



## ***Monday Musings***

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Greetings,

In this week's lectionary reading from John 17, Jesus says, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world." As I read this passage I was reminded once again of the recent trip to Korea. We heard story after story about the importance of the work of missionaries who came to Korea to spread the gospel message. We saw ministry after ministry that was evidence of the fruit of their efforts and life's work. As Jesus proclaimed God's word to people of his day, and as missionaries did the same and continue to do the same, we are invited to be open to the great opportunities to share the gift of faith and life offered to us in Jesus Christ.

I was continually surprised by the deep and heartfelt gratitude of the Korean people for the gift of this missionary effort. As they have received this gift, they now want to share it with others through in the wonderful hospitality we received. What they experience, they want others to know as well. It all seems like Radical Hospitality to me! As we prepare for Annual Conference with the theme of Radical Hospitality, how might we be open to ways in which we might share the gospel of Christ in what we do in those days we gather in Ames? How might we extend the gracious love of Christ to someone we may not know? Or to someone we may not agree with? Or to someone we may never see again? Be open to the ways in which God's gift of hospitality might be embodied in and through you.

Grace and peace,

***Rose M. Blank***

### ***Upcoming Events***

**May 21** -- The Hope for Africa Children's Choir will be presenting a concert at Washington United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 21, 2009, at 7:00 PM.

There will be a free will offering. You are all warmly welcomed to come and enjoy the concert.

Washington UMC is located at 206 West Second Street in Washington, Iowa. If you have any questions, you can call the church office at 319-653-5446

**May 25** --The Hope for Africa Children's Choir will be presenting a concert at Farmington United Methodist Church on Monday, May 25, 2009, at 7:00 PM. There will be a free will offering. Farmington UMC is located at 407 S. 4th St. in Farmington, Iowa. If you have any questions, you can call the church office at 319-878-4140.

### *Announcements*

Matthew 25 Grant applications for 2010 are due **June 30, 2009**. For an application, click here: [Matt 25 Grant Application](#)

Unified Grant applications for 2010 must be postmarked or hand delivered to the district office no later than **May 30, 2009**. For an application, click here: [Unified Grant Application](#)