


May 2010

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 

APRIL 11, 2010 

St. John's United Methodist Church

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Logan Fraker, Michael Hudachek,  
Rachel Meyers, Jamie Pamperin,  
Andrew Parker, Lea Patrick,  
Aryan Sarvestaney, Justin Seyfert,  
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**The Church Office will be closed on  
Monday, May 31st in celebration of  
the Memorial Day Holiday**

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**Check us out on Facebook!**

The St John's Youth will be participating in a mission trip to Cedar Rapids June 10-13th. They will be assisting with the Willis Dady Emergency Shelter. Mission trip meetings will be held May 23rd, May 30th, and June 6th from 4pm-5pm in the Youth Office (Lower Level of the Church).

## One Church, Many Worship Opportunities

(Sanctuary of church, unless otherwise noted)

**Classic worship** (traditional) Sundays @ 8:30 a.m.

**Living Faith! worship** Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.  
(The Center)

**Celebration worship** @ 11 a.m.

**The Edge Youth worship** Sundays @ 6 p.m.

**Jesus Country worship** Saturdays @ 5:30 p.m.

**SkateChurch** (skaters) Fridays @ 6 — 10 p.m. at  
The Center

**SkateChurch** (bikers) Saturdays 5 —9 p.m.  
at The Center

**Sunday School** for all ages Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

A monthly financial report for St. John's and for The Center is now available in the church office. Stop by during the week to pick up a copy.

**St. John's Foundation** wish to thank the following for their contribution to the Birthday Fund: Cindy Carpenter, Bobbie Chant, Mark Clingman, Vivian Cook, Wayne Eckstein and Liz Jansen.



## ADULT FELLOWSHIP

By Louise Henry

Adult Fellowship will meet for lunch at 12 noon May 5th at 12:00 noon for lunch with a program to follow. Contact Louise Henry at 332-3433 for reservations if you are not on the calling list but would like to attend. Meat will be furnished by the committee. You are asked to bring a vegetable, or a salad, or dessert to share. Also, bring your own table service.

Come join us--you will be glad you did.

**Become a friend of Pastor George and Pastor Ron on Facebook today!**



## COUNT ON IT

by Pastor George

Pastor Adam Hamilton of Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City told a group of pastors about something that happened after one of their Easter Services. Hamilton had preached with conviction about Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. A church attender pulled him aside after the service and asked pointedly, "Do you really believe in all that stuff?" Hamilton replied, "Not only do I believe it. I am counting on it."

What a great answer to an important question! It is important to know if we preachers really believe what we're talking about. Hamilton added an important sentence to his positive answer, "I am counting on it." Our belief in the resurrection of Jesus is something we count on! Eternity depends on it. We count on it, depend on it, trust it. We put all our eggs in the resurrection basket. Without the resurrection, death still has the final word. Without the resurrection, there are no Heavenly family reunions. Without the resurrection, there is no release after death's suffering; there is only an empty void.

Paul pounded home this great truth in I Corinthians 15:17-20, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised...."

"The Lord is Risen" is a traditional Easter Day greeting. But know this- we count on the resurrection every day of our lives! And we count on it most on that last day of our earthly life. Christ has been raised from death to life, and we count on the promise that we shall share in his resurrection!



Don't forget to sign your youth up for Summer games. Mark your calendar for July 12—16 at Grinnell College in Grinnell, IA. Especially designed to help youth begin and develop an active and life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

To find out more go to [www.summergamesuniversity.org](http://www.summergamesuniversity.org)

**A reminder Pastor George is off on Fridays and Pastor Ron is off on Thursdays**

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

by Sharon Imming

Thank you for the generosity to the food pantry for the month of March. Pastor Ron asked in his March sermon that we set a goal of 1,000 items for the Food Pantry. Even though we didn't make the 1,000, you went over the half way mark by contributing 621 items. This was an outstanding contribution for the time of year and the economic situation. St. John's pulls through again.

April Food Pantry contributions were \$362. As I have expressed before, if everyone brings just one item, we could very well get to that 1,000.

As Jerry Lewis says each year, "just one more dollar than last year is all I ask". My challenge to the congregation: one more food item than the previous month". Items needed are microwave popcorn, single serving oatmeal packets, small personal hygiene products, cake and muffin mixes, canned meat and canned pasta. Thanks again, St. John's and I know the recipients of the food pantry thank you also. Food Pantry Sunday is May 16th. If this date isn't convenient, bring your items to the church office during the week.



On May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon the Trustees are sponsoring a clean up and maintenance morning.

There will be work to be done inside and out as we transition from winter to spring and summer. Please mark your calendars and come help us make light work of our to do list. The trustees are also looking for people to adopt different flower beds and landscaping areas for the season. The adopter will take care of general care of specific areas, if you are interested contact Jane Lange, Trustee Chairperson or any member of the Trustee committee.



A Reminder

A note to remind you to let the Church Office know when a family member is in the hospital. Privacy laws do not allow the hospitals to notify churches of hospitalizations.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

By Linda Jantz

**Executive Meeting:** May 12 @ 10:45 in Conference Room

**Unit Meeting:** May 12 @ 12:00 noon in the Parlor

**Topic:** Immigration **Presenter:** Leslie Kilgannon

**Reservations:** Call Pat Burroughs at 322-8302

It is requested that Circles call Pat with their number of reservations by Sunday evening before the Unit meeting.

**Bible verse for May:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Psalm 100:1 (NRSV)

**Invite a friend to circle and help enrich her life too.**

**Hostess: Dorcas**

**DVAP: Martha**

**Friendship: Martha**

**Diapers: Deborah**

**Deborah: Tuesday, May 18 @ 7:00**

Hostess: Rosemary Wooldridge

3575 Marquette St., Davenport

Co-Hostess: Pat Burroughs

**Dorcas: Tuesday, May 18 @ 7:00**

Hostess: Dorothy Burkhart

I will call and let you know where it is to be held

Co-Hostess: Cheryl Milder

**Elizabeth: Wednesday, May 19 @ 12:30**

Hostess: Sharon Helming

1120 Terrace Park Dr., Bettendorf

**Joanna: Tuesday, May 25 @ 7:00**

Hostess: Laura Lang

5529 Baraboo Ct., Davenport

Co-Hostess: Cherlyn Foster

**Martha: Wednesday, May 18 @ 1:00**

Northridge Party Room at Ridgecrest

**Naomi: Wednesday, May 18 @ 12:00**

Hostess: Jan Becker

2306 Fairhaven Rd., Davenport



The **Emblem** of United Methodist Women, the cross and the flame, symbolizes our organization. The cross and flame are ancient symbols of the church and appear on the United Methodist Church emblem. Both symbols remind us of the opportunities and obligations of discipleship. As part of our emblem, the cross and the flame remind us of our **Purpose**

of growing in our understanding of and willingness to participate in the global ministries of the church. They remind us of our heritage of women who pioneered in service for the church at home and in other countries.



UNITED METHODIST VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

*Christian Love in Action!*

## VIM UPDATE

By Sandy Koester

A VIM team will be going to work in Oakville, IA on May 6,7 & 8th. Call Sandy

Koester today at 285.1373 to be a part of this "giving" team.

## MISSION UPDATE

By Willie Trusheim

Our May Manna for Mission offering is for Red Bird Mission School. A high school sophomore student tells us why.

"My name is Kristen Wagers, a student at Red Bird School. Red Bird is a private Christian school consisting of about 300 students. I have attended Red Bird since I started school and it is a big part of my life. It is my second home, and I have met many great people.

The school is based on donations of people and churches around the United States. Our school is facing serious financial problems that may result in closing the doors of the school. I am writing this letter to ask you to help by sending donations to support our school. We are asking every church member to donate at least \$1.00 to Red Bird." Sincerely, Kristen Wagers

Our economy is a big reason for the concern. If the school closed students would be riding a bus for several hours a day, and some may drop out because of the distance to a public school. A goal for us could be \$500- 1,000. that is less than it costs here for one student a year just in State aid. Pray about your gift for Manna for Missions on May 1,2. Thank You!!



