Cross • Point

Pointing to the Cross, by Reflecting God's Love

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God's Spirit is alive & moving in the hearts and lives of the people within this family of faith, called Cross Point! Throughout these past (21) months we've shared in many joys & celebrations in this community, and been united by our purpose of *"Pointing to the Cross – By Reflecting God's Love!"* We believe that once you've experienced this enthusiasm and passion for Jesus– you'll want to belong and call Cross Point your church home too!

Therefore we invite you to truly live out what it means to be part of the Body of Christ, by taking the next step of becoming a "charter member" on May 23rd!

There are three ways to unite with Cross Point United Methodist Church:

1) Joining by Profession of Faith
2) Joining by transfer from another Christian denomination
3) Joining by transfer from another United Methodist Church

If you prefer to remain an "active" friend, please know you're a blessing and an important, valued part of our growing family of faith.

UPCOMING EVENTS MAY/JUNE 2010

What: Special "Constituting" Sunday
When: 9:00 a.m.
Where: Bondurant-Farrar High School Gym – 300 Garfied St. SW
Why: We will be celebrating Pentecost Sunday by receiving our first Confirmation Class as members, receiving "Charter members" and we will be blessed by having **Bishop Julius Trimble** share the morning's message! Everyone is also invited to stay for a special reception to celebrate the "chartering" of Cross Point as Iowa's newest United Methodist Church. *"God answered their prayers because they trusted him." (1 Chronicles 5:20 MSG)*

Pastor Glen Hanson & Paige Chapman will be attending the *2010 Iowa Annual Conference*, at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines June 5th through the 8th. Pastor Glen attends representing Cross Point, and Paige the Central District. Should you need to reach them one of these days, please call/text their cell numbers and leave a message. Calls will be returned as quickly as possible. Thank you!

WORSHIP

What: Sunday Morning Worship
When: 9:00 a.m.
Where: Bondurant-Farrar High School Auditorium – 300 Garfield St. SW
"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us Kneel before the LORD our Maker." (Psalm 95:6)

THE LORD'S SUPPER (COMMUNION, EUCHARIST)

* Will be celebrated the 4th Sunday of every month. (Sunday) May 30th & June 27th

The Lord's Supper is a holy meal of bread and wine (grape juice) that symbolizes the body and blood of Christ. By sharing this meal, United Methodists give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice for our sins and receive grace to empower us to go on in Christian living. The Lord's Supper recalls the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and celebrates the unity of all the members of God's family.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ANNUAL CROSS POINT MOTORCYCLE RIDE

ALL Motorcycle enthusiasts are invited to join us for our 3rd Annual Motorcycle Ride at Cross Point, on ***Saturday, June 19th.*** **(Rain date: Sunday, June 20th immediately following worship-10:30am)* This year we're journeying to the Amana's for a "good ol' family style" meal, stepping back in time as we wander around the Amana's, and enjoying a great day of fellowship with one another! We'll meet at the home of Jeff & Paige Chapman; 4965 Claremont Court, Pleasant Hill (Copper Creek area) between 9:45-10:00am on June 19th. We'll plan to leave Amana by 4:00pm, to return to Des Moines. Everyone is invited back to the Chapman's following the ride to make S'mores around their "fire pit." Call Paige at 360-2139 with any questions.

MISSION FOCUS: *Please bring any/all of the items listed under "Giving to Our Soldiers" (in this newsletter), as we continue to support & care for those men & women serving in our armed forces; protecting our freedoms & this great country! Thank you!*

Special Events at the Amana's on June 19th/20th: Amana Colonies 7-Village Garage & Sidewalk Sale; Printing & Blacksmithing Demonstrations; Allis Chalmers Tractor Days; Homestead Area Minneapolis-Moline Collectors Reunion

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE (May 8th)
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Enjoy your day shopping throughout the community of Bondurant and notice the number of homes that have information about Cross Point. If you are planning a garage sale and would like to help with this "EASY" outreach opportunity please contact Pastor Glen. NOTE: City Maps of homes participating can be picked up at the City Hall and the local Casey's stores.

