



# Missouri River District

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May 2016

## Opportunities:

- NUMB Ride for Hunger, June 25-29
- Summer camps (note confirmation camps June 13-16, June 21-24 at Camp Fontanelle) [www.campfontanelle.com](http://www.campfontanelle.com)
- Hispanic Ministries Ninos Com Vidas Summer Program July 5 - August 5 Contact Pastor Mariam at [mperalta@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:mperalta@greatplainsumc.org) For more info., to register, or to sponsor a child.

## Hungry? Join Lefler for one or all of their upcoming dinners!

- June 25 Spaghetti
- August 27 Chuck Wagon
- October 22 Fall Turkey Dinner

## Missouri River District has NEW offices!

After many years and a few DS's later the Missouri River District located in downtown Omaha on Farnam Street has moved.

Our new AA, Kris, came on-board after preparations for the move were underway. Along with jumping feet first into learning her position she has spent more than the last month packing, cleaning, stuffing and functioning out of boxes. But the day finally arrived and contrary to Dr. Suess & the Grinch it did come with ribbons, packages, boxes, bags and maybe even a few bows.

April 29th came without

fanfare bright and early. The movers arrived and in no time at all had every box, chair, desk, lamp and don't forget the Keurig, very nimbly stuffed, one by one, up the chimbley. Well ok, it was actually a very large moving truck. For the last time we drove down Farnam Street and are now located at:

7318 Harrison Street  
Ralston, NE 68128

Phone: 402-934-5441  
Fax: 402-934-5196

Now the work of unpacking begins but there's one more thing and we hope you'll attend...



## Tuesday May 24th 4-7 p.m.

We'd love to have you come visit our new location and enjoy some light refreshments.

## Upcoming Church Events

**Saturday, May 7, 2016**  
**Falls City First UMC**  
**John Nilsen Concert**  
1700 Harlan Street  
Falls City NE, 68355  
11:30am Concert



Join us for world renowned recording artist and classical pianist John Nilsen in concert.

**Sunday, May 15, 2016**  
**Louisville UMC**  
**Celebrating 100 Years!**  
222 Walnut Street  
Louisville, NE  
10am Service  
with Pot Luck Following  
Join us for Remembering the Past and Celebrating the Future

**Saturday, May 21, 2016**  
**10am-4pm**  
**Boutique of Blessings Women's Retreat**  
Hosted by Living Hope UMC (see following pages for more information & registration)

**Sunday, June 5, 2016**  
**10:00am-Noon**  
**Music in the Park**  
Event open to all & held in the town park. Hotdogs, chips and drink at no cost or free-will offering. Rain location: Louisville UMC, 222 Walnut Street, Louisville, NE

**Thursday, June 9, 2016**  
**12:30pm - \$5.00**  
**Louisville UMW Salad**  
Please join us for the luncheon and presentation by Tracy Milius on her recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic with a group of students from Creighton's Occupational Therapy program.

## Bouquet of Blessing Women's Retreat

*Bless the Lord, o my soul, and forget not all his benefiits.* Psalm 103:2

Are you longing to...

Relax in a rocker in one of the private retreat rooms,

Pray as you stroll the banks of the Elkhorn River,

Meditate while walking the labyrinth,

Join in a small group Bible Study to explore the ways we are blessed and called to be a blessing

...then please join the women of Living Hope United Methodist Church as they host the Bouquet of Blessings Women's Retreat May 21, 2016. The retreat will take place from 10am to 4pm at Knowles Mercy Retreat Center, 2304 Campanile RD, Waterloo, NE.

A day long retreat program will guide our time. However women are invited to use this day to feed their soul in whatever way they need and are free to opt in and out of the retreat schedule as the Spirit leads.

A resource table will offer free reading material and a variety of prayer guide participants during private retreat time.

The \$15.00 registration fee includes a Bouquet of Blessings tote bag, a prayer journal and pen, a gift table item, lunch, beverages and snack breaks. Grants for registration available.

