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Worship Service Time:

10:00 Worship
11:00 Koinonia

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



Veva Larson leading the hymns and songs during worship in the park

Pastor Charles and Pastor Mark serving Communion during worship in the park



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



August, 2016 Newsletter

Diana, Will and I want to thank everyone for the wonderful reception we have received from all of you as we entered life in Oakland. We have met so many people with so many good wishes that we were overwhelmed from the day we arrived and even up to this point as you continue to embrace us into your community. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

One of the ways you embraced us with love is the ears of sweet corn we have received and I must say you grow some really good sweet corn around here. In some communities I hear more about the raccoons than the bountiful harvest of corn. Now I know raccoons are in southwest Iowa as well as any other place in Iowa and the people in the Oakland area have the same battles in growing sweet corn as anyone else.

I know that sweet corn is a precious commodity that there is never enough or there is never enough to last long enough. I know a lot of you freeze your sweet corn, but once it is off the cob there is something lost. Whether it's the hot, humid summer breeze passing over us as we chomp down on those golden kernels of corn at a backyard picnic table, and the heat and humidity no matter how bad are forgotten because of that sweet taste that is melting in your mouth. Or will most of us remember the sweet butter that is dripping down our fingers as we hold a fresh boiled ear of corn in our hands. Don't get me wrong frozen corn is good stuff that I enjoy at any time of the year!!!

But sweet corn is an experience that we hold on to through winter and grow in anticipation in the spring as we prepare the ground to grow more sweet corn.

The Jesus we have met in you, the people of Oakland has been like that experience of sweet corn. Jesus is an experience that is sweet and filled with memories that embraces us so that those images will guide us through the winters of our lives as we grow with anticipation at what is going to happen in the spring as we all be renewed and grow through resurrection.

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Our prayer is that we do the same for you. That the experience of Jesus we bring to you is just as sweet, dripping with butter and an experience that will sustain you through the winters of your lives but always leave you with anticipation of resurrection. Between all of us the opportunities of Jesus for our neighbor will be endless as Jesus is endless. But I warn you that it's never a good thing to try to put Jesus in a bag or a jar and try to freeze Jesus as there is no need to because Jesus is always fresh whether: fall, winter, spring or summer. So go and enjoy some sweet corn and make it an out of this world experience.

See you Sunday!

Rev. Dennis Hopes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

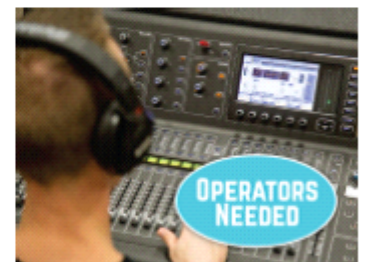


Financial Secretary

The church would like to thank Lisa Rollins for the time she has dedicated to being financial secretary. Now she would like to pass the job on to someone else. The job includes collecting, counting, depositing and recording the Sunday offerings. If interested, please contact Pastor Dennis, Bernie Bolton or Marty Rieken, co-chairs of the Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee.

Sound Board Trainee

Also needed is a trainee to learn the sound board. Trevor has been very conscientious about being here to run the sound board. There may be a time when he is not available and a back up person would be necessary. If interested please contact Pastor Dennis.



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Builder's Call Grant!

The Builder's Call is a grant given to new or existing churches who are building a new facility or updating their facilities. Two churches will be selected as the call churches for 2017 and they receive a grant that usually is between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

Builders Needed!

The Builder's Call is funded by gifts from Builder's (like you) all over Iowa. Starting this year Builders can sign-up and give online at <https://iaumc-reg.brtapp.com/BuilderSignup>. Gifts of \$25, \$50, or \$100 per call when added to other gifts are what get us to the total given to each church. Everyone who signs up will simply receive information about each call and then can decide what gift to make at that time. Please join with other United Methodists of Iowa to build the kingdom of God together.

Pottawattamie County Bible Marathon

"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

A historical event is taking place all across Iowa that will give all of us an opportunity to publicly "magnify" the only inspired Word of God. You are invited to participate in the Iowa 99 County Bible Reading Marathon—a continuous reading of the whole Bible, beginning with Genesis and concluding with Revelation, to take place in front of every courthouse in Iowa. We will be joining over 48 remaining counties in our state that read the complete Bible on their courthouse grounds ...

