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Dear Friend,

This past month we looked at a number of the "One Another" passages in the Bible. You don't have to read very far in the Bible before you start encountering people problems. Perhaps that is why there are so many "One Another" passages – We need to be reminded of them continually. It is easy to become selfish and focused only on our needs and wants. But the true measure of our faith and of our church will be how we treat each other. In closing this series I wanted to include part of an article written by Pastor Rick Warren that shows the importance of community.

Cultivating community requires commitment

If you're tired of fake fellowship and you would like to cultivate real fellowship and a loving community in your small group, Sunday school class, and church, you'll need to make some tough choices and take some risks.

Cultivating community takes humility

Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less. Humility is thinking more of others. Humble people are so focused on serving others, they don't think of themselves.

Cultivating community takes courtesy

The truth is, we all have quirks and annoying traits. But community has nothing to do with compatibility. The basis for our fellowship is our relationship to God: we are family.

Cultivating community takes confidentiality.

Only in the safe environment of warm acceptance and trusted confidentiality will people open up and share their deepest hurts, needs, and mistakes.

Cultivating community takes frequency.

You must have frequent, regular contact with your group in order to build genuine fellowship. Relationships take time.

When you look at the list of characteristics, isn't it obvious why genuine fellowship is so rare? But the benefits of sharing life together far outweigh the costs, and it prepares us for heaven.

Genuine fellowship may be rare in many churches, but I have personally seen it on several occasions. In our last new members class I received many testimonies about how warm and caring this church is to each other. These people were moved by your friendliness to the point that they wanted to join this fellowship. What an Honor! In our small groups I hear stories of deep and caring fellowship – thanks for loving each other and sharing life with others. Take “genuine fellowship” off the endangered list – It’s growing! Let’s determine in each of our hearts to be a One Another person so that, together, we can be a One Another Church. The Church God wants us to be.

One Anotherly yours,

Pastor John

Youth Scoop

*There's still time
to Register!*



Summer Games University

July 11-15th

Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA

www.summergamesuniversity.org

For those who have completed 5th-12th grade

Summer Games University is a Christian camping experience designed to help youth begin and develop an active and life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. Summer Games University is an experience where biblical events and practices are shown through creative worship experiences such as invitational opportunities to receive Christ as Lord and Savior, prayer with the laying on of hands, foot washing service, crucifixion pageant, and etc. Centered on these experiential worship services, biblical pastoral teaching and the leadership provided by a staff of volunteers, Summer Games University encourages young people to live lives based on the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

All registration forms, located online or in the church office and narthex, must be submitted to the church office with a \$50.00 non-refundable **deposit by June 1st**. Please DO NOT register online. Our AUMC camp scholarship fund will provide 50% (\$137.50) of the total \$275.00 camp fee. Each camper's **balance is due June 27th** to the church.

Top Notcher News

Iowa Supreme Court Tour and So Much More!



Please join us on Tuesday, June 14th, Flag Day as we experience a bit of history! We will take a tour of the State of Iowa Supreme Court Building at 10:00 a.m. Once our tour is complete we will head over to the Iowa Genealogy Society Library for a sack lunch provided (your donations are accepted with excess funds to Caring Hands Food Pantry). Then across the street to the State Historical Library for a private showing of a copy of the Declaration of Independence. This very valuable copy was donated by a descendant of the last person to sign the declaration, Robert Thornton. The donor's brother lived in Altoona for many years before his passing. The story of how this document was discovered in the archives of the state after many years will be relayed to us that day.

Herb & Helen Phillips are hosting this month's event. Please sign up in advance so sack lunches can be prepared. Gather at the church at 8:45 a.m. to depart by cars at 9:15 a.m. All venues are handicap accessible and drivers will drop you off as close to the building as possible. Please contact Herb or Helene Phillips at 967-4641 for more information.

Meetings at a Glance

July 12th: Noon Potluck with musical guests, The Glory Land Singers from Des Moines. Duane Hunziker is making **HOMEMADE** ice cream for everyone!

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 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 No-lin, Director, 515-967-2773.

Vacation Bible School!

Join Us!

June 26 - 30th



Join Us!

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

At VBS, kids will see, hear, touch, and even taste as they experience Psalm 139 for themselves! Bible Story Theater, meaningful crafts, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the PandaMania activities that will help your child develop faith that flows into real life.!

Get ready for a wild celebration of God's love at PandaMania!

VBS Missions: Kids Serving Kids



Operation Kid-to-Kid Backpacks

- ◆ At the crafts & missions station, elementary kids will "meet" and learn about real children in need
- ◆ On the last night, they will work together to decorate "Jesus Loves Me" drawstring backpacks and bookmarks to send to at-risk children in Latin America
- ◆ Each of 10 backpacks will also include a Biblica Spanish New Testament Bible

Baby Tote Bags for New Mothers

- ◆ In their crafts & missions station, preschoolers will hear about babies and mothers near us who are in need
- ◆ On night 5, they will hand-print canvas tote bags to be filled with newborn essentials and given to at-risk mothers at Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines

 **Broadlawns Medical Center**
Caring for **Our Community**. *Caring for you!*



Join Us At AUMC

For Fun & Faith THIS SUMMER!!!



Vacation Bible School

June 26th - 30th, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
 Kids ages 4 (by 9/15/11) - 5th Grade
 \$5 per child/\$15 per family
 (assistance available if needed)
 Register online! www.altoonaumc.org

Summer Sunday School

Sundays, July 10 - 31st
 Kids ages 3 yrs - incoming 6th grade



Summer Games Jr. Camp

@ Wesley Woods in Indianola
 July 24th-27th, Kids ages 8-11
 Register at the church!

