

2012

South Central District

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 1, 2012

Attached you will find the announcements from around the District and across the Conference for this week. If there is any other announcements that you would like to share for next week please send them to Sue at sue.booth@iaumc.org.

Your South Central District Staff would like to THANK YOU all for the wonderful Love Gift given to us at the Epiphany Gathering. We all truly appreciate it!



Bill

Paul

Sue

Feb. 9, 2012. 4 pm eastern time. **SAFE SANCTUARIES: TIPS, TRENDS, AND ISSUES IN BACKGROUND SCREENING.** Presenters will be Joy Melton and Chad Stair, VP of Trak-1.

Login in for the visual portion at <https://umpct.ilinc.com/join/vkmwfmz>. Call in for the audio portion at 1-800-598-7441. Code: 5596370. Participants are encouraged to join in twenty minutes early.

Feb. 29, 2012. 4pm eastern time. **RECORD KEEPING BASIC PROCEDURES FOR JUDICIAL COMPLAINTS.** Presented by Rev. Darryl Stephens, GCSROW, and Joy Melton.

Login for the visual portion at <https://umpct.ilinc.com/join/cjwycvx>. Call in for the audio portion at 1-800-598-7441. Code: 5596370. Participants are encouraged to join in twenty minutes early.

March 8, 2012. 4 pm eastern time. **CRISIS COMMUNICATIONS PLANNING: THE CHURCH AND THE MEDIA.** Presenters will be Joy Melton and Lee Brogden-Culberson, Principal in Professional MOJO. Login for the visual portion at <https://umpct.ilinc.com/join/thrskfm>. Call in for the audio portion at 1-800-598-7441. Code: 5596370. Participants are encouraged to join in twenty minutes early.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO NOTE ON THE CALENDAR

February

1-2 ~ Cabinet

5 ~ Bill to speak on his trip to Africa
at Centerville, First at 10:00 am

6-10 ~ Seminary Visits

11 ~ New Places for New People

17 ~ FOM/LDM Meeting

17-19 ~ CCMC Retreat

12-25 Bill on Vacation

28 ~ HCI Coaches Training

March

1 ~ PLD-2

3 ~ SCI

5-6 ~ FOM Meeting

10 ~ LLD-2

10 ~ MUMMS Board Meeting

12 ~ DCMC Meeting

13-14 ~ Cabinet

15 ~ Ministry Cabinet

17 ~ Superintendency Committee Meeting

19-21 ~ Paul to Garrett Evangelical for training

24 ~ New Places for New People—Follow-up

27-28 ~ Cabinet

29 ~ PLD-2

31 ~ Laity Day with Bishop Trimble—Ames

Laity Day with Bishop Trimble

The Board of Laity is having a day with Bishop Trimble on March 31, 2012 from 9:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Ankeny UMC Family Life Center. Located at 710 NE 36th St. A light lunch will be provided. More details to follow at a later date.

Disaster Trainings are coming!

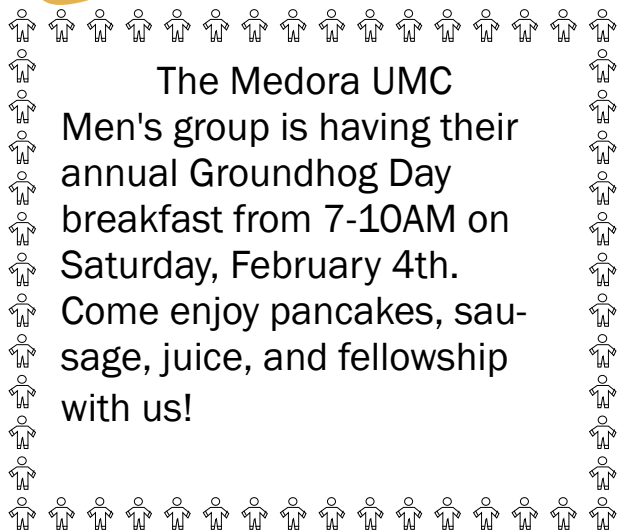
We will be having a Disaster Training School in Audubon, Iowa April 25 through April 28 and one will be in July tentatively in Iowa City. Each school will have ERT training, a Spiritual Care and Case Working component plus a Relief Component. More details will follow next week. If neither of these work for you check out the one in Minnesota in March you can go to Koinonia Retreat Center 7768 Pilger Ave NW (off Highway 55) South Haven, MN 55832 from March 14 to Mar 17.

