



Grace & Aurora United Methodist Churches

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MAY 2022

Come Worship With Us

<p>May 8 9:00 am Lamont Worship</p>	<p>May 15 9:00 am Aurora Worship</p>	<p>May 22 9:00 am Lamont Worship</p>	<p>May 29 9:00 am Lamont Worship</p>	<p>June 5 8:00 am Aurora Worship 9:00 am Lamont Worship</p>
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The United Methodist Churches of



Lamont



Aurora



Strawberry Point



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Brothers & Sisters in Christ!



As we begin May, spring is very slow at coming this year; perhaps because we had a cold April!

At least a few of the tulips, hostas and daylilies are starting to peek out of the ground and even a few daffodils are blooming – so there is hope for spring! Hope is what Easter is all about and we continue that hope into the Easter Season. We no longer have to fear sin and death, for Christ has freed us from sin and overcome death in the resurrection. The six Sundays following Easter Sunday make up the Easter season. So, we can sing Easter songs through the month of May and remember that we are always Easter people living in a Good Friday world!

It was a joy to have our Sunday School kids sing songs and recite Bible verses on Palm Sunday. We are so blessed to have JoAnn, Julie, Nicole, Brittany in Lamont, and Sandy, Randi and Jagger in Strawberry Point, to lead our Sunday School program and teach God's word and love of God to our children. This will make a difference in their lives and our communities. Thank you so much!

We celebrated the confirmation of five youth: Blake Mather, Clay Mather, Lexie Anderson, Maison Swales and Jaggar Timmerman, as full members of our churches on April 24. Please welcome and encourage them on their accomplishment and participation in our churches. We also had a fun bowling party with the UMYF in Lamont and raked yards for members

in April. Thank you to JoAnn for continuing to lead our youth program and keep the kids engaged and learning about helping others.

The first Sunday in May we will gather in Lamont for joint worship in the sanctuary at 10:00 AM. We were afraid it might be a little too cold to worship at the Scout Park this year since we moved it to the first Sunday of the month. Instead of a cookout, we will have a potluck lunch after worship. Bring a dish or two to share. The table service and drink will be provided. Then I will be on vacation from May 2-May 8, returning May 9. It will be the first time I think I've ever had Mother's Day off! I look forward to relaxing and recovering from a very busy April and Holy Week. Mike Jager from Fayette UMC will care for any pastoral care and emergencies while I'm gone. Jerry Griffin will be preaching in Lamont. Starmont graduation is on May 15, and we will recognize our seniors who are graduating during worship on Sunday, May 22. Then we end the month with Memorial Day weekend and the beginning of the summer season, as the last days of school are celebrated.

Looking ahead to June - mark your calendars for a fun get-together with other churches in our circuit on the afternoon of Sunday, June 12 at Backbone State Park. Watch for details! At all times and in all seasons, let us continue to celebrate Easter and thank God for new opportunities to share the good news that Jesus is alive!

