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### First Church was founded in 1836



#### Our Mission Statement

*"To be a spiritual home that welcomes, equips and sends all into the ministry to which Christ has called us."*

#### Our Worship Schedule:

##### **Saturday**

5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall

##### **Sunday**

9:00 am in the Sanctuary

Children's Sunday School &

Adult Study Groups at 10:15 am

11:15 Praise & Worship in the Sanctuary

#### Office Hours: Monday - Friday

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Information for the December Messenger is due Thursday, November 17th. It will be mailed to you on the 23rd.

### Our Staff

Rev. Herbert Shafer, Senior Pastor  
Rev. David Bracht-Wagner, Pastor for Youth & Young Adult Faith Development  
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Director of Children's Music  
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Jerry Lalaga, Organist



“Come ye, thankful people, come” - Henry Alford 1844

Dear Friends,

As Thanksgiving Day approaches, I think of my favorites: pumpkin pie, great conversations, turkey and dressing, and family reunions. You too may be rehearsing what you value about the day.

As a national holiday, Thanksgiving is more than turkey and dressing. It is a time to rehearse our common story which in turn teaches us the values by which we live. As with the Biblical stories we teach our children, the pilgrims’ story is a lesson about a faith that sustains God’s people through challenging times. Here are a few of those lessons:

- Thankful people are adaptive. Those we call “pilgrims” were religious separatists. They left their homeland in search of a new life, knowing full well that this opportunity would require them to adapt to new circumstances. They were headed for the colony of Virginia. Stormy weather at sea took them off course, landing them at a place they did not expect to be. They voted to stay in what became Plymouth Colony. They were willing to adapt. When we are thankful for the opportunities available to us in unplanned circumstances, it helps us to adapt as well.
- Thankful people will aid others in need. We all know the story of Squanto, who became an interpreter and teacher for this band of immigrants. What is lesser known is that he had once been enslaved and taken to Europe. There, he learned the English language. Escaping his captors, he eventually got passage on board a ship to return home. For that, he was surely grateful. Perhaps, that was the motivation for him to aid others in their time of need. When was a time someone helped you? Let that be motivation to help others.
- Thankful people count their blessings. I was at an impressionable age when five kernels of corn were placed by each plate at our Thanksgiving table and were told the story of the daily ration that sustained those pilgrims who survived that first deadly winter. Like the words to the old hymn, we are instructed to count our blessings, “name them one by one.” What are five small things for which you are thankful?  
Thankful for lessons learned...and wishing you all the blessings of the season.

Pastor Herb

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<b>BUDGET NEWS</b>	
September 2011	
<b>Current Budget</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 7,526.87</b>
Income:	
Pledges/Giving	\$ 21,550.49
Other Income	<u>2,604.67</u>
<b>Total Sept. Income</b>	<b>\$ 24,155.16</b>
Expenses:	(28,302.12)
Liabilities Withheld:	(2,711.18)
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ <u>668.73</u></b>
Liabilities:	
Apportionments	<u>\$ (5,647.50)</u>
<b>Funds Available:</b>	<b>\$ <u>(4,978.77)</u></b>
<b>Missions Budget</b>	
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,749.92</b>
Received	2,890.25
Disbursements:	<u>(3,017.99)</u>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ <u>2,622.18</u></b>

<b>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</b>	
October 1st, 5:30 pm	33
October 2nd, 9:00 am	111
October 2nd, 11:15 am	<u>67</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>265</b>
October 8th, 5:30 pm	41
October 9th, 9:00 am	139
October 9th, 11:15 am	<u>78</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>258</b>
October 15th, 5:30 pm	44
October 16th, 9:00 am	118
October 16th, 11:15 am	<u>46</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>
October 22nd, 5:30 pm	45
October 23rd, 9:00 am	153
October 23rd, 11:15 am	<u>67</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>265</b>

### Community Thanksgiving Service

The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the Iowa Wesleyan College Chapel. Reverend Melisa Bracht-Wagner, Director of the Fellowship Cup, will be the speaker.

