

OAKWOOD
United Methodist Church



JUNE 2015

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*I will bless you...so that you will
be a blessing. Genesis 12:2*

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"Spiritual Sequels"
by Pastor Richard Boatman

A few years ago I finished a thousand page historic novel, one of the best reads in that genre I'd come across. So engaging was the story with layered plots and protagonists that by the time I finished, I was sad. The author had drawn me in. He had woven a tantalizing tapestry of medieval life and lore that so pulled me in and held me in stimulated suspense, that by the time the last word of the last page was read, I grieved its conclusion, the sense of loss at its ending. And then...I found out there was a sequel. The story would live on. Different characters but still rooted in the past ones, while building a new but still connected future.

I've reflected on this as part of our Oakwood story comes to an end. I am saddened. Mike Fillmore and Nick Peters have been a part of this congregation's "story" for three years. While we knew the end was inevitable, there has been, nonetheless, a sense of grief accompanying this part of the narrative. It has been a good three years, filled with laughter and tears, with inspiration and challenges. We are the better for having had them with us. I like to think they are the better for their association here, as well.

But amidst the sense of loss is also a growing reality that has ever been Oakwood's mantle and mission: there is a sequel! We embrace new opportunities to develop and integrate new colleagues into a ministry designed to love, accept, forgive and encourage in God's abundant grace. The "story" that is ours will continue. "Different characters but still rooted in the past ones, while building a new but still connected future."

Like the writing of well crafted book, please pray for discernment in the process of inviting new "characters" into our narrative, a narrative that has now lived for twenty-five years and is postured for transforming service in the decades ahead. Our spiritual sequel continues. While we look back with deep appreciation upon the gifts we've had in the recent and distant past, we also look forward to the Holy Spirit's story through us as new servants are called to Oakwood. May all of us re-dedicate, anew and afresh, for God to make our lives like "the hand of a ready writer" (Psalm 45:1).

Every Story has an End,
but in Life every
End is just a new Beginning

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP:

**New Time for summer
8:30 & 10:00*

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Need a Mid-Week Spiritual Recharge?

Worship for Adults: 6:30 pm

Childcare available from 6:20-8:00 pm

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7:45am – 9:00am

**Oakwood United Methodist MEN
meet on Saturdays in the Fireside Room.**

Men of all ages are welcome!

OAKWOOD LYME DISEASE CHALLENGE

On Sunday, May 31-- Oakwood will participate in the Lyme Disease Challenge. Join us as we learn more about chronic Lyme disease and come together to support Marcy and Doug Stone in their journey through this disease.



Summer
is here!

This is the day the
LORD has made;
let us rejoice
and be glad in it.

PSALM 118:24

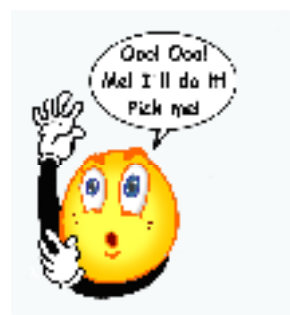


There will be NO Wednesday night meals in the months of June, July & August!
Fall Kick-off is September 16th.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

It takes a team of volunteers to make the Wednesday night meals run smoothly all year, having said that, we need more volunteers for next year. Wednesday night meals run from September through May, serving begins at 5:30 and clean up can begin at 6:30. Each set of volunteers or team is asked to cook, serve and clean up **just one Wednesday per month.**

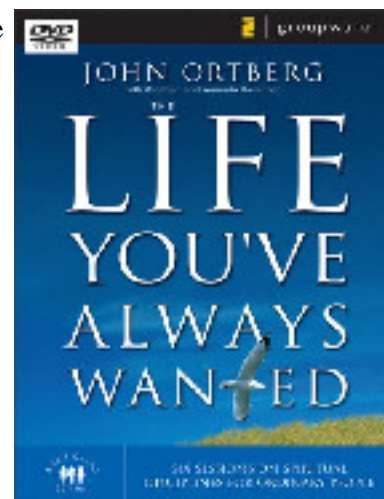
Right now there are 2 Wednesdays NOT covered. You are not asked to pay for the food; the church will cover or reimburse you if desired. If you or your small group would be willing to help (just one Wednesday a month), please let the office know ASAP.



**NEW STUDY STARTING SOON
THE LIFE YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED**

By John Ortberg

This six-week study will begin on Wednesday, June 24th as a part of our 6:30 p.m. worship service. Hope you will join us.



