the Siena/Francis House provided exactly 188,000 overnight stays and served 459,993 meals - both record numbers for our shelter or for any shelter in the state. These compare to 2013 year-end numbers, when we provided 180,386 overnight stays and served 421,138 meals.

Please also know that I fully appreciate the fact that the Siena/Francis House is only able to provide our services to the homeless because of the generosity of so many kind and caring persons from our community, like you. Your support makes a real and meaningful difference to the Siena/Francis House, and especially to the homeless families and individuals we serve.

Again, thank you very much for your generous gift to the Siena/Francis House homeless shelter. It is only because of your caring support that we are able to accomplish our mission of serving our community's homeless families and individuals with the respect and dignity they deserve.

With gratitude,

Mike Saklar
Executive Director

*Jean, Gloria, Lisa, Dona, Jan,
Carolyn, Carol, Ruth, Carolyn.*



*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a funeral spray,
If so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
As any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day,
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever the part.*

*The family of
Jean Turner
Thank you for your help with the
distress after the service. All
the desserts were wonderful.*



Community Meal

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

**Bring a friend
Come join us for a light meal.**

April 26th

5:30—6:30 p.m.

Last Tuesday of the month



*To thank you for
your kindness and sympathy
at a time when it was
deeply appreciated*

*Thanks to all who furnished
food & helped after the funeral
Linda & Erin Pierson*

Linda & Erin, Sorry
this is so late getting
in the newsletter



Getting to Know You

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April Birthdays

- 1 Lisa Pierson
- 3 A.C. Roller
- 4 Morgan Weirich
- 4 Christopher Buckhahn
- 5 Derek Pierce
- 6 Josh Mills
- 8 Kristy Rieken
- 12 Heath Haines
- 12 Trevor Jefferson
- 12 Shyennah Knoke
- 13 Ryan Hildebrand
- 14 Danielle Turner
- 15 Aiden Bell
- 18 Audrey Hartje
- 18 Derrick Fulton
- 18 Chelsie Grobe
- 19 Mark Martens
- 22 Mary Waggoner
- 24 Collin Price
- 26 Connie Gardner
- 26 Nick Bates
- 28 Lynelle Jeppesen
- 29 Megan Nelson
- 29 Chad Obrecht
- 30 Sydney Liston



April Calendar

Sun, 3rd	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Choir Practice/Confirmation Worship/Communion Koinonia Adult Bible Study
Wed, 6th	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Sat, 9th	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun, 10th	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Choir Practice/Confirmation Worship/Camp Sunday Koinonia Adult Bible Study
Wed, 13th	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun, 17th	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Choir Practice/Confirmation Worship/Confirmation Koinonia Adult Bible Study
Wed, 13th	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group
Thu, 21st	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Board Meeting
Sun, 24th	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Choir Practice Worship Koinonia Adult Bible Study
Tue, 26th	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Tasty Tuesday Community Meal
Wed, 27th	6:30 p.m.	Youth Group (Last meeting before summer)

Reverend Brian K. Milford Elected President/CEO United Methodist Publishing House



The Board of the United Methodist Publishing House elected the Reverend Brian K. Milford (Iowa Annual Conference) as the Incoming President/CEO of The United Methodist Publishing House. In celebrating Milford's election Board Vice-Chair, Justice Cornelia A. Clark noted, "Brian Milford is known across The United Methodist Church as a gifted and astute servant leader who has earned the respect and trust of many. As UMC Book Editor and Chief Content Officer he has gained valuable insights that make him exactly the right person to lead the Publishing House into the future with hope."

GODLY HUMOR

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation." _

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady. _

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven.."_

April Trivia With Hints

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What king hosted a banquet where a phantom hand left a message on the palace wall? Daniel 5: 2. What king of Israel was murdered while he was drunk? 1 Kings 16: 3. What king of Salem was also a priest of the Most High God? Genesis 14: 4. What king of Gerar took Sarah way from Abraham? Genesis 20: 5. What Hebrew captive interpreted the dreams of the Egyptian pharaoh? Genesis 41: | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 6. What three king listened to the prophet Elisha as he prophesied to the accompaniment of a harp? 2 Kings 3: 7. What king attacked the Israelites on their way into Canaan, only to be completely destroyed later? Numbers 21: 8. What king of Sidon gave his daughter Jezebel as a wife to Ahab? 1 Kings 16: 9. What king of Bashan was famous for having an enormous iron bed? Deuteronomy 3: 10. Who was the last king of Judah? 2 Kings 25: |
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February-March Trivia Answers

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who, in the Beatitudes, does Jesus promise laughter to? Luke 6 :21 Those who weep 2. Whom did Jesus speak of as dancing in the streets? Luke 7 : 32 Children 3. Who danced around the altar of the false god? 1 Kings 18 :26 Children 4. Whose wife despised him for dancing in the streets? 1 Chronicles 15 : 29 David's wife, Michal 5. What instrument is usually associated with dance in the Bible? Exodus 15 : 20; Judges 11 :34; Job 21 : 12; Psalm 150 : 4 6. According to Job, whose children dance around and make music? Job 21 : 7-12 The children of the | <p>wicked</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. What Old Testament character's name means "laughter"? Genesis 21 : 3-6 Isaac 8. Eve is the first woman in the Bible. Who is second? Genesis 4 : 17 Cain's wife, who is not named 9. Solomon led the way in constructing the first temple in Jerusalem. Who led in the building of the second temple? Ezra 3 Zerubbabel and Joshua 10. Esther is the first book in the Bible not to mention the name of God. What is the second book with this omission? Song of Solomon |
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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."

Helping to lead the way

A church that began with only five people on its first Sunday a few years ago as a ministry of Broadway United Methodist Church in Council Bluffs has grown to a worshipping congregation of more than 75.

The church, called Fe y Esperanza, serves a wide region, including people from the Southwest District in Iowa as well as Omaha and Lincoln in Nebraska. "Fe y Esperanza," their pastor, the Rev. Ruben Mendoza, explains, means faith and hope. "Every time people gather they come with faith, and . . . the hope of God is present in church."

The congregation recently gathered for a celebration to mark their move from Broadway UMC across town to Epworth United Methodist Church. Their new home is located in a growing neighborhood of the city, where Latino residents make up more than 65% of the population. An entire floor of Epworth UMC will be dedicated to the ministries of Fe y Esperanza, including Bible studies and community outreach.

This congregation is one of five new communities of faith that are receiving priority support from the Iowa



Conference in 2016. The Standing Committee on Hispanic Ministries of the Iowa Conference is contributing \$13,000 toward Fe y Esperanza in 2016.

These funds are made available from the apportionment gifts of the United Methodist churches of Iowa.

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