

# The Poster

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## Blanket Sunday - May 14

The 4 Southside United Methodist Churches will hold Blanket Sunday on May 14th, Mother's Day. Donations of cash will be received in each church. Then each church will write a single check to Church World Service. The four checks will then be sent on to Church World Service. Our contact person for this project is Carlin Peer; 287-3433.



We tend to use blankets for heat, an occasional picnic or making a tent in the living room. However, in a Third World country, it is a Transformer Blanket! A single blanket can provide heat but folded it can be a pillow; put things into its center and tie the corners together makes a suitcase; stringing it up in the center of the hut makes a wall; and when you're scared of a storm or war, it is a hug made out of cloth!

Special envelopes will be in the bulletin that Sunday. Won't you consider donating \$5, \$10, \$15, or even \$20 so someone can have a hug made out of cloth? Checks can be made out to Ft. Des Moines UMC, enclosed in the envelop and placed in the offering plate. Blankets may be purchased in honor or in memory of someone. If you make note of that and give us an address, a note telling them of your gift will be sent to them.

May and June mark times of graduations from all levels of education. If you're graduating from one level and moving on to another level, let us know! Share the good news!!!



Our records indicated that Ashley Lierow and Robbie Carruthers from our congregation are seniors. We congratulate them and all others graduating this year.

## Close Encounters with Christ Bible Study

Jesus' ministry was not characterized by aloofness. On the contrary, he entered into intimate relationships with those who would receive him on the terms which his mission required. He visited and shared meals, and no doubt stayed as guest in many homes. Even in his brief encounters with people, there was remarkable degree of communion and sharing. And the witness of the New Testament is that he desires the same degree of closeness with all who will accept him, including us today. Come join us as we study the close encounters with Christ recorded in the gospels on Tuesday mornings at 11:00am.

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Information for *The Poster* should be in the Church office by the 4th Tuesday 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 generally the first Sunday of the month

## Dass' Desk

### Mother's Day

The origin of Mother's Day goes back to the era of ancient Greek and Romans. But the roots of Mother's Day history can be traced to the United Kingdom where a Mothering Sunday was celebrated much before the festival saw the light of the day in the US. However, the celebration of the festival as it is seen today is a recent phenomenon and not even a hundred years old.

Thanks to the hard work of the pioneering women of their times, Julia Ward Howe and Anna Jarvis, the day came into existence. Today the festival of Mother's Day is celebrated across 46 countries, though on different dates. Millions of people across the globe take the date as an opportunity to honor their mothers, thank them for their efforts in giving them life, raising them and being their constant support.

The earliest history of Mother's Day dates back to the ancient annual spring festival the Greeks dedicated to maternal goddesses. The Greeks used the occasion to honor Rhea, wife of Cronus and the mother of many deities of Greek mythology.

Early Christians celebrated a Mother's Day of sorts during the festival on the fourth Sunday of Lent in honor of the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. The idea of official celebration of Mother's Day in the US was first suggest by Julia Ward Howe in 1872. An activist, writer, and poet, Julia shot to fame with her famous Civil War song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Julia suggested that June 2 be annually celebrated as Mother's Day and should be dedicated to peace. She wrote a passionate appeal to women and urged them to rise up against war in her famous Mother's Day Proclamation, written in Boston 1870. She also initiated a Mother's

Peace Day observed on the second Sunday in June in Boston and held the meeting for a number of years. Julia tirelessly championed the cause of official celebration of Mother's Day. Her idea spread but was later replaced by the Mother's Day holiday now celebrated in May.

Anna Jarvis, a United Methodist, is recognized as the Founder of Mother's Day in the US. Though, Anna Jarvis never married and never had children, she is known as the Mother of Mother's Day, an apt title for the lady who worked hard to bestow honor on all mothers and women.

Anna Jarvis got the inspiration of celebrating Mother's Day from her own mother, Anna Marie Reeves Jarvis. Mrs. Jarvis used to express her desire that someday someone must honor all mothers, living and dead, and pay tribute to the contributions made by them.

As a loving daughter, Anna Jarvis never forgot her mother's word and when her mother died in 1905, she resolved to fulfill her mother's desire of having a day to honor mothers. To begin with, Anna sent carnations in the church in Grafton, West Virginia to honor her mother. The hard work paid off. By 1911, Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state in the Union and on May 8, 1914 President Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. Today, Mother's Day is celebrated in several countries and cultures including US, UK, India, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, Mexico, Canada, China, Japan, and Belgium.

**Bring your family to worship on  
Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 9:45am.**

*Pastor Dass*



### Two-Minute Testimony

Pastor Dass is looking for a volunteer to share the joy and excitement of knowing Jesus as Lord and Savior. If you wish to share your testimony during the worship, please speak with Pastor Dass.

## *You're Invited*

**Worship:** Bring your family and friends to worship on Sunday, May 14, and enjoy this special time in worship and thanksgiving to God for mothers and women who give so much of themselves to their families. We praise God for them.

