



# COLONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## October 2019 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Worship 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday school 9:10 am

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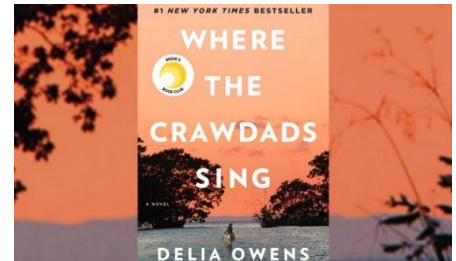
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Office Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm M-F

## WE'RE INVITING

### Book Club – October 8<sup>th</sup>

Join us on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the room just past the nursery. We will be talking about *Where The Crawdads Sing* By Delia Owens "Steeped in the rhythms and shadows of the coastal marshes of North Carolina's Outer Banks, this fierce and hauntingly beautiful novel is an astonishing debut."



### United Methodist Women – October 17<sup>th</sup>

The UMW met on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Janet Vink gave the program on her three mission trips this year. She also spoke on our MYF's trip to Knoxville, TN. Boxes for our college students will be packed and sent on October 16<sup>th</sup>. There are seven young people from our church attending college this year. Upcoming events are helping with Breakfast with Mary and Joseph and the Bazaar on December 14<sup>th</sup>. A Christmas second hand table will be included at the Bazaar this year. The next meeting is October 17<sup>th</sup>, Joy Clark will give the program. The meeting is 9am at the church, and all women are invited.

### United Methodist Men

Thanks to those who bring their cans in regularly and to those who supported the Aluminum can drive. Money from turning in the cans will help cover meat for Trunk 'n Treat.

### Thursday Prayer Vigil – October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm. This is a good time to close out distractions and share in a time of prayer for our community, our Church and personal requests from the congregation. All are welcome to fill out a prayer request to be included the day of the Prayer Vigil. Prayer Request forms circulate the Sunday before the Vigil. You can also pick up a Prayer Request in the office.

### Wednesday Quilting

The quilters are still active on Wednesdays from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Anyone who has a quilt top and would like to have it hand quilted should see Barb Searle or Carol McCarty. The money raised by the quilters will fund the kitchenette in the addition.

### Safe Sanctuaries Required Training – October 6<sup>th</sup>

All adults, anyone over 18, who interact with youth (if you have a background check) are required to complete the United Methodist Safe Sanctuaries Training. This training will be offered at CUMC and is available online through the IGRC website: [igrc.org/safesantuaries](http://igrc.org/safesantuaries). The next training date is Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 and ending at 2:30 pm.



## **TRUNK N' TREAT**

**Weenie Roast \* Hayrack Ride**

***Come in Costume & Decorate your car!***

***All ages welcome to join in the fun!***

***Bring friends & family for fun & fellowship***

***Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 7:00 pm***



## **Shepherds Program – October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Shepherds Program will be having a program on Loneliness and potluck on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Potluck begins at 5:00 pm and the program starts at 7:00 pm with speaker Kathy Crozier. Please bring a dish to pass. Childcare provided. We hope to see you there!

## **CHARGE CONFERENCE**

***THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 PM***

***Moline Riverside UMC***

## **Breakfast with Mary and Joseph – December 7<sup>th</sup>**

Come join Mary & Joseph for a fun morning of breakfast, crafts, and stories. Welcoming ages kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade on December 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 1:00pm if staying for lunch. Only 24 spots are available. A registration sheet will be on the Welcome Desk starting October 13<sup>th</sup> until November 24<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed as well, see sign-up sheet for open positions. For more information please contact Peg at 309-231-2657

## **WE'RE GROWING**

### **Worship Schedule**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** Ephesians 4:4-13 “*The Power of One*” World Communion Sunday

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** Ephesians 4:4-13 “*The Power of One More*”

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** Ephesians 4:14-24 “*The Power of One More Sunday*”

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** Ephesians 4:14-24 “*The Power of One More Invitation*”

### **All Saints Sunday – November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

On Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> during our 10:30 worship service we will lift up and remember our church family and members of our own families who in the last year have gone on to join the Church Triumphant. We want to have those names listed in our worship bulletin. Please contact the office and let us know the name and date of your loved one's passing. We will also have a time of prayer for those who we remember and whose memory we carry in our hearts.

