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Monday-Friday

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Sunday School: 11:00am

**Weekday Bible Study @
11:00am on Tuesdays in the
Library.**

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The Home That Pleases God

Every Christian has three homes: not just one but three. First, there is the home where a person lives. Home is the child's paradise. Second, your church home, the place of public worship and uniting in prayer, the place where you were baptized and kept on learning about God. Third, the heavenly home.

First, the purpose of the home, any home, is first of all spiritual. That is, it relates directly to Almighty God. God inaugurated the home in the Garden of Eden, where everything was fair and lovely. The home is God's supreme institution. The home was first in importance, and so it stands today. According to Prophet Malachi 2:15, God organized the home and placed it in the world that it might preserve. The home is a depository of faith, a trustee of divine grace. Therefore, the home is definitely related to the eternal purposes of God. Thus the purpose of a home is spiritual.

The second purpose of home is biological. In the home life is not created but transmitted. Parents are the transmitter of life.

Third purpose of home is educational. Someone has called home, "seminary of all institutions." Certainly, it is the chief school of human virtues. Here in the home we have freedom and responsibility, both authority and discipline. According to the Bible, we are to bring up children that are pleasing to God. It is to be a sort of private university in which lessons of life are both taught and learned from parents who themselves are taught by God.

The Christian home serves as the training ground for all of life's relationships. The first impression a child gets about morals come from family. The home molds the character. It is the mold that goes far to determine what shall be the future of society. What children learn at home today will go far toward determining their life tomorrow.

A pastor says that one day after church he took a High School girl to her home. As the road was curving the girl asked the pastor to stop. Down below was a lake. There was her home little more than a shack. Seeing the look of surprise on his face, she said, rather apologetically, "I know it is not much to look at, but it is a wonderful place to see from." That's how our homes ought to be. They ought to be wonderful places to see from. It is the window through which we get our first glimpse of all our social obligations and privileges. It is here that the mind of a child is filled with the truth of God, where the heart of a child is filled with the love of God, where the life of a

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Pastor's message continued

child is directed toward doing the will of God, then within the heart and mind of a child has been created impressions and habits that will never die.

Happy Festival of Christian Home

Pastor Dass

April Finance Report

General Account Income	\$
General Account Expenses	\$
Designated Funds Income	\$
Trustees Income	\$
Year-to-Date	
Total Income	\$
Total Expenses	\$

Mother's Day Celebration

The first Mother's Day service was held on May 10, 1908, at a church in Grafton, West Virginia. It came about as a result of a crusade by Anna Jarvis to have a special day set aside to honor her mother. Anna continued her crusade until the state of West Virginia observed its first Mother's Day on April 26, 1910. President Woodrow Wilson made the first national proclamation on May 1914. Mother's Day is a special day to honor the women with the recognition and gratitude they deserve.

Mother's Day Worship

We are planning a special service to recognize and honor women/mothers. Special attention will be given to:

- ◇ The mother with the most children in attendance.
- ◇ The mother with the youngest child.
- ◇ The oldest mother.

Two-Minute Testimony

Pastor Dass is seeking volunteers 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.

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 those we name in our hearts.

Our Christian Sympathies to the family and friends of Shirley Kenney, who died on April 9.

The Parables of Jesus

The Parables of Jesus are the most memorable and persuasive messages. To know these incomparable stories is to know the teaching of Jesus and the heart of the Teacher. Come and join Pastor Dass in exploring the implications of Jesus' stories for our lives and relationships on Tuesdays, at 11:00 a.m., in the church library.

Mission Dinner

A soup and salad lunch will be the Mission Dinner on Sunday, May 19. Plan to stay for good food and a good time with your church family!

Mothers

Mother is a 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 the wisdom and understanding to help each attain a sense of his/her 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, and the most understanding judge on earth. A child is always in her heart and mind, and she never ceases to sacrifice, work, and pray for what is best. Mother is a shining beacon on the sea of life. Happy Mother's Day!

Memorial Day

Originally called Decoration Day, from the early tradition of decorating graves with flowers, wreaths and flags, Memorial Day is a day for remembrance of those who have died in service to our country. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868 to commemorate the sacrifices of Civil War soldiers, by proclamation of Gen. John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of former Union Sailors and Soldiers.

In 1873, New York was the first state to designate Memorial Day as a legal holiday. By the late 1800's several states had declared it a legal holiday. After World War I, it became an occasion for honoring those who died in all of America's wars and was then more widely established as a national holiday throughout the United States.

In 1971, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act and established that Memorial Day was to be commemorated on the last Monday of May.

Annual Conference

The Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church will be held June 7-11, at Hy-Vee Hall, downtown. Please keep all delegates in your prayers.

Let Us Know!

- If you have recently moved, changed your mailing address, your email address, phone number or are using cell phones instead of land lines, LET US KNOW!
- If you would like to be included in the prayer chain, LET US KNOW!
- If you are hospitalized, LET US KNOW! (Privacy laws do not allow hospitals to contact clergy when a parishioner is hospitalized.)

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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 J. J. Simmons
22 Bette Casper
26 James Waters
29 Joan Evans

June Birthdays

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

June Wedding Anniversaries

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

May Wedding Anniversaries

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

June Baptismal Anniversaries

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

May Baptismal Anniversaries

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

Ascension of the Lord

In the days of Christ's earthly ministry, he could only be physically present in one place at any given time. The late Archbishop William Temple put it this way, "Only those could speak to him who came to where he was. If he was in Galilee, people could not find him in Jerusalem; if he was in Jerusalem, they could not find him in Galilee"

Christ's Ascension means that, spiritually speaking, he is with us wherever we find ourselves. Christ desires to be present with us everywhere we go. His presence is universal. He is here now. That is what the Ascension affirms. (Ascension Sunday is June 2, 2019.)

2019

MAY

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	01 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	02 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	03 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	04 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
05 9:45 UMC 11:00 Finance/S.S. BNTC Worship AA	06 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 6:00 Central Dist. Conf.	07 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	08 9:30 ELL 10:00 WCF 6:00 ELL	09 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	10 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	11 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
12 9:45 UMC 11:00 Trustees 11:00 SS/JOPPA/Coffee 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	13 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	14 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	15 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	16 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	17 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 4:00 AA party 5:00 BNTC	18 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
19 9:45 UMC 11:00 SPPRC/Mission Din. 1:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	20 9:00 Fellowship Hall in use 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	21 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	22 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	23 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	24 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	25 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 4:00 Comm. Meal 7:30 NA
26 9:45 UMC Worship 11:00 Council & Sun. Sch. 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	27 Office closed	28 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	29 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	30 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	31 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	01
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30 9:45 UMC 11:00 5th Sunday Potluck 1:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	01	02	03	04	05	06

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We give thanks for you!!!

**Ft. Des Moines United Methodist Church is a community of faith
in worship and action, open to all in the spirit and love of God.**

May/June 2019

Events:

May 6: Central District Conference
@ Aldersgate UMC, 3600 75th St,
Urbandale @ 6:00pm
May 19: Mission Dinner at 11:00am
May 25: Community Meal @ 4:00pm
May 27: Office closed
June 17-21: Jane on vacation

Special Offerings:

Food Pantry Sunday will be on May 19. Donations of shelf-stable food items, cash, hygiene items, diapers (all sized), wipes, and formula will be received.
Native American Sunday will be the emphasis on May 5 with special envelopes in the worship bulletins. Gifts fund scholarships for Native American seminarians and strengthen, develop and equip Native American rural, urban and reservation congregations, ministries and communities and annual conference Native American ministries.