Serving Christ Together! Pastor Lisa



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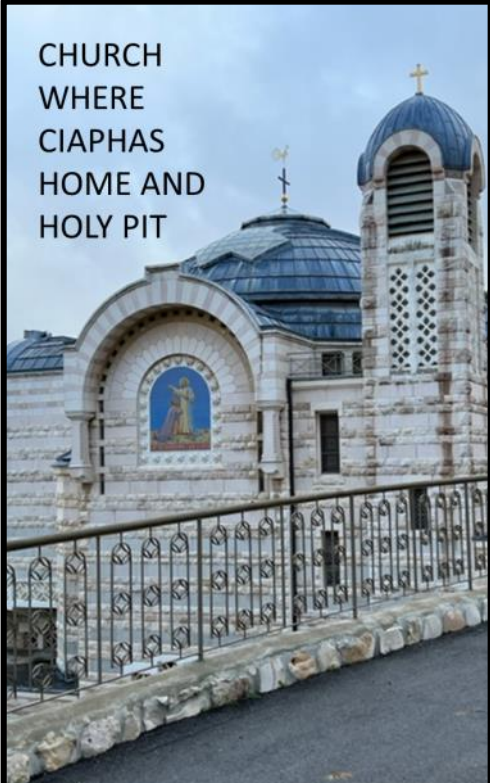
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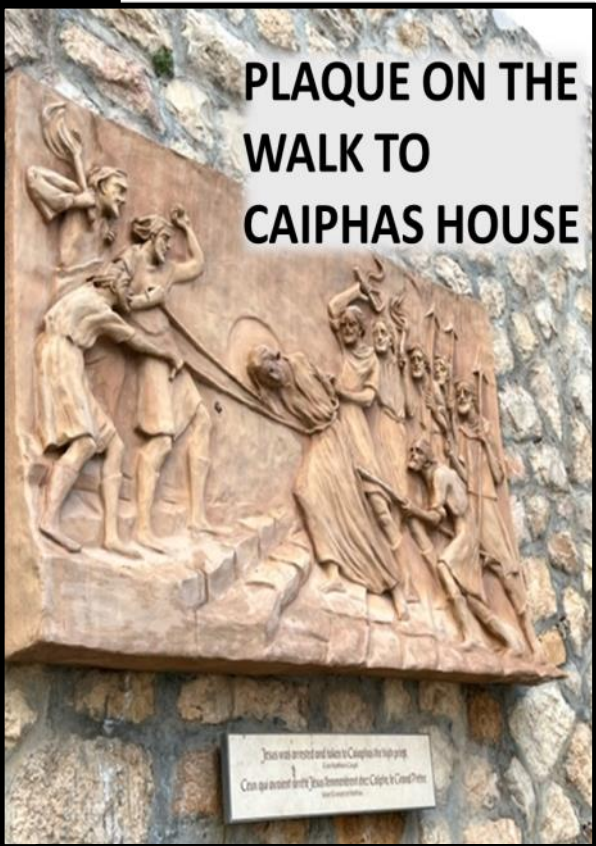
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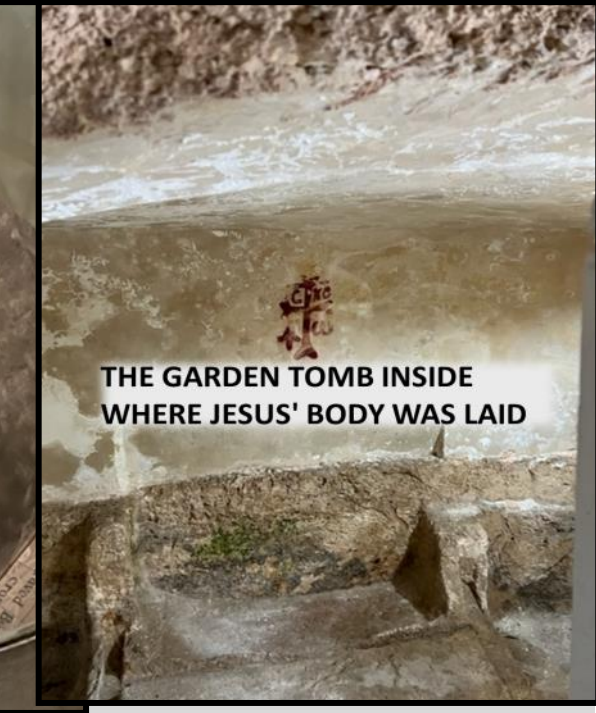
CHURCH WHERE CAIPHAS HOME AND HOLY PIT



PLAQUE ON THE WALK TO CAIPHAS HOUSE



LOOKING DOWN IN THE PIT AT CAIPHAS' HOUSE WHERE JESUS WAS HELD



THE GARDEN TOMB INSIDE WHERE JESUS' BODY WAS LAID

Hospitality

- May 8—need volunteer
- May 15—Aurora
- May 22—need volunteer
- May 29—need volunteer
- June 5—need volunteer

May Communion

- Supplies—Kaye Downer
- Server—JoAnn Crow

Scripture Readers

- May 8—John Richmond
- May 15—Aurora
- May 22—Youth
- May 29—Theodore Brown
- June 5—Jane Richmond

Ushers

- May 8—John & Jane Richmond
- May 15—Aurora
- May 22—Youth
- May 29—Fred & Diane Elsbury
- June 5—Larry & Marsha

Mobile Communion

If you are unable to make it to church, JoAnn Crow will come to you on the first Sunday of each month to serve you Communion. Please contact Pastor Lisa or JoAnn Crow to get scheduled.

Prairie Hills Worship

If you have a loved one at Prairie Hills, please join us at 9:00 am on the fourth Wednesday of each month to worship together.

NEIA Food Pantry

The next scheduled drive-thru food distribution date at the La-mont Fire Station. is Wednesday, May 25th. It will begin at 3:30 instead of 4:30. Please bring your big banana boxes back for packing.

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.

Offertory: If you are unable to make it in-person, offertories can be mailed.



Membership Committee

On Sunday, May 22nd, will be the first meeting of the newly formed Membership Committee. The first meeting will consist of any old lists that have been compiled that can be brought together to form one. If you have been on a membership committee in the past, please bring your lists so we can begin this process to get it all updated. Please meet in the church secretary office at 10:15.

Working Hands

We will meet on May 14 at 9:00 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church unless someone has it at their home. We will let you know! Bring your projects and any new ideas with you. Hope to see you all then.

GUMC Food Pantry

What a blessing this Matt 25 project is. We have helped so many families since we started this. The love and support for our churches project for our community and the surround ones. The families are so grateful and thankful to have this help. Thank you to everyone that donates and helps with our food pantry. God bless everyone!

Youth Programs

Our youth programs have ended for this season. They will resume after Labor Day. Thank you to all the parents that have encouraged their children to attend and be a part of our church.

Hospitality Signup

Each Sunday after worship service, everyone is invited for fellowship. Goodies and coffee is served. If you would like to signup to bring treats, the notebook is in the library.

UMYF

April has been an active month for our young adults. They had a bowling party in Manchester, where some generous individual, paid for their food and games because they enjoyed watching them having fun and they were so well behaved and polite. Thank you to whomever that was. Then on April 27th, they cleaned and raked yards. Be sure to catch the photos on Facebook and a couple at the end of the newsletter.

Ad Council

Next meeting is Monday, May 9th. All are welcome to attend at 7pm to bring their suggestions and voice any concerns they have and offer their ideas for improvement.

Common Grounds

Wednesday lunch specials are carry-out only. Pickup is 11am to noon. Sign up Friday before by calling Common Grounds at 563-924-2367 or Sherry at 319-509-1166 or Karen at 319-961-8100. The Common Grounds Coffee Shop is open from 6-10am for coffee and donuts during the week. Common Grounds Coffee House is also available for rental \$20 per day. Please contact Karen Kremer at 319-961-8100 or Ida Mae Harford at 563-924-2977 for details. We operate totally on volunteers. Common Grounds Coffee Shop 621 Bush St Lamont IA 50650 563-924-2367.

Member Photos

If you are ever interested in having your photo taken after service one day, please connect with Joanne Lamphier and she would be happy to take it for you. Our last attempt to a membership directory fizzled out, but we are always willing to try again if anyone is interested.

United Women in Faith

Kim Cook started our meeting with a very informative talk on our Lamont Fire Department EMT's. She told about a fairly new machine called Lucas. It does CPR on a person. She told us to create a contact in our phone and name it ICE (In case of Emergency). You then put your emergency phone numbers in so medical officials can use it to contact your loved ones.

Jane read 1st Corinthians 15:7. We then took collections of our Least Coin and Log Cabin. This money will go to an extra mission project.

