

May/June 2011

Tims Tales

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Vacation Bible School—it's not just for kids anymore!

Please join us for a tasty treat this summer as St Tims shakes things up with Vacation Bible School!

We would love **everyone** in the congregation and the community to participate in the **Shake it Up Café**, June 13 to 17, from 5:30-7:30 pm.

We will begin each evening with a tasty supper, and then head off to multi-generational activities, including speakers, book discussions, and fun, hands-on, meaningful learning time for children. We invite you to consider sharing your talents as a Leader, or to add your presence to the pot as an attendee. There is no charge for VBS this year, and we encourage you to invite friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and even complete strangers to this exciting week-long event!



Please talk to Diane Schupbach if you would like to participate, or if you have questions!

Vacation Bible School Kick-off and Celebration of Sunday School Teachers Lasagna Supper

June 12, from 5:00 - 7:00 pm

We would like to recognize the contributions of all the St Tims Sunday School teachers AND to kick-off our fabulous and flavorful Vacation Bible School at a special supper celebration open to the congregation and the wider community. On Sunday, June 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m., we will hold a Lasagna Supper in the Fellowship Hall of St Tims. There will be cake for dessert. This event will be a fund-raiser and a "friend-raiser", too! Won't you join us? Friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and complete strangers are welcome, too!



VBS Friday Wrap-up - *Ratatouille*

We will show the Disney-Pixar movie, *Ratatouille*, on Friday night at 7:45. This 2007 film is 111 minutes long, and is rated G.

Pastor's Corner



Dear Friends,

As I write this I can still smell the sweet aroma of the Easter lilies that decorated our sanctuary on Easter Sunday morning! With deep contemplation and strong praise, we were welcomed in to the dark sanctuary by the music of the organ, played so beautifully by Janet Kreb while the Spirit was danced in by Magee Glenn-Burns. And I can still hear the beautiful sounds of the "Hallelujah" and "Worthy Is the Lamb" choruses sung under the excellent direction of our choir director, Alice Pruisner, accompanied by Joel and Linda Haack.

As I write this, I am singing to myself the words from the hymn we sang "Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love and praise." I want to stay in this time of celebration and affirmation of life for a while before rushing off to some other business of the church, however important it is. Central to our faith is this affirmation of life!

In the 50 days of the Easter season, we continue to explore this intimate relationship that God has with us. The multiple colors against a white cloth used in this season express our joy and thanksgiving for the gift of new life that Jesus brings. With the women, the first witnesses to resurrection, with Thomas, with the two on the road to Emmaus, we recognize and respond to the presence of the risen Christ. With the first disciples and the growing Christian community, we are empowered to respond faithfully as the Body of Christ and bring Christ's message of peace to a troubled world.

We affirm this Spirit of love and life again when we celebrate Pentecost Sunday on June 12. The scripture for this day from Acts begins with words, "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place." Imagine if the whole church, across our diversity and divisions, was together in one place. As we wait, the Spirit comes and speaks to each of us in a way that we can relate to. How would the children hear the message of God's love? What about the young people? How would the Spirit speak to you? How does the Spirit speak to you?

With the fire and newness of the Pentecost Spirit remember ***Vacation Bible is not just for kids anymore!*** There will be several adult offerings during the week of June 13-17. Please stay tuned for more information on our website, facebook, bulletin announcements, and other mailings to learn more about the ***adult Vacation Bible School offerings***. Some of these activities that are in planning stages are: local farmers speaking about sustainable agriculture, learn how to cook with more vegetables from our local farmers market, plant your own garden and other gardening opportunities, book study on "food and faith", field trips and more. Every night we will begin with a community supper at 5:30p and end at 7:30p. Please note you do not need to have any children involved to attend Vacation Bible School.

Blessings, Linda



Ministry expectations update

Each month Pastor Linda Butler reports her most recent activities in keeping with St. Tims mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ and develop leaders for the transformation of the world." And each month Staff Parish Relations Committee reviews our mission and expectations of SRPC and the congregation.

Most recently our pastor has added the following to the many ways she directly meets the church ministry expectations.

Develop and nurture relationships through small group meetings during the first 6 months.

Linda has outdone herself and welcomed 126 people to the parsonage for a dessert or supper. We thank her for her welcoming hospitality. She continues to meet with our lay leader Sally Yakish and Lay member Mark Rowe-Barth on a monthly basis to ensure strong, ongoing communication.

Help train visitation teams using *Race to Reach Out* book on being a welcoming congregation

Linda reports that Staff Parish Relations Committee is reading Chapter 1-3 and will discuss. Reaching & Receiving ministry team is also reading the book and discussing how to implement ideas at St. Tims.

She also works with the Worship Committee Leadership Team to train worship assistants in all areas.

Connect with community groups, especially in the LBGTA community.

Linda and Mark Rowe-Barth attended the Believe Out Loud training in late March.

She helped organize a Good Friday Procession of the Cross in downtown CF/Waterloo during Holy Week.

Lead two membership classes

The March class was postponed due to a conflict with Young Adult Lunch and will be re-scheduled.

Linda is also attending a series of retreats on Pastoral Effectiveness held over a two-year period. Additionally one of her Iowa Annual Conference responsibilities is to serve on the Ministerial Ethics Committee.

What responsibilities does SRPC and the St. Tims congregation have?

We continue to wear our name tags to become more welcoming.

Create a new pictorial directory.

Help lead/participate in visitation team training using *Race to Reach Out*.

Review expectations monthly with Leadership Council

*Carole Yates, Chair
Staff Parish Relations Committee*

Financial Condition Update

Dear Friends of St. Tims,
Thank you for your generosity. The finance committee of St. Tims would like to update everyone on the finances of the Church through the first quarter of 2011.

We are pleased to report that through April we have paid \$17,939.68 in apportionments, which is 1/3 of the total amount of apportionments for 2011. In addition to paying apportionments on time St. Tims has continued to support its ongoing ministries and missions. We have also raised \$3,048 for the Heifer International Ark.

Thank you for your support and help in attaining our goal of paying St. Tims apportionments of \$4,484.92 each month and continuing to "Pay it Forward".

St. Tim's Finance Committee

Job Opportunity Director of Music Ministries

St. Timothy's, a progressive, mid-size United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls, IA has an exciting opportunity for a part-time, 12 month Director of Music Ministries.

The ideal candidate will be dedicated to contributing to St. Tims vision "...to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God." (Micah 6:8). St. Tims seeks a musician with experience leading music in a church setting for all age levels, children through seniors. Experience in using multi-media in worship is helpful.

A complete position description can be found at www.sttims-umc.org. Please send letter of inquiry, resume, and three references to Dir. of Music Ministries, St. Timothy's United Methodist Church, 3220 Terrace Dr., Cedar Falls, IA 50613 or email Rev. Linda Butler at sttimsrevlinda@cfu.net. Applications due May 27, 2011.



Our Witness of Inclusion

The congregation of St. Timothy's 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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Coming Events

UMW Calendar

May Bible Verse:

Colossians 3:12-14 MSG

So chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

Thurs. May 5, 9:30 a.m.

Ex. Board Meeting, Judy Clark, Chair

Fri. May 6, 9:30 a.m.

May Friendship Day - Bethlehem Lutheran Church

Thurs. May 19 9:30 a.m.

Unit meeting about Diabetes by Jennifer Ostlie, RN, Comfort Care. World Thank Offering.

June Bible Verse:

Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God--not the result of works, so that no one may boast.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please contact the church office to obtain the list of this month's birthdays and anniversaries. They are not published online to protect privacy of the individuals.



Congratulations Graduates!

High School—*Samantha Doyle,*

Magee Glenn-Burns, Alyssa Kilbourn,

Carly Naaktgeboren, Kethe Shankle

College—*Julia Abbott, Maggie Crain,*

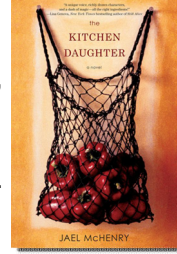
Allyn Glenn-Burns, Amanda Repp, Stacy Paul

Masters Degree—*Cassie Naaktgeboren*



News from Karl and Lynnea McHenry

We love living in Tennessee, but still miss our St. Tims family. We want to share our good news that our daughter, Jael McHenry, has finally published her first novel, *The Kitchen Daughter*. Of course, we are biased, but thought you might enjoy reading it. You can find information and reviews at www.jaelmchenry.com, or in the May issue of *O, the Oprah Magazine*.



We hope to see many of you around June 18. We will be in town for Jael's reading at the Waterloo Public Library.

Come and Celebrate!

