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Light For Your Path

by Pastor Vicki Lindley Reece

I love Adventureland. Don't you? When you come to the parsonage, you will see a series of silly family photos of me, Wendel, Veronica and Samantha, all in costume. That's the safe part of the day. The rest of the day we load up on fun, food, shows and rides.

Wendel likes the scary rides: Space Shots and Roller coasters. Sam is right there with him, front car, arms up. Veronica and I lean towards the rides that wind around, swing, like SideWinder or Tilt-a-Whirl. We all like the rides that get us wet!

Our lives sure can be like Adventureland! This past month has felt that way for the Reeces and the folks I've met at Eldora. The unexpected call came to consider a move and it rocked our world. When we met with the SPRC all of us talked about the change, and the mutual grief we felt while separating from a church/pastor we love. At the same time, the people we met were faithful, wonderful, and delightful. These past few weeks there has been a lot of laughter. It feels like a good match. I was raised very traditional, but love praise & worship. Messages are geared to all ages, and applied to everyday life.

Pastor Richard Boatman and I became friends while on the Holy Land tour. You get some honest talks during those 10 days. He has been so pleased to serve in Eldora, and only had good things to say. Rev. Ann Lippincott is a friend, and my District Superintendent. I know how highly she values you and your ministry. I remember the praise team leading worship at the Christmas dinner in Parkersburg many years ago...and you guys were good!

Tam made sure I left with lots of info...including a picture directory. As I look at your pictures I'm praying for each of you. I've been an ordained pastor for 27 years...journeying with Jesus holds a lot of adventures! We can only imagine all we will share together in the years to come: joy, faith, sorrow, hopes, disappointments, forgiveness, and most of all love.

What I know is that we don't go through it alone. God is with us at all times. And every time I've been taken by surprise, there has been a greater good in store, and the ride keeps getting more thrilling. I trust that. I live by that. It makes the ride wonderful...even fun.

My personal mission statement is: **A passion for Jesus; compassion for people. All is empowered by the Holy Spirit.** I will love you. I will do my best to be with you through whatever adventures we encounter...and we will grow together in Jesus Christ. (continued on next page)



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The EUMC service on Heart of Iowa
Communications Cooperative
Community Channel 1:
Thursday – 7:00 pm, Friday – 11:00 am
Saturday – 11:00 am

The Nurture Team would like to thank everyone for their donations to the church nursery project. There are a few items left on the tree if families still would like to participate. Our little ones thank you.



FAREWELL: After 5 years at EUMC, Pastor Richard Boatman, Larae and Caleb are moving to Pleasant Hill, IA, to serve Oakwood UMC.

WELCOME TO EUMC: Pastor Vicki Lindley Reece and Wendel, Veronica and Samantha!

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Thanks to each of you who agreed to serve as a Nursery volunteer.

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

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| July 3 | Joan Riskedahl | Jamie Rotgers |
| July 10 | Betty Key | Herbie Reist |
| July 17 | Shirley Greimann | Victoria Edgerton |
| July 24 | Roger & Linda Hildreth | |
| July 31 | Susan Sellers | Carole Damon |
| Aug. 7 | Lisa Sunkle | Kelli Rogers |
| Aug. 14 | Sandy Reisinger | Marsha Pettigrew |
| Aug. 21 | Evelyn Hahn | Rita Thompson |
| Aug. 28 | Scott & Carol Humphrey | |



FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Educational Wing of EUMC closed July 7-16. The tile floors will be stripped and waxed.

Please do not to walk on the floors during this time. For worship and meetings, use north or east doors. The sanctuary and Fireside Room will be available for use.

P.S. Ironically it is rare for me to be gone for more than a Sunday! The SPRC of Jesup had approved me to be gone on a combination Continuing Education/Spiritual Preparation/Study with some vacation. I'm thankful for the SPRC of Eldora who honored this previous commitment. What this means is that I be with you on July 3rd...and then be away...but hit the ground running in August. Wendel will be holding down the fort!



Passion for Jesus
Compassion for People

That's what I'm committed to....

PV

We have received information from the Conference regarding the destructive tornados in Joplin, Missouri. Several United Methodist churches have been directly affected. One church was destroyed and the Southwest district office and another church were extensively damaged. We ask for prayers for those who grieve the loss of loved ones, and prayers and donations for the many who suffered the destruction of homes and businesses. You may donate toward recovery by designating your gift for Joplin, Missouri and placing it in the collection plate any Sunday in July. They ask that we respond prayerfully, courageously, and generously.



