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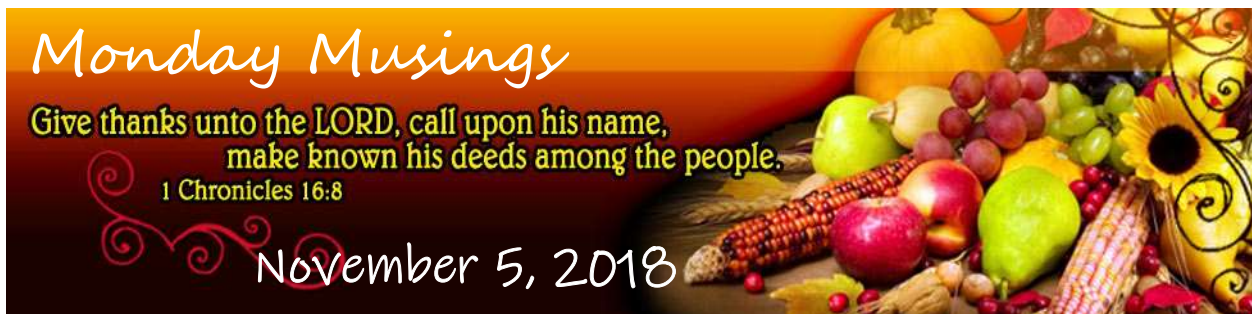
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Conference Vision ~ God's hope for the world made real through faithful leaders, fruitful communities, and fire-filled people.

Conference Mission ~ Inspire, equip, and connect communities of faith to cultivate world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ.



District Office will be closed November 8 & 9



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Last month I was privileged to be part of a team that travelled from Iowa to Zimbabwe, the home of Old Mutare Mission and Africa University. I am grateful to the one person, two friends, group of volunteers, committee of workers, board of leaders, congregations in communities, missionaries deployed, and twelve million United Methodists who dreamed, and birthed these two difference maker places. Supporting and sustaining the continuing hard work of investing in the lives of children, youth, and young adults need the continuing commitment

and generosity of Twelve Million United Methodists. Please call me or send me an e-mail if you have questions or ideas about our partnership with these two places.

Here at home, many of you have heard last Saturday that our Iowa Wesleyan University has been struggling to financially sustain its operations even while enrollment and retention has increased. Investing in the lives of youth and young adults need our commitment and generosity. We have ten days to stir hearts and it is hard work. Somewhere out there in our Southeast region, God's blessings have been poured and calling for the privilege of delivering such blessings. Please call me or send me an email if you have questions or ideas about this challenge.

As I continue to travel to Annual Charge Conferences, I am hearing repeatedly a longing for children, youth, and young adults in the life of the church and it is hard work. I am grateful to those congregations who have and are investing generously with their money, time, and relationships in ministries with children, youth, and young adults. Adults reading to children. Volunteer youth group leaders. Scholarship providers for school and camps. Financial Supporters to Children's Ministry Directors. Back-up sitters for young families. Faithful fans to children's music and sports programs. Friends to the young. Groups packing weekend meals and school bags. Please visit with your neighboring churches and share your stories and hard work.

So many places of pain and promise where children, youth, and young adults are calling for our commitment and investment to making a difference so that God's hope for the world is made real through faithful leaders, fruitful communities, and fire filled people. God's blessing have been poured into our lives, let us go and deliver them to places of pain and promise!

Blessings,
Lilian



>SPPRC Appointment Advisory Consultation for 2019- This form needs to be filled out by the SPPRC board and signed by the committee members as well as the chairperson. This form also must be signed by the clergy. **This form is always due in the office on November 1st.** The following churches have not turned in this form on their clergy as of today, 11/5 ~ Burlington Asbury-West Burlington, Burlington Grace-West Hill, Crawfordsville-Ainsworth, Davenport Grace, Davenport Faith, Davenport St. John's, Fairfield First, Keswick-Webster, Montrose Trinity, Moscow, Mount Union-Winfield, Muscatine Musserville, Muscatine San Pablo, Prairie View, Riverside Trinity, Trenton-Wesley Chapel, Walcott Calvary, Washington, West Liberty, What Cheer-Delta-Keota, Wilton, Wilton Peace.

As of today this form is past due and needs to be in the office ASAP. Thank you.

>Clergy Annual Conference Registrations ~ A couple weeks ago I sent out an email to the clergy to get them registered for the 2019 Annual Conference. The form to fill out is listed under the District homepage under forms. These need to be into me by December 1st. **The following clergy need to fill this out ~ David Bracht-Wagner, Tracey Burges, Dawn Butler, Moody Colorado, Heather Dorr, Paddy Druhl, S. Jan Garza, Jon Gimmy, Mary Kathryn Hart, Vincent Homan, Eduardo LaRoche, Jaeseong Lee, Tim Schoepf, Donald Timmermann, Tamara Wirt.** You can email them to me or send them to me in the mail, whichever is easiest for you. Any questions please contact Sherry Swanson at the SE District Office.

