

June 1, 2009



IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE—SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

Sharing The Mission

“Making Disciples...Developing
Leaders...Transforming The World”

From The District Superintendent

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Annual Conference is fast approaching, when we Iowa United Methodists will gather in the Hilton Coliseum in Ames to conduct the business of The Iowa United Methodist Church. Our theme this year is “Radical Hospitality: Receiving God’s Grace”. My interpretation of this theme is that in order to demonstrate hospitality toward others that is truly radical, we must have received God’s grace ourselves. Are you approaching Annual Conference expecting an experience of God’s Grace? Prayer is perhaps the most important preparation for Annual Conference. Even if you are not attending this year, please keep the conference in your prayers.



A Prayer for Annual Conference

Jesus, ruler of the world, head of the church, friend of the poor and forgotten, remember your church as we gather for our 2009 Iowa Annual Conference.

We gather because you have called us and given us your work to do in the world. Discipleship was not our idea, it was yours. We can not follow you without your leading and constant presence. Work with us, Lord! Don’t give up on us yet! Raise us from the dead! Revive us again! Set us on fire for your gospel of compassion until the world is purified and the darkness is no more.

Above all, we pray, as we gather in Ames, make our meeting more than just “business as usual”. Bring us together, not only with one another, but also with you. Change our work into Holy Worship where you are glorified in all that we do and say. Help us to embrace one another in your love, even when we disagree.

Lord, we confess that left to our own devices, we can make the church terribly boring. Don’t abandon us to our own devices. Not now, not yet. Remain with us, even at a church meeting!

Jesus only you can lead us from where we are to where you would have us go. Only you can take us fearful coward out of our buildings into the city streets and rural villages; the places struggling with crime and violence, the neighborhoods struggling to recover from natural disasters and economic desolation. Only you can empower us with a message of hope and a promise of new life.

Give us grace to repent of our infidelity—our losses in membership, our declines in giving and neglect of the tithe, our lackluster worship, our meager self-serving mission, our boring sermons and our disregard for the poor. Free us from a focus on our failures and defeats so that we may dare to go where you lead us. Speak to us words that we could never say to ourselves so that we will be inspired to go places we would never have chosen. Challenge us to do things that no human organization governed by “Robert’s Rules” would ever do by itself. In short, make us your Body, your presence with hands and feet set out to ease the pain and abolish the fear of this terribly hurting world.

And on Sunday, when the gavel comes down and our new Bishop adjourns the meeting, after the last song is sung, the last motion made and we return to our homes, may someone say with delight and even a bit of trepidation. “Hilton Coliseum became Holy Ground this year. I thought I was just going to another meeting. We have been to the mountaintop! God has been glorified!”

We believe, with all our hearts, that you can work even this miracle in our midst.

Amen.

Brian

“The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.”

-The Book of Discipline 2008 ¶601

Annual Conference News Briefs



- **The Hope for Africa Children's Choir** will bring its international music ministry to the 2009 Annual Conference Session, singing during the opening worship celebration on Thursday, June 4. The Choir's presence is part of a multi-annual conference tour. The Children's choir will be in Iowa from May 20 until June 7, singing 14 times during worship services and concerts (a complete schedule can be found at www.iaumc.org).
- The **location for the Laity Session** scheduled for Thursday, June 4, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. has been changed. Originally, it was to be held at Scheman in Benton Auditorium. However, due to the number of people responding that they will be attending the laity session, we have exceeded the seating capacity at Benton Auditorium. The Laity Session will be held at HILTON COLISEUM. The date and time will remain the same!
- There will be **open seating** on Thursday, June 4 for the **Opening Worship**. Seating charts will be available after the service at all exits. If you do not find your name, it is because your registration was not received by the deadline. If this is the case, upon your arrival on Friday, you will need to go to the registration area to fill out a registration form.
- **REGISTRATION DESK SCHEDULE:** The Registration Desk will ONLY be open during the times listed.
 - Thursday, June 4:** 11:00 am—1:00 pm, 5:00 pm—7:00 pm
 - Friday, June 5:** 7:00 am—1:00 pm, 2:30 pm—7:30 pm
 - Saturday, June 6:** 7:30 am—1:00 pm, 2:30 pm—7:30 pm
 - Sunday, June 7:** 7:30 am—10:30 am
- **CLERGY PHOTOS**—The following are the days and times the photographers will be available during Annual Conference at Scheman. You will need to have your "sit" card filled out prior to having your photo taken. Scheman will have the room numbers posted for your convenience. **Thursday, June 4:** 11:00 am—6:30 pm, **Friday, June 5:** 9:00 am—7:00 pm, **Saturday, June 6:** 9:00 am—3:00 pm.
- **FILL THE TRUCK!** Iowa UMC's are headed to UMCOR, Sager Brown Depot, PO Box 850, 131 Sager Brown Road, Baldwin, LA 70514-0850. For kit/bulk items information, Call 1-800-814-8765 or go to: <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor>. Volunteers are needed during truck loading hours. If interested, e-mail revjeffreyandmillie@me.com.

Ed Kail (Field Outreach Minister)



39,000

On Mother's Day, May 10th, I attended worship at one of our churches. During the prayer request portion of the service, someone mentioned that on that day, 39,000 children in the world would die of poverty-related conditions: malnutrition, lack of clean water, preventable diseases, etc. 3,000 of them under age 5. These are among the "absolute poor" of the world, who subsist on incomes of less than \$2.00 per day. How many mothers are left in grief



each day? What human potential is lost to the world each day?

What do you believe that GOD thinks about this? I think God weeps—and wonders when the people of God are going to interrupt this suffering.

I recently heard that the Polk City UMC decided to get a visible, tangible sense of what 39,000 of something is.



They set about to collect 39,000 items of food to donate to their local food pantry. It took several weeks, it filled up their building; it was an impressive amount of food—each item representing a life lost in one day.

We were told that this awareness is changing the hearts and behaviors of United Methodists and others in Polk City.

What would happen if each church in the SW District decided to do something to change that number?

Suppose we each found a way to make it only 38,999, beginning with the easy stuff: sending a check to a UM relief mission somewhere in the world?



We could move toward the harder stuff: committing ourselves to enhancing the life of some "at-risk" child in our own community. I am confident that UM's in southwest Iowa could figure something out.

The issue is: do you care? Do you care what God thinks? Do you care about the innocent lives lost? Do you care enough to act differently than yesterday, when 39,000 children died?

If you need ideas or suggestions, let me know—I'm FULL of them!

Your FOM,

Ed Kail

Field Outreach Minister

Matthew 25 Grants—Do You Have A Project?



Are you working with the poor, the hungry, the disadvantaged, the oppressed, the lonely and forgotten, the vulnerable? If so, your ministry project could qualify for financial

support through the Matthew 25 Grant program. Applications are available through the district office, or on the district webpage of the iaumc.org website. If you have any questions about the program, contact Shari Stucker, chair of the District Grants Team, at stuckers@hotmail.com, or Ed

Kail, Field Outreach Minister at ed.kail@iaumc.org. Matthew 25 Grant Applications are DUE in District Office **June 30, 2009**.



Next Step Conference

Dear Colleague,

Our church people are inviting your church people to join us for a Conference on October 23-24.

We are calling it the “Next Step Conference” because we will be sharing some approaches to ministry which have worked for us and which might provide some helpful ideas as you consider future steps in ministry at your own church. These ideas range from multi-site ministry to puppet ministry. They include sports evangelism, children’s ministry, mission partnerships, and vitalizing your church organizational structure by moving from committees to ministry teams.

Dr. Doug Anderson, Executive Director of the Bishop Rueben Job Center for Leadership Development, will provide the keynote address on Friday evening and will offer a workshop the next day focused on the needs of smaller membership churches. Friday’s bar-b-que dinner will be held in the new facility we have constructed to house sports, recreation, and fitness ministries. Tours will be offered.

We believe the Next Step Conference will help any church, regardless of size, generate ideas to enhance their ministry—and we would be honored if your church would join us in October!



For a preliminary agenda and workshop list please follow the link on our website:

<http://www.ankenfumc.org/content.cfm?id=2203>

Blessings...

Bob & Martha Ward, Lead Co-Pastors
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Southwest District Missions



Do you pay attention to signs of God’s grace and love? Rainbows are a natural phenomenon. Light is composed of a series of colors; red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. Each color helps form a “rainbow”. Rainbows are usually seen after a rain shower or thunderstorm, where sunlight refracts through raindrops, leaving the skyline awash with color and brilliance. Don’t be immune to the many signs

of God’s love, concern and unfailing promises. Why do we take so many things for granted? Genesis 9 contains a very specific sign, God set a rainbow in the clouds as a sign of God’s covenant promise to never flood the whole earth with water. It was made to Noah and all his descendants. It is a thing of beauty, it is light, God’s light descending into a world that is lost in the darkness of sin. It is a covenant of brilliant color that shines forth from the clouds of our storm-tossed lives and reminds us to trust in God’s promises, even in the aftermath of life’s thunderstorms. Where

are all of you in your covenant making and keeping with God?? Remember to support your churches’ mission projects and try to faithfully get your “rainbow” completed for 2009. Promote the special offerings of the UMC. I thank all of you who completed the Rainbow report this past year and I sincerely hope you are well on your way to a wonderful year of rainbows, blessings and mission work in your church.

Leann Baker
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2009 Apportionments Paid (As of May 26, 2009)

Adair—42%	Coon Rapids—0%	Griswold—8%	Magnolia—33%	Little Sioux—0%	Woodbine—8%
Casey—33%	Corning—35%	Guthrie Center—33%	Macedonia—100%	Hawthorne—0%	
Anita—3%	C.B.(Broadway)-42%	Bowman Chapel—33%	Henderson—0%	Stratton—0%	
Wiota—42%	C.B.(Epworth)-2%	Hamburg—0%	Malvern—33%	Hastings—0%	
Atlantic—33%	C.B.(Fifth Ave.)-41%	Hancock—33%	Strahan—45%	Red Oak—10%	
Audubon—19%	C.B.(Hazel Dell)-0%	Silver Creek—25%	Manilla—8%	Ross, Calvary-19%	
Bedford—46%	C.B.(Salem)-12%	Harlan—40%	Manning—32%	Gray—25%	
Brooks—33%	C.B.(St.Mark's)-42%	Monroe Chapel-32%	Maple Grove—25%	Shelby—33%	
Carbon—42%	C.B.(Trinity)-35%	Bagley—33%	Marne—42%	Persia—33%	
Carl—42%	Cumberland—33%	Yale—42%	Buck Creek—9%	Shenandoah—10%	
Carroll—33%	Pine Grove-25%	Linden—42%	Massena—25%	Sidney—33%	
Carson—42%	Denison—8%	Dawson—42%	Bridgewater—42%	Thurman—0%	
Mt. Hope—33%	Dunlap—42%	Cooper—42%	Avondale—47%	Riverton—33%	
Carter Lake—33%	Dow City—33%	Bayard—50%	Missouri Valley-13%	Silver City—25%	
Charter Oak—0%	Elliott—42%	Irwin—9%	Modale—0%	Pacific Junction—25%	
Clarinda—33%	Emerson—8%	Kirkman—17%	New Market—6%	Hillsdale—19%	
Coin—4%	Wesley Chapel-33%	Defiance, Salem-25%	Noble—33%	Stuart/Mt. Vernon—76%	
Norwich—17%	Farragut—33%	Lenox—5%	Grant—25%	Menlo—51%	
Braddyville—42%	Summit—42%	Clearfield—0%	Oakland—0%	Jefferson Center—50%	
Shambaugh—37%	Fontanelle—42%	Mercer Center-100%	Orient—33%	Tabor—23%	
Northboro—33%	Glenwood Grace—0%	Sharpsburg—42%	Panora—17%	Randolph—0%	
Blanchard—33%	Glidden—4%	Lewis—10%	Pisgah—33%	Villisca—42%	
Locust Grove-33%	Greenfield—32%	Logan—33%	Mondamin—42%	Nodaway—0%	

Welcome Okoboji Campers!



The 2009 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 2009! 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 **Okoboji.camp@iaumc.org** 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 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!

Keith Shew
Director
Okoboji United Methodist Camp & Retreat Center
21413 154th Street Place
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Toll free: 866-856-9862
24 hr. Fax: 712-336-1822

Disaster Recovery is Still Going On!!

State disaster recovery officials declared in



March that it is unreasonable to think that Iowa can completely recover from the damage of the floods and storms of 2008 in just one year. Some disaster victims are just now getting started on the road to recovery. Your church's volunteer efforts during 2009 could make a world of difference for someone in the flood/disaster zone.

Rev. Melisa Bracht-Wagner, coordinator of VIM work teams in the Linn County area, reported what is involved in restoring a family's home after a flood. She noted that each house is unique, requiring special attention and creative carpentry, but there is a definite order to the rebuild process. She outlined 14 steps, involving recovery administrators, workers, and volunteer specialists and workers, in moving from referral to final "house blessing". It takes roughly 3 months to rebuild a home, start to finish.

The average home requires 2,000 volunteer hours and countless amounts of love, tears, patience, encouragement and prayers. **You can see that there is something you can do to help—volunteer your time, your energy, your skills; make it possible for someone else to do it; or use your imagination, creativity and energy to raise funds to send for recovery work through your church!**

TEAM WORKERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR JUNE!

Southwest District Lay Speaking Ministries

After a number of calls from folks who had conflicts with the May date for Lay Speaker Training (Women of Faith, District conference, weddings, farming, etc.), we have elected to postpone the May Lay Speaking class to July. We have also included the projected calendar through 2010, so that you can begin to plan accordingly. Sites and course for those trainings will be announced by July 1, 2009.



NEXT TRAINING EVENT: July 24-25, 2009 (at Harlan—First UMC)

Advanced Course 1: **THEME: PASSIONATE WORSHIP**—Advanced Preaching (*Lay Speakers Preach*—Dave Swinton, Instructor)

Advanced Course 2: **THEME: Radical Hospitality**—Pursuing the Full Kingdom Potential of Your Congregation—(*Lay Speakers Lead in Evangelism*—Lanette Plambeck, Instructor)

Dates Announced for Upcoming Classes

October 23-24, 2009 (south quadrant) - Two Advanced Courses

March 26-27, 2010 (at Atlantic—First UMC) - Basic Course & Advanced Course

July 23-24, 2010 (east quadrant) - Two Advanced Courses

October 22-23, 2010 (west quadrant) - Two Advanced Courses

It is the intent of the Lay Speaking Team to offer classes throughout this quadrennium the fourth weekends of March, July, and October. Each year, a Basic Course will be offered at one of the sites. At the most recent training, there were 15 participants in the Advanced Course and 3 participants in the Basic Course. Then next Basic Course will be offered in March, 2010. For those interested in becoming a Certified Lay Speaker and who have not yet taken a Basic Course, they may take their Advanced Course (other than preaching) prior to the Basic, but will not receive certification until after the Basic Course is taken. All Certified Lay Speakers must take an Advanced Course every three years. If you have questions, please contact Lanette at 712-655-3928 or lanette@mmctsu.com.

Help Wanted!

Medical /lab technicians, Paramedics, Nurses, Respiratory therapists, or Doctors Needed to assist with Blood Pressures during Wellness Screening at Annual Conference 5:30 am until 8:00 am on Friday and Saturday.

Contact Kae Trittle, RN at: bktrittle@msn.com or call 515-226-8760.

Thank You!

2009-2010 Appointments - SW District

- Kenneth Baughman—Retirement
- Don Burket—Bedford UMC
- Janice Carlton—Council Bluffs (Salem) - Associate
- Gary DeGeest—Retirement
- Clara Dvorak—Menlo UMC
- Robert Dvorak—Stuart/Mt. Vernon—Menlo
- Lilian Gallo-Seagren—Waterloo, Kimball Avenue
- Chad Jennings—Marion, Christ Community
- Gerry Kahler—Kalona
- Annette Kruse—Guthrie Center—Bowman Chapel
- Angela Loomis—Manilla & Manning
- Lanette Pollock-Plambeck—Atlantic, First
- Timothy Rieckhoff-Faris—Garner
- Jerry Robertson—Clearfield-Lenox-Mercer Center-Sharpsburg
- Jessica Rockhold—Glidden & Carroll (Assoc.)
- Thelma Subramanian—Hamburg

Hurricane Recovery Work Trip

For many, in 2008, Gustav is the storm that missed New Orleans, and Ike is the storm that hit Galveston, Texas. But for residents of Terrebonne (Dulac) and Lafourche Parishes southwest of New Orleans, the storms didn't miss anyone. High winds from Gustav took their toll and Hurricane Ike pushed flood waters over levees in the Louisiana parishes. Dulac has a population of 2,500 spread out in the bayou with 42% being Houma Indian and 53% white. The elevation of Dulac is 3 feet.



Dulac Community Center is one of 103 National Mission Institutions of the General Board of Global Ministries. It has a long history of improving the quality of life for area residents. In 2006, the Louisiana Conference Disaster Recovery expanded operations into the parish. Under the leadership of Executive Director Ms. Jaime Billiot, the Community Center opened shortly after Gustav. But it took longer to clean up after Ike, which pushed five feet of water and mud into the gymnasium building. Even the disaster recovery ministry was affected. Three shipping containers of rebuilding supplies stored on the property were ruined by flood waters.

Volunteers from around the country have traveled to Dulac to help with the rebuilding effort. In 2009 and 2010, that effort will continue to respond to new needs. If there is anyone that would like to bless this area with their help, there is a work trip being planned for February 7—19, 2010. The work trip will be led by Susan M. Olive of Corning, Iowa. Work will be on repairing damaged homes, and all skills are needed. Jobs are available for everyone no matter still level or age. Tools and supplies are provided but donations are also needed.

The cost of \$20/day includes all meals and lodging. Stay for the entire time or as long as you can. Cost for the entire time is \$250. Lodging is in a recently built dorm with bunk beds, inside bath, commons area, and dining area. Internet access is also available.

If interested in this wonderful service to those in need, please contact Susan at the following:

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smolive@mchsi.com

Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century

The Iowa Annual Conference Older Adult Ministry Council is sponsoring a Workshop for Pastors, Professional Church Staff and Laity entitled "Workshop on Older Adults Ministries—Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century". This Workshop will be held at Walnut Hills UMC, which is located at 12321 Hickman Road, Urbandale, IA, and is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2009 from 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Cost to register is \$25.00 which includes materials, lunch, and breakout sessions. Rev. Dr. Richard Gentzler, Jr. will be the guest speaker. He is the currently the Director of the Center on Aging and Older Adult Ministries for the General Board of Discipleship. His ministry involves providing resources and training support for leaders of midlife and older adult ministries. If interested in more information regarding this workshop, please contact Christine Anders at 515.244.6209 or Christine@dmfirstchurch.org.

SW District Askings Formula and Distribution

Approved at SW District Conference
5-3-2009

* 2010 SW District Askings (Voluntary)
to be \$4.00 per professing member of
every local church in the SW District

- * 2010 District Askings Distribution:
1. Carter Lake Mission Congregation
\$2.50 of every \$4.00 or 62.5%)
 2. District-wide Hispanic Ministries
(\$1.00 of every \$4.00 or 25%)
 3. Other District Ministry Program-
ming (Emerging Ministries) (\$.50
of every \$4.00 or 12.5%)

Anyone Called to Ordained Ministry?

