



# COLONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1709 Cleveland Rd.  
Colona, IL 61241  
309-792-1661

Email: [colonaumc2@mchsi.com](mailto:colonaumc2@mchsi.com)

Web: [colonaumc.org](http://colonaumc.org)

**SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:10 AM**

## WE'RE INVITING

### **CUMC fourth annual Mother's Day Celebration Event**

Mark your calendars for the fourth annual Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Join us in the fellowship hall after 10:30 service. All families and their guests are invited to gather for great food, fun & fellowship. If you haven't filled out a reservation form please pick one up in the office as soon as possible.

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



### **Book Club**

Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

### ***All the Light We Cannot See***

by Anthony Doerr

*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 in June – Sisters like Us by Susan Mallery***

### **Upward Soccer Camp**

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

When: Aug 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

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](mailto:cumcsoccer@gmail.com) if you have any questions!

### **Methodist Youth Fellowship**

MYF Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast is Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 – 11:00 am. Meal consists of pancakes, sausage, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, coffee, milk and juice. Free will donation. Don't forget to mark your calendars!



### **Thursday Prayer Vigil**

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 in the church office.

### **United Methodist Women**

UMW met on April 19<sup>th</sup> with Deb Johnson leading the Lenten program *"Where do we find hope?"* Nadine Garbett was hostess.

The policy on serving funeral sinners was reviewed. Peggy Emmert is the new coordinator. The church kitchen has been cleaned. Joylin Clark, back from Haiti, spoke on her recent trip and its success.

The next meeting is May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the church. Judy Schadt will present the program. All women are invited.

### **United Methodist Men**

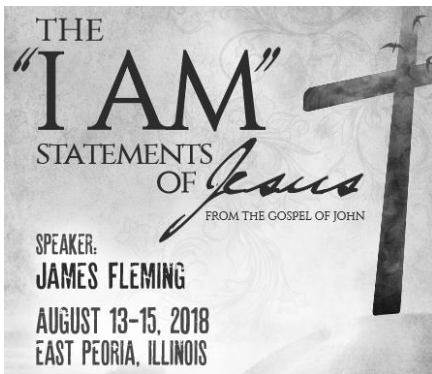
Thanks to all who brought cans for the aluminum can drive, March 31. Thanks to those who bring their cans in regularly.

### **Monday Morning Bible Study**

Bible Study will meet on the 7<sup>th</sup> & the 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



### **2018 College of Christian Life**

The 2018 College of Christian Life will be held August 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>) and open to all! If you are interested please contact Peg Emmert before July 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **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.





### **Colona Baby Pantry**

50 packages of wipes, 29 packages of diapers, 9 packages of socks or underwear, 120 outfits (sleepers, onesies) and 10 miscellaneous baby items were donated to the Baby Pantry at the Grace Community Church of Nazarene, Colona. Thank you to everyone for your generosity in helping the little ones in our community. The pantry is open the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month if you know someone who needs help.

### **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!

### **Cans of Change**

\$1,277.45 was collected from the Cans of Change! Thank you to everyone who donated, we truly can change the world!

### **Heifer International**

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.

Please help us "fill the ark" with animals for those in need. Help us help others. Thank you for your contribution.



**JOINHANDSDAY**  
it starts with us

### **Join Hands Day**

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Colona Memorial Garden (by the water tower)

9:00 am - Noon

The Colona Memorial Day ceremony is right around the corner and the Memorial Garden needs our help! Won't you join us?? Come help us pull weeds, clean up the grounds and lay new mulch. Some gardening tools will be provided. If you have your own tools and gloves you would like to use, please feel free to bring them along! We hope to see you there!

### **2018 Annual Conference – *Let's Get Fired Up: Moving Forward***

#### **Special offerings and collections**

Five offerings will be taken at the 2018 Annual Conference as well as a collection for Midwest Missions. Our collections will go with our delegates to the 2018 Annual Conference at the Peoria Civic Center, June 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. The noisy offering for the Ordinand's Trip was April 22<sup>nd</sup> and the Tom Brown Scholarship at Wiley College offering was April 29<sup>th</sup>. On May 6<sup>th</sup>, we will have a noisy offering for the John Kofi Asmah School in West Point, Liberia. Proceeds will be used for furnishings for the school.

In addition, The Midwest Mission Distribution Center is collecting items for Tornado Totes! A truck located at the Peoria Civic Center will accept the donations during the Annual Conference. Below is a list of items being collected by Midwest Missions Distribution Center:

- Kitchen dishwashing gloves
- Insect repellent spray, 6 to 14oz such as Off or Cutter brands
- Scouring pads
- Pens – with no advertising
- Protractors
- Socks – infants 0-3 months to boys and girls large (4-10 girls and 3-9 boys)
- Onesies & Underwear – all sizes from 2T-3T to girls size 16 and boys 18-20

Please place your donated items in the large blue tub located in the Narthex

### April 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinand's Pilgrimage

Newly ordained class elders and deacons are sent for a mission saturation experience. This offering helps to fund the trip.

### April 29<sup>th</sup> Tom Brown Scholarship at Wiley College

This year marks the 31<sup>st</sup> year for the collection of this fund.



### May 6<sup>th</sup> John Kofi Asmah School, West Point, Liberia

Laity from the IGRC will raise funds to provide furnishings for the school.



### May 13<sup>th</sup> Our Conference Our Kids

Our Conference, Our Kids campaign for the spiritual care programs of the five child welfare agencies in the conference – The Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and Spero Family Services.

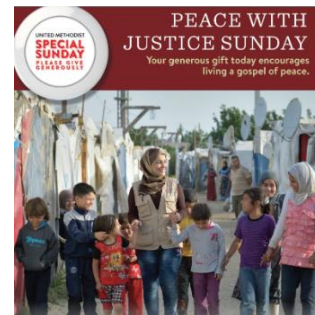


### May 20<sup>th</sup> Midwest Missions

Collecting items for Tornado Totes.

### May 27<sup>th</sup> Peace with Justice

Your giving makes possible the proclamation of Christ's peace.



## GROWING

### Education

- Church Camp – ages 5 to 10 years old. We gather in the education wing after the 10:30 service Children's Time
- Sunday school – we offer classes for both kids and adults. We gather every Sunday at 9:10 am

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!

### **May 13th**

Bring mom to Sunday school; starts at 9:10 am with opening in the sanctuary, on Mother's day, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Join us as we sing a few songs, raise up prayers, recognize May birthdays, get the latest Sunday school news and honor our Mothers. Be in the Sanctuary at 9:10 am for Sunday school opening and bring your Mom. We also will continue our 2018 Heifer collection. \$250 was collected on April 8<sup>th</sup>!

## **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. Thanks to those who helped on spring clean-up day, April 7<sup>th</sup>, and to those who continue to complete the tasks. There are still areas that need your attention – see the sheets by the windows in the kitchen. 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**

<b>Year to date thru March:</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>DIFFERENCE</b>
General Operating Budget:	\$36,861.26	\$46,218.39	-\$ 9,357.13
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 7,388.28	\$ 8,394.54	-\$ 1,006.26
<b>For March</b>			
General Operating Budget:	\$13,106.84	\$15,293.03	-\$ 2,186.46
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 2,485.00	\$ 2,798.18	-\$ 313.18



## PROGRESS AND PICTURES





## Ready – Set – Go 2018 Easter egg Scramble



## 2018 GRADUATES

Graduation Sunday – June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 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:

### 8<sup>th</sup> 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



## WORSHIP

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** Galatians 3:24-4:7 "You Belong to Christ –  
You're part of the Family"

**May 13<sup>th</sup>** Proverbs 31:10-30 "Honor"

**May 20<sup>th</sup>** Acts 2:1-11 "Rise Up, Rise Up"

**May 27<sup>th</sup>** Philippians 3:12-14 "Our Thanks"

### SWAA Lock-In

June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Children 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade



*Jacob Rowell is serving a tour in Afghanistan! Let's show him our support!  
To send him a card, please address it to the address below:*

**Jacob Rowell  
Unit 3C  
APO, AE 09354**



## 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!

## MAY WEEKLY SERVANTS

### Head Ushers

8:00 am – Gene Posey

10:30 am – Bob or Sharon Bloomberg

Date	8:00 Liturgist	10:30 Liturgist	10:30 Greeter	Nursery
<b>5/06</b>	Curt Frerichs	Aaron Schofield	J. Schadt	Gabby Cooney
<b>5/13</b>	Sarah Browning	Tony Rokis	Chris Horn	Katie Smith
<b>5/20</b>	Karin Barrett	Amy Swan	Lindy Anderson	Gabby Cooney
<b>5/27</b>	Curt Frerichs	Linda Marcus	Eric Wheaton	Gabby Cooney

## May Birthdays

Jayden Wheaton  
Deborah Johnson, Jeff Mercer  
Lily Corbin, Jack Haley  
Isaac Guyer  
Susan Koska  
Marilyn Schaab  
Janna Richards  
Jeremy Hillman, Addilyn Swan  
Tamara King  
Waldo McCarty  
Tom Loitz

May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
May 4<sup>th</sup>  
May 6<sup>th</sup>  
May 10<sup>th</sup>  
May 11<sup>th</sup>  
May 16<sup>th</sup>  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
May 24<sup>th</sup>  
May 26<sup>th</sup>  
May 27<sup>th</sup>

