



COLONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:10 AM

WE'RE INVITING

Welcome our Newest Members

Denny & Barbara Roberts, Randi Haley, Craig Baker, Gary (seated) and Gloria Carlson, Gayla Scott and Wendy Baker joined our Church on December 24th, 2017
Please introduce yourselves and get to know our newest members!



Welcome
MAY ALL

WHO ENTER AS GUESTS,
LEAVE AS FRIENDS.



Bible Studies

Monday morning Bible Study – There will be no Bible Study in January and February. Monday morning Bible Studies will resume in March.

Prayers

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on Thursday, January 4th. Doors will be open so come any time between 8:30 am and 8:30 pm. If you would like to add a prayer request, please pick one up in the church office.

We also have two prayer chains that lift others up in prayer as needed. If you feel that God is nudging you to be involved in a prayer ministry, please contact the office.

Family Ministries

Will be meeting Wednesday the 3rd at 6:00 pm. We are still working on dates but plan to begin a Family Ministries Bible Study soon! Watch the bulletin for more details in the weeks to come!

Methodist Youth Fellowship

Will be meeting on Sunday the 7th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. There will be a movie so don't forget to bring a snack!

Chancel Choir

Welcome to all of you who wish to make a “joyful noise unto the Lord!” Practice is from 7:00-7:45pm. We sing on the first and third Sunday of each month. There is a place for everyone and we can't wait to see you there!

Junior Choir

‘Calling all voices 4 years old thru?’ Come and sing all our praises to the Almighty One!! A meal is served prior to practice at 5:30 so come early and enjoy a meal with your friends. If you feel you've out grown junior choir but still want to be involved there's ALWAYS a need for extra helpers!! Thank you in advance for being a part of this wonderful opportunity to sing praises to our Lord! Can't wait to see and hear you!!

United Methodist Men

There will not be a January breakfast meeting. Watch for information on Lenten Breakfast meetings.

United Methodist Women

Colona United Methodist Women enjoyed a Christmas Potluck on November 30th. A successful bazaar and cookie walk was held on December 9th. Thanks to all who made donations and helped. The money made will benefit Haitian projects and other Mission work.

The next meeting is January 18th at 9:00 am at the church. All women are invited and welcome! Judy Schadt will be hostess.

WANTED! We need people who will be host or hostesses at the 10:00 am Fellowship Hour. Only about 8 volunteers have been providing food and serving. We think this is a good and necessary time to meet new and other friends with a snack and beverage. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen or see Barb Searle.

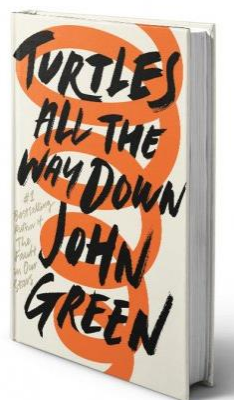
Book Club

Tuesday, January 9th at 10:00 am

“Turtles All The Way Down”

By John Green, #1 best-selling author of

“The Fault in Our Stars”.



LifeTouch

LifeTouch will be here January 18th, 19th and 20th! If you haven't reserved your photo session spot please do so today! Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex otherwise register easily online at our website- colonaumc.org.

Lifetouch understands the importance of reaching out to the community in times of need. Since 2009 through our FEED THE NEED program, Lifetouch Church Directories has donated meals for every family photographed in our partnering organizations. Earned funds are then donated by the organization to local food banks or other charitable causes. This program has made an impact in thousands of communities and churches nationwide.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Just bring in one nonperishable food item to your scheduled photography session and receive a \$5 coupon to use towards your picture order! Everyone will also receive a free 8x10 photo, compliments of LifeTouch, so book your session today!

"I believe that each ministry of the church has the potential for direct hands on service. I was pleasantly surprised to learn that Lifetouch had figured out a way to make creating a church directory into a way to collect food." – Pastor Bob Thomas

Church Directory

With our new Church Directory comes a need to verify and update your information! Located in the Narthex by the West Cry Room is a table and attached is your info. Please verify everything is correct. If you would like to add a cell or email please do so, it too will be included in the new church directory.



