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## Christian Seder Meal

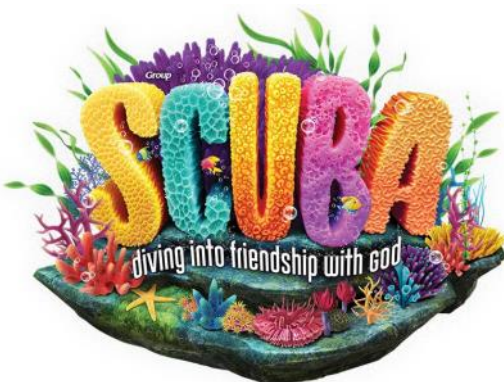
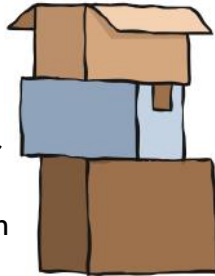
We are going to serve a traditional Christian Seder meal with communion on **March 28**, Maundy Thursday (the day before Good Friday). It's still in the planning stages, but it's not too soon to get it on your calendar. If you would like to be involved in the planning, talk to Rev. Beth or contact the church office.

Seder is a Passover meal, celebrating the remembrance of the exodus from Egypt.



## 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.



## UMC Scholarships

The United Methodist Foundation will be giving out over 100 scholarships this year. These are available to current college students as well as graduating high school seniors, and many do not require attendance at a Methodist institution.

Deadline for applications is **March 1**. Apply through the UMF online portal, <https://iumf.org/scholarships>.



Our Van Meter church also grants scholarships. Talk to Stacy Peterson.



*Jamesen (above) and Levi (right) have qualified to compete this weekend at the state wrestling competition.*



**Congratulations to the Jaspers family on the birth of their triplets. Baby goats, that is. “Don,” “Connie,” and “State” staggered into the world on February 20.**

## 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

**Bar soap** 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**



## Lay Servant Training

The Iowa UMC Conference is offering a foundational course on lay servant ministries. It is for lay people who are neither certified lay servants nor certified lay speakers, and is intended as a foundation for all further courses in lay servant ministries. The course is presented in three parts and will be virtual.

**Saturdays, March 2, 9, & 16**

**9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**online**

**registration required**

contact the church office for a link

Registration through our district is free but participants must purchase their own book, "Lay Servant Ministries" by Sandy Jackson (about \$12).

## 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.



*cloth*

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



*plastic*



*paper*

## Calendar

### This Week

<b>Sun., Feb. 25</b>	Adult Discussion Group <b>Worship service</b>	9:30 AM <b>10:45 AM</b>
Mon., Feb. 26	Exercise Your Faith City Council Workshop	1:30 PM 6:00 PM
Wed., Feb. 28	J.A.M. Confirmation class (supper at 6:00) Chancel Choir rehearsal	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM
Sat., Mar. 2	church building closed for floor refinishing	all day

### Next 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. Confirmation class (supper at 6:00) Chancel Choir rehearsal	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM