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# Lovilia Circuit Writer

*Our mission at the Lovilia United Methodist Church is to show the love of Jesus the Christ to our community through worship, teaching, example and tangible acts of love.*

Pictures of the UMW  
Supper at 5:30 PM



## File Cabinets of the Spirit

Pastor Jill Leveck

The loud brassy sound drew my attention to the overhanging eaves of the lodge. I watched as a redheaded woodpecker tried to coax some breakfast from the metal. Every time the pecking stopped a loud plaintive cry issues from the frustrated bird; there was a great deal of sound but no satisfaction. How often do we spin our wheels and feel like we're getting no place? Maybe, we think, if we do more, work faster, and try harder we'll make a dent in our responsibilities or what we perceive them to be. That may work for a while but, like the woodpecker, often we end up beating our head against a wall that will not give no matter how fast we spin or how frustrated we get. That poor woodpecker will never pierce the metal to find a tasty bug and maybe, every once in a while, we need to take a time-out to regroup and re-evaluate who we are and what we are about as God's children. Are we using what God has given us in the most effective way possible? Are we seeking His guidance or listening for His voice to know when we should stop or continue on the path we're taking? How often do we step back and give thought to our direction and to Christ's place in our life? On the same trip to Wesley Woods when I saw the woodpecker I spent almost two and a half hours peeling and dicing potatoes for the camp lunch. I used the time for meditation: my thoughts ranged from Brother Lawrence and his ability to glorify God as he scrubbed the pots and pans, to how, in our world today, we can keep Christ at the center of our life and continue to learn from Him and grow in faith and our ability to face whatever comes along.

That time out was energizing and helped to put things in perspective. Whether or not you have a pile of potatoes to prepare or have the chance to enjoy an outdoor scene set apart from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, it's a good idea to take a time out.

Now is Spring cleaning time - why not clear out some of the cobwebs and organize some of the areas of your spiritual life. As Paul told the early believers over and over again - now is the time!



## Reader's Corner

### Daughters of Lancaster County



If you have a curiosity about the Amish way of life and their interaction with 'Englishers', Wanda E. Brunstetter has written a series of fiction books called Daughters of Lancaster County. I have read the first two (The Storekeeper's Daughter and The Quilter's Daughter) and many of the same characters have their faith tested and their beliefs challenged in both books. In The Quilter's Daughter, Abby goes from the joy and anticipation of an upcoming wedding to mourning the loss of her fiancée and her quilt shop all in a single night. How she comes to terms with her loss provides the movement in the story. It's easy to get attached to the characters and you want to find out what happens to them. The Bishop's Daughter is the third book in the series and I imagine a lot of the 'loose ends' will be tied up and revelations made plain. It's a good way to spend an evening or two or three.

## Mission Minute

### *A Little Bit About Several Things*



If you would like to be in mission close to home this summer, why not be a buddy for an exceptional person at Exceptional Person Camp right down the road at Wesley Woods? You spend a week taking responsibility for one person either mentally or physically disabled (or both) and sharing the camping experience with them. For more information about Buddy Camp contact Bob Morris @ 641-672-2564. If you would like to know more about what the challenge entails, contact Nathan Chamberlain in the Lovilia Church; he has participated in that camp as a Buddy in past summers.

The most recent district newsletter listed several ways that we can be a part of our Iowa-Nigerian Partnership. I know that we have a number of teachers in our parish so this will be close to your hearts because it is so much easier to do your job when you know that you have support. You can support a Nigerian teacher and fund him/her to attend an in-service workshop (at \$25 per teacher). You can give a subscription for the teacher (and the class will, I'm sure get to use it) to a magazine like National Geographic, etc. You can make a donation to help build a library for the junior Secondary School in Jalingo. We are so very blessed with our educational system. Our best response to those blessings is to learn all we can and share all we can.

Again at Annual Conference this year we will have a hands-on mission day. One new option will be to raise money for missions by walking, biking, or running. If you are interested in being a part of this mission effort, contact pastor Jill. You don't have to be a delegate to conference to be a part of this way of serving others.

*Shown here are two pictures taken during Pass It On's mini-mission to Wesley Woods in Indianola. Bottom, the group spends Friday evening riding the trails horseback. Right, Saturday, the group "chips" in (get it?) by putting woodchips on as many trails as possible in six hours of volunteer time.*



# Parish News

## Pass It On Youth

We had a great time at camp Wesley Woods two weeks ago. All of our young people and the adults who accompanied them worked very hard to help get Wesley Woods ready for the camping season.

They also had a chance to have a bit of fun along the way. A Friday evening horseback ride along the camp trails and a campfire complete with hotdogs and S'mores added the 'play' to the weekend. A great big thank you to Kim Williams, Max Maddy, Kevin and Dawn Maughan, Bill and Connie Barnes, and Pastor Jill for all that they did to help.

We will meet on Sunday, May 6th at Bussey and hold our second annual Westridge Prom at Westridge Care Center in Knoxville on Saturday, June 2nd. Details on time and what to bring will come later in a letter. This has turned out to be a great year for our Pass It On youth group!

## Parish Bible Study

The dozen or so folks who are taking a long hard look at Jonathan and his attack on the Philistine outpost as a way of approaching life in a very forward-looking manner are learning new things every week as a sense of fellowship grows within the group. Chasing Daylight is a wonderful springboard for thought provoking discussion.



