



# THE POSTER

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should be in the church office by  
the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Office Hours: 8:30am-12:00pm  
Monday-Friday

**Sunday Worship: 9:45am**

**Sunday School: 11:00am**

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

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## Christmas in July Continues

Once again this year, our Christmas in July program will be collecting school supplies for a local school. This is a great way to minister to children in our community. School supplies for all ages are welcome!

- \*2 pocket folders
- \*Composition books
- \*Crayola crayons
- \*Pencils
- \*Facial tissue
- \*Hand sanitizer
- \*Children's scissors
- \*White board markers/erasers
- \*Spiral notebooks
- \*12" rulers
- \*School glue
- \*Ball point pens
- \*Clorox wipes
- \*Erasers (2")
- \*Backpacks

Bring your items to church to be placed around the Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary. This project will continue until August. 19. The supplies will be delivered at the beginning of the fall term.

## Garden Bounty

If you have excess produce from your garden, you may bring it with you to church. Place it on the table in the narthex under the bulletin board. Anyone who has use for the produce can take what they want.

## Computer Crash

Sometime over the Memorial Day weekend the office computer died. We now have a new hard drive but nothing was salvaged. I will be developing things as we go along, including everyone's mailing address. But email addresses are a different matter. So, if you want to be sure that I have your correct address, send me an email message.

## Thank You

My heartfelt gratitude to members of Ft. Des Moines for the words of support and encouragement, prayers, cards and phone calls during my recovery from surgery. It was very much appreciated!

Jane White

### Thanks to Everyone Who Helped!!!

Larry Hart has spent several hours cleaning weeds out of the parking lot. Thanks for the hard work!

Cindy Eatwell for caring for the flower beds.

Sharon & Gerald Wilcox for putting together the new chairs in the library, which were donated by the Women's Christian Fellowship.

To those who "picked up" the janitor tasks while Chris was on vacation.

Carlin Peer "shaped up" our trees in the front yard. Thanks for your time.

### Did You Know?

Our library has a variety of books and movies for you to "check out". Use the items for as long as you like and then return them for others to enjoy.

### Bible Study

Tuesday morning Bible Study will continue after Pastor returns from vacation (Aug. 7th) and continue on through the summer. Everyone is invited to join the group at 11:00 a.m., in the library.

### 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.

### 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.)

Contact the church office at 515-285-6545 or [ftdsmumc@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ftdsmumc@qwestoffice.net) or contact Pastor Dass directly at [emmanueldass@hotmail.com](mailto:emmanueldass@hotmail.com) or 1-515-447-7953.

### 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 Marcia Barrett, Steve Seid, Shirley Kenney, Gloria Roeder and those we name in our hearts.

Gloria Roeder's new address is Granger Nursing and Rehab Center, 2001 Kennedy St, Granger IA 50109.

Lew & Wally Lewellen have a new address: 750 S Pennington Dr Rm 142, Chandler AZ 85224

Marcia Barrett's temporary address (until 8/12) is: 3520 Grand Ave HC155, Des Moines IA 50312



### Cause for Celebration!

#### August Birthdays

3 Greg Brain  
4 Michael Crise  
6 Shirley Kenney  
9 Jackie Wilde  
13 Jennifer Crise  
16 Lisle Goode  
18 Louise Harbert  
21 Doug Smith  
22 Cheryl Smith  
24 Amber Parsley  
25 Alexis Newton  
26 Larry Hart

#### August Wedding Anniversaries

#### August Baptismal Anniversaries

1 James Waters  
1 Virginia Simmons  
8 Donald Miller  
16 Pamela Schisel  
25 Simone Andrews  
26 Ann Keller  
30 Jack Brooks

#### September Birthdays

3 Joyce Nalevanko  
3 Jeff Lierow  
3 Payong Yang  
3 Haley Johnson  
4 Mel Pearson  
6 Brad Carlson  
6 Laurie Jenkins  
12 Wendy Parsley  
13 Nathan Crane  
19 Doug Brooks  
20 Pam Pearson  
25 Ty Parsley  
25 Dick Geil  
28 Nadene Woodford  
30 Ruby Price  
30 Marcus Clevenger

