

What’s Happening in the United Methodist Church?

This question was asked of your Pastor at the last Leadership Board meeting. Here is what I shared. On a denominational level, nothing has changed legislatively since Feb. 2019 Special General Conference. That said, some of the legislation that was passed and/or upheld in Feb. 2019, specifically relating to same sex marriages and guidelines for ordination and who can be a pastor are not being enforced. As you are aware, the May 2020 General Conference was postponed because of Covid19. The rescheduled General Conference will be Aug. 29th – Sept 7th 2021. It is anticipated that there will be some kind of legislation proposed and passed that will allow a split to occur in the denomination where two or more new denominations will arise. This would be how our denomination handles these issues as mentioned above. In reality there are other theological issues which have undermined our denomination as well. The main reason you have not seen a split in the denomination or churches leaving to date is because of the “Trust Clause”. This clause basically says all properties (i.e. church buildings) belong to the denomination. So, if CUMC would say we wanted to leave the UMC, we could leave, but we would have to give up the church property or buy it back from the denomination if they wanted to sell it us. The legislation being proposed in 2021 would allow churches to leave and retain their property.

Closer to home. The Iowa Annual Conference is struggling financially. The conference budget suffered shortfalls in 2019 and is heading that way in 2020. The conference reserve fund is at a critically low level. Major cuts were made in the 2021 budget. However, because of numerous reasons including the uncertainty at the denomination level I see no relief in our conference’s financial problems. Changes are being made in district boundaries, which will not officially all take place until July 1, 2021, but some changes are and will happen over this next year. What happens on the conference level can and will affect the local church.

Lets talk about CUMC, or as I stated at the board meeting I would prefer to talk about us as Community Church of Ogden. I believe at least on a leadership level we know who we are as a church. We have a bible based theological foundation. We believe in a Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and there is only one way of Salvation and that is through a belief and relationship with Jesus the Christ. That we have an obligation and command to “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I (Jesus) have commanded you..” (Matt 28:19-20)

To start on that journey requires each and everyone of us to surrender ourselves (Me, Myself, and I) to our God. As the Apostle Paul stated in Galatians 2:20, “I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.” God’s work starts here at the local level. We do not need to or should we wait for some authoritative edict. Our direction is guided from a higher source. I am not saying we need to abandon our Wesleyan Methodist heritage. No - We need to revive it, restore it back to its original roots that planted seeds that with the power of the Holy Spirit by its side bore fruit. This work will not be easy. It will take everyone’s commitment. Don’t worry about not knowing what you can do, God will direct, guide, and empower you.

The Community Church of Ogden has done great things. However, we can no longer live off the past. It is time we live in the present and push on to eternity. Are you with me and your Leadership Team? ~Pastor Buck

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August 2020

Community United Methodist Church
~ Ogden, Iowa

Halleluiah!

Thank God!

Pray to him by name!

Tell everyone you meet what he has done!

Psalm 105:1

Wondering Thoughts from a Wayward Follower of Christ.

Blessing to you all, I love to find different ways we can use everyday items to remind us of our faith and specially to explain God to others. This one has been around for years, but worth sharing again. It is called the Deck of Cards Bible. The author of this is unknown, at least to me.

“It was quiet that day, the guns and the mortars, and land mines for some reason hadn't been heard. The young soldier knew it was Sunday, the holiest day of the week. As he was sitting there, he got out an old deck of cards and laid them out across his bunk. Just then an army sergeant came in and said, 'Why aren't you with the rest of the platoon?' The soldier replied, 'I thought I would stay behind and spend some time with the Lord.' The sergeant said, 'Looks to me like you're going to play cards.' The soldier said, 'No, sir, you see, since we are not allowed to have Bibles or other spiritual books in this country, I've decided to talk to the Lord by studying this deck of cards.' The sergeant asked in disbelief, 'How will you do that?' 'You see the **Ace**, Sergeant? It reminds me that there is only one God. The **Two** represents the two parts of the Bible, Old and New Testaments. The **Three** represents the Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost. The **Four** stands for the Four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The **Five** is for the five virgins... there were ten but only five of them were glorified. The **Six** is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth. The **Seven** is for the day God rested after making His Creation. The **Eight** is for the family of Noah... his wife, their three sons and their wives -- the eight people God spared from the flood that destroyed the Earth. The **Nine** is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy He cleansed ten, but nine never thanked Him. The **Ten** represents the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on tablets made of stone. The **Jack** is a reminder of Satan, one of God's first angels, but he got kicked out of heaven for his sly and wicked ways and is now the joker of eternal hell. The **Queen** stands for the Virgin Mary... the earthly mother of Jesus. The **King** stands for Jesus, for he is the King of all kings. When I count the **Dots on all the cards**, I come up with 365, one for every day of the year. There is a total of **52 cards** in a deck; each is a week - 52 weeks in a year. The **4-Suits** represent the four seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter. Each **Suit has thirteen cards** -- there are exactly thirteen weeks in a quarter. So, when I want to talk to God and thank Him, I just pull out this old deck of cards and they remind me of all that I have to be thankful for.' The sergeant just stood there. After a minute, with tears in his eyes and pain in his heart, he said, 'Soldier, can I borrow that deck of cards?'"

And All God’s people said...Amen

Sunday Morning

8:30 am Prayer Gathering
9:00 am Sunday School
9:30 am Worship

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Sermons Online

View sermons under “Services” tab
online at the church’s homepage.

Church Calendar

The church calendar is located on the
website under the “Calendar” menu.

Office Hours

9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Mon - Fri.

CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT

Here is our latest Financial Report as of 6/30/2020:
General Fund Balance = \$39,180.99 (Not including PPP loan)
Apportionments due for 2020 = \$31,330 (as of 7/7/2020)
Apportionments Paid YTD = \$2,893 (as of 7/7/2020)
Av. Weekly Giving of \$3026.64 is down \$322.99/week
From average weekly giving prior year.

On-Line Giving (This is a great time to try online giving)

You can gift using Credit/Debit cards or from your checking/
savings accounts. Simply follow these easy steps to get
started: Visit our website at <https://www.cumcogden.org/>
Go to the Stewardship Page & follow the instructions.

On-line Giving using your Smart Phone

With GivePlus+ Mobile App from Vanco Payment Solutions,
you can use your smartphone to give anytime, anywhere!
Download the FREE app on your Apple or Android phone.
Make one-time or recurring donations. Log in or donate as
a guest. Securely and conveniently manage donations using
Touch ID/Fingerprint, PIN, or password. To give, search
your phone’s app store for “GivePlus+” by Vanco Payment
Solutions and install. Follow the instructions to
select our church and start giving.



TEXT Giving

Simply text a dollar amount (i.e. “10” for \$10.00)
to **855-908-1102**. First time users will get a reply
text with a link. Click on the link and complete the
transaction form. The dollar amount you texted will be the
amount processed. Future giving will automatically process
using the information you entered initially. You will get a
confirmation TEXT which will have other instructions for
refunding or making your gift a reoccurring gift. Go to our
website to view a video on how to text to give.

Electronic Giving Option

To simplify your financial giving to CUMC, consider using
electronic giving through your own bank’s website (online
bill paying) or authorizing CUMC’s account at Vision Bank to
draw funds from your account. You can set up an amount
for as often as you like or make single donations.
Information is available at church.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

INGATHERING

For the month of August we will collect the following items for our
InGathering kits.

Personal Dignity Kit– Deodorant (2-3 ounce stick or rollon)
Items also needed to complete the started Personal Dignity Kits we have
partially put together are nail clippers, toothpaste (2.5 oz or larger), adult
toothbrushes (single packaged), soap (3-4 oz), & shampoo (15-18 oz).
This is a great time to buy school supplies for the Student School Kits–
Items still needed for the Ingathering school supplies list is 24 count cray-
ons, 12 count colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, single subject note-
books, student scissors & cloth bags. You can find the cloth bag pattern
at (https://s3.amazonaws.com/media.cloversites.com/db/dbae8cc6-7c0e-474b-93df-af3f6a01e757/documents/One_Handle_Cloth_Bag_1.pdf)

If you would like a personal shopper or would like to make a cash dona-
tion please contact the office and someone will assist you. 515-275-4015
There will be a tub in the Courtyard to place donations or you can
set donations in the entrance and someone will bring them inside.

