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NEWSLETTER

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The Harris & Lake Park United Methodist Churches

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Parish Secretary: Judy Taber

Custodians
Noel Phillips, Harris, 719-207-2399

Mary Schmidt, LP, 712-331-1455

Worship
Harris – 9:00 a.m.
Lake Park – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School—Sept. – May
Harris – 10:15 a.m.
Lake Park – 9:00 a.m.

Harris & Lake Park
United Methodist churches

The Connection

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District Grants and Scholarships

Grants Are you considering a ministry to folks outside your church? You will want to consider applying for a New Places for New People grant or Multi Cultural Ministries grant. Are you considering attending a leadership event/training in the near future? The Northwest District has funds available for grants to help with the registration fees for leadership training events. All of these grants are made possible by funds from the District Asking. .

Scholarships The Elsie Stouffer Trust also has grants and scholarships available.

Go to www.iaumc.org then to Directories, then to Northwest to find more information and applications. Due date is March 10, 2017 and the application and all supporting materials must be in the district office by then.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 1:00 - LP UMW 6:15 Choir	2	3	4 5 p.m. Saturday Prayer Lake Park UMC
5 5th Sunday after the Epiphany	6	7 Care Center Music 	8 6:00 – Confirmation 6:15 Choir 6:30 Sr. High Youth Grp. 7:00 – Royals 7:00 – VBS Planning mtg. at Harris for Edu. comm. from H & LP & Presb.	9 7:00 Harris Ad Council	10 Care Center Bingo 	11 5 p.m. Saturday Prayer Lake Park UMC
12 6th Sunday after the Epiphany 	13	14 	15 6:15 Choir 7:00 LP Ad Council No Apologies (rescheduled due to weather)	16	17	18 Cherish Center Father-Daughter Dance 5-10 p.m. The Pavilion, Milford, IA 5 p.m. Saturday Prayer Lake Park UMC
19 7th Sunday after the Epiphany	20 	21	22 6:00 – Confirmation 6:15 Choir 6:30 Sr. High Youth Grp. 7:00 – Royals	23	24	25 5 p.m. Saturday Prayer Lake Park UMC
26 8th Sunday after the Epiphany	27	28				

Sherry Ahrenstorff	LP UMC	cancer surgery
Tim Gunderson	LP UMC	surgery
Tom Kyle	LP UMC	
Winnie Struck	Friend	
(Colleen Griese's great granddaughter)		
Jon Martin	LP UMC	back pain
Lucille Rush	LP UMC	hospice care
Karen Rehms	LP UMC	fragile health
Rita Reimers	LP UMC	cancer
Shirley Fredericksen	LP UMC	cancer
Garrett Goodell	LP UMC	seizures
Ardyce Rueter		fragile health
(mother of Lori Sheeler and Scott Rueter)		
Lennace Brandt	LP UMC	fragile health
Dave Lindemann	Friend	fragile health

The men and women in the armed services, their families, and our churches.

UMYF Spring Dinner

Saturday, March 4

Pork or Chicken Dinner

Many thanks to our church family for the prayers, flowers, cards, and kind words at the time of the loss of my father, George Pirlet.

Thanks to Pastor Emmanuel for his visits.

Sherry & Bob Ahrenstorff & family

We offer our sympathy and our prayers to the family of Carlyle Brandt. At printing time, plans had not been finalized for the funeral service.

February is Food Pantry Month
at LP UMC.
Donations of non-perishable food items as well as paper and personal items are welcome.

Hello Dear Church Family,

I hope this finds you well and in good health!

Let me begin by talking a little bit about the Saturday Prayer night. This has come out of the Saturday Night Alive. Due to lower and irregular attendance, a few people and I decided to spend this hour in prayer instead of having worship. We have made it a 'come and go' prayer time. What this means is, you don't have to stay for the entire hour.

So, why do we have to pray?

- ♥ Jesus commanded us to do so (Matthew 7: 7).
- ♥ We pray so that God can forgive us and heal our people (and land) (2 Chronicles 7:14).
- ♥ We pray for ourselves in search of personal salvation and any other needs (Romans 10: 13, Acts 2: 21, Philippians 4:6).

So, if you have some time, join me to seek God in prayer every Saturday.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you," Matthew 7:7, RSV.

See you in worship!

