

***DON'T MISS OUT ON KICK-OFF  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13***

9:00am Continental Breakfast for  
everyone at the McVay FC

9:15am Sunday School Kick-Off-McVay FC  
Worship 8am & 10:30am

## New Sharon United Methodist Church



***Worship Times: 8:00am & 10:30am  
Continental Breakfast: 9:00am  
Christian Education Groups: 9:15am***

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**September**

**2009**

***Life Is Simple.....Love God,  
Love People, Make Disciples.***

## ***Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples***

Those of you who've been around the New Sharon United Methodist Church for a while have seen this slogan many times. Those six words summarize what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

*Love God, Love Others*, sum up Jesus' Great Commandments, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: "Love your neighbor as yourself." The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40 NLT

*Make Disciples* condenses Jesus' Great Commission, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19 TNIV

I was thinking the other day about our slogan and it occurred to me, besides being a summary of Jesus' expectation for his followers, they are the formula for growing the church. When we love God and love others the natural outcome is that disciples are made. If a church is growing, if it is making disciples, the reason is because the people are loving God and loving others.

Think about it this way. If you discover a new restaurant that's really terrific, you won't hesitate to tell your friends about. You won't think, "I don't feel comfortable talking to my friends about restaurants. Where a person eats is a very personal choice." Or, "My friends aren't the kind of people who like to eat out, so it would be a waste of time talking to them about a restaurant." Instead, you'd want to tell your friends about this great new restaurant that you just love so that they could experience it too.

Worship and small groups at the New Sharon UMC are some of the most terrific spiritual experiences anyone can have. Those who come back time and again do so because they are finding something worth making the effort to put aside other things and attend. When you discover something which makes a positive difference in your life, the loving thing to do is to tell others about it.

Our fall kick off is a great time to invite your friends to experience the blessings that you have received by being a part of our congregation. To assist you as you love your friends there is included with this newsletter is an oversized postcard. Please give this card to a friend when you invite them, or send it to a friend along with a personal invitation. By doing so, you will be loving God, loving others, and making disciples.

Grace and Peace,



**NEW KIT INFORMATION FOR 2009  
(THIS IS IMPORTANT SO PLEASE READ!)**

1. There are no changes in the UMCOR kits. Remember to use the 2008 book for the items needed in the kits. Remember to include **in your remittance check** the \$1 for toothpaste for the health kits. Don't put the dollar in the kit!
2. Churches who bring baby jackets and sweaters and empty school bags DO NOT need to pay shipping for them. If you want to add an additional amount to help with the shipping, that is fine, but you don't need to pay \$2 per item.
3. There is a change in the value of the INP Knitting Kit from \$12 to \$15. The items are the same.
4. The rest of the INP kits are the same as last year, with two additional kits.

**DORM KIT – INP**

Boarding students at the church-sponsored secondary school will receive this kit, a combo of health/school kit, as they settle into the dorm. Add \$1 for toothpaste to be purchased later.

**1 large new bath towel (24" to 27" by 44" to 52"), 1 washcloth, 1 bath sized bar of soap in wrapper, 6" to 8" comb (wide tooth), 1 toothbrush in original sealed package, 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers, 2 spiral notebooks (10 ½" x 8", wide rule, 3 hole, 1 hand pencil sharpener, approximately 140 sheets total**

Wrap all items in the towel and secure with two heavy rubber bands. Place in appropriate sized ziploc bag, push out air and seal. Value \$14 + \$3 (\$2 for shipping, \$1 for toothpaste)


**BIRTHING KIT**

Traditional Birth Attendants and midwives deliver babies in unsanitary places in the bush, in huts and alongside the road. With this kit they will have all the necessary clean and sanitary equipment to cut the umbilical cord while assisting with the delivery.

**Plastic disposable drop cloth (like used in painting) 9' x 12'  
2 pieces of twine 18" long, 1 pair latex gloves, 2 single edge razor blades 4 - 4" x 4" gauze squares, 4 - 2" x 2" gauze squares 6 alcohol swabs, 1 roll clear flexible adhesive tape, ¾" x 25' 1 tube antibiotic ointment (1 oz)**

Place items in gallon-size ziploc bag. Value \$10 + \$2 for shipping  
Please note that many of these items are purchased in larger amounts (e.g., gloves in boxes of 50) so churches are encouraged to make multiple birthing kits.

**September Anniversaries and Birthdays**

Sept. 01:	Andy & Bonnie Dawley Duane & Carol Renaud Mary & Leon Mitchell John & Linda Colligan	Sept. 02:	Cody Davis
03:	Bob & Janine Larson Nathan & Lisa Connor	03:	Sylvia Criss Derek Brown
06:	Chris & Phyllis VerSteegh	04:	Phil Morris
08:	Marvin & Ellen Geurts	05:	Austin Osmond
11:	Danny & Vicky Hartgers	06:	Merwyn Fox Carma DeJong Milan DeJong
15:	Leland & Katherine Crave Robert & Alberta Templeton Dave & Diana Bair	08:	Larry Johnson
19:	Jeff & Jill Walston	10:	Gary Haworth Paige Hibler
21:	Kevin & Stacia McGriff	11:	Barry DeJong
23:	Clint & Ashton Long	12:	Jordan Ferguson
24:	Travis & Lisa Stodghill	14:	Vicky Hartgers Stacia Burns
26:	Bert & Vickie Davis	16:	Julie Crile
27:	Phil & Jacque Griffin	17:	Tony Whitis Ann Lewis Cassie Hibler
28:	Larry & Christy Gay	18:	Tammy Bair Pam Collister Jared Rook
29:	Kelly & Mindy Playle	19:	Roger Robinson Kenneth Rensink
<b>SEPTEMBER GREETERS...</b>			
Sept 13- 8am - Gary & Sherrill Strobel		20:	Jody Pothoven Dwane Brown
10:30 - Marvin & Julie Knoot			Maddi McGriff Kami Mathes
Sept 20-8am Bev Klein & Gayle Fergusc		21:	Gene Fox
10:30 - Don & Jan Frank		22:	Mary VerSteegh Caleb Fox
Sept 27- 8am - John & Linda Colligan		23:	Lea DeCook
10:30 - Julie Battern & Alice Hudso		24:	LaVoe DeJong
		25:	Sharon VanDusseldorp Braden Steel
		27:	Abygail Thompson
		28:	Marty Silvers Harold Williams Carrie Vander Beek
		29:	Jim Woods Teri Haworth Cameron DePenning
		30:	Tara Carrico

Bob & Janine Larson, Lora Ross, Marvin & Julie Knoot, Phil & Jacque Griffin, Julie Battern, Dan & Charlie Ann Terborg, (not pictured Alfred Steen) just a few of last year's Beginnings adult small group participants.

**SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> – Fall Kick-Off**  
**Again we will be offering two worship services**  
**8:00 AM and 10:30 AM**  
**Christian Education-Sunday School at 9:15 AM**

Join us as Pastor John kicks off the Fall session and begins a six week sermon series based on the book, **Fearless** by Max Lucado.

They're talking layoffs at work, slowdowns in the economy, flare-ups in the Middle East, turnovers at headquarters, downturns in the housing market, upswings in global warming. The plague of our day, terrorism, begins with the word terror. Does each new day seem to bring fresh reasons for fear?

Imagine your life, wholly untouched by fear. What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats? If you could extract every last shaving of dread, insecurity, and doubt, what would remain? Envision a day, just one day, when you could trust more and fear less. Can you imagine your life without fear?

Sept 13th	Why are we afraid?
Sept 20th	Fear of not mattering.
Sept 27th	Fear of disappointing God.
Oct 4th	Fear of Life's final moments.
Oct 11th	Fear of global calamity.
Oct 18th	Fear of God getting out of my box.



**Fearless**

Can you imagine your life without fear?

In his book, "Fearless" **Max Lucado** offers hope and calm in a time of unprecedented fear in our nation and the world. "Fearless" draws from Jesus' encounters with people in frightening situations giving evidence that we can trust God through these scary times.