RED BIRD MISSION

We plan to return to Red Bird the week of September 14-18,
2020. So far we have several planning to go. Cost for the time at
Red Bird is \$425 per person, in addition there will be travel
expenses. We already have \$2,900.00 toward the cost of the trip
and will plan a fundraiser to help as well. If you have any ques-
tions you can visit with any of the group that went last year and
check out their website at www.rbmission.org.

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for all of your support you have given us. Right now we
are doing well. People still come for food but drive up and get it
while in their cars. We send out their vouchers through the mail,
and the new families are given vouchers when they come. Thank
you, and pray for the people we serve and for all to stay well.

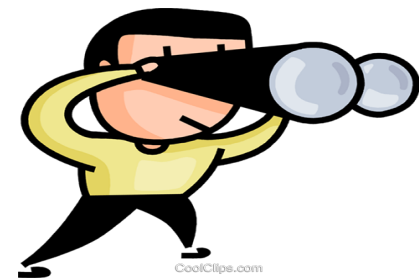
SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

We will be collecting school supplies for the Ogden Elementary and
Middle School. You can bring items between now and September
15th. There is a bin in the Courtyard gathering area with a listing
posted about what is needed.



SEEKERS - Regular Thursday Morning Bible Study

The Thursday, 10:00 am, study group is continuing to meet at the church as we bring the book, “Grace” by Max Lucado to an end during August. A new study will begin in September. Curious? Come set in on this group and enjoy the discussion and fellowship.



WOMEN AT THE WELL AT CUMC

Rev. Whitmer will be here speaking about Women at the Well during worship on September 27th. Women at the Well is a United Methodist congregation which is located within the walls of the Iowa Correctional Institution for Women. They are a diverse community composed of women incarcerated at ICIW, men and women from around the State of Iowa who choose to worship with them, and many volunteers who regularly support their ministries and programs.

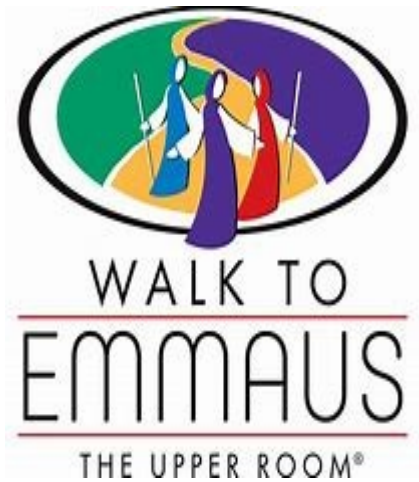
POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP

Following worship on September 27th plan to stay for an all church potluck in the Courtyard. The main dish (*maidrites & hotdogs*), drinks, and dinnerware will be furnished. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

IOWA WALK TO EMMAUS UPDATES

The next Walk to Emmaus is scheduled for Ankeny UMC in October.
The men’s weekend is October 15-18, 2020.
The women’s weekend is October 22-25.
Chrysalis (for 15-18 year olds) will be held November 13-15, 2020 at Adel UMC. (see below)
Face to Face (for older adults) will be rescheduled to a later date.

Schedules change but God’s love abounds as we continue to develop Christian leaders through Walk to Emmaus Ministries.
Questions: Contact Evelyn Lewiston at lewiston@netins.net



CHRYSALIS ~ November 13-15th
First Christian Church in Adel, Iowa
Chrysalis is available for youth ages 15-18.
For applications and information go to iowawalktoemmaus.org/Emmaus Links/Iowa Chrysalis
Contact Evelyn Lewiston if you have any questions.

Family and Friends in Our Prayers

Please pray for those affected by the COVID-19 virus and our leaders that are guiding our nation through this time. Also, pray for our CUMC friends including Cathy Aldrich; Thomas McElherne, Jan Froning’s father; Pat Doran; Betty Gregerson; Tom Snow; Francis Kauffman; Elliana Skinner; Jim Peterson, Melisa Stevens father, and especially our friends and family that are shut-ins or in care centers.



