

Holy Week at St. Timothys - April 5 through 12

Palm-Passion Sunday - April 5

Holy Week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday when we celebrate Jesus' triumphal ride into Jerusalem, change from celebration to the Passion by making crosses of our palm branches, and remember Jesus' passion. This year our Chancel Choir will share *"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"* by Joseph Martin, a contemporary arrangement of a hymn that goes back to St. Theodulph of Orleans who lived in the 8th century BCE.

Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday) - April 9, 7:00 pm

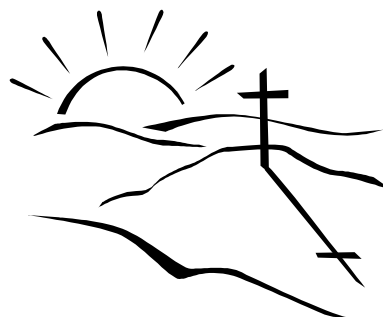
We gather to remember Jesus' last night and his Last Supper with his disciples. We remember his foot washing and share Holy Communion. We will "strip" the chancel in observance of the starkness of Jesus' last night. The Chancel Choir will sing *"No Rose Bloomed in Gethsemane"* by Joseph Martin.

Good Friday - April 10, Noon to 3:00 pm

We will have a prayer vigil from noon to 3:00 pm. Our sanctuary will be open as a place for meditation and prayer. Meditation guides will be available.

Easter Day - April 12

On Easter Day we will celebrate resurrection and the ongoing presence of Jesus in our lives. There will be a special presentation by our chancel choir entitled *"A Time for Alleluia, Seasons in the Life of Christ"* by Joseph Martin. Our choir is directed by Linda Clark.



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Dear Friends,

During April we will journey through one of the most significant seasons of the year, Holy Week. As I write this, I am remembering the Easters of my childhood and growing up years. There was always something very special about Easter I'm not sure I can put into words.

I am still trying to understand the meaning of Easter after all these years. How was Christ risen? How could that have happened? What would a resurrected person look like?

Then I try to remind myself, as I often remind you, that such questions are not faith-deepening questions but questions of science and wonder. The faith-deepening question is "What does it mean?" "What does Easter or resurrection mean?"

Marcus Borg's and John Dominic Crossan's books have been very helpful to me in trying to understand Jesus and the resurrection. Let me share some of what they have written:

"Two themes run through these stories that sum up the central meanings of Easter. The first, in a concise phrase, is Jesus lives. He continues to be experienced after his death, though in a radically new way. He is no longer a figure of flesh and blood, confined to time and space, but a reality who can enter locked rooms, journey with followers without being recognized, be experienced in both Galilee and Jerusalem, vanish in the moment of recognition, and abide with his followers always, 'to the end of the age.' ...

"He is a figure of the present, not simply of the past. The presence his followers had known in Jesus before his crucifixion continued to be experienced and to operate after it.

"The truth of the affirmation 'Jesus lives' is grounded in the experience of Christians throughout the centuries. Not all Christians have had such an experience. It is not essential. To quote from one of John's Easter stories, 'Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.' But some Christians to the present day have experienced Jesus as a living reality. ... The spirit, the presence, his followers knew in him before his death continues to be known. Jesus lives."

Marcus J. Borg & John Dominic Crossan, The Last Week, pages 204-205

I experience the living Jesus in various ways: in worship at St. Timothys, in sharing Holy Communion, in the wonderful discussions we have in our study groups, in loving relationships, in tender moments, when I see or experience God's justice and compassion, and even on long walks outdoors. May the living Christ be in each of us to transform us and through us transform the world. Happy Easter!

Grace & Peace, Dick Clark

P.S. Let me add that Easter is the second best time (after Christmas) to invite someone to church. A word to the wise ...

