

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

The office is closed on Friday's until Labor Day.

LOVING

Greetings from Paul – your new District Superintendent:

Dear friends, both lay and clergy, of the North East District,

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received since coming on the District two weeks ago! My wife, Gayle, and I are so grateful for the kindness (and occasional forgiveness) you have extended upon our arrival. A special thanks to the NE parsonage committee and its chair Dennis Burns for welcoming us with a clean and beautiful home! We are very much enjoying getting re-acquainted with the Cedar Falls community. Both Gayle and I spent a good part of our early lives growing up around here! Now I find that I will need to continue to grow up some more if I am ever going to be equal to the task before me. Please keep Gayle and me in your prayers as we put down new roots among you!

It has been a real blessing to worship with you these last three Sundays. I've heard three very fine sermons and felt a genuine spirit of love, acceptance and family among you. Don't be surprised if you see me slip into your church some Sunday morning in the future. I'm not there to spy on you; my heart is hungry for God's Word in the preaching moment, and for a Spirit of community and belonging—just like everybody else. I just want to worship among God's people!

I am looking forward to meeting so many of you in the next couple months and having the opportunity to know you better and dream together of what can be possible when God moves among the Churches of the NE district!

May God Bless and Keep you all for the journey ahead!

Paul Wilcox

TO ALL CLERGY – Your People Dashboard is now ready with your Professional Interview Forms. They are to be completed one (1) week prior to your interview time with Paul. *You will be getting your interview time and email before the end of tomorrow.* These forms must be completed before you come to the NE District Office for your interview.

You can get the link to the People Dashboard – AND – the Church Dashboard at the NE District Web Page: <https://northeast.iaumc.org/> If you have trouble getting signed on, please contact the NE District Office at the above phone number or send us an email.

LEARNING

Mental Health First Aid Training on Thursday August 16, 2018 at Cedar Falls First UMC – see more information at the link here: <https://www.iaumc.org/mentalhealthinitiative> or you can go to our NE District web page under “Events” and see more information here also.

Iowa Licensing School information for 2019 – see flyer [here](#).

Leadership Institute 2018 will be September 26th – September 28th – see flyer [here](#).

BoOM Candidacy Retreat Information – click [here](#).

Disaster Hand book – Click [here](#).

LEADING

A Way Forward Fall Gathering – Save the date. It is Sunday November 18th and we will hold this at Cedar Falls First UMC. They have been gracious to let us hold this event here again. More information will be provided when it becomes available.

August 11 is a Summer District Youth Event – a fun date of Tubing down the Decorah river and then going for pizza and then playing games in the park. Cost is \$10.00. Contact Heather Dixon at: 641-228-5368 or email her at trinityyouthchuck@gmail.com

You can also see more information on the NE District Web Page: <https://northeast.iaumc.org/>

A message from the Disaster Response Team:

Please Consider taking a Special Offering to help support the flood response and recovery efforts in Iowa.

MANY, Many, communities are dealing with flooding across the northern two tiers of the state. Very heavy Rain June 7, 14 and 20, 2018 has resulted in flooding across the state.

Assistance in the way of Clean-up Buckets and Emergency Grants are already being delivered. Your help will be needed in the days to come (after the water recedes) to help clean up and begin the process of restoration, we will let you know as requests come in.

OR,

You can contact the Pastor/church office in one of the flooded communities to offer support/help/prayers.

Financial assistance can be given thru Iowa Annual Conference Special Advance #223 and should be set to the Iowa Conference Treasurers office.

Please keep all who are dealing with flooding and clean-up in your prayers.

Blessings

Pastor Catie Newman - 712-899-4067

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