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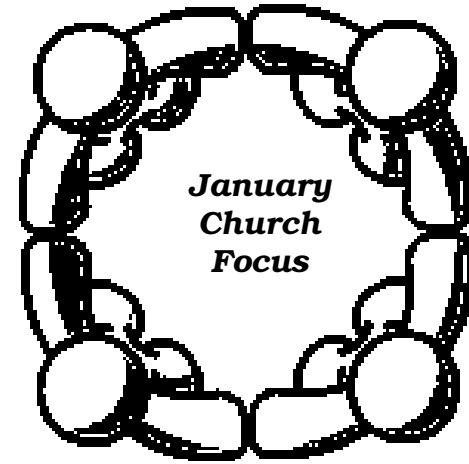
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A monthly publication from your church friends and family.

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Developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world.

Come to our Clear Lake UMC Leadership Training January 9, 2010

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**UMC GENERAL CONFERENCE
FOUR AREAS OF FOCUS - 2010**

Combating the diseases of poverty by improving health globally.

Engaging in ministry with the poor.

Creating new places for new people and revitalizing existing congregations.

Developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world.

**CLUMC/LOCAL CHURCH
AREAS OF FOCUS - 2010**

- A. Continue to develop fellowship, including “just for them” events (outward focus) as well as “just for us” events**
- B. Pay apportionments, at a minimum of increasing our payments to 50% with the ultimate goal of paying 100%**
- C. Do community service**
- D. Make the church more visible in the community.**

Do you want to learn more? “Four Areas of Focus” is a basic oversight of key ministries, adopted by the 2008 General Conference.

Register for this *free* online course.

For complete details, visit the UMCom Training Center Web pages at moodle.umcom.org

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Worship times Fall/Winter

Sunday Morning Worship: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Sunday School: 9:45 AM

“Kids For Christ” (KFC) Kid’s Club at CLUMC:

- Wednesday after-school program
- Meet weekly, during the school year, 3 – 5:20 PM
- Annual registration - \$10 per child
- Contact Pastor Rhoda or the church office.
- Transportation available from school to church.

“Wingding” Wednesday Night schedule

Weekly activities for children/youth/adults.

- “Wingding meals – weekly dinners – open to all
- Dinner served 5:15-6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Cost: \$3 per adult, \$1.50 ages 6th grade & under, maximum \$7.50 per family.

Praise Team

Rehearsals weekly (Wednesday), 5:30 PM

Websites

www.clearlakeumc.org

www.clafm.com

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Prayer Chain

Contact Captains: Pat 357-6642, or Marge 357-3202

Congregational Care Team

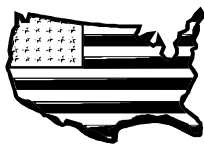
Marty Ouverson, Director 357-7493

Director of Music

Mary Jane Crail/Church office 357-5247

Happy New Year!

As we begin a new "safe" year, remember those in our armed forces, especially those with a connection to Clear Lake UMC (please notify office of any corrections or updates):



Ssgt Mike Bergan, IA Nat'l Guard, 1133rd Unit, Mason City (church member and husband of Lori)

Lt. Col. Don Chipman, Marines (son-in-law of Mike/Liz DenHartog)

Tyler French; Navy (grandson of Lorraine French)

Marc Hesley, Navy (son of Donna & Bruce Trebil)

Capt. Katie Kennedy (granddaughter of Nancy Kennedy)

Sgt. David Kennedy; Army Ranger (grandson of Nancy Kennedy)

2nd Lt. Douglas Kennedy (grandson of Nancy Kennedy)

Special Agt /Sgt. Jeremy McCormick

Shawn O'Hare (church member/husband of Alison)

Heather Roed, Army 82nd Airborne (daughter of Donna Dull's godson)

HM3 Jeremy Rosel, Navy/Camp Lejuene, NC (church member/son of Jeff & Leanna Rosel)