The ingathering bags are ready to fill and filling them for UMCOR or the Iowa Nigeria partnership in a helpful and fulfilling mission project. Our emphasis for July will be Layette kits for UMCOR and for Nigeria and Birthing kits for UMCOR and Nigeria. There are already diapers and pins in several bags. These kits are so important to help young women through such a blessed event.

Our emphasis in August will be school kits for UMCOR and classroom kits and books for Nigeria. Help underprivileged children get a good start for the new school year. If you sew, you could help a lot by sewing bags for the school kits. Stop by the mission table for patterns for the school bags as well as baggies and/or lists for the kits. You may also pick up complete lists of all kits to take home and study to help you decide what you would like to do for the ingathering..

Look elsewhere in this letter for a reminder about our cookbook project. You should have received information in the mail last week about this project with the proceeds going to United Methodist Missions. We know there are many good cooks (men, women and children) in our church and we hope you all will submit your recipes soon.- If you have questions ask a member of the mission team. Thanks you very much!

The Outreach Team has been making plans to make a new Church Photo Directory. We decided to do this without the help of a professional by purchasing software to accomplish this. We will be asking for families to either submit their own photos or make arrangements for us to photograph them. Watch your e-mail or mail for further information. We are excited about this project and hope you will participate.

Dear EUMC Members, Families and Friends,

The Mission Team is planning to publish the first (that we know of) EUMC cookbook. The proceeds will be used for United Methodist Missions worldwide, in USA and in Iowa. We are excited about this project and hope our church can have fun with it! We need all of you to help! We would like everyone to submit from 5 to 7 recipes to include in our cookbook. They may be submitted on-line or hand printed on the forms that are available at the church office. Please follow the instructions carefully.



You may mail or bring your hand-printed recipes to the church or personally give them to a member of the Mission Team. Those members are Louise Cobb, Norene Johnson, Barbara Neymeyer, Eileen McClellan, Elaine Kosanke and Lisa Allison. We would like to have your recipes by July 15th.

Many of you will find it easier to submit your recipes on-line. This will also be the most efficient way for the committee to process them. Here are the instructions _____

Go to www.morrispresscookbooks.com

To the right of their logo will be several headings.

Go to typensave Hit login. You will see blanks to fill in _____

Contributor: Your name Group login is: [4-missions](#) Password is: [s4nsu](#)

Go to the left and click — Add recipe. A form will appear for your recipe. Fill in your name and the name of the recipe. Scroll down to the recipe form. You may omit the recipe subtitle. Select the category (the blue button) Add ingredients in order of use. Write instructions in paragraph form as list of ingredients. Check spelling. Check [Preview Recipe](#). Proof read your recipe. Click edit to make corrections, or save to submit. Our computer team of Norene, Barb and Lisa will do the rest. Call them if you have questions.

We would like to have your recipes by July 15h.

We will be looking forward to hearing from you! Thank you very much! The Mission Team



The Vacation Bible School committee is in the final "Wrap up Stages." We are expecting 70 youngsters ranging from PreK to 5th grade at registration on June 27th. This year's theme is "Shake it Up" a new and different approach to learning and living God's special recipes. Emphasis on feasts of the Bible are taught and shared in most interesting ways.

Camper update: There are four attending camps this summer, Josh Jeske, Layne Nelson, Brandon Meints, and Camryn Butler. Cassidy Sellers attended last year; completed the necessary training and will be working at Wesley Woods for two week long sessions. If anyone wishes to make a contribution to the camp fund, it is still possible and would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me (Linda.) Thanks.

Please be thinking about fall Sunday school, we will be needing teachers. If you would be interested please contact me. Thanks.

On behalf of the Sunday school staff and students, we extend our best wishes and blessings to the Boatman's. A special thanks to Larae and Pastor for teaching the High School Class. Peace, Linda, CED

Summer is here, the time for camping, family reunions and picnics. We want to help you stop the “summer bug” caused by food-borne illnesses. Here are some food safety tips from Iowa State University Extension Food Safety Project to help stop the bacteria that cause vomiting, diarrhea, and the other intestinal symptoms associated with food-borne illnesses.



