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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



Children's Sunday School starts September 11th at 9:00 . Hope to see you there!

Youth groups meet 6:30 on Wednesday's. The annual trip to Adventureland is Saturday the 10th.



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

Be a Sunday School teacher or helper. You can rock too!



Join the choir and share your praises for the Lord.



Missionary Larry Kies will be here on Tuesday the 13th. Help show our support and join us for a potluck. At 6:00 p.m.



Men's Prayer Breakfast is ongoing at 7:00 a.m. the 2nd Saturday of the month.





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 Bears hibernate in the winter, but us United Methodists we hibernate in the summer. I know that is not a true statement as we do everything but hibernate. We are just as busy in winter as we are in summer. The agendas of the season may change but us trying to stretch an extra hour in the day is still an unattained goal for most of us.

It is the end of August and the county and state fairs are over (unless you are in Clay County), baseball and softball has given way to volleyball and football, and activities that have been hibernating since last May start to kick in and once again become active. Tasty Tuesday's are being organized; Sunday school curriculum is being ordered; the choir is getting ready to minister; and youth group is ready for another season.

We pray your summer activities were an experience that brought you closer to God and created more awareness of God and God's special gift of you. It is now time to share as God's gifts are not for keeping. God has this pay it forward theology where whatever is given is to be shared in thought, word and deed and to be passed on. I love that hymn "Pass it On" as it reminds me that God's gifts are not our possessions but possessions that all may enjoy, learn and share from.

What I am saying is that what you have experienced in Jesus this summer has value to all of us. Through your travels and experiences, we can hear and see the Gospel unfolding and how God has blessed you. In return we are being blessed. So as we return from our summer lets rejoice and celebrate as we have much to praise God for! For me and my family we have all new adventures and finding Jesus in all sorts of places around the Oakland area. You probably know them and what they are but for us newbie's it is the first time and we get excited!

But we need to see you and be a part of this great story we call worship. Somebody once told me that the minister is paid the big bucks for what they say when they speak. I want to give that myth the boot as we are paid the big bucks because we listen! So when the last

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So when the last hurrah of summer is over (Labor Day) I pray you come to us to share as worship isn't worship unless we all participate and become a part of God's great story that is you and me.

See you Sunday,

Rev. Dennis

New Attendance Sheets

If you have any questions about the new attendance sheets, please call the office, 482-5530. The new sheets will allow the congregation to sign up for short notice volunteer work and to inform committee members of meetings along with other types of short notice communication.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

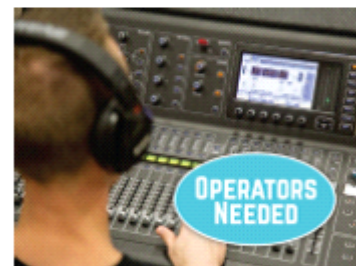


Financial Secretary

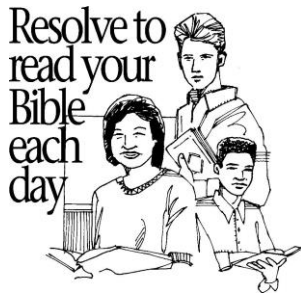
The church would like to thank Lisa Rollins for the time she has dedicated to being financial secretary. Now she would like to pass the job on to someone else. The job includes collecting, counting, depositing and recording the Sunday offerings. If interested, please contact Pastor Dennis, Bernie Bolton 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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Daily Bible Readings for September

- 1 Luke 11.14-28
- 2 Luke 11.29-54
- 3 Luke 12.1-21
- 4 Luke 12.22-40
- 5 Luke 12.41-59
- 6 Luke 13.1-17
- 7 Luke 13.18-30
- 8 Luke 14.1-14
- 9 Luke 14.15-35
- 10 Luke 16.1-13
- 11 Luke 16.14-31
- 12 Luke 17.1-10
- 13 1 Corinthians 1.1-17
- 14 1 Corinthians 1.18-31
- 15 1 Corinthians 2.1-16
- 16 Psalm 19
- 17 Psalm 37
- 18 Proverbs 1.1-33
- 19 Proverbs 3.1-35
- 20 Proverbs 4.1-27
- 21 Proverbs 17.1-28
- 22 Ecclesiastes 1.1-18
- 23 Ecclesiastes 2.1-26
- 24 Ecclesiastes 3.1-22
- 25 Ecclesiastes 4.1-16
- 26 Ecclesiastes 5.1-20
- 27 Ecclesiastes 7.1-25
- 28 Ecclesiastes 12.1-14
- 29 Job 27.1-23
- 30 Job 28.1-28