# PIECES OF GRACE

Last month I described for you the introductory stages of my route to ordination. If this is a calling that you would like to talk with someone about I would love to chat whenever is convenient for the two of us. Once a person is a certified candidate they have a few options. First they can pursue full membership as an ordained Elder or they can decide to become a full time or part time local pastor and complete the studies required. A local pastor can continue in ministry as a local pastor, pursue Associate membership, or Probationary membership and commissioning leading to Full Membership and Elder's Orders. I chose to do the later, which allowed me to be in ministry and to serve the people of this community.

To be commissioned a candidate needs to have completed (1/2) of their seminary studies (I had just completed my MDIV). To be commissioned the candidate needs to submit forms regarding their health, identity, work history, financial health, complete a background check, call story, spiritual formation and prepare a document for the Board of Ordained Ministry. This document includes the answers to question posed in the Book of Discipline regarding theology, vocation and practice of ministry. It also includes a Bible study (4 classes), a biography and assorted other document the Board needs to understand who you are. The last piece of the provisional membership is an oral exam where just about anything is fair game as far as questions that may be asked of you.

After being approved for Probationary membership, candidates are commissioned and begin a time of further study, reflection and examination. The service requirement is a minimum of two years as a Probationary Member, during this time there is supervision provided my District Superintendents and mentors who help in the process. To become Ordained and a member in Full connection the person needs to complete a process similar to the Probationary exams, except at this time those examining are looking for "fruit" from the applicant's ministry. On June 6, sometime after 930 am this stage of my journey will be completed when Bishop Trimble and other assembled Elders lay hands on me as I am ordained. This not so brief process is long and beneficial to the Church and to those pursuing its ends. If you are interested in a deeper understanding of the process let me know.

Grace and Peace, **RON**

The 2010 Annual Conference  
will be held at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines Iowa

The United Methodist Church of Iowa will hold its Annual Conference in Des Moines on June 5-8 at Hy-Vee Hall. Highlights will include worship services, setting budgets, discussing important issues and appointing pastors to local churches for another year. Our Bishop, Julius Trimble, will preside. St Johns will be well-represented with three lay members (delegates): Andrea Otten, Angie Brand and Michael Slininger. Kathy Byers will attend as state United Methodist Women's Treasurer. All pastors, active and retired, are automatically members. Approximately 1,500 are expected to attend.

Of special interest to St. Johns, will be the ordination of Pastor Ron Carlson as an Elder. He will be one of several persons to be ordained on Sunday morning, June 6<sup>th</sup> during a worship service beginning at . Any St. John's member is encouraged to go to Des Moines to offer Pastor Ron our prayers and support. Pooling rides is encouraged, either Saturday night with a stayover in Des Moines, or early Sunday morning. The church van is scheduled to leave at approximately 5:15 a.m. Sunday morning. If you want to arrange transportation, contact Naomi Copeland in the church office- 324-5278 or [naomicopeland@stjohnsumc-dav.com](mailto:naomicopeland@stjohnsumc-dav.com).



**Lock Inn—Junior and Senior High Lock Inn coming June 25-26. See Michael Slininger for event details**

# TROOP 6



ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
DAVENPORT, IOWA

# TROOP 6 NEWS

By Wanda Cover



We're glad it's spring, but the weather has not been our best friend. Our March campout was planned as a service project at Camp Loud Thunder. We were to help with the Order of the Arrow semi-annual chainsaw work day, cleaning up trees damaged during the 2008 wind storm that hit camp. The rain that Saturday did not allow this project, but being good scouts, we found several other indoor projects at camp to keep us busy for the day.



In March, we took a portion of one of our regular meetings to pick up trash around the outside the outside of the church, and in April, we prepared and served the annual Seder Meal in fellowship hall.

For our April campout, we again visited Camp Loud Thunder and had great weather! Although we usually do service projects or work on advancement at campouts, this one was different. Our scouts and leaders had the opportunity to sharpen their shotgun shooting skills, and we shot lots of clay targets.

Thanks for your support and your prayers. Our troop is small, but very active. Please keep us in mind for any boys interested in scouting ... we'd love to have them join us.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOM!

Over 25 years ago, our Mother, Lillian Peltier said "If I ever reach 80, I would want no cards or gifts! Just 'stuff' for the Food Pantry" - So now she will reach that magic number this June! Diana, Robin, Lois and Susie (her four daughters) are hoping you can make that wish come true. Please join us in the Church Parlor Sunday, June 13th from 2 to 4 p.m., bring a little something for the Food Pantry and join us for ice cream and birthday cake.



