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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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What Does the Bible Say about Giving?

As a Christian, you should know what the Bible says about giving; and indeed, it has much to say to you. One little known reference to this principle of returning a portion of one's income to God is found in Genesis 14:18-20, which dates back long before the Jewish law dealing with giving.

Abram had just rescued his nephew, Lot, from the bloodthirsty King Chadroloamer. Returning from his victory, Abram is greeted and blessed by still another king, King Melchizedek, who was a "priest of the God of Highest Heaven" (Genesis 14:18). Abram was so overwhelmed at Melchizedek's blessing that he immediately gave the king a tenth of his spoils, thus becoming the first example of tithing in God's Word. The point you should note in this story is that God expressed his love for Abram through the generosity of Melchizedek. In the same manner, God expresses his generous spirit to you today in countless ways, including the standard of living that provides you most everything you desire.

And so, in love and gratitude, you return—as did Abram—a portion of all God enables you to earn; you return to God through your church for His work. The principle of tithing is further emphasized in Leviticus, "A tenth of the produce of the land, whether grain or fruit, is the Lord's... and the Lord owns every tenth animal of your herds and flocks and other domestic animals..." (27:30)

Of course, the choice is yours. Paul in II Corinthians 9:6-8 encourages Christians to give more freely, even sacrificially, and most of all give cheerfully. Your gift must come from the heart; you give because you want to, not because you have to; that your rewards will be in direct proportion to what you give; that God shows his pleasure by rewarding those who give with more than they need. The rewards of giving are so tremendous that God makes sure that we understand them. That way we take full advantage of his marvelous generosity and spiritual truth.

Pastor Dass

Calling all Singers!

The St. John's UMC choir cordially invites those who like to sing to participate in this year's cantata, "Touched by a Child, Touched by a King". This will be presented on Sunday, December 23. If you would like to participate, please contact Kathy Johnson at 321-7482 (cell) - just leave a message or text her by Sept. 7. If there are persons who will be singing, the music will be handed out on Saturday, Sept. 15, at 9:30 am. Practices will be held at St. John's UMC—one each month until December and then there will be two. We hope that you will join us.

Fifth Sunday Potluck

September 30 is the fifth Sunday of the month and to celebrate we'll have a potluck dinner following the worship service. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to share with the others and a hearty appetite! Plan to stay for the fellowship, food and good time. Mark your calendar!

Welcome New Members!

Pam Sokolowski and Kay Hibbs were received into membership on Aug.19. Take a moment to welcome them into the Ft. Des Moines UMC family.

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 life and relationship on Tuesdays, starting September 11, 11:00 a.m.

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.

Thanks to Everyone Who Helped!!!

Thanks to Shirley Kenney for the gift of a roll of postage stamps!

Your generosity was overwhelming once again! The results of the Christmas in July project are:

- 31 backpacks
- 83 boxes of crayons
- 11 boxes of facial tissue
- 5 containers of wipes
- 1 bottle of hand sanitizer
- 9 rulers
- 137 pencils
- 750 sheets of printer paper
- 25 pairs of scissors
- 22 ballpoint pens
- 180 erasers
- 16 dry erase markers
- 7 pencil cases
- 200 index cards
- 400 sheets of note paper
- 51 spiral notebooks
- 62 portfolios
- 60 bottles of glue
- 19 glue sticks
- 4 miscellaneous items

AND \$145.00 cash which was used to purchase additional items the school needed. Thanks to everyone who took part in this project. Pastor and Larry Hart delivered the items on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

DMARC Remarks

The DMARC Fall Delegate Assembly will be held on Tuesday, October 16, from 7:00-8:30 pm at First United Methodist Church in Ankeny, 206 SW Walnut Street. Jim Meier is the delegate from our congregation.

DMARC is currently seeking volunteers to collect donations during the Downtown Farmers' Market. If you are interested, please contact Shoshana Salowitz, ssalowitz@dmarcunited.org or 515-277-6969 ext. 18,

In an effort to provide fresh and healthy food, DMARC recently launched the "Fresh Fund," a special fund to help DMARC purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. An anonymous donor has issued a matching challenge and donated \$10,000 to DMARC for the Fresh Fund.

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 Jeff Lierow, Benny Hotopp, Steve Seid, Gloria Roeder and those we name in our hearts.

Our Christian Sympathies to the family and friends of Twilla Dillard, who died on Aug. 6.

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 or contact Pastor Dass directly at emmanueldass@hotmail.com or 1-515-447-7953.

Cause for Celebration!

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
10 Lu Yang
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

October Birthdays

2 Matthew Simmons
3 Sherri Little
4 Autumn Slater
5 Nany Eis
6 Alexandra Newton
7 Leanne Bermel
10 Erin (Keller)
McCulloch
11 Susan Hartmann
15 Sierra Kokke
16 Fred Kokke
18 Amanda Alexander
20 Sharon Peterson
23 Pam Cave
27 Wally Lewellen
28 Robbie Carruthers
30 Tammy Jones-
Bernard

30 Eric Little

30 Roxanna Dales

October Wedding

Anniversaries

16 Mark & Janan Horak
21 Roger & Debbie
McCloney

October Baptismal

Anniversaries

4 Koen Nalevanko
14 Tyler Kokke
14 Sierra Kokke
14 Hailey Kokke

Bidwell Riverside Center Celebrates!