- * Discard any food that has been left out longer than two hours. Bacteria begin to grow quickly after two hours.
- * Take just enough food so you don't have to worry about leftovers.
- * Thoroughly chill any pre-cooked foods before you put them in a cooler.
- * Be extra careful with salads that use mayonnaise. Cool cooked ingredients (like chicken, eggs, or potatoes) to 40 degrees F. before mixing with mayonnaise.
- * Eat take-out foods like fried chicken within two hours, or buy them ahead of time and chill before putting in coolers.
- * Put the cooler inside your air-conditioned car, not the trunk. Keep it in the shade at the picnic site. Pack foods that you plan to eat first on top to cut down on openings and closings. Use a separate cooler for drinks.
- * Never put cooked meat on a surface that held raw meat unless the surface has been thoroughly washed with soap and water.
- * Cook meats to the proper temperature: burgers (well-done), ribs and hot dogs to 160 degrees F., whole chicken to 180 degrees F., ground poultry or chicken breasts to 170 degrees F.

Enjoy and give thanks for the beauty of God's wonderful creation. Have a fun and safe summer.

In His Service,
Sandy Reisinger and Rita Thompson



Once again we are dealing with flooding around the state. You might be asking yourself what can I do?

Giving: The following guidelines were developed by a coalition of government, voluntary agency and faith-based partners:

* **Cash is the single best way to help disaster survivors.** Cash doesn't need to be sorted, stored or distributed, and it allows any voluntary agency to give donation towards the needs that most urgently need addressing.

* **Use Advance #223 to help through the Iowa United Methodist Church.**

Please put your check in the offering plate or give to Vern Greimann, Financial Secretary, so EUMC will get credit for the contribution.

Pastor Boatman, Larae, Scott and I attended Iowa Methodist Annual Conference on June 4-7. Bishop Trimble gave his Episcopal address along with other inspiring messages. Other events were the ordination service for new Clergy, Memorial Service, Retirement Celebration, Laity Address, and other inspiring messages.

Business items were approving the budget with nearly a 2% reduction from projected 2011 expenditures, electing clergy and lay delegates to General Conference and Jurisdictional conference and voting on proposed petitions to the 2012 General Conference.

The thirteen proposed petitions to the 2012 General Conference were discussed; four were approved. Those passed include an expression of support for ex-felons to recover their voting rights, encouragement for congregations to evaluate their carbon footprint, amend paragraph 161F of the Book of Discipline to remove language stating that “The United Methodist Church does not condone the practice of homosexuality and considers this practice incompatible with Christian teaching,” and remove the prohibition of “self-avowed practicing homosexuals” from being certified as candidates, ordained as ministers, or appointed to serve in The United Methodist Church.” These petitions that were approved will go on to General Conference to be voted on.

More about conference at <http://www.iaumc.org/annualsession>

Thanks for the opportunity to represent our Church at Conference.

Dennis Meints



GREETERS SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Combined Worship

July 3 Scott Swartz and Donna Leonard

8:30 a.m. Contemporary 10:00 a.m. Traditional

- July 10 Jim & Norene Johnson (both services)
- July 17 Tom & Becky Moore (both services)
- July 24 Ken & Betty Coffman and
Ken & Marcia Brownlee
- July 31 Roger & Janele Fish (both services)
- Aug. 7 Roger & Janele Fish (both services)
- Aug. 14 Darren & Susan Sellers
- Aug. 21 Mark & Paula Seward
Gregg/Sandy Reisinger
- Aug. 28 Dave & Tam Elerding
Ivan & Mary Jaspers

Greeters should stand at the top of the stairs at the east entrance. That way you can greet those coming in the east doors or from the Fireside room.

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date, please find a sub or switch with someone else on the list. Please do not call the church office if you are unable to greet. Thank you for your service!

MIGRANT MEAL

Several local churches are once again sponsoring a Welcome Meal for the migrant workers who come to our area to detassel corn. The meal is FREE and we are always looking for smiling faces to show how friendly Eldora is. Please consider coming. You do NOT have to speak Spanish to come and have a good time. It will be at 5:30 PM., Sunday, July 10th at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Eldora.





