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JUNE 2025 Newsletter

COMMUNITY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Thursday, June 5 at 1pm
Grace Lamont Friendship Room in the basement.
Any adult is welcome to attend.

SIPS DOWNTOWN LAMONT

Opens for business on Saturday, June 28.
Watch the SIPS DOWNTOWN LAMONT
Facebook page for more details.



**Wear
Red to
church on
Pentecost
Sunday
June 8**

JOINT WORSHIP at AURORA PARK

Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Aurora City Park with Potluck following. In case of
bad weather, service will be at the church.

RAGBRAI COMES TO LAMONT

Please be aware that on Saturday, July 26 from
6am to Noon there will be lots of bicyclists.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Be watching for details coming soon.

Common Grounds Meeting

June 10 at 9am is Menu Planning meeting
June 10 at 10am is our Monthly meeting



NEWS FROM

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES OF



AURORA



LAMONT



STRAWBERRY POINT



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Greetings, Brothers & Sisters in Christ!

We've made it through the busy month of May and now June officially or unofficially signals the beginning of the summer season! Most schools are out for the summer and summer programs and activities are starting! Seems like there is barely any downtime left for anyone these days! That means kids and adults alike!

We finished the Sunday School program year on May 4 and Starmont had graduation on May 18. I've seen notices of other high school and college graduations too! Scott and I were also able to get a couple of weeks of vacation, fish a few days, attend three visitations/funerals, take father-in-law for a procedure and we both spent time at the doctor! Scott put his back out about halfway through our vacation and spent several days flat on his back on the floor. We got him into the new UI Orthopedic/Sports Medicine Hospital in North Liberty and he is on new medications and doing physical therapy. I had some additional appointments and a biopsy and was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma on my lower lip and scheduled surgery for May 23, so I will be recovering for a couple of weeks and Mary Green will be preaching May 25 and June 1. I was already scheduled for vacation on June 8 to celebrate my father-in-law's 90th birthday which will be at his church in Postville and JoAnn Crow will be preaching. Then JoAnn and I will be attending Iowa Annual Conference in West Des Moines on June 13-14-15. Josh Troutman was originally scheduled to preach but he forgot he had also offered to preach at Independence, so Jerry Griffin will be preaching on June 15.

I'm sad that I have to miss the Memorial Day services at the cemeteries and so many weeks without being with you, but everyone has reminded me that there are times when I need to take time for myself, as well. This is one of those times. I appreciate your prayers for wisdom to the doctors and getting all the cancer removed and for a full recovery. One of the things that will be the hardest is that I need to go two weeks without using my lips, which means no talking, and smoothies for meals! I'm sure it will be a challenge but I went two years without chewing when I had extensive dental surgery a few years ago, so I will try to remain positive that I can do it. One of the things I had shared in the May newsletter was that I needed to find a way to slow down and take some time to relax and I guess this is God's answer to me!

I look forward to leading worship on June 22 and having joint worship in the Aurora City Park on June 29, with a potluck lunch after worship at the Aurora Legion. I pray that you are enjoying the mixture of warm sunny days and cloudy rainy days to water the new plantings and gardens. I find comfort in knowing that God is with us in all seasons and circumstances. If you are facing changes and decisions, making plans for the future or just trying to get through this time of uncertainty, remember God is with us!

"Don't fear, because I am with you; don't be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will surely help you; I will hold you with my righteous strong hand." Isaiah 41:10

Serving Christ Together! Pastor Lisa

Regular Worship Times

1st Sunday of the month
2nd Sunday of the month
3rd Sunday of the month
4th Sunday of the month
5th Sunday of the month

Lamont

9:00 AM

Aurora

9:00 AM

10:30 AM

Strawberry

10:30 AM

10:30 AM

10:30 AM Guest Speaker

10:30 AM

Joint worship service with location TBA @ 10AM

Administrative Council

April 2025 Minutes

April 14, 2025 - Pastor Lisa offered prayer. Recent activities were reviewed. Annual Conference Sunday, June 15 will be covered by Jerry Griffin preaching. June 29, Joint Service in Aurora Park with potluck at the Legion following. Minutes of the April 14, 2025 were read and approved.

TREASURER, Nicole Goedken, gave her report. Discussion followed concerning declining amount in the bank balance. We may need to change our meeting time to get more of the congregation involved in and aware of what is happening in our church.

TRUSTEES are still waiting for Mr. Downs to remove tree roots from the plumbing. Filters have been changed in furnaces, three windows have been caulked. It was noted that plexiglass is needed to cover the back stairway window.

PARSONAGE. All okay.

