

# WAKONDA NEWS

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

"How many of you love the library?" I asked our three-year-old class of preschoolers during Tuesday morning chapel.

Tiny hands shot straight up into the sky. They couldn't get their hands any higher.

"Pastor Robyn, I LOVE THE LIBRARY!!!" they all shouted.

"Oh, I'm so glad. Well did you know this is a library," I say, as I hold up a Bible.

"What?! No way, that's just a big book." They correct me.

"Nope. Inside this book are many books, just like a library. This is a library you can carry around and read anytime you like."

The oohs and awes that followed just make your faith-filled heart flutter.

I repeated this same lesson with our Wednesday night OWL class. Our third through sixth graders had a few more questions to this line of thinking, but they were equally impressed.

Sometimes, I think this is exactly why Jesus told his disciples to spend time

with children. Not only do they show us new ways of seeing the world and reading scripture, but they also remind us of the foundational joy and truth in our world.

Our Bible is FULL of countless stories, styles of writing, various authors, and innumerable perspectives. We forget sometimes that as Disciples of Christ, we not only believe, but celebrate having various ways of reading, interpreting and – as all scripture is supposed to do – inspiring us to act in response to the scriptures.

We all know that when two or three are gathered, so too in the presence of God with us. But we also know that when two or three are gathered, too are five or six (probably even more) ways to understand any given scripture. The early Disciples in our tradition liked to remind us that we are focused upon the "unity, not uniformity" of scripture. It takes all of us reading, and then prayerfully conversing with one another to fully know how God is moving in our world today.

This summer, the Lessons on the Lawn small group will embark upon a Bible Study together. I'm so excited to lead and join this group, and I hope others from the church will join us, too. We'll gather on Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chair (weather permitting), your Bible, and you can even bring your picnic dinner. We'll dive into this sacred library, listening to God and one another. Please see me if you have any questions, but most of all, I hope you'll join us for this conversation. No library card is required.

Serving with you,  
Pastor Robyn



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## Baptism Sunday

Baptism is always a great joy in our faith growth. Please join us Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, as we celebrate the baptisms of Ellie Koll- Rosander, Truman Saveraid, and Zoey Van Otterloo. A reception will follow worship. Thank you for praying for these young disciples as they take their steps into the waters of faith.

# Inclusive Church Upcoming Events

### EDUCATION SERIES: PART 1/2

Sunday, May 3, 4-5pm in the Cord Room

Conversation with Rev. Greg Neal from Grace United Methodist Church about his experience leading a traditional, inclusive congregation and his journey as a revered minister who is also gay.

### EDUCATION SERIES: PART 2/2

Wednesday, May 13, 5-8pm in the Sanctuary

Pizza and movie night featuring a film screening of *1946: a balanced and thoughtful documentary unpacking the biblical translation of homosexuality as we understand it today.* Small group discussions to follow.

### BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, May 27 & June 3, 5:30-7 in the Cord Room

All are invited to join this two-part bible study led by Pastor Robyn. Dinner will be provided at 5:30 with bible study following.

Childcare is available! Questions? Contact Mazie Stilwell or Susan Thies

Liberty Marcum is graduating from Texas Christian University with a double major in Criminal Justice and Communication Studies, along with a minor in Child Development.

During her time at TCU, she was involved in the Criminal Justice Society and was honored to be a member of Lambda Pi Eta, the National Communication Association's honor society. She also completed an internship with Alliance for Children, where she gained meaningful experience advocating for children and families.



Following graduation, Liberty plans to continue her work in child advocacy, with a passion for supporting and protecting children in her community.

If you would like to send a card or note of encouragement, they may be mailed to:

9354 Legacy Creek Trl. Apt 1101  
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Thank you for your continued love and support throughout her journey.

## Youth Happenings...

Children and Youth Sunday School will be taking a break starting with Memorial Day - May 24 through September 6. We will have Worship & Wonder, Junior and Starbies and Jesus through May 17! If you see any of the teachers, give a big THANK YOU for volunteering!

# Vacation Bible School at Wakonda! July 6-9

## 5:30-7:30pm



### May Worship

**May 3**, Matthew 25:31-40,  
"Food, Drink, and Welcome"  
Rev. Dawn Ingram  
of Immanuel Pathways Preaching

**May 10**, John 14:15-21  
*Abiding Advocate*

**May 17**, Acts 1:6-14,  
*Grounding Faith*

**May 24**, Baptism Sunday

**May 31**, Sara Patty Preaching

### May Birthdays

**3** Marlene Fry, Urban Uthe  
**6** Wyatt Uthe  
**15** Diane Fox  
**16** Sayer Saveraid  
**24** Dave Hawkins  
**29** Jim Kabel  
**30** Sheri McMichael

# What's Happening at Wakonda

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 3 <b>8:45 a.m.</b> Sunday School For All <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship <b>4:00 p.m.</b> Inclusive Church Gathering	4	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Chit Chats	6	<b>11:30 a.m.</b> W.O.W.	8	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> B.O.B.
10 <b>8:45 a.m.</b> Sunday School For All <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship	11	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Chit Chats	13	14	15	16
17 <b>8:45 a.m.</b> Sunday School For All <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship	18	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Chit Chats	<b>7:00 p.m.</b> Board Meeting	<b>12:00 p.m.</b> Sack Lunch <b>1:00 p.m.</b> Coloring Group	22	23
24 <b>8:45 a.m.</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship	25 <i>Memorial Day</i> Offices Closed	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Chit Chats	27	28	29	30
31 <b>8:45 a.m.</b> Adult Sunday School <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship	June 1	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> Chit Chats	3	<b>11:30 a.m.</b> W.O.W.	5	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> B.O.B.