**Senior and Law Enforcement Together (SALT)** will meet at the State Fairgrounds on Tuesday, May 17, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the Polk County Senior Fest & Health Care. Polk County Senior Services will be present.

The 4 Southside Methodist churches will provide a church service at Prairie Hills Senior Living the 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of every month (May 24) at 10:00 a.m. We are encouraging members of the congregation to join the minister on those days to provide support & fellowship during the service.

### **Can You Help?**

Can you help fill the Mayflower? Valley West Mall and Mayflower Moving and Storage have partnered to fill the FreeStore with gently-used and new household items. Clients of Children & Families of Iowa Violence Center are the recipients of the items as they establish new homes for themselves and their children.

As you do your Spring Cleaning, donate those twin or bunk beds, TVs, tables, chairs, end tables, lamps, night stands, pillows, linens, dishes, pots and pans you no longer want or need by delivering them to the Mayflower truck in the Valley West parking lot (corner of Westown Parkway and Valley West Drive) on Saturday, May 13, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have questions, call 515-282-3733 ext. 3 or go to [www.thefreestore.org](http://www.thefreestore.org)

### **Thinking about joining Ft. Des Moines UMC?**

If you are interested in a membership here at Ft. Des Moines United Methodist Church, speak with Pastor Dass.

### **Food Pantry Tidbits**

- ◆ On April 11, Hy-Vee and Skippy officials dropped off 600 pounds of peanut butter at the Food Pantry warehouse. This was a result of the Peanut Butter Lover's Day sales promotion held at Hy-Vee stores.
- ◆ "A Community Thrives" takes submissions from anyone on behalf of organizations and causes they care about and opens the process up to the online community to vote for the top three causes in each category. Drake University student and Engaged Citizen Corps member Brianna Dressel submitted a video on behalf of DMARC. Cast your vote for DMARC in USA Today's "A Community Thrives" Challenge at <http://act.usatoday.com/submit-an-idea/#!/gallery/60434946/> You can cast one vote every day, now until May 12.

### **Mission Help for Elementary Palau School**

Palau Island is a small community of fishermen and their families living a very simple life. It has its own life due to isolation from the main land. The Island has an Elementary School that tries to meet the educational needs of Palau children. The elementary school is in desperate need of computers as the school has no computers creating a serious disadvantage for the children's education.

Tessie Dass, Pastor's wife, has visited the school and was moved by the fact that Palau children have not manipulated computers nor have the foggiest idea of how internet can connect them to the world outside their small island. Having computers will open their minds to the world beyond their environment. It will also encourage them to explore the world learning about different cultures and people. If you would like to help with this project, please donate a computer or donate money to the project. I pray that the Lord will open your heart to the need of Palau Elementary School children.

### Thanks to Everyone Who Helped!

An anonymous donor gave a book of stamps. Thanks again for thinking of the church office for your charitable giving.



As of this writing, \$883.50 has been donated via the Easter Fund-raiser calendar. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Six air fresheners were donated anonymously. Thanks for thinking about sharing them with the church.



A behind the scenes thank you to David Drew for changing the banners that hang in the sanctuary. He has been faithful in this task for a number of years!

### Vacation Bible School

The 4 Southside United Methodist Churches are having a joint Vacation Bible School this summer. The theme is "Shake it up Café". The lessons will explore festivals in the Bible. The hours will be 1-4pm for ages 4 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Ft. Des Moines will host Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, St. John's will host Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, Bloomfield will host Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and Jordan UMC will host on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. We need lots of help!



We are looking for volunteers to do crafts, music, recreation/games, snacks, lessons, registration just to name a few! We hope you consider helping at all 4 locations but whatever your time allows will be greatly appreciated. There is a sign up for Vacation Bible school in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up ASAP so we know who will be helping. There are many opportunities!

If you know of children that would enjoy going, please tell them to "save the dates". If you know of youth that would love to help, let Debbie McCloney know. Questions? Please call 515-249-3545.

### Volunteers of the Month

Fort Des Moines is blessed with innumerable volunteers who help with various ministries and special projects of our church.



Pastor Dass has selected the Chancel Choir as this month's volunteers. Members of the choir, through the year, were Jean Pease, Jean Drew, Connie Keller, Carlin Peer, Sierra Kokke, Hailey Kokke, Levi, Noveras, David Drew, Roger McCloney and Tyler Kokke. Tessie Dass and Ben Sides joined in when they were available. They have been under the faithful leadership of Pamela Schisel. Many thanks for their commitment and faithfulness in providing musical leadership for our worship services.

### A Godly Mother

A godly mother is the loving foundation upon which the home is built, the guardian of the small lives she has borne. Tenderly, she nurtures the precious souls entrusted to her care, gratefully thanking God for the individual beauty, personality, and talents of each child and humbly praying for wisdom and understanding to help each attain a sense of her/his own self-worth and special niche in God's wondrous world. A godly mother is the first and most loving teacher that the child will ever know, the most soothing nurse that will ever attend the child, and the most understanding judge on earth. The child is always in her heart and mind, and she never ceases to sacrifice. A godly mother is a shining beacon on the sea of life.

