



COLONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

WE'RE INVITING

Prayers

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on Thursday, February 1st. 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

Join us Wednesday's at 6:00 pm for Family Ministries Bible Study. Going on now through the end of March. All are welcome!

Methodist Youth Fellowship

MYF Soup Supper is on Sunday the 3rd from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Come and fill up! We are serving chicken noodle, ham & bean and potato soups. Sponsored by Methodist Youth Fellowship. All are welcome! Freewill offering.



Junior Choir

Join us, come and sing all our praises to the Almighty One!! Calling all voices 4 years old and up. Wednesday's at 6:00 pm. 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!!



Chancel Choir

Welcome to all of you who wish to make a "joyful noise unto the Lord!" Practice is Wednesday's at 7:00 pm. We sing during worship on the first and third Sunday of each month. There is a place for everyone and we can't wait to see you there!

SWAA

Thank you to everyone who purchased SWAA soup on January 14th. Proceeds received from the soup sale are helping to send our Haitian friend to school and also help pay for SWAA's trip to Washington's Light Kids Conference in March.

SWAA LOCK-IN is Friday the 16th and Saturday the 17th.

United Methodist Men

UMM will not be having a February breakfast meeting but watch for information on Lenten Breakfast, coming soon! All church skating party at Skate City, East Moline is Tuesday, March 6th from 6:00 -8:00 pm. If you have a pair of skates please bring them or you can rent a pair for a small fee at the gate. The entrance fees are paid by UMM's group.

United Methodist Women

Judy Schadt served brunch for the January meeting of UMW.

The treasurer reported a balance of \$980 for the Cookie Walk and \$1285 for the Bazaar. A big thank you goes to all of you who helped by baking, making or buying.

Peggy reported that the paper products drive for Eagle Ridge was very successful.

Joy Clark will be the hostess for the February 15th meeting and Peggy Emmert will present the program.

WANTED! People needed to host the 10:00 am Fellowship Hour. This is a great time to meet new friends with a snack and beverage and welcome new people into our church family. We currently have only eight volunteers and would really like to expand our hosting abilities to better welcome our members and new guests. Please volunteer your time to help in this joyous time of fellowship. A sign-up sheet is located in the kitchen or please see Barb Searle if you would like to volunteer.

Ash Wednesday Service

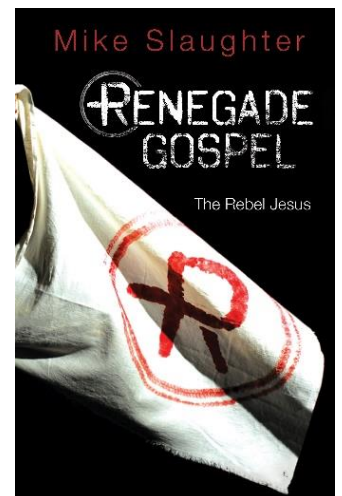
On February 14th at 7:00 pm, Colona UMC will hold a service of worship for Ash Wednesday. This service will prepare followers of Jesus and the body of Christ for the Lenten Season. An Ash Wednesday helps us confront our own mortality and to confess our sins before God. One of the acts of worship includes the imposition of ashes. This service will be approximately 30 minutes in length.

Since Ash Wednesday this year also falls on St. Valentine's Day, there will also be the opportunity for you to stop by the church during the day, enter the sanctuary and impose the ashes on your forehead or that of a family member or friend. The church will be open throughout the day from 9:00 am up until the time of the evening service. There will be provided for you printed prayers, suggested Scripture readings, and the Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline for your use. The ashes will be found on the altar table for your use as well.

Lenten Bible Study beginning February 15th at 6:00 pm

Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus by Mike Slaughter

Central to the Christian faith is a man who denies all our pre-conceived notions about what God should look like. Joining his movement will mean coming to terms with the real Jesus, the rebel Jesus. Jesus didn't come to start a religion. The rebel Jesus came with a renegade gospel to start a revolution. You and I are invited to be a part. In *Renegade Gospel*, pastor and author Mike Slaughter presents Jesus and his challenging message to inspire us during Lent, Easter, and through the year. Read the red letters and discover Jesus all over again. *Renegade Gospel* is a multi-component, all-church sermon series and group study with six sessions. Topics include: Discovering the Rebel Jesus, Revolutionary Lifestyle, The Most Important Question You Will Ever Have to Answer, Seeing Jesus Today and The Way of the Cross Resurrection.



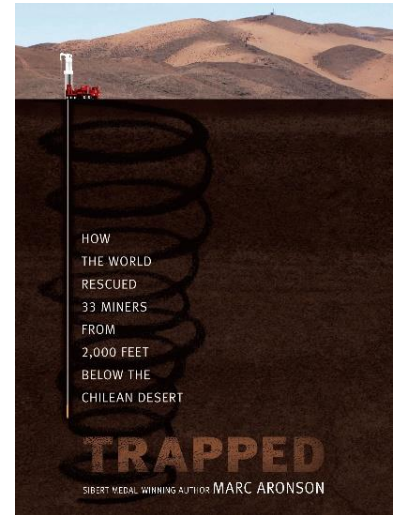
Monday Morning Bible Study

Monday morning Bible Study will resume in March.