Methodist Federation for Social Action Upcoming Events



Recommended Lenten Reading:

The Wisconsin MFSA Chapter is recommending a Lenten reading program. Find it on the web at www.wumfsa.org/reflections/Lent2009/mountain.html

Peace Conference – April 18-19 at Wesley Woods

Speakers include Dr. Ronald Stone, Dr. Tobias Winright, and Brian Terrell. Doug Peters and Naomi Sea Young will lead in worship. Registration is \$50.00, which includes lodging and meals. This will be an opportunity to join in a discussion about what we as individuals and members of churches and other voluntary associations can do to promote peace in our world. Download the brochure from www.mfsaiowa.org to register your attendance, or for more details contact Hugh Stone at: 641-414-4876 or by e-mail at: Hugh8@juno.com. MFSA is a co-sponsor of the Conference.

Bishop Trimble to Speak – Saturday, April 25, 10:00 am at Grace UMC in Des Moines

Bishop Julius Trimble will be the keynote speaker.

Jim Pemble will lead the opening devotions and lunch will be served by *Las Americas*. There will be a short business meeting following lunch. Save the date and plan to attend to be inspired and challenged by the message Bishop Trimble brings.

Jeremiah Wright to Speak at Iowa Annual Conference – Saturday, June 6 at 5:30 pm
Jeremiah Wright will be the keynote speaker for MFSA's Annual Awards Night at Annual Conference, Saturday, June 6, 5:30 PM in Scheman Hall. Tickets are now available from Rita Carter, 7218 El Rancho Ave., Windsor Heights, IA 50322-5846. You can also contact her at: 515-633-0037, or by e-mail at: ritaac@mchsi.com. Two different tickets are available. One is for \$10.00 just to hear Dr. Wright speak. For \$20.00 you can hear him speak while enjoying a Box Lunch.

MFSA Website is www.mfsaiowa.org

Find information about membership, up-coming events, essays, and articles.

Bible Treasures

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

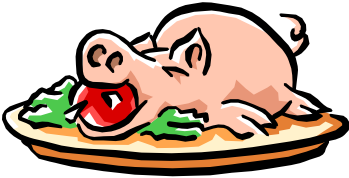
"Mama, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?"

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, "I think it's Adam's underwear!"



Coming Events



Planning the Pork Dinner

The Missions Ministry Team of St. Timothys would like to bring back our annual Pork Dinner this fall. In previous years this has been a fun, and effective way for our church to help fund much-needed outreach activities in our community.

We are seeking volunteers to lead or help lead the project. Please contact Dorinda Pounds or June Niedert if you are willing to help in this way.

Church Cleanup Day

Saturday, April 18 at 8:30 am

The church trustees committee is organizing an outside cleanup day at St. Tims for the Saturday, April 18, with a rain day set for the next Saturday, April 25. We will gather around 8:30 am and finish around noon. We plan to trim shrubs and rake leaves around the church and parsonage, and haul them to the Cedar Falls yard waste site. Donuts and coffee will be provided in the fellowship hall. If you're able to come and help, please do so. Bring rakes, trimming tools, and leaf vacuums if you have them. We will provide the bags and haul the yard waste away. If you have any questions, contact Al Yakish.

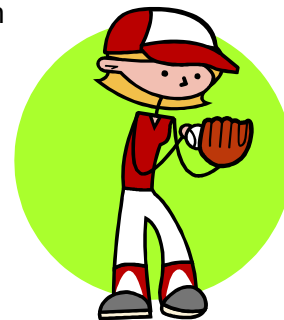
Church League Softball

Starts April 27

St. Tims will have a slow-pitch softball team this year. We will play in an adult church league at Birdsall Park in Cedar Falls on Monday nights. The teams we play consist of men and women.

The league starts on April 27 and runs to early August. We looking for people who want to play almost every game, but we also need people who only want to be a sub.

You don't have to be a member of St. Tims to play. You can bring a friend or family member. We like to win games, but we play to have fun with each other. If you're at least 16 years old and are interested in playing, call Al Yakish.



