



COLONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:10 AM

WE'RE INVITING

Thursday Prayer Vigil

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on Thursday, March 1st. Doors are open from 8:30 am and 8:30 pm. If you would like to add a prayer request, please pick up a sheet 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 for our annual freezer meal making event on Friday, March 16th at 4:00 pm. EVERYONE is welcome to attend! Then, on Saturday, March 17th from 9:00 am to noon we'll be putting together and packing up the freezer meals for everyone to take home. Please contact Jennifer Hillman if you would like to join us!

Order forms are available if you are interested in purchasing a meal or two, funds received will go to outreach opportunities within the group. We are selling chicken pot pies, shepherd's pie, chicken enchiladas and turkey/bean burritos. Orders are due by Sunday, March 11th, so order soon! Contact Jennifer Hillman with questions, to volunteer or to order a meal 309-236-4386.

From Family Ministries to you, "Have a blessed March!"

Methodist Youth Fellowship

MYF Soup Supper on February 3rd was very successful, thank you to everyone who joined us! MYF Trivia Night is Saturday, March 17th. Doors open for supper at 5:00, trivia begins at 6:30.

Do you know your TRIVIA?

Colona MYF Trivia Night

Saturday, March 17th

- Doors open for supper at 5:00
- Trivia begins at 6:30
- \$10 per person / tables of 8
- Mulligans and Doublers extra
- **SILENT AUCTION –**

MENU

Pulled pork, hot dogs, chips,
desserts,
pop and water

FIRST PLACE

\$80

PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS YOUTH GROUP ACTIVITIES INCLUDING THEIR UPCOMING WORKCAMP MISSION TRIP TO MINNESOTA IN JULY. RESERVE YOUR TABLE NOW!

Contact JUDY SMITH 309-792-2535

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 outgrown 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!

United Methodist Men

Join us at 6:30 am in the church parking lot each Saturday through Palm Sunday weekend to car-pool to the host church in Geneseo for Lenten Breakfast meetings. The all church skating party at Skate City, East Moline is Tuesday, March 6th from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Bring your skates or rent, entrance fee paid by the Men's group. Bring a friend. Aluminum can drive is Saturday, March 31st from 9:00 – 11:00 am. Thanks to those who bring their cans in regularly. We recently got cash for about 50 pounds.

United Methodist Women

Colona United Methodist Women met on February 15th Joylin Clark was hostess and Peg Emmert gave the lesson on prayer. It was decided to give \$500 to the Anonymous Challenge Completion Fund and \$500 to the current building loan.



The Spoon River District project for Cunningham Children's Home is collecting shampoo and conditioner. These can be taken to the spring meeting April 7th at Moline Bethel Wesley Church. College kids and service personal boxes will be sent before Easter.

The next UMW meeting is March 15th, all women are invited.

Lenten Bible Study beginning February 15th

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 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.

Lenten Bible Study is offered Sunday mornings as well at Thursday's and Friday's at 6:00 pm.

Monday Morning Bible Study

Monday morning Bible Study resumes this month! Meeting at 10:30 am on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month. We'll be studying John, lesson 4. Join us and make time to study the Word.



Book Club

Tuesday the 13th at 10:00 am

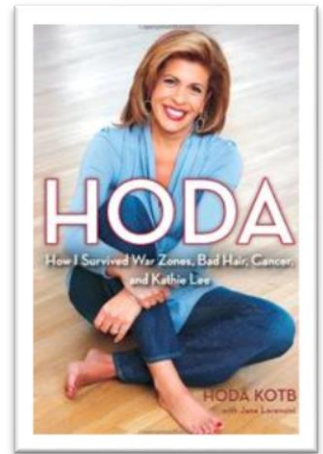
Hoda

by Hoda Kotb with Jane Lorenzini

The autobiography of 46-year-old TV reporter & anchor Hoda Kotb.

"How I survived war zones, bad hair, cancer and Kathie Lee."

Coming up in April – *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr



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.

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 Committee Potluck and Speaker

Everyone is invited to attend The Shepherds Committee potluck and presentation at CUMC on Tuesday, March 13th! Join us at 5:30 for a potluck and at 7:00 Pastor Mark will be speaking. More information to come!

Everyone is encouraged to attend!!! If you have any questions please contact Marilyn Schaab at 309-792-3718.

Bobbie Rokis Open House

Sunday, March 4th 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Colona United Methodist Church

Come and Celebrate Bobbie's 90th Birthday!

No gifts please... just your smiling face!

Celebrate!
WITH US



Nebraska Wesleyan University "Touch of Class" Jazz Choir

The NWU Jazz Choir will be performing in Davenport, Iowa on Wednesday, March 7th.

The performance will feature a mix of sacred and secular Jazz music, beginning at 6:30 pm.

