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Peace in the Storm
By Pastor Richard Boatman

We define peace differently. For some, the mention of the word is a call to action—social and political efforts employed to bring peace, promote justice and end wars. Others are futuristic, longing for the return and reign of Christ that will usher in true world peace. For most Christians, some level of inner soul-calm is also embraced. In fact, it is to this image of inner calm that we shall turn our focus.

The late Dr. Peter Marshall, former Chaplain of the United States Senate, enjoyed relating God's peace through the story of an art competition. The famous artists' association sponsoring this offered a large cash prize for the winning submission. A wide range of outdoor scenes were submitted—glorious vistas, mystical lakes and awe-inspiring sunsets, in addition to indoor settings with family members gathered around a warm fire.

But the painting selected by the judges was different from all the others. In it, the artist captured the tension of a great tempest with driving winds and rain, bending trees and great flashes of lightning. And yet, in the midst of the fury sat a mother bird cradling her babies, nestled securely within the pocket of a strong limb, tranquilly waiting for the storm to pass. The painting was simply entitled, *Peace*.

This perhaps hits the closest to what Jesus meant when he said, "My peace I give to you; not as the world gives...Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it be afraid" (John14:27). He would soon send disciples out into a turbulent world filled with storms of antagonism and sudden bursts of persecution. And yet peace ruled in their hearts as they remained cradled in Christ's invisible yet powerful embrace.

We all face difficult times. Perhaps you or someone you know is going through an emotional tempest. While lofty images of world peace have their place, it is good to know in our personal world that Jesus has come to hold us in the "shelter of his wings," to offer us a peace of soul in the midst of the storm.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

8:30 a.m. Contemporary 9:45 a.m. Sunday School

May 1	Lisa Sunkle Sandy Reisinger	Nan Knight
May 8	Kelli Rogers Rita Thompson	Betty Key
May 15	Marsha Pettigrew Evelyn Hahn	Janele Fish
May 22	Carol Humphrey Scott Humphrey	Charlene Shore

8:30 a.m. Contemporary

May 29	Susan Sellers & Carole Damon
June 5	Karen Reece & Lisa Allison
June 12	Arlis Stevens & Cassidy Sellers
June 19	Anita LaVelle & Linda Haywood
June 26	Becky Moore & Tonya Kosanke

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Thank you to all who contributed to the fundraising project for a new north door. With donations received, the door will be ordered and installed soon.



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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

A Message from the Nurture Team



No, it's not Christmas, but be looking for the Angel Tree to go up sometime in May. Our church nursery is in need of some supplies and toys. Needed items will

be listed on the tree. Take an ornament. Have fun shopping for our little ones. Return the items to the church nursery. Some families may want to go together to purchase the items. Our little ones thank you.

SIMPLE ACTS OF KINDNESS

- When you ask people how they are, really listen.
- Offer to pull weeds from an elderly neighbor's flower bed.
- Say "thank you" to a referee at the end of a game (even if your team lost.)
- Select an inspirational book to always have on hand to give to friends and strangers.
- Give regular hugs.
- Go for a short walk with a friend.
- Call a longtime friend who lives out of town just to say "hello."
- Smile at all times.
- Forgive and forget.
- Love your neighbor as yourself.
- Take some fresh flowers tied with a ribbon to a resident at a local nursing home.



Parsonage loan is \$49,000
 Boiler loan is \$30,000
 Organ Repair Loan is PAID!

A big thanks for helping us meet our financial goals for the 2010 year.

Mission News

The mission team would like to thank everybody so much for their participation in the **Chicken Race**. We took in \$330 to send to Heifer International. The winners were Prime Time Class for the adults and 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade for children and youth.



Thank you also for attending the Easter breakfast and contributing to Rainbow Covenant Missions. We hope you had a blessed celebration of the risen Christ!

Watch for the Ingathering to be starting in June. Information and starter kits will be on the mission table and we welcome you to stop by after church and see what you can do for God's needy children. We look forward to visiting with you and helping you get started on kits.

Thank you!



The Eldora United Methodist Church Mission Team is excited to announce our upcoming fundraiser.

-An Eldora United Methodist Church Cookbook-

We want your help to make this cookbook a success. Gather a few of your favor-

ite recipes. We, the Mission Team, will be handing out information sheets soon... so be alert and prepared.

This will be fun to have a cookbook with members of our church.

