

District Conference

Sunday, May 1, 2022

2:00-4:00 PM

held via Zoom



District Conference

May 1, 2022 - 2:00 PM

A ZOOM gathering

Greeting and Orientation to a Zoom Conference Rev. Matt German, host

Opening Worship Revs. Don & Rhoda Preston

Welcome from Our District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Moody Colorado

District Conference Action Items

Opening items

***Motion designating a Recording Secretary* **Ollie Pleggenkuhle, Co-Chair Executive Committee**

***Motion to approve minutes from Northeast (Pictured Rocks) 2021 District Conference*

dCOM Report

Rev. Scott Meador, Chair dCOM

Celebration of Clergy Retirements & Moves

Scott Meador dCOM

Celebration of District 100% Conference Apportionments & District Askings

Moody Colorado

Grants Committee Report

Kathi Mitchell, Chair

District Asking

Rev. Bonnie Koeppen, Co-Chair Executive Committee

MOTION for District Asking, 2023

The Pictured Rocks District Executive Committee moves that the Pictured Rocks District Asking for 2023 be \$3.50/member to be split two ways: \$1.00 to Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice (formerly known as Justice for Our Neighbors) and \$2.50 to Church Revitalization, Circuit Ministries, Local Churches, and Campus Ministry *(To receive the funding, the granting group/community must apply for grants through a grant application process.)*

Lay Ministry Team Report

Karen Sage, Chair

A Word From Pictured Rocks District Lay Leader

Cal Nicklay, Pictured Rocks District Lay Leader

Pictured Rocks Nominations Report

Dennis Epley, Chair

1.) ***Motion to accept District Nominations for 2022-2023***

2.) ***Motion to Allow Executive Committee to fill vacancies between now and District Conference 2023***

3.) ***Motion to accept Conference Board and Agency Nominations for 2022***

Circuit Ministry Update Video

Jaye Johnson, Director for Congregational Excellence

Other Business of the District Conference

Moody Colorado

Adjourn District Conference –

Prayer & Sending Forth

Thank you for your prayers and participation.

2021 Northeast District Conference

Sunday, May 2, 2021

ZOOM Meeting hosted by Cedar Falls, First UMC

At 2:00 PM on Sunday afternoon – Rev. Matt German greeted everyone with a very short orientation to the Zoom conference.

Rev. Sherrie Ilg opened with Worship.

Rev. Moody Colorado welcomed approximately 100 people to the Northeast (soon to be the New “Pictured Rocks”) District Conference.

Bryan Johson spoke on behalf of Pictured Rocks

Election of Secretary, District Administrative Assistant, Alanna was nominated – Ollie Pleggenkuhle motioned – Deb Parkison seconded – All APPROVED.

The May 3, 2020 Northeast District Conference minutes and May 9, 2020 East Central District Conference minutes – Paul Evans made a Motion – Deb Parkison 2nd – All APPROVED.

District Transition & Circuit Ministry Report – Rev. Paul Wilcox

The Purpose of Circuit Ministry is to develop a circuit of missionally effective clergy and laity leading together in partnership through Leadership Multiplication and Missional Accountability & Oversight.

dCOM Report – Northeast District Chair, Rev. David Glenn Burns recognized the report in the packet is a preliminary report. The committee still had some work to do before Annual Conference. He Thanks his committee for the work they have done.

- East Central District Chair, Rev. Scott Meador stated that their dCOM team met four times via ZOOM this past year. He wanted to thank Jon Moss for all of his help this year as well as the rest of the group for all of their help! The group has some folk that are moving to the SE District with the transitions that are taking place.

Celebration of Clergy Retirements & Moves – Rev David Glenn Burns & Rev. Scott Meador recognized clergy that were retiring and moving from each of their Districts.

District Asking 2021 – Motion for District Asking 2022

The new Pictured Rocks Executive Committee moves that the Pictured Rocks District Asking for 2022 be **\$3.00/member to be split two ways:**

- **\$1.00** to Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice (formerly known as Justice for Our Neighbors) and
- **\$2.00** to Church Revitalization, Circuit Ministries, Local Churches, and Campus Ministry **(To receive the funding, the granting group/community must apply for grants through a grant application process.)**

✓ **ALL APPROVED BY VOTING POLL**

Celebration of District Asking & Apportionments – District Superintendent Rev. Moody Colorado recognized churches that paid District Askings and Apportionments in full.

- ✚ **In Mission Together** – District Superintendent, Rev. Moody Colorado spoke on behalf of Ken & Barb Bazyn and recognized churches that were doing great work through mission.
- ✚ **Lay Ministry Report – Karen Sage** – Karen reports that the committee is going to work hard on getting Lay Servant classes set up this next year.
- ✚ **Congregational Development Report** – Rev. Matt German reported briefly that ministry has been disrupted due to COVID. The committee would still like to get the event God Size Dream Workshop that was postponed put together but not sure if that will be done with the transitions that are taking place.
- ✚ **Church Location & Building** – Russ Husted – East Central District – reported on the Coralville Community Food Pantry
- ✚ **Nominations Report – Becky Ullom – Chair of the Northeast District Nominations Committee thanks everyone that helped with the committee work.**
 - 1.) Motion to accept District Nominations for 2021-2022 (Add Roberta Robbins as a District At Large Member). APPROVED
 - 2.) Motion to Allow Executive Committee to fill vacancies between now and District Conference 2022. APPROVED
 - 3.) Motion to accept Conference Board and Agency Nominations for 2021-2022. APPROVED**ALL APPROVED BY POLL**

Cal Nicklay spoke and asked all laity and Lay leaders to notify Alanna with their contact information.

Rev. Sherrie Ilg gave the benediction.

Rev. Moody Colorado adjourned the Northeast District Conference at 3:15 PM with *A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition (UMH #607)*.

Respectfully Submitted – Alanna Warren – May 2, 2021

Pictured Rocks

District Committee on Ordained Ministry

2022 Report to the District Conference

The dCOM has responsibility for care, nurture, interviews and recommendations for candidates for ministry, local pastors, and ministers of other denominations who serve UMC congregations. This year the committee split into **two** groups, a west group and an east group. Special thanks to Dave Glenn-Burns for assisting with registrar duties for the west group and Jon Moss for registrar duties on the east.

Recommended for Commissioning on the Elder Track No Names

Approval as a Certified Candidate for Ministry

Erik Falley, Tyler Walker

Transfer of Candidacy

Alfred Zigbuo (from Western North Carolina Conference)

Continuance as Certified Lay Minister

Martha Chancellor, Colleen Petaros, Hugh Mackintosh, Eddie Pritchard

Certification as a Certified Lay Minister

Bob Brus

Approval and Continuance as a Licensed Local Pastor

Julie Ahrens, Denise Anderberg, Sheri Anderson, Dianna Bass, Mechille Boldt, Dennis Burns, Luke Evans, Mee Kang, Nathan Ferguson, Dott Gersema, Josh Hansen, Paula Hemann, Becky High, Neil Hofer, Donna Ihns, Charles Johnson, Mike Jones, Jill Mack, Jim May, Kristine May, Carol Mart, Iola McCutcheon, Amanda L. McCleary, Linda Miller, Patrick Munyakazi, Kathryn Newhall, Sue Ney, Kolleen Queener, Roberta Robbins, Sedar Shako, Josh Swaim, Joan Thomas, Linda Thompson, Linda VonFumetti, Harry Wach, Jennifer Zoller

Reinstated as Licensed Local Pastor

Mike Jager

Approved for license but not currently appointed

Melanie Ahrens, Theodora Okine

Candidates that have had initial interviews

Katie Rae Cook, Ryan Roth-Klinck, Kristin Stanley

Serving from Other Denomination

Abraham Funchess

Retired Local Pastor Status

Mark Keefer (Discontinued LP), Penelope Knudsen

Submitted by Scott Meador, dCOM Chairperson

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District Retirements & Moves As of 4/13/2022

Retirements

- ✚ Steven "Steve" Hansen retiring from Charles City, Trinity.
- ✚ Gerry Kahler retiring from Beaman and Conrad.
- ✚ Mark Keefer retiring from Garwin.
- ✚ Donovan "Don" Morrison returning to retirement from Gladbrook Chapel.

Ministry Transitions

- ✚ Thomas "Tom" Barnard appointed to Charles, City, Trinity.
- ✚ Dennis Burns appointed to Hampton-New Hope Parish (Aredale-Bristow-Dumont) (CCL District).
- ✚ Steven "Steve" Hubbell appointed to Beaman and Conrad.
- ✚ Laurie Rile appointed to Janesville-Hudson.
- ✚ Harry Wach appointed to Reinbeck.

THANK YOU

FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP,
YOUR FAITHFULNESS,
AND YOUR HEART

MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

Congratulations Sue Ney for completing Course of
Study

2021 Pictured Rocks District 100% Apportionments

- ✚ Alice
- ✚ Anamosa
- ✚ Aurora
- ✚ Beaman
- ✚ Belle Plaine, Christ
- ✚ Brandon
- ✚ Calmar
- ✚ Cedar Falls, First
- ✚ Cedar Falls, St. Timothy's
- ✚ Cedar Rapids, Bertram
- ✚ Cedar Rapids, Buffalo
- ✚ Cedar Rapids, Kenwood Park
- ✚ Cedar Rapids, Lovely Lane
- ✚ Cedar Rapids, St. Mark's
- ✚ Cedar Rapids, St. Paul's
- ✚ Cedar Rapids, Trinity St. James
- ✚ Charles City, Trinity
- ✚ Chelsea
- ✚ Chester
- ✚ Clarksville, Community
- ✚ Colesburg
- ✚ Cresco, First
- ✚ Cresco, Zion
- ✚ Decorah, First
- ✚ Dike
- ✚ Dubuque, Rockdale
- ✚ Dubuque, St. Luke's
- ✚ Dunkerton, First
- ✚ Dysart
- ✚ Edgewood, Trinity
- ✚ Elma
- ✚ Floyd, Grace
- ✚ Fredericksburg
- ✚ Frederika
- ✚ Garrison
- ✚ Garwin
- ✚ Geneseo
- ✚ Gladbrook
- ✚ Gladbrook Chapel
- ✚ Greeley
- ✚ Greene Yoke (Br-PCUSA-UM)
- ✚ Guttenberg
- ✚ Hazleton, Trinity
- ✚ Hudson
- ✚ Janesville
- ✚ Jesup, First
- ✚ La Porte City, St. Paul
- ✚ Lamont, Grace
- ✚ Lansing
- ✚ Lime Springs
- ✚ Lisbon
- ✚ Living Faith (Tama-Montour)
- ✚ McIntire
- ✚ Mechanicsville
- ✚ Mount Vernon, The
- ✚ Mt. Hope
- ✚ Nashua
- ✚ New Hartford
- ✚ Oelwein, Grace
- ✚ Osage, First
- ✚ Palo
- ✚ Plainfield
- ✚ Pleasant Valley
- ✚ Randalia
- ✚ Raymond
- ✚ Republic Community
- ✚ Riceville
- ✚ Rockford, First
- ✚ Rowley, First
- ✚ Sherrill
- ✚ St. Ansgar
- ✚ Toledo, Christ
- ✚ Union Sumner
- ✚ Urbana
- ✚ Van Horne, Salem
- ✚ Viola
- ✚ Volga
- ✚ Walker
- ✚ Waterloo, Kimball Avenue
- ✚ Waterloo, Linden
- ✚ West Union



2021 Pictured Rocks 100% District Asking

- ✚ Alice
- ✚ Anamosa
- ✚ Aurora
- ✚ Beaman
- ✚ Brandon
- ✚ Cedar Falls, First
- ✚ Cedar Falls, St. Timothy's
- ✚ Cedar Rapids, Bertram
- ✚ Cedar Rapids, Buffalo
- ✚ Cedar Rapids, Kenwood Park
- ✚ Cedar Rapids, Lovely Lane
- ✚ Cedar Rapids, Salem
- ✚ Cedar Rapids, St. Mark's
- ✚ Cedar Rapids, St. Paul's
- ✚ Cedar Rapids, Trinity St. James
- ✚ Charles City, Trinity
- ✚ Chester
- ✚ Clarksville, Community
- ✚ Clover Ridge
- ✚ Colesburg
- ✚ Conrad
- ✚ Cresco, Zion
- ✚ Decorah, First
- ✚ Delhi
- ✚ Dike
- ✚ Dubuque, Rockdale
- ✚ Dubuque, St. Luke's
- ✚ Dunkerton, First
- ✚ Dysart
- ✚ Earlville United Parish
- ✚ Edgewood, Trinity
- ✚ Elgin, St. Paul's
- ✚ Fayette, First
- ✚ Fredericksburg
- ✚ Frederika
- ✚ Garrison
- ✚ Garwin
- ✚ Geneseo
- ✚ Gladbrook Chapel
- ✚ Gladbrook
- ✚ Green Yoke (Br-PCUSA-UM)
- ✚ Hazleton, Trinity
- ✚ Hudson
- ✚ Janesville
- ✚ Jesup, First
- ✚ La Porte, City St. Paul
- ✚ Lisbon
- ✚ Living Faith (Tama-Montour)
- ✚ Manchester
- ✚ Marion, Christ Community
- ✚ McIntire
- ✚ Monticello, United Church (UM-UCC)
- ✚ Morley, First
- ✚ Mount Vernon, The UMC
- ✚ Mt. Hope
- ✚ Nashua
- ✚ New Hartford
- ✚ Olin, Community
- ✚ Osage, First
- ✚ Parkesburg
- ✚ Plainfield
- ✚ Randalia
- ✚ Republic, Community
- ✚ Riceville
- ✚ Rockford, First
- ✚ Shell Rock
- ✚ St. Ansgar
- ✚ Stanwood
- ✚ Toledo, Christ
- ✚ Urbana
- ✚ Vinton, Stewart Memorial
- ✚ Viola
- ✚ Volga
- ✚ Walker
- ✚ Waterloo, Linden
- ✚ Waukon, St. Paul's
- ✚ Waverly, Trinity

Pictured Rocks Grants Committee Report

Grants Committee Members – Rev DS Moody Colorado, DAA Alanna Warren, Mary Frederickson, Clint Twedt-Ball, Richard Klinefelter, Mark Keefer, Linda Von Fumetti, and Kathi Mitchell

The Pictured Rocks Grant Committee gathered by Zoom for their initial meeting on 1.27.22. The committee explored creating a new process for grant applications and agreed upon the following:

1. Completed Applications will be turned into the District Office quarterly.
2. The Grants Committee will review/approve applications received at least 2 days before the following preset meeting times in order to allow enough time for committee members to read each grant before the meeting. Grants received within the 2-day period will be reviewed during the next quarter:

March 31 – 6:00 PM	June 30 th – 6:00 PM
September 29 th – 6:00 PM	November 30 th – 6:00 PM
3. Alanna will voucher the requested funds from the specified District Asking Fund.

Pictured Rocks Grants Committee Report

District Askings for 2022 are at \$3.00 per member as approved in 2021.

As of 1.27.22 the categories and beginning balances for 2022 are as follows:

Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice - \$1 per member – Autopay 34% of District Askings received quarterly.

Ministry Grants by Application - \$2 per member – 66% of District Askings received each quarter.		
Category	Description	*1.27.22 Balance
Discipleship Growth	support lay and clergy through an annual leadership event, topical workshop, and days apart.	\$23,535.50
New and Emerging Congregations	support developing and new communities of faith in both new places and through existing communities of faith.	\$17,435.60
Church Revitalization	support existing communities of faith in their efforts to bring Good News in new ways and to new people.	\$ 7,115.89
Campus Ministries	support young adults in the period of life of questioning and learning.	\$ 7,316.38

*This represents the 2021 balance from Northeast District and East Central District combined.

Pictured Rocks District Askings Application Approval Process

On January 31st Alanna emailed the application utilized by the Northeast District in previous years for the committee's perusal. Members provided input and reached consensus regarding the completed application form. Alanna sent out the invitation for churches in the Pictured Rocks District to consider applying for District Askings Grants on February 7th, 2022. Thank you, Alanna!

Pictured Rocks Grants Committee Report

The Pictured Rocks Grants Committee convened their first Grant Review Meeting by Zoom on March 31st, 2022. The following two applications were reviewed and approved by Grants and forwarded to DCMC:

Cedar Rapids Lovely Lane UMC – New Church Start - Nourished

\$5,000 requested and approved from New and Emerging Congregations

This Ministry's Story: Nourished is the missional campus of Lovely Lane United Methodist Church in partnership with Matthew 25. Nourished broke ground in July of 2020 in the start of the new appointment season, where the spiritual cultivator, Kristina Roth-Klinck, spent the first 8 months having intentional listening conversations in the city, which led her to determine what kind of community Nourished would become. We were following a missional model of church planting, whereas what we have created has come out of these conversations. Nourished is very different from what you'd experience on a Sunday morning. Our worship community is called Thursday Centering, which meets on the second and fourth Thursday of each month at Groundswell Café, Matthew 25's Pay it Forward restaurant. We gather in a circle and share space together, sharing our joys and concerns, space of generosity and sharing our gifts, Holy Communion, and the sermon is a guided discussion on a certain topic or scripture. The spiritual cultivator will add some fill in information, but the bulk of the "sermon" are the ideas of those in the community, allowing us all to share our own theological ponderings. Nourished also gathers on the 3rd Friday for Fork 'n' Folk, a quirky gathering where we share a potluck meal and play old justice related folk songs. The target audience has been and continues to be people who are outside of church, who are not attracted to institutionalized church and for something a bit more. These people you might label as spiritual seekers. They believe in God, but don't go to church anymore because of multiple reasons such as: churches not talking about things young people are passionate about, churches are not involved in justice, and not living authentically. Nourished works to create a space for people outside of the church to explore faith and spirituality together. "Growing relationships that feed the soul" is our vision for this community.

Manchester UMC Community Garden - \$1,500 requested and approved from Church Revitalization

This Ministry's Story: With a first District Askings Grant in 2018, Manchester UMC constructed 12, now 20 raised bed gardens next to the church parking lot with the goal of teaching those in the community best practices of raised bed gardening. For who wish to begin a raised bed garden of their own, the additional funds will allow delivery of a raised bed garden, seedlings, and guidance necessary for success. The next step is to start a small food pantry with meals to be taken when needed. This will be accomplished with a weatherproof box on a pole much like the mini library currently out front. The intent is to provide a full meal with the produce as well as a canned pasta or other canned goods for our neighbors in need. Produce is shared with the community and 2nd Helpings Ministry which feeds 140-150 community members every Monday night. A table by the South door allows sharing of abundant produce from recipients and several community gardeners, along with a vegetable dish served at 2nd Helpings providing examples of how the produce can be used.

District Askings 2023

It was moved, seconded, and approved by the Grants Committee, and forwarded to DCMC for approval to increase Pictured Rocks District Askings from \$3.00 to \$3.50 per member in 2023. The proposed formula is:

\$1.00 – Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice

\$2.50 – Application Based Grants in the following categories: Discipleship Growth, New and Emerging Congregations, Church Revitalization, and Campus Ministries

Pictured Rocks Matthew 25 Applications Received and Approved for 2021-22

Local Church and/or Organization	Amount Requested	Approved	Amount 2021*	Amount 2022
Olin Food Pantry	\$2,000	Yes	\$2,000	\$2,000
Charles City Trinity – Our Brother’s Keeper	\$2,500	Yes	\$2,500	\$2,500
Cedar Rapids, St Mark’s – African Women Empowered	\$3,000	Yes	\$3,000	\$3,000
Path to Citizenship/Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice (IMMJ)	\$6,000	Yes	\$6,000	\$6,000
Waterloo First – Outreach Ministry to Asian Immigrants & Families	\$2,500	Yes	\$2,500	\$2,500
*Due to an error no applications were posted online for 2021. 2022 Applicants received the same amount for 2021 and 2022.				

The Above Work is Respectfully Submitted by:
Kathi Mitchell, Chair on behalf of the Grants Committee

Pictured Rocks Lay Servant Ministry Report for 2022

Good afternoon, I'm Karen Sage, and I'm honored to be here sharing with you on behalf of the district lay servant committee.

First, I want to say that this past year due to the hard work of this committee, we had a great response from the lay servants, certified lay speakers, and certified lay ministers in turning in their reports at the local charge conferences. These reports are important as they enable us to create the Pulpit Supply List which Pastors and SPPRC chairs can use to contact certified lay speakers and certified lay ministers who are willing to lead worship and fill in when pastors are on vacation or at annual conference, etc. I also want to give a shout out to those certified lay speakers/certified lay ministers who are assigned to local churches when a pastor is not assigned. Each of these lay servants, certified lay speakers, and lay ministers have gifts and are willing to serve locally and also in many areas in their own churches. We praise God for their willingness to go the extra mile to learn, develop their skills, and serve wherever they are needed.

We have presented 7 candidates to the Annual Conference for approval as certified lay speakers this year. Our committee has worked hard this year in scheduling beginning and advanced classes. We will have more opportunities for classes possibly this summer and for sure in the fall. Be on the lookout for information on classes and registration to come through emails and be available through the district office website

Right now, I would like to take a moment to thank the members of this committee that I serve with. We have worked very hard as a team and have accomplished a lot this past year especially in light of the fact that we hold our meetings via Zoom. I extend a huge thank you to all of the leaders who stepped forward and agreed to lead classes and pass on their knowledge. Thank you to all of you for the time you spent in preparing and leading those classes.

Pastors, thank you for allowing our committee to schedule classes using your church as a gathering place and/or providing Zoom capabilities, and for providing support for those in your congregation who are lay servants, lay speakers, and lay ministers. We urge you to keep encouraging those who are interested in taking a basic class but are a little hesitant to get started in the lay servant process.

I close today with a "thank you God" for your servants in their faithful service to you.

Karen Sage, Chair

Please note: We have been asked to not post the Lay Servant/Speaker list to the Conference website. If you or your church congregation is looking for a Lay Servant/Speaker – please contact the District Office and Alanna will send a list to you immediately.

District Office: alanna.warren@iaumc.org or call: 515.207.7604

Pictured Rocks District Representatives on Conference Boards and Committees

Class of 2023	Council on Finance & Administration (CFA)	Rick Hofmeyer 12/16/ext to 2023
Class of 2023	Council on Finance & Administration (CFA)	Jud Anton 18-22- ext to 2023
Class of 2026	Board of Trustees	Susan Thomas 22
Class of 2026	Board of Trustees	Patrick Munyakazi 22
Class of 2022	Board of Pensions (4 Year term)	Chris Dix 12-20 ext to 22
Class of 2024	Board of Pensions (4 Year term)	<u>Robert Holdorf 16/20</u>
Class of 2024	Board of Pensions (4 Year term)	<u>Ron Bupp int 20</u>
Class of 2024	Archives & History (4 Year term)	<u>Kim Gates 16/20</u>
Class of 2025	Archives & History (4 Year term)	<u>Sue Ney 21</u>
Class of 2024	Equitable Compensation (4 Year term)	<u>Jill Mack 20</u>
Class of 2024	Equitable Compensation (4 Year term)	<u>Kristine Frank 20</u>
Class of 2026	Sessions Planning	Alec Amosson 18/22
Class of 2023	Sessions Planning	<u>Luke Evans 19</u>
Class of 2024	Sessions Planning	<u>Rick Johnson 20</u>
Class of 2024	Sessions Planning	<u>Brody Tubaugh (int 19) 20</u>
Class of 2023	Human Resources (4 Year Term)	Lori Johnson 15/19
Class of 2023	Human Resources (4 Year Term) – At Large member	Richard Klinfelter 19
Class of 2024	Episcopacy (4 Year Term)	<u>Abraham Funchess 20</u>
Class of 2026	Nominations Coordinating (4 Year Term)	Dennis Epley 22
Class of 2026	Resolutions (4 Year Term)	Bobby Jo Paige 22
Class of 2026	Rules of Order (4 Year Term)	Kolleen Queener 22
Class of 2024	CCMC – DCMC (4 Year Term)	Olivia Pleggenkuhle 20
Class of 2024	CCMC – DCMC (4 Year Term)	<u>Bonnie Koeppen 20</u>
Class of 2025	CCMC – Planning & Research (4 Year Term)	<u>Don Preston 17/21</u>
Class of 2024	Camps, Conference, Retreat Ministries (4 Year Term)	<u>Nick Grove 15/20</u>
	Camps, Conference, Retreat Ministries	Julie Anderson, Board Secretary (17>2019>)
Class of 2026	Church & Society (4 Year Term)	Gail Allison 18/22? – Trying to contact
Class of 2023	Discipleship (4 Year Term)	<u>Linda Miller 19-2023</u>
	Discipleship (At Large Member-Spiritual Formation Advocate)	<u>Jerry Oakland 19</u>
Class of 2025	Board of Global Ministries (BOGM)	Becky Heeren 17/21/25
	Board of Global Ministries (BOGM) (Conf Sec of Global Min)	Sue Hattell
Class of 2023	Parish Development (4 Year Term)	Melody Williams 19
Class of 2023	Community & Institutional Ministries – CIM (4 Year Term)	Larry Klinger 15/19
Class of 2026	Mission Education (4 Year Term)	Barb Bazyn 18/22
Class of 2026	Mission Education (4 Year Term)	Ken Bazyn 18/22
Class of 2026	Mission Education (4 Year Term) Chair	Sue Hattell (19)
Class of 2024	Hispanic/Latino Ministries – Chair	<u>James Turner 16/20</u>
Class of 2026	Volunteers in Mission (VIM)	Julie Bruetzmann 22
	Disaster Preparedness - Trainer	<u>Paul Evans 10</u>
Class of 2026	Disaster Preparedness	Keith Pitts (int 21) 22
Class of 2025	Disaster Preparedness	<u>Phil Rogers 17/21</u>
Class of 2026	Disaster Preparedness	Andrew Happ 18/22
Class of 2025	Justice For Our Neighbors (JFON) – relating to Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice (IMMJ)	Kathi Mitchell 21
Class of 2024	Higher Education (4 Year Term)	Joe Steckelberg 20
Class of 2023	Board of Laity (4 Year Term)	Cal Nicklay 19
Class of 2026	Christian Unity	Deb McCumber 22
Class of 2026	Christian Unity	Mike Jager 18/22
Class of 2023	CORR (4 Year Term)	<u>Hyeunmee Kang 15/19</u>
Class of 2024	COSROW (4 Year Term)	<u>Paul Evans 20</u>
Class of 2023	Disabilities (4 Year Term)	Don VonFumetti 15/19

Pictured Rocks District Committees 2022-2023

Effective July 1, 2022

(Updated) 4/2022

District Connectional Ministries Council (DCMC)

End Date	Name	E-mail	Phone	Church
	<u>DS Moody Colorado</u>	moody.colorado@iaumc.org	319-458-0745	NE District Superintendent
Co-Chair	<u>Bonnie Koeppen (20)</u>	bonnie.koeppen@iaumc.net	319-540-5917	CR St. Mark's
Co-Chair	<u>Ollie Pleggenkuhle</u>	dnopleg@hawkeyetelephone.net	563-380-3374	Hawkeye
Lay Leader	<u>Cal Nicklay</u>	cjnicklay@gmail.com	641-426-0278	Osage, First
Superintendency Committee Chair	<u>Mark Keefer (14/18/22-23)</u>	marklovesdotti@gmail.com	319-478-8502	Garwin
Lay Servant	<u>Karen Sage (13/17/21)</u>	klsage59@gmail.com	318-483-5171	Dunkerton, First-Mt. Hope
Cong Dev	<u>Matt German (17/21)</u>	mattgerman@salemchurchcr.com	319-362-6178	Cedar Rapids, Salem
Grant & Matt 25	<u>Kathi Mitchell (14/18)</u>	Kathimitchell1954@gmail.com	563-419-6795	Burr Oak
AT LARGE				
Dis Prep	<u>Phil Rogers (17/21)</u>	pastorphil@umcmanchester.com	319-573-0589	Manchester
Dis Prep	<u>Andrew Happ (18/22)</u>	pastorhapp@gmail.com	319-241-0223	Center Point
Dis Prep	<u>Keith Pitts (21)</u>	pastorkeithp@gmail.com	319-361-4255	Delhi-Buck Creek
VIM	<u>Julie Breutzmann</u>	julie.breutzmann@gmail.com	319-939-3541	Waverly, Trinity
Ingathering	<u>Janice Benson</u>	jbenson@cfu.net	319-268-9111	Cedar Falls, First
Equitable Comp	<u>Jill Mack</u>	rjmack@iowatelecom.net	563-419-1016	Living Faith (Tama-Montour) Toledo, Christ
UMW Pres	<u>Kate Buroker</u>	brokawkj@aol.com	319-929-9109	Cedar Rapids, St. Paul's
UMM President	<u>Scott Knudtson</u>	ddreyer@cfu.net	319-230-3182	Reinbeck
COSROW	<u>Paul Evans (20)</u>	paul.evans@iaumc.net	319 334-3689	Independence, First
AC Sessions	<u>Alec Amosson</u> <u>Brody Tubaugh</u> <u>Luke Evans</u> <u>Rick Johnson</u>	alec@grandviewdubuque.org brody.tubaugh@iaumc.net pastorlukeevans@gmail.com parsck@gmail.com	563-299-5779 319-848-7213 712-848-4834 319-505-5665	Dubuque, Grand View Shueyville Brandon-Garrison-Vinton, Stewart-Mt Auburn Oelwein, Grace
Church Loc & Bldg Chair	<u>Russ Husted</u>	russell-husted@uiowa.edu	319-626-6354	Shueyville
CORR	<u>Hyeunmee Kang</u>	revmeekang@gmail.com	319-382-3835	Decorah, First
Bd of Higher Ed	<u>Joe Steckelberg (Conf)</u>	joseph@steckelbergfarms.com	319-334-8420	Independence, First
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Youth Coordinator(s)	<u>Rebecca Nims</u> <u>Mandy McCleary-Sullivan</u> <u>Michael Jones</u> <u>Guillermo Bongolan</u>	rnims@stpaulsumc.org pastormandymc@gmail.com pastormikeEUMC@gmail.com bongolanguillermo26@gmail.com	(515) 422-2299 (319) 827-1675 (563) 876-3193 (319) 512-1710	Cedar Rapids, St. Paul's Jesup, First Epworth-Dubuque, Rockdale Springville

District Board of Church Location and Building (3-year term)

End Date	Name	E-mail	Phone	Church
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Conf. Board of Trustees	<u>Sue Thomas</u>	sue.thomas@iaumc.net	515-341-0364	Osage, First-S. Ansgar
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2023	Chuck Gardner	drawrendrag@hotmail.com	319-365-3450	CR St. Paul's
	Richard Pankey	Yeknap1949@gmail.com	319-364-5053	CR Salem
	Greg Cooper (17/20)	Gcooper.mbs@gmail.com	319-296-5252	Cedar Falls, St. Timothy's
	Paul Lentfer (17/20)	paulie.50@hotmail.com	319-240-7968	Evansdale, St. Mark's
	Cletus Moser (20)	clletsue@gmail.com	563-429-3431	Alpha
	Dave Koester (20)	Djk4st8@gmail.com	641-751-7745	Gladbrook
2024	Mark Howard (15/18/21)	mbhoward@alpinecom.net	563-419-2173	Elgin, St. Paul
Chair	Russ Husted (21)	russell-husted@uiowa.edu	319-626-6354	Shueyville
2025	<u>Sue Moser (16/19/22)</u>	clletsue@gmail.com	563-429-3431	Alpha
	<u>Duane Pleggenkuhle (19/22)</u>	dnopleg@hawkeyetelephone.net	563-427-3726	Hawkeye

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Nominations 4-year term

End Date	Name	E-mail	Phone	Church
	DS Moody Colorado	moody.colorado@iaumc.org	319-458-745	NE District Superintendent
Chair	Dennis Epley	acenorth@aol.com	319-240-4006	Waverly, Trinity
Lay Leader	Cal Nicklay	cjnicklay@gmail.com	641-426-0278	Osage, First
DCMC Chair	<u>Bonnie Koeppen</u>	bonnie.koeppen@iaumc.net	319-540-5917	CR St. Mark's
Conference Disabilities	<u>Don VonFumetti</u>	dvonfumetti@dbq.edu	563-513-2120	Dub Rockdale
DCMC Chair	Ollie Pleggenkuhle (15/19)	dnopleg@hawkeyetelephone.net	563-380-3374	Hawkeye
2024	Cleo Farris (20)	cleofarris@q.com	319-415-4047	Evansdale, St. Mark's
	Tom Brandt (20)	brandtpt@fctc.coop	319-429-1041	Dysart
2026	Mary Fredericksen (18/22)	maryl.fred42@gmail.com	319-651-6946	CR Buffalo
	Becky Heeren (18/22)	becky@alumni.iastate.edu	641-484-3879	Toledo, Christ

