



The Messenger

April 2015



NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

APRIL 19, 2015

The Native American Ministries Sunday offering develops and strengthens Native American ministries within the annual conference, expands the number of target cities in the Native American Urban Initiative and educates Native American seminarians.



Mobile Pantry April 22nd at the Expo Center in Pocahontas is open to all. 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



A Mobile Pantry is a farmers' market style distribution targeted toward counties with a need for additional pantry service. Mobile Pantries provide an additional strategy toward bridging the food assistance gap, specifically in rural counties, by providing an additional access point for food.

Types of Food Distributed: Fresh produce, Canned goods including fruits and vegetables, Pasta and sauce, Frozen items, Protein such as peanut butter and canned/frozen meats, Cereal, Bread and bakery goods

"I am a single father who has a full time job. I work every day, sick or not, and struggle to provide for us. I make too much for food assistance by \$0.70/hr. After rent, bills and medical costs, we barely make enough to eat." - Mobile Pantry client in Casey, IA



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Hope UMC—Pocahontas, Havelock & Plover

HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 am - Plover, 202 Smith St.

Sunday 9:15 am - Havelock, 752 Dean St.

Sunday 9:15 am - Sunday School/ **10:30 am** - Pocahontas, 306 2nd Ave NW

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From Worship as an Event to Worship as a Lifestyle

The Leadership Team of Hope UMC is reading and discussing the book *Shift, Helping Congregations Back Into Effective Ministry*. We are reading and discussing a chapter each month to discover how we can apply what we are learning about *Effective Ministry Practices*.

The second topic we discussed was *Shift 2: From Worship as an Event to Worship as a Lifestyle*. We learned that worship is not just about an event. It is a lifestyle. What we do in corporate [*group*] worship has the opportunity to equip us to be better worshipers the rest of the week.

Worship is about giving honor and glory to God. At the *group* level, worship is the gathering of the community of faith to praise God, learn the ways of God, and be challenged to take the next steps in our commitment as disciples. At the *personal* level, worship is about living life in a way that honors God in all that we are and do. *At the heart of worship*, is a life where every single breath is God's - where *it's all about Jesus*.

Group worship and *worship as a lifestyle* go hand in hand. *Group* worship prepares us to *worship as a lifestyle* and when we practice *worship as a lifestyle* it strengthens the celebration of *group* worship.

All worship needs to include the *GPS* focus: **G**od-centered, **P**articipatory and **S**ensory. Be prepared to fully participate when you come to *worship* and when you leave to continue *worshipping as a lifestyle*.

I am enjoying this learning opportunity with the Leadership Team as we strive to be *faithful* and *fruitful* for the kingdom of God here in Pocahontas County.

'Bring a friend with you to worship, *Pastor Jerry*

Congratula-



Senior Recognition:

Please join us on **Sunday, May 3rd**, as we celebrate our graduating Seniors with a potluck dinner at the Pocahontas Center at 11:30am, following the service. The Seniors being recognized this year are:

Molly Hopkins, Dominic Johnson, Bryce Long, Jordyn Radig, Nick Wiemers

The 2015 Confirmation Class of Hope

United Methodist Church: Cole Bennett, Gage Bunda, Colton Freeburg, Joseph Hopkins, Braxton Long, Breyanne Minkler, Logan Poss, Jordan Beneke, Ryan Speer, Maja White

Confirmation Sunday is April 19th



Holy Week Worship Services at Hope UMC~Pocahontas

✠ *Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.*

✠ *Good Friday Community Worship Service, April 3 at 7:00 p.m.*

Easter Day Worship Services at Hope UMC

✠ *8:00 a.m. Worship at Plover*

✠ *9:15 a.m. Worship at Havelock*

✠ *10:30 a.m. Worship at Pocahontas*



Joy Bells

We have a busy spring schedule and hope that you will be able to join us for some of the performances. Remember to invite all family and friends to come and listen to and enjoy the bells.

April 12 - St Peter's Lutheran Church, Pocahontas, 9:00 am service

April 26 - Faith Community Church, Hwy N65, 10:00 am service

May 6 - Arlington Place, Pocahontas, 4:00 pm

May 13 - Pocahontas Manor Care Center, Pocahontas 4:00 pm

UPPER DES MOINES FOOD PANTRY

Bring your contributions for the Food Pantry to church with you on **April 12 (or any Sunday)**

or stop out at Upper Des Moines on Hwy 4 North, in Pocahontas, and help to stock their pantry!