Donald and Joann Ackman will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary with an open house at St. Timothys from 1:00-3:30 pm on Sunday, June 26, 2011. The event is hosted by their sons and families, Terry (Karen), Scott, Mark (Amy) and Brian (Missie), and grandchildren Aaron, Ian, Sierra, and Emma. They request no gifts.

Celebrate Linda Haack's music

Linda Haack generously agreed to be St. Tim's coordinator of music ministries last spring. We have all enjoyed her musical gifts this past year. Her last Sunday will be May 22, the end of the choir year. We will be hiring a new music ministries leader.

We would like to thank Linda for all she's done by sending her emails and cards of appreciation and thanks.

Thanks, Linda, for the glorious music!!

Christian Education News

Sunday School for children, intermediate youth, and youth ends May 22 and will start again in the fall on September 11.

Adults will continue to meet through the summer!

Sunday School is for all ages! Everyone is welcome!

All Sunday School classes meet from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Seasons of the Spirit curriculum is used in some way at all levels. The focus of the lessons and the discussion aligns with the lectionary (scripture) readings for the day. April's Sunday School offering will go to our Heifer International Ark.

Care is provided in the nursery during the Sunday School hour for children under age 3.

Children's Sunday School (ages 3 and up) meets in the **lower level of the Montessori wing**. The teaching team includes Karen Williams, Pat Doyle, and Robyn Rodenburgh.

Youth Sunday School meets in the **Youth Lounge**. The teaching team includes Kate Kitzman, Kent Shankle, Dave Glenn-Burns, and Carole Yates.

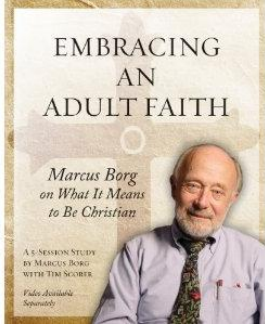
Adult Sunday School is now meeting in the **Conference Room/Library**. The class members share in the leadership of each class.

LOOKING AHEAD TO FALL—Sunday School teaching teams needed

Curriculum for the 2011-2012 Sunday School year has been ordered. Now all we need are teachers and students! If you would be willing to serve on a teaching team for children (the Littles), Intermediate Youth, or Youth, please let Diane Schupbach know as soon as possible. It would be helpful to have all that taken care of before her last day, May 31. Sunday School will begin again on September 11 at 9:00 a.m..

Weekly Worship Themes

- May 1 "To open doors to Spirit so as to become the living, breathing Body of Christ"
- May 8 "To have our eyes opened through the breaking of the bread that reveals the presence of God in all"
- May 15 "To gather as God's people and be inspired to live as a community of Christ"
- May 22 "To be assured that Spirit holds us always as we continue faithfully the works of love"
- May 29 "To recognize Spirit's enduring presence through community that enables us to fulfill love's expectations"
- June 5 "To welcome through prayer God's Spirit that empowers us as a community of witness"
- June 12 (Pentecost) "To celebrate the Holy Spirit and recognize Spirit's gift within all"
- June 19 "To raise our voices with all creation in celebration of the goodness that comes in and through relationship with God"
- June 26 "To embody holy welcome—and welcoming of the holy—in discipleship and community"



Pastor’s Discussion Groups continue

“Embracing an Adult Faith” by Marcus Borg

In this faith-formation resource, participants enjoy the rare privilege of witnessing Marcus Borg in dialogue with a small, diverse group of adults as they honestly, and sometimes painfully, confront the big questions and work together toward authentic answers. In *Embracing an Adult Faith* each topic will include a 10-minute presentation by Marcus Borg followed by interaction with the group. The program print resources are designed to help us "join the dialogue" in our own setting. This study addresses fundamental questions that adults

struggle with as faith matures. •God •Jesus •Salvation •Community •Practice

Our last four sessions of this study on the topic of Community will be:

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
May 2	May 5
May 9	May 12

Classes are held on Mondays from 10:00 until 11:30 am and Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Rev. Linda Butler is the discussion leader. These classes are open to senior high and university youth and adults. Feel free to invite friends and acquaintances.

We will be taking a summer break to allow for Annual Conference, mission trips, and re-creating time.

Please let Rev. Linda Butler know if there are any particular topics, books, or spiritual practices you would like to study when we resume by emailing sttimsrevlinda@cfu.net.

PAYING IT FORWARD... Ways to be of service to others

Let’s “Fill the Ark BY PENTECOST!

