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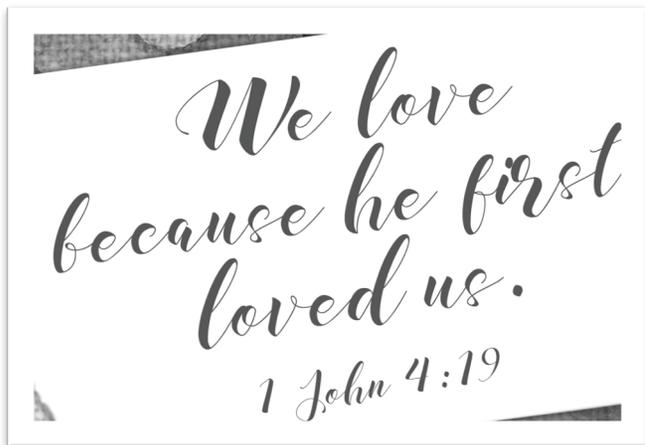
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Volunteers Needed

Looking for one usher/greeter every Sunday, if interested please all the office at 832-3361, email at hlpumc@gmail.com. It is understandable at this time, if you're uncomfortable doing this. The help is greatly appreciated.



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November 2020**



Harris UMC
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Custodian: Kelley Morgan: 702-526-1054

Lake Park UMC
1471 135th Ave
Lake Park, IA 51347
Worship: 10:30 am
Sunday School: 9:20



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Library

news



February! It's the time for a snowstorm. Maybe? Or spring-like temperatures. Maybe? Either way you can be ready with a book. Here are two new books the United Methodist Women have graciously donated to our church library.

Deb Morrow, Church Librarian

Education for Mission Category:

Gum Moon: A Novel of San Francisco Chinatown by Jeffrey L. Staley

This novel is based upon events in the life of the author's wife's grandmother. Mei Chun Lai (Maud), a Chinese-American girl, is sold in 1898 by her parents at the age of three to a brothel keeper and rescued two years later by a Methodist deaconess. She is placed in Gum Moon, a home for abused and trafficked girls. The home is destroyed in the San Francisco earthquake of 1906 and Maud joins other girls on a cross-country fundraising trip to raise funds to rebuild the home.*

Social Action Category

Gone Girl Missing by Marcie R. Rendon

This novel is about 19-year-old Ojibwa woman from Fargo, ND, Renee Blackbear, known as Cash. Her one friend, Sheriff Wheaton, pulled her from her mother's wrecked car when she was three. Cash has survived several foster homes and at thirteen began work, driving trucks for farms at harvest time. Sheriff Wheaton has signed her up for college. Then her brother shows up from the war in Vietnam, and she begins to dream of blonde white girls calling for help.*

*Taken from Program Resources

WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

FEBRUARY 7-13

Isaiah 40: 21-31
Psalms 147:1-11
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1: 29-39

FEBRUARY 14-20

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalms 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9: 2-9

FEBRUARY 21-27

Genesis 9: 8-17
Psalms 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 5

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16
Psalms 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8: 31-38

Tune In

**Listen to worship
from your care
radio, FM 87.9,
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parking lots.**

Bible Quiz

What was the name of Moses' wife?

- A. Miriam
- B. Jochebed
- C. Zipporah
- D. Leah



Answer: C (See Exodus 2:21.)

Dear Church family,

It's February, and I have a question for you: what's so special about February? I asked myself the same question as I was writing this note. When I googled the question, there was a ton of information that came up. Part of what I got is a link with a tagline stating that February of 2020 is the month when the first American died with COVID-19.

I pray God to continue comforting this person's family as well as all the others who have lost their loved ones as a result of this illness. I also pray for our people in Harris and Lake Park (and everyone else in both the Osceola and Dickinson counties) who have COVID.

Back to the original question, "what's so special about February?" or, we can rephrase the question as follows: "what will be special about this month?"

We, humans, think, process, and perceive reality based on what is already stored in our brain hard drive. In other words, decisions, choices, and plans we make, come out of what we already know: present and past experiences. The past often keeps us captive and does not allow us to walk into a brighter future. It even blinds us that we cannot see it. Finally, it hinders our ability to dream of possibilities for something better in this life, and the next.

What will make this month special should, therefore, not always have to come from our past or present experiences even though we have to learn from our past. We can learn from our past to best prepare and plan for our future. But, let's keep in mind that it is God's plan that always prevails (Proverbs 19:21). Also, our future is written in God's hands (Psalm 31:14-15).

It's ok that the month of February may remind us of the First American to die of COVID. That is a fact, which we cannot undo. The question, however, is: how do we move from that and boldly walk into the future God holds for each one of us in His hands?

