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**Local churches explore religion and politics in historical contexts**

Faith Explorations of First United Methodist Church in Waterloo, Iowa is presenting a lecture series on the subject of Church and State.

7:00 to 8:30 pm in Hartman Hall, Waterloo First United Methodist Church  
614 Randolph Street, Waterloo, 319-235-7088, [www.waterloofirst.org](http://www.waterloofirst.org)

**October 4 – "Church and State in the Middle Ages" featuring Dr. Erika Lindgren**

Dr. Erika Lauren Lindgren is a lifelong medievalist. She received her B.A. in Medieval Studies with honors from Mount Holyoke College (1989), her M.A. in History from Binghamton University (1992), and her Ph.D. in History from the University of Iowa (2001). Dr. Lindgren has been the recipient of a DAAD Fellowship in support of her research in Germany. Her research interests focus on issues of gender, religion and material culture. She has presented her research at over 20 different conferences, both nationally and internationally. Her publications include an article on the records of medieval German Dominican nuns (2009) and the book *Sensual Encounters: Monastic Women and Spirituality in Medieval Germany* (Columbia, 2008). Dr. Lindgren has taught at numerous small colleges and large universities around the country and is currently an Assistant Professor of History at Wartburg College.

**October 11 – "Church and State in the Reformation" Featuring Dr. Charlotte Wells**

Charlotte Wells, a native of southern Minnesota, received her Ph.D. from Indiana University in 1991; she has been Associate Professor of History at the University of Northern Iowa since 1999. She is a specialist in the sixteenth century, the time of the Renaissance and Reformation and is particularly interested in the way ideas about a secular national identity and citizenship emerged from the dreadful religious wars of the period. Her book, "Law and Citizenship in Early Modern France", appeared in 1995 and she has written a number of articles on similar topics. She lives in Cedar Falls.

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**October 18—"Religion and the Creation of America"**

Canterbury Forum at St. Luke's Episcopal Church continues the discussion with "Religion and the Creation of America." See the back page (10).

Dear Friends,

Linda and I want to say thank you to you saints from St. Timothy's for the wonderful 40th Anniversary in Ministry celebration on September 13. For both of us it was a tremendous affirmation of us as persons and of what we have been trying to do in ministry throughout our lives. I was so pleased that my 91 year-old mother, Avis Clark, could be here, thanks to my brother, Jerry, and sister-in-law, Martha, for bringing her. I am/we are so grateful to our children and Linda's brother, Mel, and his family, for being here as well. There were three people present from the Mt. Union Church which we left in 1987 and quite a few from the Eldridge Church many of whom sang in the combined choir.

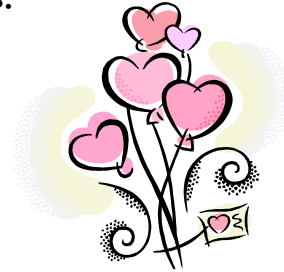
The program was overwhelming for me. All of those people who said such complimentary things about us and what we had done; I couldn't believe my ears. I told several of you it was like attending your own funeral without having to die first. Or you could say it was like dying and going to heaven. I guess we make our heaven, or, God gives us heaven, right here on earth.

So thank you, thank you, thank you. Thank you to Darline Balm-Demmel who got the ball rolling with my seminary, Garrett-ETS, and President Philip Amerson. Thank you to Sally Yakish for chairing the Ministry Sunday Committee. Thank you to Jane Graham for sending out the invitations. Thank you to Carolyn Scoville for chairing the meal crew and to all who provided food. It was a wonderful example of St. Timothy's' extravagant hospitality. Thank you to Greg Cooper for serving as master of ceremonies at the program, to all of you who made a donation to the scholarship fund, and to all of you who were here to make it such a wonderful day! The scrapbook of cards and letters will be cherished through the years. We will always be grateful to you for making that day happen, and, of course, for your on-going friendships and participation in the life of St. Timothy's.

*Grace & Peace, Dick Clark*

## Joys & Concerns

**Please contact the church office to obtain a list of October birthdays and anniversaries. They are not published online to protect privacy of the individuals.**



## Sympathy

Our Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Rachel Doran on her death August 29.