Elaine Bliss read from our Prayer calendar. This touched on Ukraine. She read the Palm Sunday prayer. She read Isaiah 50:4-9a and John 13:21-32.

Karen read roll call with 11 members and two guests.

JoAnn Crow told us after bills were paid and the collection, we have \$1120.59.

Karen Seamans made a motion and Kay Downer seconded it to give Lamont Fire Department EMS Foundation a donation of \$100.

JoAnn Crow made a motion and seconded by Marcia Moyle to give Starmont Prom \$50.

It was mentioned Clay and Blake Mather would be confirmed April 24th during church.

The garage sale will be setup April 25th. It will run Thursday 4-7, Friday 9-5 and Saturday 9-12.

Our next meeting is May 11th with hostess Jane Richmond and leader Elaine Bliss.

Karen Seamans, Secretary

Online Streaming

As long as we have someone to run the camera, we will stream via Facebook Live. It is normally on the LamontAurora page but occasionally we forget to switch over to the church page, so it is Live on Joanne Rawson Lamphier page. If in doubt, check both sites.

Ad Council Minutes

Nine members of the Administrative Council met and were led in prayer by Pastor Lisa on April 11, 2022.

The agenda was approved as presented. March 14th minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was given by Nicole Goedken. All bills are paid to date. January and February apportionment payments were paid.

Bishop Laurie is on medical leave and will be temporarily replaced by Bishop Kieseey.

Pastor vacation is scheduled for May 2nd through the 9th. Mike Jager will be available for emergencies.

Clergy session for Annual Conference will be May 12th. Conference is June 3-5. JoAnn Crow and Pastor Lisa will be attending.

Pastor has a friend staying at the parsonage to recuperate after their surgery.

The insurance on the parsonage may need to be adjusted due to recent repairs and replacement of roofing.

Sewer lines have been cleaned out. \$84.44 was spent to repair downstairs toilets.

Altar candles have been purchased.

Sanctuary storm window has been repaired.

Mike Cook will be contacted to see if he has interest in the church organ.

The long metal ladder has been advertised with no response. The wooden ladder stored in the parsonage garage will be disposed of and the metal ladder will be stored there in its place.

Women are planning the Garage/Bake Sale April 28-30. May 22nd, they will honor three Starmont graduates. JoAnn Crow has secured gifts for the two confirmands from our church. They will be honored April 24th.

The parsonage has had a few things fixed. The element on the stove was replaced. A valve on the

water heater failed and was replaced. The ice maker on the refrigerator malfunctioned. Steve will check to see about possible warranty/repairs to the refrigerator. The shower upstairs needs to be repaired.

The youth group went bowling April 6 in Manchester. Several adults accompanied the group. The kids had lots of fun and the costs were covered by an anonymous donor.

The Sunday School Group sang in church. A movie was watched concerning the Last Supper. End date of Sunday School has yet to be decided.

Food boxes for Easter are going out this week. Dollar Fresh continues to donate meat and other items that will be given out at the next mobile Food Pantry.

No activity in Memorials.

Jarrod Lamphier is formulating plans to wire the newer sound board. Adjustments will be made and some extra materials may be needed as this project is completed.

Copier bill payment will be done by automatic withdrawal from the church account. A small savings account will be established as a backup source.

Lawn mowing for the church will be done by Jerry Harting. John Richmond moved to have Jerry Harting mow the church lawn. Seconded by Lyle Adams. Approved.

Insurance premium on the parsonage may need adjusting due to recent repairs and roofing. Motion made by JoAnn Crow, seconded by John Richmond to authorize Steve Thacher to confer with insurance people concerning our coverage. Approved.

The internet bill has increased due to the church office connection and the need for video streaming in the sanctuary. Aurora has ques-

tioned the amount their church pays. The treasurer will investigate this billing.

The treasurer was directed to pay the entire pastor expense account payment amount and then notify Aurora and Strawberry Point of their amounts due.

Discussion was held concerning the church's mission statement and the United Methodist Church's position regarding LBGTQ+. Pastor Lisa will plan to hold a group study concerning this topic.