*Here are some pictures from Pass It On's most recent bowling trip. The group had a fun time taking a break and hanging out at Lor Longa Lanes.*

# LUMC News

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### May

- 1 Sharon Waters
- 3 Aaron Lennie
- 13 Lisa Gilkerson  
Lisa Weldon
- 16 Thomas Dunkin  
Kenny Ross
- 17 Frieda Davis  
Hunter Hastings
- 24 Ashley Allison
- 25 Gloria Owens
- 30 Lily Hastings
- 31 Norma Barnes

## Kids Club Wrap-Up

Our Close Encounters with the Messiah will be over by the time you get this newsletter. We had a great time and learned about the life of Jesus from the Old Testament prophecies to the disciples' encounter with the resurrected Lord. Our kids earned a great many tickets to spend in our close encounters store. We'll be back next Fall with another Close Encounters kids club.



Pat Frye, Josie DeLong, Margaret Conner, Donnie Tucker, Thelma Smith, Lois Walter, Dale Allison, Janice Schisel (pastor Jill's mom), our service men and women around the world, our shut-ins and their caregivers, and our leaders.

## UMW Notes

A great big thanks to all of you who helped to make our chicken/noodle supper a success, especially the men. For all the good food you provided and for the help serving the meal. Thanks to God for providing the people to be served despite the rainy evening, Our profit for the night was \$1100, The evening ladies sold their cookie mixes. We also raised \$50 for camp scholarships with the sale of walnuts.

### Ladies – Mother/Daughter Brunch

You are invited to attend our Mother/Daughter Brunch on Sat, May 12 beginning at 10am at the community building. If your mother or daughter is not available, adopt one for the morning. We would appreciate pre-registration so we will have enough food but late comers are very welcome.

Our May 3rd meeting was attended by our district shepherdess; Linda DeJodi of Pleasantville Lesson leader was Norma Barnes. Hostesses were Frieda Davis and Edith Barnes. Our ladies have been invited to attend Attica UMC May fellowship luncheon May 8th at 12noon. Ladies are invited to Tracy UMW fellowship luncheon on May 16 at 12noon. Evening UMW met May 3rd at 7pm. Hostess was Haydee Waters. The in-gathering item for May is 2 bars of soap.



### Easter Egg Hunt 2007

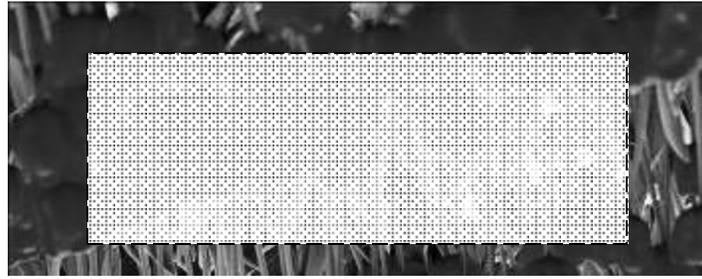
The Outreach Committee held their annual Easter Egg Hunt and had a ball. Top right, the hunt hardly took a minute. A myriad of eggs were swept up like a vacuum. Bottom right, the egg relay race, always a favorite, was a ton of fun and involved a variety of different kinds of walks.



# MAY 2007

April showers bring May flowers...

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>Note:</b> This calendar contains memories. (pictures)	7 PM Board (H)	5:00 PM Kids Club (L) 6:00 PM UMW (B)	1:30 PM UMW (L) 7:00 PM UMW (L)		7 AM United Methodist Men (B)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion Graduation Recognition District Conference 4-6 PM Pass It On Youth at Bussey 6:00 PM Parish Bible Study at Bussey		Noon – Attica Guest Day 1 PM UMW (H) 5:30 PM Worship (B) 6:30 PM Outreach Committee (B)	6:00 PM Choir (B)			10 AM Mother Daughter Banquet (L)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		6 PM Finance Committee (B) 6:30 PM Ad Council (B)	Noon – Tracy Guest Day 6:00 PM Choir (B)	7 PM Ad Board (L)		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Rural Life Sunday Special Offering			6 PM Choir (B)	10 AM NW Cluster		
27	28	29	30	31	<b>Looking Ahead:</b> June 2 – Westridge Prom June 3 – Communion June 7-10 Annual Conference in Ames	
			6 PM Choir (B)			



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*From the Kitchen of Shiela Lundstrom as previewed at the chicken/noodle supper...*

## FIESTA CORN SALAD

### INGREDIENTS

3 CANS FIESTA (or MEXICORN) CORN WITH PEPPERS AND ONIONS, WELL DRAINED

1 BUNCH GREEN ONIONS, CHOPPED

1/2 GREEN PEPPER, CHOPPED

1 CUP MAYONNAISE

1 CUP FIESTA (or MEXICAN) BLEND CHEESE

MIX WELL AND KEEP REFRIGERATED

### PROCEDURE

JUST BEFORE SERVING CRUNCH A 10 OZ. BAG OF CHILI-CHEESE FRITOS AND STIR IN SALAD, DON'T USE THE WHOLE BAG AND YOU CAN ADD MORE LATER FOR CRUNCH.

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