



"News for the Pews"

Sunday, March 7, 2010

United Methodist Church, 508 Second Avenue N., Clear Lake IA 50428

Rev. Diana A. Hoover, Pastor

Rev. Rhoda E. Preston, Associate Pastor

Sunday Worship at 8:30 AM and 11 AM

Sunday school 9:45 AM

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Our Mission - To become and make disciples who are changing our world through a community of faith that is Christ-centered, Spirit-led, Passion-driven.

"And when you pray..." -Matthew 6:5

As we continue a Lenten pilgrimage, let us make our journey with prayer. Let us begin where Jesus always seemed to begin every venture and effort, with prayer. It is one of the Lenten disciplines espoused by the religious for years. But it is more than just a discipline. It is an opportunity to connect with God's presence, power, and purposes.

Please accept the invitation to gather in prayer in the UMC sanctuary every Wednesday during Lent, from 12 Noon until 12:30 p.m. Bring your lunch if you like, and come, apart from the stresses of life, to experience God's presence, power, and grace in prayer.

Wanted: Donations of YARN for Clear Lake UMC Prayer Shawl Ministry. Any color, no wool. Place in the yarn box (main hallway).



Happy Birthday to the Food Bank

In honor of our local Food Bank's 28th year of serving northern Iowa, we are celebrating by recognizing their local contributions with a birthday cake. Please be a part of "filling" the cake (leave donations at the back of the sanctuary). This month we will collect cookie and cake mixes, frosting, Jell-os and pudding). The Amazing Grace small group appreciates your continual support in providing food for those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

CLEAR LAKE UMC: 7-WEEK STUDY, "24 HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD"

Lenten Study opportunities

Sunday morning, 9:45 – 10:45 am

Leader Blanchard Byrne/Art Room

Sunday evening study, 5:30 pm,

Leader: Pastor Diana/Art Room

Evening study, 7;00 pm

Leader: Carol Backus/at her home.

and... BEGINNING MARCH 8

A 4-week session of the "24 Hours" study will be offered Monday evenings in March (8, 15, 22,29) with Pastor Rhoda.

24 Hours
That Changed the World

"Thank you to my church family for calls and visits from Pastor Diana, Tracy, Marty and Sally while I was in the hospital and prayers from the congregation. God bless you. It is all very much appreciated." Vi Miller

HAITI. Be help. Be hope.

Clear Lake UMC continues to seek your donations as UMCOR maintains a presence in Haiti. Your gifts provide health kits, layette kits, cleaning supplies and clean drinking water. Write checks payable to *United Methodist Church*. (Note: UMCOR #418325).

Chile – UMCOR Efforts

UMCOR has established involvement in Chile to assist with disaster recovery following their 8.8 magnitude earthquake. Your monetary gifts are providing the health kits, layette kits and clean drinking water to the thousands who survived the disaster. Donations made be made through your local church by writing a check payable to: United Methodist Church. Please use UMCOR Advance #982450 on the memo line of your check.

“GOD AND ME” Scout Program

- Tuesdays, 3:30 to 4:30 pm
- March 9 and 23; April 6 and 20

“Spring Cleaning” – S.S. Supply Room

During March, “Spring cleaning” is taking place upstairs in the Sunday School supply room. Helping hands have already begun sorting and categorizing all Sunday School and Kid’s Club supplies. We are, however, short on storage bins to house these items; bins will be purchased to fit the custom shelving. Anyone in the congregation is invited to help fund this effort. If you would like to give a donation toward the storage containers, please indicate on your gift “SS Supply Room”. If writing a check, please make it payable to *United Methodist Church*. Any amount you can contribute is much-appreciated. You are also invited, at the end of April, to stop in and see our “makeover”.

“Share My Joy in Christ” - A Bible Study based on the Book of Philippians

Happiness depends on what happens; joy does not. The book of Philippians shares the secret of joy - a life that is centered on Jesus Christ. His joy frees us from worry, carries us through hardship and suffering, and opens our hearts to love and serve others. The Friendship Sunday School Class Invites you to join this new study **beginning Sunday, March 21**. Meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Fireside Room. Cost of book: \$6.00. Leaders: Carol Backus and Judy Borchardt.

Our sympathy to...

the family of **Blanche McGrady**, long-time church member who passed away February 26 at the Oakwood Care Center, Clear Lake; she is the mother of Pat Millard; and to the family of **Dan Hartwell**, Mason City, who passed away March 2; he is the brother of church member Paul (Gerda) Hartwell.

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

Wanted: Donations of 5-quart ice cream pails for the salads (July, RAGBRAI Dinner at Clear Lake UMC). Bring to church kitchen.

The Board of Trustees and the Board of Camps Ministry update on Camps:

Aldersgate Camp was sold to The Iowa Heritage Foundation in late 2009, and it is to be held in trust until the Iowa DNR is able to purchase the property at a later date. Golden Valley Camp is currently under contract by an individual from the local community. The closing, pending the receipt of a new sewer lagoon permit from DNR, will likely occur in the spring. Details of each sale to be disclosed as they develop.

Tom Robertson,
Camping & Christian Formation
Iowa Annual Conference, Des Moines

Expressions of Our Servanthood, 02/28/10

8:30 am worship

Attendance 75, Offering \$1,709.50

11:00 am worship

Attendance 98, Offering \$1,732.40

9:45 am Sunday School

Attendance 49, Offering \$26.55

Offerings, other than worship: \$5,945.00

Thank you to members and friends of our congregation for continued support with prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness

ON OUR CALENDAR -

Monday, March 8

. 9:30 am, HOPE Bible Study

. 9:30-10 am, Music Time (Pastor Rhoda)

. 5:30-6:15 pm, Music Time (Pastor Rhoda)

. 6:30 pm, “24 Hours That Change the World” Study begins with Pastor Rhoda, Art Room.

Tuesday, March 9

. 7:30 am, Prayer Gathering, Chapel Lounge

. 3:30-4:30 pm, “God & Me” Scout Program

. 5:30 pm, Staff-Parish Relations Committee

Wednesday, March 10

. 10:00 am, UMW Board, Art Room

. 12 Noon, UMW Lunch, program and meeting

. 12-12:30 pm, Lenten Meditation, sanctuary

. 3:00-5:20 pm, KFC Kid’s Club at CLUMC

. 5:15-6:30 pm, “Wingding” Dinner

. 5:30 pm, Praise Team

. 6:00 pm, Confirmation

. 6:00 pm, Blaze Youth Group

. 6:30 pm, “24 Hours” study, Art Room

. 7:00 pm, Chancel Choir

<p>Save the date: Saturday, March 20 LAITY SUMMIT - BELMOND, IOWA Information in The Chimes (March issue)</p>
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