

## FROM THE OFFICE OF THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT



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

### LOVING

#### A Note from God's Country

I just got back from an amazing trip to Zimbabwe, Africa. I'm back now, but my body feels like I'm still lagging somewhere over Greenland!

We toured Victoria Falls, walked the mile-high bridge to Zambia (no, I did not bungy jump the Zambezi) saw wild elephants, ostriches, rhinos and Giraffe;

We floated down the Zambezi river among crocodiles and hippos.



But by far the high point of our 10 days in Africa came in the meeting of the 6 Africa University students that Iowa United Methodists support. "I am studying political ethics", says Samuel, "so I can help our government truly serve our people the way they should." Lumiere studies laboratory science in hopes

of finding cures for malaria, yellow fever, and the host of other diseases that ravage her continent. David wants to be a teacher, Chinique a pastor.



For 26 years Africa University has brought hope, help, and faith to Africa through the gift of higher education. It's graduates now serve in the highest levels of Government, Church, industry, and Education. These students are by far the most blessed and beautiful sight I witnessed in Africa because they are the continent's Bright Future.

I am so thankful that I met them, but even more thankful that for 26 years our Church has helped to make that future possible through its support for Africa University! "Brothers and Sisters, be not weary in well doing..."

2Thessalonians 3:13.

Yours in Christ, Paul

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Did you know that for some years Rainbow Covenant has been the same, BUT, in 2020 – it is changing. Check it out [here](#).

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Saturday November 3, 2018 there will be training on: Mental Health First Aid Training – see more information [here](#).

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Bishop Laurie Haller will be in the NE District on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 4:00 pm at Cedar Falls First UMC to give us more information on: A Way Forward – Fall Gathering. Plan on attending this very informative event.

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2018 STATISTICAL COLLECTION DATE IS NEW – IT WILL BE FEBRUARY 14, 2019!!! Not the end of the month! Mark your calendars so you do not get the penalty in your apportionments. This is new, and you will be receiving information from the Conference Center regarding this change also.

**LEARNING**

IOWA LICENSING SCHOOL Information click on this web page for more information.

<https://www.iaumc.org/iowalicensingschool>

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Thanksgiving Ingathering: click here for more information at our Cedar Falls site:

<https://www.iaumc.org/eventdetail/10664594>

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Retiree's report to the church charge conference. This form can be filled out and returned to the NE District Office – see form at this web page:

<https://www.iaumc.org/files/tables/content/1684971/fields/files/d836eb1501054bbfb79e71a852069dba/2018+retirees+report.pdf>

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Lay Speaker Annual Report can be located on the Iowa Conference web page – see the link here:

[https://www.iaumc.org/files/tables/content/8735091/fields/files/0e7110da682f4392b32360cf28961ead/lay-speaker\\_annual-report\\_2018\\_fillable.pdf](https://www.iaumc.org/files/tables/content/8735091/fields/files/0e7110da682f4392b32360cf28961ead/lay-speaker_annual-report_2018_fillable.pdf)

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## LEADING

### ALL YOUTH: MARK THESE DATES DOWN!

November 2/3 – Ingathering Lock-In at Cedar Falls – FREE – see flyer [here](#). You must also bring the Release of Liability form – see form [here](#).

January 25 & 26, 2019 – Ski Trip Lock-In at Mankato, MN - \$30.00

August 3, 2019 – Tubing in Decorah - \$10.00

Make sure you complete the **NE District Event Registration & Release Form** and bring this with you to each event – especially the Ingathering LOCK-IN at UNI. See this form on our NE District web page at: <https://northeast.iaumc.org/forms>

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You are invited to help the Earlville United Parish youth raise money for kids with cancer at their – 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL – 5K GLOW Run/Walk on Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm – see flyer [here](#).

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Disaster Response to Hurricane Michael – click [here](#) for the updated information and Yes, clean up buckets can be given at Ingathering time.

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***To our awesome clergy*** – this month is **Clergy Appreciation Month!** We thank each of you for all the hard work you do and the messages you prepare for your congregation each week. So, make sure to give your clergy some appreciation this month and show them how much you care what they do to lift you up spiritually.

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Oelwein Grace UMC is hosting a Fall Harvest Garage Sale on Friday Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>. Bring your items by Wednesday or Thursday. Thing about also sharing any of your fall bulbs that you may be digging up.

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Prayers needed:

Our former District Superintendent has been in the ICU in Cedar Rapids but is currently home recuperating. Please send lots of prayers to Jackie Bradford to help her have a full recovery.