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The Grapevine is a weekly publication designed to enhance our church communications. The deadline to get material submitted is Thursday at 8:00 AM. Call the office at 515-996-2572 or e-mail your information to [office@vmumc.com](mailto:office@vmumc.com).

## UMC Summer Camp Registration

We've been through a bit of weather whiplash this past week, and we may yet have another round of seriously chilly weather, but spring will be here before you know it and summer will follow.



It is time to start planning for summer fun at one of our United Methodist camps. The Iowa UM Camp and Retreat Team is getting ready to be back in the sunshine sharing about Christ's love and making new, lifelong friendships. Whether you've never been to camp before or if you've been coming for years, a new adventure awaits you and your family.

The Iowa UMC has two wonderful camps and camping opportunities galore, with programs tailored to different ages and abilities, for individuals or families. **Camp registration is open now.** The Van Meter church will pay half the camp fee for members and other regular church participants.



We have camp flyers on the table in the entryway, or you can [check online at www.iaumc.org/camps](http://www.iaumc.org/camps). You will also find online registration forms, campership (financial aid) information, and catalogs.



## Spring Forward

Daylight Saving Time begins **next Sunday, March 10**. Remember to set your clocks forward.



## Mission of the Month

This month, donations to Missions will go to support the work of Families Forward (which includes Bidwell Riverside) and in particular the work of the **Bidwell Pantry**.

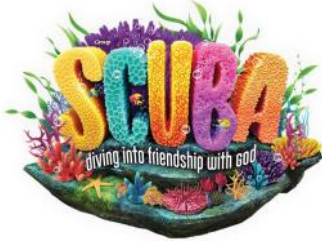
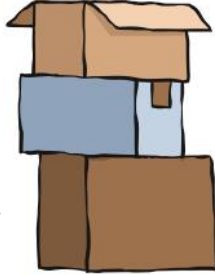
Missions will join the youth group's March service project, working at the Bidwell Pantry on **Sunday, March 10**, with a 12:30 departure.

Talk with Mindy Doggett if you are interested in joining this or any Missions project.



## Cardboard Needed

Courtney is collecting cardboard for her VBS building projects. Please bring your boxes and other cardboard to the church. You may leave them in the church main office or, if it is closed, inside the front doors. Thanks for your help.



## Sacks and Bags, Please

The church is now collecting paper, plastic, and cloth bags for the Bidwell Food Pantry (and on occasion for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry in Adel as well). This will be an ongoing collection, as their need is likewise ongoing.

Please leave your bag donations in the labelled bin located in the entryway.



*cloth*



*plastic*



*paper*

## High Tea and Fellowship

Ladies of the church are invited to spend a relaxing afternoon of fellowship with your friends drinking tea and sampling treats. Come celebrate the arrival of spring (and take a break from tax preparations) with a traditional high tea, featuring scones, finger sandwiches, and a selection of pastries.

**April 13**

**3:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**Board and Batten LLC**

1408 Walnut St. in Dallas Center

**\$40 (+tax)/person**

**purchase tickets online by April 7**

There are a limited number of seats, so please buy your tickets early. [Here's a link to their website.](#) If you want to learn more, talk to Marva DeBoer. (Also, she'd like to know who has signed up.)



## Adel Good Samaritan Food Pantry Donations

**Toothpaste** is the personal item for the month. Place your unopened donation in the marked tub in the church entryway.



## Please Pray for...

### those under medical care

Peggy McDonald (friend of Connie Cooper), Keith Gunzenhauser, Chuck Keltner, Raeann Thomas, Nyla Peeler, Melvis Jimmerson, Gene DeBoer



**those recovering from illness or abuse; caregivers; refugees; those living with challenges; people going through transitions**

**Kansas City rally victims and their families**

**those in harm's way** (in war zones, first responders, medical professionals)

**those who continue to be in grief**




## Easter Sunrise Service and Breakfast

It is our tradition to have an additional service early Easter morning. We come in the dark, and during the service the sun rises, as did the Son.

The Easter Sunrise service begins at 6:30 AM. Early risers who attend are encouraged to stay after for a time of fellowship at our Sunrise Breakfast. If you would like to bring something to the table, there's a sign up sheet in the entryway.



## Calendar for Holy Week

Date	Name	Special Event
24 March	Palm Sunday	
29 March	Good Friday	 7 PM service
31 March	Easter Sunday	 Sunrise service 6:30 AM (breakfast follows) worship service 10:45 AM

## Calendar

### This Week

<b>Sun., Mar. 3</b>	Adult Discussion Group <b>Worship service</b> S.W.A.G. youth group (middle school)	9:30 AM <b>10:45 AM</b> 6:30-7:30 PM
Mon., Mar. 4	Exercise Your Faith Trustees meeting	1:30 PM 6:30 PM
Tues., Mar. 5	Admin. Council meeting	6:00 PM
Wed., Mar. 6	J.A.M. Chancel Choir rehearsal	6:00 PM 7:00 PM

### Next Week

<b>Sun., Mar. 10</b>	Daylight Saving Time begins Adult Discussion Group <b>Worship service</b> Youth service project with Missions to Bidwell S.W.A.G. youth group (high school)	9:30 AM <b>10:45 AM</b> 12:30-4:30 PM 6:30-7:30 PM
all week	Spring Break for VM schools	all week
Mon., Mar. 11	Exercise Your Faith City Council Workshop	1:30 PM 6:00 PM
Wed., Mar. 13	Chancel Choir rehearsal Praise Team rehearsal	7:00 PM 7:45 PM
Sat., Mar. 16	4-H	8:30-10:30 AM