MEMORIALS. Received memorial money from Betty Opitz family. Balance in account is \$2770.87.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH. Garage/Bake sale at the end of April made \$909. This has been deposited in the church's general fund. \$425 in leftover goods has been donated to Goodwill. UWF district officer will be present at our May meeting. Ragbrai participation will be discussed. Grief Support Group contin-

ues to meet the first Thursday of the month with 9-11 participants. Next meeting will be June 5 at 1pm.

MISSIONS. Meat has been ordered to give out at the next mobile pantry.

YOUTH. UMYF ended with a cook-out and games at the park. Sunday School has ended for the year. VBS not yet scheduled. Greg Lee may be asked to assist during the next school year.

AUDIO/VISUAL. No changes.

ADMIN ASSISTANT. No report.

OLD BUSINESS no items

NEW BUSINESS no items

FORUM. Campton-Oakhill Cemetery will have driveways resurfaced soon.

ADJOURNMENT at 7:20 p.m.
Jane Richmond, Recording Secretary

NEED A FINANCE COMMITTEE

A Finance Committee needs to be organized. If you have been on it in the past and/or would like to be involved, please let us know.

PASTOR THANK YOU'S

Thank you to JoAnn and Jerry for preaching while I was on vacation!

Thank you to the pie-bakers for making rhubarb and strawberry pies!

AREA TOWN CELEBRATIONS

Strawberry Point

June 12-15 with the parade on Saturday at Noon

Winthrop

June 12, 13 & 14. Carnival starts at 5pm on Thursday; Parade Saturday at 4pm and Neal McCoy on Friday

Aurora

July 4th—Parade at 1pm

Arlington

2nd weekend in July

Lamont Days - Aug 1 & 2

Starts with steak fry on Friday, August 1st and the parade is Saturday. Mark your calendars.

COUNTY FAIRS

LinnJune 25 - 29

Delaware July 7-13

Buchanan July 15-20

Clayton July 30 - Aug 3

CHECK OUT THE MUSEUMS

BACKBONE CCC MUSEUM

Friday—Sat - Sun from Noon to 4

WILDER MUSEUM

Strawberry Point. Free Admission. Tues-Wed-Thu 1-4pm; Fri-Sat 10-4; Sun 10-3

LAMONT MUSEUMS

All four historic buildings will be open June 7 from 10-3; July 5 from 10-3; July 26 from 8am to noon; August 2 from 9 to 3; September 6 from 10-3

PASTOR CALENDAR

June 5 – Grief Support Group 1:00 – Lamont
June 8 – PENTECOST SUNDAY 9:00 Aurora (JoAnn Crow preaching)
June 8 – PENTECOST SUNDAY 10:30 Strawberry Point (JoAnn Crow preaching)
June 9 – 2:30 Prayer Warriors Strawberry Point
June 9 – 6:00 Lamont SPRC & Council
June 10 – 1:30 United Women in Faith – Lamont
June 13 – Pastor Lisa & JoAnn Crow at Annual Conference – West Des Moines
June 14 – Pastor Lisa & JoAnn Crow at Annual Conference – West Des Moines
June 15 – Pastor Lisa & JoAnn Crow at Annual Conference – West Des Moines
June 15 – TRINITY SUNDAY 9:00 Lamont worship (Jerry Griffin preaching)
June 15 – TRINITY SUNDAY 10:30 Aurora worship (Jerry Griffin preaching)
June 16 – 2:30 Prayer Warriors Strawberry Point
June 22 – 9:00 Lamont worship 10:30 Strawberry Point
June 23 – 2:30 Prayer Warriors – Strawberry Point
June 23 – 4:00 Council – Strawberry Point
June 25 – 9:00 Prairie Hills Worship – Independence
June 25 – 3:30 Lamont Food Pantry
June 28 – 10:00 AM AMOS Meeting – location to be determined



UMF Minutes

May 13 - President Jane opened the meeting at 1:30 PM with Philippians 4:13. There were 7 members and a guest, our Shepherdess Gayle Carlson, Cedar Falls present.

Deb read the Least Coin, April minutes were read and approved. Treasury balance is \$1489.13 after paying the quarterly pledge and depositing \$150 for Self-Denial. Thank you's were read from Coats for Kids and the Ukraine solar lights donations.

Our Shepherdess gave examples of where the UMF pledge goes internationally and locally. Also, \$1 per unit goes to RESPONSE, \$2 for Families Forward, \$1 for Mission U. She emphasized that UMFaith is separate from the Methodist Conference.

OLD BUSINESS: The \$909 profit from rummage and bake sale was donated to the church; \$425 worth of leftovers to

Goodwill. JoAnn and others attended the AMOS meeting. Grief Support Group has met 3 times from 9-11 AM and will again next month. It is led by Cedar Valley Hospice.