Requests for April: Canned Chicken, Saltines, Instant Potatoes, Tuna Helper



Lectionary Scriptures

April 1 *Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 70; Hebrews 12:1-3; John 13:21-32*

April 2 *Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19;*

1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 3 *Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25,
John 18:1-19:42*

April 4 *Job 14:1-14; Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16; 1 Peter 4:1-8;
Matthew 27:57-66*

Easter Vigil *Old Testament Readings Genesis 1:1-2:4a;*

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26, Psalm 33; Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13;

Psalm 46; Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 16; Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21;

Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18; Isaiah 55:1-11; Isaiah 12:2-6;

Ezekiel 36:24-28; Psalm 42; Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 143

New Testament Reading *Romans 6:3-11 with Psalm 114*

Gospel Reading *Mark 16:1-8*

April 5 *Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11;
John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8*

April 12 *Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31*

April 19 *Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48*

April 26 *Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18*



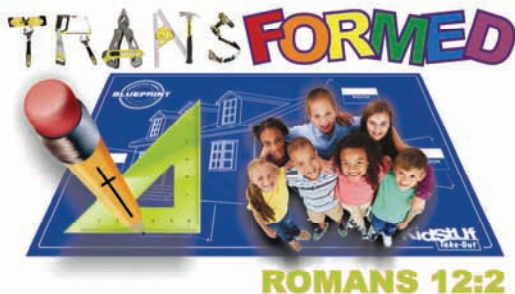
Help Fill a Bucket and Clothe a Baby

Once again Hope UMC will be preparing cleaning buckets and layette kits for Annual Conference in early June. From there they go to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Illinois to be distributed wherever there is a need. The cleaning buckets are critical for families cleaning up from natural disasters -- floods, tornadoes and hurricanes -- in the United States. Layettes are distributed worldwide. In 2014, 4,684 cleaning buckets and 1,226 layettes were distributed by MMDC. The Missions Committee has set a goal of 10 cleaning buckets and 12 layettes.

The cleaning buckets contain fifteen different items in varying quantities which are packed in a 5-gallon bucket. The layettes contain 7 different items. There will be tear-off lists available at each center to make it easy to participate by purchasing some of the items needed. Because the contents of the kits are very specific, please purchase the exact item listed. The lists will be available April 12 and the items will be needed by May 17. Containers will be available at each center. Monetary donations are also needed. The value of one cleaning bucket is \$55 and one layette is \$35.

HOPE UMC VBS News!!!

SAVE THE DATE!!!
Put **JULY 20TH - 23RD**
on your
calendars!



Join us and be **TRANS-FORMED** at VBS this summer!! :) Be watching for more info in upcoming newsletters and bulletins!!! Also, would you consider being a Prayer Partner for our VBS program in the months ahead?? Starting in April, we are going to be asking members of the congregation to be praying for this summer's VBS program. If you are interested in helping out in this way, please contact Moira (358-1444) or the church office (335-3663) and we will be in touch with you!!! :)

Available in the HUMC library (synopses courtesy of Amazon.com):

No Guts, No Glory! Slaying Today's Giants (Inspirational)

by Brother Andrew and Al Janssen

Through David we learn to confront the fears - cultural, political, even religious - that intimidate so many Christians Like Israel, we face giants. your giants might be personal - a martial crisis, a rebellious child, the loss of a job, cancer. We face national and international giants like economic turmoil, political upheavals, and the spread of Islamic fundamentalism, not to mention terrorism. Are we going to cower in fear like Saul? Or will we step forward and trust God like the teenage shepherd?



Risky Business: 2 Interactive Stories in 1 (Scenarios for Girls) (fiction)

by Nicole O'Dell

Decisions, decisions! How is a girl supposed to choose? Lessons of right and wrong are put to the test in the Scenarios series, where you can test your decision-making abilities in an eye-opening, but safe, way. Each book follows a character up to the point where she has to make an important, life-changing decision—then it's your turn to choose. Will your choices lead to a happy ending?