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e5837cgb0960f24d&llr=rpqrezcab>



Groundhog Day

February 2, 2012



The Medora UMC Men's group is having their annual Groundhog Day breakfast from 7-10AM on Saturday, February 4th. Come enjoy pancakes, sausage, juice, and fellowship with us!

Please remember to keep the following people in your prayers:

All clergy and Laity on the South Central District.



REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER

Sunday, March 18th: Medora UMC will be hosting a discussion of the Bishop's 2012 Lenten Bible Study - "Welcoming the Stranger" - a study on immigration. The Iowa Methodist Federation for Social Action will lead the discussion at Medora from 2-4pm, snacks provided. The study appears in the January and February editions of the Iowa Annual Conference Reporter newspaper and can be uploaded on line at:

<http://www.iaumc.org/news/detail/1009>. Pastor Josh invites everyone for prayerful and scriptural reflection on the impact immigration has on our communities and our lives of faith. Medora is at the corner of G76 and Hwy 69.

February 2012 School Teachers for Nigeria

Jacob Tahiru, scheduled to fly back to Africa University in Zimbabwe, was caught in the recent riots and protests across Nigeria when the Abuja International Airport was closed. Two days later he was able to return back to AU for his last semester with plans to graduate in June. Jacob is the last Nigerian student being supported by the Iowa Conference.

This e-mail comes from Provost Yahuda Zailani of Banyam Theological Seminary on 1/12/12.

BTS SAY A BIG THANK YOU

We give praises to God and to the Iowa Nigeria Partnership. The entire staff and students of BTS say a big thank you.

Since we began partnership with Iowa, many lives have been touched with the numerous contributions made in areas of education.

We have received INP books, salary stipends, scholarship, building project funds, water project, just to mention a few. Thus to describe how these projects have helped Nigerians will be an understatement.

In adding to this, we are thankful for the 'NSI' which has just begun, to buttered the progress of BTS development plan. We pray that God will help us to be stewards of God's resources.

What is the NSI? Bringing Nigerian Students to Iowa's Morningside and Simpson Colleges. NSI will lift up the Iowa Nigeria Partnership to a higher educational level. One Nigerian student will attend each college starting the academic year of 2012-2013 for four years.

Each of the colleges is offering financial assistance for tuition, partial room and board so the challenge before us to raise money for their airline ticket to Iowa, costs of taking the TOEFL test in Nigeria, for an interview with the U. S. Embassy, and funds to cover the unmet costs of schooling (books, incidentals, etc.). We anticipate these to be between \$3,000 to \$5,000 per year per student.

You, as educators, know the importance education has played in your life, your career and lifestyle. To underwrite schooling for Nigerians would be a win-win situation. Your funds are tax deductible when sent through the Conference Treasurer's office designated: INP, #230, NSI.

Word from Cletus David, a June 2011 graduate from Africa University, is that he and his fiancé Glory Umoh have agreed that the traditional marriage will be done on March 24, (that is when the items for marriage will be given or the dowry paid) while the Church wedding will be 31st March, 2012. Cletus has been assigned as associate pastor of Sabon Gari UMC in Jalingo.

Women at the Well—5th Anniversary Special Offering & Art Show

Women at the Well is **your** sister congregation—an actual United Methodist congregation—based inside the walls of the women’s prison at Mitchellville. We are **the ONLY** actual United Methodist congregation based inside a prison! There are about 17 similarly situated congregations, but we are the only one in the United Methodist system. And we are celebrating our fifth anniversary! On **February 8, 2007**, Bishop Palmer **consecrated** us as a congregation. We’ve done a lot of ministry in these five years: worship, pastoral care, missions, outreach, Christian education, small groups, re-entry support and more.

