



# DISCIPLE EXPRESS

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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



Let's all join together to  
welcome Pastor Dennis, Diana  
and Will Hopes.

Pastor Dennis will be  
preaching starting July 10th.

July 10th there will be a  
potluck following the service  
so everyone can meet Pastor  
Dennis and the Family.



WELCOME  
HOPES FAMILY



Psalm 33:12

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

## Pastor's Corner

As of this writing I wish “all my bags were packed and I am ready to go” was a true statement. We are about 95% of

the way to having everything ready for the moving van on June 27 to be unloaded in Oakland on June 28. But whether we are 50% or 95% packed up Diana, Will and I are ready with excitement to join the people of faith in Oakland.



As a minister and a minister’s family we come to realize that there are seasons of ministry. We do not have control over these seasons just as no one has the control over the rain and the snow. When God speaks we listen. When God calls we follow. The seasons of our spiritual life can change at any time. But God does prepare and if we are listening we know something is going to happen and all too many times we don’t know the whole story until it unfolds. I knew I was going to serve another church but I did not know what was going to happen was going to happen the way it did. As I said seasons come and go and God is letting me know that my season at Living Faith Parish has come to an end and the next season in our ministry will be with you and the people of Oakland. So we pack up our belongings and our memories and we wait for the moving van.

I wanted to emphasize God’s work in my family’s life because from what I have seen and what I have heard God is very active and at work in the life of the Oakland UMC. So a new season begins for me and my family and a new season begins for Oakland UMC. We are excited to learn about you and your walk with Jesus and to be a part of your ministry and to experience the Jesus in you. We are also excited about sharing what we have learned from ministering to the faithful in the churches we have served all over the state of Iowa.

I know the circumstances that I come to Oakland are not what anybody wanted and our thoughts and prayers go out to Karen and her family. Karen no doubt by the love that you have shown her (Facebook and the World Wide

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Web) has laid down some great ground work for all of us to follow. It is not my desire to reinvent the wheel but to build on what has already been put into place and continue what has already been started. So as we settle in and integrate ourselves into the Oakland community my first priority will be to observe and learn. I promise to be patient and I pray you will be patient with us as at first it will be a learning experience for all of us.

We are excited about learning who you are and to come to know the people of Oakland UMC and the people of the community of Oakland that surrounds the church. But as Diana and I have both participated in the Walk to Emmaus experience we learned the phrase “don’t anticipate, participate.” Much is learned by observing and paying attention to what is being taught, but the real learning begins when we roll up our shirt sleeves as Jesus did and put our hands into the lesson to be learned.

We pray that we will see as many as possible on July 3rd as we will be in worship that day to begin our journey with you and with Jesus.

Rev. Dennis, Diana and Will Hopes.



### **July 10th after worship.**

Join us for a potluck to get acquainted with our new pastor and family.

### **WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO THIS COMING MONTH TO MAKE YOU A BETTER CHRISTIAN?**

- ⇒ What do you plan to do this month to make your home life happier for all who live there?
- ⇒ What do plan to do this month to make your church a more effective witness in the community?
- ⇒ What do you plan to do this month to make your community a better place for all the people who live there?

**July Birthdays**

- 2nd Carol Kroft
- 4th Dawn Royalty
- 4th Scott Harris
- 5th Todd Bentley
- 5th Dallas Bane
- 7th Lisa Rollins
- 7th Liz McMahan
- 8th Sydney Somers
- 9th Dana Harris
- 9th Veva Larson
- 9th Bo Reed
- 10th Suzanne Pierce
- 10th Kim Bane
- 10th Hannah Hummel
- 10th Harper Gute
- 12th Shirley Frizzell
- 12th Danene Hildebrand
- 14th Pam Ehmke
- 15th Dakota Feigenbutz
- 15th Mason Jefferson
- 16th Richard Shanno
- 16th Kasper Rieken
- 17th Roger Schnack
- 17th Keagan Allensworth
- 18th Caelen Schueman
- 19th Brogan Allensworth
- 20th Merv Larimore
- 21st Jared Schwarte
- 22nd Ray Galitz Jr.
- 22nd Collin Applegate
- 22nd Jacen Long
- 23rd Walt Keast
- 23rd Eddie Vlcek
- 25th Kyle Hackett
- 26th Erin Pierson
- 26th Justus Brammer
- 27th Landen Pedersen
- 29th Joyce Shiffer
- 29th Jonathon Schwarte
- 30th Jacob Miller
- 31st Joyce Henry
- 31st Daryl Henningsen
- 31st Sara Haines
- 31st Amanda Applegate



# Community Meal

## A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

Bring a friend  
Come join us for a light  
meal.