When: (Saturday) May 1st & June 5th
Where: Bondurant Public Safety Building
101 Grant Street North
Time: 7:00 a.m. **Why:** Faith, Food & Fellowship
Contact: Roger Lebel at 240-1150 or lebel@gmail.com for more information.

Cross Point's ***"SISTA'S" Bible Study*** will conclude for the year, with our final study topic of: ***Wising Up: Applying the Wisdom of Proverbs to Daily Life*** **(Cost of book is $9.00) ALL ARE WELCOMED & EXPECTED** for this final session of the season. You'll be blessed by Jane Wonderlich's gift of hospitality, as you gather in their beautiful home (and around their POOL)! You'll also be blessed by Mia Vannoy's gentle spirit, gift of teaching & interpreting the scriptures, as she leads us in this study. ***OUR FIRST MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9TH from 7:00-8:30pm. This group is planning to meet for 7 weeks***. As always, each "Sister's" group has formed a close connection & bond with one another. **Invite a friend or neighbor to join you!** If you have questions please see Paige Chapman or contact her at 360-2139 or paige_chapman@q.com

...WITH THE PASTOR

Why: To give you an opportunity to get to know the Pastor better **When:** (Wed) May 19th & June 16th
Where: Be the first person to call, and I'll not only meet you for lunch – I'll treat you to lunch! You just need to call 210-1823, and let me know the time and place! Who said there is no such thing as a free lunch?

FAMILY COOK-OUT
When: May 26th (Wednesday)
Where: Lake Petocka – Jr. Hainis Parkway, Bondurant
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Bring: Side dish to share
Why: Just for the fun of it, and to help plan for Cross Point's 2010 Summer-Fest float, and other Wednesday evening fun events!
Note: Look for the Cross Point sign by the Shelter House!
Bondurant's Summer-Fest Opportunities
Planning meeting (May 26th) at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Petocka – Jr. Hainis Parkway, Bondurant. Call Pastor Glen if you would be interested in helping with this FUN community outreach event!

SUMMER-FEST PARADE!
When: June 14th (Monday)
Where: To be announced
Time: 5:30 p.m. (Parade starts at 6:00 p.m.)
Why: Community outreach, hand out VBS invitations, etc…, give away bottled water, throw candy, shake hands, and as always reflect God's love!

SUMMER-FEST BOOTH
When: June 14th (Monday)
Where: Beautiful Downtown Bondurant (Main Street)
Time: After the parade (6:15 – 9:00 p.m.)

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY BUILDERS
Our "Dream Team" is currently planning some family friendly events on Wednesday evenings, but in the meantime if you have an idea please don't hesitate to call either Paige or Pastor Glen. (More exciting details to come!)

2010 IOWA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CAMPS
Have you selected the church camp you want to attend this summer? If not, there's still time!

PROCESS TO REGISTER FOR CAMPS
• Fill out Official Registration Form – one for each event & for each camper. Age of Camper will be determined by their age on June 1, 2010. (Contact Paige if you need additional forms sent to you).
• Give completed forms; with at least a 25% deposit toward each event, (checks payable to IA Conf UM Camps) to Paige Chapman. Note: $100 will be applied from Cross Point; to each camper/event, attending church camp this year. (1 camp per child)
• Any balances remaining will be the responsibility of the parent(s) to pay ~ 2 weeks before the event begins. Questions, please see Paige or Pastor Glen.

CAMP SUNDAY
Cross Point welcomes Deke Rider, the Director of Wesley Woods to Cross Point on Sunday, May 16th . You'll enjoy Deke's enthusiasm, as he shares the Word for the Children this Sunday, along with information about church camping events. He'll get all of us "fired up" through his message!
If your child(ren) like to make new friends, experience new adventures, and wrap a few days of FUN in Christian love ~ you're going to love what the United Methodist Camps have to offer.
FUN FACT: Pastor Glen received his first kiss at Camp Okoboji.