Join Mark Howe and Brenda Jess as they reflect on Max's timeless messages. This DVD study will take a close look at our greatest fears and offers reassurance and guidance through even the toughest moments of our lives. Discover how to find a sense of peace and security in today's troubled world.

**Thanksgiving Ingathering Saturday, November 7, 2009**  
**DEADLINE October 28**

**LAYETTE KITS:** *6 cloth diapers, 2 shirts or 2 onesies, 2 sleepers, 2 baby washcloths, 2 diaper pins, 1 sweater or jacket open in front, 2 receiving blankets.*

Bundle items inside one of the blankets and secure with diaper pins (value \$35 plus \$2 shipping)

**KNITTING KITS:** *1 pair of 10in. needles, size 8, 1 crochet hook, size E, 2 7oz. skeins of yarn (acrylic, same dye lot of a worsted solid color), 2 yarn needles, size 16, 1 pair of small scissors, size 4 or 5.*

Place needles in skein of yarn and place in appropriate ziploc bag. (Value is \$12 plus \$2 shipping)

**HEALTH KITS:** *Add \$1 for toothpaste to be purchased by the UMCOR Depot. 1 new hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27"), 1 new washcloth, 1 bath sized bar of soap in wrapper (3oz or larger), 6 band aids (3/4"), 1 large study comb (not pocket sized), 1 new toothbrush in original sealed wrapper (no child-sized), 1 nail file or fingernail clipper (no emery boards or toenail clippers)*

Fold the towel and washcloth and lay the other items on top. Place in a ziploc bag. (Value \$12 plus \$2 shipping)

**SCHOOL KITS:** *3 notebooks, 8 ½" X 11" wide ruled (210-250 sheets total, spiral or bound), 1 2 ½" eraser, 1 30cm metric ruler, 1 hand pencil sharpener, 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24), 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers*

All items are placed in a study cloth bag, 14" x 16" with 22" handles (UMW does have these bags available for you to use). Do not put any of the items in a ziploc bag. Value \$11 plus \$2 shipping)

**SEWING KITS:** *3 yards cotton or cotton blend fabric (one piece), 1 sewing scissors, 1 new spool of matching thread, 5-8 matching flat buttons, 1 package hand sewing needles.*

Fold fabric and lay other items on top. Seal in ziploc bag. Value \$18 plus \$2 shipping

**Mrs. Winifred Harris**, spouse of Rev. Frederic G. Harris, died on Saturday, August 29, 2009. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family and friends.

**Rev. Harris** served Ladora-Kosztka; Richland-Ollie; Marshalltown (Assoc.); Reinbeck; Everly-Spencer, Zion; Staff Chaplain, Jacksonville State Hospital, Jacksonville, IL; Pastor-Counselor to Ford County Mental Health Services, Paxton, IL; Morning Sun-Yarmouth; New Sharon-Taintor and New Sharon. He retired in 1992.

Rev. Harris, 1508A Orchard Meadow Drive, Burlington, IA 52601

**Memorials** may be sent to the Winifred A. Harris Piano Education Foundation, PO Box 1339, Burlington, IA 52601.



### Sunday School Teachers

3, 4, and 5 year olds: Mary Jo Hibler,  
Donna Spoelstra, LeAnn James

1st & 2nd: Nancy Brown & Stacy Koehler

3rd: Janet Lacey & Nicky Dahm

4th: Sharon Van Dusseldorp & Susan Upton

5th: Vicky Hartgers

6th: Robert Spoelstra

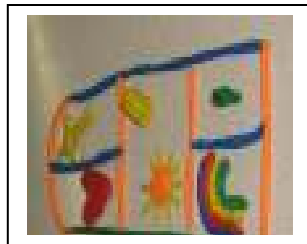
7 & 8th: Wes & Jimmah White

9 & 10th: Al Robinson & Kenney Davis

11-12th: Ron & Kathi Thompson

Music: Jacey Walston & LeAnn James

Nursery: Sabrina & Kelsey Davis



Last Year's Sunday School  
Kick-Off Activity



## A GRAND NEW DAY

### It's Not too Late to Begin Again

**Do you ever wish for a new beginning? A chance to start over?**

Do you ever look back on the decisions you have made and feel as if you have settled for a second rate life? Maybe as a young girl you had dreams of how your life would be, yet as a grown woman you look around and wonder how you got to this place of despondency and disappointment.