Nominations Committee members made by Circuit Leaders

Group 1 – Upper NE	Cal Nicklay (Lay Leader)	cjnicklay@gmail.com	641-426-0278	Osage, First
Group 2 – Extreme NE	Karen Carlton (22)	Kinser1749@gmail.com	563-419-0265	Burr Oak & Calmar
Group 3 – Bremer/Buter	Dennis Epley (22)	acenorth@aol.com	319-240-4006	Waverly, Trinity
Group 4 – Becoming				
Group 5 – Delco	Mike Jager (22)	jager@iowatelecom.net	563-425-3098	Fayette, First
Group 6 – Benton/West Linn	Kolleen Queener (22)	kolleen.queener@iaumc.net	319-846-2349	Clover Ridge-VanHorne
Group 7 – Tama/Grundy County				
Group 8 – Cedar Rapids Metro				

Nominations Cont.				
Group 9 - Marion				
Group 10 – Jones / N. Cedar County				
Group 11 – Cedar Valley-Waterloo				

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Parish Development (4-year term)

End Date	Name	E-mail	Phone	Church
Chair	<u>Matt German (17/21)</u>	mattgerman@salemchurchcr.com	319-362-6178	Cedar Rapids, Salem
Lay Leader	Cal Nicklay (15/19)	cjnicklay@gmail.com	641-426-0278	Osage, First
2024	<u>Phil Rogers (20)</u>	pastorphil@umcmanchester.com	319-573-0589	Manchester
	Rachel Fliris (20)	rafliris@gmail.com	641-330-7404	New Hampton
	Jill Mack	rjmack@iowatelecom.net	563-419-1016	Living Faith (Tama-Montour) Toledo, Christ
2025	Mark Jepsen (21)	mjepsen@q.com	319-560-0675	CR St. Mark's
2026	<u>Brody Tubaugh (18/22)</u>	Brody.tubaugh@iaumc.net	641-895-5586	Shueyville
	<u>Daniel Niyonzima (18)</u>	dniyonzima@stpaulsumc.org	319-202-0211	CR St Paul's

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*Members of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry

End Date	Name	E-mail	Phone	Church
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Registrar	<u>*Jon Moss</u>	Jon.moss@iaumc.net	319-651-4883	Alburnett-Prairie Chapel
Secretary				
Psych Reader	<u>Darwin Moore</u>	Therev1@msn.com	319-269-1485	CR Bertram
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	<u>*Scott Kober (19)</u>	scott.kober@aboutfirst.com	563-419-0009	Cedar Falls, First
	<u>*Rick Burns (19)</u>	rick.burns@iaumc.net	319-352-1776	West Union-Elgin, St. Paul's
	<u>Ann Donat (14/19)</u>	ann.donat@mediacombb.net	319-266-1713	Sumner
	<u>Scott Meador (19)</u>	scottm@lovelylane.org	319-594-2597	CR Lovely Lane
	<u>Jon Moss (19)</u>	Jon.moss@iaumc.net	319-651-4883	Alburnett-Prairie Chapel
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	Nancy Mulford (19)	mulfordn47@gmail.com	319-480-8363	Anamosa
2024	<u>Diane Townsley (20)</u>	Dt1005@hotmail.com	319-551-3648	CR Asbury
	<u>Audrey Westendorf (20)</u>	pastorhw1@gmail.com	641-840-0119	Janesville-Hudson
	Ollie Pleggenkuhle (18)	dnopleg@hawkeyetelephone.net	563-380-3374	Hawkeye
	<u>Sherrie Ilg (20)</u>	silg@stpaulsumc.org		CR St. Paul's
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	Dave Sundberg (20)	Sunbob2007@gmail.com	319-721-1894	CR Lovely Lane
	Robert Brus (20)	Bobbrus2@gmail.com	319-431-5258	Lisbon
	Ann Grimm (20)	ann.grimm@marionchristcommunity.church	319-378-9560	Marion, Christ Community
	Dick Grimm (20)	Rlg6365@gmail.com	319-440-2123	Marion, Christ Community
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	<u>Guillermo Bongolan (21)</u>	bongolanguillermo26@gmail.com	(319) 512-1710	Springville
	<u>Kolleen Queener (21)</u>	kolleen.queener@iaumc.net	319-846-2349	Clover Ridge-Van Horne, Salem
	<u>Bonnie Koeppen (21)</u>	bonnie.koeppen@iaumc.net	319-540-5917	CR St. Mark's
2026	<u>Brody Tubaugh (18/22)</u>	brody.tubaugh@iaumc.net	641-895-5586	Shueyville
	<u>David Glenn-Burns (18/22)</u>	dave@threehouse.org	319-610-6365	Cedar Falls, St. Timothy's

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	Marilyn Bauch (18/22)	mbauch@traer.net	319-239-3343	Traer
	Jane Schildroth	janepeter4641@gmail.com	319-350-3639	Cedar Rapids, Lovely Lane

Superintendency Committee (4-year term)

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Chair	Mark Keefer(14/18/22-23)	marklovesdotti@gmail.com	319-478-8502	Garwin
Lay Leader	Cal Nicklay	cjnicklay@gmail.com	641-426-0278	Osage, First
DCMC Co-Chair	Bonnie Koeppen	bonnie.koeppen@iaumc.net	319-540-5917	CR, St. Mark's
DCMC-Co-Chair	Ollie Pleggenkuhle	dnopleg@hawkeyetelephone.net	563-380-3374	Hawkeye
2023	Andrew Happ (19)	pastorhapp@gmail.com	319-241-0223	Center Point
	Karmen Jamison (19)	Does not do email	563-488-2510	Wyoming
2024	Hugh Mackintosh (16/20)	handcmack63@gmail.com	319-269-0279	Fredericksburg
2026	Lisa Koester (18/22)	clonemom2@gmail.com	641-751-2846	Gladbrook
	June Klinefelter (18/22)	jek71rjk@gmail.com	641-473-8012	Gladbrook

Grants Committee – Matthew 25 Task Force (4-year term)

End Date	Name	E-mail	Phone	Church
	DS Moody Colorado	moody.colorado@iaumc.org	319-458-0745	NE District
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2025	<u>Mark Keefer</u> (17/21)	marklovesdotti@gmail.com	319-478-8502	Garwin
	Mary Fredericksen (21)	Maryl.fred42@gmail.com	319-651-6946	CR Buffalo
	Linda VonFumetti (21)	pastorlindav@gmail.com	515-681-2841	Dubuque, Rockdale
	Clint Twedt-Ball (21)	clint@hub25.org	(319) 362-2214	Cedar Rapids, St. Paul's
2026	Richard Klinefelter (10/14/18/22)	jek71rjk@gmail.com	641-485-3560	Gladbrook