NEW BUSINESS: July 26 RAGBRAI will pass thru from 6AM-noon. JoAnn is coordinating. We decided to serve pie slices so will be asking for bakers to donate lots of pies. Our local rhubarb pies will be made this month-stay tuned for the date. Our pledge to Missionary Doug is due at end of June. Be SERIOUSLY thinking about a unit president for next year as Jane is retiring. JoAnn had the lesson; Kaye was hostess.

Next months meeting is June 10th, Marcia has the lesson; Deb will be hostess. Secretary, Glenda.

Pie Bakers Needed

We need pie bakers for the Ragbrai riders coming through Lamont on Saturday, July 26th. We will be selling individual slices of pie. Riders are looking for the homemade pie slices and should prove to be a great, much needed, fundraiser for the church. Contact JoAnn Crow if you can donate your time and pie.

We Need Coffee

Attention coffee drinkers. We need decaf and caffeinated coffee. When you are out, please pick up some up and drop off to the church. Thank you in advance.

Rhubarb Pies for Sale

Please see Deb Brown or Jane Richmond to get your rhubarb pie before they are gone. Large are \$13 and the small are \$6. Ask if they still have some Strawberry Rhubarb left—oh so yummy!

JUNE 2025

Mobile Food Pantry

June 25, 2025
July 23, 2025
August 27, 2025

Rhubarb Pies for Sale



Lamont Grace

United Methodist Church



Large \$13
Small \$6

STRAWBERRY RHUBARB *(available while supplies last)*

Contact: Deb @ (563) 920-5450

Joyce @ (563) 920-4791

JoAnn @ (563) 920-5273

JUNE TO DECEMBER USHER, COMMUNION, AND SCRIPTURE READERS

Please take a look at this list and let the secretary know if the dates you are listed for does not work. If you want to volunteer and you are not on the list, please let the secretary know.

USHERS

June 22 - Randy M & John R

July 6 - Mardelle & Kaye D.
July 27 - Greg Lee & John Cook

Aug 3 - Leon Goedken family
Aug 24 - Rosalind Brown family

Sept 7—Mardelle & Kaye D.
Sept 28 - Brittany & Nicole

Oct 5 - *Need Volunteers*
Oct 26 - John & Jane Richmond

Nov 2 - Elaine & Marcia
Nov 23 - Leon G & Randy M

Dec 7 - Brittany & Nicole
Dec 28 - John & Jane Richmond

SCRIPTURE READERS

June 22 - John Richmond

July 6 - Jane Richmond
July 27 - Kaye Downer

Aug 3 - Maranda Cook
Aug 24 - Rosalind Brown family

Sept 7 - John Richmond
Sept 28 - Jane Richmond

Oct 5 - Elaine Bliss
Oct 26 - Kaye Downer

Nov 2 - Maranda Cook
Nov 23 - Leon Goedken

Dec 7 - Elaine Bliss
Dec 28 - John Richmond

AURORA SUNDAY

June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14

YOUTH SUNDAY

June 15
July 20
August 17
September 21
October 19
November 16
December 21

JOINT SUNDAY

June 29—Aurora Park
August 31—Location TBA
November 30—Location TBA

COMMUNION

July

Server—Eric Morine
Supplies—Mardelle S.

August

John & Jane Richmond

September

Server—JoAnn Crow
Supplies—Deb Brown

October

Server—Kaye Downer
Supplies—Deb Brown

November

Terry & JoAnn Crow

December

John & Jane Richmond

Last Day of Youth Group 2025



JUNE 2025

UMYF Heifer Project

Donate your quarters in the tube located in the back of the church. In the past years, these quarters have been used to help buy chicks, rabbits and bees for families in need. Your quarters make a huge difference in other people's lives.

SIPS DOWNTOWN LAMONT

Opening Saturday, June 28, 2025. They are located in the building previously known as Leon's Plumbing and Heating. Follow their Facebook page, SIPS DOWNTOWN LAMONT for updates on the offerings of wellness classes and their quick and convenient healthy sips providing essential nutrients for energy and overall wellness to power through your day.

AURORA LEGION BREAKFAST

All you can eat pancakes; also biscuits & gravy, sausage, ham & scrambled eggs with milk, juice or coffee. Carry-outs are available. Adults are \$10; 5-8 years is \$5 and preschool is free. Please join us the first Sunday of the month anytime between 8:00 a.m. and Noon. Be sure to get in on our 50-50 raffle while you are there. You do not have to be present to win.