The next thing about the month of February is that it is Black History month. When we think for a moment about this celebration, you'll realize it is not just about fighting racism. It's about Biblical mandates you and I have to do every single day of our lives. These biblical mandates transcend race, gender, and culture.

They address what is at the root of all evil, and its impacts on society, we experience today.

So, what will then make this month special? My answer comes out of how we choose to respond to God's mandates. Everything lies in what we choose to do with our lives, relationships, and everything else we possess in relation to God's Word.

Biblical mandates will help you and I make this month special. Knowing that we cannot undo our past, we have to turn our eyes to who (GOD) will enable us to live healthy lives (spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically), and establish relationships that will create thriving communities

Here are these simple Biblical mandates, which are grounded in love, and translate as follows:

- **Welcome one another**, therefore, just as Christ has **welcomed** you, for the glory of God (Romans 15:7).
- **Be kind and compassionate** to one another, **forgiving each other**, just as in Christ God forgave you (Ephesians 4:32).
- **Serve one another** as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10).

Intentionally incorporating the above mandates into our daily living will make, not only the month of February, but the rest of the year (and our lives) very special. And, doing so will transform us all as well as our communities. As a result, we will never be captive of our past. But, we will together boldly walk into the future God holds in His hands for each one of us. May it be so for us all in Jesus' name. Amen!

Pastor Emmanuel

Campership Application Form

The Board of Camp and Retreat Ministries feels strongly that everyone who wants to attend camp can do so, and that no camper will ever be turned away because they can't afford to pay. Iowa Camp and Retreat Ministries provide campership funds to individuals who need them most, based on the individual's and family's needs. This form is now available at the church if anyone is interested.



Congratulations to Brett and Leah Tigges on the birth of a daughter on January 6, 2021. Her name is Makenna Grace, she has two sister: Mikaela and Mackenzie. Grandparents are Mark & Julie Dillehay



A form is included or it is available at the church if you are interested in participating in the Kindling Club.

Monthly Kindling Club

The best way to build a fire is to start small. Campfires are built using small sticks and twigs called kindling. With proper kindling a strong campfire can be built quickly. The Kindling Program supports the Operational Expenses of an Iowa United Methodist Camp to ensure that camping ministry will continue for years.

February 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Rylan Siemers—LP	2 Jack Rasche—LP; Shelly Boles; Ary Meyer—H	3 Jason & Dallas Heikens—LP Colleen Griese—LP; Aubree Wallace—LP; Thad Bosma—H	4 Allen & Loretta Rowe—H Chris Lindgren—LP	5 Virginia Wiese—LP; Jamin Ehlers—LP; Verlyn Jacobson—LP	6 Susie Betz—H
7 Joe & Mavis Hornick—LP; Steve & Nancy Travaille—H Justin Clarke—LP; Noah Bosma—H	8 Our church	9 Nancy Puhrman—LP	10 All teachers	11 Shnae & Tara Garloff—LP Angela Preston Fisher—LP; Kate Houseman—LP; Lydia Naweji—LP	12 Alex Read—LP; Mxine Anderson—LP; Brant Stapleton—LP	13 Those in fragile health
14 Prayer concern list	15 Tyson Gath—LP	16 Jacob Paskert—H; Treyton Dake—H	17 Madilynn Mandelkow—LP; London Lutz—LP; Mark Dillehay—H	18 Gavin Elser—LP; Jeff Johnson—LP; Sawyer Morrow—LP	19 Hunter Andresen—LP; Amber Gembler—LP	20 Jake Money—LP; Rachel Holland—LP
21 Leon & Gladys Goodell—LP Marie Matthiese—LP	22 Ron & Amy Remer—H Tonia Gunderson—LP	23 All volunteers	24 Troy Ahrenstorff—LP; Gregory Orwig—LP; Molly Mitchell Johnson—LP; Jennifer Paskert—LP; Brecken Vellema - LP	25 Anthony Gallaher—LP; Ashlyn Nitzschke; - LP	26 Austin Jacobsen—LP	27 Religious leaders
28 Bryanna Gath Nissen—LP; Michele Lundquist—LP; Emmanuel Naweji—LP; Greyson Stapleton—LP; Amy Renner—H						



Prayer Concerns

Carole Bergendahl

Allan & Loretta Rowe

McKenna Tigges, daughter of Brent & Leah Tigges



Those with mental health or any health concerns

The men and women in the armed service and their families

Harris UMC

	Offering	Attendance
January 3	\$300.00	12
January 10	783.00	15
January 17	450.00	15
January 24	1,705.00	16
Total	\$3,238.00	58
Average weekly attendance		10
Given to date		3,238.00

Lake Park UMC

	Offering	Attendance
January 3	\$3,685.38	30
January 10	1,615.00	40
January 17	1,2541.50	52
Total	\$6,541.88	122
Average weekly attendance		31
Given to date		\$6,541.88

Youth Group Schedule

Confirmation will meet. On the following dates

February 3, 17

March 3, 17

April 7, 21

Jr. High Youth group will meet at 7pm on the following date. The group will follow the school's mask guidelines.

