

**Northwest
District
Iowa Annual
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United Methodist
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Letters from the Lakeshore



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Small Group Leaders Training

Saturday, July 10

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

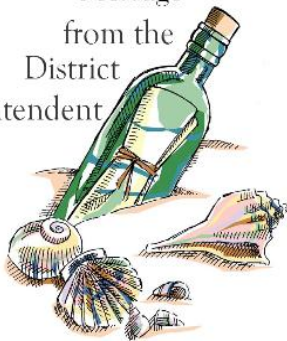
District Office (404 E 7th, Ste 2, Storm Lake)

This training will focus on Early Methodism's Small Group and Covenant Discipleship and is for laity who are interested in starting and leading small groups. Bernie Colorado will be leading the class. To register, please send an email to Judi at the District Office. Please register by Tuesday, July 1. Registration is limited to 20 people.

Small-
Group
Leader
Training



Message
from the
District
Superintendent



Northwest District Vision and Goals

We reported to the Iowa Annual Conference our visions and goals in the Northwest District. I'd like to print them in this month's newsletter to serve as reminder for we are all in this together.

"The Iowa Annual Conference will become even stronger and the home of growing churches and committed servant leaders so that even more will know of the love of God through Jesus Christ and called into discipleship.

Recognizing that small groups are the home of discipleship and leadership development, the Northwest District has committed to grow this ministry in each and every local church. Through training and encouragement of small group ministries in every congregation, we hope to have a presence throughout all of Northwest Iowa.

- We will continue to gather Confirmants together to study "Three Simple Rules" and covenant to be faithful disciples and responsible members of the United Methodist Church.
- We will continue to promote small group ministry in the local churches and organize small groups in all populated places.
- We will continue to recruit and train Certified Lay Ministers, Certified Lay Speakers, and Small Group Leaders.
- We will continue to strengthen lay leadership through the help of the District Board of the Laity.

Message from the DS

- We will continue to encourage churches to come together and collaborate in reaching out to the community.
- We will strengthen the youth ministry.
- We will support the Sioux Center new church start and explore other new church starts.
- We will also begin to be more intentional in the church's mission to care for God's creation and promote justice and quality of life.

Because of the vast geography of the Northwest District, we are seeking ways to work together in the most effective way. To this end, we are exploring ways to coordinate smaller groupings. The newly established Board of Laity is an important partner in this work. Additionally, we hope to partner even more closely with those great resources in our midst: School for Lay Ministry at Morningside, Morningside College, Camp Okoboji, as well as the great variety of institutions and ministries that reside in our district.”

My prayer is that we continue to be on fire for the Lord. There are lots to do.

Living the United Methodist way,

Rev. Bernie Colorado



Our District Superintendent, Bernie Colorado will be on Continuing Education and Spiritual Growth Leave from July 12 to August 20.

The District Office will be open. Please contact the District Office and Judi will direct your calls to the proper person.



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Northwest District Lay Leader Rally

Sunday, September 26
Cherokee, St Paul's UMC
3:00 PM

Plans have been finalized for the first Northwest District Lay Leader Rally. The rally will be held Sunday afternoon, September 26, 2010, at Cherokee, St. Paul's United Methodist Church. We will begin at 3:00 pm and end following the 5:00 pm supper together.

Included in the activities for the gathering are:

- Praise and Worship led by Morningside College students
- A "get-up" and "get-acquainted" time
- A skit, written by Dave Decker (the North Central District Lay Leader), and "performed" by lay persons of the Northwest District. The skit and Dave will introduce the RETHINK CHURCH program: a new campaign that seeks to redefine the church experience beyond the church doors.
- Ending with a light supper meal (cost: a donation of \$3.50 per person)

Spouses of Lay Leaders are invited and are welcome to attend.

***Pastors: Please get this information to your local lay leader(s). A letter and reservation form will be forthcoming to each of them in early August.

Any QUESTIONS? Call, e-mail, or write:

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The Planning Committee: Kim Dewey, Brad McDowell, Marilyn Brubaker

District Picnic For Clergy and Families

Saturday August 21st

Lake Okoboji UM Camp and Retreat Center

10:30 am to 1:30 pm (we will eat around noon)





Meat and drinks will be furnished, please bring a dish to share



Schedule of Events




- If you have any articles for the district newsletter, please send them to Judi.Calhoon@iaumc.org by the 20th of the month.
- July 4, 2010– Office closed
- August 21, 2010– District Picnic at Okoboji Camp
- August 24, 2010– Orientation for pastors in new appointments
- September 16, 2010– District UMW Meeting
- September 25, 2010- DCMC Planning Retreat
- October 29-30 Lay Speaker Training at Alta, more info in the next newsletter
- December 11, 2010- District Christmas Party
- May 1, 2011 Northwest District Conference—Mark your calendars now!!

