



The Circuit Rider

United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Church,

Have you ever felt like you were supposed to do or say something, but it seemed so strange or foolish? This year at the New Room Conference we worshiped the Lord, and continued to pray for a great awakening among the church, a great revival. Once again I was reminded of the beauty of the way the Lord speaks, and heals. There was a speaker by the name of Mike Pilavachi. He made a covenant with God some years ago that whatever God said, he would say. He said that he realized that if he was wrong and that if it was him, that no one would die. But, if it was from God, that something awesome could happen! (Paraphrased) This really spoke to me. God says some crazy things sometimes, and there are examples of ways that Mike that he heard God, and so he tried it out, and he felt foolish, and yet, God brought incredible healing, and new life to many people through this obedience? What is God saying to you? Are you to share it? One of his greatest themes was obedience.

I'm struck that so often in our world today we get caught up in what people's personal truths are, we stop calling people into an obedient relationship with the Lord. God has set up systems, boundaries, and ways to protect us, just like parents protect their children, there are things that are good for us and bad for us, and we are to be obedient to what God has to say to us. There is one foundational truth that is found throughout scripture that says, if you speak your faith in Jesus as your savior, you will have life eternal. This same truth says that if we have faith it will reveal itself through our love. Our understanding of our great need, and our understanding of our great hunger and thirst will bring us to a place of humility, and unconditional love of God our savior.

Ashley Mathews was the opening speaker at the conference, the quote that resonated in my heart from her was, "Have you thought about the power and consequence of you being in right standing with God?" When we are in right standing with God, when we are obedient to him, when we allow ourselves to be cleansed by his blood, when we sit at his feet, when we worship with all of our hearts, and when we surrender our lives fully to Christ, that is when God can work in and through us. Have you ever considered how many people your life touches in a day, a week, a month or a year? Have you ever considered who it is that God is calling you into relationship with for the sole purpose of showing God's love to them, and revealing more of God's love and truth to them?

God is a merciful, and grace-filled God. He is full of mercy and compassion, and at the very same time, he is a God that protects, and desires to have us close to him. Our great commission, the thing God has called each and every one of us to, I offer, the sole purpose of our life is to share the redeeming love of Christ with those around us.

So, as you enter a new month, as the leaves fall off of the trees, as you proceed to rake and enjoy the brisk fall air, will you consider what God is calling you to? Is he calling you into deeper obedience? Deeper faith? Deeper trust? Deeper Hope? Let's cling to him, my dear friends.

Bless you, in the name of Jesus Christ, our savior and our Lord, Pastor Joy Mitchell

Sunday Worship

Schedule:

8:30 am

Praise
Worship

9:45 am

Sunday
School

11:00 am
Traditional
Worship



***Happy
Harvest***

***Happy
Halloween***

***Happy
Leaves
Falling!***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This October 14th, 21st, and 28th we will be discussing “The Game Plan”, for our generosity series. I hope you will be present with us as we worship the Lord, and learn more about what the Book of Acts has to say about our money and our lives.

We will be asking questions like, where do we begin? What gifts and talents has God given each of us? How is it that we are to work for the Kingdom of God? What is it that God asks of us? We will work down the field, beginning with a first down, moving to the second down, and hopefully completing a touchdown, as we create a Game Plan for our individual lives and the life of our church.