As a final act of faithfulness, retreat participants will be invited to assemble **Blessings Bags for Youth Emergency Service**. Each bag will contain hygiene items that homeless and at risk youth can use. Donations of combs, brushes, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes and lotion are welcome.

Please invite friends and family to join Living Hope and register by May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Send registration and payment to: Living Hope UMC  
2919 State St.  
Omaha, NE 68112

For more information call Pastor Charlotte at (402) 453-9162 or (402) 707-2480

## Bouquet of Blessings Retreat - Registration Form

We thank you for your interest in participating at our retreat. Please fill out Registration below. Please return registration by email to [pastorcharlotte@hotmail.com](mailto:pastorcharlotte@hotmail.com), by mail to Charlotte Abram at Living Hope UMC 2919 State Street, Omaha, NE or call Charlotte Abram at (402) 707-2480.

Attendee's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers (cell & home) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Payment:

I am registering by email and will mail my check separately.

I am registering by email and will pay on the day of the retreat.

I am registering by mail my check is enclosed.

I am registering by mail and will pay the day of the retreat.

I am registering by phone and will send payment.

I am registering by phone and will pay the day of the retreat.

## Website Changes

In the past the Missouri River District has maintained their own website. In order to reduce district costs and standardize, the website the district is moving to using the conference website for a one stop source.

To access the district website directly from the GP website use the following URL

[www.greatplainsumc.org/missouririverdistrict](http://www.greatplainsumc.org/missouririverdistrict)

Or directly from the GP

Home page go to "DISTRICTS" & "Missouri River District."

From the District page you will see the district contact information and a listing of all Churches and Clergy within the Missouri River District.

Note: The Church & Clergy lists are independent alphabetical lists.

By selecting either the church or the clergy you will see contact information for each. Included in the

churches info. are also links to both website and facebook, worship times and both physical & mail church addresses.

Should any contact information change for either the church or clergy at anytime please email those changes to Kris in the office at [missouririver@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:missouririver@greatplainsumc.org).

Check back often as information for district missions, newsletters, and other important information will be added.



Five new members were received at Pawnee City UMC on Sunday, April 3, 2016. Pictured from left to right in the first row Eric M., Graham M. (Confirmation Class members), Jade T.; second row Anthony M., Christina M., and Pastor Sherry. Bibles were presented to the youth as a gift from the Church and a reception of cake and punch was served following the worship.

## VBS 2016 Listings

Please see the website at [www.greatplainsumc.org/missouririverdistrict](http://www.greatplainsumc.org/missouririverdistrict) for church contact information.



June 5-8, 6pm-8pm  
Dinner at 5pm  
Surf Shack  
Omaha St. Paul UMC

June 5-9, 6pm-8:30pm  
June 6-10, 9am-11:30am  
Cave Quest  
Omaha St Andrews UMC

June 6-10, 9am-Noon  
Egypt-Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace  
Kennard Grace UMC

June 6-10, 6pm-8pm  
Joy in Jesus! Everywhere!  
All the Time!  
Omaha Living Hope UMC

June 6-10, 6pm-8pm  
Surf Shack  
Pawnee City UMC

June 12-16, 6pm-8:30pm  
Optional dinner at 5:30pm  
Surf Shack  
Omaha Rockbrook UMC

June 13-17, 8:30am-11:30am  
Cave Quest  
Barada UMC (5 Churches)  
[ruralSoutheastVBS.com](http://ruralSoutheastVBS.com)