Book Club

Tuesday the 13th at 10:00 am
TRAPPED By Marc Aronson

“In early August 2010, the unthinkable happened when a mine collapsed in Copiapo, Chile, trapping 33 miners 2,000 feet below the surface. For sixty-nine days they lived on meager resources with increasingly poor air quality. When they were finally rescued, the world watched with rapt attention and rejoiced in the amazing spirit and determination of the miners. What could have been a terrible tragedy became an amazing story of survival.”



Nursery

Our Nursery is open to children 6 weeks up to 5 years old from 7:45 - 11:45 am Sunday mornings and during most Bible Studies and choir practices on Wednesday evenings. The Nursery is located in the Education wing on the right.



**Jack's favorite thing to do is make a race car track

Scrap-booking Event

Join us Saturday, the 24th at 9:00 am. Bring in your scrapbooking supplies and photos or other crafts you enjoy working on; crochet, cross stitch, arts and crafts, etc. Please bring a snack to share and also pack a lunch for yourself if you plan on staying past noon. If you have any questions or would like to attend please contact Deb Johnson at 309-912-9614.



Circa 21 Playhouse

Inviting all who want to go to Circa 21 – Sunday, April 22nd, tentatively.

Playing: The Church Basement Ladies in Rise Up, O Men

Reservations needed very soon. Contact Peg Emmert at 309-231-2657 or Deb Johnson at 309-912-9614 for details and watch upcoming newsletter for more information!

Shepherds

The Shepherds Committee will be having a potluck and program at CUMC on Tuesday, March 13th. More information to come! If you have any questions please contact Marilyn Schaab at 309-792-3718.

MISSION CORNER

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!



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!

United Methodist Committee on Relief

UMCOR Sager-Brown Mission trip is set for April 9th thru May 4th in Baldwin, Louisiana. At this time we will be going with a team from East Dallas. More information to follow. If interested, please contact Peg Emmert (309-231-2657) for costs, forms and supplies.

UMCOR - 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.

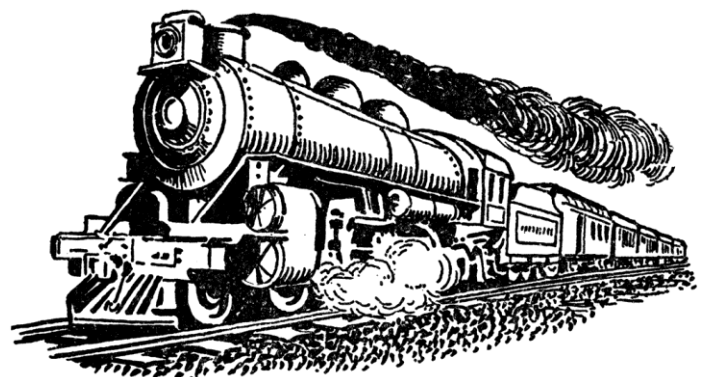
CUMC Missions

"Souper Bowl" Sunday is on the 4th. Bring cans of soup and place in the "Souper Bowl" shopping cart. All donations received will go to the Colona Food Pantry. Will you help us reach our goal of 350 cans??

ALL ABOARD... the Choo-Choo Food Express will be arriving on February 11th. We're collecting non-perishable food items for the Colona Food Pantry.

Bring your donations to the church and place them in the train. The train will be departing on February 20th.

Missions will be meeting on the 15th at 6:00 pm.



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!



Worship

February 4th 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 “The Power of True Freedom”

February 11th Mark 9:2-9 “True Change Looks like This”

February 18th 1 Peter 3:18-22 “Fulfilling a Pledge”

February 25th Romans 4:13-25 “Living by Example”

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 get a flu shot--- it’s not too late! 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 February 25th in the Fellowship Hall.

TRUSTEES NEWS

If you notice a maintenance issue, the Trustees need to address, please write it down and put it in the Trustees mailbox. 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, thank you!

FROM THE BUILDING TEAM

Thanks for your understanding during the construction!!

The list of tasks needed from the Building Inspector to issue our Occupancy Permit have been completed. The church key you have should work in any outside door except the addition. Thanks to those who have participated on workdays and 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 was held for the congregation to ask questions and to give direction to this committee. With a unanimous vote of the 52 voting members present, the BCC was given permission to proceed with Phase 1 using volunteer labor and the cash-on-hand. Thanks to those who came and asked questions. If you have questions at any time, see any member of the committee.

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Look out! Here comes February. The shortest month of the year comes racing our direction and just as quickly passes us by in favor of spring. But the month holds so much for us that maybe we should make it slow down just a bit.

Upon closer inspection one of the things you notice about February is that the days are getting noticeably longer.

You know winter is losing its grip and love is in the air. Everything it seems points to new life. There is even a freshness to the air when you step outdoors.