Summer is fast approaching, and with that comes VBS. This year will be a new format. We will be hosting kitchen fun with your kids! June 27 - 30, 2011 beginning at 8:30am-11:30am. Classes will be Pre-School - through 5th grade (they may attend if they just completed 5th grade.) They will enjoy a fresh, **one-of-a-kind** VBS at Cokesbury's Shake It Up Café - where they will carry out God's recipe.



In this kid-friendly café full of chef's hats and aprons, pots and pans, checkered tablecloths, and chalkboard menus, kids will **explore the Bible** as a cookbook filled with recipes for **living out God's word**. Through **interactive lessons**, that are easy for kids to **apply to their lives** today, boys and girls will celebrate **biblical festivals** that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God.

- Be ready** for God
- Give happily** to God
- Believe fully** in Jesus
- Remember** Jesus often
- Celebrate** God forever

The directors are excited about this new concept of teaching "Gods Recipes" If you would be interested in being a helper/teacher please let me know. Again, we are sistering with the St Mary's church to provide this fun filled, learning event.

Just a reminder the last Sunday of Sunday School will be May 22 . A heartfelt Thank You to all who helped in any way this past year, be it teaching, subbing, furnishing supplies, food, you are greatly appreciated for your time and service to the young disciples here at EUMC.

Thank You for all you do.

Campers - we need to talk and get the registration forms completed, SOON! There is still time to sponsor a camper. Thanks to you who have already done so. Adults don't forget there are camps for families and grandparents.
 Linda, CED

Wednesday Nite Life/Growth Group—April 27, May 4, 11, 18

Please read parable and the first four chapters. Please RSVP your interest in attending book study to, djsmith2004@gmail.com Hope to see you on April 27 at 6:30 p.m.—Deb Smith

Letter from the author, Max Lucado—Outlive Your Life

Dear Friend,

May I share a story that is very dear to my heart?

It is a story of hillbillies and simple folk, net casters and tax collectors. A story of a movement that exploded like a just-opened fire hydrant out of Jerusalem and spilled into the ends of the earth: into the streets of Paris, the districts of Rome, and the ports of Athens, Istanbul, Shanghai, and Buenos Aires. A story so mighty, controversial, head spinning, and life changing that two millennia later we wonder:

"MIGHT IT HAPPEN AGAIN?"

Heaven knows we hope so. These are devastating times: 1.75 billion people are desperately poor, one billion are hungry. Lonely hearts indwell our neighborhoods and attend our schools. In the midst of it all, here we stand: you, me and our one of a kind lives. We are given a choice...an opportunity to make a big difference during a difficult time. What if we did? What if we rocked the world with hope? Worth a try, don't you think?
 Max Lucado
 One hundred percent of the author's royalties from Outlive Your Life book will benefit children and families through World Vision and other ministries of faith based compassion.



From Your Parish Nurses

Now that spring is here, this is a good time to begin a walking exercise program if you don't already have one. Walking compares favorably with other cardiovascular fitness activities. It's inexpensive (you only need to invest in a comfortable pair of walking shoes), easy and convenient. Plus, you're more likely to keep walking for exercise throughout your lifetime. It has the lowest dropout rate of any physical activity. Walking is a low-impact, weight-bearing exercise. While it gives your heart and blood vessels a workout, it exerts only one-fifth the force of jogging on your bones and joints. It also offers the benefit of weight-bearing exercise which can help slow down the bone loss that occurs with normal aging.

The short-term benefits of walking are:

1. Walking modifies heart disease risk factors.
2. Walking helps you make the transition to more vigorous activity.
3. Walking helps you relax (it's a great stress reliever).

The long-term benefits of walking are:

1. Walking reduces your risk of heart disease.
2. Walking helps you control your weight.
3. Walking improves the efficiency of your heart and lungs.
4. Walking helps keep you physically fit and active for lifetime.
5. Walking adds to your social life if you walk with someone.



Some things to remember as you begin your walking program.

1. If you've been sedentary, start with as little as 10 minutes a day and gradually increase your time by 10% to 20% a week.
2. After you have been walking for awhile, gradually pick up your pace.
3. Plan your walk for the time of day that you're most likely to make it a permanent habit.
4. Lead with your chest, not your chin.
5. Make sure your shoes don't scrunch your toes or let your heel slip in and out. Replace your shoes about every 6 months or 500 miles which ever comes first.

