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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!

The past few days have seen harvesting of corn and soybeans in the area, and some farmers are making a late cutting of hay. Gardeners are getting some late produce, and the yards still need to be mowed on a regular basis. Many folks are following their favorite football teams, volleyball teams, cross country teams, or professional baseball teams. Some folks may join me in keeping track of auto racing developments. There are plenty of things to do at this time of year. Yes, it is October 2015!

But there is much to do in regard to the church, as well. We will have to be prepared for the annual Charge Conference before the end of the month. We plan to offer another session of the Kids' Club after-school program, likely starting on Wednesday, October 14. The CROP Walk has been scheduled for Sunday, October 4. And the United Methodist Women are had a guest day on Thursday, October 1. In addition, I plan to be gone for vacation on October 17 – 19, and Gary Gravert of Albia is to lead worship on Sunday, October 18. This is also Laity Sunday in the United Methodist Church. Yes, there are lots of things to do in and for the Church.

Did you see the recent eclipse of the moon? This particular event seldom happens, and it was an occurrence that caused much concern in days before the science of the universe was understood in the way it is today. The old superstitions have been proven to be false. Instead, it now illustrates the power and the wisdom of God. Be sure to revel in the glory of God during the Fall season!

God's blessings to all!
Pastor Raymond Doser

“Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that you and I together can't handle.”

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LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER

4 – Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 24 or 25; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
11—Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
18 – Job 38:1-7, 34-41; Psalm 104; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45
25 – Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

DID JESUS USE A MODEM AT THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Did Jesus use a modem at the Sermon on the Mount?
Did He ever try a broadcast fax to send His message out?
Did the disciples carry beepers as they went about their route?
Did Jesus use a modem at the Sermon on the Mount?

Did Paul use a Laptop with lots of RAM and ROM?
Were his letters posted on a BBS at Paul.Rome.Com?
Did the man from Macedonia send an E-Mail saying "Come?"
Did Paul use a Laptop with lots of RAM and ROM?

Did Moses use a Joystick at the Parting of the Sea?
And a Satellite Guidance Tracking System to show him where to be?
Did he write the law on tablets or are they really on CD?
Did Moses use a joystick at the parting of the Sea?

Did Jesus really die for us one day upon a tree?
Or was it just a hologram or technical wizardry?
Can you download the Live Action Video Clip to play on your PC?
Did Jesus really die for us one day upon a tree?

Have the wonders of this modern age made you question what is true?
How a single man in a simple time could offer life anew?
Could offer more to a desperate world than the inventions of man?
If in your life, the voice of God is sometimes hard to hear.
With other voices calling, His doesn't touch your ear.
Then set aside your laptop and modem and all your fancy gear.
And open your Bible, open your heart and let your Father draw you near.

Written by Ellis Bush

AFTER SCHOOL KID'S CLUB

We are planning a six week segment beginning October 14th and ending November 18th. It will be from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. this time, due to school getting out early on Wednesdays. There will be snacks served when the children arrive at the church. Any and all help is greatly appreciated

Pastor Ray will be doing the lessons. We may need help in the classroom area and also need helpers for crafts and snacks. Please contact Pastor Ray, Goldie Kraber or Judy Conner if you can help or provide food.



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- 2 Gary Lundstrom
Tom & Phyllis Dunkin (A)
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Ron & Judy Conner (A)
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17 Max Bowman
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Norma Barnes, Norma Jean See, Sheila Lundstrom, Merlin Newman, Loita Williams, Gayle Hastings, Judi Johnson, Don Shelford, Connie Barnes, Judy Noe, Linnette Holley, (Max & Lorena Bowman's granddaughter), Angie Geno, Teresa (Conner) Williams, Nile Cook, Virginia Weldon, Max Bowman, Frieda Davis, 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.

LOVILIA UMW by Goldie Kraber

Our ladies hosted our Guest Day on Thursday, Oct. 1, with 25 ladies attending. The speaker was Lori Mercer of Kellerton, IA, who went to Africa on a mission trip. She went in connection with the Blesomen Ministry. Their goal was to promote good relationships and present God to the children. She told of several activities the children did to teach caring, conduct and respect. One was washing their feet, as Jesus did, and giving them a new pair of shoes.

Our fall soup supper will be held October 21, at the Community Building beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Our next meeting will be November 5th. Lesson Leader and Hostesses will be Sharon Waters and Norma Jean See.

Our prayers are with our members suffering with health problems.

WORSHIP AT NURSING HOMES

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

A special thanks to Linda Weldon for all the extra cleaning at the Church to get ready for the Guest Day.

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

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Jenny Kimball, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls

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

Melinda Kimball, Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs

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, Margaret Borgen; 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.

