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

WE'RE INVITING

Become Part of *Our* Church Family

New Member Class

Are you interested in becoming a member of Colona UMC? Pastor Mark will host a New Member class on Sunday, April 22nd following worship. This 90-minute session, which includes lunch, will help you understand some of our United Methodist traditions, what becoming a member of the church is all about and the opportunity to ask the pastor any questions that you may have in mind. Then on Sunday, May 6th, during the morning worship sessions, those folks who have attended the New Member Class will be received into membership, if they choose. If you're interested in becoming a new member please contact the office so we can adequately prepare lunch that day.

Book Club

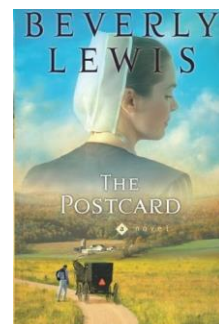
Tuesday the 10th at 10:00 am

The Post Card

by Beverly Lewis

Young Amish widow Rachel Yoder helps run a bed-and-breakfast in rural Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, & when a guest, journalist Philip Bradley, finds an old postcard in the dresser of his room, it touches off a surprising chain of events...

Coming up next month - All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr



Upward Soccer Camp

2018 registration now open! Register online at <https://registration.upward.org/UPW66203>

When: Aug 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

Where: Colona United Methodist Church – soccer fields

Age: K thru 4th grade (4 by Aug 1 // Going into 4th grade)

Early Bird Cost: \$40 by June 30th. (\$45 after June 30th)

Sibling discounts & partial scholarships available

Camp Cost includes: soccer ball, water bottle & t-shirt

Email cumcsoccer@gmail.com if you have any questions!



Thursday Prayer Vigil

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on Thursday, April 5th. Doors are open from 8:30 am - 8:30 pm, stay as long as you like. If you would like to add a prayer for that day, please pick up a prayer request sheet in the church office.

Mother's Day Celebration Event

Mark your calendars for the fourth annual Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday May 6th. Join us in the fellowship hall after 10:30 service. All families and their guests are invited to gather for great food, fun & fellowship. Reservation forms circulating soon!

We will be preparing the food for the brunch on Saturday, the 5th, time to suit the volunteers. If you are able to lend a helping hand, please see Lindy or Shari Anderson, Susan Koska or Sheila Westlund. Thanks!



United Methodist Women

Colona United Methodist Women met on March 15th. Joylin Clark spoke on the UMW Legacy and the Legacy Fund (see below) and it was determined that \$75 will be sent from Colona to this fund.

Twelve college student boxes will be sent or delivered before Easter. The UMW spring meeting is April 7th at Moline's Bethel Wesley United Methodist Church. Shampoo and hair conditioner is the district project for the Cunningham Children's Home and will be delivered that day.

Deb Johnson will present a program at the April 19th meeting & Nadine Garbett will host. All women are welcome!

The Legacy Fund – Celebrate UMW! 150 Years and Counting...

The Legacy Fund is a permanent endowment with generated income that will enable United Methodist Women to distribute grants and scholarships, coordinate work with Mission personnel and make upgrades to the communication systems.

The fund was established as the organization looks forward to its 150th anniversary. To date \$19.6 million has been raised toward the \$60 million goal.

On March 23rd, 1869, eight women gathered in Boston to found the Women's Foreign Missionary Society which would today become the United Methodist Women. Those women raised money to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India as missionaries to serve the women in that nation.

For nearly 150 years, United Methodist Women have become the largest women's faith-based service organization, providing life changing opportunities for women, children and youth.

United Methodist Men

Six men met at 6:30 am in the church parking lot each Saturday of Lent to car-pool to the host church in Geneseo for Lenten Breakfast meetings. Interesting conversation and good fellowship they enjoyed with about 100 men each week. Thanks to all who attended the all church skating party at Skate City, East Moline on Tuesday, March 6th. Aluminum can drive was Saturday, March 31st, 9:00 – 11:00 am. Thanks to those who bring their cans in regularly.



Family Ministries

Please join us for our spaghetti dinner on April 21st from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Freewill offering. Proceeds will be used to fund outreach activities.

Methodist Youth Fellowship

THANK YOU to everyone who came out for the Trivia Night and to those who donated items for the silent auction. We had a pretty good turn out and we greatly appreciate your support! We raised close to \$2,000!

MYF will be having a pancake breakfast on Monday, May 28th from 7:00 – 11:00 am. Mark your calendars!



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!

Monday Morning Bible Study

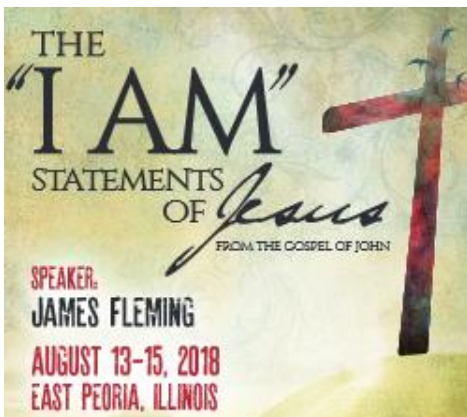
Bible Study will meet on the 2nd & the 16th at 10:30 am. Join us & make time to study the Word!

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.

55 and Alive

We are looking forward to our trip to Circa 21 on Sunday, April 22nd. We'll be watching the critically acclaimed Church Basement Ladies in *Rise Up, O Men*. This latest addition to the Church Basement Ladies series, *Rise Up, O Men*, is a brand new musical comedy introducing the men of the church right alongside your favorite ladies from the basement. As these hard-working farmers discuss "man stuff," they unintentionally disrupt the order of the kitchen. But that's what happens when you let the rooster in the hen house. Will you have fun? You betcha! Questions? Contact Peg Emmert at 309-231-2657.



2018 College of Christian Life

The 2018 College of Christian Life will be held August 13th – 15th at the Embassy Suites, 100 Conference Center Drive in East Peoria.

The "I AM" Statements of Jesus from the gospel of John. The College of Christian Life, a clergy and laity retreat, will welcome Dr. James Fleming on August 13th – 15th 2018. The two-day retreat will have six teaching sessions with Dr. Fleming on the topic: The "I AM" Statements of Jesus. Rev. Rich Rubietta will be the worship leader for the event.

Registration for the conference is \$125 (group of 3, before July 15th) and open to all! If you are interested please contact Peg Emmert before July 15th.

MISSION CORNER



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.

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 this 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 Heifer starting on April 8th, 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 Conference Special

Sunday, April 15th. Your gift encourages aspiring leaders within the Native American community, educates seminarians and empowers outreach within the Native American culture. Thank you for your generous gift!

UMCOR Sager-Brown Mission Trip

Peg Emmert is flying to Texas to meet up with a team from West Lake Dallas. The team leaves on April 29th for Louisiana and returns to Texas on May 4th. Peggy will return May 8th after worshipping with the team in their home church. Please pray for her and the team. Thank you!



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!

April 8th

Join us as we sing a few songs, raise up prayers, recognize April birthdays and get the latest Sunday school news. Be in the Sanctuary at 9:10 am for Sunday school opening. We also begin our 2018 Heifer collection April 8th.

Safe Sanctuary – Best Practices Workshop – Monday, April 30th 6:00 – 8:00 pm Christ UMC, Moline

This FREE workshop is supported by your apportionment giving and open to all! This workshop will help develop new Safe Sanctuary policies or revise existing ones. It also works well as an annual training for volunteers and staff. *Registration is strongly encouraged to ensure sufficient space and materials. Please speak to the office & register by Monday, April 23rd.*

Worship

April 1st John 20:1-18 “Getting the Word Out”

April 8th Acts 4:32-35 “The Power of Change”

April 15th Acts 3:12-19 “Faith Power”

April 22nd Acts 4:5-12 “Increase Your Faith Capacity”

April 29th Acts 8:26-40 “Reaching One – Impacting Countless More”

HEALTH NEWS

Blood pressure checks

April 29th in the Fellowship Hall.