Great news--the Ark is over half-full! We getting closer to \$3500 of the \$5000 needed to fill the Heifer International Ark! Our goal is to purchase pairs of camels, pigs, cows, rabbits, donkeys, beehives, sheep, llamas, geese, goats, oxen, chickens, ducks, guinea pigs, and water buffalo which will be sent to families around the world to use as a source of protein and income. We will buy the animals when the Ark is filled. Let’s try and do this BY Pentecost!



Ark “banks” are available for families and individuals to use for collecting spare change. Checks and larger cash donations can be given at our regular offering

time during worship—just mark your contribution “Fill the Ark.” Look for the Ark display in the Great Hall, and help us “float the boat!”

Darline Balm-Demmel is the contact person for this project.

Dr. Walter Cunningham School for Excellence

Partner In Education with St. Timothys

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.

You can "Pay It Forward" just by shopping!

Please collect: Hy-Vee receipts, Box Tops for Education, Swiss Valley milk lids, computer printer cartridges, "My Coke Rewards," Milk Moola caps, Glazers price ovals. You may put them in the Communi-center boxes (at the west entrance to St. Timothys) for Lattas or Capps.

Progress this School Year

- 5k Run/Walk--169 people finished, and the school raised a little under \$3,000.
- Box Tops for Education--we expect to collect a minimum of 2000 by the end of the school year, which will be worth \$200.
- Hy Vee Receipts--\$540,741.13 worth of receipts, worth \$2,703.70 have been collected as of April 22. All receipts should be dated before April 29, 2011 (or after June 1, 2010 for next year's cycle). Please turn them into the church by May 8 to be counted, and plan on next year's collections to begin around June 1, 2011.
- Milk Moola--\$97.60 worth of bottle and bag tops and Glazer's Doughnuts price ovals have been collected and will be sent in during summer break.
- Milk Moola, Box Tops for Education and computer ink cartridges are on-going year around projects.

Appalachian Service Project (ASP) Fundraisers

ASP '11 Stock Certificate Sales

Any member of the ASP crew will have shares of Stock available for purchase for \$25/share. Each participant has 10 shares to sell.

ASP '11 Floating Outhouse

Some groups have inflatable penguins, some have pink flamingos, some have decorated toilets. St Tims ASP '11 has, again this year, the Traveling Outhouse. The ASP Outhouse will be decorated with teams and participant names and have information about ASP. You can pay to have it delivered to a friend's house/yard, who will in turn send it to another friend's place. The fun is when folks start sending it all over town to friends. It promotes the work of ASP in a fun way. We make some money in the process and we have the chance to learn some of our tool skills we will need for our week in July.



Worship

Worship in May

Sunday School—9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

We have classes for all ages
Childcare is provided

Worship – 10:15 a.m.

Child care is provided

Sunday, May 1 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Communion

“Body Language”

Worship focus: To open doors to Spirit so
as to become the “living, breathing,
Body of Christ.”

Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16,
1 Peter 1:3-9, **John 20:19-31**

Rev. Linda M. Butler, preaching

Special Music: Owen Schupbach, violin
solo - “*For the Beauty of the Earth*” –
arr. Pethel

Sunday, May 8 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Native American Ministries Sunday
(offering)

Festival of the Christian Home

“Breaking Bread”

Worship focus: To have our eyes opened
through the breaking of bread that re-
veals the presence of God in all.

Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 36-41,
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23,
Luke 24:13-35

Rev. Linda M. Butler, preaching

Chancel Choir: “*Bread of the World*”
Perry

**Confirmation Class: 2:30p-4:30p in the
Conference Room**

Sunday, May 15 - 4th Sunday of Easter “Powerful Witness”

Worship focus: To gather as God’s peo-
ple and be inspired to live as a commu-
nity of Christ.

Scripture: **Acts 2: 42-47**, Psalm 23,
1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

Rev. Linda M. Butler, preaching

Blessing of the Graduating High school and College Seniors

Chancel Choir: “*The King of Love My
Shepherd Is*” – Beck

Sunday, May 22 - 5th Sunday of Easter “Enduring Witness”

Worship focus: To be assured that Spirit
holds us always as we continue faithful-
ly the works of love.

