

# The Poster

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## UMW Mission Dinners

The UMW will host a Mission Dinner on the third Sunday of March. A freewill offering is collected with the proceeds going to support mission activities. Mark your calendar for Mar. 20. Plan to stay for lunch (baked potato bar) following worship. Serving will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m.

## Fun and Fellowship

Mark your calendar for March 19 at 4:00 p.m. for a time of fun and fellowship. Bring your favorite game along with a snack to share and your own beverages. This fun activity is open to all ages so pick up Grandma and bring the kids! If you have questions, please contact Debbie McCloney.

## Scholarship Applications

The goals of the Iowa United Methodist Foundation is for all United Methodist students to have the opportunity to apply for scholarships and assist students as they continue their education.

Each of the 2011-2012 school year scholarships will have an individual application indicating all required application criteria. The student must complete one set of application documentation for each scholarship for which they apply. This is available at the Foundation's website: [www.iumf.org](http://www.iumf.org) and is downloadable for reproduction. The application form and all supporting documentation may be sent to Iowa United Methodist Foundation, 2301 Rittenhouse St, Des Moines IA 50321. Applications and all supporting documents must be postmarked by March 15, 2011. Incomplete applications cannot be considered.

## Essay Contest

The Board of Church and Society of The Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is conducting an essay contest and will present three \$500 scholarships. The essay contest is open to students who are high school juniors or seniors during the current school year (2010-2011) and live in Iowa or attend an Iowa high school. Students need not be members of a United Methodist Church nor any other religious body. "Immigration Reform" is the topic for this year's essay contest. Essays must be less than 1,000 words and sent to Paul Linn by e-mail at [linchurchandsociety@gmail.com](mailto:linchurchandsociety@gmail.com) before March 21, 2011. Also include brief summary of activities you have participated in your school or community including efforts for social justice. Awards will be presented during Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in June of 2011.

## Lenten Study

This year's Lenten Study will begin on Mar. 17. "Easter from the Back Side" by J. Ellsworth Kalas will be presented at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. each of the Thursdays of the Lenten season (Mar. 17, Mar. 24, Mar. 31, Apr. 7, Apr. 14, Apr. 21, & Apr. 28). (The same lesson is presented twice each day.)

J. Ellsworth Kalas opens up new possibilities of insight in the biblical Easter story in this study. He looks beyond the traditional Gospel scriptures to connect the story of Christ's resurrection with other stories and scriptures throughout the Bible, including both the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Cost for the book is \$10.00. Sign up on the sheet provided when you attend worship or call the office if you plan to take part in this study so enough books will be available.

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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

### Council Highlights

The Administrative Board of Ft. Des Moines United Methodist Church met on February 22. The highlights of the meeting follow...

- New light bulbs have been placed in the sanctuary.
- Pastor Kathy will be gone on March 6. Rev. Ed will lead the service that day.
- Ash Wednesday Service will be March 9 at 7:00 pm.
- Pastor Kathy will attend School of Ministry the last week of April.
- The District Superintendent will be visiting Ft. Des Moines UMC on June 14, in the afternoon.

### One Great Hour of Sharing

UMCOR receives no World Service funds or any other apportionments. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing help to “keep the lights on” and cover UMCOR’s costs of doing business. That means 100 percent of every dollar you give to designated UMCOR programs helps some of the worlds’ most vulnerable people. We do not take anything from designated gifts to cover home-office administrative costs because of the broad support of United Methodists through this annual offering.

UMCOR’s ability to respond and remain until the job is done is in direct proportion to the generosity of United Methodist during One Great Hour of Sharing. Our offering will be received on April 3. Please be generous in your support of this program.

#### Ft. Des Moines Cookbook

Have you turned in a recipe for the upcoming cookbook?

Forms are available at the church or from  
Debbie McCloney.

We need all we can get as soon as possible!

### Tax Preparation

The Southside Senior Center, 100 SW Payton Ave, is an AARP Tax-Aide Site. Tax preparers will be available on Wednesday afternoons, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. during the months of March and April. If you are interested in having your taxes done, contact the Center at 287-0092 on the Wednesday morning of the day you plan to be in attendance.

### February Finance Report

General Account Income	\$ 5,945.75
General Account Expenses	\$ 8,572.94
Designated Funds Income:	\$ 482.00
Trustees Income:	\$ 123,403.57
Roof Repair Income:	\$ 80.00

NOTE: \$4500 was borrowed from the Flower Garden Fund to cover the April, 2010 expenses. No payments have been made on this loan. \$3800 was borrowed from the Memorial Fund to cover the roof repair and no payment has been made toward that loan. No apportionment payments have been made since May, 2010.

#### Year-to-Date

Total Income	\$141,256.24
Total Expenses	\$ 20,246.27

### Trustee Committee Notes

The Trustees met on Jan. 24. Here is a summary of the discussion and the decisions made:

—Tim Pherigo was re-elected chairman of the committee.

—Jeff Lierow will move the old tool shed when we have warmer weather

—Gerald Wilcox will put down the trim around the platform in the sanctuary.

—The cost of removing two trees from the yard is \$1300.00

—Waldinger’s will replace the sanctuary light bulbs for a cost of \$664.00. Larry Hart purchased the necessary light bulbs.

—Mike, a volunteer from Hope Ministries, is repairing the wall in the Conference Room.

—Motion was made and seconded to allow the Scouts to hold their Blue and Gold Banquet here on March 7th.

—Only about \$1400 has been given toward the roof.