June 19-23, 6pm-8:15pm  
Cave Quest  
Omaha FaithWestwood UMC

June 20-23, 6pm-8:30pm  
Expedition Norway  
Omaha Water's Edge UMC

June 20-24, 6pm-8pm  
Going Deep with God!  
Omaha Clair Memorial

June 21-23, Time TBD  
Pets Unleashed  
Bellevue Aldersgate

June 26-30, 6pm-8:30pm  
Cave Quest  
Elkhorn Hills UMC

July 10-13, 6pm-7:15pm  
Living Water  
Omaha First UMC

July 10-14, 6pm-8:30pm  
Deep Sea Discovery  
Omaha Maplewood UMC

July 10-14, 6pm-8:30pm  
Deep Sea Discovery  
Omaha Living Faith UMC

July 10-14, 6pm-8pm  
Beach Party  
Blair First UMC

July 10-14, 6pm-8pm  
Egypt-Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace  
Plattsmouth First UMC

July 10-15, 6pm-8pm  
Cave Quest  
Omaha St. Luke UMC  
& Omaha Hanscom Park UMC

July 11-15, 6pm-7:30pm  
Dinner at 5:30pm  
Cave Quest  
Nebraska City First UMC

July 17-21, 6pm-8pm  
Cave Quest  
Gretna UMC

July 18-22, 9am-Noon  
Surf Shack  
Bellevue St. James UMC

July 20-21, 5:30pm-8pm  
Cave Quest  
Ralston Trinity UMC

July 24-28, 6pm-8:30pm  
(full meal at 6 pm)  
Cave Quest  
Ashland UMC

July 24-28, 6pm-8:15pm  
Surf Shack  
Springfield First UMC



### Things are Gearing up at Camp Fontanelle

Camp Fontanelle is getting ready for summer campers! With the anticipation of over 700 campers again this year, the camp is holding a work day on May 14. Cleaning, repairing and maintenance will begin at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon with an opportunity to be in fellowship with other volunteers. All skill sets are needed and if you come out, work will be found to meet your talent. Come on out and help get the camp ready for the summer.

If you or your loved one has not signed up for summer camp, go to [CampFontanelle.com](http://CampFontanelle.com) and look at the camp schedule to find the best camp at the best time for your busy summer. Check with your church about assistance with the camp fee. Contact the camp at 402-478-4296 with any questions. Camping season begins on June 3rd and runs through August 5th. There are camps for pre-school through adult age. Over 40 volunteers helped with the April Work Day.

Camp Fontanelle will hold its first movie night of the season on May 20th. The movie will begin at 9:10. Bring your own chairs and snacks and enjoy an outdoor movie. The movie on the 20th is "Cinderella". The movie is a freewill donation.

Camp Fontanelle  
9677 County Road 3  
Fontanelle NE 68044

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Office Hours:  
Monday - Friday  
7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

### 55 Churches and Friendly Congregations!

We serve the eastern area of Nebraska along the Missouri River from Blair, NE., south to the Nebraska, Kansas border.

**Great churches.  
Great leaders.  
Great disciples.  
Transformed world.**

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### Living Hope Mission & Pearl Pantry

All checks and mail for the church or pantry should be sent to 2919 State Street, Omaha, NE 68112

### United Methodist Ministries / The Big Garden

United Methodist Ministries recently celebrated 50 years of ministry and hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new Big Garden headquarters located at 5602 Read St. in Omaha, Nebraska.

At the event Nathan Morgan, executive director at the Big Garden, welcomed everyone and shared that with this new space UM Ministries hopes to “grow more food, teach more people and feed more people.”

To accomplish this the Big Garden now has greenhouses, an education building, and land for demonstration gardens.

Morgan also stated at the end of the ceremony, “There is a standing invitation for you to come and get your hands dirty.”

The Big Garden would like to invite you to donate online during Omaha Gives on May 25th.

To learn more please see the website at [biggarden.org](http://biggarden.org)

Or by calling the office at 402-898-9862



### Hispanic Ministries Omaha Community Center New Location



The Hispanic Ministries Community Center has moved from their previous location to Omaha Dietz Memorial UMC.

The address is  
1423 S, 10th St  
PO Box 3684  
Omaha, NE 68103  
Questions please email  
Pastor Mariam at [peralta@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:peralta@greatplainsumc.org)

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