**Check back in August for  
the next Tasty Tuesday**

5:30—6:30 p.m.

Last Tuesday of the month



Dear OUMC scholarship committee, Nancy Young memorial scholarship committee, and the Riverside Church Association scholarship

Thank you so much for awarding me with these scholarships. These three scholarships will help me very much in attending Buena Vista University, where I will be majoring in elementary education and playing soccer. -Grace





## THANK YOU

The family of Joe Ihde wishes to send a heartfelt thanks to the Methodist Church, pastor Karen, and the church ladies. We were welcomed with open arms during our time of sadness and it was such a comfort to know that you were there for us. Pastor Karen gave a lovely funeral service, the ladies did an amazing job with the food and service afterwards, and everything just seemed to be taken care of when we didn't know what was up or down at the time!

We will be forever grateful for your kindness.

Thank you,

Deb Ihde, Sarah, Messerschmidt, Jen Perkins, and family

## Area Job Opportunities

**Stuart-Mt Vernon UMC, Stuart, IA** is looking for a part-time office secretary/treasurer with strong computer, accounting (payroll specific) and organizational skills, proficient in Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Quickbooks. Familiarity with managing a facebook page and website would be beneficial. Applicant should be self-motivated and capable of working with limited supervision. Applicants may submit their resumes via email [nate.terri@gmail.com](mailto:nate.terri@gmail.com) or to the attention of Nate Hansen, 320 S Western St, Stuart, IA 50250. Deadline for applying for this position is July 9, 2016.

## Administrative Assistant Position! (First United Methodist Church Atlantic)

Full time position, excellent salary, benefits, 8-5 Monday through Friday. Position requires ability to operate Windows 10, performing standard accounting practices and works directly with Church staff. Please send cover letter, resume and references to [atlumc@metc.org](mailto:atlumc@metc.org) or call 243-3156 by June 17th.

## Job Posting in Ames for a Full-time Christian Education Position!

Collegiate United Methodist Church/Wesley Foundation, an active, progressive, campus ministry-



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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.

- Martha Lu Foster Thomas -

The family of

Rita Henningson

Oakland UMC,

2016

I would like to thank everyone at the church for being there as I grew up in the Riverside community. I would also like to thank the church for awarding me with a scholarship. It will go straight towards my tuition at college.

Hayley Haines

focused congregation in Ames, Iowa is seeking a full-time Director/Minister of Christian Education. This position involves overseeing all Christian education ministries for children, youth and adults, with a focus on recruiting, training and equipping volunteers for ministry. Application deadline: June 30; Start date: Negotiable, with Aug. 1-15 preferred. Full details are available at <http://www.cwames.org/christian-education-position-open/>

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## **GODLY HUMOR**

### Daily Bible Readings for July

1st	Hebrews 7: 15-28
2nd	Hebrews 8: 1-13
3rd	Hebrews 9: 1-22
4th	Hebrews 9: 23—10: 18
5th	Hebrews 10: 19-39
6th	Hebrews 11: 1-21
7th	Hebrews 11: 22-40
8th	Hebrews 12: 1-11
9th	Hebrews 12: 12-29
10th	Ephesians 1: 1-23
11th	Ephesians 2: 1-22
12th	Ephesians 3: 1-21
13th	Ephesians 4: 1-16
14th	Ephesians 4: 17-32
15th	Ephesians 5: 1-20
16th	Ephesians 5: 21—6: 4
17th	Ephesians 6: 10-24
18th	Philippians 1: 1-30
19th	Philippians 2: 1-30
20th	Philippian 3: 1-21
21st	Philippians 4: 1-23
22nd	1 Thessalonians 2: 1-16
23rd	1 Thessalonians 2: 1-16
24th	1 Thessalonians 2: 17—3:13
25th	1 Thessalonians 4: 1-18
26th	1 Thessalonians 5: 1-28
27th	2 Thessalonians 1: 1-12
28th	2 Thessalonians 2: 1-17
29th	2 Thessalonians 3: 1-18
30th	Matthew 15: 21-39
31st	Matthew 16: 1-12



There was a barber that thought that he should share his faith with his customers more than he had been doing lately. So the next morning when the sun came up and the barber got up out of bed he said, "Today I am going to witness to the first man that walks through my door."