Adjournment at 8:20 p.m.— Jane Richmond, Recording Secretary

Committee Members

If you would like to serve on a committee, please contact the Pastor, JoAnn Crow, Steve Thacher, or Jerry Griffin

Thank you.

On March 24th, I had my heart shocked twice for A-Fib. It worked.. Prayers were answered. I thank you. — *Karen Seamans*

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and phone calls while he was sick this winter. — *Randy March*

Thank you to everyone that helped with the garage sale. It was a success and it is because of the generous contributions and hands of our friends and neighbors. — *UMW Ladies*

Circuit Congregation

Picnic

Save the date. On June 12th, a picnic will be held at Backbone State Park Lodge. Everything will be provided. So come as you are. Everyone welcome. Games and activities will begin at 2pm with hamburgers and hotdogs following at 4pm and worship at 5pm.

Daughter of Jarrod & Joanne Lamphier



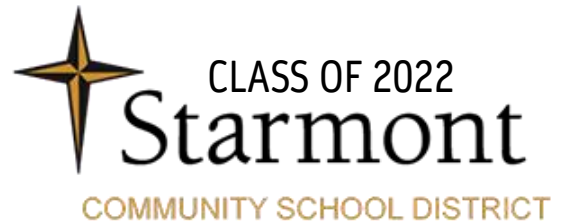
Ashley Lamphier graduates this year from Starmont High School. She is the daughter of Jarrod and Joanne Lamphier, Lamont. Ashley played clarinet and dabbled in guitar and cross country. She has been active in church from a very young age, attending Sunday School, youth group, volunteering with the food pantry, cleaning ditches, video technician, and anytime she was called upon. She is very helpful, willing individual that can do anything she puts her mind to. Her passion is photography. She has three siblings: Kimberly, Dylan, and Avery along with one niece, Presley.

Granddaughter of Karen Seamans & Randy March



Independence Iowa High School

Maggie Albert is graduating from the Independence High School. She is the daughter of Tyler and Susie and the granddaughter to Karen Seamans. Her high school career includes track, basketball, FCCLA, and Silver Cord. Future plans include receiving an Associates of Arts Degree from Hawkeye Community College.



COMMENCEMENT

May 15 at 1:00 p.m.

CLASS FLOWER

Alstroemeria

CLASS COLORS

Sage Green & Lilac

CLASS MOTO

**Chase Your dreams but
always remember the road
that leads back home.**

by Tim McGraw

CLASS SONGS

I'll Always Remember You

by Hannah Montana

Senior Year

by Drew Baldridge

GRADUATE SUNDAY

Sunday, May 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

**Graduating Seniors will be
honored at Grace United
Methodist Church in Lamont.**

Congratulations to:

Ashley Marie Lamphier

Mariah Burington

Adam Lincoln

What is UMYF

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

Who can participate?

Young adults in the 7th grade through 12th grade



What fun activities does the group do?

- Cookies In A Jar
- Bowling Party
- Movie Nights

Community Involvement

- Yard Cleanup
- Ditch Cleanup
- Fundraising activities
- Food Pantry
- Whenever young legs and muscles are needed, this group is always willing to help



2021-2022 Officers

President.....Kendin Prendergast
Vice President.....Ethan Fowler
Secretary.....Ethan Rubner
Treasurer.....Ashley Lamphier
Leader.....JoAnn Crow & Jarrod Lamphier

EMERGENCY MEDICAL ALERT

FULL NAME	DOB	PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS
ALLERGIES	HEIGHT	
	WEIGHT	
PHYSICIAN NAME	HOSPITAL TRANSPORT PREFERENCE	
EMERGENCY CONTACT #1	MEDICATION LIST	
EMERGENCY CONTACT #2		
DO YOU WANT LIFE SAVING MEASURES TAKEN? NO YES	HAVE YOU GIVEN YOUR LOCAL FIRE STATION A COPY OF THIS PAPER TO HAVE IN THEIR FILES? NO YES	

Fill this form out and place on your refrigerator. When medical personnel come inside the home, they are trained to look at the fridge for any medical information. This form should also be placed on file at your local fire station so your wishes are followed as best they can. Sometimes unforeseen circumstances do not allow for your plan to be followed completely through.

