



Kenwood Park
United Methodist Church
Staff

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Church Office Hours:

**Monday & Wednesday 9-Noon,
Thursday 1:30—4:30 pm**

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

9:30-10:15 am Sunday School

9:30-10:30 am Coffee Fellowship

10:30-11:30 am Worship



Kenwood Park United Methodist Church

Words from your Pastor . . .

30 Day Journey of Prayer Continues

Sunday, February 27 10:30 am Prayer: Divine Whispers

Sunday, March 6 10:30 am Prayer: Having the Guts to Respond

I will continue to lead the 30 Day Journey of Prayer, completing it on the first Sunday in March. We remember the words from our Bishop Julius Trimble,

"Much prayer--much power. Little prayer—little power. No prayer—no power."

A Journey to Hope Begins – on Sundays

Sunday, March 13 10:30 am A Journey to Hope: Relationships

Sunday, March 20 10:30 am A Journey to Hope: What others think

Sunday, March 27 10:30 am A Journey to Hope: Work

Sunday, April 3 Time TBA A Journey to Hope: Refueling

Sunday, April 10 Time TBA A Journey to Hope: Money

Sunday, April 17 Time TBA A Journey to Hope: Suffering

Sunday, April 24 Time TBA A Journey to Hope: Hope is Alive

I will be leading worship with a sermon series entitled, "A Journey to Hope" during the season of Lent. It will provide us an opportunity for repentance and renewal in preparation for Easter. Make the journey and commitment to traveling with Jesus in an intentional way. You are sure to find abundant gifts of grace, forgiveness, healing, love, laughter and more than enough bread to share with others. Come, invite a friend and travel with us!

Lenten Bible Study: 24 Hours That Changed the World

The first class begins, Wednesday, March 9 after the 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship service. Each Wednesday thereafter, the study begins at 6:30 pm at the church. The last night is April 20. A participant's book, "24 Hours That Changed the World: 40 Days of Reflection," costs \$10. We are asking for an additional \$1 to help with shipping, for \$11 total. A book may be shared easily by those in one household, since it requires very short daily readings. Pre-registration deadline is Sunday, March 6 to place an order for the books. Whether you are a long-time Christian or simply curious about Jesus, you are invited to join us on this inspiring journey. Everyone is welcome.

Pastor Laura

(Please remember to use my home email address until the church email is working: LauraSmith@mchsi.com)

Please complete a Prayer Request Card for prayer requests to be included in church communications.

✠ PRAYER LIST ✠

- ✠ Roxanne Thornton (niece of Jean Strait), Leonard Dahms, Evelyn Carson
- ✠ ON GOING: Jeff & Teri Strait, Flood recovery efforts, Judy Towell, Ollie Oliphant, Helen Greenland and Quinn Anton-Jensen, Walter Smith (brother of Shirley Zaiger), Ralph & Opal Glider (parents of Jean Bisinger), Beverly Shaffer
- ✠ SERVICE PERSONNEL: Scott Barrett (Grandson of Jeanne Neuenswander), Paul Reynolds (Grandson of Lester and Barb Wilson), Robert Dieguez serving in Afghanistan (Nephew of Bob & Shirley Zaiger)

Death remembered with Sympathy and Prayers

SYMPATHY is extended to the family of a church member, Bonnie Cavin, 74, who died at home on February 11, 2011.

SYMPATHY to the family of church member, Harry E. Schuster, 93, who died Sunday, February 20, 2011 at his home.

We extend to Bonnie Clark our deepest sympathy at the time of her brother's death. He lived in Wisconsin.



2011 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL Kenwood Park United Methodist Church

Lay Leader : Steve Odegaard (2014)

Chairperson: Steve Odegaard (2012)

Treasurer: Gerald Bair (2011)

Pastor: Rev. Laura L. Smith

SPRC Chairperson: Dean Willis (2012)

SPRC Vice-Chairperson: Thelma Perry (2014)

Trustee President: Wes Landon (2012)

Trustee Vice-President

& Endowment Chairperson: Larry Franklin (2014)

Finance Chairperson: Paul Klesner (2012)

Finance Vice-Chairperson: Pam Landon (2014)

Nurture Coordinator: Helen Pratt (2014)
(Educ., Sun. School, Youth, Member care)

