

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT



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NED – North East District

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



Greetings from NED at
Toledo Christ UMC.

Sometimes Purple is not my favorite color...

Iowa is a purple state. Partly blue, partly red, partly conservative, partly liberal. We're mixed in Iowa politics and we're mixed in the Iowa United Methodist Church. I admire the strong, clear statements about General Conference 2019 that are coming from the West and the East Coasts. Their leaders, their Churches, their pastors are on the same page and they speak with one voice. We, on the other hand, are not and do not. Sometimes purple is not my favorite color.

I would very much love to voice my opinion on the full inclusion of our Gay and Lesbian Sisters and Brothers in the UMC, but it would not be anything more than my opinion. It would not represent the North East District; it would not make the divisions among us go away. It would delight some of you and disappoint some of you.

It's not a leader's job to decide for us. That's what Annual and General Conference are for. We all have a voice and we all get to decide. As Pastoral leaders, we exercise leadership not by telling folks what to believe, but by providing a safe place where honest dialogue and personal growth can take place, guided by the Holy Scriptures and our reason, experience, and tradition—with a heavy dose of the Holy Spirit!

Sometimes purple is not my favorite color. But in the places where ideas, faith, and loyalties collide—the mixed places—are the risky opportunities for deep and lasting change.

Grace and Peace,
Paul

NEXT YEAR – RAINBOW COVENANT WILL BE CALLED “IN MISSION TOGETHER”

Hello all!

It is getting closer to start the new reporting. In Mission Together. We will be reporting on three main items

giving:

servicing:

partnership

what you gave, where you served and who you are creating a partnership with. This way we have a spot for things such as spending all day at the homeless shelter, with 12 volunteers and meeting the director Jane who now knows who to call when they need things. (that is a made-up example).

I am looking forward to how this will all work out and getting the final touches on everything. Our mission Ed meeting is March 9th.

In the meantime, if you could help remind people that the ones that do their rainbow covenant forms, and soon IMT forms, are volunteers. That we are in a time of transition and to please not yell at them.

Thank you for all that you do. I am sending a mission moment that may help with some questions.

Beth Odor, Chair of Mission Ed

See flyer [here](#).

Lay Servant Training available in the North Central District on Saturday April 27th – see more information [here](#).

2019 Iowa Licensing School is May 16 – 24th in Dubuque, IA. Deadline for registration is April 20, 2019!

See more information at this link: <https://www.iaumc.org/iowalicensingschool>

Friday March 1st – Fund Balance Report – aka – Audit Report – *is due in the NE District Office* – see the NE District web page and this is under “Forms” - <https://northeast.iaumc.org/forms> The churches that have not sent theirs in yet and have been notified of this are:

Cedar Falls Washington Chapel, Colesburg, Dunkerton, Elma, Floyd Grace, Forest Mills, Independence, Waterloo Jubilee, Living Faith (Tama/Montour), Randalia, Raymond, Rockford First, Sumner, Waterloo Linden, West St. Charles.

Sunday April 28th - NE District Conference is scheduled from 2:30 to 5:00. We will discuss many topics and hand out Rainbow Covenant Certificates, Grant checks from applications received, receive much information to help us thru the year.

Friday May 1st – Another Set of Eyes are due and they are on the NE District Web page: <https://northeast.iaumc.org/forms> – by everyone – **even if you are retiring the end of June.**

June 7 – 11th – Annual Conference in Des Moines – see web page at Iowa Conference - <https://www.iaumc.org/eventdetail/12062135?month=6&year=2019&day=1&display=m> Hotels are available to make your reservations. **If you need to order your Pre-Conference Manual, make sure you keep checking here.**

Parsonage Inspection Reports are due - we also have a "NEW" form - Parsonage Information Sheet - and you can view these on our NE District Web page at: <https://northeast.iaumc.org/forms>

Spring 2019 Order of Elders, Order of Deacons, & the Fellowship of Local Pastors & Associate Members Event

Tuesday, April 9th from 10 a.m.—3 p.m. at Ames, First UMC
(516 Kellogg Ave., Ames, IA 50010)

[Online Registration](#)

[Printable Registration](#)

General Conference has left our conference frayed. How do we talk about this together? Where are we now? How do we relate to this decision? No matter where we are at, we need to be healthy. This time will allow us to Invest in our spiritual and relational connection as the Order of Elders, Order of Deacons and Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members. Full time clergy are expected to attend, and part time clergy are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be provided.

The cost is \$25, and lunch is provided. Contact Lisa Steel at lisa.larson@iaumc.org with questions.



Check out the Circuit Rider picture from Jesup First UMC:
Can you find the “whale” hidden in this picture?

Finance Manager Job Posting

First United Methodist Church is accepting applications for the position of Finance Manager. This part time position requires the candidate to be organized and have a friendly attitude, while ensuring information is accurate and confidential. The position is the financial contact for church members, vendors and the church conference.

Qualifications include a minimum of a two-year degree in accounting or closely related field with a minimum of four years’ experience in accounting, reconcilements and payroll processing. Applicant should be proficient in computer skills with MS office and accounting software. Church Windows experience is a plus. Position is part-time.

Applications are available at the church office located at 718 Clay Street, Cedar Falls, IA. Church phone number is 319-266-1713. Please return the application along with a letter of interest and a resume to church address with attention: Pastor Scott Keele Kober or send information to the following email address scott.kober@aboutfirst.com.

The Ingathering Task Force has made some changes for 2019. See the flyer [here](#). You can also visit their web page at: <https://www.iaumc.org/ingathering/#iac>

“The Accidentals” will be in concert on Sunday April 7, 2019 at 2PM at 354 – 2nd Street N. Winthrop, IA. See flyer [here](#).