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District Parsonage Committee (4-year term)

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2024	<u>Mike Christie</u> (16/20)	mac_umc@yahoo.com	319-240-0460	Sumner-Fredericksburg
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Lay Servant Committee (4-year term)

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Lay Leader	Cal Nicklay (19)	cjnicklay@gmail.com	641-426-0278	Osage, First
2023	Sharon Dix (15/19)	dixesmelons@msn.com	319-269-1963	Waverly, Trinity
	Pat Benda (19)	kenbenda@lpctel.net	319-240-1099	LaPorte City, St. Paul
Chair	Karen Sage (13/17/21)	klsage59@gmail.com	318-483-5171	Dunkerton, First-Mt. Hope
2025	Hugh Mackintosh (21)	handcmack63@gmail.com	563-238-5131	Fredericksburg
	Martha Chancellor (21)	mchancel@mac.com	507-460-8032	St. Ansgar
	Nancy Steckelberg (21)	nancy.jo430@yahoo.com	319-334-8589	Independence, First
2026	Rose White (22)	poseyflowerrose@gmail.com	319-721-8498	Cedar Rapids, Bertram

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District At Large Members

Each District is allowed 22 District At Large members.

2 Youth (High School age), and 2 Young Adult (Age 18-30).

1	Karen Carlton	SCLS – Burr Oak-Calmar
2	Ramona Christie	SCLS – Hawkeye-Alpha
3	Sharon Dix	SCLS – Waterloo, Linden
4	Tim Hemann	SCLS - Elma
5	Mike Jager	SCLS – Fayette, First
6	Charles “Ryan” Klinck	SY – Clarence and Stanwood
7	Paul Wurtz	SY – Evansdale, St. Mark’s
8	Tyler Walker	SY-LFT - Palo
9	Deb McCumber	Waverly, Trinity
10	J Keith McClung	Waverly, Trinity
11	Karla Wheeler	Waverly, Trinity
12	Kim Ragland	Waverly, Trinity
13	Pat Benda	La Porte City, St. Paul
14	Karen Stewart	Mt. Vernon
15	Richard Klinefilter	Gladbrook
16	June Klinefilter	Gladbrook
17	Sandra Evans	Independence, First
18	Julie Andersen	Rockford, First
19	Cindy Graham	Center Point
20	Amy Happ	Center Point
21	Marcia Young	Dubuque, St. Luke’s
22	Patti Speas	Charles City, Trinity
Youth		
Youth	Ethan Zoller	Olin, Community
YA (18-30)	Bailey Hungate	Center Point
YA (18-30)	Tyler Hungate	Center Point

Pictured Rocks District Board of Church Location and Building Report for District Conference 2022

April 2, 2022

Traer United Methodist Church: The church requested approval for use of a portion of the funds from sale of their parsonage to repair a bell tower that was leaking and also allowing bats into the building. The board approved the request on May 16, 2021.

Epworth United Methodist Church: The board approved the sale of the church parsonage on May 18, 2021. Their plan is to purchase a new parsonage.

Mechanicsville United Methodist Church: The board gave their approval for the church to sell its parsonage in August 2021. The church, at present, does not need the parsonage and will retain the funds to provide a parsonage/housing allowance as required by the discipline.

Osage, First United Methodist Church: The proposal to sell the property of Osage First UMC has been approved by the Board of Church Location and Building and was subsequently approved by the Cabinet on March 29.

Russ Husted, Chair

District Parsonage Committee Report

Much of the work updating the parsonage was done prior to Rev, Moody's arrival. No formal meeting was held by our group, because of his health concerns at the time that he moved in. I quietly took care of everything needing to be done inside to facilitate his move and found someone to mow the yard for a couple of weeks. This year the yearly parsonage inspection. should be done before Conference time. A couple of items for agenda are power washing and maybe cutting down a tree. Plus, other items if needed by our D.S. It has been a pleasure to serve. God Bless you all.

Rev. Dennis Burns, Chair

In Mission Together - Church Mission Projects 2021

PLEASE NOTE: Many churches had multiple admirable projects and/or made multiple donations. Those listed below are not necessarily the most important projects or donations of a church. Some were chosen to show the amazing variety of projects. Some might be easy for other churches to imitate.

Alburnett UMC made donations of food and useful items to needy families.

Alice UMC holds an Ice Cream Social at which 100% of donations go to local medical needs.

Anamosa UMC volunteers put in many hours at Anamosa Lunches for Youth and at the Community Clothes Closet.

Cedar Falls First UMC hosted Ingathering with 87 churches attending. Its VBS children prepared 23 birthday bags for needy children (containing cake mix, frosting, candles, trinkets) and 29 nursing home bags (containing note cards, puzzle books, pens, tissues, etc.) Church members donated all items.

Cedar Falls St. Timothys UMC has a monthly food closet supported by the entire congregation and donated to People's Clinic and Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice.

Cedar Rapids Buffalo UMC asks a local food bank which item it needs most, and at least once a year the congregation collects (for instance) 200 cans of tomato soup and donates these. The church also sent money to Haiti via UMCOR.

Cedar Rapids, St. Paul's UMC hosts a Neighborhood Meals and Enrichment Program for which 153 people (members and partners from outside the church) volunteer. Also, an English-language tutor gives weekly lessons to immigrants wishing to learn English.

Cedar Rapids, Salem UMC members put in 600 hours of work for Green Square Meals and 60 hours delivering food to food pantries.

Charles City, Trinity UMC loaded 1500 clean-up kits for Midwest Missions Distribution Center and created the ministry Our Brother's Keeper, which pays rent and utility bills for the needy.

Chelsea UMC supported the local fire department and ambulance. A member provided dinners to people during derecho clean-up and continued through spring of 2021.

Chester UMC helped the sick and the injured, supporting Medicine Box, Doctors Without Borders, PET (Worldwide Mobility) and Imagine No Malaria.

Colesburg UMC gave to a variety of projects, from Women at the Well to Minnesota State Veterans.

Dubuque, St. Luke's UMC members spent more than 5000 hours volunteering. For instance, they worked at their Food for the Soul Project, serving free meals at the church every Saturday evening all year. The church also donates to Iowa Interfaith Power & Light, which addresses climate change.

Dunkerton UMC supports Adopt-a- Family and Bible League International, which provides Bibles, trains people to share God's word, and plants churches worldwide.

Dysart UMC has a Clothing Closet that provides an annual clothing giveaway and opens by appointment during the rest of the year. Also, members work in a Community Garden and for Adopt-a-Family.

Edgewood, Trinity UMC supports Kentucky Redbird Mission, Hillcrest, and Christmas for Kids. Members do a weekly grocery ministry for people in assisted living and others needing help.