Pastor Emmanuel

To read Pastor Emmanuel's blog, devotionals, and more, go to www.emmanuelnaweji.com

Stewardship

Harris UMC

	Attendance	Offering
Jan. 1	30	$2,539.00
Jan. 8	65	1,100.10
Jan. 15	45	1,425.00
Jan. 22	32	588.00
	Total	$5,652.10
Average Weekly Attendance		43
Given to Date - 2016		$48,553.20
Given to date – 2017		$5,652.10
Human Relations Sunday		$60.00

Lake Park UMC

	Attendance	Offering
Dec. 24	258	$1,104.25
Dec. 25	118	3,056.60
Dec. 30	(deposit)	100.00
Dec. 31	(deposit)	1,500.00
	Total – 2016	$5,760.85
Jan. 1	66	$2,020.25
Jan. 8	129	$2,190.00
Jan. 15	154	2,301.00
Jan. 22	106	1,627.00
	Total – 2017	$8,138.25
Average Weekly Attendance		138
Given to Date – 2016		$139,609.75
Given to date – 2017		$8,138.25
Sunday School		$82.13
Harris Reimbursement		$742.04
Copies		$20.00
Christmas Dinner		$810.00
Electronic Sign		$1,100.00
Taber Nicaragua Mission Trip		$445.00
The Banquet		$370.00
Youth Group		$50.00
Rent		$80.00
Insurance check-parsonage water		$2,650.91
Human Relations Sunday		$16.00

Ushers & Greeters

Harris UMC

Ushers Jeff Loring
Jeff Jacobsma
Cal Harms

Flowers Lyla Akkerman, Joni Harms

Coffee
Feb. 5 ..... Harold Kruger
Feb. 12 ..... Jeff Loring
Feb. 19 ..... Dean Phillips/Noel Phillips
Feb. 26 ..... Steve Bosma, Irene Kruger

Lake Park UMC

Ushers Brad/Fran Graham
Craig Anderson/Easton Brevick

Flowers Jane Heikens, Wanda Garloff

Sunday School Snacks & Juice
Feb. 5 – Snacks/Juice – Phyllis Johnson
Feb. 12 – Snacks/Juice – Shelley Heikens
Feb. 19 – Snacks/Juice – Lola Read
Feb. 26 – Snacks – Max Anderson
Juice – Angie Watje

Snack Servers
Feb. – Aleene Worrick
Mar – Jane Heikens

Sr. High Youth Group Meals
Feb. 8 – Jeff & Maria Loring
Feb. 22 – Nick & Jessi Bradley
Mar. 8 – Jodi Brevik

VBS Planning Meeting Wed., Feb. 8
7 p.m. at Harris UMC for all Education Team members from H, LP, & Presb.

February 2017

1—Betsey Heuer and family
2— Joan Hoye
3— Joe & Mavis Hornick
4— Kirk & Trisha Ingham and family
5— Curt & Kim Ingwersen
6— Kyle & Britleigh Ingwersen
7— Amber Ingwersen
8— Brent Jacobsen
9— Ron & Kathy Jacobson and family
10— Jeff & Stephanie Jacobsma and family
11— Verlyn Jacobsma
12— Tom & Lil Jansen
13— Ray & Arlene Jaycox
14— James Jerousek
15— Sara Joens and family
16— Nona Joens
17— Bob Joens and family
18— Nate Johnson
19— Gary and Diane Johnson and family
20— Jeff & Phyllis Johnson
21— Shirley Johnson
22—Carolyn Johnson
23—Matt & Molly Johnson & family
24— Don & Eula Kennedy
25— Barb King
26— Dawn Kinkade
27— Keith & Dee Klaassen
28— Teachers in our school

LP UMW NEWS

Feb. 1 ..... 9:30 a.m.

Program ..... Gladys Goodell
"Prayer and Self Denial"

Serving ..... Carolyn Johnson
Lynda Gilmore

Sanctuary Flowers

February ..... Carolyn Johnson
Janice Nissen

Care Center Music

Feb. 14 ..... Jeanine Gunderson

Care Center Bingo

Feb. 10 ..... Darlyne Halquist
Gladys Goodell

UMYF Spring Dinner

Saturday, March 4

Pork or Chicken Dinner

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February Harris Birthdays

2 Shelly Boles
2 Art Meyer
3 Thad Bosma
5 Verlyn Jacobsma
6 Susie Betz
7 Noah Bosma
10 Jordan Moore
16 Jacob Paskert
16 Treyton Dake
17 Mark Dillehay
28 Amy Renner
28 Derek Davis