Children's Church

Each Sunday, 10:45 a.m.
 Kids ages 3 & 4, and 5 yrs. - 2nd grade





June Birthdays & Anniversaries

1. Scott Sloan, Elise Keuning, Rob & Barb Timmins, Shawn & Lisa Schossow, Craig & Sue Dawson, Dick & Sue Tomlin
2. Nicole Mahoney, Mackenzie Fink, Rusty Fowler
4. Carol Skoog
6. Tony Palmer, Justin Hess, Bobbie Manock, Beth McKee, Dean & Lois Stump, Keith & Barbara Rhodes
7. Matthew Moreland
8. Todd McFadden, Carla Highfill
9. Mary Watson, Fred Anderson
10. Alex Niswander, Jill Niswander, Jamie Harter, Michael & Dianne Norris, Dennis & Joni Benson
11. Craig Dawson, Ryan & Jody Person
12. Chris Lybarger, Mike Hamilton, Mike & Kathy McElree, Jerry & Marla Carr, Craig & Anita Long
13. Paul Forristall, Joelle Henderson, Kit & Millie McDowell
14. Zach Person, Haley Hesse, Janet Reichter, Jason Hesner
15. Duane Hunziker, Don Timmins, Keely Coghlan, Joel & Abby Overton, Myron & Alice Pickering
16. Barb Timmins, Samantha Oaks, Mike Cassler
17. Violet Benson, Nolan Fuller, Jerry & Cheryl Weber, John & Melody Hageman
18. Donald Barkhaus, Alice Smith, Josh Russell
19. Whitney Graves, Lynn & Bonnie Gibson, Ray & Amy Earhart, Ron & Jean Wilson
20. Jenny Granquist, Brady Braunsweig-Norris, Oral & Thelma Thompson, Doug & Sally Catron, David & Sanda Petersen
21. Madeline Schossow, Jayell Bos, Scott Fordyce, Alexandra Bradley, Patrick Collison, Paul & Heather Mahoney, Howard & Shelby Leinen
22. Shirley Peterson
23. Preston Moreland

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25. Kailie Hesner
26. Brian & Miranda Krohn
27. Roger Bradley, Chad & Melissa Kruse, Chuck & Tami Bredlow
28. Jessica Braunsweig-Norris, Amy Stapp-Arpy, Silas & Sarah Hanneman
29. Shirley Hunziker, Pam Fordyce, Sheryl Dales, Bill & Carolyn Good
30. Bret Bair



Fourth 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



Please welcome the following new members to AUMC!

Adam & Brooke Brinkmeier
 Joshua & Anna Brown
 Jim & Cheryl Dickerson
 Tiffany Griffin
 Jon & Denise Hubbert
 Larry & Linda Keller
 Bill & Doris McGinnis
 Jamie & Tricia Mootz
 John & Penny Phillips
 Josh Quick
 Rick & Juli (DeGeest) Theilen
 Melissa Watters
 Jon & Marsha Webster
 David & Jane Wendel



A Special Thank You from Hope Ministries

"Dear Shelene, Kids & Parents,

Thank you so much for putting together 18 welcome bags for our Hope Family Center! What a HUGE blessing! We will be having new families move into our family center at the end of May, so your timing was perfect! Many children will receive your gifts and feel very loved! Thanks again!"

*God Bless,
Mary Kohlsdorf*



The packaging event for Meals From The Heartland Packaging is set for August 31st-September 3rd. If you are interested in packaging meals for the hungry of the world, time slots will be available in July, along with the opportunity to give towards the purchase of additional products to package. If you would like more information please contact Jane Burns at 967-2991 or by email at janeb@altonaumc.org.



RAGBRAI Is Coming To AUMC!

What does that mean? There will be campers camping in the back '40', a wonderful meal will be prepared and served and most importantly

WE NEED YOUR HELP! The menu for the 700-800 guests (yes you read that right 700-800!) will be a Baked Potato bar with all the fixings, beef burgers (gluten-free will be available), pies and gluten-free brownies, along with coffee, iced tea, lemonade and water. Please be watching for a complete list of items to be donated as well as a listing of times available to help prepare and serve the meal. If you would like more information of how you can be of assistance please contact Jane Burns, Event Coordinator at 967-2991 or by email at janeb@altonaumc.org. **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!**



FATHER'S DAY we are looking forward to great music from our fathers and sons. Men, rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:30 – 8:00 pm in the sanctuary. Join us in making music for Dads Day an amazing experience.



The Chancel Choir Robe Fund is currently nearing its goal of \$8,000.00. We are making plans to have new robes for the beginning of the fall

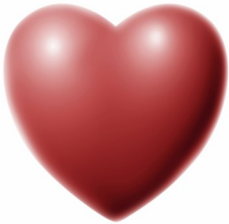
school year.

The Bell Choir summer vacation has begun.

Orchestra meets Wednesdays at 6:15 pm in the sanctuary and as needed.

Chancel Choir has its final spring rehearsal June 8 and sings June 12.

Singers or band players interested in **Praise Band** please contact Steve McLellan at 967-2991 or email



If you or a family member would like prayer support or a hospital visit, please fill out the prayer card or call the

church office at 967-2991.



Third Annual
Walk a Mile in Their Shoes
...a walk-a-thon to help those who are homeless.

**Hope begins with you...
come experience this walk!**

Saturday, September 3, 2011

Copper Creek Lake, Pleasant Hill, Iowa

9:00 a.m. Registration 10:00 a.m. Walk Begins