February 3, 17

March 3, 17

April 7, 21

Sr. High Youth group will meet at 7pm on the following date. The group will follow the school's mask guidelines.

February 10, 24

March 10, 24

April 14, 28



Iowa United Methodist Camps Annual Campaign 2021 Pledge Card

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Gift Info

Total pledge \$ _____

Payment options: Cash Check Credit or Debit Card

If Cash or Check, how would you like to pay?

Monthly invoice mailed the 1st of the month beginning March 2021

Quarterly invoice mailed March, June, September, December

Invoice for full payment on specified date: _____

Invoice immediately

If Credit/Debit Card, how would you like to pay?

Monthly recurring on day of your choice: _____

Quarterly recurring on 15th of the month

Full payment on specified date: _____

Full payment immediately

Card info: Card type: Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

Card # _____ Expiration _____

Name on Card _____ Security Code _____

May we publicly recognize you for your gift? yes no

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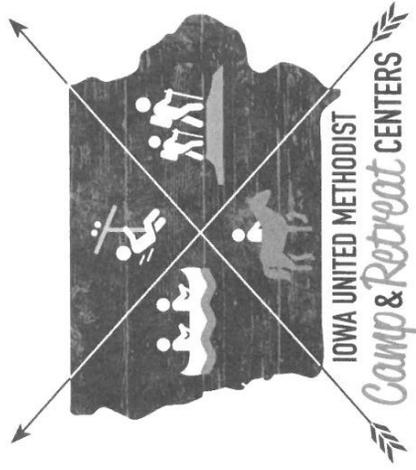


February 2021



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm JH Youth Group	4	5	6
7 5th Sunday after Epiphany	8 7pm Women's Group	9	10 6:30pm Sr. High Youth Group 7pm Lake Park Ad Council	11 7pm Harris Ad Council	12	13
14 Transfiguration Sunday	15 	16	17 6:00pm Ash Wednesday—LP 6:00pm Confirmation 7:00pm JH Youth Group	18	19	20
21 1st Sunday in Lent	22 7pm Women's Group	23	24 6:30pm Sr. High Youth Group	25	26	27
28 2nd Sunday in Lent						

Events Calendar



Monthly Kindling Club

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___ **Yes, I want to participate in the Iowa United Methodist Camps Kindling Club.**

Name(s), print please _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Home Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____
 E-mail _____
 Local Congregation _____
 Date of first recurring donation: ___/___/___
 Amount of monthly recurring donation: \$ _____

I would like my gift to go towards (Circle One): Lake Okoboji UM Camp — Wesley Woods UM Camp

If preferred, please contact the Iowa UM Camps office to provide your card number over the phone.

Credit Card: Please charge my gift to my (Circle One): Visa — MasterCard — AMEX — Discover
 Credit/Debit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ CW _____

Name on Card: _____
 Billing Address (if different from above): _____

I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.

Signature _____ Date _____

Camps are important to me because: _____

Please mail/email this form to:
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Dear Church family,

This note is an update on the state of our Church as a denomination. A team we have set up (Lake Park) will fill you in on how things unfold as we continue preparing for the General Conference, which was postponed to August 29 through September 7 due to COVID-19. The General Conference will vote on “a way forward” with regard to human sexuality, among other issues during the gathering.

There are four “way forward” plans that have been submitted to the conference to be voted on during the meeting. Read about these plans at the following websites: www.indyplanumc.org, www.um-forward.org/the-new-plan, www.umcnext.com/legislation, and www.gracethroughseparation.com. What you should know is that the most popular plan is the “Protocol of reconciliation and grace through separation (www.gracethroughseparation.com).” Almost all the parties represented in the denomination are in favor of this plan. In case you want printed information about each of these plans, call the office (712 832 3361).

The General Conference of the United Methodist Church is the legislative branch of the denomination. It operates just like our federal government legislative body. It makes the law. If any of the four plans passes, then it will become law, which will also define how each local Church should choose to move forward. Keep in mind that each plan has a proposed process with provisions about how to handle the financial, legal, physical (building, and other material assets), and ministry implications. Watch for more details in the upcoming Church newsletters while we encourage you to continue praying for our Church as well as our entire United Methodist denomination.

Pastor Emmanuel.



A famous friendship

In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.

Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.

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RUTH 1:16, NIV

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Answer: "Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God." Ruth 1:16, NIV