>Charge Conference~ Charge Conference paperwork is to be completed **1 week prior** to your scheduled Charge Conference. The church dashboard has the link to the Charge Conference paperwork as well as the Leadership Worksheet that must be filled out and signed at Charge Conference. There will be reminder emails sent out to make sure your paperwork is in on time. PLEASE BE DILIGENT with completing this on time. If you have any questions, please notify Sherry Swanson at the SE District Office. The following is the schedule for November. The Church's highlighted in yellow have not turned in their paperwork:

NOVEMBER	BEFORE OR AFTER WORSHIP	3:00 PM	6:30 PM
Sun 4	QC Korean (1pm)	<u>McCausland-Eldridge</u>	Davenport, Christ
Mon 5			New London
Tues 6			Bettendorf, Asbury
Wed 7			<u>Muscatine, New Hope-Spangler Chapel</u>
Thurs 8			Mount Union-Winfield
Sun 11	Davenport, Faith	Davenport, Grace	Davenport, St. John's
Tues 13			<u>Delta-What Cheer-Keota</u>
Wed 14			Morning Sun-Oakville
Thurs 15			Kalona
Sat 17			Richland-Hedrick
Sun 18	Prairie View (after)	Wellman-West Chester	Sigourney

Mon 19			Bethel
Sun 25	Montrose (after)	Keosauqua-Center Chapel-Birmingham- Stockport	Ainsworth- Crawfordsville
Mon 26			Moscow- Wilton, Peace
Tues 27			West Liberty
Wed 28			Cedar Valley- Nichols
Thurs 29			Farmington- Bonaparte

>**Praying Our Way Forward**~ Praying Our Way Forward is a movement in response to the Council of Bishops initiative. We are called to a posture of prayer, praying for God's leadership to guide us effectively in fulfilling the mission of the church. We invite you- clergy and laity, conferences and congregations – across the denomination to pray for God's guidance. For more information please go to this link. <https://www.iaumc.org/prayingourwayforward>

>**Disaster Response Information**~ Severe weather = thunderstorms, hail and high winds and Tornadoes. Remember a "Watch" means conditions make severe storms a possibility, a "Warning" means Take cover now severe weather is here. A quick reminder to: Be Prepared, Have A Plan, know when to take shelter and Keep in Shelter (have some supplies stocked up). If Disaster happens... Contact Your District Disaster Response Coordinator or the District Office.

District Disaster Response Coordinators (DDRC) ~

Southeast – Don and Mary Timmermann – mtimmermannclm@aol.com , 563-381-4848



If you would like your connectional ministry to be posted please notify the District Office with information about your event. Thank you.

>**November 10, 11am** ~ Bonaparte Lunch at the Opera House, per person charge. Bake sale begins at 9am.

>**November 14, 5pm** ~ Keosauqua UMC Supper and Auction. Auction to follow supper.

>**November 17, 11am** ~ Selma UMC Lunch and Auction. Auction to follow lunch. Free will offering.

>**November 18, 4pm** ~ Keosauqua UMC – Van Buren Cooperative Ministries Thanksgiving Service. Service begins at 4pm which includes a video of our people in ministry during the last year. Soup Supper at 5pm. Free will donation.

>**November 30, 9am-1** ~ The Washington United Methodist Women are having their annual Country Fair in the Fellowship Hall of the Washington UMC. There will be a cookie walk, baked goods, candy and crafts for sale. There will also be a free will offering lunch being served from 11am – 1pm.



1 – Diane Coffin
8 – Mary Timmermann
11 – Deborah Stowers
17 – Olympia Marcos
20 – Gary Henson
21 – Elizabeth Bell
28 – Paul Smith
30 – Beth Carlson



8 – David & Linda Morris
19 – David & Sally Barrett

If you have a prayer concern, a joy or you have updated information you'd like to share, please contact Sherry Swanson at the District Office.



~Please pray for the family of Pastor Paddy and Michael Druhl as they cope with the tragic loss of their grandson, Max. May God give you comfort in this most difficult time.

~Prayers to Mike Biklen and his family as his daughter, Andrea, passed away suddenly.

~Please pray for Sierra, daughter of Pastor Jan Garza, who is recovering from surgery and health issues

~Please pray for Christine, daughter of Mary Timmermann who continues to fight cancer

~Prayers for Elizabeth Colorado, wife of Pastor Moody Colorado as her cancer has actively spread throughout her body. May God give her strength and comfort.

~Prayers for Whitman Pounds, nephew of Pastor Nancy Sutherland, who is dealing with debilitating health issues.

~Prayers for the guidance and decisions that are being made in the United Methodist world. No matter the outcome, may we all remain followers of God and his teachings.

~Continuous prayers for our military men and women who are active, retired and veterans. May they find peace and understanding with the struggles of dealing with what they endure and have endured while serving.

~Continuous prayers for those who do not specifically ask for prayers but need them. Especially pray for the people of your church and surrounding area who are enduring struggles and sickness.

~Continuous prayers for our police, firemen and first responders who answer the call without hesitation and not knowing the situation they are coming into. May they find strength and courage to keep going when they are misjudged or not always supported.