Wednesday Nights at St. Tims

LAST (Life at St. Tims)

CAST (Children at St. Tims—grades K - 6)

First Wednesday, April 1

Supper is served – 5:45 to 6:30 pm

Finance Committee – 6:00 pm

CAST – 6:15 to 7:30 pm

Chancel choir – 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Christian Education Ministry Team – 7:35 pm (tentative)

Second Wednesday, April 8

Supper is served – 5:45 to 6:30 pm

Reaching & Receiving Ministry Team – 6:00 pm

CAST – 6:15 to 7:30 pm

Chancel choir – 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Third Wednesday, April 15

Supper is served – 5:45 to 6:30 pm

Missions Ministry Team – 6:00 pm

CAST – 6:15 to 7:30 pm

NO Chancel choir

Fourth Wednesday, April 22

Supper is served – 5:45 to 6:30 pm

Staff-Parish Relations Committee – 6:00 pm

CAST – 6:15 to 7:30 pm

Chancel choir – 7:00 pm

Fifth Wednesday, April 29

NO activities this week



Supper Club - April 5

The Supper Club will go out for supper on Sunday, April 5, at 5:30 pm, to Bishop's, Crossroads Mall, Waterloo.

This is not a real club; just a group of St. Tims folks who like to eat and like each other's company. Join us for a good meal (you order what you want off the menu) and great fellowship. Call LeRoy or Becky Bierwirth for reservations.

Worship in April

Child care is provided during Sunday School and Worship

Sunday School - 9:00 to 10:00 am

We have classes for all ages

Sunday Worship - 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, April 5 - Palm/Passion Sunday

Holy Communion

Palms into Crosses

Chancel Choir: "*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*" – arr. Joseph Martin

Dick Clark, preaching

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a;
Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11;
Mark 11:1-11 (Palm Sunday);
Mark 14:1 – 15:47 (Passion)

Thursday, April 9

Maundy (Holy) Thursday

The Service of the Last Supper – Holy Communion

Lectionary Readings:

Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14;

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19;

1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17

Sunday, April 12 - Easter Day

Chancel Choir Presentation – "*A Time for Alleluia*" by Joseph Martin

Lectionary Readings: Acts 10:34-43;
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24;
1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

For Parents with young children

We have 2 child care attendants on duty during worship, from approximately 10 minutes before worship until 10 minutes after worship.

Sunday, April 19 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Chancel Choir:

"*Empty Now*" – arr. Joseph Martin

Dick Clark preaching

Lectionary Readings: Acts 4:32-35;
Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2;
John 20:19-31

Come to the ASP smorgasbord lunch after worship on April 19.

Sunday, April 26 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Dick Clark preaching

Lectionary Readings: Acts 3:12-19;
Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48



UMW Calendar

April Bible Verse:

1 Corinthians 16:13-14
NSRV

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.

Thurs. April 2, 9:30 a.m.

Ex. Board Meeting, Mary Hansen, Chair

Thurs. April 9, 9:30 a.m.

Prayer and Self Denial
Darline Balm-Demmel

Sat. April 18, District Day Apart

Fayette UMC

Fri. May 1, 9:30 a.m.

May Friendship Day
First UMC Cedar Falls

Christian Education

Sunday School news

March Lenten Activities

Jan Anderson introduced our 2nd grade students to the Seder Meal. The Seder Meal is a component of Passover which commemorates the liberation of God's people from Egypt.

Joan suggests you make time during this Lenten Season to read some of the stories of the Exodus (Exodus 12:37-40:34). Talk about these stories over the dinner table and discuss ways to make them part of your family Lenten tradition. If you need a little help with this, call Joan at 230-0614.

The 3- and 4-year-olds spent time with Joan making thank-you chains. We talked about things the children were grateful and thankful for, drew pictures of those things on long slender slips of colored paper, and stapled them together to make a chain. We decided we would hang the thank-you chains from our bedposts.

Invitation to tell your story

During Sunday School, we talk about the stories of our faith. Do you ever have an opportunity to talk about your faith? Sally Hoelscher reports, "Many people in this world hunger – some for food, some for attention, some for a relationship with God...." What is your hunger? Would you like to have an opportunity to talk about your faith?

What a gift it would be for the children of St. Tims to hear your story(ies) of faith. If you would like to talk about your faith, but would like an opportunity to talk about your

faith with other adults before you share your story(ies) with children, let's set it up. Contact Joan at sttimsjoan@cfu.net.