February LP Birthdays

1 Rylan Siemers
2 Jack Rasche
3 Colleen Griese
3 Aubree Wallace
5 Virginia Wiese
7 Justin Clarke
9 Marilee Blair
9 Nancy Puhrman
10 Lynda Gilmore
10 Ashley Rivas
11 Angela Preston Fisher
11 Kate Houseman
11 Lydia Naweji
12 Alex Read
12 Maxine Anderson
12 Brant Stapleton
15 Tyson Gath
17 Madilynn Mandelkow
17 London Lutz
18 Gavin Elser
18 Jeff Johnson
18 Sawyer Morrow
19 Hunter Andresen
19 Amber Gembler
20 Jake Money
20 Rachel Holland
21 Marie Matthiesen
22 John Crosby
22 Tonia Gunderson
24 Troy Ahrenstorff
24 Gregory Orwig
24 Molly Mitchell Johnson
24 Jennifer Paskert
24 Brecken Vellema
25 Cohen Carpenter
25 Anthony Gallagher
25 Ashlyn Nitzschke
26 Austin Jacobsen
28 Bryanna Gath Nissen
28 Michele Lundquist
28 Emmanuel Naweji

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February Harris Anniversaries

4 Allen & Loretta Rowe
7 Steve & Nancy Travaille
22 Ron & Amy Renner

February LP Anniversaries

3 Jason & Dallas Heikens
7 Joe & Mavis Hornick
11 Shane & Tara Garloff
21 Leon & Gladys Goodell
26 Clark & Roxie Reekers

PUZZLE

Love your neighbor as yourself

Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to live out God's love. How does Jesus say we should treat other people?

Directions: *Find a hidden word in each sentence. For example, "the" is hidden here: (12) "It's Harry's hat he stole." The (12) means the hidden word starts on the 12th letter (ignore punctuation). Use the answers to complete Matthew 19:19, NIV.*

(1) You really like ice cream! __ __ __ __

(16) Carly has a really fat hermit crab. __ __ __ __ __ __

(21) My favorite animals are moth, ermine and eels. __ __ __ __ __ __

(4) "Hello, Vera!" called Joseph. __ __ __ __

(11) When horses neigh, boredom reigns. __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

(17) Their daughter, Kara, sat patiently. __ __

(6) "That's yours, elf!" the fairy yelled. __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __

"Honor __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ __ and __ __ __ __ __ __, and __ __ __ __ your __."

Matthew 19:19, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 19:19, NIV

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

Colossians 3:23

Heart FRUIT SALAD

Make this cute, healthy snack for your loved ones on Valentine's Day.

What you need:

- Adult help
- Washed fruit (watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberries, grapes)
- Knife and cutting board
- Small heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bowl and spoon
- Mint leaves (optional)

What you do:

1. Slice the watermelon and use the cookie cutter to make heart shapes.
2. Slice the cantaloupe and cut chunks into heart shapes.
3. Remove strawberry stems and cut berries in half. Cut a small V atop each half to form a heart.
4. Cut grapes in half.
5. Place fruit in bowl and stir.
6. Wash and cut the mint. Sprinkle strips on the salad. Enjoy!

Sunday Bible Readings

Feb. 2 – Presentation of the Lord
Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm 84
Hebrews 2:14-18, Luke 2:22-40

Feb. 5 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Isaiah 58:1-9a, Psalm 112:1-10
1 Corinthians 21:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20

Feb. 12 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany
Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37

Feb. 19 – 7th Sunday after the Epiphany
Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, Psalm 119:33-40, 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23, Matthew 5:38-48

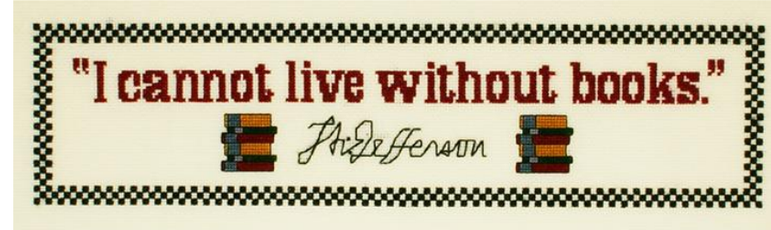
Feb. 26 – 8th Sunday after the Epiphany
Transfiguration of the Lord
Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

LP UMC Baptism

Braelyn Grace Heikens, daughter of Taylor and Laura Heikens, was baptized by Pastor Emmanuel on Sunday, January 15, 2017.

Grandparents are Jason and Dallas Heikens, Mike and Shirley Taylor, Randy and Dee Rowe. Great-grandparents are Jane Heikens, Allen & Loretta Rowe, Dick & Darolyn Packebush, Gary & Norma Koster.

Welcome to your church family, Braelyn!



February is known for its focus on love in many forms. I 'love' (interpreted as 'really like') the periodical featured below. Come to the church library anytime to check out this great publication and/or various other books. And… I invite those who attend neighboring Harris United Methodist to join in the fun!