TRUSTEES NEWS

Please remember to always enter the drop-off lane from the east or addition end. This is a safety issue for people walking out of the front doors. The church key you have should work in any outside door except the addition. Spring clean-up day inside and outside is scheduled for Saturday, April 7th, rain date 14th beginning at 8:00 am. All hands are needed, all hands are greatly appreciated. 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.

FROM THE BUILDING TEAM

Thanks for your understanding during the construction.

We continue to collect prices for electrical, HVAC and plumbing work. Supplies are being delivered. Thanks to those who have participated on workdays. We continue to have mini work sessions to prep for Phase 1. If you have questions at any time, see any member of the committee; Shari Anderson, Sharon Bloomberg, John Browning, Bill Clark, Jennifer Hillman, Susan Koska, Linda Marcus, Aaron Schofield, Rod Searle, Daniel Skelton, Judy Smith, Jeff Swan or Eric Wheaton. Thanks to those who donated to the “finish addition fund” as part of the “Anonymous Challenge” 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
For February			
General Operating Budget:	\$11,110.04	\$13,861.01	-\$ 2,750.97
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 1,758.28	\$ 2,798.18	-\$ 1,039.90



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.



Easter Sunday, April 1st

Sonrise 6:30 am

Breakfast 7:00 am

Regular Sunday services, communion, and food pantry will ensue.

*Missions collection – Cans of Change
And Colona Baby Pantry*

2018 Graduates

Graduation Sunday – June 3rd and 10th, am reception. If you know of graduates not on our list below, please let the office know as soon as possible. We want to include everyone in being honored for their accomplishments:

8th Grade

Reece Munoz – Geneseo

Skylar Swan – Geneseo

Malayna Tuggles – Geneseo

High School

Austin Matthews – Geneseo High School

College

Katelyn Despain – St. Ambrose University

Daniel Skelton – Augustana University

Other

Molly Rowell – St. Ambrose University – Masters of Occupational Therapy



SWAA Lock-In



June 1st and 2nd
Open to children 1st – 5th grade

Dear Church Family –

“I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, hugs and good thoughts for my family and myself throughout my brother, Dan’s, illness and his passing. It’s such a comfort to know we have such support through this difficult time. Now he is home, no pain, no fear!”

– Mary Loeffler



April Birthdays



Burton Loitz
Tony Odendahl
Linda Marcus
Matthew Martens
Mary Loeffler
Denise Hight
Norma Greeno
Phil Paulson
Daltyn Skelton
Molly Rowell
Kathryn Rudd
Charleigh Campbell & Gabby Cooney
David Guyer
Alen Gowan & Hannah Molina

April 1st
April 2nd
April 3rd
April 4th
April 7th
April 9th
April 10th
April 13th
April 19th
April 20th
April 21st
April 27th
April 28th
April 30th



A couple of weeks ago, I came across some boxes that I had collapsed following our move last summer. I had placed them on a shelf believing that one day they would be used again for some reason. Realizing that it was now 8 months later, I knew it was safe and prudent to send them to the happy recycling center in the sky. Quickly, I moved them from shelf to recycling container.

Just like those who followed Jesus around during his earthly ministry, whether you be Pharisee or newbie, they spent much of the time trying to keep the Messiah in a preconceived box they thought he fit in. Jesus never intended to fit into a box that we have built for him. He always could be found outside the box doing what God the Father had sent him to do, by showing unconditional love and to guide us back to Him.

One of the beautiful results of Easter is that the box, in which they placed the body of Jesus, is empty. For me this means Jesus won't fit into a box of beliefs that I may choose to place him in. Those who took Jesus down from the cross and placed him in the grave must have thought this was the right thing to do. We do it even today when we bury our loved one and friends. But Jesus, conquered death in His resurrection power.

Because He conquered death nothing can confine him in a way in which we can fully comprehend. So, what do I mean by that? Well here comes my best explanation. It comes from the Scriptures, "Why are looking for the living among the dead?" As post-resurrection people the first place we want to tell others about Jesus is from our perspective. We often start with the Jesus in the manger so meek and mild. But, people need to hear about the Jesus who has changed our lives and made us whole. People need to hear about the times when we didn't recognize it was Jesus who was in our midst, challenged our understanding and in the breaking of the bread we suddenly recognized it was Him.

Recently, the parsonage was "egged" by some of our youth. No damage was done and the only thing required of me was to clean up from the episode. I waited a day because I wanted the neighbors to see what had transpired in the 'hood'. So, after a windy day had helped to scatter some of the colored eggs across the yard, I went to work to pick them all up. One of the first ones I came to was open and upon close inspection I found there was nothing on the inside. Other eggs contained something because when I shook them, there was a small familiar noise that I knew meant candy was the reward.

Like most Christians, we recognize that the empty Easter egg is a reminder that the grave is empty and Jesus is alive! Well, the time is now for us to remember the true meaning of Easter. AND to shout it from the square, from the rooftops, from our homes, automobile, and especially in church. We serve a Risen Savior and he is in the world today. I know that he is living whatever foes may say...He Lives!

Jesus can't be contained in a simple box or a grave. He is alive in your heart and mine.

Proclaim the name of Jesus! Take that box you and I have kept him in and take it to a recycler near you. You won't be needing it ever again because Jesus is alive!

- Grace and Peace -

Pastor Mark

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!

APRIL WEEKLY SERVANTS

INVITE – GROW – SERVE

Head Ushers

8:00 am – Nadine Garbett

10:30 am – Curt Hight

Date	8:00 Liturgist	10:30 Liturgist	10:30 Greeter	Nursery
4/01	John Browning	Peg Emmert	Chris Horn	Katie Smith
4/08	Barb Searle	Amy Swan	Barb Searle	Gabby Cooney
4/15	Karin Barrett	Brad Thomas	Beth Snook	Katie Smith
4/22	Susan Koska	Daniel Skelton	Eric Wheaton	Gabby Cooney
4/29	Mary Loeffler	Aaron Schofield	Ruth Gowan	Katie Smith

CUMC Mission Statement

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

INVITE-GROW-SERVE

April 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday 6:30 am Sunrise 7:00 am Breakfast Communion Missions collection - Cans of Change / Baby Pantry	2 10:30 am Bible Study 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Dens 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team	3 2:30 – 4 pm Eagle Ridge Food Pantry 6:00 pm Education mtg.	4 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 pm Bible Study 6 – 6:45 pm Junior Choir 6:30 – 8 pm Cub Scout Committee Mtg. 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir 7pm SWAA (open meeting)	5 6:00 pm Building Completion Comm. 8:30 am – 8:30 pm Prayer Vigil	6	7 Spring Clean-Up Day
8 Heifer Collection 9:10 Opening for S.S. 11:30 am SPRC mtg. 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	9 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Dens 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team	10 10:00 am Book Club 6:30 pm Finance mtg.	11 9 – 2 pm Quilting 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	12	13	14
15 Conference Special 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	16 10:30 am Bible Study 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Dens 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team & Children's choir	17 2:30 – 4 pm Eagle Ridge Food Pantry	18 9 – 2 pm Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	19 9:00 am UMW 6:00 pm Missions 7:00 pm Church Council	20	21 4:00 – 7:00 pm FM Spaghetti Dinner
22 Christian Care Circa21 / Basement Ladies 11:30 am New Member Class 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	23	24	25 9 – 2 pm Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	26	27 Arbor Day Newsletter deadline	28 4:00 – 8:00 pm Pack Meeting - FH
29 Blood Pressure Checks 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	30 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Dens 6-8 pm Safe Sanctuary Workshop - Christ UMC - E. Moline 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team					

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