This year, Bidwell Riverside Center has been in existence for 125 years!

It all started with a group of Methodist Deaconesses devoted to charitable works in 1893 who were soon able to purchase a building with funds from Major A. C. Bidwell. Around the turn of the century, the Riverside Mission began when the Woman's Home Missionary Society recognized a need for aid for the inhabitants of the south side of Des Moines so-called "Boxtown," living in homes made from tarpaper-covered packing boxes from department stores.

The two missions merged in 1954 and the current building at 1203 Hartford Ave was obtained, and became Bidwell Riverside Center.

Since then, the programs have continued to grow and expand with the focus on neighborhood social issues with an emphasis on alleviating the systemic causes of poverty as well as meeting the immediate needs of our neighbors.

The rich history of Bidwell's service to the community was made possible by countless devoted volunteers, donors, church groups, community leaders and friends like you. It's difficult to quantify the impact Bidwell has had throughout more than a century of existence, but your continued support ensures the work toward a vision of a future where no one lives in poverty and every person has the opportunity for a positive future will be carried out.

August Finance Report

General Account Income	\$ 4,825.26
General Account Expenses	\$ 7,497.15
Designated Funds Income	\$ 1,270.00
Trustees Income	\$ 1,080.00

Year-to-Date

Total Income	\$ 80,063.19
Total Expenses	\$ 87,395.04

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

Did You Know?

Our Bidwell Clothes Closet barrels can collect more than clothing items! Items needed are soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, lotion, feminine hygiene products, razors, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, plastic silverware and plates, size 3, 4, 5, and adult diapers, wipes, dish soap, powder dishwashing soap, powder laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaner, disinfectant spray, twin bedding (sheets & comforters), can openers, plastic grocery bags, pet food, and small household items (no furniture).

A Prayer for Renewal

Lord, I need patches on my faith. The cloth of courage has worn thin. The threads of joy have been cut. The pattern of right and wrong has faded. I don't pray for more love but for strength to move the love I already have. I don't pray for a new conscience but for sense enough to scrape barnacles off the old me. I don't pray to be commander in chief over my life but a trustworthy private on a worthwhile mission. I don't pray for a medal but for loyalty in my heart. Amen.

Jeanette Struchen

"Prayers to Pray Without Really Trying"

Prayer Approaches God

In prayer we make the nearest approaches to God and lie open to the influences of heaven; then it is that the Sun of righteousness visits us with his most direct rays, and dissipates our darkness, and imprints his image on our souls.

Henry Scougal

Holy Havens

"What did you learn in Sunday school today, Johnnie?" a mother asked her 6-year-old. The boy answered, "We talked about the Lord's Prayer and we learned that God's name was Harold and that he came from Meadville." Mom asked, "Where does it say that in the Lords' Prayer?" The boy said, "Near the beginning, it says 'Our Father which art in heaven, Harold be thy name' and later it says, 'Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from Meadville.'"

For Those Who Need Us

Make us worthy, Lord,
To serve our fellow men
Throughout the world who live and die
In poverty or hunger.
Give them, through our hands,
This day their daily bread,
And by our understanding love,
Give peace and joy.

Mother Teresa

AUTUMN DINNER and SILENT AUCTION

Join Epworth UMC as they celebrate the first day of Autumn!

The dinner will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Saturday, September 22, 2018. The cost will be \$7.00.

Menu: *Cavatelli, Salad (with choice of dressing), Italian Bread, Apple Crisp with Ice Cream, Beverages: Coffee, Iced Tea or Milk*

The Silent Auction will close at 6:30 p.m. and the highest bidders will then be announced or notified by phone.

All proceeds will go to the Epworth General Budget.

Don't miss this evening of good food and fellowship!

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SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
02 9:45 UMC Worship 11:00 Finance & Sun. School 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	03 Office Closed 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 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
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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.**

September/October 2018

Events:

Sept. 3: Office will be closed
Sept. 4-5: Jane will be out of the
office.
Sept. 29: Community Meal @ 4pm
Sept. 30: 5th Sunday Potluck @11am

Looking Ahead:

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

Special Offerings:

Food Pantry Sunday will be on September 16.
Gifts of cash, shelf-stable food items, personal hy-
giene items, diapers (all sizes), and formula will be
received.
World Communion Sunday offering will be received
on Sunday, Oct. 7. Gifts to World Communion
Sunday fund graduate racial-ethnic World
Communion Scholarships. With at least one-half
of the annual amount reserved for ministries be-
yond the United States. Donations also provide for
undergraduate U. S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic
In-Service Training programs.