Katelyn Despain

Kristal Kelley

Krista Finzel, Judith Schadt

May 28<sup>th</sup>

May 29<sup>th</sup>

May 30<sup>th</sup>

## May Anniversaries

Burt & Wendy Loitz      May 3<sup>rd</sup> 29 years  
Duane & Wendy Baker      May 15<sup>th</sup> 19 years  
Mike & Tammie King      May 15<sup>th</sup> 15 years  
Ted & Shari Anderson      May 17<sup>th</sup> 49 years  
Brad & Lori Thomas      May 21<sup>st</sup> 35 years  
Chuck & Karin Barrett      May 25<sup>th</sup> 22 years  
Jack & Ruth Gowan      May 31<sup>st</sup> 4 years





It's a Sunday evening, mid-April and the snow has been falling ever so lightly all afternoon. The spring that waits to be; well it still waits to be. I can't help but think that while it is still cold outside there is a warmth glowing inside me all because of what God is doing. Truth is I have been excited since Easter Sunday (okay, really since last July).

Something has been stirring inside the place we call church that is only the doing of the Holy Spirit alive in us all. I can't explain it fully as much as I feel it. This gentle giant of faith is awakening because of what God desires to do through the Body of Christ to make a lasting difference in our community. Community that is not recognized by a singular name like Colona as much as it is known as the body of believers who call Colona United Methodist Church their home.

The really cool thing is that I believe God is only getting us warmed up for a huge future as a congregation serving him in this part of the world. These moments of growing discipleship, baptisms, professions of faith are just the tip of the proverbial iceberg. The spring that waits to be is the upward calling we have in Christ Jesus to continue to go and make disciples. My friends that is taking place in our midst.

Where the true growth taking place is really at work is within the heart of each believer. Yes, that stirring you feel isn't your stomach churning because you ate too much chocolate, it is not the traditional heart burn you or I have heard about – but it is a heart warmed by the Holy Spirit to something bigger than you and me. It is what God is up to in each of us. It can't help but spill out! The question before us now is – “will we spill it out in community to ignite a fire for Holy Spirit living”? The fire building in you and me becomes a fiery inferno if we let it loose and give voice to the inward groaning that says – let the spirit of God free and go and share it with friends, family, and the stranger.

Invite your friends and family to enter into a growing relationship with the Savior – Jesus Christ.

I had a former pastor, friend, and colleague who joined the church Triumphant just a couple of months before he was to retire from active ministry. Thinking about his life and ministry, I recall he started off each of his sermons with the same salutation – “Grace and peace to you, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus, the Christ.” Rev. Tom Wilber taught me so much about the Lord Jesus, of his great love and his desire that none would be lost.

Let us push onward to the upward calling of who we are as true disciples of Jesus Christ. As the Holy Spirit stokes the fire of faith burning in each of us for this is truly a spring that waits to be...

\*Grace and Peace,

\*For years I have closed my newsletter articles with the above words. I do it to always remember my friend Tom and what his friendship has meant to me over the last 27 years. Tom, you have earned your grace and peace. All my love!

## CUMC Mission Statement

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

## INVITE-GROW-SERVE

May 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 2:30 – 4 pm Eagle Ridge Food Pantry 6:30 pm Trustees	<b>2</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 – 8 pm Cub Scout Committee Mtg. 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>3</b> 8:30 am – 8:30 pm Prayer Vigil	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9 am – 12 pm Join Hands Day (Colona Memorial Garden Time TBD Preparing Mother's Day Brunch 2:00 – 4:00 pm Wedding Shower (M. Loeffler)
<b>6</b> Offering – John Kofi Asmah School, West Point, Liberia Communion 11:30 Mother's Day Brunch 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	<b>7</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>8</b> 10:00 am Book Club 6:00 – 8:00 pm VBS Leaders Planning mtg.	<b>9</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6 – 6:45 pm Junior Choir 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm SWAA	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm Nominations meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> Offering – Our Conf., Our Kids Heifer Collection 9:10 Opening for Sunday School 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	<b>14</b> 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Dens 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>15</b> 2:30 – 4 pm Eagle Ridge Food Pantry	<b>16</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>17</b> 9:00 am UMW 6:00 pm Missions	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Offering – MMDC Collection 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	<b>21</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Newsletter deadline	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> Conference Special – Peace with Justice Blood Pressure Checks 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	<b>28</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> 7 – 11 am MYF Pancake Breakfast	<b>29</b> 6 – 8 pm Pack Meeting FH	<b>30</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting	<b>31</b>		

\*\*\*Get all the most up-to-date information online at [colonaumc.org](http://colonaumc.org)\*\*\*