The Hiding Place (biography)

by Corrie Ten Boom, Elizabeth Sherrill and John Sherrill

Corrie ten Boom was a Dutch watchmaker who became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable evangelists of the twentieth century. In World War II she and her family risked their lives to help Jews and underground workers escape from the Nazis, and for their work they were tested in the infamous Nazi death camps. Only Corrie among her family survived to tell the story of how faith ultimately triumphs over evil. Here is the riveting account of how Corrie and her family were able to save many of God's chosen people.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS †

Allen	Moe	Greeter	April 5
Baade	Lori	Usher	April
Cook	Brad	Usher	April
Cook	Elaine	Liturgist	April 26
Ernst	Bobby	Acolyte	April
Ferguson	Linda	Liturgist	April 5
Gathers	Zacheray	Acolyte	April
Gottsch	Dixie	Coffee	April 19
Hauswirth	Karen	Coffee	April 26
Hull	Donna	Liturgist	April 19
Johnson	Darla	Liturgist	April 19
McGovern	Lois & Pat	Coffee	April 19
McLain	Don	Usher	April
Minkler	Allan	Liturgist	April 5
Minkler	Allan	Liturgist	April 26
Minkler, Sr.	Allan	Usher	April
Minklers		Greeter	April 26
Minklers		Coffee	April 26
Nedved	John & Martie	CommStw	April 2
Nelson	Pat	Coffee	April 26
Points		Coffee	April 19
Poss	Logan	Greeter	April 5
Reinhart	Bob & Joan	Coffee	April 12
Reinhart	Bob & Joan	Greeter	April 26
Sievert	Bill	Usher	April
Sindergard	Cheryl	Greeter	April 19
Sindergard	Cheryl	Coffee	April 5
Timan	Ray	Liturgist	April 12
Volunteers		Coffee	April 5
Waterman	Russ	Usher	April

Members celebrating Anniversaries & Birthdays!

Eldon & Eileen Hawk	4/6	Steven & Jean Trimble	4/14
Wilbert & Connie Sievert	4/9		

Laurie Westerman	4/1	Judy Boysen	4/17
Tim Cook	4/2	Cindy Axtell	4/18
Ray Van Horn	4/5	Kevin Hauswirth	4/19
Sarah Williams	4/5	Megan Peters	4/19
Emma Anderson	4/6	Bernard Arnold	4/20
Lorene Anderson	4/7	Darla Johnson	4/20
Gwen Johnson	4/9	Leo Hallman	4/20
Bill Kinney	4/10	Ernella Van Horn	4/22
Lawrence Poss	4/11	Don Schendel	4/25
Autumn Radig	4/14	Jada Speer	4/28
Samantha Ricketts	4/14	Keith Johnson	4/30
Morgan Grimm	4/14	Jessica Poss	4/30

Hope UMW : April 2015 Matthew 6:6 [NRSV]

Bible Verse: "But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "

1.Pocahontas Center serving, up-date : **Committee # 1:** (Connie, Martie N., Dixie).

2.April Altar flowers (Pocahontas): Charity Circle.

3.**Food Pantry (UMDO) Remembrance Days** are April 6 and 13.

4.March 19, UMW met at 1:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room. Joan's Worship Center reading was a great introduction to Easter and the empty tomb. Pastor Jerry presented an excellent program about the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection of Jesus through a video by Adam Hamilton. The business meeting was then opened by Dixie. Prayer concerns were addressed. Sue gave the treasurer's report. A committee of 3 (Joan, Ernella, & Beverly) was given the task of searching for ways to give new window treatment to Fellowship Hall. These drapes are at least 25 years old and in need of replacing. Officer reports were given by Donna Hull, Joan, and Judy T. Charity Circle served a delicious lunch at the close of the meeting.

5.Committees I and II served a total of 147 community members for the two Lenten Lunches hosted by Hope Methodist. Thanks ladies, many appreciative comments were received!

6.**Kitchen Clean — Up** Day will be **Monday, April 13 at 9:00.** Please bring your cleaning bucket, cloths, cleaning agent, kneeling pads and *your energy*. If you can't be there that day you are most welcome to come any day or evening of the week before (6th-10th) to clean a cupboard or two, shelves, drawers, etc. Just leave a note saying "this has been cleaned". Our kitchens will s*p*a*r*k!*e* when we're through!

7.Are you curious? Have you ever heard of the "Roma" or the "Romani"? Do you know who they are? Our April 16th UMW meeting will be an interesting and informative program on the "Roma of Europe" presented by Judy Timan.

Truth Circle will serve lunch.

Closing Thought: Do you have the ["Master's Card" Night or day -- it's there for you!] ??There are some things money can't buy, for everything else there's Master card.