This year on a commercially revved up day, the Christian calendar calls all believers into a season of forty days commonly known as Lent. It is a season that prepares the believer to celebrate Easter. On St. Valentine's Day, the church enters Lent with a service called Ash Wednesday. The one visible reminder for the world is seeing Christians with ashes, which are used to make the sign of the Cross on follower's foreheads. That sign reminds us of our own mortality and that we have chosen to confess our sins before God within the community of faith.

To me, as both believer and pastor, this great mystery offers up a reminder of how great is the love of God for me and for all mankind. That in spite of all my transgressions and sins, God sent His Son to the earth to die on a cross for my sins. MY sins and yours, once and for all time.

For our first Lenten season, I want to invite and encourage all of you into a time of observing a Lenten Discipline. What is a Lenten Discipline? Lenten discipline begins with an invitation for self-examination and repentance. It includes time for prayer, fasting, and self-denial and also reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. Each of these disciplines are meant to help us draw closer to God.

In addition to the Lenten Discipline, I want to encourage you to join our Lenten Bible Study. The material was written and developed by Rev. Mike Slaughter and is titled *Renegade Gospel*. Watch for sign-up opportunities coming very soon.

Well, it is almost February and it will be here and gone before we realize it. Here's to hoping we can take it one day at a time and use it to grow our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Grace and Peace

I want to express my gratitude to all of you. You continued to affirm that making disciples for Jesus Christ is of vital importance here on this corner of Colona. Continuing toward the completion of the building addition that began with a dream and many prayers a few years ago takes a congregation willing to hold fast to God's calling. I am thankful for the many individuals who have taken an active step in moving this project forward. Each of you are prayed for by not just your pastor but by a grateful congregation.

As we move into the building of walls and doors, wiring, and heating and cooling may God raise up workers for the task, givers of resources, and supply us all with encouragement and strength in the process.

Thanks again to all who have raised up their voices, prayed, cast ballots, provided labor, written checks, worked at fund-raising to make this dream become a reality.

Pastor Mark

~~THANK YOU~~

Thanks to everyone who participated in creating the new Colona UMC Church Directory! Thank you for all of you who helped us diligently in collecting and updating individual's information to have the most up to date content in the new directory. Thank you to the volunteers who helped check in the families on the day of their photo session. We look forward to having the completed product, thank you for your participation!

-Colona UMC Staff

“The family of James Snook would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, flowers, memorials and food that was given in his remembrance.

We especially would like to thank the ladies that served the luncheon. There was so much food – amazing! We also would like to thank the men that cleaned the drive and stairs so we were safe. We are so blessed to have such a caring church family. Thank you so much.”

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!

FEBRUARY WEEKLY SERVANTS

INVITE – GROW – SERVE

Head Ushers

8:00 am – Rod Searle

10:30 am – Judy Smith

Date	8:00 Liturgist	10:30 Liturgist	10:30 Greeter	Nursery
2/04	Barb Searle	Daniel Skelton	Lindy Anderson	Shery & Katie
2/11	Barb Searle	Tony Rokis	Deb Johnson	Shery & Gabby
2/18	Logan Loitz	Aaron Schofield	Eric Wheaton	Shery & Katie
2/25	Karin Barrett	Deb Johnson	Bethany Snook	Shery & Gabby

February Birthdays

Bob Anderson	Feb. 3
Gloria Teager	Feb. 5
Sara Goembel, Paul Smith	Feb. 6
Art Ash	Feb. 12
Luke Corso, Kyle Thomas	Feb. 13
Shari Anderson	Feb. 15
Jane Laingen	Feb. 16
Jack Gowan, Kamran King	Feb. 17
Hope Corso	Feb. 19
Monica Lieving, Nona Schofield	Feb. 22
Chuck Springer	Feb. 23
Corie Medley	Feb. 24
Joyce Rasko, Eric Wheaton	Feb. 26
Mary Jo Auliff	Feb. 28



happy anniversary

February Anniversaries

Randy & Janalee Boyles	Feb. 8	32 yrs.
Brad & Celeste VanHoutte	Feb. 21	19 yrs.

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

◀ Jan 2018		February 2018						Mar 2018 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
				1 Prayer Vigil	2	3 4:00 - 7pm MYF Soup Supper		
4 Communion "Souper Bowl" Sunday	5 6:00 – 8:00 Cub Dens 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team	6 2:30 – 4 Eagle Ridge 6:00 pm Building Completion Comm. 6:30 pm Trustees	7 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 pm Fam Min Bib Stdy 6 – 6:45 Junior Choir 6:30 – 8 Comm. Mtg. 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm SWAA	8 7pm Finance Meeting	9	10		
11 9:10 Opening for S.S. Choo-Choo Food Express (Collection for the Colona Food Pantry -20 th) 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	12 6:00 – 8:00 Cub Dens 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team	13 10:00 am Book Club (Trapped)	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i> <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 6:00 pm Fam Min Bib Stdy TBD Adult Choir 7:00 pm Service	15 9:00 am UMW 6:00 pm Missions 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	16 SWAA Lock-In	17 SWAA Lock-In		
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25 Blood Pressure Checks 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	26	27	28 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 pm Fam Min Bib Stdy 6 – 6:45 Junior Choir 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	Nursery available Wednesday's at 6:00 pm				