

# The Poster

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## Let's Sell Nuts!

Thanks to everyone who has helped make our annual nut sales a success again! Sales have been going great. We purchased 925 pounds and have sold all but about 200 pounds. Our goal is to have them sold by Christmas which means time is quickly running out. We still have 10 varieties to choose from. Nuts are available in the church office, after church or you can contact Roger or Debbie McCloney at 287-2818.

We will have a final report after the 1st of the year once the nuts have all been sold and the committee decides how to use the proceeds. This fund-raiser would not be possible without everyone who has either sold or bought nuts!

## Christmas Sharing

Bidwell will be holding their annual Christmas Sharing day on Sat. Dec. 18, at Wakonda Christian Church. Volunteers are needed on the 17th & 18th. If you would like to help, contact Sharon Peterson (282-0531). (Others from this congregation are going on the 18th from 12:30 to 3:15.)

We are collecting underwear, diapers, socks, hats, mittens, toys, cash and food items (cake mixes and pie filling to make a holiday meal special). Clothing item sizes are newborn to adult. Toys are for toddlers to teens. Gift cards for teens work well, too. Last day to donate will be Dec. 12.

## Christmas Eve Service

Our Christmas Eve Service will be presented by the Chancel Choir. Their presentation of "I Hear the Prophet Calling" will begin at 7:00 p.m. All members, friends and family are encouraged to be in attendance to support the efforts of the choir members.

## Fun and Fellowship

Game Night will NOT be held in December. However mark your calendar for January 15 at 4:00 p.m. 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.

## Christmas Potluck

The annual Christmas Potluck Supper will be held on Dec. 10, at 6:00 p.m. All members and their friends and families are invited. A special guest will make an appearance to delight the children and those young at heart.

## Vocal Arts

The Des Moines Vocal Arts Ensemble will present a concert on Dec. 19, at 4:00 p.m., at Westminster Presbyterian Church (4114 Allison Ave). This is a concert of seasonal favorites featuring familiar carols from around the world, holiday gems in fantastic arrangements for instruments and choir, the stunning musical portrayal of the Christmas story and meditations on Mary and the divine mystery. Advance tickets (\$12) can be purchased from Earl Sides. Tickets will be \$15 (\$6 for students) at the door.

## UMW Mission Dinners

The UMW will again be hosting Mission Dinners on the third Sunday of the months of January, February and March. A freewill offering is collected with the proceeds going to support mission activities. Mark your calendar for Jan. 16, Feb. 20, and Mar. 20 and make plans to stay for lunch following worship. Serving will begin at approximately 11:30 a.m.

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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

## December 2010/January 2011 Milestones

### December Baptismal Anniversaries

14 David Drew  
18 Jeff Lierow  
19 Steve Garland  
20 Alexis Newton  
21 Joshua King  
21 Earl Miller  
24 Michael McCullough  
29 Art Alber

### December Birthdays

1 Earl Sides  
2 Pam Schisel  
6 Dean Garland  
7 John Mikovec  
9 Dan Jones  
10 Connie Otte  
11 Jackie Sutter  
11 Cindy Eatwell  
11 Sandi Eatwell  
14 Skip Phillips  
14 Donald Miller  
18 Charlene Seid  
18 Erica Windust  
20 Kristi Norris  
21 Verna Kent  
24 Donna McIntosh  
24 Steve Garland  
30 Ryan Meier  
31 Betty Wilson  
31 Ed Clevenger

### December Wedding Anniversaries

14 Rod & Verna Kent

### January Baptismal Anniversaries

1 Ginger Dales  
1 Roxanna Dales  
9 Michelle Houseman  
9 Alec Slater  
11 Dorothy Bequeaith  
11 Lois Horn  
19 Maija Kompsie  
30 James Lierow III

### January Birthdays

3 David Miller  
3 Joyann Benoit  
6 Hayli Jones  
8 Dennis Garland  
13 JeanAnne Kompsie  
16 Ginger Dales  
18 Melissa Clevenger  
19 Francis Zeliadt  
22 Mike Jones  
25 James Lierow III  
27 Rod Kent  
30 Anna Marie Nalevanko

### January Wedding Anniversaries

1 Lu & Payong Yang  
14 Trevor & Jennifer Crise



## 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.

## Prayer Corner

Pray for our service men and women and their families.