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MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

4TH WED
OF THE MONTH

3:30 pm
In the alley
behind the
Lamont Fire
Station



Aurora

Breakfast

1st Sunday of the Month
8 am to Noon

- All you can eat Pancakes
- Biscuits & Gravy **9 years+** \$10
- Sausage & Ham **5-8 years** \$5
- Scrambled Eggs **Under 5** \$0
- Juice/Milk/Coffee



May/June 2022

MAY 1	MAY 2	MAY 3	MAY 4	MAY 5	MAY 6	MAY 7
JOINT WORSHIP IN LAMONT @ 10am Aurora Legion Breakfast 8am to 12	Shawn McTaggart PASTOR VACATION	Amy Roepke PASTOR VACATION	 PASTOR VACATION	Sam Kremer Harlen Murley Katie Peterson PASTOR VACATION	 PASTOR VACATION	 PASTOR VACATION
MAY 8	MAY 9	MAY 10	MAY 11	MAY 12	MAY 13	MAY 14
Samantha Morine Crocker 9am Lamont Worship Last Day of Sunday School PASTOR VACATION (Jerry Griffin)	SPRC 6pm AD Council 7pm PASTOR VACATION	Mardelle Streicher	Jon Downer Aurora Opitz UMW 1:30pm	Deb Brown Kolt McTaggart Sara Child-Connolly Harlan & Beth Peterson	Lori Dopp-Kemp	WORKING HANDS 9am GUMC
MAY 15	MAY 16	MAY 17	MAY 18	MAY 19	MAY 20	MAY 21
John Cook Judy (Nelson & Randy McCormick) STARMONT COMMENCEMENT 1pm		Ryan Burington		Nick McTaggart		
MAY 22	MAY 23	MAY 24	MAY 25	MAY 26	MAY 27	MAY 28
Tim & Sara Connolly Membership Committee 10:15am	Jonathon Lona	David Garlow	Emma Rawson Elizabeth Opitz Samantha & Daren Crocker MOBILE FOOD PANTRY at 330pm	Koda Rawson	Amelia Rubner Joe & Amy Roepke	Dylan Lamphier
MAY 29	MAY 30	MAY 31	JUNE 1	JUNE 2	JUNE 3	JUNE 4
		Nicole Goedken Kinzy McTaggart	Douglas Child		Amber Lincoln Paustian ANNUAL CONFERENCE	ANNUAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 5	JUNE 6	JUNE 7	JUNE 8	JUNE 9	JUNE 10	JUNE 11
Sara Morine ANNUAL CONFERENCE Aurora American Legion Breakfast 8-12		Keegan McTaggart	UMW 1:30 P.M.	Jane Richmond Julie Mather		WORKING HANDS

MAY 2-9 – PASTOR LISA WILL BE ON VACATION FOR PASTORAL CARE CONTACT
PASTOR MIKE JAGER (FAYETTE UMC) AT 563-425-4528 OR 563-425-4126

Places in the Bible

Word Search

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 BETHLEHEM
 CYPRUS
 EDEN
 GETHSEMANE
 GOMORRAH
 HEAVEN
 ISRAEL
 JERICHO
 JERUSALEM
 JORDAN
 SODOM

BibleWise

Jesus is Alive Maze

Early Easter morning, Mary Magdalene visited Jesus' tomb. The stone had been rolled away, and Jesus was not in the tomb. She was very sad because she thought someone had taken Jesus' body.

Then Mary saw a man she thought was the gardener. She was so happy to see the man was Jesus! She ran to tell the disciples Jesus was alive.

Help Mary find her way to Jesus tomb.