Sunday, March 29 is

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday.

CAST (Children At St Tims) and the children who participate in Sunday School have been challenged to bring a friend to church on March 29. The children thought it would be a good idea if the adults were also challenged to "bring a friend to church." Are you up for the challenge?

Sunday School meets 9:00 to 10:00 am

Everyone age 3 to adult is welcome to attend Sunday school at St Tims.

Children meet in the Music Room for their Gathering Service, youth (7th-12th grade) meet in the Youth Lounge, and adults meet in the Conference Room next to the main office.

An offering goes towards a number of mission projects.

Nursery care for families with small children will be offered during Sunday School and worship if a need is expressed.

This year we are using a "one-room schoolhouse" model for the elementary section, and we are pleased to be using Seasons of the Spirit curriculum,. This resource helps the children make meaning of the biblical texts used at Sunday Worship. This is very important time for us as we tell the stories of our faith and allow the stories to propel us into action ("*Pray With Our Feet*"). Please join us!

Please contact Joan at sttimsjoan@cfu.net if you have any questions, or if you'd like to help out in the future!

News from CAST (*Children At St Tims*)...

CAST is every Wednesday, 6:15 to 7:30 pm, for kids in grades K-6

On Wednesday nights, the focus of **CAST (Children At St. Tims)** is on how we can put our stories of faith into action. We call it "praying with our feet." As you know, we have made blankets, packed Welcome Packets, made toys for the women and children at Cedar Valley Friends of the Family in Waverly, and have been fundraising for Pennies for Peace. The children's many kindnesses have been gratefully received.

During the month of April, our children will continue to collect Pennies for Peace, a program of Central Asia Institute (CAI).

On Wednesday evening, March 11, the boys made cards for men and women of St. Tims who are housebound.



On March 18, because it was Spring Break, we watched the movie, "*Because of Winn Dixie*." It tells the story of ten-year old Opal. She has just moved to Naomi, Florida with her preacher father. On an errand to the grocery store Opal finds a large, ugly, homeless dog. Opal is immediately attached to the dog whom she names Winn Dixie after the grocery store where she finds him. Together they make friends with Otis, an ex-convict who runs the local pet store; Miss Fanny, the librarian who has a desk full of "Litmus Lozenges" a type of candy which her great grandfather invented; and Gloria Dump, the lady the local children think of as a witch because of her jungle-like yard. Opal and Winn Dixie make friends with these very likable characters in this small southern town.

As you can well imagine, we have lots to talk about while we're making cookies at the next CAST evening. After the cookies are made, we'll deliver both the cookies and the cards to those who are housebound.

Boys and girls in grades K-6 are welcome to attend CAST (*Children At St Tims*). Membership is always free, and not restricted to children from St. Tims. If there is a need for nursery care on Wednesday nights, it could easily be arranged.

Dinner is served at 5:45 p.m. (donations are appreciated!!). CAST is from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Please contact Joan at sttimsjoan@cfu.net if you have questions, or if you have a nursery need, or if you want to volunteer your time and talents on Wednesday nights.

Study and Discussion Group News

Study Groups To Complete “*The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus*”

In April we will complete our reading and discussion of Amy-Jill Levine’s book.

April Schedule:

Classes are Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm and Fridays from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

April 2 & 3 – Chapter 6, “Distinct Canons, Distinct Practices”

April 9 & 10 – No class, Holy Week

April 16 & 17 – Chapter 7, “Quo Vadis?” and Epilogue

On April 23 and 24 we will begin a new study called “*Living the Questions 2.0, An Introduction to Progressive Christianity.*”

There are 21 sessions divided into three main sections: Invitation to Journey, Reclaiming the World, and Call to Covenant. This study with some summer break will take us into next October.

Dick Clark is the discussion leader. These classes are open to everyone, including senior high youth and adults. They are to help youth and adults grapple with faith questions and issues and to grow in faith. They are part of our program of adult theological re-education. Feel free to invite friends and acquaintances.