Pray for those in care centers, those home-bound and those who care for them.

And especially name Pat Cateron, Anna Nalevanko, Frances Ramsey, Art Alber, Linda Amis and Lois Ipsen.

Our Christian Sympathies to the family and friends of Rose Halverson who died on Nov. 18.

An address correction for Cary Roney: 1200 4th St Apt 102, Des Moines IA 50314.

Pat Hamman has a new address and phone number: 5815 SE 27th St Room 207, Des Moines IA 50320-2763; 661-6676.



## Council Highlights

The Council met on Nov. 30. Following is a summary of the business discussed.

- Only 3 or 4 pledge cards have been returned at this time.
- The Pampered Chef party brought in \$253.04.
- Francis Zeliadt built riser to upper level and added a new outlet facing the altar. Trim needs to be added to the tile. The piano has been moved but the organ company will be contacted to move the organ.
- The sycamore tree will come down soon. The cost for having the pine tree taken down is \$450 which would be taken from the Flower Garden Fund.
- The choir will perform a cantata for the Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24, at 7:00 p.m.
- Sharon Peterson has resigned as president of the UMW.
- A new DVD player has been purchased from the Bill Volz memorial. Memorial monies also paid for fabric for baby jackets for next year's Ingathering and a portion of the cost of individual photos in the new pictorial directory.
- There are only 215 pounds of nuts left to sell of the original 925 purchased.
- Pam Schisel has been elected as the Lay Leader and Suzanne Wilcox will serve as the new Treasurer. Still needed however, are an educational coordinator, Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee members and a Youth Leader.
- No Ad Council or Trustees meetings will be held in December. Finance Committee will meet on Dec. 29.

### Pastor's Ponderings

With Christmas around the corner, I'd like to share with you a writing by Ann Weems. I think it expresses better than I could about the gift we were given in the birth of Jesus Christ, and how easy it is to always be looking for more instead of realizing that we have already been given the greatest gift possible. It's entitled "Gifts from God."

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
 God's mercies never come to an end.  
 They are new every morning. (Lam. 2:22-23)

The Lord God gave the people of the earth a garden,  
 And the people said: "That's very nice, God, but that's not enough.  
 We'd like a little knowledge, please."  
 The Lord God gave them knowledge,  
 And the people said: "Now that we have knowledge, we'd like things."  
 The Lord God gave the people things,  
 But they always said: "That's not quite enough."  
 So the Lord God gave them gifts unequalled:  
 The Sun  
 Lightning and Thunder  
 Rain and Flowers  
 Animals and Birds and Fish  
 Trees and Stars and the Moon  
 God gave them the Rainbow  
 God parted the Red Sea and gave them Manna  
 God gave the Prophets  
 And Children  
 And Each Other,  
 But still the people said: That's not quite enough."  
 God loved the people,  
 And out of ultimate merciful goodness  
 God gave them the Gift of Gifts—  
 A Christmas present never to be forgotten—  
 God gave them Love  
 In the form of God's Son,  
 Even Christ Jesus.

There are some that don't open their eyes or their ears or their hearts  
 And they still say: "That's not quite enough."  
 They wander though the stores looking for Christmas;  
 But others open their whole being to the Lord,  
 Bending their knees to praise God,  
 Carrying Christmas with them every day.  
 For these the whole world is a gift!

My wish for all of us this Christmas is that we would be those who open our whole being to the Lord, who bow before God in praise. May we know that God has given us the greatest gift of love possible, in the wondrous gift of Christ Jesus. May we carry Christmas with us every day! Peace and Love and Joy to you this Christmas!

*Pastor Kathy*



## Trash to Treasure

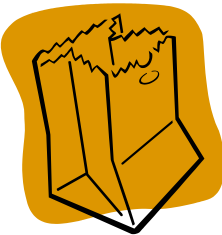
Once again we will collect used greeting cards. When you're done displaying them, bring them to church with you and place them in the large wicker basket near the west door. They will go to the Southside Senior Center.

There are also several collection bins in the narthex of Ft. Des Moines UMC. We have one for Labels for Education, one for eye glasses, one for cancelled stamps and one for printer cartridges. When you bring any of these items you are helping someone you may have never met. The Lion's Club uses the eye glasses, cases and other accessories to help those who do not have access to eye care. The Labels for Education go to Bidwell Riverside Center to purchase computers needed in their day-to-day operation. The cancelled stamps are going to a stamp collector at this time but if you know of an agency that can use them toward a mission program, let the church office know. And the printer cartridges are used toward the purchase of office supplies through the Office Max recycling program.

We also have a laundry basket for food and brown paper bags for Food Pantry items. And don't forget the clothing barrels for donating clothes and plastic grocery bags to Bidwell!

Your "trash" can easily become someone's treasure!!!

## Bags



DMARC's eleven food pantries need paper grocery bags in good condition. The pantries reuse paper sacks for packing food items to be given out to those in need. Large quantities of these paper sacks are consumed in the process, and the need is ongoing. Purchasing paper grocery sacks is not possible due to cost, and therefore, recycling paper sacks for this purpose is our only option. If you have extra paper sacks, place them in with you food items on the third Sunday of each month.

Bidwell Riverside Center also needs plastic grocery bags. If you can help with these, place them in the clothing barrel.

## 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.

## Financial Secretary Notes

To receive credit, your designated offering donations (designated funds - food pantry, mission, Bidwell, Glimpses, Ingathering, Heifer, Special offerings, repair, trustees, youth) must be placed in the Sunday offering plate or mailed to the church office so it can be recorded in the giving records. If you give your donation directly to the person in charge of a specific designated fund program there is no way to tie your donation to your record and you will not receive credit for it.

All checks need to be made payable to Ft. Des Moines United Methodist Church, not to the designated fund.

Please don't forget your regularly scheduled giving when contributing to special designated offerings and specific project offerings.

Memorial donations can be placed in the Sunday offering, mailed to the church, given at the funeral home or given directly to the family.

## Finance Report

General Account Income	\$ 9,762.04
General Account Expenses	\$ 8,805.34
Needed each month:	\$ 13,038.00
Designated Funds Income:	\$ 7,608.00
Trustees Income:	\$ 60.00
Roof Repair Income:	\$ 175.00

NOTE: \$4500 was borrowed from the Flower Garden Fund to cover the April 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.

## Year-to-Date

Total Income	\$122,869.28
Total Expenses	\$134,768.33

## Monitors/Computers Needed

St. George Orthodox Church is collecting monitors to use with donated computers for Eritrean/Ethiopian refugees. Contact St. George's at 277-0780 (1110 35th St) for more information.

## Food Pantry Tidbits

Who is DMARC? The Des Moines Area Religious Council is an interfaith organization with a core membership of about 150 congregations from 10 faith traditions. DMARC exists to provide a common means of responding to basic human needs and, in so doing, offers a context for interfaith dialogue, education, fellowship and support while serving as a liaison between member congregations and the greater Des Moines community.

The DMARC Emergency Food Pantry network is the largest in Iowa, made up of a centralized warehouse and 11 partnering distribution sites. The DMARC Emergency Food Pantry helps meet short-term food needs when families do not have enough to eat. In 2009, DMARC assisted more than 11,600 different families in the Greater Des Moines community and provided the food equivalent of nearly 1.5 million meals.

As of the end of August, 2010, 11,560 individuals were served and 117,274 food items were given out by DMARC Food Pantry sites.

DMARC gives out about 25,000 diapers each month. Hosting a diaper drive is one way to help DMARC and the families they serve. Other items on their wish list include grocery carts, 2-wheel dollies, a refrigerated truck, shelving, packing tape, paper sacks, black Sharpie markers, box cutters, work gloves, baby formula, personal hygiene products, UHT shelf stable milk, helping hands, fresh produce, and healthy, nutritious shelf-stable food.

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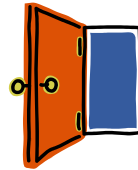
## Employment Opportunities

**Intensive Work Readiness Instructor:** Lutheran Services in Iowa is seeking an Intensive Work Readiness Instructor for classes that will prepare individuals with refugee status for the American workplace. This will be a contract position. The class will focus on teaching students the necessary steps to finding employment, understanding expectations and cultural norms of the American workplace, and giving students the tools and knowledge to be successful members of the workforce. For full job description and application instructions, contact Nicholas Wuertz, Service Coordinator: tel: 515-271-7443 or email: nicholas.wuertz@lsiowa.org.

**Worship Leader:** Urban Heights Evangelical Covenant Church is seeking a worship leader to accompany the worship team on keyboard or guitar, pick out worship music, strong voice to lead singing, able to work with existing singers and musicians. At least 2 Sundays per month. Modest fee for your time each Sunday. Contact Bruce Rydberg at 202-9122.

**Housing:** Children and Family Urban Ministries needs a room for a female VISTA volunteer. If you would like to explore helping with this need, please contact Linda Danielson at linda@cfum.org or 515-282-3242.

**Laboratory Supervisor at Polk County Health:** 4 year college grad—major in bio sci, micro, chem.; 2 years lab experience with one year at supervisory level or equiv combination of training and experience. Must pass Epidemiological Basics and Advanced Epi courses provided. Some on-call work. File application on line at <http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/hr/jobs>.



### As I Close the Door

Dear Lord, as I close the door on the old year, I ponder the things I've done...the things I've said and the joys I've had. I wonder, have I lost or won? I've thought of new friends I have made, and the old ones, staunch and true...the paths of the old year made easier, Lord, because I have walked them with you. I think of all the many times, when my burdens were so heavy to bear, and how my faith slipped away from me. But somehow you were always there. Now, as I open the door to this New Year, and carefully peep inside, I wonder what it holds for me...but I'll throw the door open wide. Whatever it brings to me and mine, I'll meet it with a heart so true...I know that, Lord, whatever it may be, you'll be there to carry me through.

Merrel Thompson

## Christmas Roots

It comes from two words—*Christ* and *mass*, or *Christ-mass*.

*Christ* is derived from the Greek word *Christos*, which means *anointed*, and refers to the long awaited Messiah whom the Jews believed would be a divine, imperial king who would rule the world. This person turned out to be the only perfect Son of God, the anointed of the Lord.

The word *mass*, in the religious sense, means *to send* or *dismiss*. It has been used for centuries by much of the church to designate worship or the celebration of worship.

Therefore, the word *Christmas* indicates the *worship of the Lord's Anointed One*, or the *celebration of the Lord's Anointed*.





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of God.*

#### **Education**

**Classes held Sept. 12, 2010 thru  
May 22, 2011  
Sunday School 11:00-11:45 a.m.**

#### **Staff**

Rev. Kathy Sides  
Pastor

Jane White,  
Administrative Assistant

Mildred Zeliadt,  
Organist

Benny Hotopp,  
Custodian

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## **December 2010/January 2011**

### **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.

12th Isaiah 35:1-10  
Luke 1:47-55  
James 5:7-10  
Matthew 11:2-11  
19th Isaiah 7:10-16  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25  
26th Isaiah 63:7-9  
Hebrews 2:10-18  
Matthew 2:13-23  
2nd Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12  
9th Isaiah 42:1-9  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

### **Events:**

9th Advent Study  
10th Christmas Potluck Supper  
12th Food Pantry Sunday  
16th Advent Study  
23rd Advent Study  
24th Christmas Cantata at 7:00 p.m.  
16th UMW Mission Dinner  
16th Human Relations Day offering will be received.  
16th Food Pantry offering will be received.



# December 2010

## Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 7:00 PM Choir practice	<b>2</b> 10:00 AM Advent Study 7:00 PM Advent Study 8:00 PM AA	<b>3</b> 8:00 PM AA	<b>4</b> 6:15 PM NA
<b>5</b> 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 8:00 PM AA	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM UMW 6:00 PM Worship Comm. 7:00 PM Choir practice	<b>9</b> 10:00 AM Advent Study 7:00 PM Advent Study 8:00 PM AA	<b>10</b> 6:00 PM Christmas Potluck Supper 8:00 PM AA	<b>11</b> 6:15 PM NA
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<b>19</b> 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 8:00 PM AA	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6:30 PM Ed. Comm. 7:00 PM Radio Club	<b>22</b> 7:00 PM Choir practice	<b>23</b> 10:00 AM Advent Study 7:00 PM Advent Study 8:00 PM AA	<b>24</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service 8:00 PM AA	<b>25</b> <b>Merry Christmas</b> 6:15 PM NA
<b>26</b> 9:45 AM Worship 8:00 PM AA	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM Finance Committee	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 PM Choir practice	<b>30</b> 8:00 PM AA	<b>31</b> 8:00 PM AA	

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