## **Choir**

We have a wonderful tradition in this church that has been in existence almost since our church began. It's better known as "THE CHOIR"!! It's where we enjoy fellowship, friendship, laughter, prayer and music. All are welcome to join. Senior choir welcomes anyone from 9<sup>th</sup> grade and up, they also meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 7:45. Supper is served prior to choir practice at 5:30 pm for all who want to come and enjoy. If you have any questions please contact the church office at (309) 792-1661.

Remember... the Bible says...

***"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord"***

**To all J.A.M.S. members and their parents:** Keep your calendars open to start back singing on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. More information to come that night.

## **Acolyte's needed**

Happy fall everyone! This is a little update on our acolyte schedule. If your child is interested in being an acolyte we would like to welcome them to the program. The main requirement is that they be able to reach the candles!!! We will be putting together a schedule for the next six months for both 1st and 2nd service. Please let Jo Anne Hillman (309) 314-2073 or the office know if your child is interested as soon as possible. May we all work together to bring the light of Christ not only to our worship service but out into our world as well. God Bless!

## **Sunday school News – Photo of Sunday school children learning about Joseph's colorful coat**

On September 8<sup>th</sup> we gave Bibles to 8 Children Charleigh Campbell, Alex Darnall, Jack Snook, Jaedin Matejcek, Ryan Waterman, Chancy Muloto, Peter Muloto, & Christu Muloto. We also recognized perfect and faithful attendance to Sunday school. We had 4 people with perfect attendance: Brad Thomas, Diane Smith, Carol McCarty & Joy Clark. We had 12 people with faithful attendance: Bill Clark, Pastor Mark Horn, Clyde McCarty, Judy Smith, Laura Smith, Jack Gowan, Ruth Gowan, Joan Elsbury, Doug Morris, Gene Posey, Karrigan Smith & Alen Gowan. Faithful attendance means these individuals missed 3 or less Sundays for the year.



## **Sunday School Gathering – October 13th**

Sunday school gathering is in the Sanctuary at 9:50 on October 13th. We will collect for Heifer that day also. Everyone is welcome to join us!

## **Monday Morning Bible Study – October 7th & 21st**

Join us & make time to study the Word! Coffee and donuts provided, just bring your Bible! We will meet on the 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> of October at 10:30 am!

## **Ladies Study Group – October 8th & 29th**

This group is designed to help us grow deeper in our relationship with God and women. Gathering as women gives us an opportunity to share with each other, to encourage each other and to pray for each other. If you are interested, please contact the office for more information or our guide, Peg Emmert (309) 231-2657. We will be meeting on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Still room for more ladies! We'll be studying "footnotes\*" by Julie Lyles Carr.

## **A Cup of Joseph in the Upper Room – October 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**

The mission of CUMC states; *Invite - Grow - Serve*. Therefore, consider this an invitation! To all men, join us Mondays, October 14<sup>th</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in front of the Fellowship Hall fireplace for one hour. All men are invited, bring a friend! A cup of "joe" will be available.