## Sunday School



### Children's Sunday School

Great news on the education front! We now have a team of catechists working with the junior and senior high students. In addition, we also have teams for the little littles (3-5) and late elementary (10-11). **We still need a team for the early elementary children (6-10).** If you would be willing to volunteer, Joan will provide great materials (*Seasons of the Spirit*) to help you with programming. One good thing about teams is that the children are exposed to more than one adult; another good thing about teams is that the catechists can have a little more control of their own schedules. Classes begin on Sunday, October 4.

### Adult Sunday School

The adults meet at the same time the children meet (9-10am). We meet in the conference room adjacent to the staff offices. Joan is facilitating the adult Sunday school this semester. Our topic for this semester is 8<sup>th</sup> Century Prophecy. Essentially we're studying the works of First Isaiah (Isaiah, chapter 1-39), Amos, Hosea, and Micah. We begin by putting the text in context (geographical, political, religious, and economic), then we pull sections of the text out and read them. Within this context we share the stories of our own faith. Come join us; we always have a pot of coffee on.

### Bible Sunday

Sunday, September 27, bibles were given to Wesley, Riley and her little brother, Ian. The bibles were signed by those in attendance represented the faith community at St. Tims. Giving bibles to the children is a tradition here at St Tims.

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

Children meet in the Conference Room. We pull the dividers in the Conference Room and the Little Littles meet in one side, while the late elementary (10-12) meet in the other side. The junior and senior high students meet in the Youth Lounge. An offering which goes towards a number of mission projects is collected weekly. Nursery care for families with small children is provided during Sunday School and worship.

Again this year 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!

### Sunday School meets from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Please call Joan or email [sttimsjoan@cfu.net](mailto:sttimsjoan@cfu.net) if you have any questions, if you would like to join, or if you'd like to help out!

## Coming Events

### Halloween Meal and Trick or Trunking

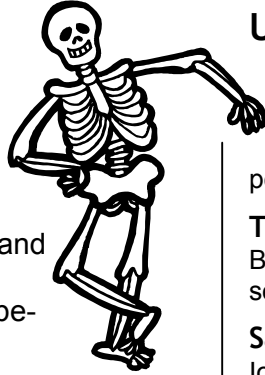
October 25 at 4:30 p.m.

All youngsters and the young at heart are invited to the annual Halloween meal and Trick or Trunking event on Sunday, October 25, 2009, beginning at 4:30 PM.

A meal of Walking Tacos, Hot Dogs, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches, Cup Cakes and drinks will be served.

Trick or Trunking begins at 5:30 p.m.

Please join us for what is always a fun time. Costumes optional.



### UMW Calendar

#### October Bible Verse:

*Titus 2:11 (NRSV)*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

#### Thursday, Oct. 1, 9:30 a.m.

Board Meeting with Mary Hansen, Chair

#### Saturday, Oct. 3

Iowa Annual Conference Meeting, Oskaloosa UMC

#### Thursday, Oct. 8, 9:30 a.m.

Unit meeting on Self Help, by Blake Conover

#### Friday - Sunday, Oct. 16-18

Mission Education Event, Marshalltown IVCE Center

#### Friday, Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m.

World Community Day at St. Tims UMC



### Dick's Study and Discussion Group

**Current Study Series:** *“Living the Questions 2.0, An Introduction to Progressive Christianity.”*

Our Discussion Group study for September and October will continue and complete the DVD series, “Living the Questions 2.0.”

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

- October 1 & 2 – *Incarnation: Divinely Human*
- October 8 & 9 – *No class. You are encouraged to attend the Sabeel Conference*
- October 15 & 16 – *No class. Dick will be out of town*
- October 22 & 23 – *Prayer: Intimacy with God*
- October 29 & 30 – *Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry*

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.