WESLEY WOODS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER (Indianola, Iowa)
We are blessed to have three amazing United Methodist camps in Iowa. However, Cross Point wants to help promote Wesley Woods by offering $20.00 gas cards to individuals and families who attend one or all of these events. You'll be glad you did, and it helps support the camping ministry in the Iowa Annual Conference by attending!
• **Saturday, May 22nd** – Summer Kick-off (an event designed for the family)
• **Friday, May 28th** – Monday, May 31st – Memorial Day Family Camp (can register in the camp catalog)
• **Saturday, June 19th** – Men at the Woods (Day retreat for men and boys of all ages)
• **Friday, September 3rd** – Monday, September 6th – Labor Day Family Camp (Can register in the camp catalog)
• **Friday, October 22nd** – Saturday, October 23rd – Women's Retreat (more info to come this summer)
For more information please call either Deke Rider or Tiffany Arnold at (515) 961-4523 ext. 101 or check out their website at: www.WesleyWoodsIowa.org

CHILDREN/TWEEN MINISTRIES

CROSS POINT'S KIDS has experienced great blessings this past year...blessings in the wonderful group of team teachers caring for & leading our children, blessings in watching the kids engage with excitement in learning God & His Word & witnessing everyone journey on in the life of faith together! We have HEARD, SEEN & LIVED, OUR..."**B**ELIEF **I**N **G**OD!"
Cross Point Kids will continue to meet through May 16th from 10:15am-10:30am in the Auditorium for a time of *Gathering Worship. ***(listen for the "COWBELL" inviting kids to this gathering)*** Following this time they'll be dismissed to their teachers/classes from 10:30-11:15am. *See below for list of upcoming dates/reminders.*
UPCOMING DATES/REMINDERS FOR CROSS POINT KIDS:
• **Sunday, May 2-May 16th** - GATHERING TIME - Children will continue to practice every Sunday at 10:15am, as they'll be singing during our May 23rd Constituting Sunday Worship service. Questions, please see Brent Davis.
• **Sunday, May 16th** - ALL HEIFER ARKS DUE BACK! Please have your child bring their Arks to class. *Remember the class that collects the most in gifts, will have their animal selected as the "winning" animal!
• **Sunday, May 16th** - CONCLUSION OF ALL SUNDAY MORNING CLT & CROSS POINT KIDS CLASSES! See you again on September 12th!
• **Sunday, May 23rd** - CONSECRATION/CHARTERING SUNDAY! Enjoy this time of celebration with your family & family of faith at Cross Point!
• **Sunday, May 30th** - RECOGNITION SUNDAY! We'll be recognizing our graduates, Cross Point Kids leaders and other leaders in the church. Join us this Sunday to celebrate the beautiful gifts of this day!

"GALACTIC BLAST-A COSMIC ADVENTURE PRAISING GOD" will blast off at Cross Point in about 3 months! This high energy mission adventure will provide "Cadets" (Preschool-4th Grade) with incredible new experiences, as they journey on in their faith aboard the starship "Galactic Praise!" We're scheduled for lift off at "1800" (6:00pm) on **Sunday, July 25 - Tuesday, July 27, 2010.** Prepare for departure!
We've had an amazing response for the leadership of Galactic Blast! THANK YOU to all of you have already signed up to impact the life of a child this summer! We do still have several openings for Mission Pilots (lead a group of 10 children to "Stations". Assist in stations/no lesson to lead) We are also needing several people to help with the coordination/set up & clean up of the meals each evening. Please contact Christie or Paige if you're interested in helping in one of these areas. Thank you!
If you have any questions or want to be part of the planning team, please call Paige at 360-2139. Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY

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Cross Point's Youth Service for grades 7-12
Wednesday Nights - 6:30PM-8:15PM
Anderson Elementary Gym
Drop in for games, fun & worship

NOTE: DROP WILL NOT MEET MAY-AUGUST, BUT WATCH FOR SPECIAL EVENTS/MISSIONS. SEE YOU AGAIN IN THE FALL!
Questions please call CJ & Scott Wheeler (229-3366) or Jenn & Patrick Meyer (669-7101).