Special music includes: IWC Choir, Second Baptist Choir, FCOC Praise Band, Presbyterian Bell Choir, Community Choir with Mark Kimzey & Marlene DePriest  
The offering taken will be for The Fellowship Cup.

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be hosted at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC on Thanksgiving Day. For more information on either of these events, contact the church office.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA  
OCTOBER 19, 2011 7:30 PM ROOMS 9-11**

Present: Chairperson Chuck Albright, Rev. Herb Shafer, Pastor Dave Bracht-Wagner, Phil Carver, Jerry Barker, Steve Brimhall, Carol Dustman, Mary Elgar, Jean Evans, Marlin Ford, Donna Gardner, Sue King, Wes Shaffer, and Esther Wonderlich.

Pastor Herb opened with a centering moment and prayer. The September 21 minutes stood approved as presented. The financial report was reviewed.

The chair and members of each committee are asked to determine how many are needed on their committee and how often they will meet.

Jean has made contacts regarding incomplete sections for the November 10 Charge Conference. Form A and B have been completed. A motion was made and second to approve the working document of Form B: Staff/Pastor Parish Report of expectation of congregation and pastor for 2012. Motion carried.

Our pastor will be working with scouts on God and Country Awards.

The sixth grade advisory class has helped prepare mulch beds for the community garden which is south of the fire station on the other side of the street.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donna Gardner, secretary

### **Thanksgiving Offering**

Included in your Messenger this month is a special offering envelope for our annual Thanksgiving Offering. This year's offering will go toward supporting the World Hunger organization.



## **Ministry Opportunities**

**Looking for opportunities to lend a helping hand? Check back with this section of the Messenger each month to see an updated list of ministry opportunities. This month:**

**The Family Connection** - 1st UMC will again be hosting the Family Connection traveling basket in December. Please contribute to this ministry. For more information, see pg. 12.

**AWANA** - Scripture listeners. Contact Carla McNamee. For more information, see the AWANA advertisement in the Youth Messenger.

**Fellowship Cup** - The Fellowship Cup is seeking volunteers to help complete the community kitchen. Anyone with experience hanging melamine (Paneling for kitchens) or exterior ceiling grids are encouraged to help. Teams are being assembled to meet a fast approaching deadline. Please pop over or call Melisa. For more information, see pg. 9.

*Use this page as a resource for finding out how you can be a minister in your own community. Not sure how to help? Fill out a volunteer form and return it to the church office. We'll discover your hidden talents! For additional information contact the church office.*

# Prayer Concerns



(Information current as of October 24th, 2011)

- Payton Syfert at Great River Medical Center
- Lawrence Moore at Park Place
- Ellis DeGrange at Pleasant Manor
- Continued prayers for Steve Wettach at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago

#### Ongoing prayers for:

- Joy Sudbrink, missionary to Northern Azerbaijan. She is the sister of Ava Seibert.
- Drs. Lynn and Sharon Fogleman, missionaries soon to depart for South Sudan.
- Residents of the Care Centers and the homebound.
- Our soldiers who are serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan and to those vulnerable populations that are in harm's way.
- **Sympathies to:** The family of Marie Dovenspike who passed away Wednesday, October 19th.
- **Congratulations to:** Rick and Brooke McClellan on the birth of their daughter, Mariella

#### In-Gathering

Saturday, November 5th at the Howe Activity Center on Iowa Wesleyan College Campus.

- Missions Speakers
- Missions Displays
- Quilt and Craft Auction at noon.

100 school kits from 1st UMC will be boxed and ready for shipment to United Methodist Mission Schools in Nigeria. They go with our prayers. Thank you for your generous gifts.