The reading will begin September 6th from 8:00am until 10:00 pm daily and conclude Sunday September 11th at approximately 4:00 to 6:00pm

Our earnest desire is to expose our community to the powerful words of our Creator. The Bible's transforming power is guaranteed: "My Word...will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire..." (Isaiah 55:11). However, as we read through the Bible we need the Lord Himself to "open the eyes of our understanding that we might recognize that all Scripture is profitable" (II Timothy 3:16).

Many volunteers will be needed. We are inviting people

from every city in our county of all ages—adults, children, senior adults, high school and college students, businessmen, government and state officials to participate in this momentous and historical event. We will need approximately (40) Team Captains to be on site for 2-hour shifts; (320) individuals to fill 80 hours of 15-minute time slots and people who will pray for this marathon. You are welcome to fill more than one 2-hour shift. We ask for readers to arrive 30 minutes prior to their 15 minute session to pray, we would like praying to be as constant as the Lord's word.

I do have Team cards I can Email you for the dates and times you select. I will attach an example.

Our Marathon will be one of the forty plus remaining counties going on simultaneously across the state of Iowa on the grounds of every courthouse! We are anticipating an exciting time as we gather together across denominational lines and with different ethnic groups to read His Word.

Together we will lay a foundation in Iowa for 2016 and beyond; honor God's Holy Word; celebrate our First Amendment freedoms; unify the body of Christ around the Holy Bible and reestablish the reading of the Word in every home so that we may hear His Word, know His Word, and be doers of His Word! "But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves." (James 2:22)

During the Iowa Bible Reading Marathon from our state Capitol rotunda, held January 4th through January 12, 2016, there were many who were overwhelmed by the awesome experience of proclaiming God's Word aloud. His Presence is there when you read His Word.

Please join us for this historical occasion. For more information go to: <http://kingdombuilderenterprises.com/http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4AAFAF2FA7F94-pottawattamie>

Teams are split up into two hour blocks of time 15 minute reading sessions.. I look forward to hearing from you.....

Sincerely in Christ,

Kellie Evens [402-305-5470](tel:402-305-5470)

Please Keep in mind that the team captain sign up is up to date at the time of this email but as I contact other churches it will begin to fill up and the times you pick may not be available.

YOUTH GROUPS START BACK AUGUST 31ST

It's that time of year. Ecumenical youth group begins August 31st at the United Methodist Church for students 7th through 12th grade. We begin the evening at 6:30 with a light supper followed by an activity or lesson concluding at 7:45. A great opportunity for students to come to a safe place, do fun activities and strengthen their relationship with Jesus. If you are able to help with a meal please contact the church office. The church gives a \$70 stipend to help with each meal. You will find the evening very rewarding.



Blessing of the Backpacks will be August 21st. Kids, be sure to bring your backpacks to church.



Don't forget about God.

It doesn't make any difference whether you go regularly to church or used to go or never went at all, you have to think about God and your future sometimes. You never know when you have to reach out for a friend or family member for help or comfort. Don't forget about God. He never forgets about you!

August Birthdays

Janelle Schnack	1
Trae Colvin	1
Lorraine Hackett	1
Anita McMartin	2
Gia Jacobsen	4
Sharon Jones	6
Karalyn Stott	6
Anna Hildebrand	10
Lynn Grobe	11
Carolyn Clark	11
Shea Anderson	11
Jodi Gute	11
Dianne White	12
Jody Danker	13
Melinda Thompson	15
Sherri Blanchard	15
Anna Duhachek	18
Conner Rankin	19
Lori Nisley	20
Mychal Cleaveland	21
Mischa Martens	22
Lauren Schueman	22
Reese Gute	25
Aaron Ehmke	26
Meg Haines	28
Mattie Haines	28
Bob Pitt	31



Community Meal

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

Bring a friend
Come join us for a
light meal.

5:30—6:30 p.m.

August 30th

Last Tuesday of the
month



Getting to Know You

Time For God

(Read only if you have time for God.)

God, when I received this e-mail, I thought...I don't have time for this.....And, this is really inappropriate during work. Then, I realized that this kind of thinking is.... Exactly, what has caused a lot of the problems in our world today.

We try to keep God in church on Sunday morning....Maybe, Sunday. We do like to have Him around during sickness....And, of course, at funerals. However, we don't have time, or room, for Him during work or play.....Because that's the part of our lives we think..... we can, and should, handle on our own. That... There is a time or

place where....HE is not to be FIRST in my life. We should always have time to remember all HE has done for us. If, You aren't ashamed to do this...

Please follow the directions.

Jesus said, 'If you are ashamed of me, I will be ashamed of you before my Father.'