## **WE'RE SERVING**

### **October Servants**

**Head Ushers** 8:00 am – Mary Loeffler / 10:30 am – Brad Thomas

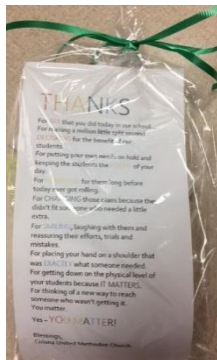
<b>Date</b>	<b>8:00 Liturgist</b>	<b>10:30 Liturgist</b>	<b>10:30 Greeter</b>
<b>October 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Sarah Browning	Tammie King	Marilyn Schaab & Doug Morris
<b>October 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Curt Frerichs	Cassi VanHoutte	Corla Swan
<b>October 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Logan Loitz	Amy Swan	Corla Swan
<b>October 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Barb Searle	Randi Haley	Judy Smith

## **MISSION CORNER**

Please see the updated 2019 Mission Project and Event Dates sheet on the Welcome Center. It is now on bright orange paper. We have many projects coming up in the next few months: Christian Care, Thanksgiving Bags, Angel Tree, and Reverse Advent bag just to name a few.

Thank you for all of your support!

### **Colorful Classroom Contributions**



In August, Mission's packed Thank You bags for the teachers and staff at Colona School and for four teachers that are part of our congregation. A letter was also distributed asking the teachers what items they needed for their classrooms. On October 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> crayons with the wished for items will be displayed in the narthex. Please pick one (or more) up and purchase the item. If an exact brand was asked for, please purchase that brand of item. Items need to be returned by October 20<sup>th</sup> so that the items can be taken to the teachers by the end of the month. Thank you for your support!



### **Christian Care – October 27<sup>th</sup>**

We will be serving our final meal for 2019 at Christian Care on October 27<sup>th</sup>. We are looking for servers to pick up the spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, and rest of the meal to take down and serve. Servers need to be at church by 5:00pm to pick up the food and be down at Christian Care by 6:00pm to be ready to serve at 6:30pm. A sign-up sheet will be on the welcome desk if you are interested in joining us for this outreach. If you have questions on how Christian Care works, let Laura Smith know.

### **Heifer International – Next Collection date is October 13<sup>th</sup>**

Total collected through September is \$4,348.00. If you want to give toward the \$100 challenge for Heifer, there are still 4 hearts available. Thanks for being a part of changing lives around the world.

### **Eagle Ridge Food Pantry – Next two dates are October 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

School has started and the Eagle Ridge Food Pantry is up and running again! Your help would be greatly appreciated and there are many opportunities to volunteer! There is a truck to meet, unload and sort from 9:30 am to 10:00 am and food to organize and load for the participants in the afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. If you are available any of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, mornings or afternoons, and would like to help, please contact Judy Smith at 309-236-1126 or the office at 309-792-1661.



**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 family in need. We donate on the first Sunday each month. Place your donated, nonperishable food item(s) in the grocery cart in the Narthex. Cash donations are also accepted.

**INFORMATION / NEWS****The Gift of Hospitality**

Do you enjoy the time between Sunday school and the 10:30 church service? We call it Fellowship Time, because it has been a successful effort to get to know more of our church family.

If you would like to be a host/hostess, please talk to Barb Searle. The snacks can be very simple and someone will be available to help you. There have been almost 8-10 people who have been generously supplying goodies. Some of our faithful cooks have passed on or moved away.

There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen so that we know each week is filled and we don't double up. If hospitality is one of your gifts please help. Thank you, Barb Searle

**Finance Team****January - July 2019**

	<b>Income</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Difference</b>
General Operating Budget:	\$106,183.25	\$103,085.92	\$ 3,097.33
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 23,312.21	\$ 19,587.26	-\$ 3,724.95

**August 2019**

General Operating Budget:	\$12,977.26	\$15,500.92	-\$ 2,523.66
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 1,837.15	\$ 2,798.18	-\$ 961.03

Many thanks to those who support our ministries even when not present in worship.

**Trustees**

If you notice a maintenance issue the Trustees need to address please write it down and put it in the Trustee's mailbox. Thanks to those who help keep the property and building looking neat and clean; Swan Crew – mowing, Ted & Shari Anderson, Lindy Anderson – weeding, John Browning mowing & trimming

**Building Completion Team**

Thanks to those who continue to donate to the "finish addition fund" and thanks to those who have supported the building project and mortgage and continue to do so.



