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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



*Photo courtesy the Dodd family*

Sonora Smart Dodd (second from right) visits with Boy Scouts and a Civil War veteran in Spokane, Wash., in this undated photograph. Dodd played a pivotal role in the creation of a national Father's Day celebration. Photo courtesy the Dodd family.

**Editor's Note:** *This story was originally published in 2010, the year often referenced as the centennial of the first celebration of Father's Day.*

*Information regarding the centennial has been updated to reflect this.*

To all you dads out there: While you're relaxing in your recliner and watching sports on June 21, and your kids are on their best behavior to honor Father's Day, don't forget to thank a United Methodist.

That's right. Not one, but two United Methodist churches with the same name, oddly enough can lay claim to originating the celebration of all things paternal.

In 1909 in Spokane, Wash., Sonora Smart Dodd listened to a Mother's Day sermon at Central Methodist Episcopal



Church. Dodd's own mother had died 11 years earlier, and her father had raised their six children alone. Dodd felt moved to honor her father, and fathers everywhere, with a special day as well.

She proposed her idea to local religious leaders, and gained wide acceptance. June 19, 1910, was designated as the first Father's Day, and sermons honoring fathers were presented throughout the city.

When newspapers across the country carried the story about Spokane's observance, the popularity of Father's Day spread. Several presidents declared it a holiday, and in 1972, Richard Nixon established it as the third Sunday in June.

**There's more to the story inside**

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



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In last month's Disciple Express, I wrote about Pentecost Sunday and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are so blessed by the active presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It is reassuring to know that as we go forward from this point in our lives we do not go alone. As you welcome a new pastor into the life of this church, as Jerry continues to serve the Woodbine UMC, and as I relocate to Philadelphia to be near my daughter and family the Spirit of God is with all of us. Whatever it is we need to navigate these changes in our lives, God will provide. Thanks be to God!

I have been blessed in more ways than I can express since I came to serve this church five years ago. The friendships that have developed over time are priceless. The ministries we have been able to be involved in have been a blessing to many. I am confident that as you go forward you will do great works in the church and the community and the world through the Spirit of God who lives within each of you.

I sincerely thank God for each and every one of you. Through the years, the love and support you have given to me have helped me to feel God's love in an even deeper way. Thank you for sharing the love of God with me. You have enriched my life. I can't pretend I won't miss you, because I know I will. But as you have heard me say many times, love is eternal. The love fellow Christians have for each other does not end because we are no longer physically present to one another. The love of Christ we have shared with each other is part of us. We are bound together for always through the unity of the Spirit. I know as you share the love of God with your new pastor you will be a blessing to him and his family just as you have been a blessing to Jerry and me.

I pray you will always believe in God's unconditional love for you, I pray, through the power of the Spirit, you will continue to share the love of Christ and continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

And All God's Children Said,

"Amen."

## Disciple Express

### Iowa Annual Conference

Pastor Karen will be attending Iowa Annual Conference in Des Moines June 3-6. If you need to reach Pastor Karen during that time, please text or call 641-745-5611.



### Communion

Communion will be served on the second Sunday in June, June 12.



### In Remembrance

Our sympathies are with the families of Rita Henningsen and Joe Ihde. Please continue to keep these families in your prayers.

### July 3 Worship Service

The July 3 worship service will be held in the city park at 10am. Please bring a lawn chair.



**Don't forget  
to sign up for camp.  
Camps  
available**

### **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?

Thank you from  
the Ecumenical  
Youth Group &  
Teachers



Thank you to all the people who cooked for us this past school year. We appreciate the delicious meals you prepared for us on Wednesday evenings. Thank you to Carol Wilson and Lindsey Henderson for helping to schedule the cooks. We are grateful!

Thank you,

*Ecumenical Youth Group, Tim White,  
Trevor Jefferson, Pastor Karen*

### Daily Bible Readings for June

- 1 Romans 15: 1-13
- 2 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
- 3 1 Corinthians 15: 12-34
- 4 1 Corinthians 15: 35-58
- 5 1 Peter 1: 1-25
- 6 1 Peter 2: 1-25
- 7 1 Peter 3: 1-22
- 8 1 Peter 4: 1-19
- 9 1 Peter 5: 1-14
- 10 2 Peter 1: 1-21
- 11 2 Peter 2: 1-22
- 12 2 Peter 3: 1-18
- 13 Isaiah 25: 1-19
- 14 Isaiah 26: 1-19
- 15 Isaiah 35: 1-10
- 16 Isaiah 40: 1-31
- 17 Isaiah 42: 1-25
- 18 Isaiah 49: 1-26
- 19 Isaiah 51: 1-23
- 20 Isaiah 52: 1-12
- 21 Isaiah 54: 1-17
- 22 Isaiah 55: 1-13
- 23 Isaiah 56: 1-12
- 24 Jeremiah 29: 1-23
- 25 Jeremiah 30: 1-24
- 26 Jeremiah 31: 1-22
- 27 Jeremiah 31: 23-40
- 28 Jeremiah 33: 1-26
- 29 Psalm 31
- 30 Hebrews 6: 13—7: 14



## Disciple Express

Reverend D R Hopes  
appointed to serve OUMC



The Reverend Dennis R Hopes and family will be moving to the Oakland UMC parsonage on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June. He is currently serving the Living Faith Parish in northeastern Iowa. It is three charges consisting of McGregor, Guard and Monona.