CONFIRMATION

When: Wednesday, May 5th
Where: Hanson's – 117 5th St NE, Bondurant
Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Agenda: You will be taking a Spiritual Gift survey, and we will be discussing your confirmation vows including a specifically United Methodist question: ***"Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church, and uphold it by your prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness?"***

NOTE: This is MANDATORY - I also need a (1) page or longer response to the question: "What is your experience of Jesus that the world cannot live without?"

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Heifer Project Arks

Cross Point has decided to extend the mission project for the Heifer Project Arks. Children & families are invited to continue collecting money to fill your Arks through May 16th. Each Cross Point Kids classroom has chosen an animal they want the money to go towards. The class that brings in the most money will be the animal that is chosen. Have fun with this...seeing what God can do through us!

ALL ARKS WILL BE DUE BACK ON SUNDAY, MAY 16TH!

**We will be making this donation in honor & recognition of our outgoing Central District Superintendent, Dr. Wesley S.K. Daniel.*
(Hint...Dr. Daniel is from Sri Lanka, so maybe we could send our animals to his home country?)

Thank you for supporting this mission!

GIVING TO OUR TROOPS IN 2010!

Below is a basic list of items, that as a family of faith at Cross Point we can collect & send to the men & women serving our great country. Donations can be brought to church any Sunday. Monetary gifts are also needed to cover the shipping costs of these items. Questions, please contact Roger or Janet Stewart at 967-6963, Coordinators for this ministry. Thank you!

- **DRINK MIX (PACKETS)**
- **COOKIES (HOMEMADE OR STORE BOUGHT)**
- **CANDY (CAREFUL OF "MELTING" FACTOR)**
- **NUTS (DIFFERENT VARITIES)**
- **BREAKFAST BARS**
- **WET ONES (PACKAGES/INDIVIDUAL PACKETS) SOLDIERS ARE ONLY ABLE TO SHOWER EVERY OTHER DAY**
- **BEEF JERKEY**
- **CRACKERS**
- **TRAIL MIXES**
- **TOILET PAPER**
- **GRANOLA BARS**

"WORK IN THE CITY" WEEKEND

Looking for a "Local Mission Trip?" Join us for a weekend of urban work project experiences, wrapped in prayer, Bible study, theological reflection, worship & relationship building. Come and have your live transformed. Sponsored by the "Just Partners" Ministry Action Team from multiple area UM churches.

When: June 25-27, 2010
Where: Central Des Moines
Cost: $25.00 per person

For more information and/or to register contact Brian Carter at briancar@dwx.com or call 243-3817.

WHO WOULD YOU LIKE FOR ME TO CONTACT?

The greatest gift you can ever give anyone is the gift of Jesus! Therefore do you have a neighbor, co-worker or friend you would like me to contact? I would be honored to e-mail, call, mail or visit with anyone you refer. Jesus said, You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last." (John 15:16)

PARKING

You are welcome to park in the lot just north of the high school building, in front of the high school and/or on side streets.

NURSERY

Our nursery is available from 8:45a.m. to 11:15a.m. every Sunday in Room 135. Cross Point is blessed to have Rochelle Remus as our Nursery Director. Rochelle is a University of Northern Iowa graduate and is currently attending Des Moines University to become a Pediatrician. Along with Rochelle, we're blessed to have other adult leadership in this important ministry of watching over our little angels!

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COMING UP THIS FALL

+ Cross Point camp out (more details to come!)
+ Cross Point's 2nd Anniversary Celebration – (Sunday) September 5th
+ Fall KICK-OFF – Cross Point Kids, Youth Group, Adult Classes, Small groups & much more! (Sunday) September 12th

Looking forward to seeing you on May 23rd, as we "officially" constitute as Iowa's newest United Methodist Church!

In His Service Together,

Pastor Glen Hanson