Deb Morrow, Church Librarian

The magazine, ***Our Iowa,*** has been generously donated to our library. This magazine features the stories of Iowans, past and present. With regular features like "Let's Talk Weather", "The Prettiest Farm in Iowa", "What I Miss Most About Iowa", "Recipes They're Proud to Share", and "Amish Farm Wife's Diary" you can truly be proud of your Iowa connections.

On the evening of December 28,
Jeremy Snow
(son of Sam and Jan Snow)
lost everything he owned in the Condo fire in Okoboji.
Jeremy was not home at the time the fire started in his condo, and his was completely destroyed, along with severe damage to the other units.

A fund has been established at SAVINGS BANK in Lake Park to help Jeremy cover expenses that insurance will not.

Donations of any size will be greatly appreciated.

Savings Bank
P.O Box 128
Lake Park, Iowa 51347

Lake Park UMC Leadership - 2017

Chairperson	Scott Mitchell	320-2037
Lay Leader	Stacey Ahrenstorff	320-9524
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Aleene Worrick	330-7650
Equalization Member to Annual Conference	none	
Treasurer	Marie Matthiesen	240-0939
Financial Secretary	Dawn Goodell	712-299-2545
Chair of SPRC-	Tracy Oleson	330-6390
Co-Chair of Education	Becca Matthiesen	920-539-8599
Co-Chair of Education	Joy Rasche	330-8129
Sunday School Superintendent	Wanda Garloff	320-3713
Chair of Worship	Kim Ingwersen	832-3195
Chair of Evangelism	Britleigh Ingwersen	641-757-1926
Chair of Missions	Jan Mitchell	320-2036, 336-1807
Chair of Memorial	Julie Zevenbergen	832-3757, 331-1323
Chair of Finance	Ann Perry	712-324-1522
Chair of Trustees	Matt Perry	712-422-0784
Membership Secretary	Judy Taber	832-3876
Secretary of Ad Council	Ginny Verdoorn	832-9854, 712-540-6268
UMW President	Jeanine Gunderson	832-3830, 330-5370

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

2017		2018		2019	
*Tracy Oleson	330-6390	Maxine Anderson	330-6003	Steve Krummen	832-3831
Steve Winters	832-9529	Daryl Meyer	330-4168	Mindy Gunderson	330-5898

Lay Member to Annual Conf.- Aleene Worrick 330-765 Lay Leader Stacey Ahrenstorff 320-9524

Education Work Area

2017		2018		2019	
*Becca Matthiesen	920-539-8599	Lucien Vabre	712-291-0561	Beth Krummen	330-1417
*Joy Rasche	330-8129	Nicole Vabre	712-339-7488		

Worship Work Area

2017		2018		2019
*Kim Ingwersen	832-3195	Dan Bonnema	712-541-7163	
Nancy Puhrman	832-3257	Rebecca Luitjens	331-1975	

Musicians

Communion Stewards

2017		2018	2019	
Mel & Julie Zevenbergen	832-3757	Gregg/Mindy Gunderson	Stan & Alice Anderson	832-3414

Mel 330-3528, Julie 331-1323 330-5898 Mindy, 330-0575 Gregg

*** indicates chair of committee**

Evangelism Work Area and Membership Care

2017		2018		2019	
Aleene Worrick	330-7650	*Britleigh Ingwersen	641-757-1926	Jeri Goodell	330-0045

Missions Work Area

2017		2018		2019	
*Jan Mitchell	336-1807, 320-2036	Lil Jansen	832-3885, 330-4418	Rebecca Luitjens	331-1975

Meals on Wheels Coordinator – Phyllis Johnson Tape Ministry –

Finance Committee

*Chair – Ann Perry 712-324-1522
Chair of Ad. Council –. Scott Mitchell 320-2037
Lay Leader – Stacey A. 320-9524
Trustees Chair –. Matt Perry712-422-0784
Treasurer –Marie M. 240-0939
Fin. Sec. – Dawn G. 712-299-2545
SPRC Chair – Tracy O. 330-6390
Lay Member to Annual Conf.- Aleene W. 330-7650

Board of Trustees

2017		2018		2019	
*Matt Perry	832-1212, 712-422-0784	Tom Bosma	712-363-2041	Neil Luitjens	339-1115
		Jake Money	402-440-3562	Doug Goodell	339-0326