As you walk, bask in the beauty of God's creation and give thanks to Him.

Psalms 24:1 "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;"

In His service, Rita Thompson and Sandy Reisinger

Sunday, May 1—Golden Cross Offering

The Iowa Annual Conference Golden Cross Sunday Offering goes to support health projects in Iowa. Example of projects that received funding for this year are Children and Family Urban Ministries in Des Moines, New City Ministries in Waterloo.

Sunday, May 22—Native American Ministries Sunday

Your generous gifts on Native American Ministries Sunday support:

- Native American ministries with the annual conference;
- Scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology approved by the University Senate of The United Methodist church, administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry; and
- Expansion of the number of target cities in the Native American Urban Initiative, related to the General Board of Global Ministries.



SPRC Spotlight

This month the SPRC would like to recognize two more staff members.

Val Peacock is our custodian and her job is very important in continuing to make our church welcoming to visitors and all members. You may not see Val while she is working, but we can all appreciate her efforts when we come to worship in a clean and tidy church. Val lives in Eldora and has a son, Wes, who is currently in his first year of aviation school. In her spare time, Val likes to garden and work on her acreage.

Katy Williams is our nursery attendant and with the help of a volunteer each Sunday, cares for children from infancy to 5 years of age during worship services. If you look in the nursery on Sunday morning, you'll probably see Katie on the floor, playing with children, helping them color a picture and keeping a watchful eye on them. There may be anywhere from 2 to 10 children on any given Sunday. Katie lives with her parents, Scott and Sandy Williams and her brother, Charlie. She is a junior at South Hardin high school, is active in 4H and FFA and loves sheep.

SPRC thanks Val and Katy for their great work and invites the congregation to join us at Fellowship on May 15th to greet them and let them know how much we appreciate all they do.



Our sympathy to the families of:

- ♥Leona Froning
October 10, 1909—February 27, 2011
- ♥Geneva Flora Emmert
March 25, 1918—March 31, 2011

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

May 11, 9:30 a.m. May Breakfast at EUMC



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GREETERS SCHEDULE

<u>8:30 a.m. Contemporary</u>	<u>10:45 a.m. Blended</u>
May 1 Tony & Sharon Hand	
May 8 Gretchen Brown	Leona Vigars
May 15 Jason & Brenda Halsey	
May 22 Kathy Kinder	Karen Reece

<u>8:30 a.m. Contemporary</u>	<u>10:00 a.m. Blended</u>
May 29 Dennis & Bobbi Meints	
June 5 Tom & Linda Pierson	
June 12 Vic & Herbie Reist	
June 19 Ed & Marlys Bernard	
June 26 Mary Juergens	Charlie/Roberta Creps

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!





Nursery provided during both services

Sunday, May 1—Golden Cross Offering

Communion—Food Pantry

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:45 a.m. Blended Worship—Confirmation
 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use
 6:00 p.m. Senior High Youth

Sunday, May 8—Mother's Day

Mother's Day DVD presentation

Blood Pressure check by Parish Nurses

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:45 a.m. Blended Worship
 6:00 p.m. Senior High Youth

Sunday, May 15—4th Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 Fellowship Coffee to recognize Val Peacock & Katy Williams
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:45 a.m. Blended Worship
 6:00 p.m. Senior High Youth

Sunday, May 22—Native American Ministries Sunday

Offering

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages— last day for summer
 10:45 a.m. Blended Worship
 1:30 p.m. Commencement at South Hardin High School

Sunday, May 29th—Begin summer worship schedule

Sunday, May 29—6th Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 10:00 a.m. Blended Worship
 3:30 p.m. Eldora Nursing & Rehab Worship
 4:00 p.m. Valley View Worship



