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A Word from Pastor Jon

Between the Now and the Not Yet.

Today I'm sitting in a hospital waiting room, just outside of the operating rooms. While there are people just across from me, it is pretty quiet. Perhaps people are preoccupied with thoughts of their friends or loved ones. For some, a few weeks ago they did not envision that they would be sitting here, but they are. In about an hour I will drive to another hospital and visit with one of our church members who has been struggling with illness and the path back to wholeness. It has been difficult. They are not where they once were, nor are they where they want to be. They are between "the now" and "the not yet".

This reminds me of a familiar scripture from Luke:

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. Luke 24:13-14.

We find two disciples on the road to Emmaus. This was after the crucifixion of Jesus and before their realization of his resurrection. Their dream about what life together with Christ was going to be, had vanished, and now a new day was dawning on a future they could not yet comprehend. They, too, were between "the now" and "the not yet".

I read on this subject and jotted some notes but I don't recall the name of the book. It referred to this kind of situation being a place that none of us wants to be and yet it is the very place that God often leads us. Those two disciples on that road to Emmaus, and many of us, are in a place that could be described as a "threshold", that place of transition from one place to another. You have left what you have known, or it has left you, and you have not yet been able to replace it with anything else.

- It is the Israelites wandering in the wilderness between Egypt and

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the Promised Land.

- It is Mary weeping at Jesus' tomb
- It is the disciples huddled in the upper room.
- It is Cleopas and the unnamed disciple on the road to Emmaus, between the life they had known and whatever was coming next... Maybe it was something good but, who knows?

The author spoke about the second disciple on the road to Emmaus as unnamed, and there is speculation on who it might be. Perhaps this disciple was unnamed because it helps us to find ourselves on this familiar road. All of us are on our Emmaus Road in some area of our lives, whether it be spiritual or physical, somewhere between “the now” and “the not yet.”

We should note that while the disciples may have felt alone, they were not, for someone joined them on their journey. In the process of opening up and discussing the events in their lives, Christ broke into their midst.

PARISH NEWS...

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH? I would love to talk with you about Church Membership. If you would like to learn more about church membership and what it means to be a member, please let me know or call the church office, leave your name, contact information, and say "I'm interested in membership" and we'll take it from there! ~Pastor Jon



JUNE LECTIONARY READINGS	
June 5, 2016 3rd Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 17:8-24; Psalm 146; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17
June 12, 2016 4th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 21:1-21a; Psalm 5:1-8; Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36—8:3
June 19, 2016 5th Sunday after Pentecost	1 Kings 19:1-15a; Psalm 42; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
June 26, 2016 6th Sunday after Pentecost	2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14; Psalm 77:1-2,11-20; Galatians 5:1,13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Fill the Truck

Support the Midwest Mission Distribution Center by filling their truck with relief kits and supplies.



The truck will be parked in Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center (Veteran's Auditorium) parking lot during the Iowa Annual Conference June 4 through June 6. This year, Midwest Mission Distribution Center is asking for kits of all types, but especially need these supplies: **Spiral Bound Notebooks, Infant Sleepers (not onesies), Hand Towels & Washcloths**

Visit <http://www.midwestmissiondc.org/> for an updated list of kit supplies.

- All items must be NEW
- To aid in delivery of bulk items, donations of \$1.00 per each 10 bulk items are needed.
- All checks should be made out to MMDC
- Keep a record of your gifts for Rainbow Covenant credit form.
- These kits and supplies help care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. They also help to sustain everyday life by providing basic necessities to people who lack ready access to essential supplies. By donating kits supplies, you make a direct, tangible difference in sustaining people's lives.

IAUMC Disaster Ministry: If you would like more information about IAUMC Conference Disaster Ministries and opportunities please contact: Pastor Catie or John Newman at disaster.response@iaumc.org or 712-899-4067

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center is a cooperating depot with UMCOR Relief Supply Network. Midwest Mission's also has kits and projects that are specific to the center such as Haiti School Bags, Children's Hospital Gowns and more. They will also take bikes and sewing machines. Please feel free to contact them directly for more information and to participate in these opportunities.



COVENANT IS AN IN-DEPTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS READ AND DISCUSS THE BIBLE TOGETHER, LEARNING HOW TO LOVE GOD—AND EACH OTHER—BETTER.

Three 8-episode segments each explore a different aspect of Covenant life. Each will examine what Covenant means, and the progression of a Covenant relationship with God.

CREATING - Examines how the Covenant community is created and established.

LIVING - Focuses on how the community lives out their Covenant in faithful love—how it's applied to actual relationships in everyday life.

TRUSTING - Looks at the crises that sometimes call Covenant life into question, and how we are restored to trust in God when troubling things happen.

