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Yes, we will need lots of workers (24 on Tuesday) and close to 150 on Wednesday as we cook the potatoes, toppings, beef burgers and serve 700-800 Ragbrai guests. We will need donations of 85 fruit pies, 6 pans of gluten-free brownies, 45 donations of \$20, 14 liters of Coke, and 12 large 25 lb bags of ice. **SIGN UPS ARE HAPPENING NOW IN THE NARTHEX!**

It's Coming...
This October to a Small Group Near You!

five things God uses to GROW your faith

What adjective best characterizes your faith? Would you say dynamic, genuine, flourishing or elusive, stalled and ineffective? Imagine how different your outlook on life would be if you had absolute confidence that God was with you. Imagine how differently you would respond to difficulties, temptations, and even good things if you knew with certainty that God was in all of it and was planning to leverage it for good. *Just imagine what it would be like to have BIG faith!*

Youth Scoop

**Summer Games University Camp
 HERE WE COME!**

July 11-15th * Grinnell College
 Bus departure from the church Monday July
 11th at 8:30 am Return to the church Friday
 July 15th at approx. 1:15-1:30 pm
 Bus Fee: \$5.00 per person

Bring completed medical form WITH you
 and other suggested items listed on the
 website:

summergamesuniversity.org



Top Notcher News

Homemade Ice Cream and the Glory Land Singers



Please join us on Tuesday, July 12th, for a noon potluck in the church family life center. Table service and drink will be furnished. Homemade ice cream for everyone donated by Duane and Shirley Hunziker. The guest entertainers will be the Glory Land Singers from Des Moines. This wonderful trio has sung at the Iowa State Fair and around the Des Moines area. A free-will offering will be taken. This is an outstanding program you will not want to miss.



Two Day Fall Bus Tour on October 13th and 14th

Please make plans now to join us for this two day bus tour of

the Black Hawk waterways, cruise on Rock River, visit the Deere Historic White Pines Forest Dinner Theatre, Ronald Reagan's birthplace and so much more! This bus trip is October 13th and 14th, with an overnight stay in an excellent motel complete with a full breakfast. This Oregon/Dixon, Illinois area has a lot of history, the Chocolate Trail of candy stores, Black Hawk Statue, 102 foot paddlewheel boat of elegance and delicious beef lunch. **DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS GREAT OVERNIGHT TRIP!** If you would like more information please contact Joan Nolin at 515-967-2773 for full details and to make your reservation.

Meetings at a Glance

August 9th: 11:30 a.m. meet at Altoona Pizza Ranch (PLEASE notice change of restaurant). Guest speaker will be Paula Winslow, Master Gardener from Altoona.

September 13th: Local Mystery Tour. It is doubtful that many, if any of you, have taken this tour so come and learn what goes on "behind the scenes". Following the tour, we'll enjoy lunch at the Machine Shed in a private room.

October 13-14th: Overnight Bus Trip to the Dixon, Illinois area. We will attend a log cabin theatre production in the pines, have a boat ride on the river, visit Ronald Reagan's boyhood home, plus much, much more! Full details will be forthcoming.

November 8th: Potluck in the Family Life Center with table service and coffee provided. Guest speaker will be Patrice Peterson-Keys from the Polk County DNR. She will speak on "Owls In Iowa" as well as bring a live owl with her. Donations of food and money will be collected for the local food pantry.

December 13th: Christmas potluck in the Family Life Center. Table service and coffee will be provided. Guest entertainers: Squeeze Box Ministries.

Who are the Top Notchers?

We are an active group comprised of 45-50 people who usually meet the second Tuesday of each month. We have guest speakers and entertainers, travel, and do service projects in the community. The group is open to all people in the community, ages 55 and over. New friends are always welcome. For further information, please call Joan Nolin, Director, 515-967-2773.



Kid's Library Corner

Check out our Children's library this summer! Located in the Quiet room, you'll find over 30 Veggie Tales DVD's (and others), Bibles, Bible story books, along with books for all ages. Stop by this Sunday!

Summer Sunday School

Sundays, July 10, 17, 24 and 31st
 Kids ages 3 years - 5th Grade
 Join us in the Family Life Center
 9:45-10:35 a.m.



Summer Games Jr.

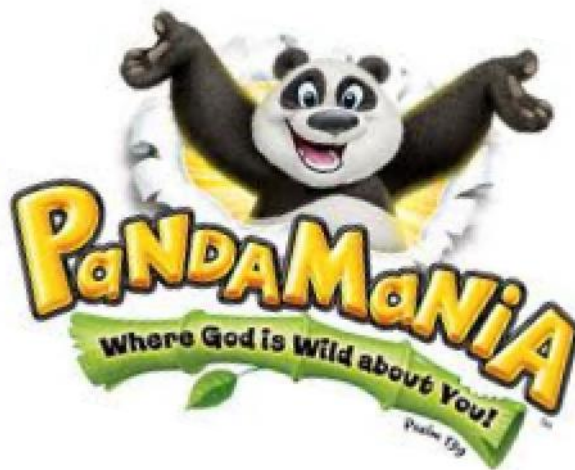
Camp

@ Wesley Woods in Indianola
 July 24th—27th, Kids ages 8-11

Vacation Bible School update coming soon!

THANK YOU for all of your prayers, your help and your continued support.

