

Trinity United Methodist Church Newsletter May 2023

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FROM THE PASTOR

Mother's Day

The origins of Mother's Day go back to the era of ancient Greek and Romans. But the roots of Mother's Day history can also be traced in UK where a Mothering Sunday was celebrated much before the festival saw the light of the day in US.

However, the celebration of the festival as it is seen today is a recent phenomenon. Thanks be to the hard work of the pioneering women of their time, Julia Howe and Anna Jarvis that the day came into existence.

Today, the festival of Mother's Day is celebrated across 46 countries and is hugely popular affair. Millions of people across the globe take the day as an opportunity to honor their mothers, thank them for their efforts in giving them life, raising them and being their constant support.

Anna Jarvis, a United Methodist, is recognized as the Founder of Mother's Day in US. Though Anna Jarvis never married and never had kids. Anna Jarvis got the inspiration of celebrating Mother's Day from her mother, ...
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...Mrs. Marie Reeves Jarvis in her childhood. An activist and social worker, 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.

A loving daughter, Anna never forgot her mother's desire to honor all mothers. When her mother died in 1905, she resolved to fulfill her mother's desire of having a Mother's Day. To begin with, Anna, sent carnations in the church service in Grafton, West Virginia to honor her mother. Carnations were her mother's favorite flower and Anna felt that they symbolized a pure love.

Later, Anna, along with her supporters wrote letters to people in power lobbying for the official declaration of Mother's Day holiday. 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 designated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Today, Mother's Day is celebrated in several countries including US, UK, India, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, Mexico, Canada, China, Japan, and Belgium. People take the day as an opportunity to pay tribute to their mothers and thank them for all their love and support. Bring your family to worship on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 9:30am.

Happy Mother's Day

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.

She humbly prays for wisdom and understanding to help each obtain a sense of his/her own self-worth, and a special niche in God's wondrous world.

A godly mother is the first and the most loving teacher that the child is ever known, the most soothing nurse that will ever attend the child, and the most understanding judge on earth.

A godly mother is a shining beacon on the sea of life.

MOTHER'S DAY WORSHIP

Your church is planning a special service for Mother's Day, May 14th. Each mother will receive a long-stem carnation in recognition of their love and care for their family. A special recognition will be given to:

- The mother with most children in attendance
- The mother with a youngest child
- The most senior mother



WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT?

Can you believe it is May already!?! You know what is coming up on the church agenda?

This month is the end of Children's Sunday School, the last day before the summer break will be May 21st.

We have started planning a celebration to commemorate the completion of the Sanctuary repairs. More information will be coming about that.

Joanie Cole has graciously volunteered to organize our monthly dinner out events. The first dinner is planned for 6:00 pm on May 18th at Casa Azteca. Please let Joanie know if you will be able to attend. You can email, pjcole@huxcomm.net or call her at 515-597-2603. You can also notify the church office.

Planning has started for 2 summer events this year. The first is a block party in July to generate some interest for the VVBS program and invite our friends and neighbors to join with us and have some fun.

The second event will be Vacation Bible School, August 2-4th. The theme is Food Truck Party. More information will be sent about each event both in the newsletter and seperately. Hopefully you can join in the events!

What else happens in May? Mother's Day is May 14th. Graduations all month long and then Memorial Day on May 29th. Finally if you ask any children you know, the best day of the year!! the LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!!

MAY CALENDAR

Sunday	9:30 AM Worship	
May 7	9:30 AM Sunday School	Communion Sunday
Sunday	9:30 AM Worship	
May 14	9:30 AM Sunday School	Mother's Day Celebration
Thursday		
May 18	6:00 PM Dinner out	Casa Azteca in Huxley, IA
Sunday	9:30 AM Worship	Last Day of Sunday School
May 21	9:30 AM Sunday School	Brown Bag Sunday
Sunday	9:30 AM Worship	
May 28	9:30 AM Sunday School	Memorial Sunday
Monday		
May 29	Memorial Day	Memorial Services at Cemeteries



HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY MAY 7TH

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, May 7. Come and worship with your family on Sunday, May 7.

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

We will be lighting candles in memory of loved ones who died since last year on Sunday, May 28, 9:30. We will also have a reading of Memorial Roll which will include members and friends of Trinity who have died this last year.

If you would like to have a candle lit in memory of a loved one, please email the church office with the person's name. The email is huxleytunc@gmail.com. May the memory of the loved one be ever blessed.

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Graduation is an important event that celebrates the successes of our youth. As our high school graduates move on to their higher education and vocations, may Christ be preeminent in their lives... may God direct their lives and every step...and the power of the Holy Spirit be evident...that their lights shine forth, the world will see their good works and glorify the Heavenly Father.

Devon Kirtley is graduating from Ballard High School on May 21st. He has asked that there be no special celebration at church. But we would like to shower him with good wishes by sending cards. His address is 56145 307th Ln, Cambridge IA 50046.

There will also be an Open House at his house on Saturday May 20th from 2:00 to 4:00PM.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year Vacation Bible School will be August 2nd - 4th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm, a light supper will be provided. All children between ages 4 - 11 are welcome!

This VBS program invites children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6:11, "Give us this day our daily bread."

At the center of the Food Truck Party is a special food truck called "On a Roll". Here the kids (or "Chefs") will learn from the food truck's Top Chef, along with DJ Cupcake, about the Daily Specials - Daily teachings - which are lines from the well-loved prayer that teaches us to turn to God to meet our needs.



RAGBRAI

Have you registered to join RAGBRAI's 50th-anniversary bike ride with the #BeUMC team? #BeUMC is a grassroots effort built upon powerful stories of congregations and individuals living their faith while celebrating what draws people to The United Methodist Church and what United Methodists collectively aspire to be.

Register today, <https://ragbrai.com/> and select the #BeUMC team. Riding with the team gets you indoor overnight sleeping, most of them in local churches in overnight towns, an outdoor shower trailer, a support vehicle to carry your gear, and most importantly, you will be a member of a team made up of United Methodists pastors and laity who want to #BeUMC and show Christ in the Community during the week-long ride.

RAGBRAI, Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa, is more than just a bike ride. It is an epic eight-day rolling festival of bicycles, music, food, camaraderie, and community. It is the world's oldest, largest, and longest multi-day bicycle touring event.

Also, if you would like, we encourage our team members to create sponsorships by asking friends and family to pledge money toward each mile you ride. That money will be part of Bishop Kennetha's initiative to raise funds for Africa University scholarships. Think about if we had 20 riders who get pledges of \$1 per mile; we could raise \$10,000! The annual cost to educate one student at Africa University is \$5,565, which covers tuition, basic meal plan, accommodation, medical care, technology, student union, and registration fees. Learn more about Africa University.

Make sure to stop by our #BeUMC booth at the Expo on Saturday, July 23, in Sioux City, where we will be giving away #BeUMC beverage holders, a customized United Methodist map with the route, and UMC stops along the way, a place to drop a prayer request and a sign up for some free giveaways.

We also have available, for a limited time, customized PRIMAL bike jerseys and shirts that are now selling through May 15. <https://via.primalcustom.com/collections/ts-2882> Buy now and buy often! We also have custom t-shirts for purchase through our Shopify store, <https://iowaUMChurch.myshopify.com>, for your group to wear to show your support for #BeUMC.

Are you a United Methodist who is hosting a food stand or event? Let us know by June 1 to add you to our map. Even if your church is teaming up with other churches or community stands, we want to know so we can help you publicize and get folks to stop by.

United Methodist Communications has graciously provided The Iowa Annual Conference with a \$6,500 grant for local church advertising and #BeUMC giveaways.

Call us with any questions at (515) 974-8907.



CONFERENCE NEWS/EVENTS

Iowa UM Camps: Summer Staff/Volunteers Needed

Do you know someone 18+ years old, interested in youth ministry? Summer-long paid positions providing fun, faith-filled experiences for youth and families.

Okoboji UM Camp Contact: Kali @ Program@okobojicamp.com

Wesley Woods UM Camp Contact: Mikaela @ Program@wesleywoodsowa.org

Writer's Retreat, A Time Away., Sept. 15 & 16, 2023 - Wesley Woods Camp

Registration for the Retreat ends at 12:59pm on May 31st. This Retreat is limited to 10 participants. Please remember to bring your sleeping bag, or bed role, personal items, warm clothing for the changing of the Seasons, notebook or laptop. We will be staying in Buxton Lodge, enjoy Dinner on Friday night and Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday. Your Registration of \$125.00 includes food, lodging, wagon ride, s'mores, good conversations, improv. stories, a lot of fun., and a presentation by Mr. Neil Ward, Associate Professor of Art and Design at Drake University. And please bring with you a SMILE! Hope to see you at Retreat. Register and make Payment [HERE](#).

2023 IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2023 Iowa Annual Conference will be held June 2 - 4, 2023 at the RecPlex in West Des Moines and offered as a hybrid experience for those choosing to join remotely.

Clergy Session will be at 9:00 AM Friday, June 2

Call to Order and Episcopal Address will be at 1:00 PM on Friday, June 2

Laity Session will be at 7:00 PM Friday, June 2

The theme for the 180th session of the Iowa Annual Conference examines Matthew 16: 13-18. Bishop Kennetha asks you to reflect on your identity as United Methodists and to gather at Annual Conference by "Remembering Who We Are."

"This is the church Wesley envisioned when he said, 'Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike.' Wesley said we may not be of the same opinion, but can't we be of the same heart? Can't we have hearts centered in love?" asked Bishop Kennetha during her installation service.

Remembering who we are is also knowing that United Methodists are people who center grace.