LifeTouch Photography
Thursday, January 18th 2pm-9pm
Friday, January 19th 2pm-9pm
Saturday, January 20th 10am-5pm
Register your photography session
online today at colonaumc.org



CHURCH CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST AT 11:30 AM

WE WILL BE VOTING TO SPEND CASH-ON-HAND TO COMPLETE PHASE 1, PLEASE SEE THE PLAN IN THE NARTHEX OR FELLOWSHIP HALL

Everyone is encouraged to attend, hear the details and ask questions. Only church members may vote.

Addition tours available- Sunday, January 14th from 9:00 – 10:30 am

MISSION CORNER

Colona Food Pantry

Bring in non-perishable food items or paper goods to help support your local food pantry on the first Sunday of each month. Place your items in the “grocery cart”! Cash donations are also welcome!



Eagle Ridge Food Pantry

We are looking for volunteers!! If you'd like to be part of a team of volunteers who meet twice a month to help pass out food to those in need at a nearby school, we need you! We need volunteers who can meet the distribution trucks to unload and shelve the food, someone to pick up fresh produce and volunteers to order the food and distribute to families at the school. All jobs will be during the daytime hours, twice a month. Serve God by serving others! Please contact the office for more details and we'll notify you of the upcoming dates!



United Methodist Committee on Relief

Providing relief in disaster areas, aiding refugees, and confronting the challenge of world hunger and poverty. UMCOR programs seek to alleviate human suffering by providing:

- (1) Relief, response, and long-term recovery grants when disasters overwhelm a community's resources and ability to recover on their own.
- (2) Technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development.

Our work is done in the spirit of Jesus Christ, preserving the dignity of persons without regard to religion, race, nationality, or gender. UMCOR seeks to enhance the quality of life in the human community.

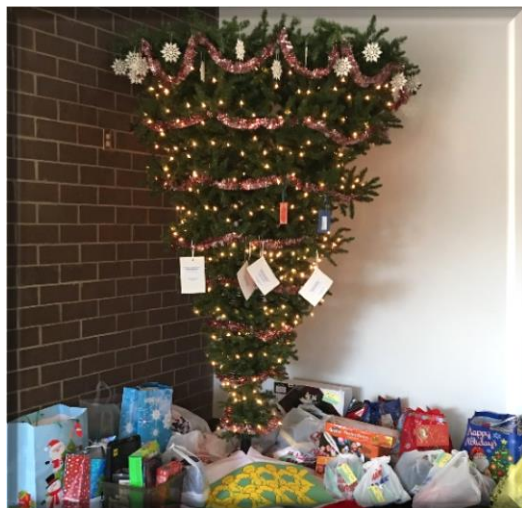
UMCOR Sager-Brown Mission trip is being planned for 2018 in Baldwin, Louisiana.

Are you interested in helping or have questions?

Contact Peg Emmert at 309-231-2657.

Our Missions

Thank you to everyone who took tags off the Angel Tree. 34 children from the Colona Giving Tree and 20 residents from Hillcrest Nursing home had a Merry Christmas thanks to the love and generosity of our congregation!!



GROWING



Education

- Church Camp – ages 5-10 yrs. Meet in the education wing after the 10:30 service Children’s Time.
- Sunday school – classes for kids and adults. Meet every Sunday at 9:10 am! Come & grow with us!

If you are not part of a Sunday school, we offer 4 adult classes and have classes for ages three through high school. Come check us out!

January 14th - Join us as we sing a few songs, raise up prayers and get the latest Sunday school news. Be in the Sanctuary at 9:10 am for Sunday school opening. We will also recognize birthdays for January and any that were not recognized in December.

Worship

January 7th Jeremiah 7:1-7 “A Good Beginning”

January 14th Jeremiah 4:1-5 “Making the Turn”

January 21st Jeremiah 33:10-16 “What’s That Sound?”

January 28th Mark 1:21-28 “The Power of a Good Connection”

Join Us for Worship!

Health News

Henry and Stark County Health Department

The local Health Departments are here to serve all your health needs! Get your immunizations up to date or be prepared for the winter season by getting a flu shot! The Health Departments also offer Well Child Clinic, Family Planning Services and WIC Nutrition Education. Call them for all your health needs. They serve us locally here in Colona and also in Kewanee.