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 	5 Office Closed	6 Cabinet	7	8 Ministry Cabinet	9 	
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Judi- vacation						



August 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21 District Picnic
22	23	24 Orientation	25	26 Supt. Comm.	27	28
29	30	31				

Bernie's Calendar

July

- 4 Preach at Everly and Royal
- 6-7 Cabinet meeting
- 8 Ministry Cabinet
- 10 Small Group Leaders Training, District Office
- 11 Worship at Lester, Seeds of Faith and Charge Conference
- July 12-August 20
Spiritual Growth Leave

August

- 21 District Picnic at Camp Okoboji
- 24 Orientation for pastors new to the NW District
- 26 Superintendency Committee
- 29 155th Anniversary Celebration at Onawa UMC



Birthdays &
Anniversaries
This Month!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

July

- 5 Brian Ashley
- 8 Joel & Angela Gafford Asmus
- 9 Jim Perdue
- 11 Bernard Lewiston
- 13 Henry Huddleston
- 17 Lucille Hansen
- 17 Jerry & Barbara Oakland
- 18 Roger & Amy Madden
- 21 Joy Washington
- 23 Julie McCullough
- 26 Jennifer Hesebeck
- 30 Luann Bengé
- 17 Heather Monthei
- 30 Karl & Jo Watkins

August

- 5 Lee Williamson
- 7 Tom Connors
- 7 Chad & Joy Lierman
- 9 Clint Fraley
- 10 Evelyn & Bernard Lewiston
- 10 SuzAnn Shaffer
- 11 Jennifer & Treven Hesebeck
- 11 Lon Lewis
- 12 Chuck & Holly Kellogg
- 15 Doris & Marvin Lindley
- 15 Amy Madden
- 19 Nancy Lewis
- 19 Lyndon Roesler
- 19 Tim & Nancy Walker
- 23 Steve Pohlman
- 24 Lola Rosenberger
- 25 Nea & Randy Huggins
- 26 Thorne & Linda Wittstruck
- 28 Gary & Connie McDonough
- 28 Jerry & Amy Miller
- 30 Lisa Swenson
- 31 Anita & Bruce Bane
- 31 Lyndon & Tonia Roesler



Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Paul and Lucille Hansen who were injured in a car accident. Paul is a retired clergy.

Please keep the following pastors and their families in your prayers as they prepare for changes in appointments. Also pray for the churches as they prepare for new pastors.

Clarence DeBoef who has been appointed to Hope UMC. Clare has been serving at Perry, First-Rippey-Fairview in the Central District.

Dwight Grosvenor who has been appointed to Griswold in the Southwest District. Dwight has been serving at Hope UMC.

Doug Harding who has been appointed at Keosauqua-Center Chapel-Milton in the Southeast District. Doug has been serving at Sibley-Ocheyedan.

Kathy Kluis who has been appointed to Fort Dodge, Epworth in the North Central District. Kathy has been serving in Dakotas.

Kwang-Seok Song who has been appointed to Sutherland-Larrabee. Kwang-Seok has been serving at Iowa City, Korean in the East Central District.

Ben Wilson who has been appointed to Anthon-Rock Branch. Ben has been serving at Three River Parish in the East Central District and Deep River in the Central District.

Please forward all prayer requests to Judi at the District Office. If you would like the prayer request to go out on the District email list, please indicate that.

Congratulations!!!

The School for Lay Ministry Commission and Board of Laity are pleased to announce that Dean Gabhart of Sioux Center IA and 2009 graduate of the School for Lay Ministry at Morningside is now the Dean at the Morningside Campus in Sioux City IA. Dean can be reached at gabhart5@mtcnet.net. If you have any questions about the School for Lay Ministry, please contact Dean.