Scripture: **Acts 7:55-60**,
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10,
John 14:1-14

Rev. Linda M. Butler, preaching

Chancel Choir: “*Sing to the Lord a New
Song*” - Lau

Sunday, May 29 - 6th Sunday of Easter NO Sunday School until Fall

Dedication of Memorials (study bibles
and microphones) in memory of Carol
Butler, Doris Donaldson John Hosier,
Merlyn Wrage, and Ken Baxter

“Witness of Love”

Worship Focus: To recognize Spirit’s en-
during presence through community that
enables us to fulfill love’s expectations.

Scripture: Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20,
1 Peter 3:13-22, **John 14:15-21**

Rev. Linda M. Butler, preaching

Magee Glenn-Burns, liturgical dance

**Immediately after worship all are invited
to a thank you reception for Diane
Schupbach, interim Christian
Education Director**



Native American Ministry Sunday

May 8, 2011

“We try to address the concerns of our families and communities by bridging the hospitality gaps. As a pastor, my faith is critical to this work.” –The Rev. David Dunson

The Rev. David Dunson knows seminary education is crucial to his hopes of growing his congregation’s evangelism and outreach efforts. He also knows that without a scholarship, funded by the Native American Ministries Sunday offering, his education would not be possible.

A former medical supplies sales manager, the 50-something Dunson now serves Okmulgee’s Newtown

United Methodist Church, one of the oldest churches in Oklahoma. He will earn a master’s degree from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Okla., in 2011.

“I’ve learned (about) other perspectives on faith, ministry and culture,” he said. “But I’m also learning ways to bridge the gap between Christianity and our Native history and traditions.”

As assistant to a deputy chief of the 70,000-member Muscogee Creek) Nation, Dunson responds to many tribal concerns—from troubled families and at-risk youth, to illiteracy and unemployment, to increased substance abuse.

Dunson sees his scholarship as “a gift from God, an answered prayer.”

He added, “I could have given up this dream because I didn’t have the money. Not many of our pastors have gone to seminary. But now I can bring the message of hope through education to encourage my people.”

Your gifts on Native American Ministries Sunday fund ministries that pave the way for those who aspire to serve Christ’s church by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Because of your generosity, seminarians prepare to serve, congregations become stronger and communities are transformed.

DID NOAH FISH?

A Sunday school teacher asked, ‘Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?’

‘No,’ replied Johnny.

‘How could he, with just two worms.’



Worship in June

Worship – 10:15 a.m.

Child care is provided

Sunday, June 5 - 7th Sunday of Easter
“Spirit of Witness”

Communion

Worship focus: To welcome through prayer God’s Spirit that empowers us a community of witness

Scripture: **Acts 1:6-14,**

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35,

1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

Special Music: Vocal solo by Janet Krieb

Sunday, June 12 - Pentecost Sunday

Communion

Confirmation Sunday

Recognition of Sunday School Teachers

Worship focus: To celebrate the Holy Spirit and recognize Spirit’s gifts within all.

Scripture: **Acts 2:1-21,** Psalm 104:24-35,

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, John 20:19-23

Rev. Linda M. Butler, preaching

Sunday, June 19 - Trinity Sunday

Peace with Justice Sunday (Offering)

“This is Good”

Worship focus: To raise our voices with all creation in celebration of the goodness that comes in and through relationship with God

Scripture: **Genesis 1:1-2:4a,**

Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13,

Matthew 28:16-20

Rev. Linda M. Butler, preaching

Sunday, June 26

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

“Holy Welcome”

Worship focus: To embody holy welcome – and welcoming of the holy – in discipleship and community.

Scripture: Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13,

Romans 6:12-23, **Matthew 10:4-42**

Rev. Linda M. Butler, preaching

The scripture in **bold** will usually be the theme scripture. We encourage you to read the scriptures before you come to worship as part of your spiritual discipline and preparation for worship.



Pentecost, celebrated on the fiftieth day after Easter, commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles in Jerusalem. The image of the tongues of fire that symbolizes the Holy Spirit inspired the United Methodist cross and flame emblem.

Peace with Justice Sunday

June 19, 2011

"We cannot keep quiet if there is something wrong." — Dr. Leonard Kabwita

- **Human Rights Violations in Democratic Republic of the Congo**

In a world where 250,000 children are forced to be fighters or sex slaves, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) is the largest persistent violator, according to the United Nations Security Council. Because of the war, young boys are forced to enlist in the rebel army. Sexual assault of women and young girls has become the norm.

Compounding the problem is "conflict mineral," the selling of copper, tungsten, tin and other minerals to support war efforts. Unfortunately, minerals sold to global supply chains and corporations may be used as components for electronics that are part of our everyday lives: mobile phones, MP3 players and computers.