Roger Sandelin, Army Reserves (church member/husband of Danielle)

SFC Dennis Spilman, Iraq (husband of Paula)

Jon Trampel, Air Force (son of Ron Trampel)

Chad Trebil, Marines (son of Bruce & Donna Trebil)

*A note to the congregation,
Thank you so much for including Skip in your prayers and creating the special gift of a prayer blanket for him. He is humbled and grateful for your thoughtful gift of spiritual healing. It's been 5 weeks since the accident and he continues to improve. Thank you so much for loving thoughts and prayers. Moonstone and Skip White*

Members and Friends In Our Care Centers, Assisted Living & Independent Living

Oakwood Care Center, CL

Loren Lease-101, Fern Carlson-111, Evelyn McNeil-204, Nels & Dolly Larsen-205, Verna Ott-208, Hazel Miller-209, Agnes Gilbert-210, Wayne Oltrogge-215, Eloise Prescott-216, Florence 'Pat' Edwards-217, Roger Steward-108, Larry Scott-119, Jim Ransom-219, Blanche McGrady-121

Cardinal Grove, Garner - Loretta Armstrong

Good Shepherd, MC

Mary Budolfson-308

IOOF Home, MC

Sharon Abbas-37

Manly Care Center

Wayne "Bud" Badker

Sheffield Care Center

Pat Bastian-303

Apple Valley Assisted Living, CL

Dwayne & Vi Miller-9, Dee Hayward-11, Hazel Dowden-13, Eleanor Hepperly-26, Chet Renner-29, Ann Scott-24, Rodney Benner-34, Doris Luscomb-35, Wright & Jean Thompson-18

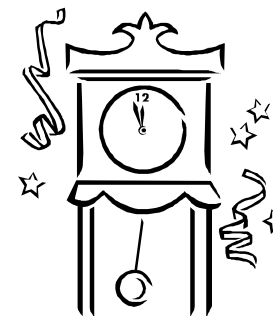
Heritage Care Center, MC - Martha Buck #1A

The Willows, MC

Virginia Cobb-205, Amil Herker-306

The Western Home, Cedar Falls - Mrs. June Olson

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Happy New Year!

Perspectives from Pastor Diana

Each year, usually in January, the President of the United States delivers what is known as the State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress. The address not only reports on the condition of the nation but also allows the president to outline his legislative agenda and national priorities to Congress.

As we begin 2010, I would like to offer a State of the Church address to the Clear Lake United Methodist Church. In light of our engagement in the Natural Church Development surveys it seems fitting to take a look at our condition. What is our present state as a church? And what are our goals? How should we "Re-think Church"?

One way to assess our condition is to look at the results of the Natural Church Development surveys—taken by 30 people of the congregation in March 2008 and again in October 2009—to determine what kind of changes we might see. It would be especially helpful to note any change in our "Passionate Spirituality" measurement, since that was our "minimum characteristic" factor.

Here's a comparison of our profiles in 2008 and 2009:

	<u>March 2008</u>	<u>October 2009</u>
Empowering Leadership	48	61
Gift-based Ministry	44	54
Passionate Spirituality	7	39
Effective Structures	44	61
Inspiring Worship Services	37	53
Holistic Small groups]	32	47
Need-oriented Evangelism	34	52
Loving Relationships	37	49
Average	35	52

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WORSHIP PREVIEWS

January 3 - Epiphany Sunday
 Holy Communion and Prayers for Healing
 Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12
 Witness to the Word:
 "Making Our Homes Welcoming Places"

January 10
 Baptism of the Lord and Renewal of Baptism
 Pastors Diana and Rhoda sharing in worship
 Preaching both services: Rev. Scott Hibben,
 Conference Leadership Development Minister

January 17
 Human Relations Day Offering
 Pastor Diana – vacation time
 8:30 a.m. Chris Phalen preaching
 11:00 a.m. Pastor Rhoda Preston preaching