### Basket Silent Auction

As we approach Easter Sunday, we will once again be doing the Basket Silent Auction. If you would like to donate a themed basket, please attach a note to it with a brief description of what is in the basket and the dollar value of the items. The dollar value will determine the starting bid of the basket. Please have the baskets at church on Sunday, March 20th for the bidding to begin. The baskets will be give to the highest bidder after Palm Sunday services on April 17. Anyone with questions, please see Debbie McCloney.

### Pastor's Ponderings

I'm often impressed at how some pretty profound thoughts can be expressed in so few words. For instance, on my way to take Maggie to her day care provider the other day, I noticed that one of the churches I pass by had the following phrase on their sign:

Sorrow looks back

Worry looks around

Faith looks up.

Doesn't that express a lot of truth? Sorrow causes us to look back at what was and to grieve the loss of what we had. Whether it is grieving the loss of someone we love, grieving the loss of health, happiness, relationships – whatever it is we have lost – sorrow over that loss gets us stuck in the past, looking back, longing for what was.

In the same way, worry causes us to be looking around, trying to identify what we should be concerned about, looking for what calamity is about to happen to us. While it is true that *sometimes* worries are over very real, hurtful things, worry causes us to look around instead of doing what we should do, looking up.

Faith is a gift that allows us to look up to God for help in the midst of our worries and sorrows. Faith gives us a source of strength to comfort our sorrows and ease our worries. Though faith we know that we have a God who walks with us though all of life and can handle even the deepest sorrow and most frightening worry.

How many of you saw the phrase "Faith looks up" and had a hymn spring to mind? I can't help it, with my great love of singing, there seems to be a song for every occasion stored in my brain. The old hymn, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" immediately came to mind. I looked it up in the hymnal, and it's a perfect fit, even down to the words "Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away". In the midst of life's sorrows and worries, may our faith look up!

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

words by Ray Palmer

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,

O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!

As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee

pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;

bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,

nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when deaths' cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;

blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove;

O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

*Pastor Kathy*

### Tape Ministry

The Membership Care and Outreach Committee offers cassette tapes of the worship services. If you are not presently on the distribution list and would like to obtain a copy of the tape weekly, contact Rod Kent at 285-2358. He generally delivers tapes on Mondays but other arrangements can be made if that doesn't fit into your schedule.

Also, if you miss a service and would like a tape of a particular week, he will be glad to get a copy of that tape to you.

# March 2011

## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 7:00 PM Choir practice	<i>3</i> 8:00 PM AA	<i>4</i> 8:00 PM AA	<i>5</i> 6:15 PM NA
<i>6</i> 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 8:00 PM AA	<i>7</i> 6:00 PM Blue & Gold Banquet	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> 10:00 AM UMW 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 8:00 PM Choir Practice	<i>10</i> 8:00 PM AA	<i>11</i> 8:00 PM AA	<i>12</i> 6:15 PM NA
<i>13</i> <b>Blanket Sunday Daylight Saving Time</b> 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 8:00 PM AA	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i> 7:00 PM Radio Club 7:00 PM SPPRC	<i>16</i> 6:00 PM Worship Committee 7:00 PM Choir practice	<i>17</i> 10:00 AM Lenten Study 7:00 PM Lenten Study 8:00 PM AA	<i>18</i> 8:00 PM AA	<i>19</i> 10:00 AM SHARE Iowa 4:00 PM Game Night 6:15 PM NA
<i>20</i> <b>Food Pantry</b> 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Mission Dinner 1:00 PM Fellowship Hall in use 8:00 PM AA	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 7:00 PM Choir practice	<i>24</i> 10:00 AM Lenten Study 7:00 PM Lenten Study 8:00 PM AA	<i>25</i> 8:00 PM AA	<i>26</i> 6:15 PM NA
<i>27</i> 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 8:00 PM AA	<i>28</i> 6:30 PM Finance Comm. 7:30 PM Trustees	<i>29</i> 7:00 PM Council	<i>30</i> 7:00 PM Choir practice	<i>31</i> 10:00 AM Lenten Study 7:00 PM Lenten Study 8:00 PM AA		

# April 2011

## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> 8:00 PM AA	<b>2</b> 6:15 PM NA
<b>3</b> 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 8:00 PM AA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM Choir practice	<b>7</b> 10:00 AM Lenten Study 7:00 PM Lenten Study 8:00 PM AA	<b>8</b> 8:00 PM AA	<b>9</b> 6:15 PM NA
<b>10</b> 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 8:00 PM AA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM UMW 6:00 PM Wor- ship Committee 7:00 PM Choir practice	<b>14</b> 10:00 AM Lenten Study 7:00 PM Lenten Study 8:00 PM AA	<b>15</b> 4:30 PM AA Recognition Dinner	<b>16</b> 10:00 AM SHARE Iowa 4:00 PM Game Night 6:15 PM NA
<b>17</b> <b>Food Pantry</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 8:00 PM AA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 PM Radio Club 7:00 PM SPPRC	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM Choir practice	<b>21</b> 7:00 PM Maundy Thurs- day Service 8:00 PM AA	<b>22</b> 7:00 PM Good Friday Service 8:00 PM AA	<b>23</b> 6:15 PM NA
<b>24</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> 9:45 AM Worship 8:00 PM AA	<b>25</b> 6:30 PM Finance Comm. 7:30 PM Trustees	<b>26</b> 7:00 PM Council	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM Choir practice	<b>28</b> 8:00 PM AA	<b>29</b> 8:00 PM AA	<b>30</b> 6:15 PM NA
		Pastor attending School of Ministry				