LITTLE BLESSING BAKERY

Nestled in the little town of Aurora is a hidden gem. Margaret Butler opened up a bakery on February 4, 2025 at 109 Prospect St, Aurora. Be sure to visit and support this small business to get your baked goods and grab a cup of coffee while you are there. Heck, meet your friends there and enjoy it all together. Call for current hours: (319) 634-3240.

COMMON GROUNDS COFFEE HOUSE

Wednesday Lunch Specials /Pickup 11:00—Noon

Carry-out only \$8/ meal. Sign up Friday before by calling Common Grounds 563-924-2371 (landline) or 530-300-0317 (cell).

The Common Grounds Coffee Shop is open Monday-Saturday from 6-9am for coffee and donuts.

Common Grounds Coffee Shop is also available for rent at \$20 per day. Please contact Karen Kremer at 319-961-8100 or Sharry McFarlane at 319-509-1166 for details.

A can redemption drop off is located in the alley behind Common Grounds. Please do not mix cans and bottles and we ask that beer bottles are brought in boxes per the Redemption Center.

We operate totally on volunteers. Thank you for supporting up.

Mission Statement

Making God's love and grace known to all of his children.

Vision Statement

To see God's grace and love made known to all of His children regardless of age, race, ethnic background, gender, marital status, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, socio-economic status, religious preference or any other human condition.

Lamont SPRC/AD Council Meeting

June 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Working Hands

If you crochet or knit or just want to come see what we are up to, please come to Grace Lamont on Saturday, June 14th at 9:00 a.m.

UMYF Invites All 6th to 12th Graders

United Methodist Youth meets every first and third Wednesday of the month unless told otherwise. They meet from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Meetings will begin again in the fall. Be planning for this.

Grace Food Pantry

Thank you all that keep our Matthew 25 project going! We are truly blessed. We are able to help many community families. Anyone in need of food, please contact Deb Brown or Jane Richmond.

Mobile Food Pantry

When: Typically the 4th Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Where: Line up in the alley behind the fire station in Lamont. Note: Bring two empty boxes to exchange for full boxes.

Prairie Hills Worship

Join us on the 4th Wednesday every month at 9 am in Independence at Prairie Hills Assisted Living.

Lamont Community Club

The 2nd Tuesdays of the month at the Lamont Community Center. Checkout their Facebook page for more details.

Lamont City Council Meeting

The 2nd Wednesday of the month at City Hall 7pm

Offertory

If you are unable to make it in-person, offertories can be mailed to your church at the address on page 1 of this newsletter.

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WEDNESDAY - Pick up your Common Grounds Special between 11am and Noon
FRIDAY - Order your Wednesday Special from Common Grounds by 10 am
FRIDAY & SATURDAY - Pastor's regular day off

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
FIRST SUNDAY	1 Lamont 9:00 a.m. St Point 10:30 a.m. Aurora Legion Breakfast 8:00 to Noon	2	3	4	5 GRIEF SUPPORT group 1pm in Grace Lamont basement	6	7 Lamont Museum open 10-3
SECOND SUNDAY	8 Aurora 9:00 a.m. St Point 10:30 a.m. Pentecost Sunday – wear red to church Lisa Vacation	9 Lamont Church Meetings at 6:00 p.m.	10 Lamont United Women in Faith at 1:30 p.m. Common Grounds menu planning 9am monthly meeting 10am	11 Lamont City Council meeting 7pm	12 Strawberry Days Winthrop Days	13 Pastor Lisa & JoAnn at Annual Conference Strawberry Days Winthrop Days	14 Pastor Lisa & JoAnn at Annual Conference Working Hands 9am Strawberry Days Parade at Noon Winthrop Days Parade at 4pm
THIRD SUNDAY	15 Pastor Lisa & JoAnn at Annual Conference Jerry Griffin—pulpit Lamont 9:00 a.m.	16	17	18	19	20	21
FOURTH SUNDAY	22 Lamont 9:00 a.m. St Point 10:30 a.m.	23	24	25 Prairie Hills Worship Independence 9:00 a.m. Lamont Mobile Food Pantry at 3:30 p.m. Linn County Fair	26 Linn County Fair	27 Linn County Fair	28 AMOS meeting at 10am—Location TBA SIPS Downtown Lamont Opens for Business Linn County Fair
FIFTH SUNDAY	29 Worship at Aurora City Park at 10 with Potluck following Linn County Fair	30		PLAN AHEAD: VBS—be watching for details July 4 Aurora Parade at 1pm July 7 Delaware County Fair starts thru July 13 July 26 Ragbrai July 15 Buchanan County Fair starts thru July 20 July 30 Clayton County Fair starts thru Aug 3 Aug 1 Lamont Days begins with Steak Fry and parade on Aug 2			