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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.

FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings!

JANUARY!! The first month of 2015!!!

Whenever a new year approaches, it is good to reflect on the year that is now passing, and to think about the hopes and dreams we may have for the year to come.

As I write this, I know that 2014 has been a very challenging year for many people, here and around the world. Ebola became a much more difficult and widespread disease, and has caused a fearful reaction in many places. Terrorists continue to strike in various places. The economy has improved for many, but there are significant numbers of people who are struggling economically. The list could include many more issues.

However, any new year may bring new opportunities and new reasons for hope. It is my hope that people throughout the world – especially those in the United States, in Iowa, in Monroe County, Lovilia, and surrounding areas – will find much reason to rejoice when 2015 comes to an end. Surely we need to focus on following the will of God throughout the year to come.

With that, we hope you have a very faith-filled New Year and a blessed journey through the days to come!

God's blessings to all!

Pastor Raymond Doser.

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Remember that Pastor Raymond Doser remains "on call" during the listed days off. When vacation plans take him out of the area, there will be another pastor "on call."

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LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

4 – Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:1-17; Matthew 2:1-17

11—Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

18 – 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

25 – Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62; 1 Corinthians 2:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

NEW YEAR'S DAY – January 1 (also known as Holy Name of Jesus Day)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46

and/or Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 8; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 2:15-21

EPIPHANY – January 6 (scriptures listed for January 4)

WORSHIP AT NURSING HOMES

Worship service at Monroe Care Center is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Raymond Doser would welcome anyone who wishes to help with this endeavor.

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LOVILIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WEBSITE REACTIVATION

Nathan Chamberlain has done some research on getting the website back up and running for the Lovilia United Methodist Church. The Administrative Board discussed it at the November meeting and thought it would be good to pursue. Here is some info Nathan emailed regarding this project:

I revisited our old website today out of curiosity and noticed it had been frozen and long expired. I wrote the company and heard back just today and through a long process, have gotten the ball rolling on getting LUMC live online again. I've just finished ICANN verification (government making sure I'm a real person managing the site) and I've gone ahead and donated a month of rental of the web address www.loviliaumc.org and a month of hosting services through Webs again (as we had before). So the church doesn't have to pay for our website after November, I made a donation page at www.loviliaumc.org. People can make donations of whatever they're able to and, as you'll see listed on the website, those donations will go towards:

- restoring site content from 2006-2007
- storage space large enough to hold our past and future newsletters, files and photos
- the www.loviliaumc.org web address
- removing ads from the site
- general maintenance/upkeep

Once we reach \$125, I'll be able to recover our old content and begin adding and updating our new information and files. Basically, costs will be \$75 every five years for the web address and \$50 a year for hosting. (Comes to \$5.42/month)

NOTE: Our goal is to raise \$125 to reactivate the website and pay for 5 years rental of our [Loviliaumc.org](http://www.loviliaumc.org) address. We'll continue to collect donations after we've reached that goal to help pay for future years' storage, hosting and web address rental.

Donations can be made online through PayPal on the website www.loviliaumc.org (select amount and add to cart for checkout) or given to Pam or Nate Chamberlain. Should we raise enough to reactivate the site, all photos, news and updates can be sent to Nate Chamberlain at ndchamberlain@live.com to be added to the website. Any questions regarding the site can also be directed to Nate.

Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together

Birthdays & Anniversaries

JANUARY

- 4 Virginia Weldon
- 6 Calvin & Pam Chamberlain (A)
- 9 Cody Bakalar
- 12 Libby Bakalar
- 13 Leroy Hogeland
- 19 Alyssa Gilkerson Swayne
- 21 Luke Conner, Anna Ross

LOVILIA UMW

by Goldie Kraber

Our Christmas luncheon meeting was enjoyed by all; plenty of good food and fellowship. We enjoyed Pastor Ray's program of stories behind our Christmas hymns; especially "Silent Night".

Thanks to all who donated items for our "Goody Bags". We prepared 30 of these. All who received one says "Thanks" for remembering them.

Our next meeting will be Thurs. Jan 8th at 1:30. We will plan our events for 2015.

This year we lost two members of our unit. We remembered them with memorial to missions. Their names are entered in a permanent book of tributes at our national unit headquarters.

Wishing you all Blessed Happy New Year.

JOURNEY TO AUTONOMY-A MEMOIR

by Goldie Kraber

Louise Rosenfield Noun is a lifelong resident of Des Moines' a graduate of Roosevelt High School and of Grinnell College. She holds a Master of Arts degree in art history from Radcliff/Harvard and has worked for many years for the advancement of art in Des Moines.

She is a collector of art by women. Mrs. Noun has been actively involved with League of Women Voters, the Iowa Civil Liberties Union and feminist movements.

This is an account of a shy; insecure young woman who developed the self-assurance & recourses that enabled her to become a community leader.



Teresa (Conner) Williams, Ernie Mercer, Milo McCombs, Rev. Dee Ann Klapp family, Rev. L. Duane Churchman family, Haydee Waters, John Johnson, Nile Cook, Virginia Weldon, Judy Conner, Helen Baker, Max Bowman, Frieda Davis, Colleen Visser, our service men and women around the world, our shut-ins, and their caregivers and our leaders. Remember to offer prayers of thanks for each blessing we receive.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Melinda Kimball, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls

Jenna Ross, William Penn University, Oskaloosa

Breanna Ross, Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa

Cody Bakalar, grandson of Bob and Lola Ivins, Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa

Taylor Hastings, granddaughter of Gayle Hastings, Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa.

Katie Williams, granddaughter of Norma Barnes, Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa.

Christian Williams, grandson of Norma Barnes, Indian Hills Community College, Ottumwa.