UMW Parsonage Committee – supplied by the UMW

Audit Committee

2017		2018		2019
Amanda Money	402-440-3562	Ebony Rahe	712-358-4812	

Memorial Committee

2017		2018		2019
*Julie Zevenbergen	832-3757, 331-1323	Alice Anderson	832-3414	

Ad Council Treas. – Marie Matthiesen 240-0939

Historian

Jane Heikens 832-3167

Librarian

Deb Morrow 330-7714

Nominations Committee

2017		2018		2019	
Jeremy Rasche	320-3179	Joel Hellinga	832-0130	Seth Hellinga	320-0482
		Lori Dingel	330-0854	Gregg Gunderson	330-0575

Lay Leader – Stacey Ahrenstorff 320-9524

*** indicates chair of committee**

Harris UMC Leadership – 2017

Chairperson	Scott Robertson	832-3372, 330-3796
Lay Leader	Gregg Hellinga	712-461-1354
Member to Annual Conference – **alt.**		
Treasurer	Nancy Anderson	349-2367, 330-1325
Financial Secretary	Amy Bosma	605-321-6447, 832-3626 work
Chair of SPRC	LaDonna Bosma	758-3766, 330-9679
Chair of Education	Rachelle Bosma	712-461-1450
Chair of Outreach	Terri Phillips	719-207-2397
Chair of Memorial	Dee Klaassen	349-2404, 330-4557
Chair of Finance	Steve Bosma	758-3766, 330-9680
Chair of Trustees	Tom Ransom	349-2394, 330-6575
Membership Secretary	Judy Taber	832-3876, 330-3831
Secretary of Ad Council	Cheryl Dake	349-2155, 330-8666
Co-Chair of Worship	Shantry Dake	712-461-1547
Co-Chair of Worship	LeAnn Ransom	349-2394, 330-6877
Chair of Camp	Steph Jacobsma	832-3490, 330-1595

Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC)

2017	2018	2019
*LaDonna Bosma 758-3766, 330-9679	Mark Dillehay 260-4070	Verl Jacobsma 758-3290
Lay Member to Annual Conference –		
Lay Leader –		

Education

2017	2018	2019
*Rachelle Bosma 712-461-1450	LaDonna Bosma 758-3766, 330-9679	Angie Bosma 712-363-0431

Communion Steward

2017	2018	2019
Karl Davis 832-3608, 330-5760	LaDonna Bosma 758-3766, 330-9679	Nyla Hellinga 712-348-4774

Outreach Committee (Evangelism and Missions)

2017	2018	2019
*Terri Phillips 349-8115	Nyla Hellinga 712-348-4774	Pam Kruger

Board of Trustees

2017	2018	2019
*Tom Ransom 349-2394, 330-6575	Harold Anderson 349-2367	Jeff Jacobsma 330-3355
Harry Riesberg 330-6257	Amy Bosma 605-321-6447, 832-3626 work	Mike Raveling 349-2325, 461-1533

*** indicates chair of committee**

Finance Committee

Chairperson – Steve B. 758-3766, 330-9680
Chair of Administrative Council – Scott R., 832-3372, 330-3796
Treasurer – Nancy Anderson, 349-2367, 330-1325
SPRC Chair – LaDonna Bosma 758-3766, 330-9679
Trustees Chair – 349-2394, 330-6575
Financial Secretary – Amy Bosma, 605-321-6447, 832-3626 work
Lay Leader – Gregg Hellinga, 712-461-1354
Lay Member to Annual Conference –

Audit Committee

2017	2018	2019
Rose Robertson 832-3372	Rose Robertson 832-3372	Rose Robertson 832-3372

Memorial Committee

2017	2018	2019
*Dee Klaassen 349-2404, 330-4557	Laura Fiebig 330-5999	Joni Harms 349-2317

Ad Council Treas. – Nancy Anderson, 349-2367, 330-1325

Historian

Ray Akkerman, 349-2315, 712-261-3993

Lay Leadership Committee (Nominations)

2017		2018		2019	
Rachelle Bosma	712-461-1450	Harry Riesberg	330-6257	Becky Davis	712-339-5001
Cal Harms 349-2317, 515-419-1611		Terri Phillips	719-207-2397	Noel Phillips	719-207-2399

Lay Leader – Gregg Hellinga 712-461-1354

Worship

2017		2018		2019	
*LeAnn Ransom 349-2394, 330-6877		Julie Dillehay	712-260-1509	Leah Tigges	712-790-7239
*Shantry Dake	712-461-1547	Cal Harms 349-2317, 515-419-1611		Harold Kruger	712-291-5206

*** indicates chair of committee**

Belka & Emly Naweji

Trevor Riesberg

Kennedy & Chayce Bryngelson

Luci, Danielle & Roman Nelson

Lily & Maddie Bosma

Lucas & Layne Jacobsma

Harris UMC

Sunday School

Christmas Program

After being postponed due to weather, the program was held January 8.