"We are a people immersed in grace, washed in grace, upheld by grace, embraced by the grace of God, and called to be extenders of that grace to the world," said Bishop Kennetha.

A special called annual conference for the focused work of disaffiliation is scheduled for November 18, 2023.



HUXLEY FIRE & RESCUE'S 3RD ANNUAL EMS WEEK BREAKFAST

Breakfast will be served on Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 7:00 – 11:00AM! All food will be provided by Fareway of Huxley and served by department members and volunteers at the Huxley Fire Station, 104 East Railway St. Huxley IA.

The menu includes bacon, eggs, pancakes, biscuits and gravy, fruit, coffee, orange juice and water.

Every dollar helps US help YOU! So far, we have raised 25% of our goal for a Rescue UTV since last year's breakfast. A Rescue UTV would allow us to access places like the bike trail, fields, other tight spots or rough terrain, as well as highly crowded events like Huxley Prairie Festival, Party in the Parks, farmer's markets, etc.

We currently have 21 dedicated volunteers and an ambulance service, which many neighboring communities do not have. We are fortunate to have these volunteers providing essential fire and medical services to the residents of Huxley and Story County. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our team, please contact a current member or send us a message on Facebook.

Help us help you! We would be truly grateful for your monetary donation. These donations allow us to purchase some of these types of equipment without the use of taxpayer funds. As always, your donation is tax deductible. You may send your donation to the address listed below, or donate online, keep in mind, there are fees associated with card donations. Thank you for supporting us in serving our community.

REMINDERS

Golden Angels

The Golden Angels will sing the "The Gift of Love" on Sunday, May 21. Golden Angels is a group of people who enjoy praising God through music. Anyone is welcome any Sunday.

Let Us Know...

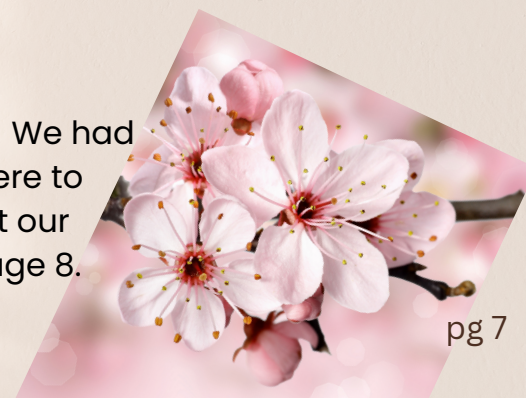
Let us know if you have recently moved, changed your mailing address, your email address, phone number or are using cell phones instead of landlines. If you need prayers, please email your request to the church.

Help Stamp Out Hunger with Brown Bag Sunday

Please bring your donations of non-perishable food items to Church on Sunday, May 21. The donations will be delivered to the Clothing Pantry to help the needy in our community.

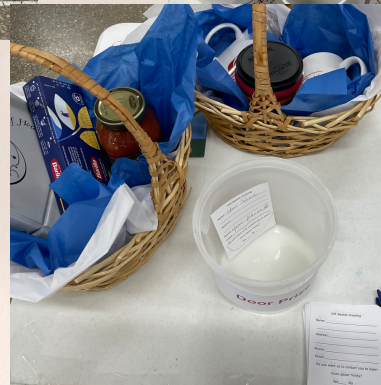
SENIOR EXPO

Last week The Senior Expos was held at the 3C's Safe Room. We had a table at the event. Cheryle Harmon and Eileen Lewis were there to greet people and provide information to the community about our church. Below are a few pictures of our table. continued on page 8.



SENIOR EXPO CONTINUED

... we also handed out magnets, fliers regarding VBS and Sunday school as well as had 2 door prizes to give away. One prize included our cookbook and spaghetti noodles and sauce, the other basket was our coffee cups and a container of Folgers coffee. We met a lot of people, and some expressed interest in visiting our church.



FEEDING HAITI'S KIDS

Northminster Presbyterian in Ames is inviting us to participate in a bold and challenging opportunity to serve the people of Haiti on June 10th at their church in Ames.

Haiti has always been one of the world's poorest nations. The challenge to feed their people is causing widespread hunger. Last year the World Food Program of the United Nations reported "... between March and June 2022, 4.5 million Haitians (45% of the population) would be suffering from severe hunger." The situation has not improved since then.

Kristi and Jean Jean Mompremier, the founders of United Christian International, are concerned that the students in their schools are not having their nutritional needs met.

Because of this, Northminster has taken on a project to purchase, pack and ship 100,000 individual meals to UCI to be distributed to primary and secondary students at the school.

Northminster will be working with "Then Just Feed One", a non-profit from LeMars, IA, who will supply the ingredients of the meals and with UCI who will distribute them.

The day of packaging, June 10th, there will be 2-hour shifts beginning at 8:00 am. Go to www.amesnpc.org for volunteer/donation link.