Members and Friends in Care / Assisted Living Centers

Ogden Manor: Norma Jean Herridge; **Eastern Star:** Jane Lebo, Shirley Brock;
Suites of Ankeny: Vivian Christensen; **Stratford Care:** Dutch Eshelman; **Green Hills:** Dixie Jensen
Westhaven: Bethel Hurley, Irene Delp, Raechel Hollingshead, Millie Henrikson



Patsy Kruse

December 8, 1948 - July 4, 2020

FELLOWSHIP

Among the in place worshipers we have found that we miss being together after worship is over. So, we will begin having fellowship again on August 2nd. Those staying for fellowship will be asked to find a seat at a table and will be waited on at the tables. Please be patient as we navigate our way back to normal within our church. Hope to see you there!



A big THANK YOU to Cy Hornberg and John Ellis for designing and creating three beautiful and portable touchless hand sanitizing stations. They are filled and ready to dispense at the entrances to CUMC home. Great having so much talent in our congregation.



IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On Saturday, July 18th, Sandy Friesen, Barbara Petrone, and Pastor Buck attended the Iowa Annual Conference via Zoom in the church library while practicing social distancing. If you would like to read Bishop Laurie Reflections on the 2020 Iowa Annual Conference or the AC2020 – Treasurer’s Report go to www.iaumc.org and scroll down.



2020 TALENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER

FOR CUMC YOUTH ACTIVITIES/CAMP MINISTRIES

A 15 DAY SILENT AUCTION IN-PLACE AND ON-LINE



Bidding begins on Sunday August 16th at 8:00 am

Bidding ends on August 30th at 1:00 pm

WE NEED TALENTS OF

HAND CRAFTERS, SERVICES & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES, BAKERS & CHEFS

Items themselves or a written description of the items will be displayed at the church throughout the SILENT AUCTION.

Hand crafted items to be delivered to purchaser after August 30th.

Talent donor and Talent purchaser will be "introduced" to each other after August 30th.

DONORS OF TALENTS

Donors need to provide an information sheet describing the talent and provide a picture or written description of the talent. The donor may request a minimum opening bid.

Donors need to provide a telephone number and/or email.

DEADLINES FOR DONATIONS

All talents (actual, picture, or written description) shall be at the church by Thursday, August 13th.



BIDDERS/PURCHASERS OF TALENTS

BIDDER IDENTIFICATION

We would like bidders to apply for a bidder identification number to enter on the bidding sheets for each talent for sale. Bidding sheets are located in the courtyard and online at www.cumcogden.org.

All bidders need to call or email CUMC office to apply for a bidder identification number. 515-275-4015 or cumc@netins.net

Bidders will provide their telephone number and/or email.

BIDDING PROCESS (IN-PERSON and ON-LINE)

Silent Auction Clerks will provide a running record of the bidding on each talent via the website, and on the courtyard bid sheets.



Youth
Ministry
Kelli
Larsen

I want to start by thanking everyone who acknowledged Alyssa's graduating. It has been a crazy year and when someone does something or has a reason to celebrate, it is hard to know how to do that. You have been a great church family for us over the years and thank you for helping me raise Alyssa. I would ask that you continue to pray for her as she goes on to the next phase of her life. She is getting ready to move to Nebraska to attend Metropolitan Community College and is nervous. So please keep her in your prayers and me as well since I will miss her a lot!

As we seem to be speeding our way to Fall and the start of the school and Sunday School and other church youth activities, there are still a lot of questions to be answered. The Ogden Schools are planning a full return to learning but there are still a lot of unknowns about how that will look. The same is true for our children and youth activities. I will be sending out an email soon to parents of kids who have been involved in those activities in the past as well as others who may like to be involved. I would like to get a feel for how many kids will be coming to Sunday School especially, as I am wondering about the best way to set that up. I already have one teacher who will not be coming back as she doesn't feel comfortable with the situation yet. I am looking into various programs such as one room classrooms and Children's Church. I would love your input on what you feel would be the most comfortable for you.

Once again, I will also be looking for volunteers to help in various ways so please keep praying for ways you can help out.

Stay safe and God Bless You!