PandaMania VBS
June 26-30th





July Birthdays & Anniversaries

2. Sara Mutchler, Carrie Sponheim
3. Juli DeGeest-Theilen, Joshua Brown, Don & Cheryl Timmins
4. Donna Fuller
5. Evan Scott, Steve & Rita Carroll
6. Barb Dickerson, Robert McKelvoque, Cameron Sheeder, Joe Balduchi, Scott & Pam Fordyce
7. Drew Workman, Walter & Laurabelle Sherman-Proehl
8. Matt Lageman, Tiffany Parsons, Todd & Rhonda McFadden,
9. Max Bowman, Jake & Meg Muller
10. Bud Harter, Bob & Wilma Hall
12. Kathy Turner, Jim Draude, Reesa Stanley, Roger & Karen Bradley
14. Wilma Hall, Sherrie Gibson, John & Sharon Bergeson, Dennis & Pat Aldrich
15. Dana Gowin
16. Sue Dawson, Rick & Teresa TeKolste
18. Rachel White, Chris Gibson, Kylie Ciesielski, Sarah Hanneman, Grace Theilen, Dustin & Jessi Cassler
19. Lisa Ciesielski, Katharyne Dunn, Ryan & Lindsey Sinnwell
20. Sandy Olson, Matthew Gilson
21. Jeanette Stapp
22. Dan Swaim, Diane Silver, Kaleigh Jones, John Phillips
23. Joann Workman
24. Mary Deal, Karl & Tammie Hansen
25. Joan Whipple, Ryann Cressey, Howard Leinen
26. Don & Barbara Gilson
27. Landyn Parsons, Ron & Sara Mutchler
28. Eric Chodur
29. Rachel Schossow, Carolyn Good, Jim Sharp, Ryan Rathert
30. Mark & Kristi Hasek
31. Kim VanFosson, Laura Olson, Annabelle Hanson, Doug & Mary Watson, Larry & Linda Keller



Third of July Service Time Change

On Sunday, July 3rd we will have one church service beginning at 10:00 a.m. Nursery and Children's Church will be provided during this service.

New Members & Baptism Classes



If you are interested in becoming a member of Altoona United Methodist Church, our next new members class will be held Wednesday, August 31st and Wednesday, September 7th 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the chapel with the reception of new members on Sunday, September 11th. Please contact the church office at 967-2991 or sarahm@altoonaumc.org for more information or to sign up for these classes.



We don't want to miss your important day! If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact Sarah in the church office at 967-2991 or sarahm@altoonaumc.org so we can get your information updated.

The Mission Committee is again collecting supplies to fill school bags and layette kits. There will be a container located at the Welcome Center to collect your purchases. If you would like the Missions Committee to make your purchases for you, please make your check to AUMC with "School Bag Supplies" or "Layette Kit Supplies" on the memo line. Please visit the Welcome Center in the narthex for donation envelopes.

Thanks to Ann Wilson Quilters of our church who have already sewn at least 100 school bags and other AUMC seamstresses who have sewn many jackets for the layette kits.

Thank you in advance for your purchases of any of the below listed supplies, financial gifts and time to make a difference in our world.

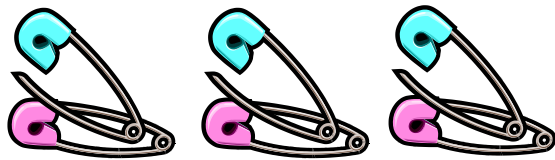
School Bag Supplies

- (3) Wide ruled spiral or bound notebooks, 8.5x11, 210-250 sheets each.
- (1) 30cm metric ruler
- (1) Box of 24 crayons (24 only)
- (1) 2.5" eraser
- (1) Blunt Scissors
- (1) Hand held pencil sharpener
- (3) Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers



Layette Kit Supplies

- (6) Cloth diapers
- (2) Gowns or sleepers
- (2) Diaper Pins
- (2) Receiving Blankets
- (2) Shirts or Onesies
- (2) Baby Wash clothes



On July 10th and 17th we will be distributing coin bags to collect money to purchase products which will be packaged at Hy-Vee Hall **August 31st-September 3rd**. Time slots for the packaging event will be available in

late July. Please contact Jane Burns at 967-2991 or janeb@altoonaumc.org for more information.



Please join our Missions Ministry team and spread some Christmas cheer this year by providing a **“Share the Joy”** box to needy families in our community through the Caring Hands Food Pantry. Wrapped boxes will be available October 23rd through November 27th in the narthex or at the Welcome Center. Once your box has been filled, please deliver to the Welcome Center in the narthex by November 27th. The boxes will then be delivered to the Food Pantry on November 30th.

Please include the following items:

- Bible (provided by AUMC)
- Shaving cream (provided by AUMC)
- Deodorant
- 3 pack of bar soap
- Package of 5 disposable razors
- Hair shampoo
- Hair conditioner
- 4 pack of toilet paper
- Hand can opener
- 25 oz bottle of dish soap (put in plastic bag to prevent spills)
- 2 cans of 18.6oz chunky chicken noodle soup
- 1 can of 38oz beef stew
- Package of oyster crackers
- 2 packages of spaghetti (16 ozs)
- 2 cans of 26.5oz spaghetti sauce
- 2 large cans of tuna or chicken
- 32 load /50oz non HE laundry soap (put in plastic bag to prevent spills)
- Christmas card with your personal greeting. (for security purposes only sign your first name. Please do not include any cash in your card.)

Telecare is a free service for those who live alone. Each day including weekends and holidays, a volunteer from Iowa Lutheran Hospital Auxiliary is available for daily phone contact between 8:30-10:00 a.m. For more information call 263-5227.

Strength and Balance Training for Seniors helps older adults increase their strength and balance in a fun group setting. After attending this class participants have shown a marked improvement in flexibility, leg strength, arm strength and balance. Contact Chris McDaniel at 263-5217 for more

Iowa Health Pain Management provides referred patients with relief from most forms of chronic intractable pain, while teaching you how to manage your pain allowing you to return to a normal productive life. Call 263-2611 for more details.