2010 Apportionment Update

The United Methodist Church as a connectional or global church is able to carry out its world-wide mission through connectional giving or apportionment. Methodism spread in the United States and all over the world because of connectional giving of the people called Methodists (or United Methodists since 1968). To be current a church needs to have paid 42%

AKRON, WESLEY	25%	MILFORD, UNION MEMORIAL	6%
ALTA	33%	MOVILLE	42%
SCHALLER	16%	NEMAHA	42%
ANTHON	16%	ODEBOLT	42%
ROCK BRANCH	50%	ONAWA	23%
ARCHER	0%	TURIN	38%
ARMSTRONG	0%	PETERSON	25%
ARNOLDS PARK	22%	PIERSON	22%
AURELIA, FIRST	42%	MEADOW STAR	23%
CHEROKEE, ST. PAUL'S	42%	PRIMGHAR	17%
CORRECTIONVILLE	42%	QUIMBY	0%
CUSHING, FIRST	42%	WASHTA	5%
DANBURY	33%	ROCK RAPIDS	42%
DOLLIVER	50%	ROCK VALLEY, PIONEER	8%
DOON, FIRST	100%	ROLFE	0%
EARLY	100%	RUTHVEN	42%
EMMETSBURG	13%	AYRSHIRE	0%
ESTHERVILLE	17%	SAC CITY	17%
EVERLY	42%	SANBORN, ST. ANDREW'S	17%
ROYAL	42%	SERGEANT BLUFF	33%
EXCELSIOR	10%	SHELDON	33%
FOSTORIA	0%	SIBLEY	0%
GALVA, FIRST	0%	OCHEYEDAN	17%
SILVER CREEK	33%	SC, CHURCH ALL NATIONS	0%
GRAETTINGER	11%	SIOUX CITY, CRESCENT PARK	40%
TERRIL	42%	SIOUX CITY, FIRST	25%
HARRIS	21%	SIOUX CITY, GRACE	22%
LAKE PARK	42%	SIOUX CITY, RIVERSIDE	0%
HARTLEY	14%	SIOUX CITY, RUSTIN AVENUE	4%
HAWARDEN	33%	SIOUX CITY, ST. JAMES	42%
IRETON	11%	SIOUX CITY, TRIMBLE	42%
HINTON	5%	SIOUX CITY, WESLEY	33%
MERRILL, MELBOURNE	42%	SIOUX CITY, WHITFIELD	70%
HOLSTEIN	42%	SIOUX RAPIDS	0%
HOPE PARISH	21%	REMBRANDT	0%
HORNICK	28%	SMITHLAND	30%
SALIX	0%	SPENCER, GRACE	33%
HUNTINGTON	0%	SPIRIT LAKE	0%
IDA GROVE, FIRST	42%	STORM LAKE	9%
ARTHUR	42%	SUTHERLAND	19%
KINGSLEY	25%	LARRABEE	42%
LAKES	0%	VARINA	42%
LANGDON	33%	WEBB	10%
SPENCER, ZION	25%	GILLETT GROVE	25%
LAURENS	42%	DICKENS	42%
LE MARS	35%	WEST BEND	42%
SENEY	42%	MALLARD	33%
LESTER, SEEDS OF FAITH	33%		
MAPLETON, ST. JOHN'S	40%		
TICONIC	42%		
MARATHON	0%		
NEWELL	16%		
MARCUS, GRACE	21%		
MELVIN	17%		
MERRILL, FIRST	42%		
ADAVILLE, FIRST	42%		

District Total Paid as of May 31, 2010

26%



Northwest District Asking

At the 2009 District Conference, it was voted that the 2010 Northwest District Asking would be \$1.50 per member. The proceeds would be divided between New Church Start (60%), Shesler Hall (10%), Iowa Nigeria Partnership (10%), Hispanic Ministries (10%), and Justice for our Neighbors (10%).

As of May 31, 2010 the following churches have contributed to the 2010 District Asking for a total of \$5433. This is 15% of the amount to be given for the year.

Cherokee, St Paul's	42%
Danbury	100%
Dolliver	100%
Early	100%
Emmetsburg	13%
Gillett Grove	100%
Hartley	100%
Holstein	100%
Hope	100%
Hornick	28%
Ida Grove	50%
Lake Park	100%
Laurens	42%
LeMars	29%
Merrill, First	42%
Merrill, Melbourne	100%
Nemaha	100%
Primghar	8%
Rock Branch	100%
Royal	100%
Seney	100%
Sioux City, Crescent Park	100%
Sioux City, Whitfield	100%
Spencer, Zion	26%
Ticonic	100%

Thank you for your support of these important ministries. If you have any questions or would like to know more about these ministries, please contact the District Office.

Do you have???

Most of you who have visited the District Office have noticed our collection of plates hanging on the wall. We have collected these from churches in the District. If you have an extra plate somewhere and would like to share it with the District Office, please let Judi know. Not sure if your plate is hanging on the wall? Stop by for a visit and we will gladly help you find your church!

