

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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May 2024

Laurene Banza
(pronounced Lauren)

Husband: Pastor Felix
who currently serves
Our Savior UMC in
Manson, IA full time

Children:
Emmanuel - 9 years old
Emily - 3 years old
Gabriel - 1 year old



On behalf of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, we have an official announcement from the Bishop and the Cabinet of the Iowa Conference of the United Methodist Church.

With joy and excitement, we would like to inform you that Bishop Kennetha and her Cabinet have appointed Pastor Laurene Banza to our congregations.

Pastor Laurene will start her ministry among us effective July 1, 2024. She is coming to us with much energy and enthusiasm to be our next spiritual leader. Let us be in prayer for Pastor Laurene in this time of transition.

Pastor Laurene is married to Pastor Felix, who currently serves at Our Savior UMC in Manson, IA. They have three children: Emmanuel, Emily, and Gabriel.

Thank you so much, and may God bless you.

Upcoming Events:

-April 28- Baptism of Cece Wilde, daughter of Jake and Maddie Wilde

-May 1- Trustees meeting @ 5pm-Fireside Room

-May 2- UWF meets at 9:30am in Fireside room

-May 8th- Last day of youth group (8th-12th grade)

-May 12- Mother's Day

-May 12- we will be having a graduate recognition during service for our High School Graduates:

Darci Anderson, Grace Johnston, and Brooklyn Osborn.

There will be a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall (basement).

-May 15- Last day for after school program

-May 18- Fellowship Hall reserved for a graduation party.

-May 19- Fellowship Hall reserved for a graduation party.

—We now have a list of our leadership teams listed on our website. So, if you have questions about anything you will know who to go to for help.

Dial a Devotion May 2024

Many thanks to those who are sharing a devotion on Dial A Devotion. We invite and encourage you to share a devotion with the community. Contact church office if you wish to be a part of this ministry.

May 7— Paul Wilde

May 14— Kurt Knudsen

May 21— Joe Stein

May 28— Marilyn Sill

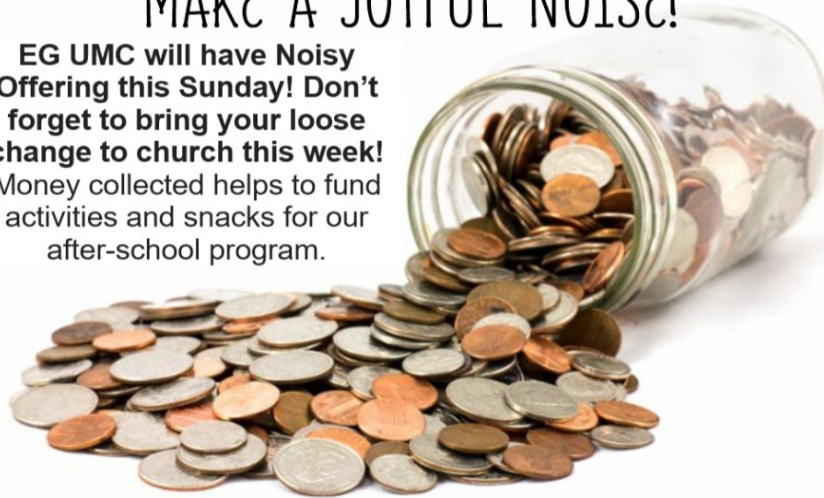
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In the event of an emergency such as hospital visits, family crisis or death Pastor Luke may be reached by calling our church office 448-4701. Outside of office hours contact: Yalonda Amonson 319-610-2593 or Pat Manues 515-570-6268 who in turn can text or call him personally. Please refrain from contacting Amy's personal cell after office hours.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

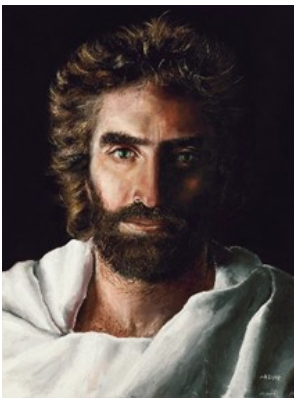
EG UMC will have Noisy Offering this Sunday! Don't forget to bring your loose change to church this week! Money collected helps to fund activities and snacks for our after-school program.