### Other Vacation Bible School Opportunities

Christ Lutheran Church will host Vacation Bible School the evenings of June 19-23, 6-8:00 p.m. The theme is "S'more of Jesus". There will be singing, crafts, Bible stories and snacks (including s'mores!) Mark your calendar and make plans to attend. Children age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will have classes. Those 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older will serve as helpers. Come one—come all!

## Cause for Celebration!

### May Birthdays

2 Donna Bresee  
6 Sharon Wilcox  
9 Ann Keller  
10 Kalee Jacoby  
10 Steven Parsley  
13 Tristan Yang  
15 Zachary Norris  
17 Debbie Smith  
17 Jack Brooks  
18 Pat Crane  
21 JJ Simmons  
22 Bette Casper  
26 James Simmons  
29 Joan Evans

### June Birthdays

1 Alec Slater  
1 Stephanie Parsley  
8 Jean Volz  
9 Billie Jean Whitehead  
9 Tammy Augustus  
11 Mark Horak  
11 Debbie McCloney  
14 Levi Noveras  
16 Alex Crise  
20 Scott Johnson  
24 Tyler Kokke  
25 Steve Norris  
26 Lew Lewellen  
26 Suzanne Wilcox  
27 Brenda Swigert

### May Wedding

#### Anniversaries

3 Dean & Lucy Garland  
15 Bruce & Lori Evans  
16 Doug & Debbie Smith  
21 Mel & Bonnie Pearson  
29 Fred & Sandy Kokke

### June Wedding

#### Anniversaries

11 Brian & Ronda Kent  
21 Matt & Melissa  
Clevenger  
25 Steve & Kristina Norris  
30 Dennis & Paula Garland

### May Baptismal

#### Anniversaries

4 Anna Nalevanko  
6 Connie Otte  
10 Sherri Little  
10 Rickie Ramsey  
10 Gloria Roeder  
12 Diane Drew  
13 Mary Slater  
23 Keith Garland  
23 Debi Hamm  
27 Austin Casper

### June Baptismal

#### Anniversaries

2 Emilee Jones  
4 Cindy Eatwell  
4 Sandi Eatwell  
18 Michael Crise  
18 Jacob Norris  
18 Lucas Norris

## It's Camp Season

The camp books are here! Check out your favorite activities or the week that works in your family's schedule. There's something for everyone between the ages of 4 and 104! So, if you're into swimming, archery, horse-back riding, ropes, Bible study, singing or just enjoy being out in nature, register today! Scholarships are available from the church and from the Iowa Annual Conference. Books and registration forms can be found in Fellowship Hall, in the church office, or online at [www.iaumc.org/camps](http://www.iaumc.org/camps).

## Prayer Corner

Ft. Des Moines UMC, it's programs and leaders; Bhutanese Nepali Truth Church in Iowa, it's programs and leaders; those who are home bound and their care-takers;



And we especially name Leland Kenney, Twilla Dillard, Dean Garland, Sharon Burton, Donna Ness, and Jerry & Brenda Swigert.

Our Christian Sympathies to the family and friends of Mildred Zeliadt, who died on May 1.

## April Finance Report

General Account Income	\$	5,826.50
General Account Expenses	\$	8,226.98
Designated Funds Income	\$	2,300.00
Trustees Income	\$	1,020.00

### Year-to-Date

Total Income	\$	39,848.48
Total Expenses	\$	39,544.72

## On Memorial Day

Remember the words Abraham Lincoln spoke at the dedication of the national cemetery on the Civil War battlefield of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania:  
"It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom..."

And from Dwight D. Eisenhower we heard "Freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed—else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die.



# June 2017

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 28 - Jun 3	<b>May 28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Jun 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
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Jun 4 - 10	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
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Jun 11 - 17	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
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Jun 25 - Jul 1	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Jul 1</b>
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a community of faith in worship  
and action,  
open to all in the Spirit and Love  
of God.*

**Christian Education Classes will  
continue until May 21, 2017  
11:00-11:45 a.m.**

**Staff**

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Pastor

Laurie Jenkins,  
Church Musician

Pamela Schisel  
Choir Director

Jane White,  
Administrative Assistant

**Address Service Requested**

**We give thanks for:**

**YOU!**

**May/June 2017**

**Events:**

May 27—Community Meal at  
4:00 p.m.

May 29—Offices will be closed

June 10-12—Annual Conference

**Special Offerings:**

Food Pantry Sunday will be  
May 21. Donations of cash, shelf-  
stable food items, formula, dia-  
pers and brown paper grocery  
bags will be received.

Peace With Justice Sunday  
will be June 11. Gifts on Peace  
with Justice Sunday fund pro-  
grams that advocate for peace  
and justice in the United States  
and around the world. These pro-  
grams empower United Method-  
ists to speak out for removing  
structures and systems that  
harm God's children globally.

*“You will keep in perfect  
peace those whose minds  
are steadfast, because  
they trust in you.”*

*Isaiah 26:3*