Love, Kelli

Bulldog
Builders
Sr. Youth
Ministry



Tom & Judy
Cleveland
Mackenzie
Harris
Delaney
Tonsfeldt

Attention Sr. High Youth and Parents

We want to make you all aware of a new opportunity we are planning to offer this year. We are inviting all senior high youth and their parents to attend Sunday School together this fall. We will be using small, easy to understand booklets called "Passport", written by Chuck Swindoll as the curriculum for our class. We have three booklets to use as a basis for our discussions. One is on "End Times Prophecy", one on "Understanding Heaven", and one on "Answers for the World's Tough Questions". Passports are short easy to read pamphlets that are totally Bible based. They will stimulate good discussion addressing the most important topics youth and their parents could ever discuss. Our desire is to provide an opportunity for sons and daughters and moms and dads to share in thoughtful discussion about the basics of our common faith. Too often, we all feel ill prepared to discuss the basic tenants of our faith. We encourage all Sr. High families to take advantage of this class to explore and grow in their faith understanding. What fun this will be . . . plus, we always have treats during our class! ~ Tom and Judy

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug 2 Margo Christensen	Aug 13 Bain Wilson	** denotes significant Birthdays that include a "0"
Deanna Garwood	Kim Lewiston	
Jayden Liebsch	Aug 14 Mark Dorr	
Aug 4 Brandon Brend	Brenda Fisher	
Kevin Paulson	Aug 15 Ken Elsberry	
Aug 5 Addison Liebsch **	Susan Kallem	
Linda Morgan	Aug 16 Addison Walker	
Aug 6 Todd Leemkuil	Aug 19 Deb Carlson **	
Aug 7 Donna Christensen	Mona Satre	
Aug 7 Channing Craig	Aug 22 Bella Bryan	
Aug 8 Tyson Perdue	Aug 24 Amelia Schroeder	
Aug 9 Kim Rinker	Aug 26 Lisa Sheirbon	
Aug 11 Chuck Good	Aug 28 Linda Bolton	
Aug 12 Julee Hornberg	Aug 30 Sue Bogue	
Aug 13 Norma Crosman **	Bryant Hunter **	



"Let Your Light Shine" *Ignited for Justice*



United
Methodist
Women

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God."

Ephesians 2:8 (New Living Translation)

We are thankful for the gift of God's grace. How can we use that gift? As United Methodist Women we can be followers of Christ; faithful members of Community United Methodist Church and supportive members of our local unit. North Central District Vice-President, Debra Hill, shares these thoughts, "Let us show compassion for each other in the midst of these troubling times." "We as Christians must use the power of prayer in a united effort."

Please consider attending our August 5th unit meeting at 1:30 pm in the courtyard. Linda Plueger, Monica Circle, will be our host and Mary Ann Christensen, Faith Circle, will give the program, "Living as Children of Light." Seating will be social distanced.

The "Living as Children" of the Light program is based on *Ephesians 5:8; (CEB)*. "You were once in darkness but now you are light in the Lord, so live your life as children of light."

Your Sisters in Christ,
Cathy Aldrich & Mary Ann Christensen

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UMW Schedule for August

August 5—1:30 pm	Unit Meeting	Courtyard at church
August 17—7:00 pm	Glory Circle	Courtyard at church
August 19—1:30 pm	Faith Circle	Courtyard at church

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We will be winding up the last pieces of the church directory this month. If you would like to have your picture in the directory (which is helpful for new members, church secretaries, and fairly new pastors) please stop by and get yours taken right away (stop by anytime someone is at the church) OR send a recent picture (a selfie is fine) to cumc@netins.net. We are doing this directory "in house" so I can add a photo up until printing.

We would love to see all your faces in the directory!! Please send your picture in ASAP.