Do you know any youth or young adults whom you think God may be calling into ordained ministry? If so, consider helping them attend **EXPLORATION 2009!** EXPLORATION 2009, scheduled for Nov. 13-15 in Dallas, Texas, addresses The United Methodist Church's need for young clergy by offering youth and young adults who feel God's call a chance to explore that call. This national event is for high school seniors through young adults aged 24 who are considering a call to ordained ministry as a deacon or elder in The United Meth-

odist Church.

The Rev. Tyron Gordon, Dr. William B. Lawrence, Bishop Sally Dyck, and the Rev. Motoe Yamada will be the keynote speakers for the event. Participants will also have the chance to talk with admissions staff from the 13 United Methodist schools of theology, attend workshops, and take part in small group discussions. For more information, or to register for EXPLORATION 2009, please visit www.gbhem.org/exploration or www.explorecalling.org.

Upcoming Events!

JUNE 4–7, 2009

**The 166th Session
Iowa Annual Conference
Of The United Methodist
Church
Hilton Coliseum**

Theme: Radical Hospitality

- **June 11, 2009**—“Deepenings” Book Discussion—10:00 a.m.—District Office

June 21, 2009



- **July 3, 2009**—District Office Closed in observance of Independence Day
- **July 4, 2009**—District Office Closed in observance of Independence Day



“Intersections: God and Us”



- The **IA Five-Day Academy for Spiritual Formation**, a ministry of The Upper Room, will be held at American Martyrs Retreat House, Cedar Falls, **August 9-14**. The theme, “God of Many Names,” promises to lead to much reflection, conversation and growth. Check out the

web-site for the Academy, www.Iowa5Day.org. There you will find the registration form, schedule and biographical information about Drs. Dwight and Linda Vogel, presenters for the Academy. Or be in contact with retreat leader, Jerry Oakland, 712-732-5458 or jerryoakland@iw.net.

- **REMINDER...**for those that attend the Annual Conference, and happen to leave the area for the winter, please provide your contact information prior to leaving, so that you can receive your registration mailing and pre-conference manual in a timely manner.
- **Lav Speaking Classes** will be offered for those interested **July 24-25, 2009** at Harlan United Methodist Church.
- **Burning Bush** is a two-year experience designed for congregations of any size to develop an intentional plan for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Burning Bush 2 begins on **August 27-30, 2009**. The application deadline for interested congregations is **June 15, 2009**. Application information may be found at www.gbod.org/burningbush or by

calling (877) 899-2780, ext. 1760. We would encourage anyone expressing a need related to discipleship to consider participating in Burning Bush from the General Board of Discipleship of The UMC.

- Dates and locations have been set for **Youth 2011**, a gathering for United Methodist youth that occurs every four years. **Youth 2011** will be held **July 13-17** in West Lafayette, IN and July 27-31 in Sacramento, CA. Visit www.youth2011.org to sign up for event updates.
- **All** Clergy and Diaconal Ministers are being asked to reserve **October 13, 2009** from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. for the next **Healthy Ministerial Relationships Workshop**, which will be held at the Harlan Community Center, located at 706 Victoria Street in Harlan, IA. The Workshop is **mandatory** for all clergy and diaconal ministers and retired clergy who are hired by or appointed to a local church.
- The **Hastings UMC** will be hosting a free VBS again this summer for the children in their community. They are asking for any **left over materials** from churches that hosted a “**Power Lab**” VBS last year. Especially needed is the **Chadder’s Theater video**. If you have any of this that you are willing to share, please contact Roxanne Boverhuis at 712-527-3494, or by e-mail at: boveroxy1155@cs.com.

**PLEASE
PRAY
FOR:**



- **Clergy and their families** who are facing the transition of new appointments.
- **Congregations** who will wish their current pastors “farewell” and welcome new pastors into their community.
- **Rev. Marion Sindt** (Emerson-Wesley Chapel) who is recovering from a fall off of a horse.

The United Methodist Church

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Southwest District Newsletter

Feel free to cut out the following contact information and place in a convenient location.



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