Response

Yes,I DO Love God. HE is my source of existence and Savior. He keeps me functioning each and every day. Without Him, I will be nothing. But, with Christ, HE strengthens me. (Phil 4:13) This is the simplest test. If You Love God...

And, are not ashamed of all the marvelous things HE has done for you...pass this message on.



Meet Bishop Laurie Haller

Iowa's new episcopal leader will be Bishop Laurie Haller. She was elected on ballot 13 at the 2016 North Central Jurisdictional Conference on Thursday, July 14.

Bishop Laurie Haller has served in the Michigan area since 1982. She was serving as senior pastor of First United Methodist Church in Birmingham in the Detroit Annual Conference when she was elected to the Episcopacy on July 14.

Prior to her appointment to First UMC, she served six years as district superintendent of the Grand Rapids District in the West Michigan Conference, where she led a campaign to raise \$500,000 plus a \$500,000 matching gift to build the 24-bed Ubuntu Retreat Center at Africa University in Zimbabwe. Her previous appointments were as co-senior pastor of First United Church in Grand Rapids for thirteen years, pastor of Aldersgate and Plainfield UMCs in Grand Rapids, pastor of Hart United Methodist Church, associate pastor of Ludington United Methodist Church, and pastor of Ogdensburg United Methodist Church in Traverse City.

Bishop Haller received a Bachelor of Music degree in organ performance from Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, where she spent her junior year studying sacred music at the Berliner Kirchenmusikschule in West Berlin, Germany. She also received a Master of Music degree in organ performance

from the Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and School of Music, and a Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School.

During her years at Yale, Bishop Haller was the director of music at Stratford United Methodist Church in Stratford, Connecticut. She was ordained in the General Conference Mennonite Church in 1982 and transferred her ordination credentials to the West Michigan Conference of The United Methodist Church in 1987.

Bishop Haller served eight years on the Board of Ordained Ministry in the West Michigan Conference, including four years as chairperson. Prior to her election as bishop, she had served on the Michigan Area Committee on the Episcopacy.

Bishop Haller was elected as a General Conference delegate from the West Michigan Conference in 2016, 2012, 2008, 2004 and 1996 (alternate), and as a Jurisdictional Conference delegate in 2016, 2012, 2008, 2004, 2000 and 1996. She is a trustee at Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, was a director of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry from 2000-2008, and, until her election served as a member of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference Committee on the Episcopacy.

Bishop Haller has been a Bible Study teacher at the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference (2015), a preacher at Lakeside Chautauqua in Ohio (2015), preacher at Epworth Heights in Ludington, Michigan (2009, 2004, 1997), and a preacher and lecturer at Bay View Assembly in Petoskey, Michigan (2010, 2002). She was chosen to participate in the Academy of Preaching and was the recipient of a Clergy Renewal Grant from the Lilly Endowment in 2000.

Bishop Haller is a prolific writer whose essays and articles have appeared in the *Michigan Christian Advocate*, *Worship Arts*, *United Methodist Reporter*, *Ministry Matters*, *UM Insight*, the *United Methodist News Service Daily Digest*, *MICconnect*, and *Faith in Action*.

Remember those in Nursing Homes with cards and visits.

Oakland Manor

Margaret Alff
Lucille Bentley
Erma Cleaveland



Oakland Heights

Janice Harris
Neuonia Timberman
Anita Killion



*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; Bryan Santiago, Carol Kroft's son-in-law.
If you have a loved one in the service and wish to have them listed on our prayer list, please contact the church office.

August Calendar

Sun, 7th	10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
Mon, 8th	Pastor Dennis will be in Atlantic at the District Office
Thu, 11th	Pastor Dennis will be in Atlantic for Professional Interview in the afternoon
Sat, 13th	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
Thu, 14th	10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
Tue, 16th	Pastor Dennis will be at the Sr. Center at noon
Thu, 18th	7:00 p.m. Administrative Board Meeting
Sun, 21st	10:00 a.m. Worship/3rd Sunday offering/Blessing of the Backpacks 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
Sun, 28th	10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Koinonia 6:30 p.m. All Church Birthday Party
Tue, 30th	5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tasty Tuesday
Wed, 31st	6:00 p.m. Youth Groups meet

Need Volunteers for the Sunday Nursery



I have 5 dates to be filled yet for the nursery on Sunday mornings.

August 7th -- October 9th -- November 27

December 24 -- December 25

If you would be able to fill one or more of these dates, please let me know in the church office.