Blood pressure checks- January 28th in the Fellowship Hall.

From the Building Team

Thank you for your understanding during the construction.

We are close to completing the list of tasks from the Building Inspector that are needed to issue our Occupancy Permit. The church key you have should work in any outside door except the addition. Thanks to those who have participated on workdays, there will be more opportunities to help coming, watch for details.

Thanks to our building committee of Bob Anderson, Ted Anderson, Sharon Bloomberg, Sarah Browning, Dale Hillman, Susan Koska, Gene Posey, Rod Searle, Judy Smith, Laura Smith, Mark Vink and several others who severed for a time then moved on to other life events. They have completed the work of getting an addition/upgrade done.

A new team, the Building Completion Committee of Shari Anderson, John Browning, Bill Clark, Jennifer Hillman, Susan Koska, Linda Marcus, Aaron Schofield, Rod Searle, Daniel Skelton, Judy Smith, Jeff Swan, and Eric Wheaton have been meeting. They have been tasked with review of the possible room layout, financing, scheduling and getting the work completed to begin using the addition. They have decided on a phased approach as money becomes available. On January 21st at the end of the 10:30 service, a Church Conference will convene for the congregation to ask questions and to give direction to this committee. An updated plan is available for viewing in the Narthex. Tours with a committee member will be given between 9 and 10:30 and at 11:30 as necessary on Sunday, January 14th.

Trustees News

Reminder if you unlock a door, turn on lights or reset a thermostat; please put it back in the condition you found it when you are finished, thanks. If you notice a maintenance issue, the Trustees need to address, please write it down and put it in the Trustees mailbox.

Did you know?

- ✚ There are donated greeting cards available in our Church office! Stop by if you need to encourage a friend or maybe celebrate a milestone! There are many to choose from!
- ✚ There are great books that you can check out in the Church library!

INVITE – GROW – SERVE

Our Church's motto! Are you serving? We are so grateful to the many people that serve here at Colona United Methodist Church! It takes a great number of people to cover all the bases! We have faithful servants who greet each weekend, serve as ushers and assist the Pastor by praying and reading Scripture during service times. We would like to thank you, encourage you to continue serving and invite others to share their gifts. Please contact or stop by the office to volunteer for 2018!

There are many opportunities to serve! Please check out our Serving Brochure to find a place that God has nudged you to serve in: **Choir, Congregational Care Ministers, Congregational Care Shepherds, Greeters & Welcome Area Helpers, Ushers, Hospitality, Liturgist, Nursery Helper, Office Help, Praise Team, Sunday School Teacher, and Tech Loft!** There is a place for everyone!

JANUARY WEEKLY SERVANTS

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Head Ushers

8:00 am – Susan Koska

10:30 am – Jeff Hasson

Date	8:00 Liturgist	10:30 Liturgist	10:30 Greeter	Nursery
1/07	Peg Emmert	Amy Swan	Traci Hasson	Shery & Katie
1/14	Barb Searle	Lori Thomas	Eric Wheaton	Shery & Gabby
1/21	Karin Barrett	Tammie King	Bethany Snook	Shery & Katie
1/28	Susan Koska	Brad Thomas	Kris Rowell	Shery & Gabby

Thank You for Serving





Happy New Year! Newsletter deadlines being what they are required me to write this little missive before the arrival of Christmas. I would venture a guess that at least a few of us have taken more than one glance at the calendar and recognized that 2017 is fast fading away. There will be resolutions to make and most of all looking with some sense of anticipation at what lies ahead for 2018 and beyond.

The Psalmist wrote long ago; “When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.”¹ All living creatures will be renewed, God made it that way. When we look upon our children and grandchildren one response we all tend to make is, ‘my, how they have grown’. It matters how much or how little time has passed, we recognize that a change has taken place no matter how small.

Even the church must undergo a time of renewal because it too is a living thing created by God with Jesus Christ as our head. In Him we live and move and have our being. Change is the one constant that we in the same breath long for and fear the most. Change means having to do something different than we are used to doing.

Only the Lord knows fully what is before us as we begin the New Year. As a church, we know a few things that we will move into as the year begins. The next phase of completing the new addition will prayerfully begin in the next few months. Some of the programs and events that are part of our DNA will unfold through the year. Who will walk through our doors one day as a stranger or neighbor and next become part of the family of God, we don’t know yet, but we must be ready.