**Make sure to check out the  
new steps up to the addition.  
A hand railing will be installed soon!**



***Issues of The Daily Bread and Upper Room daily devotionals are available!  
Pick up your copy at the Welcome Desk!***

## October Birthdays

Mike Erickson	10/02	Stacy Campbell	10/14
Kris Rowell	10/02	Steven Kettelkamp	10/15
Lisa Despain	10/03	Karrigan Smith	10/15
Janet Vink	10/04	Ayveri Skelton	10/15
Sheila Jaster	10/05	Zaiden Swan	10/16
Sean Corso	10/05	Beth Erickson	10/18
Sam Browning	10/06	Summer Smith	10/18
Ayden Scott	10/06	Katie Smith	10/19
Penny Quickle	10/09	Randy Boyles	10/20
Brooke VanHoutte	10/09	Diane Biellier	10/24
Dan Hight	10/11	Brent Anderson	10/28
Jessica Tapscott	10/11	Bryson VanHoutte	10/28
Dennis Johnson	10/13	Easton Swan	10/31
Michael Skelton	10/13	Emerson Swan	10/31



## October Anniversaries

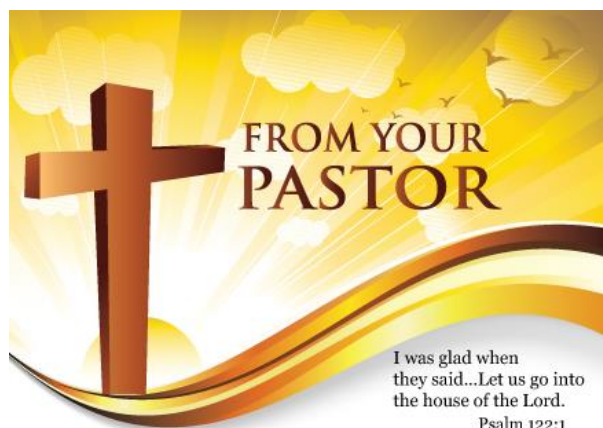


Chad & Beth Snook	10/01	14 Years
Wes & Barb Parker	10/02	15 Years
Jeff & Amy Swan	10/03	10 Years
Andrew & Carolee Munoz	10/04	22 Years
Mark & Chris Horn	10/18	44 Years
Paul & Diane Smith	10/25	44 Years



Thank you seems like so little to say for all our church family has done for us this past year. Your prayers and acts of Kindness have been very much appreciated. For the meals, the rides to and from treatment, the gifts and so much more ... mere words cannot relay how full our hearts and lives are because of you. Again Thank You and may the Lord bless each and every one.

- Janet & Mark Vink



A Stroll through a quiet, empty church is sometimes good for the soul. When you allow yourself moments like that it is amazing what you will hear.

The other morning in the early hours my walk led me to a back room which currently is the home of closets, file cabinets, and extra choir chairs. Oh yes, there is a spare piano, and a bunch of this and that.

As I slowed my pace even more I heard the faint sound of music and what sounded like very faint voices singing. At first, I thought it so faint as not to be able to know the tune. Soon though I knew it wasn't simply one song but several. I almost wished I had a pair of headphones so as

to sharpen my focus and hear more clearly what was being sung.

I stopped by the file cabinets and opened one drawer and then another. As the drawers rolled open, it was as if long ago Sunday worship services were resurrected. Exposed to the light, they were given back voice, a voice with strength and conviction.

Opening up the closet, there hanging neatly were the choir robes. It wasn't difficult to picture them today. Yet, I also could see faintly those who had worn them in the past. They, who had lent their voices to the glory of God in many a worship setting on Sunday mornings. I wondered how those folks could sing out with wounded or broken hearts. Knowing that in spite of pain that through it all – God was and is still on His throne.