Rejoice in the Easter Season, UMW Pres. Dixie

Worship Attendance at Hope UMC

DATE	POCAHONTAS	HAVELOCK	PLOVER	TOTAL
March 1	81	18	30	129
March 8	60	15	27	102
March 15	112	15	38	165
March 22	67	17	21	105

Leadership Team Meeting Notes March 12, 2015

Pocahontas Center, 7:00 pm

Attendance: Pastor Jerry, Chris Radig, Allan Frevert, Ray Timan, Carol Hallman, Elaine Cook, Dixie Gottsch, Linda Ferguson, Sharon Hauswirth, Donnie McLain and Judy Pursley.

Chris opened with a prayer.

Minutes were read silently and Sharon made a motion to approve them as read. Elaine seconded. Motion approved.

Allan gave a combined Finance Ministry Team/Foundation Committee report. We received \$42 YTD more in contributions in 2015 than 2014 but we had \$3,632 more of a beginning balance in 2014. The Finance Ministry Team/Foundation Committee met with Kevin Dowdy, a representative from the United Methodist Church Fund, to discuss our account. We are receiving just a hair over 2% on the approximate \$134,000 that we have invested with them. This does not allow for inflation. He gave us other options that would earn more and still be conservative. At the April meeting we will decide how to proceed. These funds are not used for the general budget. Sharon reported she had changed two line items in the 2015 budget as follows: Workman's Compensation, from \$651 to \$604, a decrease, and Insurance/Centers & Contents, from \$8,871 to \$10,436, an increase. We did not have the actual figures when the budget was made. Financial report approved.

Linda told us that the SPRC and Worship Teams have been meeting to discuss changing the summer worship times. Beginning May 24th Havelock will be at 8:00am and Pocahontas will be at 9:30am. Plover will attend service at Havelock for seven Sundays and then the service will rotate to Plover for another seven Sundays. May 31st, June 7th, and Aug 9th will have only one service beginning at 9:30 at Pocahontas. The purpose of two services is to increase attendance during the summer by having earlier services. They will review the results in September. Linda made a motion to have two services as stated. Dixie seconded. Ayes all.

Pastor called attention to our 2015 ministry goals and then we talked about the second chapter of the book Shift. It talks about going from worship as an event to worship as a lifestyle. We were to answer two questions. What section of the chapter captured your interest most and why? What is the one thing that we should do first to start this shift from an event to a lifestyle? Each of us gave our answers. A lot of discussion followed about why people choose to come to a new church. Read chapter three for the next meeting.

Ministry Team Reports:

Worship: Carol reported that their meeting was held March 4th. They had very good attendance at the meeting. They are preparing for the Maundy Thursday service. April 3rd is Good Friday. Service is at 7:00pm at the Pocahontas

Center. Easter is April 5th. April 19th will be Confirmation Sunday. They are also planning to recognize long time members.

Education: Pastor said Camp Sunday will be the 22nd of Mar. April 19th will be Confirmation. May 3rd is Senior Recognition. The team is working with the Lutheran Church to have a joint VBS.

Evangelism: Elaine said that they will met Tuesday. There will be an electronic survey for 30-60 year olds coming in April.

Missions: Dixie told us that they met Tuesday. One Great Hour of Sharing will be collected this Sunday. The Mobile Food Pantry was discussed. We will need lots of volunteers to work . The first day for it will be April 22nd. Distribution is from 5-7pm. Food will arrive at the Expo Center around 11:30am and need to be off loaded. We are starting to think about Cleaning Buckets and Layettes for June.

SPRC: Linda said they met last week and worked on the schedule.

UMW: Dixie said UMW meets March 19th.

Nominations: Pastor said that Children & Family of IA are having a twelve week group for dads from April 6th through June 22nd. Much discussion followed.

Next meeting is April 9th at 7:00pm at the Pocahontas Center.

Pastor closed with prayer.

Submitted by Judy Pursley, Leadership Team Secretary

Please update/confirm your email address for our upcoming online survey

The Evangelism Team has developed a short electronic survey to send out to all Hope UMC members. Our purpose is to see what we are doing well, as well as, what changes we should consider making so we can better serve our church family and our community. We need your honest input in order to do that!

You will receive an email after Easter that contains the link for our anonymous online survey. We hope every adult in the home will take time to complete this quick survey and click "submit!"



Please send your email address **ASAP** to: hopeumc@vertek.net or call Cheryl at the church office (335-3663) to confirm that she has your current email address. We appreciate your help as we are getting ready to launch this project!