## CONGRATULATIONS NEWLY MARRIED

Jodi Spaulding and Jeremy Glass married April 3rd

Christopher Menge/Kelly Kaul married April 9th

## RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Ava Weist daughter of Jessica Milder and Nick Weist;

Rolan and Keagan Alvarez, twin sons of Sonny and Amy Alvarez baptized April 4th

Emily Doxsie daughter of Don and Gale Doxsie and Adam Fielder son of Chad and Becca Wolf and Roy Fielder; Madison Marie Jorgensen daughter of Jesse Pamperin and Brittany Jorgensen, parents and granddaughter of Matt & Karen Ring, all baptized on April 11th

Jayden Ann Houtekier, daughter of Vivan Houtekier and Kevin Green baptized April 18th

## NEW MEMBERS

Fran Mendoza, Becky Leonhardt and Nicole Leonhardt—April 11th (along with confirmation class noted on cover)



## CELEBRATION SERVICE

by Carl and Bonnie Boehl

**Sunday, May 16th**

Walking tacos (in dish) Whipped cream fruit salad  
Assorted cookies

Because I've received so many blessings for helping build Habitat for Humanity Homes in the past, I'm going to enjoy another 500 mile bicycle ride. Seeing the response from the families who have received homes you have helped me sponsor in the past have made it a humbling experience for me. Please consider sponsoring me for my 7th consecutive ride so that Habitat home #70 can be built for a deserving family. You may also donate online by going to [www.habitat500.org](http://www.habitat500.org) and click on donate button. Just remember I'm rider #20. Thank you very much for your support.  
Gordon Fordyce

# CONFIRMATION STUDENTS AND BANNERS



**NATIONAL**



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The Chapel will be open on Thursday May 6th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for anyone who wishes to come in for prayer and meditation during the National Day of Prayer

**Prayer Breakfast/Concerts of Prayer  
Thursday, May 6, 2010**

The local observance of the National Day of Prayer, a prayer breakfast, will be held Thursday, May 6 at 6: 30 a.m. at The Lodge Hotel in Bettendorf. Keynote speaker is Tom McGovern. Later that day, the Quad Cities Prayer Center (QCPC) will host a Concerts of Prayer. It begins at 7 p.m. at The Center, 1411 Brady St. in Davenport.

Skate camp- a partnership with the YMCA of the Quad Cities and SkateChurch call the YMCA at 391-7771 and ask about how to sign up for SUMMER SKATECAMP scholarships available.



Skate Camp



3rd Annual  
**P.U.N.C.H.**  
Trash Day

The Center and PUNCH is supporting CityWide clean up Day on May 15. From 9:00-12 neighbors can drop off larger item at First Baptist Church on 14<sup>th</sup> and Perry. If a Hilltop neighbor needs assistance in cleaning their street area, allies, and revenes please contact Pennie at The Center.

*The Worship Enhancement Team would like to thank Geneva Drachenberg for crocheting the lovely altar cloth for Easter Sunday*



# Life on the EDGE!

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Michael Slininger

Dear Friends,

As you may or may not know I am the new Youth Director at St. John's UMC. I am very excited to join with you in a ministry experience. So as we begin I would like to share a little bit about my history.

I was born and raised in Moline, IL just across the river. For a time I attended Christ UMC in East Moline. Though we had humble beginnings our youth group, with the leadings of a great Youth Pastor grew to over one hundred. I hope we can have the same success here. After my freshman year I moved to Albia, IA where I graduated High School. After that I attended Indian Hills Community College and received my Associates Degree. Following that I attended Iowa State University and gained a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies. After a short while in Graduate school in Kansas City, MO I have returned close to home to share in a great experience with you.

I love spending time with youth. Whether bowling, skating, playing, random games, or just talking my passion is sharing experiences with youth. With that said I hope you will join me and staff as we journey closer to God and closer to each other through fun adventures like mission trips, small groups, SkateChurch, and many other events that are being planned.