Covenant represents a relationship—a living, breathing conversation. And we invite you to join in it.

This Study will be coming to our churches in July 2016! Watch for sign up information.

Serving God as an Usher

Ushers serve God today by:

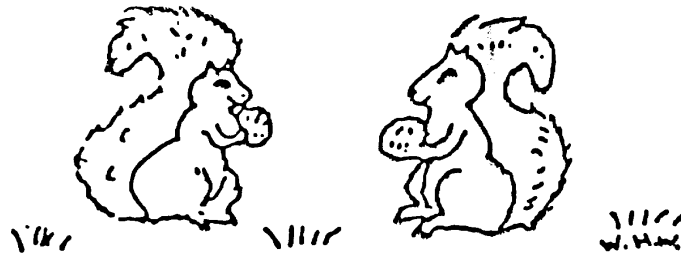
- directing visitors,
- helping take up the offering,
- lending a hand to pastors, and
- stepping in when urgent needs arise. (The first priority of an usher is, after all, the safety of those who are worshiping.)



When you do this, you're joining with centuries of people who have loved God and have valued *the event* that takes place when God's people gather together in worship.

So, be part of caring for the community of faith. The effective usher does more than pass out bulletins. You are often the first impression that is made on a guest on behalf of the church.

There is a sheet with usher responsibilities/instructions on the information table in the fellowship hall for you to review. If you would like to be an usher or want more information then write your name, contact information, and the word "Usher" on the communication card on the back side of the prayer card in your bulletin and put it in the offering plate.



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FINANCIAL FACTS

Fact: 2013 Expenses Budget: \$70,362
Fact: \$5,863.50 needed per Month for Expenses
Fact: \$1,353 needed per Week for Expenses

Contributions		Attendance	
5/1	\$1240.00	5/1	44
5/8	\$1067.75	5/8	42
5/15	\$970.00	5/15	51
5/22	\$1420.00	5/22	45
5/29	n/a	5/29	n/a

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: The theme for our Summer Sunday School program will be "Feed the World;" in our case, "Feed the Community." The Sunday School class will be putting out a garden as a summer project...but...we need your help to show the kids how to take care of the land and help those in the community to enjoy some fresh vegetables. **Help Wanted:** Gardeners, no experience necessary, have to love seeing little faces light up when they are planting God's seeds and the anticipation of watching it grow. Please contact Pam Kirk for a chance to participate in a wonderful summer program and watch our little seeds continue to grow our young Disciples. Plant and they will Grow!

Pam Kirk, 319-533-1120

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 RODNEY SMITH
- 3 REECE BURNS
- 3 NANCY BAHR
- 7 JERRIS RICHARDSON
- 8 RICHARD BURNS
- 8 ETHAN LOGSTON
- 9 DUSTIN LANGE
- 10 COOPER FRANKLIN
- 12 THERESA PHILIPP
- 13 BRANDY STEVENSON
- 13 DANA SPERFSLAGE
- 15 JEREMIAH MCGRAW
- 17 MARILYN HART

- 24 BECKY ANDERSON
- 26 DORIS FRAZIER
- 28 JUNE SMITH
- 30 RHONDA LANGE

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 MICHAEL & BELINDA HENLE
- 4 GERALD & ELAINE HOUTS
- 4 KENNETH & JILL HUNT
- 10 ARDITH & CAROL SMITH
- 21 KEN & SHIRLEY ANDREWS
- 26 RYAN & SHELLY BURNS
- 28 DAVE & PAM KIRK

If your special day is not listed here, please contact Virginia Lyttle at the church office.

Many of you have probably noticed our "Old Rugged Cross" in the Fellowship Hall. Thank-you Everett Schilling for making this. We had been borrowing Prairie Chapel's cross and Everett came into the church and took measurements of theirs to make ours. That is not all. He was able to get the weathered 2x4s from Bernadine Hindman's house thanks to the Blackfords. This now has very special meaning for us. Thank-you Everett!!

LET'S GET TOGETHER FOR "FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP!! It has been noted that it would be fun for our church family to have some together time. We have decided now that the time for the service will change to 10:30 in July, that we would begin a last of the month potluck. July's date however will be the 4th Sunday instead of the last because of a community event. We will begin this tradition after church on July 24th, so put that on the calendar! Meat will be furnished and families are asked to bring a salad and/or dessert.