## Worship in October

### Sunday School—9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

We have classes for all ages

### Sunday Worship - 10:15 a.m.

Child care is provided

### Sunday, October 4

#### 18th Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday with Special Offering

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Dick Clark preaching

Lectionary Readings\*: Job 1:1, 2:1-10;

Psalm 26 or 25; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12;

Mark 10:2-16

### Sunday, October 11

#### 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Dick Clark preaching

Lectionary Readings\*: Job 23:1-9, 16-17;

Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16;

Mark 10:17-31

### Sunday, October 18

#### 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Time & Talent Commitment Sunday & Celebration of Our Ministries

Dick Clark preaching

Lectionary Readings\*: Job 38:1-7, 34-41;

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c;

Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

### Sunday, October 25

#### 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Peace with Justice Sunday with Special Offering

Dick Clark preaching

Dedication of Peace Pole (outdoors, weather permitting)

Lectionary Readings\*: Job 42:1-6, 10-17;

Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22; Hebrews 7:23-28;

Mark 10:46-52

\* We encourage you to read the scriptures for a given Sunday before you come to worship as part of your spiritual discipline and preparation for worship. In worship at St. Tims we usually use one or two of the readings listed.

### Attention, Parents with young children!

We have two paid nursery attendants on duty during the Sunday School hour for parents with young children who wish to teach or attend Sunday School. We also have two nursery attendants on duty during worship, from approximately 15 minutes before worship until approximately 15 minutes after worship. We hope you will take advantage of these important ministries.

## Wednesday Nights

### First Wednesday, October 7

Supper is served – 5:45 to 6:30 pm

Finance Committee – 6:00 pm

Special Events Ministry Team – 6:00 pm

Christian Education Ministry Team – 6:00 pm

Chancel choir – 7:00 pm

### Second Wednesday, October 14

Supper is served – 5:45 to 6:30 pm

Church & Society Ministry Team – 6:00 pm

Chancel choir – 7:00 pm

### Third Wednesday, October 21

Supper is served – 5:45 to 6:30 pm

Missions Ministry Team – 6:00 pm

Chancel choir – 7:00 pm

### Fourth Wednesday, October 28

Supper is served – 5:45 to 6:30 pm

Staff-Parish Relations Committee – 6:00 pm

Chancel choir – 7:00 pm

[www.mfsaiowa.org](http://www.mfsaiowa.org)

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

## Methodist Federation for Social Action

**MFSA's Fall Statewide Gathering—October 31, 9:45 a.m.**  
Epworth UMC, 412 Euclid Ave., Des Moines

### **“FOR I WAS IN PRISON...”**

Folks are asked to arrive by 9:45 AM to view displays from CURE, Friends of Iowa Women Prisoners, Women at the Well, Voices to Be Heard and others.

- DOC (Department of Corrections) Board member and former State Senator, Johnie Hammond, will speak on “The Changing Climate for Corrections in Iowa”
- LuAnn Smith, Community Treatment Coordinator for the Fifth Judicial District Department of Correctional Services, will talk about “An Offender’s Journey Post Sentencing.”
- Diane McClanahan, pastor of Trinity UMC, which is an active participant in the re-entry program, and an ex-offender who has taken part in the program will speak.
- Naomi Sea Young Wittstruck will lead the devotions.
- Jim Davis will give information about how churches can be involved.

Come to learn about needed prison reform and to build support for reentry/aftercare programs. After lunch there will be a short business meeting, and the Gathering will end by 2:00 PM.

### **Sabeel Conference—October 9–10, Schindler Education Center, UNI, Cedar Falls**

Friends of Sabeel, North America presents a two day conference, “A Free Palestine and a Secure Israel: From Occupation to Liberation and Reconciliation.” For more information, visit [www.sabeeliowa.org](http://www.sabeeliowa.org) or contact: [sabeeliowa@hotmail.com](mailto:sabeeliowa@hotmail.com).

### **Wells of Silence - Wells of Song—Sunday, October 25 in Des Moines**

The Des Moines Area Ecumenical Committee for Peace invites you to come to the well. Gather from 2:00 – 3:00 for prayer, food, fellowship and song at St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church, 1150 28<sup>th</sup> St., and pray in silence in Scott Chapel on the Drake Campus any time between 2:00 and 4:00 PM. This unique interfaith gathering calls attention to the need to draw from the deep wells of our faith as the war in Afghanistan begins its ninth year, and as we continue to pray and work for peace.