The big thing we must do is pray. In Paul’s letter to the Colossians he writes, “Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving.”² We have so much to be thankful for as a congregation. We are uniquely positioned to serve our community and the surrounding area with hearts that are filled with God’s grace to make a lasting impact on our neighbors, friends and folks we don’t or may never know.

My prayer is that God will continue to pour his grace out on us. That we will remain diligent in all that God leads us toward. That we will move forward in faith, listening to the cry of the needy, the lost, and hurting of this world. Also, that we take time to fellowship with one another, working side by side in the many ways that God is calling us to serve.

May the blessings of the Holy Spirit reside upon you, your family, and your house. In the strong name of Jesus.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Mark

“Chris and I wish to thank you all so very much for your expressions of Good Will during the Christmas season. You have truly blessed our lives since we first came here in July. May the blessings of God Almighty rest on each & every one through the upcoming New Year.”
 Pastor Mark and Chris

¹ Psalm 104:30

¹ Colossians 4:2



January Anniversaries

Joe & Bailey Swan	Jan. 2	5 yrs.
Scott & Cassi VanHoutte	Jan. 6	21 yrs.
Art & Phyllis Ash	Jan. 10	65 yrs.
Bob & Lindy Anderson	Jan. 11	43 yrs.
Vic & Maxine Loitz	Jan. 29	62 yrs.

Happy Anniversary

January Birthdays

Madison Munoz	Jan. 1
Doug Bedinger	Jan. 2
Janet Duncan	Jan. 3
Orphy Kinkade	Jan. 5
Barbara Roberts, Ryan Westlund	Jan. 7
Joylin Clark & Kaylee Floming	Jan. 8
Jennifer Hillman & Terri Skelton	Jan. 12
David Berg & Joci Hasson	Jan. 16
Lola Odendahl & Marilyn Snook	Jan. 20
Lorenzo Campbell & Lynne Davis	Jan. 21
Scott VanHoutte	Jan. 22
Matthew Darnall & Lora Modesitt	Jan. 23
Sarah Barrett & Joan Elsbury	Jan. 26
Sheila Westlund	Jan. 28
Ruth Gowan & Deborah Trahan	Jan. 30
Vic Loitz	Jan. 31



KEEPING TRACK

Check out our most up to date Church calendar on the website, colonaumc.org!

CUMC Mission Statement

To invite all to know Jesus as we grow in faith and serve.

INVITE-GROW-SERVE



January 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 New Year's Day Office closed	2 6:30 pm Trustees	3 9 - 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 Bible Study 6 - 7 Family Min. 6:30-8 Comm. Mt. 7 - 8 Adult Choir 7 - 8 pm SWAA	4 Prayer Vigil	5	6
7 Communion 5:00 - 7:00 pm MYF Meeting & Movie Night	8 6 - 8:00 Cub Dens 6:30 - 7:30 Praise Team	9 10:00 am Book Club	10 9 - 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6 - 6:45 Children's Choir 7 - 8 pm Adult Choir 7 pm SWAA (making soup)	11 7:00 pm Building Completion Comm.	12	13
14 Church Retreat 8:45 - 10:30 SWAA (selling soup) 9:10 Opening for S.S.	15 Martin Luther King 6 - 8:00 Cub Dens 6:30 - 7:30 Praise Team	16 2:30 - 4 pm Eagle Ridge 6:00 Education Meeting	17 9 - 2 pm Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 - 8 pm Adult Choir	18 9:00 am UMW 2 pm - 9 pm Lifetouch Photography 6:00 pm Missions	19 2 pm - 9 pm Lifetouch Photography	20 10 am - 5 pm Lifetouch Photography
21 11:30 am Church Conference	22 6 - 8:00 Cub Dens 6:30 - 7:30 Praise Team	23 6 - 8 pm Pack Meeting FH	24 9 - 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6 - 6:45 Children's Choir 7 - 8 Adult Choir	25	26	27 7 - 11 am Pancake Breakfast
28 Blood Pressure Checks	29	30	31 9 - 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6 - 6:45 Children's Choir 7 - 8 Adult Choir			