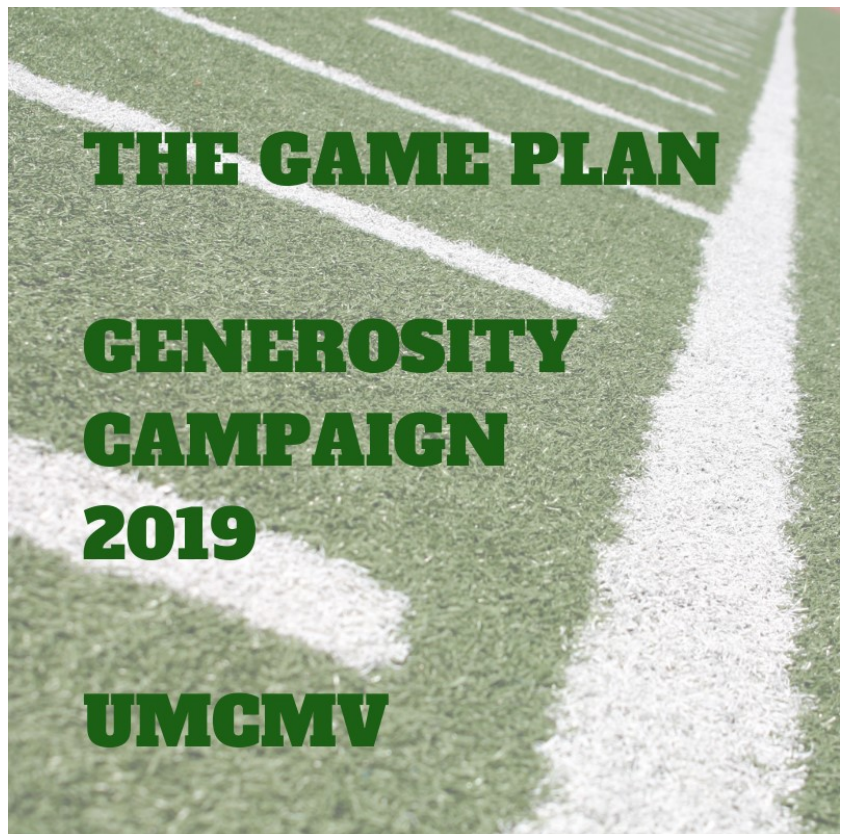
We, as a church, have the ability to change the world as we fulfill the mission we’ve been called to. This is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. A vital piece of this happens when each of us takes the hard steps of financial discipline and fulfilling God’s call to generosity.

As we bring our generosity series to a close, we will have the opportunity to express our gratitude and generosity in Commitment Weekend (October 28th). Following services on this particular Sunday we will celebrate with a spaghetti dinner at noon. I look forward to continuing to worship the Lord with you all as we learn and grow together in our own discipleship for the Kingdom of God!

See you this weekend!

Blessings,

Pastor Joy Mitchell



*****Notes from your Church Council*****

My friends,

It is always a privilege and a blessing to be involved in God's work and ministry through this church and within the community of faith here at the United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon. In the words of the Apostle Paul, who wrote to the church at Corinth, *I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. [1 Corinthians 1:4-9].*

It is in this spirit that the work of the church is being done through the Church Council and the wonderful ministry councils and committees we have assembled and being faithfully served by passionate volunteers. This is a most engaging time of the year for the church. Having made our way through the summer months where life is enjoyed more fully and rest is (hopefully) attended to more intentionally, the fall brings the anticipation of Advent and the structured work of the church to prepare for the end of a fiscal cycle and the planning for the next. This is the time where generosity is accentuated and celebrated; when goals are reviewed and new ideas generated; and, it is a time when leadership transitions are being made.

You will each be receiving personal acknowledgement of the tremendous effort made by this community of faith to finish the work begun with Share the Vision and closed with Own the Vision. This church, as I celebrated with you last Sunday, is **debt free**. Say that to yourself...offer a word of thanksgiving to God for our perseverance. There is always more to come and that is the blessing of a historic structure as well as that of a growing congregation. Yet, at this moment, we can rejoice in a job well done. This was a major point of discussion during the most recent Council meeting held earlier this month, our 3rd quarter meeting. In addition, the Council gave thanks for where we are at with the church budget at this point in the year. Buoyed by the graciousness of this congregation and the prudent minds of our leadership, our church is on pace to finish the year very near or at an even budget mark. We know this takes continued gifts of God's grace opening our hearts to intentional giving but we are in a rather unique position given recent history...another fact worth celebrating and giving thanks.

What is next for the church, as seen through the eyes and heard with the ears of Council? We turn our attention to the goals of the Generosity Team and the Finance Committee, aided by the gathering arms of our Staff-Parrish Relations Committee. They will be laying the groundwork for a fun, creative and enlightening campaign for this fall to prepare us for the work God has in store for us in 2019. Yes, we must look past Advent to see into the newness of the coming year in our diligent work for budget and mission.

Our hearts and minds are collectively oriented toward the prayerful preparation for the months that also lie ahead for the Way Forward, the decision making journey for the global United Methodist Church and what that will mean for our national and state conferences, our district and even our own congregation. With this, we are also quite mindful on the transformation that is taking place in the lives of so many being fed through our work in Discipleship Path and the Care Ministry. I hope you will join me in thanking God for these efforts as well and searching your heart for where you might be led.

As always, the work of the church takes effort but produces so much fruit when we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us and work in us. Paul also writes, *"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."* [Ephesians 3: 16-19]

May God bless you in abundance this fall.

Peace to you, Jim Baty, Chair of Church Council

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN — FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE IN ACTION

Threads of Love Event



All are invited to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship and food for a great cause. Join us **MON. OCT. 22, 4-7:30PM FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

We'll be tying blankets, working on prayer shawls and making t-shirt bags. All items are for mission/ministry giving thru our church.

We'll start at 4pm for those who can come early. Then everyone is invited to join us for a soup meal at 5:30 and we'll continue with the projects until 7:30. Come for the entire evening or for however long you can join us. Just let us know if you'll be joining us for the meal so we can prepare accordingly.

Bring yourself, a friend, your knitting/crocheting, clean, old t-shirts (light stains are OK) and good scissors, plus an attitude of joy in giving and sharing.

If you have questions or to reserve your space for dinner, contact Barb Shepley at 895-6566 or brshepley@q.com.



“Imagine No Malaria”: Impact on Africa

Recently, at a Church Council breakfast, someone asked whatever happened to the UMC effort to “Imagine No Malaria”? We, as well as many churches in Iowa, had sponsored a pancake supper and various other fund-raising strategies as our participation. I promised to research it and let our church know the results.

The Iowa UMC effort reached its goal in 2014. Here is what was accomplished:

For the churches in the Iowa Annual Conference, over \$2 million was raised by July, 2014. The Conference goal was \$1.8 million. There was a great celebration at the 2014 Annual Conference.

This effort, at the Global level among all United Methodist Churches in the world, accomplished the following between August 2012 to July 2014.:

The UMC stopped shipping mosquito nets but enabled factories built in Africa to begin production of them. The UMC purchased 4 million nets from those local factories to provide for families and hospitals.

The UMC supported the training and employment of thousands of local hospital staff and social workers who in turn treated more than 2.7 million children and babies, and provided education for their parents.

175,000 structures were sprayed with mosquito repellent.

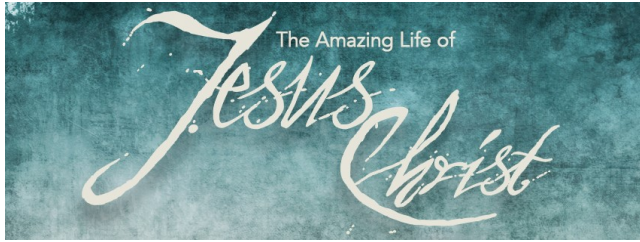
The mortality rates from malaria in Africa dropped 60% in two years’ time.

As of the Annual Conference of 2018, the Iowa United Methodist Church has joined other UMC’s in a new effort....Providing Awareness and Understanding about Mental Illness and Advocating for Services/ Treatment for Victims and Families.

WHAT A GREAT WITNESS TO OUR FAITH AND A TESTIMONY TO THE POWER OF
FOLLOWING JESUS’ TEACHINGS!

Kay Graber and Truman Jordan
Mt. Vernon UMC Delegates to Annual Conference

Woman's Bible Study



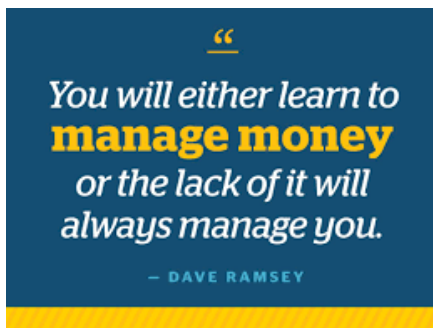
Wednesdays, starting
September 5th, 9:30-11:00 am

Balcony Classroom @
UMCMV

“The Amazing Life of Jesus Christ”

“Whether you are just meeting Jesus for the first time or if you have known Him for years, the Scripture and in-depth, thoughtful questions in this 12 week DVD study, *The Amazing Life of Jesus Christ*, will help you apply His truth to your life.”

To Register Text or Call - Cathy #319-551-6666



**Financial
Peace
University**

Thursday nights—

Started Thursday, September 27, 2018

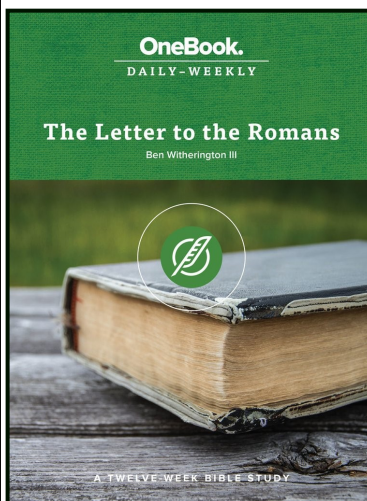
From 6:45 PM for 9 weeks in the Balcony Classroom

Approximate average class time is 2 hours.

Child care is available, contact Jeff for details.

COORDINATOR-Jeff Schmatt
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PETE'S CLASS will be meeting at 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings, in the **Chapel Room** (just off the Common Ground). It is a Bible Study class that will be studying Paul's letter to the **ROMANS**.

Contents include: Man's need of salvation, God's way of salvation, the new life in Christ, Israel in the plan of God, and Christian conduct.

Facilitator: Rainey Brown

Romania 2019

God commands us to take the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. With our new partnership in Romania with Super Kids Academy, through Global Hope we have the opportunity to do just that.

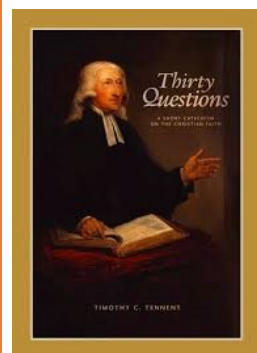
Are you interested in joining the next mission team to Romania?

Do you have a heart for orphaned and/or abandoned children?

Do you love to travel?

Do you have a desire to share the gospel and support those that are sharing the love of God on the other ends of the world?

Join Weston and I as we lead the next trip, June 13-23, 2019. The numbers are limited, so if interested please submit your name and a paragraph about why you want to be a part of the next team. Please send these to pastorjoy@mitchell.umcmv.com. Last year each traveling adult paid \$1000, and each youth \$500, and we fundraised the rest. We are shooting for the same goal this year. We want to get the team committed soon, so we can begin planning. Please apply no later than October 26, 2018.



Thirty Questions - New members & anyone wanting to learn more about our Methodist Faith

Pastor Joy will be leading a 6 week study for the Membership Class, and **anyone** wanting to learn more about our Methodist Faith.

We hope you will consider joining us on Sundays, from 9:45am to 10:45am, in the **Discovery Classroom**. Call or email Jo Harman

(joharman@umcmv.com) to sign up for this great opportunity!



Circuit Rider
Deadline for
NOVEMBER

Circuit

Rider will be October 29,
2018—please email any
information you want included
to: alison.dix@umcmv.com

Thanks!