Reverend Hopes has been in the ministry since 1997. He graduated from St Paul's School of Theology in 2002 and was ordained as an Associate Member under Deacon's orders in 2004.

Reverend Dennis and his wife, Diana, have been married for 35 years. They have three adult daughters and a son who lives at home. Julie lives in Florida; Carley resides in Bloomfield, IA; Jennifer lives in New Sharon, IA; and Will, who lives at home, will be a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Riverside Middle School.

Both Dennis and Diana grew up in Oskaloosa and attended school there. The family enjoys many activities and sports. They are looking forward to getting acquainted with our community.

### Potluck planned for Pastor Karen's Farewell



A potluck luncheon is scheduled to wish Pastor Karen Hoff and husband, Jerry, a fond farewell. Pastor Karen's last Sunday in our church pulpit will be June 17<sup>th</sup> but since that day is Father's Day and we hoped to make her last week less stressful, we are planning the 12<sup>th</sup> for the potluck.



Please bring yourselves, your family and your food dishes to help celebrate the wonderful service she has given our church and community. We need to pray for Pastor Karen and her family in her leave of absence.

Please join us for a time of joy and celebration in her honor on June 12<sup>th</sup> following church in the Fellowship Hall.

**SO SORRY TO SEE YOU GO!!!!**



**June Trivia With Hints**

1. **Who was born first, Cain or Abel? (Genesis 4)** \_\_\_\_\_ Cain \_\_\_\_\_ Abel \_\_\_\_\_ They were twins \_\_\_\_\_ Neither, both were created by God.
2. **What was the occupations of Cain and of his brother, Abel? (Genesis 4)** \_\_\_\_\_ Cain was a physician and Abel was a keeper of sheep \_\_\_\_\_ Cain was a keeper of sheep and Abel was a tiller of the ground \_\_\_\_\_ Cain was a carpenter and Abel was a physician \_\_\_\_\_ 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)** \_\_\_\_\_ Garden of Eden \_\_\_\_\_ Land of Nod \_\_\_\_\_ Caves of Qumran \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Ararat
4. **Where was Cain's dwelling place from Eden? (Genesis 4)** \_\_\_\_\_ North \_\_\_\_\_ South \_\_\_\_\_ East \_\_\_\_\_ West
5. **God set a mark on Cain to: (Genesis 4&5)** \_\_\_\_\_ Punish him \_\_\_\_\_ Warn others of his deed \_\_\_\_\_ Mark him as the LORD's \_\_\_\_\_ Protect him from being slain
6. **Who was Cain's firstborn? (Genesis 4)** \_\_\_\_\_ Methuselah \_\_\_\_\_ Seth \_\_\_\_\_ Enoch \_\_\_\_\_ Irad
7. **In what book of the Bible will you find the Ten Commandments?** \_\_\_\_\_ Genesis \_\_\_\_\_ Exodus \_\_\_\_\_ Leviticus \_\_\_\_\_ Numbers
8. **Where was the Law given to Moses? (Exodus 19:)** \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Ararat \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Everest \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Sinai \_\_\_\_\_ Mount Carmel
9. **What did God use to write on the stone tables? (Exodus 31)** \_\_\_\_\_ A finger \_\_\_\_\_ A rock \_\_\_\_\_ The wind \_\_\_\_\_ Flowing water
10. **How long was Moses gone from the people as He talked to God on the mountain and received the ten commandments? (Exodus 34)** \_\_\_\_\_ 7 days \_\_\_\_\_ 40 days \_\_\_\_\_ 3 months \_\_\_\_\_ 7 months
11. **What caused Moses to break the tablets on which the 10 Commandments were written? (Exodus 32)** \_\_\_\_\_ God told him to as the people were full of sin \_\_\_\_\_ His people were worshipping an idol \_\_\_\_\_ Aaron lied to him \_\_\_\_\_ Joshua sinned against God
12. **In what were the ten commandments kept? (1 Kings 8)** \_\_\_\_\_ Altar \_\_\_\_\_ Stone \_\_\_\_\_ Ark \_\_\_\_\_ Pillar