Email me anytime: Michaels@stjohnsumc-dav.com

### Schedule of events:

- Wednesday Bible Study 5-6 @ Solid Rock Café
- High School Skatechurch 6-9
- Skatechurch 6-10
- Bike Night 5-9
- Edge Youth group 6-7:30

### Relationship

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**Youth Mission Trip**  
 Who: Middle and High School  
 When: June 10-13  
 Where: Cedar Rapids  
 ???: Call Michael

**Seniors**

*If you are graduating Senior we would like to recognize you on May 16 at our worship service. If you have or are a graduating Senior in high school or college please call*

### Contact us:

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**FIND US ON FACEBOOK!!!**



All Kids for Christ!

Created by Peggy Sager

APRIL & MAY 2010

# TRACKS

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's a great VBS launch to space June 20-24, 5:30—8:00 p.m.

VBS is for children age 3 — 6th graders. Children will be in the class they are currently in at school.

Each day, we'll learn more about our great Creator as we crisscross the cosmos, answering questions about space.

There'll be high energy, lively songs, a missions moment, space probe lessons and snacks!

VBS Sunday, June 27, at all services.



Parents, pick up your children from Sunday School and Children's Church, promptly at 10:45 or immediately after service, in their classrooms. Please don't send older siblings to pick up younger ones.

## KIDS SING NATIONAL ANTHEM

It's going to be a GREAT day at Modern Woodman Park!



The children of St. John's will sing the National Anthem this year at a River Bandit's home game on Sunday, Apr. 25, 1 p.m.

All children singing will have **free admission**, along with their parents. We must have accurate numbers of attendees, so make sure you **sign up** on the bulletin board near the Conference Room.

## PRAYER NEEDS

St. John's is happy to be sending kids to camp this summer!

As a congregation, please pray for those who are sure to have their very best summer of all: Caleb Brand, Mike Brand, Logan Fraker, Zane Grell, Isaac Harris, Max Kietzman, Garvin Papper, Aryana Sarvestaney, Sam Sarvestaney, Hayden Sollars and Andrew Vavra.

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## RESOURCE

## ROOM NEEDS

## SUNDAY COL-

## May Birthdays!

- 1—Lauren Pearson
- 3—Layk Niebruegge
- 4—Caleb Stansbury
- 8—Makenzie Scott, Parker Ward
- 13—Carter Lechvar, Sam Munn
- 16—Braeden Jackson, Andrea Misner
- 17—Charlie Adams, Erin Menke, Andrew Vavra
- 20—Cody Carlton, Gabriella Wade
- 23—Ben Willet
- 25—Ki Gengler
- 26—Joey Parker
- 28—Logan Haiar
- 31—Sabrina Johnson



The March 21 and 28 bake sales brought in \$955.42 for children's summer camp scholarships. The Children's Council will distribute these funds accordingly for this year's camps. Thank you to everyone who donated items and to those who purchased items!



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*Monthly Tidings deadline NOON on:*  
***MAY 17th***

*(covering all June events)*

*E-mail your articles to: [newsletter@stjohnsumc-dav.com](mailto:newsletter@stjohnsumc-dav.com)*

**HOSPITALIZED  
AND RELEASED**

**OUR SYMPATHY**

**PRAYER CHAIN**

**Hospitalized as of April 19, 2009**

**Genesis East:** Dennis Kuehl and Lisa Gomez

**Genesis West:** Deb Meehan

**Released:** Carol Mandas, Jean Langtimm, Eloise Metcalf, Dale Copeland, Joan Tisinger, Brad Treiber and Gary Kruse

*For a complete listing of those in local assisted living center, please contact the church office. An up-to-date Member Care list is available at the Perry Street entrance or by contacting the church office at 324.5278.*

To the friends and families of **Eugene Yelle** (Jackie Trusheim's brother), **M. Lavonne Rhoads**, **Col. Thomas J. Agnor Jr.** (Laura Lang's father), **Robert Specht**, **Dorothy Willet** (Jeff Willet's mother), **Harol Sadel**, and to **Kelly Burich** whose grandfather passed away since our last publication.

***"The Lord is near to those who call upon Him"***

Prayer requests may be called into the Church Office during office hours at 324-5278. After 5 p.m. please contact Jan Becker at 355-3981.