Youth Group 2018

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
STARTING SEPT 5TH

MIDDLE SCHOOL 6:00-7:30

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HIGH SCHOOL 7:15-8:45

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
304 1ST ST MOUNT VERNON, IA 52314

(DINNER PROVIDED FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY)

Please email dillonfawcette@umcmv.com with any questions

Annual Fundraising & Award Ceremony

"Keeping Families Together"

Please join us at a fundraising benefit to support the immigration legal services program of Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors. Your financial support will enable Iowa JFON to continue serving children and families in need.

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 6, 2018**

Coe College (Clark Alumni House)
Cedar Rapids, IA
From 11:30am to 2pm



Former UMC MV Pastor's Wife to be Honored in October

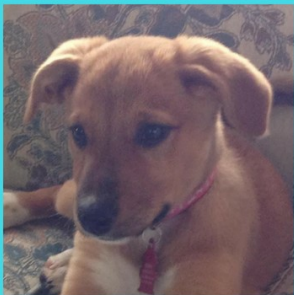
Doris Knight, wife of former Pastor Norm Knight who was our UMC MV pastor in the early 2000's, will be honored as the developer and first "director" of Iowa's Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) at a special ceremony October 6 in Cedar Rapids.

The ceremony will take place at the very first "JFON Leadership Achievement" Awards Ceremony and reception at Coe College's Clarke Alumni Center on Saturday, October 6, from 11:30-2:00.

Doris led the beginning of the Iowa JFON Methodist free legal clinics for immigrants and refugees for fifteen years until she retired a few years ago. She devoted herself to the development of this ministry in Iowa, without pay, and aligned it with the already established National Justice for Our Neighbors Methodist ministry.

Special speaker during the ceremony will be Deepa Iyer, lawyer, scholar and writer from The Center for Social Inclusion where she provides analysis and research on equity and solidarity in America's changing racial landscape. She herself immigrated from India when she was twelve years old. Her groundbreaking book, *We Too Sing America*, was selected by the American Librarians Association to be one of the top ten multicultural nonfiction books of 2016. She was also a trial attorney for the U. S. Department of Justice.

Attendance at this event will be through a free will offering for the Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors ministry. For more information, contact Kay Graber at 535-1085.



PRAYER WALK WITH BOOTS

Thursday Mornings @ 6 AM
Meet in the Church Parking Lot



OCTOBER

Giving

Schedule

October 7, 2018	World communion Sunday UMCOR special Offering
October 14, 2018	CROP Hunger Walk special offering



Be sure to be on the look out for little ghosts and goblins trick or treating this month! Halloween is on Wednesday October 31st and there will be many kids out and about!



LORD'S PORTION AUCTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018

This is our **22nd ANNUAL LORD'S PORTION AUCTION!** Your generous support of this major fund raiser for our church has been so very appreciated. We hope you will again give prayerful consideration to what talents and/or gifts you might donate to this year's event. As we have seen in years past, it is an opportunity to share a wide range of "homegrown" talents, occupational experiences, and creative creations. We hope you will

tell your friends and neighbors of our event and invite them to come along with you to share in the opportunity to sample these talents and gifts for yourself.

There are so many great items coming in- you will definitely want to check out the list this year!

We will offer a light lunch with the auction immediately following the 11:00 service. Our "all-you-care-to-eat" lunch items include Sloppy Joes, chip, dessert and beverage. Cost will be \$5 for adults, children ages 6-12 is \$3, children under 6 are free. We look forward to a fun event with your help!

Birthdays In OCTOBER

Lisa White	10/01	Ezra Chapman	10/16
Alyse Jeffrey	10/02	Elizabeth Barns	10/18
Brock Barber	10/03	Rebecca Conrad	
Griffin Barber		Nancy Reasland	
Gordon Behrens		Brooklyn Sill	
Ruth Miller		Allyson Rushford	10/20
Emily Perreault		Jeremy Hotz	10/21
Brooklyn Van Antwerp		Kinsley Harms	10/22
Logan Stanerson	10/04	Doris Bacher	10/23
Elliott Micheel	10/05	Joey Watson	10/24
Bryli Chapman	10/06	Joleen Woods	
Darin Swartzendruber	10/09	Jackie Engelbrecht	10/25
Bryan Woodward		Jesse Schwiebert	
Jamie Smith	10/11	Marissa Cranston	10/26
Keira Niec	10/12	Garet Swartzendruber	
Charlie Engelbrecht	10/13	Andy Morrical	10/27
John Engelbrecht		Bonnie Moore	10/28
Grace Krapfl	10/14	Paul Rekemeyer	
Ava Claussen-Tubbs	10/15	Jonathan Barns	10/30
Kristi Keast			

ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Gregg & Susan Glenn	10/03
Heather & Chad Niec	10/07
Randy & Tammy Cooper	10/13
Warren & Denise Havill	10/17
Mike & Lori Cranston	10/21
Erin & Seth Schaller	10/23
Roger & Dixie Raiber	10/29
Guy & Ann Booth	10/30

October Way Forward Update

Dear Congregation,

As we continue to wait upon the new special called general conference, conversations continue to happen within our congregation and within the United Methodist Church, our nation and the world.

The most recent thing I've read is an open letter to the delegates of the special called general conference. It was "written jointly by a theologically diverse group of clergy from the West Ohio Conference." They write that, "Regardless of whichever option is adopted, we believe that a "Gracious Exit" will be necessary for some local churches and clergy so we might all be able to move forward in an attitude of love and peace." The letter was originally signed by 16 clergy and lay members of the West Ohio conference and since has added at least a couple of hundred signatures from across the nation. This letter requests that this is voted on prior to any of the selected plans before them, hoping it will bring some peace in the midst of a very anxious space and time. You can read the letter, and learn more at <https://um-gracious-exit.com>

A list of resources has also been created from within our congregation (thank you Kay Graber for getting us started) if you have a desire to read and study any more about the conversations at hand. I know that the Danforth Sunday school class is going through A Firm Foundation and some other resources as well. There are other groups discerning when and if they will also go through some of these materials. Please contact me if you are interested, and we will get you plugged in.

If you want to read more, here is the list of what has been compiled thus-far.

A Firm Foundation hope and vision for a new methodist future

Living Faithfully Human Sexuality and The United Methodist Church

The 19 Questions to Kindle A Wesleyan Spirit

By Carolyn Moore

Are We Really Better Together?

By Rob Renfroe and Walter Fenton

Seeing Black and White in a Gray World

Bill T Arnold

Homosexuality and the Church guidelines for community conversation

Howard A. Snyder

Into the Light Healing Sexuality in Today's Church

Mark Ongley

Finding Our Way: Love and Law in The United Methodist Church

A series of reflections by Methodist Bishops, including Bishop Rueben Job, Bishop Greg Palmer, Hope Morgan Ward, Melvin Talber, Kenneth Carter, Michael Lowry and John Yambasu

Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White

A series of sermons by Alexander Hamilton

Social Principles of the United Methodist Church

The Unity of the Church and Human Sexuality Study Guide

A guide to discussion released by the United Methodist General Board of Higher Education.

What Are We Fighting for? Coming Together Around What Matters Most

A video series for study

Carrying you in prayer, Pastor Joy Mitchell

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting, Fellowship Hall	2 7:00 AM Council Breakfast, Skillet Cafe 2:00 PM UMW Reading Group 5:30 PM Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall & classrooms 6:00 PM Adult Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary	3 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 5:30 PM Meal Prep for Youth Group, Kitchen 6:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room 7:00 PM Choir practice, Sanctuary 7:15 PM HS Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room	4 6:00 AM Prayer Walks with Pastor Joy & Boots, Parking Lot of Church 6:30 PM Financial Peace University, Balcony Classroom 6:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary	5 9:00 AM Mission of Hope Lunch, Cedar Rapids	6 11:30 AM JFON Award Ceremony/Annual Fundraising Benefit, Coe College - Clark Alumni House 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
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Sunday School News...

Sunday school is in full swing! This is what we call Opening. Before we head to our stations each week, we gather and praise God with song.