## The Family Connection Traveling Basket



*Last December, your church generously agreed to partner with The Family Connection by hosting our traveling basket. We received an outpouring of love and support from your congregation, and the items donated were gratefully received and used by the families we serve.*

*At The Family Connection, we offer various programs to support families with children under the age of five. In order to also help them on a more material level, we have The Nest, a store where parents can “purchase” items such as diapers, wipes, and other baby related needs. They buy these items using points they earn by attending our parenting classes, using our home visitation program, or our program for toddlers and their mothers.*

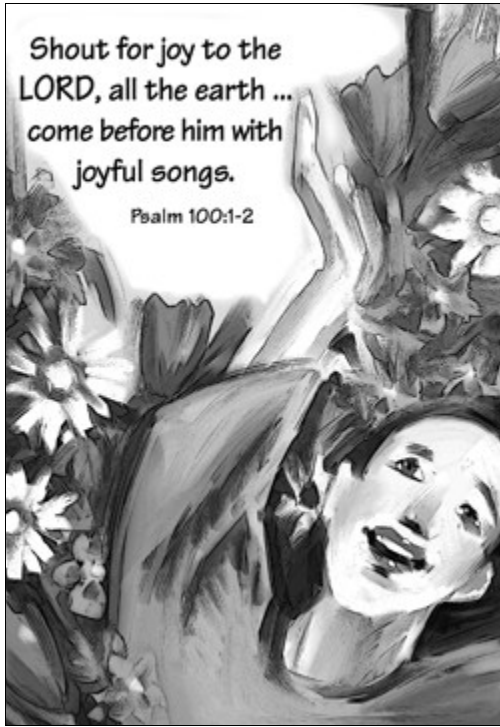
*Unfortunately, times are hard right now across the state and we are relying almost exclusively on donations, so we can continue to provide our services to young families in our community. Thank you so much for hosting our traveling basket again. Your generosity is truly a blessing.*

*Amy Clark*

*Family Support Specialist*

Congregation Members,

We will again host The Family Connection traveling basket in December. Be thinking how you can contribute in this form of ministry. Organizations like The Family Connection help support our community and the young families that continue to grow here. Your donation of baby related products for The Nest store will be greatly appreciated and well used.



**Worship Schedule:**

**Saturday Nights:**

5:30 p.m. Saturday Praise and Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday Mornings:**

9:00 a.m. Classic Service in the Sanctuary

10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Classes

11:15 a.m. Contemporary Praise and Worship in the Sanctuary

**Special Sundays:**

**Stewardship Sunday—October 30th:** Your pledge will be an important part of the “planting,” “watering,” and “spiritual harvest” in 2012!

**All Saints Day and Confirmation Sunday—November 2nd:** 9:00 a.m. Memorial Service honoring and remembering those who have passed away in the past year.

11:15 a.m. Confirmation Service where our 9th graders will be confirmed.

**Adult Membership Class**



Have you been a part of 1st UMC and feel the call to make your faith commitment public by becoming a member? If the answer is yes, then consider this invitation to participate in the Adult Membership Class being offered Sunday mornings at 10:15 a.m. in the Chapel beginning November 13th. We will examine the membership pledge of ones prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness and learn to use the spiritual tools of God’s grace offered to us all. If you are interested, check the box entitled “I want to join this church” on the worship attendance pad or contact the church office. A reception of members will be Sunday, December 18th.

**UMW Circle Meetings**

Love Circle November 10th - 1:30 p.m.

Grace Circle November 3rd - 10:00 a.m.

Friendship Circle November 10th - 5:15 p.m.

Patience Circle November 19th - 9:00 a.m.

Charity Circle November 17th - 9:15 a.m.

**KNOTS OF LOVE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Wednesday, November 2nd at 8:30 am

Wednesday, November 16th at 8:30 am

Meet in Room 109 - everyone is welcome to join; just bring knitting needles or a crochet hook, some yarn and a desire to help others!

