

<u>Oct. 1</u>	Elizabeth LaRue, Jill Shaull, Kamryn Beers
<u>Oct. 3</u>	Sherry Vavra
<u>Oct. 5</u>	Tom Holmberg, Clint Kelderman, Morgan Mattes
<u>Oct. 6</u>	Cordelia Wagner
<u>Oct. 7</u>	Heather Lindgren
<u>Oct. 9</u>	Dawn Anderson
<u>Oct. 10</u>	Marcia Alexander, Chris Mayo
<u>Oct. 12</u>	Helen Parcell, Dan Gordy
<u>Oct. 13</u>	Candace Slobe, Dan Adams
<u>Oct. 14</u>	Jensen DeJong, Sandra Parker
<u>Oct. 15</u>	TJ Smith
<u>Oct. 16</u>	Chelsey Johnson, Emma Dawson
<u>Oct. 17</u>	Berniece Tucker, James Bateson
<u>Oct. 18</u>	Jill Kelderman, Ben Adair
<u>Oct. 19</u>	Clark Johnson, Matthew Clark, Travis Walhert
<u>Oct. 20</u>	Darci Brown, Blake Pearson, Clayton Hester, Hiroyuki Hirao
<u>Oct. 22</u>	Anne McLandsborough, Debbie Sedrel, Stacy Carriker
<u>Oct. 25</u>	Don Parks, Nancy Burrow
<u>Oct. 26</u>	Angie Dawson
<u>Oct. 27</u>	Troy Boston, Dave Beach, Milena Koppin
<u>Oct. 28</u>	Dawn Deffenbaugh
<u>Oct. 29</u>	Phyllis Fox, Beth Kminek, Tammy Guisinger, Nick Anderson, Haley Rohloff, Dusty Bollinger
<u>Oct. 30</u>	Betty Hibbs, Steve Tolly
<u>Oct. 31</u>	Brett Mowrey



Dear Friends,

Beginning Sept. 23, I will be traveling across the state of Iowa to update the conference on the three plans being voted on at the Special Called General Conference in Feb. 2019.

You are invited to attend one of the listening sessions being held in each district:

Southeast District: Sept. 23, Washington UM Church from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

East Central District: Sept. 23, Cedar Rapids Salem UM Church from 4:30 – 6 p.m.

South Central District: Oct. 7, Knoxville First UM Church from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Southwest District: Oct. 8, Atlantic First UM Church from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

North Central District: Oct. 27, Webster City Asbury UM Church from 10–11:30 a.m.

Northwest District: Oct. 28, Spencer Grace UM Church from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Northeast District: Nov. 18, Cedar Falls First UM Church from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Central District: Dec. 2, Ankeny First UM Church from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

More information on the three plans, Praying Our Way Forward, and resources for hosting discussions in your local church can be found at [www.iaumc.org/commissiononawayforward](http://www.iaumc.org/commissiononawayforward). Bishop Laurie Haller

## Pastor's Notes:

After launching our fall programming I am looking forward to a great year of Sunday School, Confirmation, E.P.I.C., and a variety of activities we have planned for the weeks ahead.

I am also looking forward to the new series of messages that I am beginning in worship this week. These are the messages I am planning.

Sept. 23 Psalm 84, "The Hunger of the Heart to Worship"

Sept. 30 Psalm 37 "From Tevye and Tom to Worshipers Today"

Oct. 7 Exodus 15 "Reliving Vital Events"

Oct. 14 Revelation 7:9-17 "The Missing Jewel of Worship"

Oct. 28 I Peter 4:7-11 "The Overflow of Worship"

I am grateful that some of our church family make the effort to be present for our worship services nearly every week. How often do we think about what worship really is? Is our style of worship determined by personal preference? Is our worship for God, not just us? Do we realize that God made us to worship?

Please pray for persons and families dealing with the damage of the winds and flooding caused by hurricane Florence and the typhoon in the Philippines. You can give to the United Methodist Relief effort with an offering designated to UMCOR.

While we ask for your prayers for health and other needs of persons in our church and beyond week after week, we ask for your prayers as our nominating committee recruits persons to serve the Lord in various capacities for the coming year and for a small team of us seeking to discern a clear and practical "Pathway of Discipleship" for Central United Methodist Church.

In preparation for the Special Session of General Conference to be held in St. Louis next February Bishop Laurie invites us to a listening session. If the date of the session in our district does not fit your schedule you are welcome to attend another session.

Pastor Bruce

**Congratulations to all of YOU!!!** Since all the food items were donated by members of team HOPE, we were able to gift \$200 Walmart Gift cards to Eddyville Elementary, Oskaloosa Middle School, and North Mahaska School. What a difference we can make in student's lives!

Thank you for your work and more caring about our kids out there.

**Last Sunday Lunch WILL be served on October 28<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 11:30am. Leave the cooking to Team HOPE!

Jim will be making liver and onions and meatballs.



### Bridge Events!

What is a bridge event? Bridge events are events that are held outside the church walls, preferably off church grounds entirely, specifically designed to meet and connect with people in the community.

**Harvest Fest/Trunk or Treat** on October 28th! There will be a sign up soon for volunteers and trunks!

Mark your calendar for CUMC's **Carnival at the Mall** on January 27 from 2-4pm.

**The Amazing Race** is revving up!!! Will you be ready to go on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>??? We are still in need of a few more firmly committed teams to hold this event. Please contact the office ASAP or sign up in the narthex if you have a team and would like to participate!



### Change A Child's Story

Conferences are October 11-12. Readers will be needed anytime between 1-8pm on the 11th & 8:30-11:30am on the 12th. Please see the sign up in the narthex or the Sign-Up Genius link. The families & teachers appreciate this so much!



**August 26 Worship Attendance** – 186

**Sept. 2 Worship Attendance** – 123

**Sept. 9 Worship Attendance** – 212 **Sunday School** - 72

**Sept. 17 Worship Attendance** – 187 **Sunday School** – 64



### October Ecumenical Cupboard Challenge!

canned goods

The Finance Committee report as of August:



	August 2018
Total income	\$216,219
Total expense	\$232,380
	-\$16,160



**Hayride at the Adams Ranch:** Sunday, October 21 - 4:30-7pm at the Adams Ranch. Dan and Karen's address is 2224 Independence Ave. Come and go as you can. The hayride will run as many times as needed before dark. Bring lawn chairs. There will be hot dogs and s'mores to cook over the campfire. If you would like to help with the food or want to bring other finger food, let Karen know.

**Carrie Newcomer** is best known for her story-songs that get at the raw and redemptive edges of human reality. This October, Des Moines, Iowa welcomes a musical evening with the Indiana-based and born folk singer-songwriter who's been called a "prairie mystic." She writes and sings about the grittiness of hope and the ease of cynicism. Gary Walters will be sharing his gift of music as well. **We hope you'll join us for an enjoyable and thoughtful evening.** This concert coincides with the CEF (Christian Engaged In Faith Formation) Conference that Karen Adams will be attending.



Friday, October 12, 2018 7:30 pm,

First United Methodist Church, 1001 Pleasant St., Des Moines, IA

Tickets are \$25 at the door or can be purchased at <https://cefumc.org/event-3043015>

Questions, call Kendy Miller at 515-689-1978



Sidewalks Prophets Concert: Friday, October 19 at Gateway Nazarene Church. CUMC has purchased 20 tickets for our church family to attend this concert together. The first 20 who pay will have their ticket reserved for them. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for youth. The church will cover the service fee. Get your tickets soon before they are gone!

**College & Military:** Is your child off at college or serving in the military? Our church would love to send them encouragement throughout the year. We are also looking for people who are willing to help put these packages together. Please fill out the insert in the bulletin or pick one up in the office.