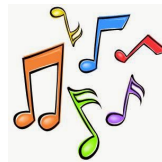
Father Abraham has many sons,

Many sons had Father Abraham,

I am one of them and so are you.

So let's all PRAISE the Lord!

Do you remember this camp song?



Believe me... these photos don't do justice to the ENERGY these children are bringing to Sunday School!

Opening each week with this fun song, we are reminded that each of us is part of God's family. We are thankful for our 5th and 6th Grad class for teaching and leading us in song!



Bring your bible in support
of our 3rd Graders!

Bring bibles on Oct. 7th or
drop it off in the church
office!

Third graders will be presented with
brand new bibles on Sunday October
14 during the church services.

We would love to show them what the
bibles of a faithful congregation look
like.

HELP US by bringing in your Bible for
the display. Let's see who has the old-
est, largest, smallest, most used &
marked up or the cleanest/unmarked,
thinnest and fattest bibles.

Bring your bible to church services on
Sunday October 7th and leave in box in

the Narthex after worship or drop off at the church office during the week so it may be displayed on the 14th. Questions?? contact the church office.

SAVE THE DATE: **Christmas Pageant Sunday evening, December 9.**

We are in the planning stage, so more details will come in time. **What:** A traditional Christmas Pageant with music and costumes.

Who: All Sunday school children (P-4th). Middle school students may have various roles/jobs.

Where: Sanctuary

When: (Pageant) Sunday, December 9, in the evening.

When: (Practices) Part of Sunday school classes in November/December. Likely a Saturday morning practice on Dec. 8th.

RSVP: As we get closer, we will be looking for a count of all children available to be part of the Pageant.

Questions?: contact Brittany Booth email boothjb@q.com cell 319-533-1358



How can you help? Do you remember being in a Christmas pageant as a child?

We need YOUR help to make this memorable experience happen for our children too. A variety of talents are needed to prepare for the pageant....and you don't have to have a student in Sunday school! We are looking for people with a variety of talents who can...teach songs during Sunday School class starting in November, organize costumes, lead dress rehearsal, organize volunteers, lead email communication, and shepherd children during the performance, just to name a few! Pray about how you can be a part of this special time and watch for details to sign-up!

Prayer list

Prayers for Healing:

- Tate Little (an Anamosa sophomore who was involved in a serious car accident) Prayers also for his family and friends as they cope during this difficult time
- Jan O'Neil (Ann Booth's friend) who is nearing surgery for a brain tumor
- Marty (Fred and Marion Lehman's son-in-law), who took a bad fall and is now in skilled nursing care in Cedar Rapids. Prayers for continued recovery so he can eventually return home.
- Jennifer Mann (friend of Matt and Allison Traynor) recently diagnosed with colon cancer that has spread to her spleen
- Scotty Bailess (Beth Johnson's Aunt) Prayers for weight gain that needs to happen before she can have surgery
- Denise Havill (and her family, as she recovers from surgery/for healing and a smooth recovery)
- Terry Sill as he recovers from surgery for metastatic squamous cell carcinoma cancer & prepares for post surgery treatments
- Jo Harman (for complete healing of her eye)
- Megan Klaus
- Amanda Meeker
- Tiffany Snodgress

Prayers for Comfort and Strength:

- Marsha Light and her family (as she adjusts to no longer working and to having hospice care)
- Loel Lienhard (uncle/great uncle to the Kamaus Family) prayers for Loel and his grown children as they welcome Hospice services for Loel and journey this last phase of his earthly life together
- For Brady Siders as he recovers from surgery. Surgery went well.
- For Cindy Montgomery (Ruth Reckling's daughter) now home following surgery, prayers for continued recovery
- For family and friends dealing with mental illness
- For persons trying to manage depression
- For people who are dealing with self doubt and worry
- For all who are mourning the loss of a family member or friend

Prayers for Safety and God's Guidance:

- Guidance for Emily Fawcett while job searching and seeking the right fit
- For smooth process as Mundo continues to take steps in his asylum status and prayers for those assisting him.