June Communion Steward & Servers: volunteers needed

JUNE GREETERS

- 5 Ardie & Carol Smith
- 12 Roger & Roberta Altes
- 19 *Volunteers needed*
- 26 *Volunteers needed*

JUNE USHERS

- 5 Julie Hoover &
- 12 Judy & Dick Burns
- 19 *Volunteers needed*
- 26 David & Pam Kirk

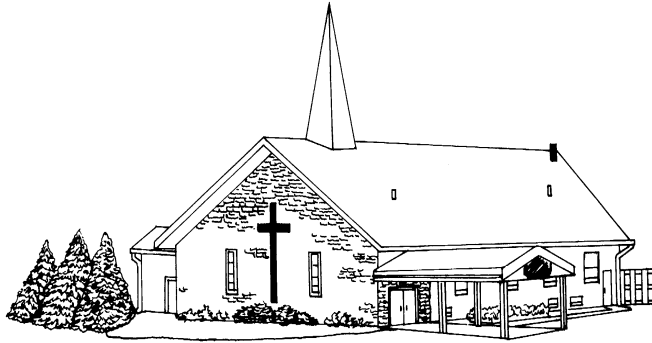
JUNE BAKED GOODS

- 5 Shirley Andrews
- 12 Roberta Altes
- 19 *Volunteers needed*
- 26 Pam Kirk

JUNE NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- 5
 - 12
 - 19
 - 26
- Volunteers Needed**

Please add **your name** to the sign-up sheet at the church.



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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STEWARDSHIP

When I became a member of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church I promised to be faithful with my...PRAYERS: Pray for Peace. Pray for safety for farmers in the fields and on the roads. Pray for all service men and women. Pray for those recovering from illness and surgery, and undergoing treatments.

PRESENCE:

Bring a Friend!!

Weekly Attendance:

5/1	63
5/8	57
5/15	54
5/22	33
5/29	n/a

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.

Weekly Offerings:

5/1	n/a
5/8	\$2562.00
5/15	\$1640.00
5/22	n/a
5/29	n/a

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to everyone who helped with the UMW Salad Supper and to Kathy Clemens and Carrie Robertson for the wonderful program, and to all the "models" who wore traditional costumes from different countries.

COMMUNITY CLUB will meet on Thursday, June 2 at 6:30PM at the church. See you there!

BRIDAL SHOWER: All women are invited to a Miscellaneous Shower for Kim Jordan on Saturday, June 11 at 6:30PM at the church.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEXT MEETING JUNE 16 AT 7:00PM.
Program & Devotions: Lois Martin Hostesses: Sharon Scott & Maria Martin. **Mission Project-Sewing Kits**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Margaret Meythaler
- 2 Zachary Nielson
- 6 John Sawyer
- 7 Kasey Nebergall
- 8 Anna Olinger
- 10 Lucas Lilleberg
- 12 Dianna Smith
- 19 Roy Bowers
- 20 Jeff Yeisley
- 22 Pauline Olinger
- 25 Abby Ritze



- 26 Phyllis Lamb
- 28 Leah Nebergall
- 28 Caitlin Robertson
- 28 Hannah Lilleberg
- 29 Marcia Jordan
- 29 Chris Novak

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Rick & Faith Martin
- 3 Paul & Dorothy Martin
- 5 Leann & Jarod Bowman
- 7 Travis & Carrie Robertson
- 14 Walter & Laura Falcon
- 15 Spencer & Amber Jordan
- 17 Kasey & Leah Nebergall
- 18 Jeff & Marcia Jordan
- 23 Matt & Jamie Walther
- 23 Nick & Abby Ritze
- 24 Imre & Loma Kertes
- 24 Willis & Karon Dettman

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JUNE COMMUNION STEWARD & SERVERS Volunteers needed



JUNE USHERS/GREETERS

- 5 Volunteers needed
- 12 Tim & Kathy Clemens
- 19 James Jordan & Holly Ryan
- 26 Wally & Laura Falcon

JUNE ACOLYTES

Volunteers Needed

Please add **your name** to the sign-up sheet at the church.

JUNE MISSION PROJECT - SEWING KITS: 3 yards cotton or cotton blend fabric, all one piece; 1 large spool matching thread ♦ 5-8 matching flat buttons (fasten together) ♦ 1 pair sewing scissors ♦ 1 package of hand sewing needles ♦ 1 gallon Ziploc bag

FALCON 60TH ANNIVERSARY: 60th Anniversary Open House for Wally & Laura Falcon on Sunday, June 5 from 2:00-4:00PM at Horseshoe Falls Lodge , Pinicon Ridge Park in Central City. We hope you will join us and our families Lesley & Daryl, Andrew, Mary Hallet and A.J. to mark the milestone. No gifts, please.



A big thank you to my church family for the prayers, cards, visits and phone calls during my time of illness. God Bless all of you.

Kris Blackford

Nick and Dorothy want to thank everyone for all of your praers and get well cards. We appreciate them very much. God Bless all of you.

Nick Olinger and Dorothy Martin