September Birthdays

- 1 Mary Lou Colvin
- 3 Bethany Wyman
- 3 Karen Stott
- 4 Katie Rollins
- 4 G.G. Harris
- 4 Jared Myers
- 6 Dick Kates
- 6 Lowell Husz
- 6 Sandy Bane
- 10 Jason Keiser
- 13 Jennifer Buckhahn
- 13 Debbie Rollins
- 13 Nicolle Schnack
- 13 Karen Way
- 16 Jan Harris
- 16 Janice Harris
- 16 Lyle Bentley
- 19 Katelyn Alger
- 19 Chuck Zuch
- 20 Hilda Beedle
- 20 Gabriel Applegate
- 21 Leigh Bell
- 23 Diana Hopes
- 23 Brock Kinnison
- 23 Derek Applegate
- 24 ReAnn Hildebrand
- 24 Holly Hinkhouse
- 26 Roger McMartin
- 26 Dean Applegate
- 26 Tina Clark
- 27 Joni Houser
- 27 Sue Duhachek
- 28 Marty Rieken
- 28 Peggy Pierson
- 29 Fred S. Henry
- 29 Alex Henry
- 30 Devyn Moore



Community Meal

A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP

Come join us for a light meal.

Bring a friend

5:30—6:30 p.m.

September 27th

Last Tuesday of the month



Getting to Know You

September Trivia

This Quiz: Jesus' Ministry

- 1.) At what age did Jesus begin his ministry? See: [Luke 3:22,23](#) 18 20 25 30
- 2.) Who came to Jesus at night to hear his teaching? See: [John 3:1,2](#)
 Zacchaeus Barnabas Nicodemus Lazarus
- 3.) From what mountain did Jesus describe the signs of the times and the end of the age?
See: [Matthew 24:3](#) Mount Carmel Mount Moriah Mount of Olives Mount Sinai
- 4.) When Herod heard of the works of Jesus, who did he think it was? See: [Mark 6:14](#)
 God himself John the Baptist A charlatan A deceiver
- 5.) What did Jesus say the leaven of the Pharisees was? See: [Luke 12:1](#)
 Bread offered to idols Hypocrisy Rotten yeast The leaven of unbelief
- 6.) At which well did Jesus talk with a Samaritan woman? See: [John 4:6,7](#)
 Abraham's Isaac's Esau's Jacob's
- 7.) What did Jesus say is the greatest commandment of the law? See: [Matthew 22:34-38](#)
 Love the Lord thy God Love your neighbor as yourself
 Keep the Sabbath day Do not kill
- 8.) How many swine died when Jesus permitted demons to possess them? See: [Mark 5:13](#)
 100 1000 2000 3000
- 9.) What surprised a Pharisee when Jesus ate dinner at his house? See: [Luke 11:37,38](#)
 Jesus didn't wash his hands Jesus ate meat from an unclean animal
 Jesus healed a paralytic Jesus didn't eat anything
- 10.) From which book did Jesus read when he went into the synagogue at Nazareth? See: [Luke 4:16,17](#)
 Jeremiah Isaiah Ezekiel The Psalms

August Trivia Answers

This Quiz: Jesus' Disciples

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

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September Calendar

Sun, 4th	10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
Mon, 5th	Church office closed for Labor Day
Wed, 7th	6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
Thu, 8th	6:30 p.m. Zumba Class in Fellowship Hall
Sat, 10th	7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast Youth Groups going to Adventureland
Sun, 11th	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship/3rd Graders Receive Bibles 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
Tue, 13th	6:00 p.m. Potluck for Missionary Larry Kies
Wed, 14th	6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
Thu, 15th	6:30 p.m. Zumba Class in Fellowship Hall 7:00 p.m. Administrative Board Meeting
Sun, 18th	9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Choir Practice 10:00 a.m. Worship/3rd Sunday Offering 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
Wed, 21st	6:30 p.m. Youth Groups
Thu, 22nd	6:30 p.m. Zumba Class in Fellowship Hall
Sun, 25th	10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Koinonia
Tue, 27th	5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Tasty Tuesday
Wed, 28th	6:00 p.m. Youth Groups
Thu, 29th	6:30 p.m. Zumba Class in Fellowship Hall