Annual Peace with Justice Scholarship Essay Contest

Sponsored by the Board of Church and Society

The Peace with Justice Scholarship Essay Contest is open to students who are high school juniors and seniors during the current school year and who live in Iowa or attend an Iowa high school. They need not be members of a United Methodist Church nor any other religious body.



This year’s topic is: “**How can people of faith devote the same discipline and sacrifice to non-violent peacemaking that the military devotes to war?**” To enter, please submit an original essay of approximately 500 to 1500 words. Essays must be typewritten and sent to Marian Solomon, 1801 20th Street, Ames, IA 50010, and must be postmarked no later than April 15, 2009. It is preferred that essays be sent via email by the same date to: msolomon@mchsi.com.

Confirmation Class

April 19 at 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

We will continue our Bible study on the New Testament by learning about the early Christian movement and the Apostle Paul. We will eat at the ASP Smorg right after worship. You may want to bring a donation for that meal.

Missions & Outreach

April Offerings

Sunday School

Heifer International

Rainbow Covenant Green

Our April Sunday School offerings will be shared with Heifer International to help the China quake recovery. When you donate to help the victims of the May 2008 earthquake in China, **Heifer Hong Kong** will match our gift dollar for dollar, up to \$3 million. That means our gift will go twice as far to help Heifer bring animals, training and the power of community spirit to 13,000 families still suffering from the disaster in Sichuan province.

Lenten Offerings

Focus on NE Iowa Food Bank and Nothing But Nets

Rainbow Green & Red

Our Lenten offerings (Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday) will be shared with the NE Iowa Food Bank. The Alan Feinstein Foundation will also share donations, which will increase our giving power for the hungry. The Food Bank currently works with over 200 agencies in 16 counties. Their programs include: Food Distribution Program, Kids Café, Operation Family Pack, Elderly Nutrition Boxes, Elderly Weekend Bags Program, and Cedar Valley Food Pantry. With every \$1.00 we contribute, the Food Bank can provide \$13.31 worth of food. More information is at: www.northeastiowafoodbank.org.

The second half of the Lenten offerings, Nothing But Nets campaign can prevent malaria by 50% in Africa. A \$10 bed net

stops mosquitoes from biting during the night and spreading the disease, and the insecticide on the net kills the mosquitoes when they land on it. Each year malaria is a leading killer of children in Africa. More information at: www.nothingbutnets.net.

Easter Sunday Offering

SWAEM and

Missionaries Larry and Jane Kies

Rainbow Covenant 3rd Mile Giving

The Social Witness Advocacy & Education Ministry issues in Iowa can be found on the connectional ministries area of the Iowa Annual Conference's website at www.iaumc.org – what are our concerns today about social justice, what's going on at the Iowa Legislature, and The Advocate's past Grace Upon Grace articles.

Larry and Jane Kies are assigned to Africa University, located just outside Mutare, Zimbabwe. They have four children. Larry is working to train agriculturalists from countries across the continent and Jane teaches English to students from countries where it is not spoken. As the economic problems become worse, they struggle with what their role should be. They want to balance their efforts between helping people who are desperate now with enabling society to better survive in the long run. Contact them at: lkies@africau.ac.zw.

View St. Tims calendar online

You'll find an online version of our calendar at www.sttims-umc.org. Find the "Calendar" link on the left side. Click on an event to see the details.

Meals on Wheels

Runners Needed

Runners are needed March 30-April 3 and April 6-10 to ride with designated drivers. Runners will meet at the Cedar Falls Senior Center, 524 Main, by 10:30. If you are able to volunteer, please call June Niedert .

CASS Needs

We are asking all of you to help provide household supplies and personal care items to the clients at CASS (Cedar Aids Support System). We will be collecting these items through April. We need:

Personal Items

Lever 2000
Deodorant
Shampoo (Suave or Infusion)
Conditioner
Aveeno or Curel lotion

Household Needs

Paper towels
Liquid laundry detergent
Toilet paper
Kleenex

A copy of the list is on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Please leave your donations in the container labeled CASS under the bulletin boards.