Thank You,
Sheryl, Secretary, OUMC

Someone volunteered for 2 of the Sundays, but I didn't write it down. If you have volunteered please contact me and give me the dates again. Thank you.

July Trivia Answers

This Quiz: Jesus' Birth

- 1.) Who was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary? Matthew 1:16 *Jacob*
- 2.) Which angel appeared to Mary? Luke 1:26 *Gabriel*
- 3.) Who was promised that he would not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ? Luke 2:25,26
 Simeon
- 4.) Who was the king of Judaea at the time of the birth of Jesus? Matthew 2:13-15 *Herod*
- 5.) Where was Jesus born? Luke 2:4 *Bethlehem*
- 6.) How did the shepherds who visited Baby Jesus know where to find Him? Luke 2:8-20
 An angel of the Lord told them.
- 7.) How did the Magi (wise men) who visited Baby Jesus know where to find Him? Matthew 2:1-10
 They followed a star in the east
- 8.) Which was not a gift the wise men brought to Jesus? Matthew 2:11 *Silver*
- 9.) To escape from the king, the angel of the Lord told Jesus' family to leave and go where? Matthew 2:13-15
 Egypt
- 10.) Where was Jesus raised after they returned? Matthew 2:22, 23 *Nazareth*

July Trivia With Hints

This Quiz: Jesus' Disciples

- 1.) Before he was a disciple, Matthew was a:
*See: **Matthew 9:9*** _____ Pharisee
_____ Beggar _____ Fisherman
_____ Tax collector
- 2.) Peter, the disciple of Jesus, had a brother named:
*See: **Matthew 4:18*** _____ John _____ Thomas
_____ Nathanael _____ Andrew
- 3.) How did Judas, the betrayer, die?
*See: **Matthew 27:3-5*** _____ He was killed by Peter
_____ He hung himself _____ He was crucified
_____ He was exiled and died alone
- 4.) Who was chosen by the other eleven to replace Judas?
*See: **Acts 1:26*** _____ Bartholomew
_____ Paul _____ Matthias _____ Barnabas
- 5.) Who healed the lame man laying at the gate of the temple Beautiful? *See: **Acts 3:6,7*** _____ Paul
_____ Peter _____ Stephen _____ Matthew
- 6.) Who raised Dorcas (Tabitha) from the dead?
*See: **Acts 9:***
_____ Paul _____ Peter _____ Stephen _____ Matthew
- 7.) Which of these disciples of Jesus used to be a disciple of John the Baptist? *See: **John 1:40***
_____ Nathanael _____ Judas
_____ Nicodemus _____ Andrew
- 8.) Who said, "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" *See: **John 1:46***
_____ Nathanael _____ Bartholomew
_____ Philip _____ Zaccheus
- 9.) Which disciple did not want Jesus to wash his feet?
*See: **John 13:8*** _____ Bartholomew
_____ John _____ Andrew _____ Peter
- 10.) Which disciple did Jesus see sitting under a fig tree?
*See: **John 1:48-50*** _____ Peter _____ Philip
_____ Simon the Zealot _____ Nathanael

Daily Bible Readings for August

- 1 Genesis 28: 1-22
- 2 Genesis 35: 1-15
- 3 Exodus 40: 1-38
- 4 Deuteronomy 1: 1-33
- 5 Deuteronomy 4: 1-14
- 6 Deuteronomy 4: 15-40
- 7 Deuteronomy 5: 1-22
- 8 Deuteronomy 5: 23-33
- 9 Deuteronomy 7: 1-26
- 10 Deuteronomy 8: 1-20
- 11 Deuteronomy 9: 1-29
- 12 Deuteronomy 10: 1-22
- 13 Deuteronomy 11: 1-32
- 14 Deuteronomy 12: 1-32
- 15 Deuteronomy 26: 1-19
- 16 Deuteronomy 27: 1-26
- 17 Deuteronomy 28: 1-14
- 18 Deuteronomy 29: 1-29
- 19 Deuteronomy 30: 1-20
- 20 Joshua 6: 1-27
- 21 Joshua 21: 43—22: 9
- 22 Joshua 22: 10-34
- 23 Joshua 23: 1-16
- 24 Joshua 24: 1-18
- 25 Joshua 24: 19-33
- 26 Judges 13: 1-25
- 27 Judges 15: 9-20
- 28 Numbers 6: 1-27
- 29 Isaiah 29: 15-24
- 30 Isaiah 43: 1-28
- 31 Zephaniah 3: 1-20



Leaving Your Legacy

Planned Giving

Giving to the United Methodist Church can take many forms, and the Iowa United Methodist Foundation encourages donors to explore ways that are best for them. Options available through different planned giving methods offer creative alternatives that often benefit both donor and the Church.