#### September Wedding Anniversaries

12 Ty & Wendy Parsley  
20 Suzanne Wilcox & Bob Ranschau  
26 Keith & Nancy Eis

#### September Baptismal Anniversaries

4 Sara Alexander  
11 Austin Eis  
14 Elaine Thayer  
20 Caleb Slater  
20 Autumn Slater

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# AUGUST

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01 9:00 BNTC 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	02 9:00 BNTC 9:30 ELL 7:00 NA	03 7:30 VBS @ Bloomfield 9:30 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	04 9:30 ELL 11:00 BNTC 5:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
05 9:45 UMC Worship 11:00 Finance & Sun. School 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	06 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	07 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	08 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	09 9:30 ELL 7:00 NA	10 9:30 ELL 4:00 BNTC Wedding Rehearsal 8:00 AA	11 5:00 BNTC Wedding 9:30 ELL 7:30 NA
12 9:45 UMC Worship 11:00 SPPRC & Sun. School 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 7:00 NA	17 9:30 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	18 9:30 ELL 11:00 BNTC 12:00 Fellowship Hall inuse 7:30 NA
19 9:45 UMC Worship 11:00 Trustees & Sun. School 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	20 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 7:00 NA	24 9:30 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	25 9:30 ELL 10:00 SHARE Iowa 11 BNTC 4:00 Community Meal 7:30 NA
26 9:45 UMC Worship 11:00 Council & Sunday School 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	27 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	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 7:00 NA	31 9:30 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08

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SUNDAY

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CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01 9:30 ELL 11:00 BNTC 5:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
02 9:45 UMC Worship 11:00 Finance & Sun. School 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	03 <b>Office Closed</b> 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	04 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	05 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	06 9:30 ELL 7:00 NA	07 9:30 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	08 9:30 ELL 11:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
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30 9:45 UMC Worship 11:00 5th Sunday Potluck 1:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	01	02	03	04	05	06

## July Finance Report

General Account Income	\$ 4,715.39
General Account Expenses	\$ 7,387.36
Designated Funds Income	\$ 1,615.00
Trustees Income	\$ 1,085.00

### Year-to-Date

Total Income	\$ 72,507.88
Total Expenses	\$ 78,074.61

(\$5778 was used from savings for the AC unit)

## Bidwell Riverside/Hawthorn Hill

It's official! The Management Services Organization (MSO) binding Bidwell Riverside Center and Hawthorn Hill into a mutually beneficial long-term partnership is now in place. Currently, the name of the organization is BRC-HH, but will probably be changed at a later date to better reflect the work of Bidwell and Hawthorn Hill. The two organizations have been partnering since November 2015, cost-sharing the Executive Director, and more recently a Development & Public Relations Director. Several board members had been serving on both Hawthorn Hill and Bidwell boards for some time, planning for a seamless transition to a legal partnership.

Hawthorn Hill and Bidwell Riverside Center have a lot in common. Both organizations focus on life-changing assistance to homeless and underprivileged individuals and families. Both also share roots with the United Methodist Church as well as being United Way of Central Iowa partner agencies.

An MSO is a nonprofit, 501 C-3 organization that exists to provide management and administrative services to multiple organizations. The creation of the MSO enhances both organizations' financial stability and expand capacity. Hawthorn Hill and Bidwell will each pay their share of the MSO expenses, and continue to operate financially independent of the other with the exception of shared administration expenses. Both will continue to have their own unique identities and programs.

## Why Me?

When we're faced with an unexpected hardship, our first impulse is often to ask, "Why me? Oh, God, why me?"

When a blessing comes our way, we happily accept it, yet seldom do we ask, "Why me? Oh, God, why me?"

## A Prayer in Remembrance of 9/11/01

*O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home!*

We bring before you our sad memories of our fellow citizens who lost their lives during the tragedy of September 11, 2001. We are yet pained when we consider lives ended by the heartlessness of those who believed they were achieving good, when unspeakable evil was the end result.

Our hearts will cry when we recall the countless families who lost loved ones. Blessed Lord, please grant them an extra portion of your grace and comfort so they may find solace in their sorrow, alleviation in their distress, and light in their darkness. Enable us as citizens of our homeland to rededicate ourselves to supporting one another in concern and love. Stir us awake that we may offer help for the helpless, assurance for those who are losing hope, consolation for those who mourn and fair play for those who suffer injustice.

Prevent us, O Lord, from calling America "one nation under God," and then do little to make it so.

Thank you, blessed Creator, for hearing our prayers, for without that assurance, we would be hopeless indeed.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Second Chance

Someone once asked the great British leader, Winston Churchill, how he had the persistence to lead his country so nobly against Hitler, especially when everything seemed somewhat hopeless. He said that he remember the time he had to repeat a grade in elementary school.

Puzzled, his questioner asked, "Do you mean that you failed a year in grade school?"

Churchill replied with a humorous candor, "I never failed anything in my life. I was given a second opportunity."

As Christians we have a second opportunity by attaching ourselves to Christ the Lord. "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4, NRSV)

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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.**

**August/September 2018**

**Events:**

Aug. 3: Vacation Bible School  
Aug. 25: Community Meal @ 4 p.m.  
Sept. 3: Office will be closed

**Special Offerings:**

Food Pantry Sunday will be on August. 19. Gifts of cash, shelf-stable food items, personal hygiene items, diapers (all sizes), and formula will be received.

**Looking Ahead:**

**Oct. 21: Charge Conference will  
be held at First UMC, Indianola,  
at 2:00 p.m.**