We are off to a great start this fall in Sunday School and E.P.I.C. A huge thank you to all the teachers who have committed to helping our children and youth grow in their faith. Parents, please let your children's teachers know how appreciative you are. Thank you especially to Lisa

Vohoska and Jay Christensen who are teaching the 4th-5th grade class. The kids asked on the first day if Lisa and Jay

would be there all year. Ask Lisa and Jay about the reaction of the kids when they were told they would be. It's heart-warming and heart breaking at the same time. In so many things, our children and youth need that consistent caring adult. This is not only true for our church, but for school, sports, scouts, 4-H, etc. Please consider being that caring adult for our children and youth in our church by helping with E.P.I.C., the Advent Party and so many opportunities we have here at CUMC. You truly do make a difference in their lives.

**Sunday School:** Just a reminder of the timing for Sunday School each Sunday morning. For the Pre-School through 5th graders, they will begin with an Opening time in the music room at 10:30am where they will sing songs, watch the Bible Story for the day and get any announcements. On the first Sunday of the month, we will also recognize birthdays with special birthday cookies! (Thank you Sandy Powers!) At 10:45am, the children will be dismissed to their classrooms. Please have your children to the music room promptly at 10:30am. All other classes, 6th through adults, will begin at 10:40.

Participation in Sunday School, Outstanding Attendance and Perfect Attendance will be recognized at the end of the year. Those who have attended Sunday School 80% of the Sundays will be recognized for Outstanding Attendance. If you are out of town and attend another church, bring back a bulletin, give to your Sunday School teacher and it will be marked as present. There will not be Sunday School on Dec. 23 or 30.

Thank you to all the families who have returned the Family/Student Information Form. Each child and youth who participates in activities with our church will be asked to have this form filled out. Each family will need to fill out only one form to make it simpler for families with multiple children. There are two sides, so please fill out the entire form.

**Children to sing in Church:** The children will be singing in church on September 30, October 28 and November 25. They will be singing after the children's message. Please have your children meet at 9:15am in the chapel to practice.

**Childcare needed at meetings!** We have several young families who are on committees so childcare is needed. Please let the office know if you would be willing to be contacted periodically to help with this. You will need a background check filled out.

**Nursery:** Is this your passion? At this time, the nursery is not staffed so parents wishing to use the nursery are asked to stay with their children. If anyone would like to coordinate volunteers to be in the nursery, there are volunteers who have indicated that they would do that periodically. Let the office know if you would be willing to be the coordinator or if you are willing to be in the nursery.

### **It's not too early to plan for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany!!**

**Advent Party:** December 2 from 2-5pm Children ages preschool-5th grade are invited to come prepare for Advent by making crafts and gifts, hearing stories and watching "The Star" movie. The children will make gifts for family members if they choose to. Lots of volunteers will be needed to help in the various rooms. Parents, you are welcome to drop off your kids and take this time to do some preparing for the season also. Youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to come help.

**Christmas Program:** December 16 during worship. There is a team being formed to plan the Christmas program. Let Karen know if you would like to be a part of this planning team.

**Epiphany Party:** January 6 Jackson Lahner will be helping to plan since he had the hidden piece in the cake last year. Would you also like to be on the planning team along with Jackson?

### **E.P.I.C. (Experiencing Possibilities In Christ) Youth Group for 6-12th graders**

E.P.I.C. is EPIC!!!! A reminder that supper is served at 6pm and activities are from 6:30-7:30pm. The Middle School group is using the LinC (Living In Christ) materials and High School is doing a series called "Is The Bible Reliable?" Bring your friends! Come join other youth where they are feeling a sense that "YOU BELONG HERE!"

Thank you to those who have signed up to serve these hungry teenagers! The sign up is in the narthex and on the Sign Up Genius. Plan for 20-25 and fix something you can either stretch or something you like to eat for the week!

We are looking for any adults who would like to help on Sunday nights. We have a great core group that would love to lead and mentor anyone who has a heart for middle school and high schoolers!



**The Oasis:** The Oasis is always open around 5:45pm prior to E.P.I.C. Come enjoy a scrumptious treat which sometimes is quite the surprise what it will be! Ask any E.P.I.C. kids about the "Fruity Tooty" they had!