Soon after he opened his shop the first man came in and said, "I want a shave!" The barber said, "Sure, just sit in the seat and I'll be with you in a moment." The barber went in the back and prayed a quick desperate prayer saying, "God, the first customer came in and I'm going to witness to him. So give me the wisdom to know just the right thing to say to him. Amen."

Then quickly the barber came out with his razor knife in one hand and a Bible in the other while saying "Good morning sir. I have a question for you... Are you ready to die?"

### Getting Her Quilt

Sunday after church, a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about.

The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt."

Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming." \_

Dear Pastor, Are there any devils on earth? I think there may be one in my class. Carla. Age 10, Salina

Dear Pastor, I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. Ralph, Age 11, Akron

**June Trivia Answers**

- 1.) Who was born first, Cain or Abel? (Genesis 4) \_\_\_\_\_ Cain
- 2.) What was the occupations of Cain and of his brother, Abel? (Genesis 4) \_\_\_\_\_ Cain was a tiller of the ground and Abel was a keeper of sheep
- 3.) Where did Cain go after he had killed Abel? (Genesis 4) \_\_\_\_\_ Land of Nod
- 4.) Where was Cain's dwelling place from Eden? (Genesis 4) \_\_\_\_\_ East
- 5.) God set a mark on Cain to: (Genesis 4&5) \_\_\_\_\_ Protect him from being slain
- 6.) Who was Cain's firstborn? (Genesis 4) \_\_\_\_\_ Enoch
- 7.) In what book of the Bible will you find the Ten Commandments? \_\_\_\_\_ Exodus
- 8.) Where was the Law given to Moses? (Exodus 19:) \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Sinai
- 9.) What did God use to write on the stone tables? (Exodus 31) \_\_\_\_\_ A finger
- 10.) How long was Moses gone from the people as He talked to God on the mountain and received the ten commandments? (Exodus 34) \_\_\_\_\_ 40 days
- 11.) What caused Moses to break the tablets on which the 10 Commandments were written? (Exodus 32) \_\_\_\_\_ His people were worshipping an idol
- 12.) In what were the ten commandments kept? (1 Kings 8) \_\_\_\_\_ Ark From *ChristiansUnite.com*

**July Trivia With Hints**

**This Quiz: Jesus' Birth**

- 1.) Who was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary? Matthew 1:16  
*Jacob                  Eleazar                  Jechonias                  Azor*
- 2.) Which angel appeared to Mary? Luke 1:26  
*Gabriel                  The Angel of the Lord                  Michael                  Gideon*
- 3.) Who was promised that he would not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ? Luke 2:25,26  
*Zacharias                  Joseph                  Simeon                  John the Baptist*
- 4.) Who was the king of Judaea at the time of the birth of Jesus? Matthew 2:13-15  
*Herod                  Pilate                  Caesar                  Barnabas*
- 5.) Where was Jesus born? Luke 2:4  
*Nazareth                  Bethlehem                  Jerusalem                  Egypt*
- 6.) How did the shepherds who visited Baby Jesus know where to find Him? Luke 2:8-20  
*They were told in a dream.                  An angel of the Lord told them.*  
*They read it in the ancient scrolls.                  A messenger from the east informed 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                  An angel of the Lord told them.*  
*They were told in a dream.                  They followed a cloud before them.*
- 8.) Which was not a gift the wise men brought to Jesus? Matthew 2:11  
*Myrrh                  Frankincense                  Silver                  Gold*
- 9.) To escape from the king, the angel of the Lord told Jesus' family to leave and go where? Matthew 2:13-15  
*Syria                  Egypt                  Bethlehem                  Palestine*
- 10.) Where was Jesus raised after they returned? Matthew 2:22, 23  
*Bethlehem                  Egypt                  Syria                  Nazareth*

**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*



**Military  
Families**



**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.*

**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



**July Calendar**

Sun, 3rd	10:00 a.m.	Community Worship in the Park
Sat, 9th	7:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun, 10th	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Pastor Dennis Preaching
	11:00 a.m.	Pot Luck for Pastor Dennis & Family
Thu, 14th	7:00 p.m.	Administrative Board Meeting
Sun, 17th	9:00 a.m.	Choir Practice
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Koinonia
Sun, 24th	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Koinonia
25th thru 29	6:00 - 8:15 p.m.	Vacation Bible School
Fri, 29th	7:00 p.m.	VBS Program

**NO TASTY TUESDAY COMMUNITY MEAL THIS MONTH**

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**Flame** -- Tongues of fire descended on disciples on Day of Pentecost Acts 2: 1-4

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