Submit news for the
combined May/June 2009
issue of Tims Tales
to Sally Yakish
webspinner@sttims-umc.org
by **Friday, April 24**

P.I.E. Possibilities

Our Partner in Education -- Walter Cunningham School for Excellence

St. Timothy's is a Partner In Education (P.I.E.) with the Walter Cunningham School for Excellence in Waterloo. This school is located in an area of need. Here are some opportunities for us to be in ministry.

Reading One on One:

There is a **need** at Cunningham for adults to read to 1st graders between 8:00 and 9:00 am Monday through Friday. Adults would work with one child at a time for about 15 to 20 minutes. This could include helping with spelling and other subjects. If you could help with this project for one or two days a week for a few weeks or longer, please call Dick Clark, and he will get you in touch with the right people.



Hy-Vee Grocery Receipts

Please save your grocery receipts from Hy-Vee (groceries, medicines, gas, deli) and bring them to St. Timothy's. You can put them in the Capps' or Latta's box in the Communicenter. The school can "cash these in" at Hy-Vee for more support.

Save other items too

Also, save empty computer printer cartridges, box tops for education (General Mills), Betty Crocker points, Milk Moola bag or bottle tops, Swiss Valley milk and juice caps. These can be put in the Capps' or Latta's boxes as well.

Thanks for your support.

Footsteps for Flood Relief

A group of Presidential Scholars at the University of Northern Iowa are hosting a 5K Run/Walk called **Footsteps for Flood Relief: 5,000 Meters to Show We Care** on Saturday, April 4, 2009. All proceeds will be donated to the local United Way, to benefit families in the Cedar Valley with unmet needs after the floods of 2008.

See www.uni.edu/footsteps4floodrelief for registration details. The deadline to sign up is March 25.

Worship with Women at the Well

Are you interested in attending a worship service behind the wire at the Women's Correctional Facility in Mitchellville? We are taking a group of 10 persons on May 7 (we still have room for 1 more) to a worship service at the Women at the Well, a United Methodist congregation in the

prison. We will leave here around 4:00 p.m.; the service is at 7:00 p.m. We get home around 10:30 or 11:00 p.m. We need to know who is going by April 1. See Dick Clark if you're interested.

Smoking cessation class offered

Are you ready to call it quits?

The Black Hawk County Tobacco Free Coalition is offering a tobacco cessation classes at the Cedar Falls Public Library April 16 through May 28 from 6 to 7:30pm. The seven session clinic costs \$10 per person and is open to the public. If it is your time to quit call 291-2413 or email rbrinkner@co.black-hawk.ia.us.

Training for Caregivers offered

Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging and the Iowa State University Extension is offering a valuable, no cost class series focused on caregivers.

Over 50 million family caregivers in America provide a vast array of emotional, financial, nursing, social, homemaking and other services on a daily or on an intermittent basis. If family caregivers learn to take good care of themselves, they will be better prepared to take good care of their loved ones.

Did you know...

- 14% of the residents of Black Hawk County are 65 years of age or older.
- 95% of older persons, who need both paid and unpaid assistance because of health limitations, have family or friends involved in their care.

Powerful Tools for Caregiving, a six part educational program to enable caregivers to better care for themselves, is now being offered at the Cedar Falls Senior Center, 528 Main Street in Cedar Falls beginning on April 15. This program has been tested and evaluated through a grant from the U.S. Administration on Aging. Two trained class leaders, Donna Andrusyk, Iowa State University Extension Family Field Specialist, and Lou Stockdale, Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging Caregiver Program Coordinator, will facilitate the classes.

Please call Lou Stockdale at 319-272-2498 or Donna Andrusyk at 319-882-4275 if you have any questions or would like to register for this valuable class series.

Needs List for Church Women United

Remember to bring items needed for people in the Cedar Falls area. Collection bins are in the closet directly across from the main sanctuary door, between the coat closet and the name tag case. If you have questions, contact Carol Butler.

Please leave your labeled donations before **April 13**.