The God who created us wants to bless us. He offers us today and every day- a new beginning.

We invite you to join Polly Ehert in this Women of Faith Study Guide Series by Sheila Walsh and encounter all the blessings God has made ready for you.

Get ready as God reveals the grand new day He has planned for you!



## FIREPROOF

### Take this 40 Day Challenge

Improve ALL the Relationships in Your Life

Financial pressures, the stress of parenting, differences between men and women, boredom, temptations- they can all scorch a relationship. The fires will come- will your marriage last?

Fireproof your marriage is founded on biblical principles for strong, God-centered, lifelong marriages. Engage in this 6-sessions study, using video clips from FIREPROOF, along with thought-provoking discussion questions and individual and couples devotionals.

## Evening Adult Small Groups LIFEKEYS

Is your life fulling? Do the roles you play or the work you do fit who you are? Does the life you lead give you a sense of purpose and meaning?

Lifekeys is a comprehensive guide to discovering your talents, spiritual gifts, passions, values, and personality---all that God made you to be.



## BEGINNINGS

You will explore who you are, who God is, and how our lives intersect with God. You may discover who Christians believe God is, how God touches human lives, and how we may strengthen our relationship with God. All of us are a work in progress.

**Congratulations to all of our 4-H students.  
What a great year for showing at the fair.**

**WATCH FOR GEMS COOKIE FUNDRAISER IN SEPTEMBER.**

**Prayer List...** Our troops, the economy, upcoming school year (students and staff), Sunday School Kick-Off, college students, Greg & Vickie Stout (SWIM), Josh Moffit-seminary, Karli Bruxvoort, Carrie Bloem, Treyton Robinson, Midge Tiefenthal, Nancy Northcutt-hip surgery, Kathy Veenstra, Jordan Rook

**Expectant Mothers...** Kim (Scott) Lacey, Lisa Colligan (Brandt) Eischen, Jill Williams (Justin) Van Soelen, Tara (Lacey) Dan White, Courtney (Aaron) Schock

**Our Troops...** Andy Robinson, Megan Jansen (Iraq)

## THANK YOU....

Words cannot begin to express the appreciation we feel for the outpouring of love and support through our walk with cancer. Thank-you for all your prayers, for the meals you provided, all the cards, and visits. We are overwhelmed by the way you have enfolded us. We still have a long road ahead--approximately 37 weekly treatments yet. We ask for your continued prayer support for the weeks ahead. Thank-you too for all the kind expressions of sympathy in the death of our dear mother. We praise God for the way He has carried us and know without a doubt He will continue to sustain us with His grace. God bless you all.

Phil & Carrie Bloem  
Levi & Katie Nunnikhoven, Josi and Lucas

Our sympathy goes out to Tom Hillers and family for the recent death of his father, Paul Hillers. Tommy's address is: 501 North Lafayette, Valparaiso, IN 46383.

Congratulations to Maury and Regina (Fread) Anderson on the birth of a baby boy. Isaac Eldon born on August 24 at 7:00pm. Isaac weighed 7lbs 2oz. 20 1/2" long. Baby and mom are doing great.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH** to all of you that deep cleaned the McVay FC kitchen this week. The three days of work is so much appreciated! Also, thank you to those that came to the parsonage on Thursday and helped after the basement flooded.



Levi Nunnikhoven shown here with Jeff Walston.

## SPPR NEWS...

We have some great news about our Co-Pros Leader position. Jeff Walston has accepted this position. We truly believe Jeff is the right person for this job and has the passion to take our PROS to the next level. If you see Jeff please help us congratulate him on his new position.

We are pleased that Levi Nunnikhoven is still helping with PROS as a volunteer on Thursday evenings. We feel like we have some of the best youth group, GEMS, Cadets, and Sunday School leaders and helpers around! Thanks to all of them for their dedication to our youth.