There is no fee but a free will offering will be collected to help with their travel expenses.



Building Completion Committee

On January 29th the “Anonymous Challenge” took off! “I’ll give \$500 to the Building Completion Project, if you will match it!” Done!

This Challenge started around a coffee table on January 29th, moved to a committee meeting on January 30th and ended at the congregational gathering on Sunday, February 4th. Over the four week period, twelve individuals, families or church congregations met this Challenge.

The Challenge continues for the committees, the congregation and leadership organizations.

If you have not heard the “Anonymous Challenge” story please ask someone on the committee or me personally.

“Give and you shall be given.”

-Bill Clark

MISSION CORNER

Cans of Change

Empty Cans of Change are being handed out, make sure to grab one and fill it up for Missions! All donations will be going to local projects new and existing. You can help make a difference! Make sure to check on Facebook to see where everyone’s collecting change from, and feel free to post your photos as well. Make sure to tag **Colona UMC**. Cans are due back to church on Easter Sunday! Thank you for all of your support! The Missions Team



Colona Food Pantry

Help feed those in need right here in your community! 100% of your donation goes to the Colona Food Pantry and helps provide food for a person or family in need. We collect and donate on the first Sunday of every month. Just place your donated, nonperishable food item(s) in the grocery cart in the Narthex. Cash donations are also welcome and will help benefit a local family in need.

Missions helped collect cans of soup on “Souper Bowl Sunday” and also had a train full for the Choo-Choo Food Express! 195 cans of soup and 160 food items, **totaling 355 items**, were collected and donated to the Colona Food Pantry!



Colona Baby Pantry

Missions will be collecting items for the Colona Baby Pantry on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Look in the bulletin in the coming weeks for specific items we will be collecting and for further details.



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!

Heifer International

Heifer 2018 kicks off next month! Heifer International recently celebrated 76 years of helping families and communities become self-sufficient with training and an animal suited to their situation. The families then pass on their knowledge & offspring to others in their community. *Sunday school is sponsoring starting next month on April 8th and six more collection dates will follow.* Donate once, donate every collection month or once a quarter but please help us "fill the ark" with animals for those in need. Help us help others. Thank you for your contribution.



UMCOR Sager-Brown Mission Trip

JOIN US! April 29th thru May 4th in Baldwin, Louisiana. We will be joining and working alongside a team from East Dallas, Texas. There is currently ten people going and Peg Emmert is amongst them. Flight arrangements are being made, if interested, please contact Peg at 309-231-2657 for costs, forms and supplies.

UMCOR Sunday March 11th

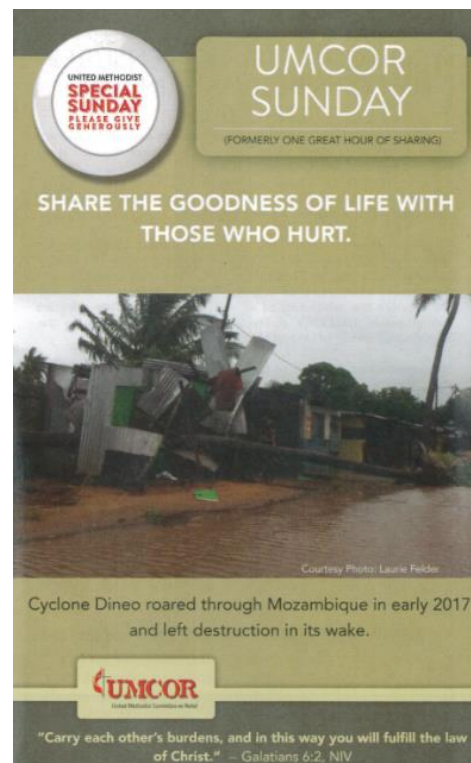
UMCOR Sunday is right around the corner. This church wide special Sunday with offering provides United Methodists the opportunity to

help our brothers and sisters around the world in their time of need.

Our generous gifts through the UMCOR Sunday offering support the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR provides immediate assistance in the wake of disasters and participates in ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace.

100% of all donations go toward specific relief projects. The examples are many — helping rebuild after hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria in the U.S.; offering assistance after mudslides in Sierra Leone; and continuing to help survivors of floods and other natural disasters that happened before 2017.

Gifts on this United Methodist Special Sunday support the administrative costs of the United Methodist Committee on Relief so that all designated gifts will go to the program of the giver's choice. Your contribution ensures UMCOR's response in times of crisis and together, we can make UMCOR Sunday a phenomenal success. Together, we can make sure that UMCOR can go wherever people are in critical need.



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!

March 11th

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 March birthday.

Worship

March 4th John 2:13-22 "Deleting Download Searches"

March 11th John 3:14-21 "Purging your Hard Drive"

March 18th John 12:20-33 "Having the Proper Bandwidth"

March 25th Mark 11:1-11 "Power with Friends"

HEALTH NEWS

Blood pressure checks March 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, thanks.