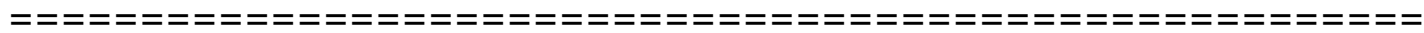
KEEP THESE IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray daily for Bishop Julius Trimble, our District Superintendent, Rev. Paul Smith, our Field Outreach Minister, Rev. Dr. Jaye Johnson, and your pastor.

Please pray also for our Conference Lay Leader, Dave Decker; our District Lay Leader, Sharon Spear, and the lay leadership and people of the church.

Please pray for the ministry of our sister congregation, Women at the Well UMC inside the walls of the Iowa Women's Correctional Institute at Mitchellville and their pastor, Lee Schott.

PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR RAY OF ANY CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS TO ANY OF THE ABOVE LISTS



JANUARY CALENDAR

1 – HOLIDAY: NEW YEAR'S DAY

3 – Men's Prayer Breakfast at Bussey UM Church 7:00 a.m.
Pastor's day off

4 – EPHIPANY SUNDAY / HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.;
Worship, 10:00 a.m.

5 – Pastor's day off

6 – EPIPHANY DAY

8 – UMW monthly meeting, 1:30 p.m.

10 – Pastor's day off

11 – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Human trafficking Awareness Day.
Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.;
Worship, 10:00 a.m.

12 – Pastor's day off

17 – Pastor's day off

18 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / HUMAN RELATIONS DAY, with special offering

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.;
Worship, 10:00 a.m.

The **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** begins today and continues through next Sunday, January 25.

19 – HOLIDAY: MLK, JR BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE

24 – Pastor's day off

25 – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / ECUMENICAL SUNDAY

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.;
Worship, 10:00 a.m.

26 – Pastor's day off

27 – Monroe Care Center worship, 10:00 a.m.

28 – Administrative Board to meet, 6:00 p.m.

31 – Pastor's day off

NOTE: The 2014 Statistical Reports and other items will be worked on throughout the month. If you have information regarding the business of the church, please get it to Pastor Raymond Doser in a timely manner.

COMING: Ash Wednesday, February 18.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:00 A.M.
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME. COME HELP US STUDY THE WORD OF GOD.
WORSHIP SERVICES FOLLOWS - 10:00 A.M.

TO THE MEN OF THE CHURCH

Breakfast at Bussey UM Church basement January 3rd at 7:00 A.M. The men of the Bussey Church prepare the meal, which is served at 7:00 a.m. A free-will donation goes towards the Personal Energy Transportation (PET) Project. Come and be a part of this important ministry!

FAMILY AND/OR KIDS' ACTIVITIES

Pastor Raymond Doser recently purchased a DVD of *Heaven is for Real*, the story of a small boy who had a near-death experience and told his family an amazing story that became a **New York Times** best-selling book and a dramatic movie (about 1 ½ hours in length). He would like to show it at the church if we can figure out a time that would work for a number of people. Sunday afternoon or night? Wednesday night? Perhaps share a meal? Discussion time following? January, February, or March? Your ideas would be welcome.

Looking ahead, it may be possible to have another six-week session of the Kids' Club after-school group. We had from 10 to 20 youngsters attend the recent sessions, which seems to indicate it is a needed ministry. It seems that the schedule might be best following Easter, with April 8, 15, 22 & 29, and May 6 & 13 being possibilities. Or, we might want to think about April 15, 22 & 29, and May 6, 13 & 20 as an alternative. The schedule might incorporate a town clean-up on the last day, or we could schedule an additional time, if necessary. Let us know about any schedule conflicts, suggestions for the lesson focus, or dates which might work better.

If we want to continue the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday format for the Vacation Bible School, we might want to consider June 16, 17 & 18, or June 23, 24 & 25 as possibilities. Or, if we want to do it in July, it could be July 7, 8 & 9. Let us know if you are aware of conflicts with any of those dates. Also, we need to determine the time we will utilize and whether it will incorporate snacks or a meal. Any suggestions for the focus of the lessons?

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***HAPPY
NEW YEAR!!!***



2015 NOMINATIONS – LOVILIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Chair: Fred Kraber
Vice-Chairperson: Bill Barnes
Treasurer: Judy Conner
UMW President:
Communion Steward: Lola Ivins
Sunday School Sup't: Linda Weldon
Membership Secretary: Christy Newman
Youth Representative: Michelle Manser
Lay Member of Conference: Goldie Kraber
Lay Leader: Bill Barnes

Recording Secretary: Debby Conner
Chair of Trustees:
Financial Secretary: Marilyn Kraber
Assistant Financial Sec'y: Virginia Weldon
Assistant Communion Steward: Norma Barnes
Sunday School Secretary: Pam & Jennifer Chamberlain
UMYF Coordinator: (vacant at present)
Alternate Lay Member: Dola Doser

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2015: Bill Conner, Merlin Newman, Angie Kimball
2016: Ed Weldon, Phil Lundstrom, Sharon Waters
2017: Pam Chamberlain, Dola Doser,

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I There are a few positions I
I to be reported or filled yet. I
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PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Lay Leader: Bill Barnes
2015: Angie Kimball
2016: Christy Newman
2017: Debby Conner

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Judy Conner, Marilyn Kraber, Fred Kraber, Bill Barnes, Christy Newman, Gayle Hastings, Virginia Weldon, Phyllis Dunkin

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Pastor Raymond Doser
2015: Linda Weldon, Christy Newman
2016: Lola Ivins, Bill Barnes
2017: Calvin Chamberlain, Sheila Lundstrom

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Christy Newman, Marilyn Kraber