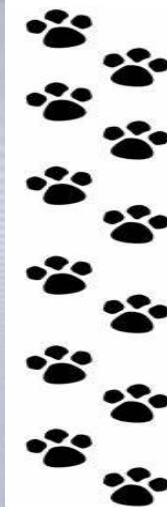
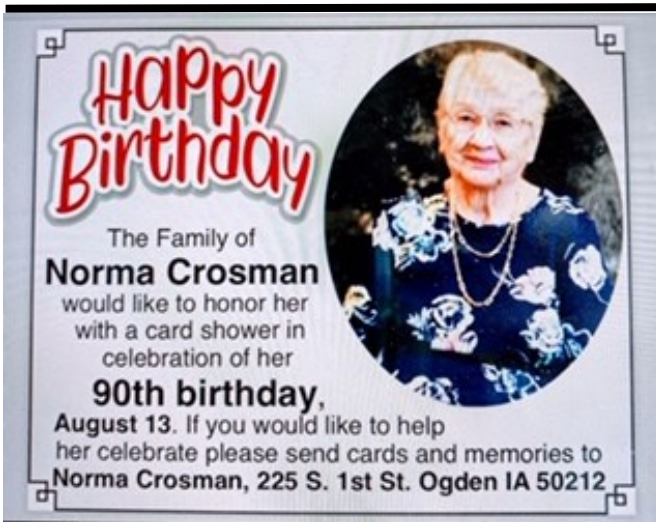
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Tom & Freda Perdue	August 3	Andrew & Katy Heineman	August 5
Greg & Kim Lewiston	August 5	Ron & Jan Jome	August 7
Jim & Sue McConnell	August 9	Bernie & Evelyn Lewiston	August 10
Gary & Carlote Paulsen	August 18	Kendal & Kim Paulsen	August 26


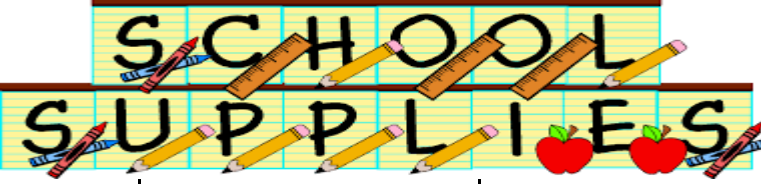
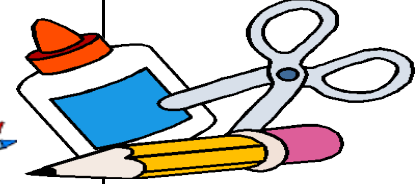



Bulldog Builders

Currently, we are planning on starting Bulldog Builders on Wednesday, September 9th at 8:30 p.m. All Sr. High Students are welcome to this group.

~ Tom and Judy



August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
(All services will be online at www.cumcogden.org under the "Services" menu tab and can be viewed anytime.)						1) NOW is a GREAT time to buy School Supplies. We will donate to kids in need at Ogden Schools
2) 9:00 am Prayer Gathering 9:30 am Worship w/ Communion 10:30 am Fellowship	3)	4)	5) 1:30 pm UMW Unit Mtg	6) 10:00 am Seekers	7) 	8) COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE Heavenly Helpings The UMW Cookbook Available and only \$8.00.
9) 9:00 am Prayer Gathering 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	10)	11) 5-7:00pm Food Pantry <i>Food Pantry with social distancing. Please drive up to the CUMC East entrance and someone will come out and help you.</i>	12)	13) 10:00 am Seekers Bring SILENT AUCTION ITEMS to church.	14)	15)
16) 8:00 am TALENT AUCTION BEGINS 9:00 am Prayer Gathering 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship	17) TALENT AUCTION 7:00pm Glory Circle	18) TALENT AUCTION <i>Don't forget to bid online at www.cumcogden.org under the Talent Auction tab!</i>	19) TALENT AUCTION 1:30 pm Faith Circle 7:30 pm Leadership Board	20) TALENT AUCTION 10:00 am Seekers	21) TALENT AUCTION <i>Make two bids today on TALENT AUCTION online or in the Courtyard.</i>	22) TALENT AUCTION
23) TALENT AUCTION CONTINUES 9:00 am Prayer Gathering 9:30 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship <i>When you are in church today, don't forget to bid on the AUCTION</i>	24) TALENT AUCTION  Ogden School resumes	25) TALENT AUCTION 	26) TALENT AUCTION <i>Don't forget to bid again on the SILENT AUCTION!</i>	27) TALENT AUCTION 10:00 am Seekers	28) TALENT AUCTION	29) TALENT AUCTION <i>Not much going on? Make a lot of bids today on the TALENTAUCTION at www.cumcogden.org!</i>
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