### **ONFIRE AT BORDER LINKS—October 28-31 on the US-Mexico Border**

Young adults (ages 18 – 25) will spend four days on the US-Mexico border exploring issues of border [in]justice. MFSA is subsidizing the trip, so the cost to each participant is reduced from \$300 to \$200, plus travel. To sign up, contact: [umonfire@gmail.com](mailto:umonfire@gmail.com), or call Jennifer Mihok@202-546-8806. For more information, visit: [www.borderlinks.org](http://www.borderlinks.org); [www.umonfire.blogspot.com](http://www.umonfire.blogspot.com); [www.mfsaweb.org](http://www.mfsaweb.org).

### **Hospitality: The Unopened Gift—January 5-7 at the Comfort Inn, Collinsville, IL**

The North Central Jurisdiction Town and Country/Urban Network will hold a conference on hospitality. Keynote speaker is the Rev. Vance Ross, Deputy General Secretary of the General Board of Discipleships of the UMC. Bishop Gregory Palmer will be the preacher for the event. For more information, go to [www.ncjumcurban.org](http://www.ncjumcurban.org).

## Missions & Outreach

### October Offerings

#### Sunday School – Disaster Relief Fund of Iowa – Rainbow Covenant Blue

“Greetings from the Director of Recovery! ...we are still recovering from the disasters of 2008, but I have received calls and emails over the summer from smaller communities such as Elgin, Eldora, Mt. Union, that are also dealing with the aftermath of storms and flooding in 2009! So please don't forget our brothers and sisters who continue to need our help.”

#### World Communion Sunday – Rainbow Covenant Purple

On October 4, an offering will be taken to support Crusade Scholarships for racial and ethnic minority graduate students, scholarships for racial and ethnic minority persons seeking second careers in church related vocations and Ethnic Scholarships for undergraduate students.

#### Peace with Justice Sunday–Rainbow Covenant Purple

We will receive our Peace with Justice offering on Sunday, October 25. This offering supports peace with justice ministries through the General Board of Church and Society and the Iowa Annual Conference. One-half of this offering stays in the Iowa Conference to support important peace and justice ministries in our area.

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#### Please consider walking or supporting a walker in the CROP Walk on October 4

For more information, contact Judy Clark.

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### P.I.E. Possibilities

#### Our Partner in Education -- Walter Cunningham School for Excellence

St. Timothys 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.

#### Hy-Vee Grocery Receipts

Please start saving all your Hy-Vee receipts (groceries, medicines, gas, deli) dated since June 1, 2009. Hy-Vee is continuing their gift-matching program in 2009-10.

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 in the west entrance.





## 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. Please leave your labeled donations before **October 12**.

**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.

**CEDAR VALLEY CHILD CARE:** Campbell soup labels, 100% juice, napkins, Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, fresh fruit, beads, pipe cleaners, poster board, disposable camera, blankets, construction paper, ream of manila paper, scissors.

**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, gardening gloves, large print playing cards, Play-Doh, 8 1/2" x11" colored computer paper, 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, buttons.

**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 of 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.

**View St. Tims calendar online**  
You'll find an online version of our calendar at [www.sttims-umc.org](http://www.sttims-umc.org).

Submit news for the November 2009 issue of Tims Tales to Sally Yakish  
[webspinner@sttims-umc.org](mailto:webspinner@sttims-umc.org)  
by **Friday, October 23**

## Canterbury Forum meets October 18

Sunday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. Will Hall, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Cedar Falls

**Topic:** Faith and the Founders: Religion and the Creation of America

**Speaker:** Hal Wohl, Emeritus Professor of History, UNI

There is a fierce custody battle going on today for religious ownership of the Founders. Many activists on the Right maintain that the U.S. was founded as a "Christian nation." Many on the Left contend that the Founders were secular or Deist and that the First Amendment was designed to boldly separate church and state. None of these claims is true. In this talk, Prof. Hal Wohl explores the religious beliefs of the Founders and how they forged a new approach to religious faith.

<http://www.canterburyforum.net>

### 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.

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