



Eagle Grove and Goldfield United Methodist Churches

Love God, Love Others, Change the World

“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”

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July 2023



Monday, July 24

all day Vacation Bible School for kids who will be
Kndg – middle school.

We'll end the day with supper @5:15pm, singing
and sharing with family and friends.

Registration form with specific times will be on
Eagle Grove UMC FB page after July 6.

Heroes are called to...

Follow Jesus!

Help Others!

Work Together!

Listen to God!



How Adults Can Be a Hero... volunteer!

We need center leaders and assistants
(art, recreation, science, story-telling,
music, and more) and Group Guides (be
with the same group of heroes all day,
moving from center to enter).

All day, or just morning or afternoon
– there's a place for you! Contact Alana
515-851-0084 or Stacy 515-851-2351

Heroes are called to help others, so the VBS
kids will be putting together

Personal Dignity Kits. Each kit needs:

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| 1 hand towel | 1 washcloth |
| 1 bar soap (3-4 oz) | 1 deodorant (2-3oz) |
| 1 shampoo (12.5-19oz) | stick, roll-on, or pump |

Toothbrushes are here – thanks, Delta Dental!

To buy needed items for 1 kit costs about \$5.
You can help either by bringing as many of any
of these items as you'd like by July 10, or giv-
ing a donation and we will order. Our goal is
150 kits - that's a lot of shampoo! **THANKS!**
Note: we've done these as a congregation each
fall, so we're just changing our schedule.



Our Ice Cream Social was a wonderful neighborhood event – and neighbors came to help others!

We served over 150 maidrites and probably almost 200 sundaes! Those who came that Sunday evening gave almost \$2000 for the *Eagle Grove Food Bank*. We received additional gifts from those who could not attend and so EGUMC is sending a check to the Food Pantry for \$2480! Wow! That covers about 1 month of their needs these days. The need is great, and growing. We can make a difference.

Thanks to all who planned, donated food and came to work, smiling all the while! Giving of self and our resources brings joy to the giver, as well as to those who will receive.

At a special Charge Conference on June 13, Eagle Grove UMC decided to list their parsonage for sale. We're following all the protocols and steps the Iowa Conference has set, and will keep everyone in the loop. If you have any questions, see Kurt.

Report from Annual Conference:

Annual Conference was uplifting, looking to the future. Our new Bishop, Rev. Kennetha Bigham-Tsai, reminded us to focus on LOVE over and over and over, in all we do. I have attended conference most of the 35 years I've worked in the church – I have never come home more grounded, and energized, and excited to be UMC (generally I was just exhausted!).

This conference was different...in the best of ways. I look forward to continuing to serve you all, be it only part-time (my choice and yours), for another year.

There were really no shocking surprises...well, actually there was! I don't recall ANY conference where we clapped, and cheered, and stood in affirmation of remarks so often.

Yes, we were actually saying "amen", and "Amen", and "AMEN!" United Methodists. Calling out. Standing. Didn't see any waving arms, but the whole room was alive – and I don't remember that EVER happening so often!

We have dynamic, inspiring, innovative leadership. We are a connectional denomination, connected in ways that can give support and help and work together. We are people of grace, and love, and joy, God's children all! As Wesley said, *We may not all think alike, but can we not love alike?*

You can find written reports of each presentation, and watch the speakers and worship at www.iaumc.org. Articles are set up in short segments, so you can pick and choose. In fact, scroll through both the web page, and the Facebook (Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church). There's so much there – inspiration as well as information. Everything is online now (that's one way to save lots and lots of \$\$\$).

We're challenged to live our faith, to live in grace and love – and that matters! May we keep our covenant, and look ahead with joy! – Pastor Alaire

FYI – Bishop Kennetha will be leading a conference-wide Advent study, *Unrelenting Grace*...we will be joining in! She's amazing!

We are looking ahead for all the ways we can show the world who we are!!!

Dial a Devotion for July 2023

July 4—Kurt Knudsen

July 11—Paul Wilde

July 18—Joe Stein

July 25—Marilyn Sill

If you would like to help contact Amy or Sharon Seibert. We could use more volunteers.