Ministry for the Visually Challenged

Dear Pastors, Church Members, and Friends of the Northwest District,

My name is Julie McCullough, and I currently serve the Webb, Gillett Grove, and Dickens Charge. Beginning in July, I will be serving Gillett Grove and Dickens, and I will be taking on an exciting new position, serving those who are blind and visually challenged within our District. I would like to invite and encourage clergy to get permission to share the names and addresses of anyone in your congregations who is facing a visual challenge. They may have been blind or partially sighted for all or most of their lives, or they may have had vision loss, due to Diabetes, Glaucoma, or Macular Degeneration. They may still be regularly worshiping in your churches, they may be at home, feeling they can no longer be included as they once were, or they may be in nursing homes. Throughout the year, I will talk about what churches can do to be more inclusive of their people with vision loss, explore how loss of vision may impact a person's Spiritual life, especially if a person can no longer read a Bible or a daily devotional for themselves, and I will try to gather people together for worship and sharing a couple of times during the year.

Please contact me if someone in your congregation could benefit from this kind of support and ministry. My mailing address is P.O. Box 76 Webb, IA 51366. My e-mail is j.mccullough@webbwireless.net. My home phone is 712 838-7738, and my cell phone is 319 361-0989. No text messages on my cell phone, please. Voice messages are fine. Thank you, and I look forward to working with you in this special ministry.

Grace and peace,

Julie

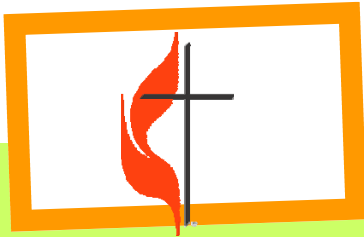


Clergy Benefits Academy

October 4-6

West Des Moines Marriott

For more information and registration go to: www.gbophb.org and click on "Events & Education"



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Stouffer Trust Grants

- The Board of the Elsie Stouffer Trust met via conference call and choose the recipients of this year's grants to churches to use for worthwhile youth programs. This year, the Trust had \$8000 to distribute. Congratulations to the following for being awarded grants.
- Hawarden UMC for Crosswalk (teen center) programming
- Dickinson County Ministry Action Team for regional outreach event
- District Office for youth rallies
- Estherville UMC for puppets
- Sioux City, First UMC for VBS for Hispanic community
- Sioux City, Trimble UMC for After School Program
- Varina UMC for Community VBS
- West Bend-Mallard UMC for Sidewalk Sunday School
- Fostoria UMC for Sunday School.

Welcome Okoboji Campers!

The 2010 camping season is in full swing at Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp! Children, youth and families from all across the mid-west are attending camping events RIGHT NOW! Got the afternoon off...want to sing around the campfire...want to spend the afternoon soaking in beautiful West Lake Okoboji...JUST STOP BY! We'd love to see you!

CAMP SIGN-UPS – There is still plenty of time to sign up for a camping experience at Okoboji.

Families can register for events UP UNTIL THE DAY THE EVENT STARTS! There are camping events for ALL AGES EVERY WEEK of the summer in 2010! No children at home...how about a grandchild, co-worker's children, neighbors? Contact your local church, call TOLL FREE 1-866-856-9862 or email info@okobojicamp.com for information or to request a free camping catalog and brochure.

CAMPING DISCOUNTS – Family discount - Receive an extra \$25.00 discount for each additional family member who comes to camp in 2009. Any camping event they choose!



Bring a Friend - For each new camper* you bring, we'll discount the cost of your event fee by \$25.00**. Your friends have fun with you at camp, you save a little money, and everybody WINS! It's our way of thanking you for helping us make camp even better!

* New campers are defined as not having been to any Iowa UM Camps in the past 3 years.

** Discounts cannot exceed the cost of your event registration fees.

CAMPERSHIPS – Need help paying for your camp experience? LET SOMEONE KNOW! No one has ever been turned away because they couldn't afford to pay. Pastors and church staff – do you need a copy of the campership form? Just let us know and we'll email you a copy!

THANK YOU – For making sure the children, youth and families at your churches know about camping opportunities. We couldn't do it without you!

Camping events provide children, youth, young adults and families with an opportunity to learn, play, experience God's

love in the outdoors, grow in faith in a safe atmosphere, and to reach their personal best! The activities and opportunities that campers experience at camp will stick with them for the rest of their lives! Camp provides the acceptance and support of a Christian community and positive relationships with adult leaders who truly care about children and making disciples for Jesus. At Okoboji, Jesus Christ is shared in song, word, worship and example as campers live out their faith together in community. Okoboji provides an unforgettable summer experience, where campers can discover and explore exciting activities in a carefully supervised, Christian environment. Lives are changed forever!

“Camp gives kids a world of good!”

See you soon at camp!

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