January 24 - Ecumenical Sunday
 Pastor Diana – vacation time
 8:30 a.m. Blanchard Byrne preaching
 11:00 a.m. Pastor Rhoda Preston preaching

January 31
 Potluck Dinner and CLM (Meitner) Polka Band
 following 11 a.m. worship!
 Scripture: Jeremiah 1:4-10
 Witness to the Word: "A Case of the Only's"

xxxxxxx "I wish to thank each of you for your prayers, concern, cards and phone calls during and after my surgery. A special thank you to Pastor Diana and Marty Oувerson...and for hospital visits from Tracy Hansen and Judy Lincicum; they were much appreciated! I am very fortunate to be a member of this caring church family. May God bless you all." Luci Franks

Prayer Emphasis

January 3

That we might begin the New Year with joy and passion to share and make known the love of God in Jesus Christ

January 10

For the leadership of Clear Lake United Methodist Church—that leadership will be "Christ-centered, Spirit-led, and Passion-driven"--as leaders begin a new year of guiding the church forward in its mission of "becoming and making disciples of Jesus Christ who are changing our world through this community of faith

January 17

For actions to improve human relations and the quality and right to life for all persons

January 24

The cold, homeless, and hungry, especially now during the cold of winter

January 31

The people of Guatemala

Clear Lake Community Kitchen Reminder

Clear Lake United Methodist Church is responsible for serving meals in January (18, 20, 22 and 25, 27, 29). Monday and Friday meals at Zion Lutheran Church. Wednesday evening meals at Sr. Center Marge Walls serves as our Community Kitchen Coordinator; contact Marge if you are willing to offer your helping hands (357-3202).

Perspectives...

The numbers are not percentages but standardized scores. This standardization formula sets the "average" for any Quality Characteristic at 50. The health of a church is measured against other churches in the United States and covers a wide spectrum of churches.

70% of churches will score between 35 and 65

15% of churches will score less than 35

15% of churches will score more than 65

On Sunday, January 10 at both the 8:30 and the 11:00 worship services our Conference Leadership Development Minister in Congregational Development and Evangelism, Rev. Scott Hibben, will be present to preach and also to interpret in more detail the results of our surveys and the state of the church as indicated by the data.

Scott was our coach during the time between surveys, working with us on how to raise our lowest factor. As you can see from the figures, Clear Lake UMC has taken significant strides in becoming a healthier and stronger church—not only are the characteristics measuring higher but also there is a better balance with all the factors being within a similar range.

Scott was excited with the results and made a congratulatory phone call and sent an email celebrating what God is doing here. I was greatly encouraged myself and hope that you are as well.

The second part of a State of the Church address then outlines our priorities and goals for 2010. Since a passionate spirituality is what fuels the engine of the church, we will continue to focus on growing deeper and wider in our relationship with God and one another. Consistent with the Four Areas of Focus of the General Church, we will work toward the goals and strategy set at our Clear Lake Church Conference: (continued)

Perspectives...

Continue to develop fellowship, including "just for them" events (outward focus) as well as "just for us" events (at least 2 "just for them" events)

Pay our fair share of apportionments, at a minimum of increasing our payments to 50 % with the ultimate goal of paying 100%.

Do community service

Make the church more visible in the community

I hope you are proud of your church and one another and all that you have accomplished and how you are growing in the Lord and in fellowship. I am proud of you, and I expect that God will continue to work in and through us as we press on to acknowledge him! Isn't it exciting to be a part of something God is doing?

Diana

Prayer Quilts (Prayer Blankets) Ministry

If you know someone who would appreciate one of our prayer blankets, please stop at the church anytime to choose a blanket from the Ushers Closet Place blanket at the back of the sanctuary with a request form (indicating who it is for), and please help make arrangements to deliver the blanket after it is tied. Thank you!

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Luci Franks

Angel Food



What is it?

Who is it for?

How do we order?