# November Birthdays

1  
Megan Borders  
Logan Borders  
Rachel Falahpour  
Lindsey Lees  
Wesley Bradley  
Robin Willey

2  
Benjamin Bower  
Donald Davidson  
Sawyer Goettsche  
Keelyn McNamee  
Fay Mills  
Jolene Oviatt  
Courtney Rhodes

3  
Julie Brown  
Jacob Kruse

4  
Dorothy Brickey  
Susan Haffarnan

5  
Cheryl Borders  
Darren Hanna  
Shay Miller  
Dennis White  
Jennifer Zindel

6  
Jay Coble  
Elisha McMullin  
Tiffany Menke

7  
Olivia Bezoni  
Ana Schurr

8  
Kemlyn Bappe  
Philip Barr  
Doc Deal  
Emma Humble  
Kristi Maxwell

9  
Melvin Rich  
Emery Styron

10  
Leah Allen  
Lori Davis  
Carissa Hughell  
Gregory Lenz  
Kelsey Notestein  
George Parker  
Timothy Wittmer

11  
Jessica Santorius  
Megan Shumaker

12  
Frances Barr  
Christina Calhoun  
Donald Kinney  
Hattie Leichty  
Mike Peterson

13  
Emma Davis  
Rachel Owens

14  
Sharon Hilbrant

16  
Lisa Barnes  
Billi Earp  
Leila Falahpour  
Brant Miller  
Joel Roberts

17  
Clara Ryan

18  
Lisa Goody  
Phyllis Paine

19  
Steve Riley  
Sydney Zindel

20  
Patricia Carson  
Phyllis Conner  
Aurora Schoettmer

21  
Marlin Ford  
Michelle Krogmeier  
JoAnne Wiegel

22  
Jenny Campbell  
Melissa Crew  
Donald Poore  
Fran Warth

23  
Rachel Litwiller  
Richard Williamson

24  
5 Gloria Gugeler

Martha Mabeus  
Kirk McPheron

25  
Kathleen Moothart  
Marilyn Scott  
Kirsten Smith

28  
Josie Gilmore

30  
Ryan Hanna  
Lorna Hood  
Dillon McKim  
Cleo McKim

## Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Boxes

Items are being collected for the Holiday Food Boxes.



Turkey  
Ham  
Cans of Green Beans  
Cans of Corn  
Cans of Pumpkin  
Angel Food Cake Mix  
Gravy Mix  
Box of Mashed Potatoes or Stuffing

Donated items can be dropped off at the Fellowship Cup.  
Thanksgiving distribution is November 19.  
Christmas distribution is December 17.

**Monday Night Family Volunteer Night**  
**6:30 pm-8:00 pm at the Fellowship Cup. Come help finish the community kitchen, bag Thursday food bags, organize coupons, bag bulk food, or whatever needs to be done.**

**[volunteer@thefellowshipcup.org](mailto:volunteer@thefellowshipcup.org)**  
**The Fellowship Cup (319) 385-3242**  
**Quarter Maybe More Store 385-3262**



The Fellowship Cup is a community ministry seeking to provide service opportunities. We can keep building the Kingdom of God here by helping our neighbors in need. Will you join us?

Cooks, not chiefs, are needed each Thursday to provide a cooked sample of the items in the food bag for our neighbors.

Ceiling Grid Panel installers are needed to install the exterior grid work for the community kitchen. Base mop board installers are needed to push the kitchen into completion. Painters are needed to update the community room to be as beautiful as the new kitchen.

Servants are needed to pass out Christmas Food Boxes on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Can you give a Saturday morning from 8:00-10:00 am or 10:00-12:00 am as your Christmas gift to the community?

Small groups are needed to hang clothes at the Quarter Store. The Quarter Store sustains the ministry of the Fellowship Cup. Can you gather a few to laugh as clothes are hung?

**Thank You**

The Fellowship Cup celebrates First United Methodist Church for your generous donation following the rummage sale. The Quarter Maybe More Store proceeds help to sustain the ministry of The Fellowship Cup. With continuous donations like yours, we are able to grow to meet unmet needs in Henry County. Thank you and we look forward to serving with you in the future.

Thank you to the Becomers Sunday School class who came to volunteer on a Family Volunteer Night. Thank you to the Junior High Youth Group who came to volunteer on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Your help allowed The Fellowship Cup to support the community. We look forward to serving with you again.