I finished my stroll by entering into the choir loft and sitting among the empty chairs. There were some music folders, some on the seats, others resting on a chair leg. I heard the director's voice call out the song to begin practicing, the rustle of pages being turned, conversations continuing to their conclusions, moments of intense rehearsing. The keystrokes on the piano and the full voice of the organ. Questions like, "can you play page such and such again, because I just can't get it?" or that quiet affirmation of satisfaction when it just felt right and the barely audible voice of the director's past and present saying, "Hallelujah – they got it!"

My stroll through a back room filled my heart as I reflected and heard the sounds of music. The Psalmist words are still true. For I know that the songs of the past, present, and those yet to be sung say "Sing to the Lord a new song..." (Psalms 33:3)

Thank you Lord for strolls in the church.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Mark



CUMC			FIELD						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
 CARDS	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	57	
 CUBS	0	0	0	0	0	0	118	191	
BALLS	STRIKES			OUTS					



### Cubs VS Cards Food Pantry Series

Will The Chicago Cubs sweep the Series or will The St. Louis Cardinals come back & win? Or will a random team from Left Field come back & beat them both? As of this newsletter printing the final scores are not in. The Cubs are in the lead. See November Newsletter for the final scores!

# October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 2:00 – 4:00 pm ERFP 6:30 pm Trustees	<b>2</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 5:30 – 6:30pm Bear Den 1 6 – 6:45 pm Junior Choir 6:30 pm Nominations Meeting 6:30 – 8 pm Cub Scout committee meeting 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>3</b> 8:30 am – 8:30 pm Prayer Vigil 6:00 – 8:00 pm Bible Study/Potluck – The Wesley Challenge	<b>4</b> 5:00 pm Wedding rehearsal	<b>5</b> 3:00 pm Wedding
<b>6</b> Holy Communion Conference Special Offering – World Communion Sunday Colorful Classroom Contribution - Missions 10:30am – 3pm fellowship hall Searle Baptism 1:30 pm SPRC Meeting 1:00 – 2:30 pm Safe Sanc. training 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Staff meeting 10:30 am Bible Study	<b>8</b> 10:00 am Book Club – Where The Crawdads Sing by: Delia Owens 7:00 pm Ladies Study Group – <i>footnotes*</i>	<b>9</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6 – 6:45 pm Junior Choir 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>10</b> 6:00 – 8:00 pm Bible Study/Potluck – The Wesley Challenge	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 5 – 7 pm Weenie Roast and Trunk N' Treat
<b>13</b> Heifer Collection Colorful Classroom Contribution – Missions 11:45 am Memorial Committee meeting 9:50 S.S. Gathering 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	<b>14</b> 6:00 pm Cup of Joseph 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>15</b> 2:00 – 4:00 pm ERFP	<b>16</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 – 6:30pm Bear Den 1 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>17</b> 9:00 am UMW meeting 6:00 – 8:00 pm Bible Study/Potluck – The Wesley Challenge	<b>18</b> <b>November newsletter deadline</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Colorful Classroom Contribution Due Back 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	<b>21</b> 9:00 am Staff meeting 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Finance meeting	<b>22</b> 5:00 pm Potluck and Shepherd's Program (7pm) (Speaker, Kathy Crozier)	<b>23</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6 – 6:45 pm Junior Choir 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>24</b> 6:00 pm Missions meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> <b>Church Council Meeting to approve Budget after 2<sup>nd</sup> Service</b> Thanksgiving forms go out Blood Pressure Checks Christian Care 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	<b>28</b> 6:00 pm Cup of Joseph 6:30 pm Worship Team meeting	<b>29</b> 6:00 – 9:00 pm Cub Scout Pack meeting 7:00 pm Ladies Study Group – <i>footnotes*</i>	<b>30</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 5:30 – 6:30pm Bear Den 1 6 – 6:45 pm Junior Choir 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>31</b> <b>Charge Conference Forms Due to the Office</b>		