Elma UMC's congregation of five members paid its apportionments in full, donated to three charities and works together to keep their small church alive.

Floyd, Grace UMC On October 30 members greeted kids and parents for trick or treating in the entry of the church, offering hot cocoa, cookies, candy, pumpkin prayer bookmarks and religious pencils.

Fredericksburg UMC has a Kids' Club serving 52 children. Members also prepare, serve, and clean up after Community Meals.

Gladbrook Chapel UMC members prepared five meals for House of Compassion, serving about 240 people. The church also supports Mid-Iowa Workshop, which provides meaningful work for adults with physical or mental challenges.

Grundy Center UMC partners with NE IA Foodbank and the local school in a backpack program that includes a Christmas in July organized by the church's UMW. Parents can request items needed for the next school year (such as "red shirt, size 8.")

Guttenberg UMC sells coffee, chocolate, and artwork to raise money for rural development in Haiti. Members also put together mission kits (both personal hygiene and school kits).

Hazleton/Trinity UMC members volunteer at Alternative Living Corp (serving adults with special needs) and at Faith Discipleship Center (serving men transitioning from jail).

Ionia, Republic Community Church donated to lunch accounts at five local schools, to Children's Book Project in Nashua, and to a building project in Mexico.

Janesville UMC has an Ecumenical Sunday School where children planned and presented the entire service on Veterans Sunday. For that occasion, the children also made red, white and blue gifts for veteran members and visitors.

La Porte City, St. Paul UMC donated money to Hospitality House (a daytime homeless shelter) and gave both money and 120 hours of volunteer work to the local Summer Food program.

Lamont, Grace UMC volunteers visited four nursing homes monthly and provided a monthly worship service. Fifteen volunteers helped monthly at a Mobile Food Pantry.

Lime Springs UMC offers storage and performance space to the Lime Springs Theatre Group. It also has an Ecumenical Bible School every summer with 70 kids attending.

Marble Rock UMC, with a much-reduced congregation during the pandemic, has emphasized Special Sundays giving and donations of both food and money to the local food pantry.

Marion, Christ Community Church members did a 5K Run and raised over \$4500 for Marion Senior Living. Volunteers also grew over 2600 pounds of food in their Food Pantry Garden.

Marion, Prairie Chapel UMC members crocheted baby sweaters, sewed school bags and children's blankets (for shelters), and prepared personal dignity kits.

Martelle UMC members visit residents and lead worship at a care center. The church donates money to its small, elderly UMW group, giving it the joy of choosing some missions to support.

Mechanicsville, First UMC donated to UMCOR (for Kentucky) and to Tipton Friends of the Animals.

First UMC of Morley donated to Sleep in Heavenly Peace (whose volunteers make beds and give them to children) and Heifer International.

UMC of Mt. Vernon sent 3 carloads of clothing/personal items to Afghan refugees living temporarily in Camp McCoy in Wisconsin. It also supports FISH, which helps travelers who have emergencies nearby.

Nashua UMC donates to Retrieving Freedom, which provides service dogs to veterans and autistic children. The church also is in touch with, and helps pay the school expenses for, a family in Africa.

New Hampton, First UMC donates to, and serves in relationship with, Hands of Christ in Honduras. Members also serve at two food banks.

Oelwein, Grace UMC members help out at the local community cupboard and a Lions community garden. The church also donates to Winterize Your Neighbor, which gives away coats.

Olin, Wapsi Valley Parish pays the electric and gas bills for the local food pantry. Members also ring the bell for the Salvation Army.

Osage First UMC serves on the board of Days for Girls, which makes hygiene kits for women and girls worldwide. Many members, in partnership with other churches, help make the kits. Members also assist at Shop on State, which sells donated items at reduced prices.

Palo UMC helped bless a Habitat home, and its UMW led a drive for school supplies for foster youth.

Parkersburg UMC gave over \$30,000 (in gift cards and money) to local individuals in need and supported Shannon Ries in the Philippines.

Riceville UMC held Family Fun Nights last summer on the first Wednesday of the month, each involving a brief praise service in the city park, followed by a potluck with food, fun and fellowship.

Rockford, First UMC houses a local food pantry with 12 volunteers rotating in working every third Saturday of the month and by appointment. Members' donations help fill the shelves.

Rowley, First UMC gave money to Women at the Well and to a victim of a house fire. A member volunteered for 250 hours at a food pantry.

Rowley, Silver Creek UMC gave money to Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center, to derecho victims (25+ families) and to Camp Courageous.

St. Ansgar UMC supported Church World Service Blankets and United Mission to Nepal. A member serves on the Circuit Ministry program.

UMC of Sumner gave to Samaritan's Purse water projects and partnered with local churches to give gifts to low-income children.

Tama Montour, Living Faith UMC members volunteered in many ways, including driving people to medical appointments. One member is a volunteer EMS. This year the church will partner with other organizations to provide a monthly mobile food pantry distribution.

Tipton First UMC hosts a HACAP Food Distribution Truck with ten members serving. Also, its volunteers provided 899 Shared Blessings Meals.

Toledo, Christ UMC members serve on the Board of Global Missions and on district committees. They also donate to UMCOR and give both time and money to the local food pantry.

Urbana UMC donated to Cedar Rapids Ecumenical Community Center, Matthew 25, and tornado relief.

Waterloo First UMC members made quilts and blankets for House of Hope. They also participated in Habitat for Humanity's Women's Build and in Newsletter Delivery Church Row Collaboratory.

Waterloo, Kimball Ave UMC supports NAMI. Also, the congregation collects items in an Esther's Tub for a different ministry each month (Cedar Bend Humane Society, North Star Community Services, etc.). A member donated hours of free tax form help. Another volunteers at a hospital. And so on.

Waterloo, Linden UMC donated supplies to a local elementary school and prepared 60 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Waterloo, Mt. Hope UMC serves in relationship with one or two missions each month, first contacting them to see what their needs are. For instance, members collected clothing, bedding, and household supplies for Americans for Independent Living (which serves disabled or homeless veterans).

Waterloo, St. Paul's UMC was able to resume its monthly Free Community Meal in September (now a Drive-Thru). Members also collected personal care items for Northeast Iowa Food Bank.

Waverly, Trinity UMC members plant and tend a garden and invite community members to pick the vegetables. They also visit women at a local jail and participate in Women at the Well's prison ministry. A staff member helped prepare meals for 2500 volunteers cleaning up after the Kentucky tornados.

West Union UMC houses Open Hands Food Pantry in its basement, and two members volunteer. Also, the Sunday School class made loop blankets for the local Hospice, and others made Prayer Shawls for anyone suffering loss or illness.

Ken & Barb Bazyn

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