Pastor Vicki's suggested summer reading—

Simple Church: Returning to God's Process for Making Disciples by Thom S. Rainer and Eric Geiger

The Helper by Catherine Marshall

Both books available at Rosenkran's Book & Bible in Eldora —as we try to coordinate our efforts to create discipleship to transform the world. PV

Nursery provided during both services

Sunday, July 3

Baptism—Communion—Food Pantry

9:00 a.m. Combined Worship

Followed by Fellowship Coffee served by SPRC to meet Pastor Vicki and Wendel, Veronica, Samantha

Sunday, July 10

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, July 17

Rural Life Sunday Offering

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, July 24

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, July 31

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship



Sunday, August 7

Food Pantry

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, August 14

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

3:30 p.m. Service at Eldora Nursing & Rehab

4:00 p.m. Service at Valley View

Sunday, August 21—Pastor Vicki

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, August 28—Pastor Vicki

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Wednesday, July 6th: 6:00

p.m. Hardin County Fair Parade – Pastor Vicki on EUMC float – after parade meet at EUMC south lawn for hot dogs and lemonade – meet and greet Pastor Vicki

Please use north and east doors for July 10th service. Tile floors are being stripped and waxed, July 7-16.

Sunday, July 17—Rural Life Sunday Offering

The Iowa Annual Conference Rural Life Sunday Offering goes to support projects in rural areas of Iowa. An example of a project that received funding for this year is Mobile United Methodist Missionaries of the South Central and Southeast Districts. MUMMS helps to provide VBS, after-school programs, work projects, and many other services for small rural churches and communities without a church.

July Birthdays

- July 4 Rick Kriz
- July 5 Agnes Williams
- July 5 Michael Olson
- July 5 Brian Marsh
- July 5 Joshua Stanley
- July 6 Jeff Gehrke
- July 6 Allyson Pagel
- July 6 Layne Nelson
- July 6 Tina Belding
- July 6 Jack Halsey
- July 7 Chuck Edgerton
- July 7 Tam Elerding
- July 7 Marcene Trout
- July 8 Adam Sisson
- July 9 Mary Kosanke
- July 9 Sally Jenson
- July 9 Scott Humphrey
- July 10 Harold Newton
- July 11 Shirley Ridout
- July 11 Ron Sapp
- July 11 Eric Minter
- July 13 Richard Breed
- July 13 Levi Prosser
- July 13 Trevor Sellers
- July 13 Ella Kosanke
- July 14 Mary Kosanke
- July 15 Monte Piske
- July 18 Neal Titus
- July 19 Scott Ridout
- July 19 Mandy Pettigrew
- July 20 Daniel Minter
- July 22 Mildred Marsh
- July 23 Cindy Johns
- July 24 Donna Leonard
- July 25 Mary Prosser
- July 25 Carol Strait
- July 25 Aaron Swartz
- July 26 Cameron Crosser
- July 26 Kella Minter
- July 27 Sara Morse
- July 29 Cassidy Sellers
- July 30 Genny Veld
- July 30 Betty Gethman
- July 30 Stephanie Turner
- July 31 Judy Neymeyer
- July 31 Dawn Turner

August Birthdays

- August 1 Ken Coffman
- August 2 David Lloyd
- August 2 Curtis Hobson
- August 2 Nicholas LaVelle
- August 3 Lois Stewart
- August 3 Jay LaVelle
- August 3 Mya Wilaby
- August 3 Mea Wilaby
- August 5 Darren Sellers
- August 6 Jennifer Raska
- August 7 JR Lawler
- August 7 Christi Athas
- August 8 Michael Halsey
- August 9 Ben Devilder
- August 10 Les Raisch
- August 11 Jay Wasson
- August 11 Becky Vigars
- August 11 Jenna Fox
- August 11 Mariah Knight
- August 12 Kay Smith
- August 12 Joan Riskedahl
- August 14 Shirley Greimann
- August 15 Bud Ketels
- August 15 Kyle Thompson
- August 15 Tina Soesbe
- August 17 Katy Williams
- August 18 Rachel Boatman
- August 19 Hester Elerding
- August 19 John Gethman
- August 20 Tina Hornung
- August 21 Deb Dye
- August 22 Joyce Lepley
- August 24 Adeline Cook
- August 25 Judy Martin
- August 25 Braden Nelson
- August 26 Mary Hudson
- August 26 Joan Walker
- August 26 Steven Steinfeldt
- August 26 Ava Guiles
- August 27 John Hess
- August 27 Justin Meints
- August 28 Elaine Kosanke
- August 28 Brent Pettigrew
- August 29 Edgar Bills
- August 29 Kathy Butler
- August 30 Bernard Trout
- August 31 Arlene Wingrove
- August 31 Lisa Lee-Spangler



Don't take a Vacation from Church