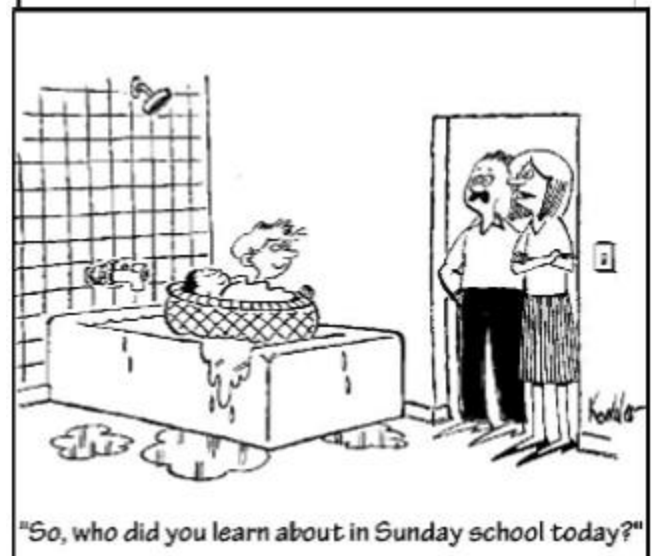
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Administrative Board -----July 14, 2016

Present- Reverend Dennis Hopes, Barb Schorsch, Gloria Gleaves, Dick & Louise Merkle, Susan Harris, Skip Applegate, Bernie & Norma Bolton, Craig Hummel and Merlin Jones.

In the absence of Chairperson Cathey Grosvenor, Bernie Bolton opened the meeting.

Prayer concerns were voiced and Reverend Dennis Hopes led the group in prayer..

Secretary's Report- Barb Schorsch moved to approve. Seconded by Dick Merkle . Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report- Reviewed by Barb Schorsch. Apportionments are current. Merlin Jones moved to approve. Seconded by Skip Applegate. Approved unanimously.

Board of Trustees- Reverend Dennis reported that they had a problem with the a/c and sewer back up in the basement of the parsonage shortly after moving in. Trustee Chair, Mark Jeppesen handled the problems.

Staff-Parish Relations Team- Bernie Bolton reported that lunch was delivered for the Hopes family and their movers the day they arrived in Oakland. The SPRC team was in charge of the farewell potluck for Pastor Karen and Jerry Hoff on June 10th and the welcome potluck for Reverend Dennis, Diana and Will Hopes on July 10th. Both were very well attended.

Pastor's Report Reverend Dennis thanked all for the welcome and the hospitality that their family had received since moving into the parsonage. He commended the church on being proactive, building community relations, amazing youth groups, outreach with missions, forward thinking and planning among many other positive attributes.

He will attend the New Pastor's Meeting on the 8th of August at the Creighton Retreat Center near Griswold. He plans to meet with the Riverside Church Association on August 9th and will speak at the Senior Center on the 13th of September.

He also reported that the Youth Group would be taking a field trip to Adventureland for their first meeting on the 10th of September.

Lay Leader- Merlin reported that he had filled the pulpit for our church on 2 Sundays.

Nominations- The team has been asked to try to find a replacement for our Financial Secretary.

Memorial Team- Craig reported that additional praise hymnals were going to be purchased.

Old Business-

Bernie reported that Mary Lou Goettsch was willing to do an audit on our financials.

Dick and Louise Merkle contacted Donna Kelly who has agreed to purchase supplies for the common cupboard.

Susan Harris will contact someone to do a video inventory of church property.

New Business-

Merlin asked that we again seek trainees for sound board and projector to supply back-up.

It was brought to the attention of the board that repairs need to be made to the windows in the bell tower broken by storms.

Tasty Tuesday will resume the 30th day of August.

Missionary Larry Kies will be at our church to speak on September 13th.

Church Secretary Sherryl Sindt has been working to clean out old financial records.

Vacation Bible School will be July 25-29, 6-8:15 pm with a program at 7 pm on Friday.

Next meeting will be August 18th.

There being no further business, Susan Harris moved for adjournment. Seconded by Merlin Jones.

Approved unanimously.

Bernie Bolton closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Bolton, Sec- pro-tem

YOUTH GROUPS ARE MEETING

The Youth Groups will be going to Adventureland on Saturday September 10th.



**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.

Dear Oakland UMC,
Thank you all for the scholarship money, which made it easier to pay for my college tuition. Thank you for being a part of my life as I grew in my faith. I will miss you all.

Blessings,
Andrew Jones

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the scholarship money. It helped me pay for college. Thank you for everything that you have done for me throughout the years. I am going to miss you all while I'm in college.

— Sarah Jones



*Thanks,
Everyone!*

**Need Volunteers for the
Sunday Nursery**

I have 4 dates to be filled yet for the nursery on Sunday mornings.

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.

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TASTY TUESDAY
COMMUNITY
MEAL
September 27
5:30 - 6:30