PARENTS: Bring your child(ren) to the fireside room before church at 9:00 am. We will practice music to share with the congregation during the service that begins at 9:30. This week we are playing youth bells, easy for all ages and something they all enjoy!

Mark your calendars: Feb 25 / Mar 31 (Easter - watch for updates) / Apr 28 / May 26

Next Dates for Noisy Offering are Sunday, April 28 and Sunday, May 26



It was announced on Easter Sunday that a generous anonymous donor has gifted the church with a print of the famous painting, "Prince of Peace" by Akaine Kramarik. Scholars and historians have analyzed the painting. They discovered when compared to and overlaid with the shroud of Turin, there is roughly about 90% accuracy and similarity between the two.

Jesus began to speak Akaine Kramarik when she was 4 yrs. old. She had never been to church and neither parent believed in God. She didn't even have a concept of a higher power, but when she was 8 and this "being of unconditional love" told her to paint His picture, she did.

I felt an unbelievable desire to this face I saw, but couldn't get it right, "Akaine said. "I prayed, "If you want me to paint this, bring Him to me.' One day, carpenter came to our door and I just knew this was the model."

From a sketch she drew in under an hour, she creates what is often touted as the most well-known painting of Jesus Christ in the world. The 8-year-old completed an exquisitely detailed 3'x4' portrait that was bigger than her in under 40 hours. (excerpt from the DailyTrib.com)

March/April Youth Group Happenings:

During the month of March we took time to review each of the days of Holy week and really examine the events that took place. We enjoyed working with the K-7 group to help lead a wonderful Easter service. Following Easter, we had a movie night and watched Jesus Christ Superstar. This inspired lots of conversation and the sequence of events really clicked for our group. It was fun to hear the kids point out things they remembered from our previous lessons. Prior to watching, we did discuss several biblical deviations portrayed in the movie as well. The nice spring weather provided us with time to take our class outdoors in early April. We enjoyed using the prayer garden and having a biblical scavenger hunt. Our last class for this year will be May 8th. Be sure to keep an eye out for more to come from this group! We plan to meet a few times over the summer and get back into our weekly meetings in the fall. We would like to thank everyone in the congregation that has supplied meals for our group this year! We appreciate it more than you know!



He IS RISEN!
HALLELUJAH!



Camp for our kiddos is coming up. A reminder that campership funds are always needed so that we can help support the kids and make church camp more affordable for all kids who want to attend. Any donations for that will be appreciated. Information for both camps located below:



—Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center is one option for the kids. It is located in Indianola, IA.

Tucked away near Lake Ahquabi, you'll find 344 acres overlooking rolling hills in a woodland retreat. Camp Wesley Woods offers a chance to learn about God's creation. What's more, we're only 30 minutes south from the Des Moines International Airport and Downtown Des Moines!

Whether you're coming in from out of town or just looking for a quick getaway, Wesley Woods is the perfect location for your next adventure.

To register or simply check out their website, go to www.wesleywoodsia.org. There is also information in the back of the sanctuary.



LAKE OKOBOJI
UNITED METHODIST CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

—Lake Okoboji United Methodist Camp & Retreat Center . This camp is located in Spirit Lake, IA.

Just off the shores of West Lake Okoboji lies over 100 beautiful acres of camp, conference and retreat opportunities in the heart of the Iowa Great Lakes Vacation land!

To register or simply check out their website, go to www.okobojicamp.com. There is also information in the back of the sanctuary.

—If you would like to sponsor a child from our congregation to attend camp. Please contact the office for more information.