



Monday Musings

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Southeast District

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Greetings,

St. Paul's Hispanic Worship Center, Muscatine

A Ministry Supported by Southeast District Askings

Worship is at the center of the hospitality ministries of Fellowship United Methodist Church in Muscatine. The St. Paul's Hispanic worship service is one of five offered at three sites by the congregation. Worship at San Pablo is in both Spanish and English. Approximately 17% of households in Muscatine speak Spanish as their primary language.



In 2006 San Pablo moved from their previous church building to Musserville, a facility that is less than twenty years old and is completely accessible. The building is in the heart of Muscatine's Spanish-speaking neighborhood. Several Latino community leaders worship at San Pablo. Their witness offers an opportunity for the church to make a difference in meeting both the spiritual and social needs of the Latino community in Muscatine.

Under the leadership of Edgar Solis, associate pastor for Hispanic ministry, the congregation has supported outreach to others in the region, including a new congregation, San Marcos, in Iowa City. Pastor Solis, a native of Mexico, serves with the Rev. James Turner, a bilingual pastor who has served in the Iowa Conference for many years and has been a strong advocate for new Latino ministries across the Iowa Conference. For more information contact the pastors by telephone at 563.263.1661, where the Fellowship UMC office is located.

District Askings provide a way for local churches in the Southeast District to support special ministries we share in common. All together our District Askings amount to a mission contribution of \$2.40 per member. For more information read our district stewardship newsletter, *Thanks to You*. Visit

http://www.iaumc.org/console/files/oNewsletter_Archive_HP9B4E/August_2011_G6TFDXAD.pdf to read our most recent issue. Thank you for your ongoing support through your local church.

Grace and peace,

Phil Carver

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Field Outreach Minister

Upcoming Events

November 10, 2011 – A Day Apart for Clergy – We are hosting another A Day Apart and hope that all our SE District Clergy will come for this time apart for fellowship. It will be at Columbus Junction UMC and will be from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM with registration starting at 9:30 AM This is a great opportunity to get away from your busy schedule, gather with friends and meet new clergy on the district. Sometimes it is a retreat, and others are a time for learning about topics of interest to you. We hope you can come. You'll be glad you did.

December 4, 2011 – Iowa Wesleyan Days -- Help celebrate the College – Church connection on Iowa Wesleyan College on Sunday, December 4, 2011, which will be IWC Sunday. Churches throughout southeast Iowa are invited to celebrate and share the long heritage and important future of Iowa Wesleyan College with the United Methodist Church. Iowa Wesleyan staff and alumni are available to give a brief (5 minute) presentation during church services on December 4. If you are interested in having a representative of Iowa Wesleyan College share in your church service(s) that day, please contact Dawn Dunnegan in the Institutional Relations office at Iowa Wesleyan College at dawn.dunnegan@iwc.edu or by calling 319-385-6238.

2012 Events

January 16, 2012 – District Clergy Holiday Party –Mark your calendar. You will not want to miss it. It will start at 6:00 PM and will be held at the Social Hall, Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant, IA. The entertainment will be the Southeast Iowa Players. For more information, contact Jean Carpenter in the Southeast District Office.

January 30, 2012 – Orders of Elders, Deacons, Fellowship of Associate Members, Local Pastors and Diaconal Ministers –First UMC in Marshalltown.

February 26, 2012 – New Places for New People. The Conference Leadership Development Team is planning this event which will be held at First UMC in Fairfield. It will be from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM. We will give you more details as we receive them.

April 22, 2012 – SE District Conference – Wapello UMC. More details later.

Announcements

Garrison Doles will be on our district in December. He would be available to share his music ministry in your church on Friday evening, December 2 or on Sunday, December 4 in the late afternoon or evening. If you are interested in having him come to your church, please contact him directly at his website, songchapel.com or call him at 407-625-9219.

Kingston UMC has a mission project they thought might be of interest to you. Every Friday, they bake cakes and banana bread in canning jars and send to military overseas. We have both recipes in the district office. If you are interested, please contact Jean Carpenter.

Joys and Concerns

Celebration for our Ingathering event on Saturday, November 5. Turnout was excellent. Thank you to all the churches in our district who contributed to its success.

If you have any joys or concerns you'd like to submit for the next Monday Musings, please contact Jean Carpenter at the SE District Office. You can reach her at 319-986-2095 or jean.carpenter@iaumc.org.