Wanna catch a few upcoming Concerts:

Connection Music Festival with Building 429 @ Crossroads Church in Norwalk on June 6, 2015

Casting Crown @ the Iowa State Fair On August 13, 2015

PARENT GRIEF GROUP meets on the first Monday of every month at Oakwood in the Prayer Room to assist parents and others dealing with the loss of a child. If you are a parent, sibling, grandparent, or someone dealing with loss of a young person, please know you are welcome to join this group. This is a loving group of people on the same journey, experiencing the support of a faith community.

CLASSICS (50+ group) – meet the 2nd Thursday of the month. The next meeting/pot luck will be on Thursday, June 11. Everyone who is available is invited, singles or couples. Please bring a dish to share with about 12 to 15 people, and arrive a little before noon so the food can be organized for self-serve. Please join us if you can. We would love to see you there.



Start your day off with connecting with God by “centering” yourself in silent prayer. We meet on **Thursday mornings in the Prayer Room at 8:00 a.m.** For more information, call Judy Proksa at 266-1054, or just join us. Anyone is welcome.

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

New scarves are now in place on the Lectern and the Baptismal stand to complement those already in place in the altar area. These were purchased by the Memorial Committee from funds donated in memory of Cara Waltrip.



10th Annual Score Fore Kids Golf Tournament!

There are only a few spots left; don't miss out on this great opportunity to support literacy, math and enrichment activities during our Awesome Days Summer Program.

When: June 15, 2015

Where: Legacy Golf Club Norwalk IA

Who: You of course!

\$125/golfer or \$500/foursome

Please contact Linda at linda@cfum.org or 515-282-2342 with any questions

Why: The Score Fore Kids Golf Tournament funds the CFUM Awesome Days program. Awesome Days is all day programming when kids are out of school - support kids learning outside the classroom while you enjoy a round of golf!

TAE KWON DO

In the Family Life Center, Mondays & Thursdays, 6:30-7:30
Tiny Tigers, ages 4-6, 5:50-6:30
See Mr. Mark Bassett for questions.



Pleasant Hill's 7th Annual **FISHING DERBY** for kids between the ages of 4-13. First 150 kids will receive a t-shirt. Doughnuts and juice will be provided that morning. There will also be a raffle drawing after the event around 11:30 AM. Fishing supplies will be limited so please remember to bring a fishing rod, extra bait, and tackle.

Parents are required to attend the event with their child.

Date: Saturday, June 6th, 2015

Time: 8:00 AM- 11:00 AM

Location: Copper Creek Lake

Cost: Free

Age: 4-13

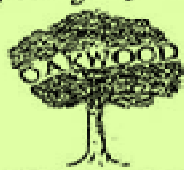


Nothing you've ever given
has gone unnoticed. Every
sacrifice you've made, every
time you stopped to help
someone, God has seen it
and will reward you.
Spiritual Institute



Mission Opportunities

Growing in Faith...



Rooted in Christ

Oakwood United Methodist Church 25th Anniversary Celebration

Thanks to all who made our 25th Anniversary such a success. We know the Lord has wonderful plans for our next twenty-five!

It's not too late, if you would still like to contribute to our "Doors for the Lord's House," please put your contribution in the offering plate. Be sure to write

DOORS in the memo line.

Thank you for all your donations. So far, we have raised \$3140.00.

The 25th Anniversary Committee-- Pat Harvey, Kelly Swinton, Lory Rieger, Gary Schwartz, Cheryl Eggers, Steve Rendall, Kris Bengel and Nancy



RECEPTION FOR MIKE



Please join us in the Family Life Center for a card shower and farewell reception on June 21st at 9:40am to pray over, wish well, and send off Pastor Mike Fillmore and his family as they begin a new journey with God in Montezuma.

KEEP WATCH FOR THE BACK -TO-SCHOOL FAIR AT TRINITY UMC COMING IN JULY

Oakwood will again be serving our brothers & sisters in the inner city at Trinity UMC during the CFUM 'Back to-School Fair' in July (date to be announced). Watch for sign ups to help serve, clean up or provide food for the barbeque picnic in the Sunday Bulletin. **WE WILL NEED A LOT OF FOOD!**

NOTE: Oakwood will NOT serve Supper Club in the month of July! Instead we will be participating in the BACK-TO-SCHOOL FAIR at Trinity UMC.

THANK YOU FROM THE TRUSTEES:

A BIG thanks to everyone who helped spruce up the church on our ALL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY! It's always nice to do a little spring cleaning and freshen things up from the winter months. A special thanks to the youth group as well. As the old saying goes, "Many hands make light work!"

CONGRATULATIONS TO KRISTINA SMITH

The Iowa United Foundation has selected Kristina Smith to receive the Mary and Orlin Trapp Science Scholarship to attend Simpson College this fall!

WAY TO GO KRISTINA!



OAKWOOD PARABLE SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY, JUNE 14

The Oakwood Parable Scholarship committee has awarded 3 SEP students, each, with \$300 scholarships this year. Oakwood will get the pleasure of meeting these students on June 14th in both services.

Donations are accepted for this scholarship all year, so it is never too late to make a contribution! Thank you for your support and prayers as this scholarship opportunity continues to grow and be used in these young lives. May it ever bring glory to our Savior, Cindy Anderson

ATTENDANCE:

May 3: 195 + 118 + 37 = 350
 May 10: 158 + 105 + 25 = 288
 May 17: 186 + 137 + 55 = 378
 May 24: 166 + 135 + (*) = 301
 May 31: (*) + (*) + (*) = (*)

(*) Not Available

OAKWOOD KIDS

(Pre- school through 6th Grade)

Connect – Disciple – Serve...in a FUN kind of way!



Vacation Bible School —

Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER

For children in preschool—4th grade

If you are interested in volunteering, please talk with Tania or Larae. We are in need of adult crew leaders, junior crew assistants, and station leader assistants. A donation list will be posted at the VBS registration table and on the announcement chain soon. Please consider donating items so we can continue offering VBS to children at no cost.



Camp registrations have begun! So don't delay, camps are filling up fast. If you want to take advantage of the Oakwood scholarships, please make sure you communicate with Cyndi Wilson to be eligible.

In addition to camps at Wesley Woods, check out Adventure Camp which will be held at Wesley Woods the last week in July. There is a link

on the Oakwood website on the Children's page to register.

Thank you again for the 24/7 and CLT leaders who dedicated their time and energy this year. Our children's ministry program could not be a success without you. You truly make a difference in the lives of our children! You are a blessing to our program, the children, and Oakwood. If you are interested in leading again next year, please let Tania or Larae know. Blessings to each of you!



ARKS: The CLT Sunday morning class has VOTED! With a total of \$2000, Oakwood will be purchasing the following animals and sending them from Heifer International to countries in great need. 1 Heifer, 3 Pigs, 2 Water Buffalo, 2 Llama, 2 Trio of Rabbits, and 11 Flocks of Chicks. How awesome is that!

BANK ON IT! As part of VBS this year, Oakwood will participate in an Operation Kid-to-Kid mission project that gives kids the opportunity to send God's Word to other kids around the world. With every \$4 collected, a colorful, kid-friendly, Thai-language New Testament will be delivered to a child in the Buddhist country of Thailand. Each kid will be given a special Elephant bank they can use to decorate and use to collect donations.



If you have a thought or concern we can be reached by email:

Larae Boatman: larae@oakwoodlife.org

Tania Bentley: tania@oakwoodlife.org



CLT

(Christian Learning Time)

9:45—10:30 AM

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

(UnderTheOak Youth Group)

Middle School: 6:30-8:00 High School 7:45 – 9:15

A NOTE FROM NICK: 3 years ago I was given the opportunity and privilege to serve as your youth director here at Oakwood UMC. As pastor Mike would say “this is not a real church.” His meaning behind those words is that the community here is so supportive, loving, and encouraging that it doesn’t seem like the way a “normal” church conducts itself. I have been so blessed to be able to call Oakwood home and it is something that I will value all of my days. I want to thank all of the parents who have made it possible for your youth to be able to make it to church on Wednesday nights for the events, parties, camp, and other various things that we have done! Without you we would not have the strong group of youth that we do. I also want to thank all those who have volunteered their time and talents to our program. You are more than appreciated! As I look ahead to Ankeny First I feel many things. I feel excited, nervous, and challenged by this opportunity. One thing that comforts me is all the love and lessons I have learned here at Oakwood to ready myself for this new adventure. Whoever has the privilege to take over this youth program will encounter nothing but love, acceptance, and encouragement. We all have the same purpose here, we all have the same goal ahead of us, and we are all on the same team. Remember that in the times ahead. If anyone needs anything, anything at all, please do not hesitate to call me, text me, or even show up at my door. Thanks again for everything, and remember, for the kingdom in all we do.