**Praise Band:** Praise Band practices on the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 5pm when E.P.I.C. has a regular meeting. Youth are encouraged to come early for E.P.I.C. and be a part of the Praise Band.

**Paper Products needed:** The E.P.I.C. supplies are kept in cupboards in Heritage Hall kitchen. They could be replenished periodically. Sturdy paper plates, napkins & cups are the most needed. Dish rags & kitchen towels could be given to that kitchen too.

**Last Sunday Lunch:** The Youth will be hosting the LAST SUNDAY LUNCH in November (November 25) to begin raising funds for their upcoming mission trip and other youth activities. Please come support the kids at Last Sunday Lunch.

**Praying for our youth!** We are looking for people who would like to pray for our youth and young adults (Confirmation through college age). You will be contacted with a specific name to pray for. Fill out the insert or pick one up in the office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 9:15- Staff Meeting  6:30- Boy Scouts	2 8:30- Little Creations P.S.  6- Girl Scouts – YR 7- AI Anon - Library	3 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 6 – Education Committee 7- Chancel Choir – F.L. 7:30- Staff Parish Relations Committee – Blue Room	4 8:30- Little Creations P.S.	5 8:30- Little Creations P.S.	6
7 8:30- Chancel Choir F.L. 9:30- Worship/KMZ 10:30- Children’s Sunday School 10:40- Sunday School/ Fellowship Time 2- Amazing Race	8 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 9:15- Staff Meeting  6:30- Cub Scouts 6- Boy Scouts	9 8:30- Little Creations P.S.  6- Girl Scouts – YR 7- AI Anon - Library	10 8:30- Little Creations P.S.  6- Finance Committee – FH 6:30- Boards of Trustees - BR 7- Chancel Choir – F.L.	11 8:30- Little Creations P.S.  7- Boy Scouts - HH	12	13
14 8:30- Chancel Choir F.L. 9:30- Worship/KMZ 10:30- Children’s Sunday School 10:40- Sunday School/ Fellowship Time 5- Praise Team 6- E.P.I.C.	15 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 9:15- Staff Meeting  6:30- Cub Scouts 6- Boy Scouts	16 8:30- Little Creations P.S.  6- Girl Scouts – YR 7- AI Anon - library	17 8:30- Little Creations P.S.  7- Chancel Choir – F.L. 7:30 - Ad. Council– Blue Room	18 8:30- Little Creations P.S.  7-Habitat for Humanity Board Meeting– Blue Room	19 8:30- Little Creations P.S.	20
21 8:30- Chancel Choir F.L. 9:30- Worship/KMZ 10:30- Children’s Sunday School 10:40- Sunday School/ Fellowship Time 4:30 - All-Church Hayride	22 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 9:15- Staff Meeting 6:30- Cub Scouts 6:30- Boy Scouts	23 6-Girl Scouts - FL 7- Christian Friendship 7- AI Anon - library	24 8:30- Little Creations P.S.  7- Chancel Choir – F.L.	25 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 9:30- Four C’s - FL	26 8:30- Little Creations P.S.	27 Ruritans Harvest Breakfast
28 8:30- Chancel Choir F.L. 9:30- Worship/KMZ 10:30- Children’s Sunday School 10:40- Sunday School/ Fellowship Time 2- Trunk-or Treat/Harvest Fest	29 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 9:15- Staff Meeting 5:30 End of the Month Meals @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian 6:30- Cub Scouts 6:30- Boy Scouts	30 8:30- Little Creations P.S. 5:30 End of the Month Meals @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian 6-Girl Scouts - FL 7- AI Anon - library	31 8:30- Little Creations P.S.  5:30 End of the Month Meals @ St Paul UCC 7- Chancel Choir – F.L.			



**Mark your calendars for these upcoming activities and volunteer opportunities:**  
**November 22** – help with preparations/serving/clean-up for the OAAC community Thanksgiving Dinner  
**December 9** – All church caroling  
**December 24** – Is there anyone willing to coordinate the Christmas Eve Soup Supper?  
**December 25** – help with preparations/serving/clean-up for the CUMC Christmas Day Dinner