FROM THE BUILDING TEAM

Thanks for your understanding during the construction.

The church key you have should work in any outside door except the addition. Thanks to those who have participated on workdays. We have held 2 morning sessions recently to finish some insulating and prep for the walls of Phase 1. If you have questions at any time, see any member of the committee; 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. Thanks to those who donated to the completion fund as part of the "Anonymous Donation" drive and thanks to those who have supported the building project and mortgage and continue to do so.



Finance Team

For January	Income	Disbursements	Difference
General Operating Budget:	\$12,638.50	\$17,064.08	-\$ 5,431.84
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 3,145.00	\$ 2,798.18	+\$ 346.82



Kitchen Chatter

There are a number of dishes and trays in the kitchen that have been left behind. They are lonely. If they belong to you please stop by and pick them up.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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.



Our LifeTouch church directories will be in soon! If you weren't photographed but would still like a directory you can purchase one in the church office for only \$5.00

Join us on Sunday, March 25th for Palm Sunday Service



Easter Sunday, April 1st

Sonrise 6:30 am

Breakfast 7:00 am

Regular Sunday services, communion, and food pantry will ensue

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!

MARCH WEEKLY SERVANTS***INVITE – GROW – SERVE*****Head Ushers**

8:00 am – Ted Anderson

10:30 am – Ed Skelton

Date	8:00 Liturgist	10:30 Liturgist	10:30 Greeter	Nursery
3/04	John Browning	Ruth Gowan	Kris Rowell	Shery & Katie
3/11	Barb Searle	Amy Swan	Amy Swan	Shery & Gabby
3/18	Logan Loitz	Joci Hasson	Eric Wheaton	Shery & Katie
3/25	Sarah Browning	Linda Marcus	Deb Johnson	Shery & Gabby

March Birthdays

Cayson Frerichs	March 1
Marie Heeren	March 2
Jill Corso, Misty Smith	March 3
Bobby Rokis	March 4
Glenda Berg, Mark Vink, Holly Wildermuth	March 5
Jim Gerhardt	March 7
Dalee Medley	March 8
Tim Despain, Jordan VanHoutte	March 11
Jeff Swan	March 12
Laura File, Lori Thomas, Taylor VanHoutte	March 14
Tony Rokis	March 23
Janette Wilkinson	March 25
Jon Clark, John Mercer	March 26
Jarett Hasson	March 29
Sarah Browning, Harper Tapscott	March 30

March Anniversaries

Don & Marge Patterson	March 6	69 years
Jon & Barbara Warren	March 12	36 years
Mike & Holly Wildermuth	March 26	25 years
Brian & Suzanna Floming	March 28	3 years





CUMC Mission Statement

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

INVITE-GROW-SERVE

MARCH 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nursery available Wednesday's at 6:00 pm				1 Prayer Vigil 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	2 5:30 pm FM DIY String Art and Dinner 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	3 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kids Conference
4 2:00 – 4:00 pm Open House honoring Bobbie Rokis' 90 th Birthday 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	5 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Dens 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team	6 2:30 – 4 pm Eagle Ridge 6 – 8 pm All church roller skating	7 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 pm Fam Min Bible Study 6 – 6:45 pm Junior Choir 6:30 – 8 Comm. Mtg. 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm SWAA	8 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	9 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	10 2 – 6 pm Pack Meeting (Pinewood Derby)
11 Daylight Saving Begins Conference Special 9:10 Opening for S.S. 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	12 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Dens 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team	13 10:00 am Book Club (Hoda) 5:30 pm Shepherd's Potluck & Speaker 6:30 Trustees Mtg	14 9 – 2 pm Quilting 6:00 pm Fam Min Bib Study 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	15 9:00 am UMW 6:00 pm Missions 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	16 4:00 pm FM freezer meals 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	17 9:00 am FM packing freezer meals 6:30 - 10 pm MYF Trivia Night
18 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	19 10:00 am Bible Study 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Dens 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team and Children's choir	20 Spring Begins 2:30 – 4 pm Eagle Ridge 6 – 8 pm Pack Meeting FH	21 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 pm Fam Min Bib Study 6 – 6:45 pm Junior Choir 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	22 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	23 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	24 10:30 am Easter egg Scramble
25 Palm Sunday Missions collection – Colona Baby Pantry Blood Pressure Checks 12 pm SWAA “egging houses” 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	26	27	28 9 – 2 pm Quilting 6:00 pm Fam Min Bib Study 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	29 7:00 pm Maunday Thursday Service & Communion	30 7:00 pm Good Friday Service Newsletter deadline 10 am	31 9 – 11 am Can Drive

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