**Thank You**

Thank you to all who have shown Mother and I so much care and love following the death of my brother, Joe Miller. The cards, hugs, prayer shawl for Mother and prayers for us both have been a big help in getting through this most difficult time of our lives. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

~Jean Evans

**Thank You**

We would like to thank all for thoughts and prayers for Dwight while he was at University of Iowa Hospital and the Winfield Care Center. Also thank you to Pastor Herb for the visits and phone calls. It all meant so much to us.

~Marilyn and Dwight Ridinger



**1st—Tuesday**  
**7:00 a.m.**—High School Band Breakfast  
**3:30 p.m.**—Girl Scouts  
**7:00 p.m.**—Acappella

**2nd—Wednesday**  
**8:30 a.m.**—Knots of Love  
**1:00 p.m.**—Staff Meeting  
**5:30 p.m.**—Bell Choir  
**6:30 p.m.**—Chancel Choir  
 - AWANA  
 - Middle School Youth  
 - Men’s Fraternity  
 - Women’s Study

**3rd—Thursday**  
**11:00 a.m.**—Grace Circle

**4th—Friday (In-Gathering)**  
**5:00 p.m.**—Confirmation Rehearsal  
**6:00 p.m.**—Registration for Lock-In at IWC

**5th—Saturday (In-Gathering)**  
**7:00 a.m.**—Youth Breakfast in Fellowship Hall  
**8:00 a.m.**—Men’s Bible Study  
**5:30 p.m.**—Saturday Night Praise and Fellowship

**6th—Sunday**  
**9:00 a.m.**—Classic Service in the Sanctuary  
**10:15 a.m.**—Sunday School and Adult Classes  
**11:15 a.m.**—Praise and Worship in the Sanctuary  
 (Confirmation Service)

**7th—Monday**  
**1:30 p.m.**—District Parish Development 109  
**6:00 p.m.**—Cub Scouts in the Rec Room  
**7:00 p.m.**—Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall  
**7:00 p.m.**—Mt. Pleasant Chorale Rehearsal

**8th—Tuesday**  
**3:30 p.m.**—Girl Scouts  
**5:00 p.m.**—SPRC  
**5:30 p.m.**—Missions Committee

**6:00 p.m.**—Worship Committee  
**6:30 p.m.**—Trustees Committee  
**7:00 p.m.**—Acappella  
**7:30 p.m.**—Finance Committee

**9th—Wednesday**  
**1:00 p.m.**—Staff Meeting  
**5:30 p.m.**—Bell Choir  
**6:30 p.m.**—Chancel Choir  
 - AWANA  
 - Middle School Youth  
 - Men’s Fraternity  
 - Women’s Study

**10th—Thursday**  
**1:30 p.m.**—Love Circle  
**5:00 p.m.**—UMW Executive Mtg.  
**5:15 p.m.**—Friendship Circle  
**6:00 p.m.**—UMW Unit Mtg in Rec Room  
**7:00 p.m.**—Charge Conference in Fellowship Hall

**12th—Saturday**  
**8:00 a.m.**—Men’s Bible Study  
**9:00 a.m.**—Girl Scouts  
**12:00 p.m.**—REM Iowa Community Services  
**5:30 p.m.**—Saturday Night Praise and Fellowship

**13th—Sunday**  
**9:00 a.m.**—Classic Service in the Sanctuary  
**10:15 a.m.**—Sunday School and Adult Classes  
**11:15 a.m.**—Praise and Worship in the Sanctuary  
**12:30 p.m.**—Community Brunch at IWC

**14th—Monday**  
**4:30 p.m.**—Stephen’s Ministry in the Library  
**6:00 p.m.**—Cub Scouts in the Rec Room  
**7:00 p.m.**—Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall  
**7:00 p.m.**—Mt. Pleasant Chorale Rehearsal

