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COMING UP:

- **SPECIAL NOTICE:**

Please remember that the District Superintendent will be gone on Renewal Leave from June 25th through the 1st of August. Pastor Paul Smith of the South Central District will be covering for Terra. The office phone number for Paul is 641-342-1644. In addition, my official last day will be Thursday June 28th but I will be stopping into the office twice a week for a few hours during July to check emails and phone messages.

- **Thanksgiving Ingathering Notice!**

UMCOR is no longer accepting cloth school bags.

UMCOR is now asking that school kits be placed in 2-gallon resealable plastic bags.

Assembly Instructions

- Use a 2-gallon size resealable bag instead of cloth bag.
- Stack all paper items on top of each other. Place in 2-gallon bag.
- Place all loose items in smaller resealable bags and place on top of paper and seal 2-gallon bag.

The revised Thanksgiving Ingathering book and form fillable Remittance Form are now on the website at www.iaumc.org/thanksgivingingathering.

Those who wish to continue sewing school bags can make them for Midwest Mission Distribution Center. The pattern is on the Thanksgiving Ingathering web page above. Midwest Mission Distribution Center will have a truck at Annual Conference as usual and will accept UMCOR cloth bags. Another possibility would be to send or deliver them to MMDC at: 1001 Mission Dr. Pawnee, IL 62558. This is a new address for the same location.

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- **2019 Matthew 25 Grant Application is available!**

Click [HERE](#) for the application.

- **Disaster Preparedness!**

Tis the season for severe weather! Here is a quick reminder to: be prepared, have a plan and know when to take shelter and what to keep in shelter (have some supplies stocked up). If Disaster happens... Contact Your District Disaster Response Coordinator or the District Office. Southwest – Vicki Wedemeyer-Shriver, 712-249-6703, swidumcdrc@gmail.com

EQUIPPING LEADERS:

- **United Methodist Women Mission U!**

“Being **BOLD** for Christ!” That’s the theme of this year’s United Methodist Women Mission u, and we invite Iowa women, men, youth, and children to share in a spiritual study on “Embracing Wholeness,” or your choice of study of the social issue “What About Our Money? A Faith Response,” or the geographical study of the Missionary Conferences of the U.S. Mission u qualifies for CEUs for pastors or professionals.

We have two dates from which you may choose: Summer Mission u, July 15-17, Sunday afternoon 2:30 p.m. to Tuesday afternoon; or Fall Mission u, October 19-21, Friday afternoon 3:30 p.m. to Sunday afternoon. Both are held at Iowa Valley Community College in Marshalltown, with several reasonably-priced hotels nearby for the two overnights.

For a brochure and registration form, click on this link on the Conference Website:

<http://www.iaumc.org/missionuformerlysocm>. Your local United Methodist Women also have the information.

- **Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center Classes/Events!**

*****PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FREQUENTLY FOR UPDATES!** The Des Moines Pastoral Counseling Center is offered several opportunities for clergy and laity that are coming up soon! Please click on this link to find out more!! <http://dmpcc.org/classes-events/>

WORLD TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES OF FAITH:

United Methodist Women Report!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

Monthly Mission Moment!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

MUMMS March Activity Report!

[CLICK HERE!](#)

PRAYERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Mrs. Gail Grayce Streyffeler, spouse of Rev. Laurice D. Streyffeler, passed away on Monday, June 4, 2018. **Memorial Services** were held on June 7, 2018. **Rev. Streyffeler** served at Renwick; Dubuque, Faith-Asbury; Council Bluffs, Salem; Sioux City, Wesley and Dubuque, St. Luke. He retired in 2000. **Memorials** to the family for future designation.

-Prayers for all of our churches that are struggling and our churches and pastors that are in transition.