An opportunity for anyone to order groceries and s-t-r-e-t-c-h the shopping dollar. Details are posted on our display in the Chapel Lounge social area, behind the sanctuary. January orders may be placed in person Wednesday, January 6 (3 – 7 PM) and Friday, January 8 (3 – 6 PM). Distribution on January 23. Need more info? Call 357-6273.

"RE-THINK CHURCH"

Open hearts

Open minds

Open doors

- United Methodist Church invites us to *Re-think Church*
- Re-think Church is a national advertising campaign emphasizing that church is not a building, but rather a place of possibilities – thousands of doors, each opening up to a different concept or experience of church.
- Re-think Church builds on the foundation of the denominations eight-year advertising campaign theme – "Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors"- to communicate the active nature of our community of believers. In the new campaign, the word "open" becomes a verb that directs, instead of an adjective that describes—so that together we begin to open hearts, open minds and open doors.
- Re-think Church aims at being relevant to an 18 to 34-year-old audience and encourages exploration of all the diverse ways United Methodists are making a difference in the world, inviting participation, discussion, and action.

↓ → **Speaking of "the Weather"**

In the event of severe weather, the church leadership and staff will continue following these guidelines:

- If Clear Lake Schools are cancelled/let out early due to nasty weather: ALL *Kid's Club* and *Wingding* dinner and activities—cancelled.
- If weather is severe enough to consider canceling Sunday worship and activities (but very seldom is worship cancelled)...in the rare event that Pastor will not be at the church, and in the interest of safety, please watch and listen for announcements/ cancellations on these stations: CLVision-Channel 1, KIMT channel 3, KAAL Channel 6, KTTC Channel 10
Radio: KGLO AM 1300, KRIB AM 1490, KLSS FM 106.1, KCMR FM 97.9, and KIA FM 93.9
or, check our website: www.clearlakeumc.org.

Friendship Sunday School Class, Beginning January 3
Leader, Judy Borchardt, Study: "Knowing God's Will"
*Downstairs/lower level: Art Room **

What does God want me to do? Most of us want to make the right choices. Explore the principles of determining God's will for your life through the Old Testament Book of Ruth. As Ruth found, super-natural living demands super-natural direction. (Sign up in Chapel Lounge, or contact Judy, 357-7166.) * Note: Our Sunday school meeting place has changed to accommodate a larger group study).

'THANK YOU' from Pastor Diana and Lee

Thank you for the outpouring of love and care for us through all your cards, notes, gifts, goodies, and well wishes during this Christmas season. We are humbled, blessed, and grateful for your kindness and generosity. Thanks to all of you who included photos and news of your families, helping us to know you better. May you be blessed in 2010 with an ever-increasing sense of the love of Jesus Christ for you and God's purposes and plans for your life each day. For the joy set before us, *Diana and Lee*

Thanks...

to all of those who served on the Administrative Council, committees, and ministry teams in 2009.

Thanks...

to all who have returned their pledge cards for 2010. (Pledges are still being accepted at the church office.)

A big thank you...

to church member Howard Taylor for calligraphy talent and time. Howard has penned our new mission statement in this fine writing style. Take a moment to look at the framed work (hanging next to the pastor's study).

"I wish to thank the Prayer Chain...I think prayers really can be answered! The prayer blanket is much-appreciated, also... I received many compliments about it from the doctors and staff. I am doing better each day."
Mary Anderson

"Thank you so much for the calls, prayers, cards and food while I was in the hospital, and after my release. We really appreciate our dear Methodist Church family."
Don Goranson & Anne

January Birthdays ***Have a happy, healthy year!***

1	11	22
Arlene Hughes	Anne Fessler	Barb Asche
Leslie Finn	Deanna Ruiz	MaryLouiseByington
Tamara Freeman	12	Will Finn
2	Bonnie Olinger	23
Cathy Brandt	Charles Rayburn	Mike Bergan
Doris Luscomb	13	Kadi Larimore
Jake Klein	Dianne Bojorquez	24
Morgan Flory	Ann Scott	Ted Klein
Dru Dzick	Diane Thompson	Bryon Frampton
Larry Stark	BrittanyWinkowitsch	Jim Schmidt
3	Brady Spilman	Jake Adams
Darlene Kuhlert	14	25
Jack Ouverson	Kim Brood	Tracy Peterson
Cheral Morgan	Alex Hunt	27
Randy Pals	Tara Lincicum	Brenda Frampton
Sheryl Dorseth	15	28
Nancy Gilbert	Tye Gilbert	Betty Wilson
Sue Lakose	Lana Ouverson	29
5	Bryce Wichman	Linda Barlow
John Cobb	Adam Ytzen	Lisa Lenz
John Cherry	16	Jace Snyder
Kelsey Formanek	Kathy Larsen	30
6	17	Alec Barkema
Florence Larson	Bunny Hullinger	31
7	19	Amanda Shirk
Jerold Watson	Ryan Lafrenz	
Linsey Chalgren	20	
9	Alyssa Muller	
Trapper Wubben	Jeni Hackman	
10	21	
Mike Meyer	Lisa Biebesheimer	
CherylMoorehead	Neal Den Hartog	



THANKS FROM PASTOR RHODA AND CHRISTIAN ED

Thank you for generous donations of craft supplies for our Sunday School classes! A list of supplies we could use for the winter quarter is available at the back of the sanctuary. If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to the church (Pastor Rhoda or Sunday School supply Room.)

Our Sympathy to the Families of ...

Leroy "Sandy" Jackson, 63, of Pearblossom, California, who passed away December 4; he is the brother of church member Dan (Vicki) Jackson;

Bill Gordon Wilson, 88, of Ventura, Iowa who passed away December 15; he is the father of Lori Kishline;

David Harrington, 61, of Clear Lake, who passed away December 26; he is the son of church member Ethel Harrington;

Judy Gartamaker, of Outing, Minnesota who passed away at their winter home in Arizona; she is the daughter of church member Laurleen Fatland.

The congregation acknowledges your loss, and offers prayers of support to the circle of family and friends who mourn their passing.

KCMR Radio 97.9 FM

Tune in - 3rd Sunday each month - 8 a.m.

Recorded broadcast service from Clear Lake UMC



Save the date! February 13 (Youth fundraiser: Valentine Banquet)



Church Leaders, Take Note!

**CLEAR LAKE UMC
COMMITTEES AND COUNCIL MEMBER
LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

All elected committee and Administrative Council members for 2010-2012 should plan now to attend this open training session as we go into the new year....even those who have served on Administrative Council or committees in the past.

**Saturday, JANUARY 9, 2009
8:30—11:30 A.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL
Led by Pastors Diana and Rhoda**

This is a "nuts and bolts" overview of how our committees work together and provide leadership at Clear Lake UMC.



**New Members Received at Worship
December 13**

Welcome!

- Kim Williamson, Clear Lake*
- Christina "Chrissy" Dingman, Clive*
- Aaron Powell, Clive*
- Steve Gatewood, Clear Lake*
- Carol Meindl, Clear Lake*

The congregation is invited to reach out to our newest members in hospitality and friendship.

**HUMAN RELATIONS DAY OFFERING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**

Human Relations Day strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth.

The Human Relations Day offering receipts will be allocated and administered as follows:

- a) Community Developers Program: 57 percent (administered by the General Board of Global Ministries). For more information about the Community Developers Program, please visit the General Board of Global Ministries website.
- b) United Methodist Voluntary Services Program: 33 percent (administered by the General Board of Global Ministries); for more information about the Voluntary Services Program, please visit the General Board of Global Ministries website.
- c) Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program: 10 percent (administered by the General Board of Church and Society)

**CLM (MEITNER) POLKA BAND AND POTLUCK
BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS!
JANUARY 31**



Join us for an all-church potluck Sunday, January 31 following the 11:00 worship service. Our entertainment will be the "CLM" (Meitner) Polka Band with Charlotte and Jerry Meitner, Karen and Elsworth Clark, and our own Bob Law. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert and some good toe-tapping (or even dancing) shoes. We'll have some relaxed fun and fellowship. The church will provide beverages and table service. Bring friends and neighbors, relatives. We'll take a free-will offering for our musicians. Come and celebrate the passing of another winter month!

Nuzzles from Nicodemus

January 2010

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Website: www.clearlakeumc.org

Rev. Diana Hoover, Pastor

Rev. Rhoda Preston, Associate Pastor

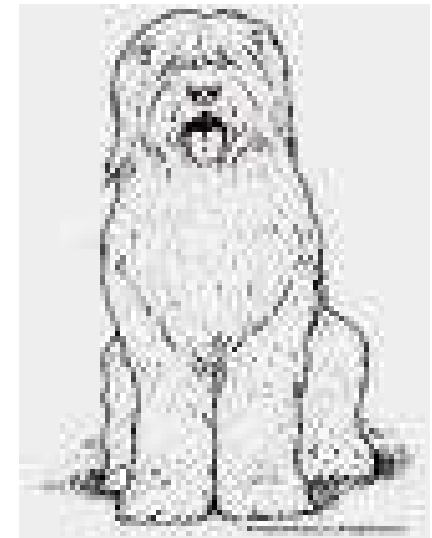
Jesus was also baptized that day.
God said, "You are My Son, Whom I love;
with You I am well pleased."

Connect the dots. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9



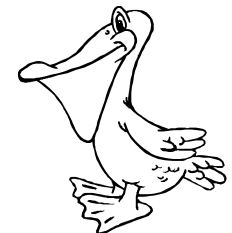
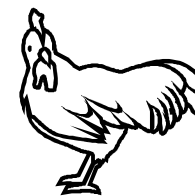
Nicodemus says,

Happy New Year!



**What will you pray
for in 2010?**

While Jesus was praying, heaven opened. The Holy Spirit came like a dove (Circle the dove).





SmileTrain Changing The World
One Smile At A Time.
One Charity. One Problem. One Goal.

The Smile Train focuses solely on solving the problem of cleft lip and palate for the millions of children in developing countries who suffer with unrepaired cleft. Most cannot eat, or speak properly...are not allowed to attend school, or hold a job...and face difficult lives filled with shame and isolation. Every one of these children can be helped with a surgery that costs as little as \$250 and takes as little as 45 minutes.

The Smile Train

- Empowers local doctors in developing countries.
- Offers the lowest cost per surgery of any cleft charity.
- Has the best safety and quality record amongst cleft charities.
- Brings your donations to the poorest countries on earth.
- Helps children in 77 of the world's poorest countries.

The Clear Lake UMC staff chose The Smile Train for their mission project this past Christmas and have collectively donated \$475. More information on this charity is available at www.smiletrain.org



COOKIE WALK FOR MISSIONS 2009

The Clear Lake UMC Annual Cookie Walk for Missions has netted \$1370.65 thanks to your generous donations and cookie sales. The 2009 cookie walk money will be given for scholarships to Guatemalan children.

From the Clear Lake UMC office staff, a big 'thank you' to all who offered holiday wishes, and brought the sweets and treats to enjoy. The congregation has sent several "elves" our way to make certain the staff is being looked after. Our wish to you is to have a safe and happy New Year!

Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve as
Greeters
Liturgists
Communion Servers
Ushers
Coffee hosts

If this is an area in which you've not served before, perhaps this is the year you'll say 'yes'. Questions, contact the Worship Committee, Ted Klein (Head Usher) or the church office.

Mark your calendar!
Monday evening, January 25
Boy Scout Troop 30 Soup Supper
Clear Lake UMC
Fellowship Hall
Tickets available at the door.
Vegetable Beef Soup and Chili