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**May Trivia Answers**

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. At 969 years, Methuselah was the longest-lived man. Who came in second at 962? <i>Genesis 5: 20 Jared</i></li><li>2. Saul was the first king of Israel. Who was the second? (It wasn't David) <i>2 Samuel 2:8-10 Ishbosheth</i></li><li>3. The first covenant God made with man was his covenant with Noah. With whom did he make the second covenant? <i>Genesis 15-17 Abaham</i></li><li>4. In John's Gospel, Jesus' first miracle is turning water into wine. What is the second miracle? <i>John 4: 43-54 Healing an official's son in Cana</i></li><li>5. Stephen was the first Christian martyr. What apostle was the second? <i>Acts 12:1-2 James, brother of John</i></li></ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>6. Paul's first traveling companion was Barnabas. Who was the second? <i>Acts 15: 36-41 Silas</i></li><li>7. The first plague in Egypt was the turning of the Nile waters to blood. What was the second plague? <i>Exodus 8: 1-8 Frogs</i></li><li>8. Othniel was the first judge of Israel. Who was the second? <i>Judges 3: 15 Ehud</i></li><li>9. Jacob's firstborn was Reuben. Who was his second son? <i>Genesis 29: 33 Simeon</i></li><li>10. David's first capital city was Hebron. What was his second, and more famous, capital? <i>2 Samuel 5: 6-10 Jerusalem</i></li></ol> |
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OAKLAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES

Thursday, April 21, 2016

**Members Present:** Cathey Grosvenor, Craig Hummel, Barb Schorsch, Skip Applegate, Pastor Karen Hoff, Veva Larson, Bernie & Norma Bolton, and Susan Harris

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

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

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

**Finance Team:** It has been recommended that we change our 6 month CD (.3%) to an 11 month CD(1%) for a better interest rate. Susan moved to make this change. Bernie seconded. Approved. The Administrative Board of the Oakland United Methodist Church has passed a motion to permit Barb Schorsch and Dick Merkle to have access to the Oakland UMC safety deposit box and to remove Robin Jefferson's name.

**Board of Trustees:** No Report

**Staff-Parish Relations Team:** Bernie and the SPRC have met with the District Superintendent about a new pastor to take Pastor Karen's place as she has requested a sabbatical to be able to help her daughter.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Karen will attend the Spring Conference in Atlantic. The Senior Breakfast, Recognition, and presentation of Scholarships will be May 1<sup>st</sup>. Karen will take vacation May 2-11. Baccalaureate will be May 15 at the Oakland Christian Church. Pastor Bruce will be the speaker.

**Education Report:** May 22 is the last day of Sunday School. Teacher recognition during church. Vacation Bible School will be July 25--29 Planning meeting this Tuesday. Sue Duhachek is the coordinator this year.

**Lay Leader Report:** No Report

**Ministry Team Reports:**

Memorials: Craig authorized the purchase of a new Pascal Candle that burns oil instead of wax.

**Old Business:**

**Lawn Care Plan:** Bernie moved that we accept Marshall Cooper's bid of \$390 a year for lawn care. Craig seconded. Approved.

**Church Bazaar:** No report

**Treasury Audit:** Susan will contact Lynelle and Pam Ehmke and get information from Sheryl.

**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.

**150 Year Booklet:** This should be done for our new minister. Norma explained problems she is having, but will persevere. Suggestions were made for where she might find help.

***New Business:***

- Dick Kates will be on vacation the weekend of May 1<sup>st</sup>. Monty will substitute.
- Funding Church Maintenance—Mark Jeppesen is in charge. He is working with P-Nut Plumbing. Expenses will be paid from the Hi-fi Account.
- Scholarships—Norma, Barb and Skip will determine recipients.
- Web Service Audio Problem—Craig edits the recording and puts it on the OUMC website. He is working on adjusting volume levels.
- Mission Donations—Micha House \$357; Street School \$369; Heifer Project \$550; Camps \$398

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

Our next meeting will be May 19th, 2016.

Cathey closed the meeting with prayer.

\_\_\_\_ *Veva Larson* \_\_\_\_\_, Board Secretary



## Community Meal

There will be no Tasty Tuesday Community Meal in June or July. Check the church newsletter, the church web site or the local newspaper for the date of the next scheduled meal.



**GODLY HUMOR**

**New Organist**

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!