ALTERNATIVE PREGNANCY CENTER: Girl's clothing up to 12 months, baby wipes, newborn diapers, diaper bags, newborn sleepers, new bibles, new car seats, garbage bags, toilet paper, personal care items for mothers, 45-gallon totes, disposable camera, greeting cards, cribs, newborn-6 month clothing.

GREENWOOD, MS. MISSION SCHOOL: Canceled stamps.

CEDAR FALLS HEALTH CARE CENTER: Items for crafts, Bingo prizes, all stuffed animals, miniature candy bars, large print word find, sun-catcher crafts.

COUNTRY VIEW: Bingo prizes, stationery, writing tablets, legal pads, Search-a-word books, crayons, markers, colored pencils, coloring books, magazines for men (sporting/fishing), microwave popcorn, wrapped individual snack treats, small cans of Pringles. Things for seasonal decorating: things for room decorations, small wall hangings, outdoor games.

1ST KIDS FOR 1ST METHODIST: Napkins, Kleenex, construction paper, glue, fabric softener sheets.

HOUSE OF HOPE: Household items (glasses, silverware, dishes, pots & pans), cleaning supplies, things with which to decorate, diapers (size 4 & 5)

LUTHERAN HOME: Everyday napkins, 8 1/2" x 11" colored computer paper, Play-Doh, fun-sized candy bars, Little Debbie snack cakes, Pringles, Avery Marks-a-lot permanent markers in red and black, small bottles of Elmer's glue, house plants, seed & flower catalogs, plastic bud vases, lap blankets, used greeting cards, every occasion, need entire card, teacups with saucers.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: Fabric for quilts, old sheets, flannel, wrapped soap, drapery fabric, old drapes, mattress pads, spools of thread (any color), wide-toothed combs, gently used wash cloths and hand towels.

NEW CITY MINISTRIES: Laundry soap, Diapers, toilet paper.

NORTH STAR COMMUNITY SERVICES: Bingo prize items, CD's of big bands from 40's and 50's, large books, arts and crafts materials, old issues of Reminisce, Depends, holiday decorations, cookie cutters, rolling pins, Bundt loaf pans, muffin pans, cooling racks, Kitchen-Aid mixer.

RIVER HILLS SCHOOL: Plastic grocery bags, apple-sauce, instant pudding, cake brownie and muffin mixes, muffin pan liners, Cool Whip containers with lids, any snack items, baking mixes & frosting, Hy-Vee receipts, Instant Jello Packs, juice, cake, and cookie mixes, flour, sugar, chocolate chips.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE: Pop can tabs and Scott bar codes.

SEEDS OF HOPE: Cleaning supplies, diapers, toiletries.

WINDSOR CARE: Small Bingo prizes, jewelry, word search books, stuffed animals.

Y's KIDS: Any crafting odds and ends such as lace, ribbon, buttons, or beads, back pockets from old blue jeans, used calendars, magnets, balls & baseball gloves, used Mylar balloons, empty plastic jars with lids, empty thread spools, flowers of any kind (plastic, dried, silk), sea shells, baby food jars.

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Canterbury Forum is April 19

Sunday, April 19, 7:00 pm. St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Cedar Falls

Topic: Sunni, Shia, and More: Islamic Diversity and the World

The speaker will be Dr. Ken Atkinson, Professor, Department of Philosophy and World Religions, UNI.

We've all now learned that Islam is divided into Sunni and Shi'a, but how many of us are aware that Sunni and Shi'a are themselves divided into sects, just as Catholic and Protestant Christianity are? And how many of us are aware of the important ways in which those sectarian divisions shape the conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere? Ken Atkinson, who teaches courses on Islam at UNI, will map out the sects within Islam, and explore the role that those sects play in shaping events in the Muslim world.

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Our Witness of Inclusion

The congregation of St. Timothys United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls celebrates God's gifts as a faith community built upon the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We are called and strive to be an open, loving, and caring congregation; to proclaim Jesus' love and justice to all; and to live out God's unending love through the inclusiveness and welcoming of all persons, including those of all sexual orientations and gender identities.