Wednesdays, April 27,

May 4, May 11, May 18

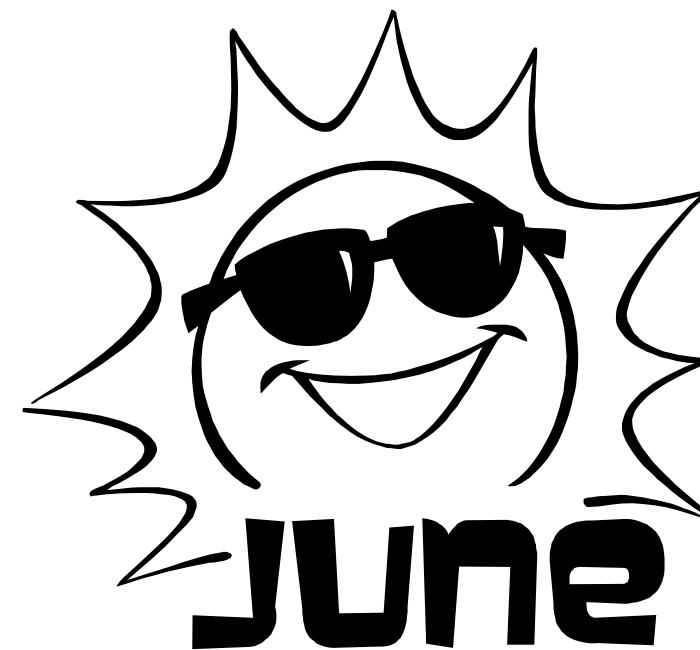
6:30 p.m. Choir, Book Study, Youth Bible Study

May Birthdays

- May 1 Doug Riggs
- May 2 Kennady Allison
- May 4 Bradley Riggs
- May 4 Calli Soesbe
- May 4 Emma Kane
- May 5 Kayla Prosser
- May 5 Gavin Ridout
- May 5 Brady Mathis
- May 6 Chelsea Grego
- May 7 Ethel Newby
- May 7 Marvin Williams
- May 7 Mikayla Fisher
- May 8 Rosemary Williams
- May 10 Eileen McClellan
- May 11 Mathew Schmitz
- May 12 Janey Hobson
- May 12 Rich Travis
- May 12 Chad McDonald
- May 12 Jason Halsey
- May 13 Irene Harvey
- May 14 Marilyn Petty
- May 14 Stuart Pettigrew
- May 15 Becky Moore
- May 15 Andy Prosser
- May 15 Alex Lycke
- May 15 Carter Kies
- May 17 Dennis Meints
- May 18 Rick Ryerson
- May 18 Diana Harris
- May 19 Steve Haywood
- May 21 Alaynna Lycke
- May 22 Sara Anderson
- May 22 Kelsey Schmitz
- May 23 Jan Lloyd
- May 23 Eldon Veld
- May 24 Jada Boatman
- May 25 Carol Humphrey
- May 25 Dave Hoyt
- May 25 Dia Dohlman
- May 28 Della Peters
- May 28 Donna Lawler
- May 29 Larry Reed
- May 30 Robert Bahr
- May 30 Nan Knight
- May 31 Rita Thompson
- May 31 Vickie Newby
- May 31 Janelle Guiles

June Birthdays

- June 1 Sean May
- June 2 Austin Sisson
- June 4 Jason Lloyd
- June 4 Kaden Bronzynski
- June 5 Tom Pierson
- June 5 Josh Jeske
- June 5 Doug Schaa
- June 6 Emily Ringena
- June 8 Susan Sellers
- June 8 Kenneth Williams
- June 11 Brent Lloyd
- June 11 Andrew Jeske
- June 12 Lori Lycke
- June 12 Samantha May
- June 13 Kendra Prosser
- June 14 Troy Hornung
- June 15 Casey Guiles
- June 16 Janele Fish
- June 16 Sam Priske
- June 19 Brian Sisson
- June 19 Sharon Hand
- June 20 Cade Prosser
- June 22 Prince Swamickan
- June 22 Tony Hand
- June 23 Jean Dunn
- June 23 Darlene Perrin
- June 23 Jeff Turner
- June 24 Floyd Allen
- June 24 Richard Boatman
- June 24 Jill Wical
- June 25 Renee Hoyt
- June 25 Rick Davison
- June 28 Mike May, Jr.
- June 29 Heidi Clark
- June 29 Michaela Allison
- June 29 Dalton Doak
- June 30 Pam Tjaden



Nursery provided during both services

Sunday, June 5—Iowa Annual Conference

Food Pantry

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 10:00 a.m. Blended Worship

Sunday, June 12—Pentecost

Blood Pressure check by Parish Nurses

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 10:00 a.m. Blended Worship

Sunday, June 19—Father's Day—Trinity Sunday

Father's Day DVD presentation

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 10:00 a.m. Blended Worship

Sunday, June 26

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
 10:00 a.m. Blended Worship

Monday, June 27—Thursday, June 30

8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Vacation Bible School