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GODLY HUMOR

Easy vs. Hard

Why is it so hard to tell the truth but yet so easy to tell a lie?

Why are we so sleepy in church but right when the sermon is over we suddenly wake up?

Of all the free gifts we may receive, Prayer is the very best one.....There are no costs, but wonderful rewards...

Isn't it funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell.

Isn't it funny how someone can say 'I believe in God but still follow Satan (who, by the way, also 'believes' in God).

Isn't it funny how you can send a thousand jokes through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing?

Isn't it funny how I can be more worried about what other people think of me than what God thinks of me.

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OAKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Members Present: Cathey Grosvenor, Barb Schorsch, Skip Applegate, Pastor Karen Hoff, Veva Larson, Bernie & Norma Bolton, and Louise & Dick Merkle

President, Cathey Grosvenor called the meeting to order and Pastor Karen opened with prayer.

Secretary's Report was read. Norma moved to approve as corrected, Dick seconded. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Skip moved to approve the treasurer's report and Bernie seconded. Approved.

Board of Trustees: The faucet in the kitchen still hasn't been fixed. Mark will be requested to contact the plumber again.

Staff-Parish Relations Team: Bernie announced that Pastor Dennis Hopes has been approved to become our new Pastor. He and his family will be moving into the parsonage June 28th. His first Sunday to preach will be July 17th.

Pastor's Report: Tuesday there will be a Memorial Meeting and an RCA Meeting.

Our next Tasty Tuesday community meal will be the 31st. Friday June 3 through Monday June 6th is Annual Conference

Niki Hackett will be married in our church June 11th. June 19th is Karen's last Sunday here.

Education Report: Vacation Bible School will be July 25-29

Scholarship Report: OUMC Scholarships were given to Sarah and Andrew Jones, Grace Gleaves, Haley Haines, and Calvin Duhachek. The Nancy Young Scholarship was given to Grace Gleaves. Second year OUMC Scholarships were given to Kyra Martens and Hannah Hummel.

Old Business:

Treasury Audit: As we discussed possibilities of who to do the Audit, Bernie mentioned MaryLou Gottsch. Louise moved and Dick seconded that Bernie visit with her about MaryLou's willingness to do this and what she would charge. Approved

Church Inventory: A video inventory was suggested. Would there be a youth in the church who would like to do this? Pastor Karen will look into this.

CHURCH needs: It became apparent this week that we need a larger slip-resistant mat by the kitchen/outside door. Some time ago the need for installing a handicapped restroom just off the kitchen was discussed. It still is needed. No action taken.

New Business:

- Sheryl Sindt will be on vacation June 7th – 21st. Bev Zuch will substitute.
- July 3rd will be our July 4th community worship in the park at 10 a.m. Pastor Mark from the Christian Church will lead the service.
- Record Retention Cleanup continues
- We do not have an organist for June 4th. Recorded music will be used.
- Larry Kies—a missionary we assist—is scheduled to be here on Tuesday, September 13th. Our church will provide housing. We should invite the Carson church to attend his presentation.
- Common cupboard supplies—are used for everything except funerals. Someone needs to be in charge of this as Karen has been checking the inventory and purchasing things as needed. Names were suggested. Dick Merkle will contact, ask, and report at the next meeting.
- Tasty Tuesday—We need a person to plan this monthly event. Should we revisit whether it is reaching the goals and purposes set for this event? Richard Shanno is in charge in June. There will not be a July Tasty Tuesday. Veva will post a notice in the newspaper and at the Senior Center

Food Pantry—OUMC is in charge of getting members to be at the Food Pantry each Saturday morning of June. People have signed up. They will have to get a key each week to do this.

Barb moved and Norma seconded that we **adjourn the meeting**. Meeting Adjourned.

Our next meeting will be July 14th at 7 p.m.

Cathey closed the meeting with prayer.

Veva Larson, Board Secretary

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A nice group of approximately 75 worshipers sharing God's Word in the park on 4th July weekend.

STAIN GLASS WINDOWS THE MEANING OF THE SYMBOLS

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIIT

Stain Glass

Alpha & Omega - first and last letters of Greek Alphabet

Jesus' words about himself in Rev. 22:13.



TASTY
TUESDAY -
COMMUNITY
MEAL
RETURNS
AUGUST 30TH
5:30 - 6:30



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