Community Meal

**NO TASTY TUESDAY IN  
JUNE OR JULY.**

**STAY TUNED FOR AN  
ANNOUNCEMENT IN AUGUST!**



*Getting to Know You*

- 1 Camryn Pierson
- 5 Merlin Jones
- 5 Troy Kinnison
- 7 Taylor Weirich
- 7 Hayden Haines
- 8 Ward Young
- 8 Logan Price
- 8 Essex Jefferson
- 9 Maverick Kalb
- 11 Becky Gibilisco
- 12 Bill Adams
- 12 Robin Jefferson
- 13 Kacey Danker
- 14 Marsha Beedle
- 14 Haley Hummel
- 15 Merle Larson
- 16 Kelly Bentley
- 17 Brody Henderson
- 17 Dawson Henderson
- 19 Marvin Clark
- 19 Andy Rollins
- 19 Evelyn Henry
- 20 Oakkley Kalb
- 21 Beverly Beckendorf
- 22 Nolan Moore
- 24 Scott Duhachek
- 24 Dustin Applegate
- 26 Velda Husz
- 26 Carrie Jefferson
- 27 Carter Bentley
- 28 Andy Bentley
- 29 Mitch Rollins
- 29 Emma Ehmke
- 30 Junellyn Pierce
- 30 Cody Schueman

### **Fathers' Day Cont'd**

Dodd's pivotal role in the creation of a national Father's Day celebration was recognized in 1943 with a luncheon in her honor in New York City. Central Methodist Episcopal is now known as Central United Methodist, and holds a Father's Day service every year.

*On July 5, 1908, a Father's Day sermon was preached at Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now Central United Methodist Church, Fairmont, W.Va.*

If you thought you celebrated the centennial of Father's Day in 2010, you were actually two years too late.

You see, the year Spokane was observing its first Father's Day, almost 2,000 miles away in Fairmont, W.Va., another Methodist church was on its third.

On July 5, 1908, a Father's Day sermon was preached at Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church, South, thanks to the efforts of Grace Golden Clayton.

In December 1907, a terrible mine explosion in nearby Monongah claimed the lives of more than 360 men. Most of them had families, and the tragedy left 1,000 children fatherless.

Clayton was distraught by the thought of all those children growing up without a father's guidance, and wanted to do something to honor the importance of fatherhood. She asked her pastor to set aside a special day to commemorate fathers. She chose the Sunday closest to the birthday of her late father, also a Methodist preacher.

However, unlike the Spokane service, the Fairmont event drew little attention outside the area.

Fairmont historians concede that Sonora Dodd deserves credit for bringing the holiday to national prominence, but want it known that they did beat her to the idea.

"We don't claim popularizing the day, but we have proof we were the first to have a church service," said the Rev. D.D. Meighen, retired pastor of the Fairmont church, which is now also known as Central United Methodist. Seriously, what are the odds of that?

Meighen said two news-making events happened on July 4, 1908, that stole the thunder from their Father's Day service.

*Sonora Smart Dodd is known as the mother of Father's Day. Photo courtesy of the Spokane Regional Convention and Visitors Bureau.*



On that Saturday, Fairmont held its largest 4th of July celebration to date. A large crowd watched a "dare-devil" roll atop a ball to the top of the bank building on a spiral stairway. It made all the news. People talked about it for days.

Then, tragically, a beloved young woman in the church died of typhoid fever. Church members were shocked when they arrived at the Sunday service to hear of her death. Her funeral, which included 17 carriages lined up in front of the church, also made the headlines.

Coincidentally, the first Mother's Day was observed on May 10, 1908, at Andrews Methodist Church in Grafton, W.Va.

West Virginia Methodists clearly love their parents more than the rest of us.

So enjoy firing up that grill and napping in the hammock, dads everywhere. You've earned it, and the United Methodists have your back.

And when your kids give you yet another gruesomely ugly tie as a gift... well, we're pretty sure the Lutherans are behind that.

*\*Butler is a media producer and editor for United Methodist Communications, Nashville, Tenn. He'll celebrate Father's Day this year as he usually does: calling his dad and talking about the U.S Open golf tournament.*

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**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**

*nursery care*



**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

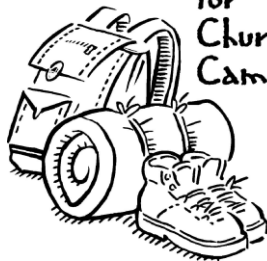
December 24 -- December 25

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

**Sign up  
for  
Church  
Camp**



**June Calendar**

3rd - 6th	Church office closed for Annual Conference
Sun, 5th	10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
7th - 20th	Bev will be covering the church office while Sheryl is on vacation
Fri, 10th	5:30 p.m. Hackett Wedding Rehearsal
Sat, 11th	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 4:00 p.m. Niki Hackett Wedding
Sun, 12th	10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion 11:00 a.m. Pot Luck for Pastor Karen's Farewell
No Administrative Board Meeting this Month	
Sun, 19th	10:00 a.m. Worship/Fathers' Day (Pastor Karen's last Sunday Service) 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
Wed, 22nd	Secretary Sheryl will be out of the office
Sun, 26th	10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
Tue, 28th	5:30 - 6:30 Tasty Tuesday Community Meal

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#### Life Portrayed in five panels

#### Stain Glass

JESUS CHRIST – Life Portrayed in five panels

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Based on account of the baptism of our Lord.

Matthew 3:16, Mark 1:10, Luke 3:22,  
John 1:32

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