Outreach Coordinators: Eric Chrisman (2014)
(Evangelism & Missions)

Mindy Chrisman (2014) (Evangelism & Missions)

Worship Coordinator: Mary Odegaard (2014)

Non-voting Exo-officio Lay Member to Annual Conf: Thelma Perry (2011)

Non-voting Exo-officio Recording Secretary:
Jacqueline Unkrich (2014)

Kenwood Park UMC Honored as a CR Community School District Partner

For the second straight year, Kenwood Park UMC has been honored as a Cedar Rapids Community School District partner. Each week, our volunteers work with small groups of students on reading and math skills. At the Partnership Walk of Fame celebration on Feb. 8, the school district 2010 highlights list noted: "These (Kenwood Park UMC) volunteers help build the foundation on which instruction is built. Students enjoy working with the community members, and the relationships help to form a positive connection between school and community. Partners from the church also donate supplies for classrooms and students in need. . . ."

Of the dozens of businesses and organizations honored as partners, Kenwood Park United Methodist is the only church. Our volunteer tutors are:

Karen White, Michele Gilliam, Donna Postel, Bob & Phyllis White, and Jim & Joan Rosche.

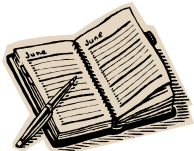


FRIDAY DAYTIMERS CARE GROUP

Meet at the Spring House for lunch

11:30 am on Friday, March 18.

Host: Thelma Perry



SHARE Iowa

Mark Your Calendar

Deadline to order: Sunday, March 6

The March distribution is Saturday, March 19 at 11:30

(Share Iowa Orders must be picked up from 11:30 to noon at KPUMC)

This is a wonderful deal!

Nancy L. Stevens Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Phone # 319-573-1260



Kenwood Park SHARE Iowa News

NICOTENE PATCHES...

Free nicotine replacement patches are available to Linn County residents through *Quitline Iowa*.

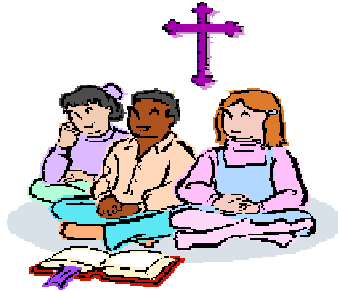
If you would like help to quit smoking, contact:

Linn County Public Health at health@linncounty.org or call **319- 892- 6910**

Come to Sunday School!

Kenwood Park United Methodist Church
175 34th St. NE

9:30-10:15 AM



All-In-One Bible Fun Class - Ages 3-11 Room B6

Middle School/High School Class Room B5

Adult Traditional Bible Studies Room B1

New Class - Adult Discussion Group Room B3

"Looking for Contemporary Society through Christian Teachings"

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Christmas Program Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Christmas Program on December 19th. The Stable Where Jesus Was Born, by Rhonda Gowler Greene was presented by the Children and Youth Sunday school classes and was a great success!

A big thank you to our middle & high school readers: James Odegaard, Lauren Freeman, R. J. Powell & Kelsey Pfranger.

Another big thank you to our preschool through 5th grade students for dressing in costumes and acting out the reading: Kelsey Klesner was Mary, Ben Klesner was Joseph, the shepherds were Brenden Grout and Zach Thielman, the angel was McKenna Landon, the Magi were Trevin Landon- King #1, Kira Klesner- Queen #1, and Haley Pfranger -Queen #2.

Thank you to all our teachers for supporting this program with one quick rehearsal and to the parents, grandparents for bringing the children to Sunday school and to church to be a part of the program!

Sunday School Events for Lent and Easter

Pretzel Sunday – March 20th

All Sunday school students are welcome to make pretzels in **Room B6 at 9:30** and learn about the meaning of Lent. Pretzels will be baked during class time and will be delivered to students after class.

Easter Sunday – April 24th

We are working on plans to have an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday.
Watch for information in the April Kaller and Sunday bulletins.



Happy MARCH Birthdays

- 2—James Fenoglio
- 2—Diane Flynn
- 3—Dean Luther
- 3—Adam Barth
- 3—Kennedy Wilson
- 5—Jessica Johnson
- 6—Lorraine Lowry
- 8—Jenny Thielman
- 8—Lauren Freeman
- 11—Eva Miller
- 11—Brittany Rule
- 12—Sara Fenoglio
- 14—Cleo Connor
- 14—Jeffrey Hill
- 16—Teri Goodson
- 17—Pat Lawrence
- 19—Amber Powell
- 20—David Barth
- 23—Evelyn Carson
- 23—Brenda Reeve
- 25—Dean Willis
- 27—Larry Franklin
- 27—Mary Etta Zorn
- 27—Stacy Klesner
- 27—Graham Brinkmeyer
- 29—Jerry Elsea
- 30—Frank McLeod
- 30—Fran Elsea
- 30—Barbara Norris-McDonald
- 30—James Odegaard
- 31—Robert Bisinger



Happy Anniversary
28 - Jerry and Fran Elsea

Birthdays or Anniversaries
Did we miss your birthday or anniversary?
Do you have family news to share?
Please call church office, phone #365.6933 or send an email to:
office@KenwoodParkUMC.org
Thank you!

Silent Auction for four tied Quilts Feb 20 and 27.

(Bidding is open until Wednesday noon, March 2)

Money to go to Mission

Bidding in increments of \$1.00

Winners will be announced Sunday, March 6.

Members of the Sewing Group are Janet Bair, Helen Pratt and Karen White.

Please contact a member to join the sewing fun!



**Kenwood Park
United Methodist Women**

General Meeting

Thursday, March 10 at 9:30 am

Hosts: Joan Rosche & Thelma Perry

Program: Pledge Service

“Finding, Giving & Living Peace”

Leader: Helen Pratt

**March 4– Church Women United-
World Day of Prayer**

**March 8- Bell Ringing-
International Women’s Day**

(Next scheduled UMW general meeting is Thursday,
April 14 – 9:30 am)

World Day of Prayer 2011

Friday, March 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
1350 Lyndhurst Dr. , Hiawatha, Iowa
9:00 am – Breakfast (\$3.00)
9:45 am— Worship Service

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement begun by Christian women of many traditions who come together each year to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March. Each year a different country serves as the writer of the WDP worship service. This year it is the women of Chili.

The UPPER ROOM

A Daily Devotional Guide that is published bi-monthly.

If you would like to subscribe/purchase this magazine for a year, please contact Helen Pratt at 364-2043.

An order of 10 or more there is a discount:

96 cents a piece for smaller version and \$1.37 for large print.



Opportunity for Listening & Healing and Update From conference Sunday, March 13 at 9:15 am

Some time has passed since the termination of church employee, Randy Goodson, after a formal complaint had been filed. I felt it was time to offer some additional pastoral care. The session will be an opportunity for persons to gather to ask questions and again for me to offer a time of listening and extend pastoral care to promote healing for our congregation. We have also received some recent information from the conference to share with the congregation. Anyone wishing to come is welcome to attend and participate. Please contact me with your questions, Pastor Laura .

District-Wide “Season of Prayer” Continues

“Much prayer--much power. Little prayer--little power. No prayer--no power.”

Remember how the Spirit fell at Pentecost while the disciples were in the upper room. God-sized acts are preceded by prayer. Every church in the East Central District has been invited to join in a “Season of Prayer” as we together determine the location of our ministries in the lives of our communities and world. Churches will self-select partners with other churches in this journey. During Lent and leading up to Easter, the district will be invited to participate in a “Season of Action.” A copy of the

Staying Connected Through Prayer

Please lift up the following congregations and clergy.

March 6	Solon Carol Kress and Christine Humrichouse
March 13	Cedar Rapids, Salem John Louk
March 20	Peston-Sabula Thomas and Sandra Berryman
March 27	Cedar Rapids, Sharon Bob Dagit

brochure may found the

Scholarships Available

The Board of Church and Society of the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is conducting an essay contest and will present three \$500 scholarships. The essay contest is open to students who are high school juniors or seniors during the current school year (2011-2011) and who live in Iowa or attend an Iowa high school. Students need not be members of a United Methodist Church nor any other religious body. “Immigration Reform” is the topic for this year’s essay contest. Essays must be less than 1,000 words and sent to Paul Linn by e-mail at linnchurchandsociety@gmail.com before March 21, 2011. Also include brief summary of activities that you have participated in your school or community including efforts for social justice. Awards will be presented during Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in June of 2011.