After the service a young couple talked to a church member about joining the church. He hadn't met the husband before, and he asked what church he was transferring from. After a short hesitation, he replied, I am transferring from the Municipal Golf Course.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- 1 – U.M.W. Guest Day, 1:00 p.m. Lori Mercer, of Kellerton, Iowa, is to present a program on her mission trip to South Africa, and a luncheon will be served.
- 3 – Men’s Breakfast at Bussey, 7:00 a.m.; Pastor’s day off.
- 4 – **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** with special offering.
Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:00 a.m.
A brief meeting of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee is scheduled following worship.
CROP Walk from Hamilton to Bussey, 1:30 p.m. . All walkers are welcome, and please consider donating if you do not walk.
- 5 – Pastor’s day off.
- 10 – Conference U.M.W. Annual Meeting in Council Bluffs; Pastor’s day off.
- 11 – **TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / CHILDREN’S SABBATH**
Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:00 a.m.
- 12 – **HOLIDAY: Columbus Day**
- 14 – **Kids’ Club after-school program, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. (Note time change)**
- 17 – Pastor Raymond Doser to be on vacation through Monday, October 19. In case of emergency, please contact an area pastor of your choice and/or call Pastor Ray’s cell phone.
- 18 – **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / LAITY SUNDAY**
Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship, 10:00 a.m.
Gary Gravert of Albia is invited to be worship leader.
- 20 – Ministerial Association meeting at Albia. Pastor Raymond Doser to host it at the Albia U.M.C., 9:00 a.m.; District pastor’s meeting at Chariton, through 3:00 p.m.
- 21 – **Kids’ Club after-school program, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.**
Fall Supper at the Community Building, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- 22 – Clergy Cluster at Oskaloosa, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- 24 – Pastor’s day off; Bussey Fall Supper rescheduled, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- 25 – **TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.; Worship 10:00 a.m.
Charge Conference at Albia U.M.C., 2:00 p.m.
- 26 – Pastor’s day off
- 27 – Worship at Monroe Care Center, 10:00 a.m.
- 28 – **Kids’ Club after-school program, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.**
Administrative Board to meet, 5:30 p.m.;
Vermeer Charitable Foundation sponsors the Leadership Alliance Seminar, featuring Dr. Richard Mouw, Fuller Theological Seminary Professor, at 7:00 p.m. He will present “So Many Changes: Is Civility Still Possible?” The public is invited to attend, at no charge, at Vermeer Global Pavilion, Pella.
- 29 – Pastoral continuing education by Dr. Mouw at Vermeer Global Pavilion, Pella, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Topic: “Mouw’s Musings.”
- 31 – **REFORMATION DAY / HALLOWEEN;** Pastor’s day off.

PLEASE NOTE: There is a need for the Nominations Committee to meet during the first half of the month. Please be considering when that might be possible. Other committee work may be needed, as well.

COMING –

- A special Thanksgiving service may be held, Sunday, November 22.
- Planning will be done for Christmas Eve Candlelight worship (Thur., 12/24).
- We will try to schedule a four-week Bible study using Mayberry (Andy Griffith) television programs sometime during the winter. Let us know what dates might work best for you.
- GENERAL CONFERENCE is May 10 – 20, 2016.

***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.***

Thanksgiving Ingathering

Don't forget that the Thanksgiving Ingathering kits are due by Nov. 1st. The Ingathering kits are a way to help alleviate need in Iowa and around the world. There are several types of kits, including:

--- School kits that provide tools for education, which changes lives in countries where children don't have books, school supplies or classrooms. A school kit may be their only educational resource.

---Health kits help disaster victims reclaim their dignity and self-respect and are used as teaching tools with children. When people can maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves.

---Sewing kits foster independence rather than dependence. Cottage industries often grow out of sewing classes where these kits are used to practice skills.

---Layette kits provide women with basic supplies for the needs of their new babies.

You can contact Goldie Kraber for the list of items needed for each one of these kits.

LOVILIA COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

The "2015 Lovilia Community Festival" was held on Saturday, September 12th. It was a good thing to be represented in the "Lighted Parade". The theme for our float was "NOAH'S ARK". A big thanks for all who contributed in any way to make this project a success, and a special thanks is offered to Ron Conner for the vehicle and trailer, the space to work, and driving the entry in the parade.

The Festival will be held again next September and people are already thinking what our theme could be for next year. Put your thinking caps on!!!!

The committee had a lot of fun assembling the float and hope for a bigger and better one next year. Many good comments were heard from those watching the parade. We hope we were a Witness to our community.

THANK YOU!!!!

Book Report by Goldie Kraber:

The Road to DEER RUN by Elaine Marie Cooper

This book was inspired by real events. The setting is during the Revolutionary War. The author's 4th place grandfather was the basis of the story.

A small town community in New York was the home of widow Thomsen and her two daughters. An elder son was gone to fight in the war.

Lowe was a lieutenant in the King's Army. He was taken prisoner but escaped. Half starved and wounded, he was nursed back to health by Mary Thomsen, the 18 year old daughter.

This is a love story.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately. Decide girl or boy and the age category: 2-4; 5-9; or 10-14. Items can range from toys, candy, books, hygiene items, etc. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo. The idea is to share love with these children but also to tell them and their families about the greatest Christmas Gift of all, Jesus. Labels will be available at the Church for your boxes. Contact Debbie Conner if you have questions. Boxes need to be at the Church by Nov. 8th for delivery to the local drop-off location. The boxes go then to Minneapolis and all over the world as a part of the millions delivered to needy, sick and orphaned children.

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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."

Have you visited our website yet? Go to loviliaumc.org today and "**sign our Guestbook,**" view recent newsletters and prayer requests, joys and concerns, and recent activity at the Church. We're also looking for photos to share online. If you have photos you'd like to see on the website from the church or events, please email them to Nate Chamberlain at nathanchamberlain@hotmail.com or give to Pastor Ray.

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**WISHING YOU
FALL BLESSINGS**



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