United Methodists are trying to do something about it.

Armed with a grant from the Peace with Justice Sunday offering, the Jerusalem Justice and Peace Ministry (JJPM) is assisting communities in the DRC. While physical and emotional healing is vital, the ministry also challenges unjust systems.

"We cannot keep quiet if there is something wrong," said JJPM executive Dr. Leonard Kabwita. JJPM workshops educate and empower Congolese people about justice issues in their communities and seek local solutions to close the gap between rich and poor.



- **Mining Families and the Hard Walk in West Virginia**

Your gifts support programs like the work of the West Virginia Council of Churches. The Rev. Dennis Sparks calls it "the hard walk." That's what you do when your religious organization decides to take a position, such as saying mountaintop removal mining is against God's will. However, the ministry also raises money for the families of miners who died in accidents and organizes meetings to cool the debate over coal issues.

The West Virginia Council of Churches received a Peace with Justice Grant of \$3,000 to facilitate nonviolent communication training between the groups.

When you give to Peace with Justice Sunday, you support ministries in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), the United States and worldwide to remove unjust systems and equip the victimized to live more fulfilled lives.

Missions & Outreach – Opportunities to Serve

May Offerings

Sunday School – McCurdy Mission School - Rainbow Covenant Orange

Our May Sunday School offerings will be directed to the McCurdy Mission School in Espanola, NM. The school is dedicated to the development of the whole child and offers a quality education with a Christian emphasis. McCurdy also offers services to deal with substance abuse, family and community violence and gambling addiction. Diversity among students and staff is affirmed.

Special Offerings on May 8 to be divided between two mission projects:

- **Native American Ministries Sunday**

Native American urban ministries and scholarships for seminarians are supported. One-half of the offering funds Iowa projects. Your gifts on Native American Ministries Sunday fund vital ministries that pave the way for those who aspire to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Because of your generosity, seminarians prepare to serve, congregations become stronger and communities are transformed.

“I want to be the best minister I can be,” said the Rev. Chebon Kernell, a Native American seminary scholarship recipient. “The best way to do this is through theological education. My hope is for my children to know who they are as Native people, to hold core values and to know it’s OK for them to be what God created them to be.”

Approximately 22,310 United Methodists identify themselves as Native American. About 225 United Methodist churches, fellowships and ministries relate to Native Americans.

“Not many of our pastors have gone to seminary,” says scholarship recipient the Rev. David Dunson about Native American clergy. “But now, I can bring the message of hope through education to encourage my people.” Dunson sees his scholarship as “a gift from God, an answered prayer.” (Read more on page 11)

- **Golden Cross Sunday**

Your offering provides money to programs celebrating health and welfare ministries and their role in spiritual wellbeing. There is an emphasis on health ministries to un-churched children. The funds are retained by Iowa Annual Conference to fund grants to local churches and community groups.



June Offerings

Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School offerings during the months of June, July, and August will be shared with the Hunger Fund.

Peace with Justice Sunday - June 19

The Peace with Justice Sunday Special Offering bears witness to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed and secure world. Half of the funds go to the General Board of Church and Society for support of peace and justice ministries. The second half is retained by Iowa Annual Conference to support restorative justice initiatives and other peace and justice efforts.

Read more on page 13.



Fill the Truck at Annual Conference

To Be Taken to UMCOR-Connected Midwest Mission Distribution Center



This year St. Timothys will contribute Health Kits to the Annual Conference effort to fill a truck with kits for disaster relief. UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Supply kits help to care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. They also help to sustain everyday life by providing basic necessities to people who lack ready access to essential supplies. These kits provide vital support for the work UMCOR does throughout the world. By donating kit supplies or financial gifts to purchase the supplies, you make a direct and tangible difference in sustaining peoples' lives.

Health Kit

- 1 new hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27"), no kitchen or microfiber towels
- 1 new washcloth
- 1 large, sturdy comb 8"/+ (not pocket-sized or picks)
- 1 fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath sized bar of soap in original wrapper
- 1 new toothbrush in original sealed wrapper (no child-size brushes)
- 6 band aids

Fold the towel and washcloth and lay the other items on top, removing the packaging from the comb and clippers. Place in a one gallon sized Ziploc bag and put in the Health Kit tub in Fellowship Hall. A donation of \$1 is requested this year for UMCOR to purchase the toothpaste in bulk, as needed. Individual items may also be placed in the designated tub.