**15th—Tuesday**  
**3:30 p.m.**—Girl Scouts  
**7:53 p.m.**—Cum Deo cooking meat in the kitchen



**6:30 p.m.**—Christian Ed Committee  
**7:00 p.m.**—Acappella  
**16th—Wednesday**  
**8:00 a.m.**—Cum Deo canning meat in the kitchen  
**8:30 a.m.**—Knots of Love  
**1:00 p.m.**—Staff Meeting  
**5:30 p.m.**—Bell Choir  
**6:30 p.m.**—Chancel Choir  
 - AWANA  
 - Middle School Youth  
 - Men’s Fraternity  
 - Women’s Study  
**7:30 p.m.**—Ad. Council

**17th—Thursday**  
**8:30 a.m.**—DCOM Interviews (9-11, 7, Rec, and Chapel)  
**9:15 a.m.**—Charity Circle  
**9:00 a.m.**—RIM Training 109

**19th—Saturday (Potato Drop)**  
**8:00 a.m.**—Men’s Bible Study  
**9:00 a.m.**—Patience Circle at Sunny Brook  
**9:00 a.m.**—Girl Scouts  
**5:30 p.m.**—Saturday Night Praise and Fellowship

**20th—Sunday**  
**9:00 a.m.**—Classic Service in the Sanctuary  
**10:15 a.m.**—Sunday School and Adult Classes  
**11:15 a.m.**—Praise and Worship in the Sanctuary  
**7:00 p.m.**—Community Thanksgiving Service at IWC Chapel Auditorium

**21st—Monday**  
**6:00 p.m.**—Cub Scouts in Rec Room  
**7:00 p.m.**—Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall  
**7:00 p.m.**—Mt. Pleasant Chorale Rehearsal

**22nd—Tuesday**  
**3:30 p.m.**—Girl Scouts  
**7:00 p.m.**—Acappella

**23rd—Wednesday**  
**1:00 p.m.**—Staff Meeting  
**5:30 p.m.**—Bell Choir  
**6:30 p.m.**—Chancel Choir  
 - AWANA  
 - NO Middle School Youth  
 - Men’s Fraternity  
 - Women’s Study

**24th—Thursday HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**  
**Office Closed**



**25th—Friday**  
**Office Closed**

**26th—Saturday**  
**8:00 a.m.**—Men’s Bible Study  
**5:30 p.m.**—Saturday Night Praise and Fellowship

**27th—Sunday**  
**9:00 a.m.**—Classic Service in the Sanctuary  
**10:15 a.m.**—Sunday School and Adult Classes  
**11:15 a.m.**—Praise and Worship in the Sanctuary

**28th—Monday**  
**6:00 p.m.**—Cub Scouts in Rec Room  
**6:30 p.m.**—Foster Parent Support Group 109  
**7:00 p.m.**—Boy Scouts in Fellowship Hall  
**7:00 p.m.**—Mt. Pleasant Chorale Rehearsal

**29th—Tuesday**  
**3:30 p.m.**—Girl Scouts  
**7:00 p.m.**—Acappella

**30th—Wednesday**  
**1:00 p.m.**—Staff Meeting  
**5:30 p.m.**—Bell Choir  
**6:30 p.m.**—Chancel Choir  
 - AWANA  
 - Middle School Youth  
 - Men’s Fraternity  
 - Women’s Study



The AWANA program is still in need of a few scripture listeners on Wednesday nights. The time frame would be from 7:05—7:45 p.m. There is no prep time involved and it is not mandatory you attend each week. If this is the job for you, please contact the church office!



### **Wanted: Youth Small Group Leaders**

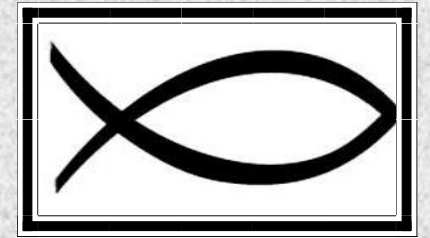
Skills Needed: A love of youth, a willingness to share your faith, a desire to grow and help others grow in love and relationship with Jesus Christ.

Job Responsibilities: Weekly attendance with your small group, weekly attendance at worship, knowledge in use of appropriate discipline.

