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## Mount Pleasant News

By Dianne Bremer

## piano recital at the Oberlin Mother's Day afternoon. John and Dianne Bremer at- tended the garden wedding of Ttended the garden wedding of Ta the newlyweds' home in Oberlin Saturday afternoon.

Families enjoy gardening


## Walking with Jesus Judi Stricker, United Church of Oberlin

## Luke was a storyteller. Just as John had an eye for

 details, Luke had a talent for keeping listeners involved in his stories. In fact, it is said that this one in volved in his stories. In fact, it is said that this one in
particular was asked for again and again. I recognize particular was asked for again and a
that as it is one of my favorites too
The story took place on Easterevening on that first The story took place on Easter evening on that frrs disciples in question has missed all of the wonderful action on Easter Day. They were still wrapped up in the death of Jesu
the actual event.
Two disciples were on their way home, about seven miles from Jerusalem, to a small village called Emmaus. As they were walking along, totally "bummed
out" and wondering how their lives could possibly out" and wondering how their lives could possibly
get worse, they meet a man along the way who join get worse, they meet a man along the way who joins
their walk. Unknown to the two, the stranger is actually Jesus
surprise!
This story had a very small cast, just Jesus and two disciples, really followers of Jesus, not among the twelve. As Luke records the story for us, he really
namesonly one, Cleopas. The other man is not named names only one, Cleopas. The other man is not named
and in fact, Luke really refers to them as "they". It really does not matter who they were, it is the essence of those two men being so much like us,
He lets the two go on, and on, and on, about how the nightmare that the prophets had foretold, had
the the nightmare that the prophets had foretold, had
"Ah, come on you two, get with the program. Doyou ONLY believe
As we tell our stories, either personal or congregational, do we take the time to really hear what we are
saying? We need to know what we are REALLY comsaying? We need to know what we are REALLY com-
municating to others. Do we know what is actually municating to others. Do we know what is actually
true in our life stories, or what has been told so many true in our life stories, or what has been told so many big difference between those two things. Those two
disciples didn't take into account about HOW the prophesy would play out.
Unfortunately, those two did not take into consideration that because they had focused on only a part
of the story, that they had denied the transforming
 of the story, that they had denied the transforming
power of the REAL Easter story.
It took Jesus' blessing of the bread to open their eyes. alone. They felt his love and his power, and they would have it no other way than they come to dine with them. Jesus broke bread with them in the same way he did in the upper room with the disciples.
What is compelling about the words we speak? It is in the invitation of others to share in our story that we May Jesus to invite them into his as well. May the living Christ stay with you this whole Easto his presence.

Schedule of Oberlin and area church services:


