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Leadership Workshop

One Day - Three Events!

Please join us at New Hope UMC (4525 NW Beaver) on Saturday, January 14th, for the following:

1:00 pm Rev. Karen Nelson's Installation as the Central District Field Outreach Minister

2:00 pm Epiphany Reception

3:00 pm Lay Leadership Training Sessions

- Church Council
- Evangelism
- Finance
- Lay Leader
- Mission
- Pastor-Parish Relations
- Stewardship
- Trustees

Bishop Trimble will be joining us for the afternoon. Mark your calendar now—you won't want to miss the fun! Contact Roger & Debbie McCloney if you are interested in attending some of all of the day's activities so that carpooling can be arranged.

Free Books!

Sharon Peterson, church librarian, has begun spring cleaning of the library. Books, free for the taking, have been placed on a table in the narthex (across from the name tag stand). Help yourself and check back frequently because more will be added as the cleaning continues.

Sharon also added several books to our collection. Stop by the library and check them out!

Scholarships Available

The Iowa United Methodist Foundation will be accepting scholarship applications through March 15, 2012. Each scholarship has an individual application indicating all required application criteria. Students must complete one set of documentation for each scholarship for which they apply. These forms are available at www.iumf.org.

Nut/Cookbook Sales

Unfortunately we didn't meet our goal of selling all the nuts by Christmas so we are asking everyone to help us get the remaining nuts sold. They are available after church in Fellowship Hall, at the church office or by calling Roger or Debbie McCloney at 287-2818. We still have about 200 lbs to sell. We still have cashews, mixed nuts, pecan halves, honey roasted peanuts, chocolate amaretto pecans, chocolate butter toffee peanuts, sesame stix, crème almond, roasted/salted almonds, cranberry sweet raisin mix, pistachios & yogurt almonds.

Looking for something to do during a long cold winter day? Buy a church cookbook & enjoy some reading & trying new recipes. They are available in the church office, after church in Fellowship Hall or by calling Debbie McCloney at 287-2818. Profits from the cookbooks go to the general church fund so please help support the church!

Fun and Fellowship

Like games? Enjoy good company? Want something to do this winter? Join us on game night the 3rd Saturday of each month at 4:00 in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite game and a snack to share.

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Information for *The Poster* should be in the Church office by the 29th of the month prior to being published.

Office Hours

8:00 a.m. -

12:00 noon

Monday to Friday

Sunday Worship

9:45 a.m.

Holy Communion is the first Sunday of the month

Pastor's Ponderings

Well, it happened once again, here we are at another new year. Does it seem to anyone else that we just started 2011? How is it that 2012 has arrived already?

There's something about a new year that is both exciting and disconcerting. On the one hand, there is the feeling that we are getting a fresh start. We might think, "Why, this is a *new* year, maybe it will be wonderful. Maybe *this* year I'll have the energy or courage or time to do some exciting, new thing that I've never done in all my previous years!" The possibilities are endless!

But, then maybe we start to remember back to all the times we had that little glimmer of hope or excitement at the beginning of a new year and found that at the end of the year it had been pretty much like every other year; some joys, some sorrows, and lots of things that we intended to do that we never quite got around to.

Somehow the prospect of a new year often has us looking forward and backward at the same time. And if we're not careful, we can get so caught up in recalling all the mistakes and sorrows and disappointments of the past, that we are unable to see the hope and promise that this new year might hold.

I do think that the opportunity to review our lives is good. It's good that each year we have a little reminder to pause, to remember and reflect on the past. While perusing the past, hopefully we won't be too hard on ourselves for the mistakes and missed opportunities we find there. And hopefully we will remember to give ourselves a pat on the back for all the times we did something right, and to thank God for all the tough times God walked us through.

But hopefully we don't get stuck just remembering the past. Hopefully this new year also makes us want to evaluate the present. And, maybe inspire us to resolve

to change some of the things that are not to our liking. (Like maybe I'll resolve to lose the weight that I gained *last* year after losing it the year before!)

Most of all, I hope that the coming of this new year will remind us to dream. And, that it will encourage us to hope; to believe that the possibilities are endless. After all, we have a God that can do more than we can imagine.

During Advent we were reminded again by the angel Gabriel that "Nothing will be impossible with God." May we have the faith to believe those words as this new year gets underway. Here's hoping it is a year of blessing and promise, and most of all, a year when you feel God's presence. I leave you with this prayer:

God of the past, present and future,
our times are in your hands.
As we enter this new year
we pray that you would give us
peace for the past,
joy for the present,
and hope for the future.

Fill our hearts with gratitude
for all you have been to us.
Give us faith to believe in all
you will continue to do and be.
All our days are yours God,
we place them in your care.
Fill them with your love.

Amen.

Pastor Kathy

Furniture Needed

Freestore is a non-profit group which helps clients of the Family Violence Center. They are in urgent need of :

dressers	small appliances
kitchen tables and chairs	pots and pans
vacuum cleaners	
beds (no king or water beds, please)	

All items should be new or gently-used, in good condition and working order. Please call 282-3733 or visit www.thefreestore.org for drop-off or pick-up times.