To celebrate, we are inviting all Iowa United Methodists to join in a **special offering** on behalf of Women at the Well. Maybe you’ll want to do that on a Sunday morning in February. Maybe you’ll want to send a gift directly to us at Women at the Well, P.O. Box 93241, Des Moines, IA 50393. We hope you’ll seize this opportunity to join in supporting this congregation that shines the light of God’s love in this place where we might least expect to find it. More information about our ministry can be found at www.womenatthewellumc.org.

We hope you’ll also mark your calendar to stop by and view our **art show**, “Thirst,” which is comprised of art created by women inside the prison and men and women outside. The show starts this Saturday at the conference center and then will **travel** to four locations in Iowa, as outlined below, with special **receptions** at each location when Pastor Lee and others will be present to share the story of Women at the Well. All of the art has been donated and will be offered through a **silent auction**, with proceeds benefiting Women at the Well. We’re even working on making the auction accessible on-line, so that you can follow the bids as the show travels around the state. If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Pastor Lee Schott at 515/360-3977 or revlas333@gmail.com.

Art Show Schedule

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| Feb. 6-8 | Iowa United Methodist Conference Center | 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily |
| | 2301 Rittenhouse St., Des Moines | |
| Feb. 10-14 | St. Timothy’s UMC, Cedar Falls | 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. daily |
| | Reception on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2:00-3:00 p.m. | |
| Feb. 16-20 | Shueyville UMC, Shueyville | noon-4:00 p.m. daily |
| | (between Cedar Rapids & Iowa City) | |
| | Reception on Saturday, Feb. 18, 3:00-6:00 p.m. | |
| Feb. 22-26 | St. John’s UMC, Davenport | 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. daily |
| | Reception on Sunday, Feb. 26, 3:00-4:00 p.m. | |
| Feb. 29-Mar 4 | First UMC, Atlantic | |
| | Reception on Sunday, Mar. 4, 3:00-3:45 p.m. | |

Giving Word to the Quiet & Awakening the Spirit: USING WRITING FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND PRACTICE

August 20-22, 2012
(11 a.m., Monday through 11 a.m. Wednesday)

Retreat/Workshop participants will:

- enhance and deepen individual current spiritual practices;
- use writing, especially poetry as a way to focus on the sacred and the holy in the midst of the everyday-ordinary;
- hear and discuss poems that model accessible forms and techniques;
- attempt and practice those poetic forms and techniques; work in an atmosphere of quiet reflection and develop a deeper appreciation for the value of silence.
- explore one's innermost connections to the spiritual realm and its mysteries; actually express the urgings of the Spirit in their own hearts through poem-making;
- share discoveries, explorations and expressions with other participants who listen as witnesses, not as judges or evaluators.

Location: Creighton University Retreat Center, Griswold, Iowa
Lovely facilities in the quiet woods on the bluffs overlooking the Nishnabotna River.

FACILITATOR - POETS

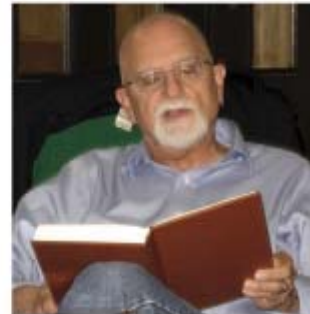


Rev. Dwight F. Grosvenor

Ordained UMC Elder, published poet, experienced retreat/workshop leader/facilitator, daily devotional e-mail publisher.

Wayne A. Gilbert aka magmapoet

College professor in English, published poet, experienced retreat/workshop leader/facilitator, veteran performer, university lecturer on learning theory and adult learning and development.



Cost per poet-participant:

\$250 (includes two nights, 9 meals & workshop materials)

\$75.00 non-refundable deposit due by July 1.

Full amount due at the Retreat/Workshop, August 20.

Send checks to Rev. Dwight Grosvenor.

Approved for 2 CEU's by the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church
Two (2) CEU Credits Available for Iowa United Methodist Clergy:
- Apply for CEU credit by August 1.
- Contact either facilitator for further information.



Address Queries to either Facilitator:

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