JUNE SCHEDULE — NO ACTIVITIES PLANNED AT THIS TIME

DON'T FORGET ABOUT SUMMER GAMES:

If you have not signed up for camp yet, you need to! We are running out of space already!! If for any reason camp may be a hardship this year, please do not hesitate to contact me and we will figure it out! Oakwood has a reputation for being one of the biggest church that attends camp and I am very proud of that!! Sign up NOW to make sure that you are able to get a spot!



WORSHIP LEADERS - BLENDED SERVICE (8:30 – 1st Service)

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Scripture	Fellowship
June 7	Bassett	Westbrook / Nowels	J Swinton	Farber Small Group
June 14	Zimmer / Slings / Bloomquist	Shellabarger / Wright	B Curry	Harvey / Delk
June 21	Schwartz	Delk / Bassett	J Waltrip	* Mike's Reception
June 28	Cutler	JK Luce / Swinton	P Schwartz	OPEN

WORSHIP LEADERS - CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (10:45 – 2nd Service)

Date	Ushers	Greeters	Fellowship
June 7	Vitek	Stone / OPEN	Feldman / Anspach
June 14	Benge	OPEN	OPEN
June 21	Feldman	OPEN	* Mike's Reception
June 28	Bobst	OPEN	OPEN

June 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Grief group, 6:30 TKD	2	3 Wed Worship, 6:30	4 TKD	5	6 Men's Bible Study, 7:45am Annual Conference
7 Communion Sunday Annual Conference	8 Annual Conference TKD	9 Annual Conference Ad Board, 7:00	10 Supper Club, 4:00 Wed Worship, 6:30	11 Classics, noon	12	13 Men's Bible Study, 7:45am
14 Parable Recipients	15	16	17 Wed Worship, 6:30	18	19 <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	20 Men's Bible Study, 7:45am
21 Father's Day Mike's Card Shower and Send-off Reception	22 TKD	23	24 Wed Worship, 6:30	25 TKD	26	27 Men's Bible Study, 7:45am
28	29 TKD	30				



JUNE:

- 1- Richard Bolten
- 2- Jerry Forest, Tammy Johnson, Tina Spagnolo
- 4- Abby Benge, Norman Gustafson, Nick Jurgens, Sam Jurgens, Steve Messer
- 6- Jerzi Bice, Lanette Peavey
- 7- Cara Diamond, Anna Belle Kiprop
- 8- Diane Carr, Mindy Damico, Steve Louk, Garrett Peirce
- 9- Ralph Ryan
- 10- Derek O'Riley
- 11- Noah Fischer
- 12- Melanie Carlson
- 13- Janice Curry, Grant Alger
- 14- Sandy Winn
- 16- Dennis Bailey, Lauryn Hanson, Ellie Steenhoek, Kent Wilke, Jayme Carruthers
- 18- Mackenzie Woodard, Korben Coates
- 19- Sherri Atteberry, Ellen McComas, Mackenzie Parker
- 20- Jackie Likens, Caden Welch
- 21- Belle Hanniford
- 22- Weston White

- 23- Todd Lahmann, Nyal Wilson
- 24- **Pastor Richard Boatman**, Lottye Kiprop, Ryne Stewart, Payton Coates
- 25- Noah Bobst, Nathan Egger, Melinda Farber
- 26- Sydney Rounceville, Chris Bobst
- 27- Scott Turnbow, Hendrik Aasen
- 28- Dort Brotherson
- 29- Maxine Crane, Anne Lynam, Greg Harwood, Jessica Meredith
- 30- Judy Bailey, Jan Diamond, Steve Gonzalez

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- Jo & Bob Bell
Michele & Roger Johnson
- 4- Barb & Ron Allen
- 6- Sally & Dan DeGoey
- 7- Kathy & Larry Zimmer
- 8- Amber & Matt Moorberg
- 10- Kathy & Richard Bolten
- 11- Kelley & Eric Buchacker
- 12- Michelle & Ken Kenworthy
- 13- Kendra & Mark Bassett
- 15- Julie & Tyler Carlson
- 16- Diane & Kevin Carr
Mindy & Daniel Damico
- 17- Pat & Don Harvey
Dana & Dave Smith
- 19- Lanette & Kelly Peavey
Diane & David Colbert
- 20- Krystal & Jason Colbert
- 22- Dawn & Brian Carico
Sue & Pat Logan
Julie & Joel McCrea
Melinda & Doug Peirce
Kaitlyn & Nick Peters
- 26- Anne Lynam & Pete Koestler
- 27- Carol & Fred Arpy
- 28- Brian & Elisha Crow
- 29- Karla & Doug Griggs

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