Can You Help?

Bidwell Riverside has issued a list of its most urgently needed items. If you can donate any of these items, place them in the clothing collection barrels in the narthex. Thanks, in advance, for your donations.

Personal products: shampoo, conditioner, soap, feminine hygiene products; Paper products: toilet paper, paper towels; Diapers: especially sizes 2 and up; Cash: When the economy is challenged Bidwell experiences a double effect - cash donations go down while need goes up.

Looking Ahead

Lent will begin with the arrival of Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. A Lenten study will be offered at 4:00 Sunday afternoons for six weeks, beginning on February 26th. Adam Hamilton, author of this year's Advent study, has a new Lenten study, "Final Words From the Cross". It is described as follows:

In life and in death, Jesus' words were powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven "final words"—statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves:

Father Forgive Them
Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother
My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?
Today You Will Be with Me in Paradise
I Thirst
It Is Finished
Into Your Hands I Commit My Spirit

In *24 Hours That Changed the World*, Adam Hamilton took us on a Lenten journey through the last day of Jesus' life. Now in this inspiring follow-up book, Hamilton explores these final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross.

Each chapter begins with the biblical account followed by a first-person story as might have been told from the viewpoint of one of the characters at the cross. Then the chapter explores the meaning of Jesus' dying words for our lives today. Following the last statement, a postscript recounts the words Jesus spoke following his resurrection, including what truly were the final words Jesus spoke while walking this earth.

Join the crowd now and experience the final words from the cross.

The books will cost \$10.00. Plan to join us for this inspiring look at Jesus' words from the cross!

The Source of Hope

Our hope in God pulls us into the future. Hope allows us to affirm the reality of the abundant life that is ours in Christ. Hope allows us to stand with those in pain and to hold them until they are able to feel the love of God for themselves again. Hope allows us to work to bring God's reign upon the earth even when we see no results. Our hope begins and ends in God, the source of all hope.

Mary Lou Redding in *100 Meditations on Hope*

Creativity Conference

In an effort to gain some new energy and ideas for reaching new people and revitalizing our church, the Church Council has approved using some long-unused money from the youth account for Lay Leader Pam Schisel and myself to attend Leadership Nexus' "Creativity Conference."

It is a conference I have looked at for a number of years and thought looked great, but I always hesitated going because of the cost of travel. And, to be honest, I have been a little afraid of the whispers; "We're paying for the pastor to go to Florida in January? Well, how convenient for *her!*"

But, I have decided to overcome this reluctance and finally go. After all, including money for 2012, since arriving at Fort Des Moines I have been allowed a total of over \$2,000 for continuing education, and I have only used about \$600.00 of that. Besides, sometimes you have to look at the possibilities of what might be gained instead of only looking at what is being spent!

The conference is designed to inspire new, creative ideas for ministry. The brochure about it promises:

"We'll have fantastic speakers and presenters from the creative industries and some of the best and most innovative pastors in the country to help us all bring God's creative power into our ministries!

The conference will include three days of workshops such as Creative Ministry with Children, Creative Generational Worship, Reaching New People and Growing Your Church, Christian Creativity, and Creative Spiritual Life Development.

Lay Leader Pam Schisel will be attending the conference with me. I am hoping that as a team we will learn some new, exciting ideas for ministry and will be inspired and energized to return and begin implementing them at Fort Des Moines UMC.

I hope you will pray for our safety and inspiration while we are gone (Jan. 7- 14th) and that when we return you will join in the excitement of helping us put into practice what we have learned!

Pastor Kathy

Save These Dates

Jews for Jesus will present *The Last Supper* on Monday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m., in our sanctuary.

Vacation Bible School/Day Camp will be held July 9-12, at Christ Lutheran Church.



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open to all in the Spirit and Love
of God.*

**Education Classes held Sept. 11,
2011 thru May 20, 2012
11:00-11:45 a.m.**

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Lesson Texts

You are invited to come to worship prepared by reading the text ahead of time. You may wish to bring your own Bible.

8th	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11
15th	1 Samuel 3:1-20 Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51
22nd	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20
29th	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28
5th	Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39
12th	2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45

Events:

Jan. 15th	-Food Pantry offering received -Human Relations Day offering received -UMW Mission Dinner
Feb. 19th	-Food Pantry Offering received -UMW Mission Dinner
22nd	- Ash Wednesday Service



January 2012

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45 AM Worship 8:00 PM AA	2 Office Closed	3 7:00 PM Repub- lican Caucus	4 7:00 PM Choir practice	5	6 8:00 PM AA	7 10:00 AM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM NA
8 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 8:00 PM AA	9 8:30 AM DMACC using classroom	10 8:30 AM DMACC using classroom	11 8:30 AM DMACC using classroom 10:00 AM UMW 7:00 PM Choir practice	12 8:30 AM DMACC using classroom	13 8:30 AM DMACC using classroom 8:00 PM AA	14 10:00 AM Girl Scouts 7:00 PM NA
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February 2012

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