Prayers for Transition:

- For Ron and Stephanie Frantz as they transition to their new home
- For all students, preschool through college; prayers for calm and peace for those who are anxious
- For our youth attending Sunday School and Youth Group this Fall, that they will feel loved and welcomed here
- For those in the midst of changing seasons of life.

Prayers for Sustenance:

- For the children in Sibiu, Romania being served at The Super Kids Day Center and the staff who are ministering to them. Specifically, prayers for Pastor Cristi and Ligia.
- Agape Ministry in Cedar Rapids (leader Abraham Boniface)
- UMCMV pastors, staff, lay leader, and committee members
- UMCMV Life Group ministry
- UMCMV Stephen Ministers and Care Ministers
- Mission of Hope in Cedar Rapids, volunteers and attendees
- Women at the Well United Methodist Church, Pastor Lee Schott, and the women of Iowa Correctional Institute

Prayers for our World:

- For everyone on the East coast who have been effected by Hurricane Florence
 - For the ISU community, family and friends of Celia Barquin Arozamena
 - For the family and friends of Mollie Tibbetts; the entire Brooklyn community
 - For peace among all nations
- The United Methodist Church

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Joy:

- Praise and thanksgiving that Nyla McCall's recent radiation treatments were successful
- Kaeli Knapp and her parents are now at HOME in Cedar Rapids, after 136 days in the hospital. Prayers of thanksgiving that they are home and continued prayers for Kaeli
- Praise and thanksgiving that Beth Johnson is doing well following treatments this summer
- Thanksgiving for the choir and the beautiful music they create to worship our God
- Thankfulness for the leaders of our church who give of their time and energy
- God is good all the time

October 2018 Worship Assistants

October 7th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		October 7th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Brian Bothell	Parking Lot Door	Al Shepley
West Door Greeters:	Nancy Reasland	West Door Greeters:	Barb Shepley
Worship Assistants/ Ushers:	Ike Claussen-Tubbs & Family	Worship Assistants/ Ushers:	Ben Nydegger & Family
		Lector:	Karen Stewart
Nursery:	Becca Conrad	Nursery:	Rosa Moss
		Slide Presenter:	Dick Jacob
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Coffee Host:	Janet Griffith
October 14th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		October 14th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door Greet-	Todd Norton	Parking Lot Door Greet-	John McWilliams
Red Door Greeter:	Jennifer Back	Red Door Greeter:	Mike Kragenbrink
Worship Assistants/ Ushers:	Ike Claussen-Tubbs & Family	Worship Assistants/ Ushers:	Ben Nydegger & Family
		Lector:	Cot Graber
Nursery:	Lily Booth	Nursery:	Brittany Booth
		Slide Presenter:	Jackie Wallace
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Coffee Host:	Trude Elliott
October 21st at 8:30am (Praise Service)		October 21st @ 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Amy Jackson	Parking Lot Door	Jan White
West Door Greeters:	Ron Jackson	West Door Greeters:	Bonnie Keith
Worship Assistants/ Ushers:	Ike Claussen-Tubbs & Family	Worship Assistants/ Ushers:	Ben Nydegger & Family
		Lector:	Janet Ault
Nursery:	Kim Schwiebert	Nursery:	Cindy Strong
		Coffee Host:	Denae McGrath
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Slide Presenter:	Jackie Morrical
October 28th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		October 28th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Matt Stewart	Parking Lot Door	Dixie Raiber
West Door Greeters:	Shellie & Lance Kamaus	West Door Greeters:	Roger Raiber
Worship Assistants/ Ushers:	Ike Claussen-Tubbs & Family	Worship Assistants/ Ushers:	Ben Nydegger & Family
		Lector:	Ruth Miller
Nursery:	Ryley Hoffman	Nursery:	Brittany Booth
		Coffee Host:	Mary Jane McWilliams
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Slide Presenter:	Trude Elliott



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Join us for this lively fundraiser!

Lunch, dessert and auction all starting at Noon!