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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Closed 12-1 pm

LOVING

APPORTIONMENTS PAID AT A HIGHER RATE IN 2017 THAN 2016. THANK YOU.

We recognize the following churches for their commitment to paying their apportionments. The following churches have paid more in 2017 than in 2016 by October 1, 2017.

Aurora UMC, Living Faith Parish (Monona), Plymouth, First UMC, Raymond UMC.

We celebrate the following churches for payment of 100% of their 2017 Apportionments:

Chester UMC, Colesburg UMC, Cresco Zion UMC, Dunkerton First UMC, Greene Yoke (UM-BR) UMC, Hazleton Trinity UMC, Plymouth First UMC, Silver Creek (Rowley) UMC, Union Sumner UMC.

Thank you to the following churches for being current with their apportionment payments:

Arlington UMC, Volga UMC, Cedar Falls St. Timothy's UMC, Mt. Hope UMC, West St. Charles UMC, Gladbrook Chapel UMC, Guttenberg UMC, Jesup First UMC, Parkersburg UMC, New Hartford UMC, Pleasant Valley UMC, Urbana UMC, Fredericksburg UMC.

Thank you to the following churches that are "almost there" with their apportionment payments:

Beaman UMC, Cedar Falls First UMC, Chelsea UMC, Conrad UMC, Dike UMC, Earlville United Parish, Evansdale St. Mark's UMC, Geneseo UMC, Hawkeye UMC, Alpha UMC, Hudson UMC, Riceville UMC, Marble Rock UMC, Lansing UMC, LaPorte City UMC, Toledo Christ UMC, Alice UMC, Clarksville Community UMC, Sumner UMC, Traer UMC, Waterloo Linden UMC, Strawberry Point UMC.

"INSPIRED HOPE" will bring several churches together for an afternoon workshop designed to equip laity for discipleship. The 2 to 5 pm workshop include 3 sessions: **(Please come between 1:30 and before 2 so we can start promptly at 2:00 PM).**

- Charge Conference – particularly important for all clergy, Administrative Council and SPPRC members.
- Discipleship session – for all clergy and laity – Get resources for the new "Wildly Important Goal" (WIG).
- Laity Empowerment – for all laity: Laity in the UMC are playing an ever more important role in the life of the church. This afternoon workshop, "Inspired Hope: Making a difference as Disciples for Christ" is being designed for you to recognize your gifts and explore ways to use your gifts in making disciples for Christ.

Please plan to attend. Help your church have good representation in the NE District.

*** The dates, time and locations are:

Sunday, October 22, 2017 at West Union UMC

Churches to attend this date are: Burr Oak, Calmar, Decorah, Lansing, New Albin, Waukon, Forest Mills, Living Faith Parish (Monona), Guttenberg, Strawberry Point, Edgewood, Colesburg, Greeley, Arlington, Volga, Fairbank, Hazleton, Randalia, Union Sumner, Hawkeye, Alpha, West Union, Fayette, Elgin.

Sunday, October 29, 2017 at Dike UMC

Churches to attend this date are: Greene Yoke, New Hope Parish, Shell Rock, Clarksville Community, Janesville, Hudson, Dike, Reinbeck, Grundy Center, Pleasant Valley, Beaman, Conrad, Gladbrook, Garwin, Gladbrook Chapel, Traer, Dysart, Chelsea, Living Faith Parish (Tama-Montour), Toledo Christ, Geneseo.

Sunday, November 5, 2017 at Charles City UMC

Churches to attend this date are: Sumner, Fredericksburg, Frederika, Plainfield, Waverly Trinity, Waverly Heritage, Nashua, Republic Community, New Hampton, Elma, Lime Springs, Chester, Cresco Zion, Cresco First, Riceville, McIntire, St. Ansgar, Little Cedar, Osage First, Shell Rock Valley Parish (Nora Springs, Plymouth first, Rock Falls, RUDD), Floyd Grace, West St. Charles, Charles City, Rockford, Marble Rock, Parkersburg, New Hartford.

Sunday, November 19, 2017 at Cedar Falls, First UMC

Churches to attend this date are: Manchester, Earlville United Parish, Delhi, Buck Creek, Rowley, Silver Creek (Rowley), Alice, Urbana, Independence First, Lamont Grace, Aurora, Jesup, LaPorte City, Raymond, Evansdale St. Mark's, Dunkerton, Mt. Hope, Oelwein, Cedar Falls Washington Chapel, Waterloo Jubilee, Cedar Falls St. Timothy's, Waterloo Kimball Avenue, Waterloo Linden, Waterloo St. Paul's, Waterloo First, Cedar Falls First.

Lay Member to Annual Conference 2018 MUST be elected at this charge conference date.

*Church Dashboard forms on the charge conference **must be completed 1 week prior to your charge conference date.** ** By hitting the "submit" button, this is the "save" button. Once you hit the "final submit" button, no changes can be made on the forms.*

Please send to the NE District Office one (1) week prior to your charge conference, your signed FORM I – this form is on the NE District web page. <http://northeast.iaumc.org/> To view the letter from Jackie regarding completion of the FORM I – click [here](#).

Parsonage Inspection forms are also due.

LEARNING

New workshop coming up – TALKING ABOUT TOUGH TOPICS – on Saturday, December 2 at Independence, First UMC. To register, send to: fumcoffice@indytel.com or call 319-334-3689. Cost is \$25.00 per person, make checks payable to First UMC and send to Independence, First UMC. See [flyer](#) for more information.

Health Benefits will be changing in the upcoming year. The NE District has scheduled October 18th from 10am to 2pm at Waverly, Trinity UMC. If you are attending on this date, you are asked to bring your own lunch or wait until released to get lunch in Waverly. See [here](#) for other locations if you are unable to attend this one.

Lay Servant Training: see this [flyer](#) for dates and times available in the NE District.

The planning team for the **IA UMC Clergy Women's Convo Sunday Nov 12 - Tuesday Nov 14** is so excited about our time together! It will be a deeply meaningful time with great worship, challenging preachers, heart-felt round-table discussions on important topics that affect us all. **AND there will be FUN!!!!** Free time to play and hang out together and connect.

If you haven't registered yet please do so [Here!!](#) If you have already registered please invite 2 friends to join you! (We'll even welcome some Lutherans, UCC or Presby women clergy!) **YES, it is for all types of clergy - Elders, Deacons, LLP, Associates ALL Y'ALL come join us!!! (Sarah Rohret)**

LEADING

Rev. Jane Voigts, an elder with the California-Pacific Conference who is still on "family leave" and living in Waverly, is available for pulpit supply (as well as leading retreats, teaching classes, etc) until June 2018. You can reach her at 805-704-7868 or janevoigts@yahoo.com. You can learn more about Jane at her website: www.janevoigts.com.

Save the Date Events in NE District:

Sat. October 14th – Jesup, First UMC – Practices of Disciple Making

Wed. October 18th – Waverly Trinity UMC - Health Benefits Open Enrollment Information

Sat. December 2nd – Independence, First UMC – Talking about the Tough Topics

Feb. 3 & Feb 6th 2018 – MANDATORY ETHICS TRAINING.

NE DISTRICT ANNUAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be held on March 11, 2018, with a snow date of March 18, 2018. More details of time and location will be announced.

See our calendar on our NE District Web Page <http://northeast.iaumc.org/> to “view all” events around our district and the ones you post on **YOUR CHURCH DASHBOARD!**