How to Get More Members

2 day Event March 19 – 20, 2011

Saturday 10:00 am to 6:30 pm

Sunday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Conference Center

2301 Rittenhouse St

Des Moines, IA 50321

Over the past several decades many congregations have become inward focused. The building, the services, even the bulletin communicate: Insiders Only. In this six hour workshop, congregational teams will re-learn how to align themselves with the neighborhood around the church.

This “how to” workshop includes: Reclaiming a missionary’s heart, networking strategies, how to define your mission field, planning events that meet the needs of those not in the church, and how to offer extravagant hospitality. In the process of moving from inward to outward, members hearts will be transformed for the mission of spread the Good News. Please contact the church office to pre-register for the event.

How to Develop Tippers Into Tithers

“Just in time training for these difficult economic times”

A workshop for church teams of a pastor and at least three members of finance and stewardship. Three 2011 sites to choose from:

Friday, April 8 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm @ Oakwood UMC, Pleasant Hill, Des Moines

Saturday, April 9 from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm @ Carroll UMC, Carroll

Sunday, April 10 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm @ St Paul’s UMC, Cedar Rapids

This workshop will help church teams learn, principles of giving, re-thinking motives for giving; Re-thinking the stewardship letter; Helping people grow in their giving.

Cost \$100/charge with District scholarship available: which include all material, including a copy of Cliff Christopher’s Not Your Parent’s Offering Plate and Kevin Martin’s Stewardship and Giving, plus the workbook.

For more information contact your District Field Outreach Minister, Rev. Jill Sanders, jill-sanders@iaumc.org or Leadership Development Minister for evangelism and new ministry Scott Hibben, scott.hibben@iaumc.org This continuing education event is made possible at its reduced rate through your apportionment support.

Leadership Council Retreat and Meeting

Sunday, January 23, 2011 – 11:45 am – 4 pm

PRESENT: Pastor Laura Smith, Steve Odegaard, Thelma Perry, Pam Landon, Wes Landon, Jerry Bair, Larry Franklin, Eric Chrisman, Paul Klesner, Helen Pratt, Dean Willis and Jackie Unkrich. Bruce Western, guest.

Retreat started at noon with lunch

ENDOWMENT

- A. Discussion and decisions on reinvesting CD's.
 - 1. Mercantile CD matures January 28, 2011.
 - 2. Providian National CD matures June 13, 2011.
 - 3. LaSalle Bank CD September 20, 2007 – 2011

B. MAIN ITEM- needs approval from the council.

The auto transfer payment to church checking account of \$3,800 per month.

(\$4225 was automatically transferred to the church checking account on January 4, 2011.)

Wes- I move we transfer \$3,800 a month starting February 4, 2011.

(Addendum) Leave as is the January 4, 2011 \$4,225 payment.

Second by Larry. Motion carried.

3:15 pm - LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

- A. Need to formally elect Trustee president and Endowment chairperson
 - 1. **Steve – I motion to elect Wes Landon as Trustee president and Larry Franklin as Endowment chair.**
Jerry so moved. Second by Dean. Motion carried.
- B. Leadership Council meetings – how often and time to meet.
 - 1. **Jerry made the motion that we meet the second and fourth Monday of each month 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Approved.**
 - a. Monday, February 14, 2011 will be the next meeting.
- C. Methods of communication (monthly reports)
 - 1. Agenda – prior to the scheduled Monday meeting each leader is asked to email to Steve by Friday noon their monthly report.
 - 2. Pattern of Update Moments – keep as is—the third Sunday of each month.
 - 3. Schedule four open forums in the next two months? (February & March)
- D. Pastor Laura said that St. James UMC would like to use our Pancake grill for Fat Tuesday.
 - 1. **Jerry – I move that we let St. James UMC borrow our pancake grill for Fat Tuesday, March 8, 2011. Second by Thelma. Approved.**

Next Meeting: Monday, February 14, 2011, 7–9 pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm

Jacqueline Unkrich
Leadership Council Secretary

We are a Christian community where FAITH grows, HOPE is found & LOVE is demonstrated.