Benefits: Jewels in your crown in Heaven, good feeling of bringing others to meet Jesus, growth in your personal faith.

If interested, contact Pastor Dave at [dave.brachtwagner@yahoo.com](mailto:dave.brachtwagner@yahoo.com) or 319-480-4461.

# the Youth Messenger



## **Ingathering Lock-In 2011**

There will be a lock-in for youth held the night before the Ingathering. The purpose of the lock-in is some time of fun and fellowship for the Middle School and Sr. High youth before we work hard at unloading, packing and re-loading Ingathering Kits to be sent to UMCOR depot and then around the world to places in need. If you have not participated in this before, come check it out. This is a good event to introduce people and youth to the missions of the United Methodist Church.

Below is the cost, the schedule for the lock-in, a list of what to bring, and the location. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. David Bracht-Wagner either by phone 319-480-4461 or by e-mail [dave.bracht-wagner@iwc.edu](mailto:dave.bracht-wagner@iwc.edu).

The youth lock-in will be on campus at Iowa Wesleyan College located at **601 N. Main St** and at First United Methodist Church located at **309 N. Main St**.

### **What to Bring:**

If your last name starts with A-L bring a snack to share, if your last name is M-Z bring a drink to share, you will need to bring some pajamas, bedding and a pillow, your toothbrush and other personal care products, clothes to wear on Saturday and most importantly bring a smile to wear and a heart to serve. There will be showers available.

**Cost:** \$10.00 per youth to help cover costs

### **Schedule:**

6pm – 7pm -Registration @ Howe Activities Center/Ruble Arena	6:00 a.m. WAKE UP, pack up, clean up
7 – 7:30 Icebreakers and Games	7:00 a.m. Breakfast @ First UMC Mt. Pleasant
7:30 - 10:00 p.m. Movies / Games	8-8:30 a.m. At worksite
10:00 p.m. Pizza, food, Root beer keg and floats	11:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 p.m. Worship	Noon Tailgate @ Mapleleaf Athletic Complex
1:00 a.m. everyone in bed / lights out	1:00 p.m. Iowa Wesleyan College Football Game



Greetings,

This year the Middle School Youth have been learning about faith: what faith is and ways to share our faith with our friends. We have learned that sharing our faith can be done in many ways. We can share our faith with our friends by serving together and helping others. We did this by helping at the Quarter Store on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The Middle School also learned that you can share your faith while having fun with the bonfire at the McGohan farm. (Thank you to the McGohan family for hosting us: Jeff, Nancy, Ethan and Elijah.) In the month of November, the Middle School will be learning about faith and family. We will look at who are church family is as well as our home families and how faith affects who we are.

The month of November starts with a fun opportunity for Middle School and Sr. High with the Ingathering Lock-in on November 4-5. UM Youth from all over South East Iowa will be at Iowa Wesleyan College for this event.

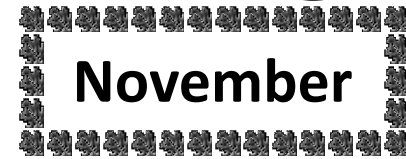
The Middle School has a very strong and active program of over 20 youth participating each Wednesday night. This is a great and wonderful ministry, but we are needing more small group leaders. Please be praying for Jesus to place it upon the hearts of some of our men and women to answer the call to take on this wonderful ministry and blessing.

Our Sr. High is struggling to get started. Please also pray for ways to which we can be in ministry with the Sr. High youth and their families.

Be bold, be strong,

Pastor Dave

# Upcoming Events



## November



**Every Wednesday Night = Middle School Youth Night! 6:30—8:00 p.m.**

November 4-5

**In-Gathering & Lock - In**

**November 23rd  
Middle School**

**No Youth**



**Senior High Youth—  
November 13th 5:30  
p.m. meal included**

**All Youth—  
November 20th  
Community  
Thanksgiving  
Service. 7 p.m. at  
IWC Chapel  
Auditorium**