Due **May 29** so these supplies may be taken to Conference.

Reentry Team to lend a hand to recently released prisoner

Our church is forming a reentry team to “walk with” a woman recently released from prison. A team of 5-7 people will meet weekly with the person for up to a year to discuss her issues and encourage her along the way.

When a person gets out of prison, they face immediate issues like: Where will I live? I need work clothes. Where can I find a job that will accept an ex-con? Where do I get a driver’s license? How do I get along on the little money I have? My teeth have not been taken care of for years.

We’re looking for 1-2 more people on the team. If you are interested, contact Alice Sawin (266-5975) or Jim Davis (266-5933). Training session will be held on Saturday, April 30, 9:00 a.m. – noon.

You can help by:

- 1) praying for the person and the team,
- 2) contributing needed clothes, household items, etc. (Alice has a list.)
- 3) contributing cash (we need about \$300. Make out the check to the church with “Reentry” in the memo section),
- 4) responding to share your skills and experience when needed.

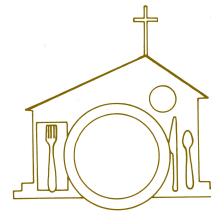
Call For Disaster Volunteers

If you have skill sets that would be helpful to others in your community and would like to share your skills after a disaster, email Trish Burket with the following information: Name, skill, where you received your training and when, contact information and availability. A comprehensive volunteer list will enable the Iowa Conference to better target our emails to persons interested in a specific type of service in your district that you might not otherwise know about.

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Partnering with those who have experienced a disaster, to enable them to move forward to a new normal.



Community Meals

We serve on Tuesday, May 17
at CF First UMC

We welcome and encourage volunteers for:

- Food preparation at 12:30
- Servers at 4:15
- Dishes, run dishwasher and clean up at 5:00
- Provide a pan of bars

Contact Carolyn Scoville to volunteer or donate.

Northwest tornado recovery/relief update

Greetings from Northwest Iowa

Thank-you for your response, to the storms in Northwest Iowa on Saturday, April 9, 2011. Your prayers, phone calls, volunteering, donations, hugs, messages and love have been a source of strength for all of us. We have had an amazing and overwhelming response to the needs in the communities affected.

Thanks to the fantastic response of local communities, the massive clean-up will be completed by this weekend. (April 24, 2011) Plans are in the works for re-building and re-claiming our communities, farms, homes and businesses. (How's that for an Easter story?)

It has been gratifying to see the fruits of so many bring a smile or happy tear to someone's face as they find a picture or are able to pick up something they need to continue cleaning.

There is still much to accomplish! In the Tri-County area 8-10 homes and countless farm buildings were destroyed. In Mapleton 147 homes and businesses were destroyed or sustained significant damage, many will have what's left torn down and rebuilt.

You can help:

PLEASE PRAY: for the families that lost homes, businesses that have had to close and the employees that find themselves out of jobs, the responders and volunteers who have worked tirelessly, the farmers who are juggling clean-up and getting ready for spring planting, the school teachers in the communities that have been effected as they provide a stable and healing place for their children, and the volunteers who are making plans to be a part of the recovery efforts.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS: will be needed to help with getting people back into homes and churches. **Donations should be sent to the Iowa Annual Conference Special Advance #223.** The conference is already responding with support. There have been many conference and district staff present, and have volunteered with clean-up, hauling, donating, communicating, listening.

MATERIAL DONATIONS: Each community has a list of needs that change daily, if you are interested in donating specific items please contact the coordinator directly for the updated list. **PLEASE NO CLOTHING** unless expressly communicated to you.

VOLUNTEER: Please contact the Coordinating Point Person in the community in which you would like to volunteer to schedule time.

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.

The specific items we need are as follows:

<u>Personal Items</u>	<u>Household Needs</u>
Lever 2000	Paper towels
Deodorant	Liquid laundry detergent
Aveeno or Curel lotion	Toilet paper
Conditioner	Kleenex
Shampoo (Suave or Infusion)	

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Help will be needed AFTER May 1, 2011 for rebuilding, and repair. These are small communities so you should plan to provide for your own housing in a nearby town or church. All available housing is being used to house those who lost their homes. Churches are being used to house donations and serve meals. Meals should be available in most sites, most of the time.

In the Tri-County Area of Varina, Ware, Nemaha, Fonda, Newell and rural areas surrounding please contact: Pastor Kim Dewey, Varina 712-887-0263 or kabdewey@yahoo.com, or

Pastor Carl Benge, Nemaha 712-660-0546 or ckbenge@umc777.org

In Mapleton, please contact: Pastor Karen Garrison, 712-880-0043 or kgarrison@longlines.com

For other questions or large donations please contact: John or Catie Newman, Disaster Response Coordinators for the Northwest District, 712-899-4067 or 712-874-3247 or johnstruckfarm@wiatel.net.

If you have questions regarding general disaster information please contact: Trish Burket disaster.response@iaumc.org or 515-460-4892

Make a difference in 2011

Do you love children?

Do you love to help others?

If you answered yes, then the Parent to Parent program can connect YOU with a new mother and baby who can use your encouragement. You don't have to have parenting experience, but mothers and grandmothers are welcome!

Being a mother can be as challenging as it is rewarding, and a Parent to Parent volunteer makes a difference in the life of a new mother through regular visits and phone calls to a mother and her baby.

Training for new volunteers will be held Saturday, May 21st from 9 am – 1 pm in Suite 409 at Family & Children's Council. Please pre-register by Monday, May 16th.

To pre-register or for more information, call Adriane or Jessica at 234-7600, or email acarlson@fccouncil.net or jessica@fccouncil.net

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Needs List for Church Women United

Remember to bring items needed for people in the 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 **May 11**. Contact—Mary Hansen.

ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER: Newborn boys or neutral outfits (including onesies), thick maxi pads, gift cards for GAS and FOOD ONLY, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, soap and body wash, disposable cameras, bassinets, baby wipes, infant toys in good condition, laundry soap, fabric softener

GREENWOOD MS MISSION SCHOOL: Canceled stamps.

CEDAR FALLS HEALTH CARE CENTER: Items for crafts, Bingo prizes, STUFFED ANIMALS, hand lotion, card games, miniature candy bars, LARGE PRINT WORD SEARCH PUZZLES, jewelry, shampoo, conditioner, knick knacks, writing paper, notebook, New greeting cards (birthday, get well, sympathy), BODY WASH, RED LICORICE.

CEDAR VALLEY CHILD CARE: Campbell Soup labels, 100 juice, napkins, Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, beads, pipe cleaners, poster board, BIGGEST NEED: *construction paper and *ream of manila drawing paper.

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, seasonal decorating items, room decorations, small wall hangings, outdoor games.

1st KIDS FOR 1st METHODIST: Napkins, Kleenex, fabric softener sheets.

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

LUTHERAN HOME: Everyday napkins, gardening gloves, large-print playing cards, fun-sized candy bars, Pringles, small bottles of Elmer's glue, plastic bud vases, lap blankets, used greeting cards (every occasion-need entire card), tea cups with saucers, buttons, Crayola water color sets, bird seed (any kind), large hot glue sticks.

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.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD HUB: Laundry soap, diapers size 2-4, diaper wipes, cleaning products like Windex, dish soap, bleach, sponges, personal items, spring & summer clothing for men, women, children and newborn, shoes (all sizes), deodorant for men & women, toilet paper and paper towels.

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, individual applesauce, brownie, cake & muffin mixes, muffin pan liners, frosting, Hy-Vee receipts, instant Jell-O or instant pudding, flour, sugar, chocolate chips, travel size toothpaste, art supplies like felt, ribbon, material, buttons, yarn.

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

SEEDS OF HOPE: Cleaning supplies, diapers, toiletries, detergent, dish soap, diapers, large & kitchen garbage bags.

WINDSOR CARE: Small bingo prizes, jewelry, word-search books, stuffed animals, billfolds, purses.

Y'S KIDS: Any crafting odds and ends such as lace, ribbon, buttons or beads, back pockets from old blue jeans, magnets, empty plastic jars with lids, sea shells, baby food jars, and rubber balls.

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webspinner@sttims-umc.org
by **Friday, June 17.**

Canterbury Forum

Fall 2011 Programs

Sodom and Gomorrah: Myth, Legend, and History

Sunday, August 21

Prof. Brian Jones, Department of Religion, Wartburg College

The Birth of the Amanas

Sunday, November 13th

Prof. Brian Roberts, Department of History, UNI

Canterbury Forum programs begin at 7:00 p.m.

They take place in Will Hall, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church,
2410 Melrose Drive, Cedar Falls.

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