

OSCEOLA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Two Weeks at a Glance

April 16, 2013

Upcoming Calendar



Wed. April 17—6:30 p.m.—
UMC high school drama rehearsal

Thurs. April 18—6:30 a.m.—
Women's Bible Study

Wed. April 17—6:30 p.m.—
Meeting of the Disciple Making
Team

Mon. April 22 4 p.m. —
4th & 5th grade SS class visits
RidgeView Heights

Sun. April 21—8:45 a.m.—
Coffee in the Gather Place

Sun. April 28—8:30—10:00
Pancake feed for congregation

9:00 a.m.—Worship

9:00 a.m.—Worship service in
Fellowship Room also (see p. 2)

10:10 a.m.—Sunday School

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12:30 a.m.—Youth leave for Defy
Gravity in Omaha

10:00—11:30 p.m. Pancake feed
for the community (see p. 2)

2013 Confirmation Class Boasts 13



The 2013 Confirmation Class: Back Row (l-r): Pastor Robert, Connor Bartling, Garrett Davidson, Brad DeMers, Austin Wieseman, Brennan Bryan, Bo Dittmer, Samantha Hays, Sophie Scott.
Front Row (l-r) Erika Burritt, Frankie Hendricks, Macy Gustafson, Taylor Ladwig, Julius Elwell.

The 13 members of the 2012-2013 Confirmation Class officially joined Osceola UMC on Sunday, April 14. As they and their sponsors came forward to make their pledges of membership, a video played on the screen. In the video, the confirmands recited their personal statements of faith that they had developed.

Sophie Scott was also baptized as part of the rite. In addition to the confirmands, seven others transferred their membership, and two people reaffirmed their faith. ([see related article on page 2](#)).

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Just so you know:

- 69 days until the Youth Mission Trip
- Watch for news about e-Giving coming soon.
- There's still time to register for great Summer Camps!
- UMC Sr. High Christian Drama League to present "The Bible in 30 Minutes.... or Less" on May 5th

New Newsletter Format

The format of our paper newsletter has remained nearly the same for probably 25 years, but times are changing and so is your church newsletter. The plan is for an electronic newsletter to be sent out twice each month. It will include a church calendar, birthdays and anniversaries, upcoming and recent church events, and pictures that are in color rather than various shades of gray!

One more paper newsletter will be written and mailed soon. Included will be a notice of the electronic newsletter requesting that if you desire to receive the church newsletter, to please provide an e-mail address. If there is a sufficient request for a paper newsletter, it may be written on a quarterly basis.

Welcome New Members

In addition to the thirteen confirmands becoming full members on April 7th, the congregation also welcomed Donna Snook; Dwaine and Michele Ladwig; Stan and Julie Hendricks; Jenni Bartling; Tad, Roxanne, Sierra and Shelbi Dittmer into membership.

Following the worship service a reception was held in the Fellowship Room.

Happy Birthday to:
Kerry Graff & Kathleen Howe
on April 19
and to
Kristi Schleif on April 21

PANCAKE FEED & WORSHIP SERVICE: APRIL 28TH



Oh yes, a plate full of sizzling hot pancakes and sausage will be waiting for you beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 28th in the Fellowship Room. This will be

the final fundraising event for the senior high youth who are preparing for their mission trip to Denver the final week of June.

Now for an interesting twist! The worship service will also be held in the Fellowship Room. Yes, you read this correctly! Pancakes will be served to all worshipers from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00

a.m. And yes, the worship service will include songs, prayers, the offering and sermons for all ages, just like always!

The pancake feed will be opened to the community from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m.

A free will donation will be received.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA

Imagine Saving Millions Of Lives



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Deaths in Africa caused from malaria have been cut nearly in half since 2008, but we can't stop fighting this disease until it is completely stomped out!

Four years ago the 4th & 5th grade Sunday School class took on the mission project of raising money for this cause. In that four year period our congregation has raised over \$6,100 which in turn purchased 610 insect repellent nets. Each net can save the lives of four people mostly women and children.

This year's class kicked off their campaign during the April 14th worship service and \$121.05 was received. The class has set a goal of \$1,500.00 over the next five Sundays. They are asking you to please give as extravagantly as you possibly can. With your dollars, we, the Osceola First United Methodist Church is making a difference in this world. The class sincerely thanks you.



It's fun to have a reputation when that reputation revolves around the rave reviews of the delicious home-cooked meals we prepare, deliver and serve at the Columbus Rescue Mission and the York Living Water Mission.

Our next meal will be for the residents at the York Living Water Mission, on Saturday May 4th.

There are opportunities available to provide both food and transportation for this meal. Please take a look at the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Place or e-mail the church at osceolaumc@gmail.com saying you will provide a casserole, angle food cake, dinner rolls, or green beans.