2011 Video Conference – Training for all Lay Leaders and Clergy

A Clergy-Laity program sponsored by the Conference Board of Laity will be presented in the **Des Moines Conference Center** and video streamed throughout Iowa on **Saturday, March 12, 9:00 am till Noon**. Current churches in the East Central District hosting the event are Williamsburg, St Paul's, North Liberty and Dubuque Grand View. The speaker is Sandy Jackson, Director of Lay Leadership from the General Board of Discipleship. Sandy will include a section on "Joining God's Mission" about ministry in daily life. How do Clergy and laity work together for the best ministry? It's understanding our call in all areas of our lives, including a way to renew the world. The "training" will be based on the Guidelines for Local Church Lay Leaders booklet, with an emphasis on spiritual leadership in the Wesleyan tradition. There will be interaction times during the morning. It will be helpful for the host church to know how many plan to attend. RSVP's via email as follows:

St. Paul's UMC Williamsburg stpaulwb@iowatelecom.net
 Grand View UMC Dubuque Tom Shinkle revshink@gmail.com
 North Liberty UMC pastor@southslope.net

Sponsored by the Iowa Conference Board of Laity



2011 Basic and Advanced Lay Speaker Training

Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2 at Pictured Rocks UM Camp & Retreat Center -
 12004 190th St, Monticello, IA 52310 Cost is \$35.00 includes lodging, meals, and material

The basic course is the foundational course for other leadership training courses. It is designed to equip new leaders and renew current leaders. The course covers these topics: servant and spiritual leadership, caring ministries, basic communications skills, sharing your faith, and leading meetings.

The advanced course topic is domestic violence. Domestic violence is a crime. It is defined as a pattern of abusive tactics that can include psychological, emotional, social, financial, physical and sexual abuse, perpetrated by a family or household member, spouse, partner or significant other, with the goal of establishing or maintaining power and control over the victim. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any age, but experts have concluded that women are statistically more likely to be victims of domestic violence. We will look at how the church has dealt with domestic violence in the past and how it can help now. There is no "typical" victim and no "typical" response. It is a fact that victims and perpetrators of domestic violence are sitting in most churches in the United States most Sunday mornings. Perpetrators of domestic violence hold leadership position in churches. We will answer the important question: What are victims hearing from their church and how can we help? A registration form can be found on the District website.

A Journey to Hope

Christian Education 101!

Christian Education 101 (CE 101) is a weekend session providing training and information in the area of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation for all ages.

April 8 – 10, 2011

Pictured Rocks UM Camp & Retreat Center
1200 190th Street, Monticello, IA 52310
www.picturedrocks.org

Topics are Know Yourself: Gifts and Called, Biblical Overview for Christian Educators, Theology of Christian Education. Christian Education 101 is the first of a series of four weekend sessions offered over the course of two years. Each weekend will be a stand-alone session. Participants who complete all four weekends will receive a certificate of completion from the Academy of Christian Education.

CE 101 is for everyone interested in Christian Education. CE 101 will provide training and resources helpful for those who are beginning to be involved in Christian Education, as well as for those who have been engaged in the ministry of Christian Education for some time. In addition to funds available at your local church, there are scholarship funds available from Christian Educator’s Fellowship and the Board of Laity.

Complete and return the CE 101 registration form before March 15, 2011. No Payment is required at the time of registration. Please contact the church office for a copy of the form. If you have questions or need more information contact:

Sally Hoelscher, Interim Dean, Academy for Christian Education
3224 Arbor Dr.
Iowa City, IA 52245
Hoelscher4@yahoo.com
319.541.2622



New Tool for Mission Planning

The Iowa Conference has an exciting new tool to help local churches in their mission and ministry. **Mission Insite** is an interactive, map-driven, web-based resource for demographic information about your community.

We are pleased to be able to offer this great new service to local churches to help you analyze your community and identify needs, plan future ministries, or to test the feasibility of your mission plans.

If you are interested please contact Eric & Mindy Chrisman to help learn about our neighborhood.



March 2011 Newsletter

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Happy St. Patrick's Day

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE:
9:30-10:30 am Fellowship Coffee
9:30-10:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Come join us. . .



*A Journey
to Hope*