



COLONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:10 AM

MISSION CORNER

United Methodist Student Day

United Methodist Student Day is November 25th, churches will come together to support students as they prepare for a life that unites faith and knowledge. Our gifts on this Special Sunday go to scholarships for diligent United Methodist students in local congregations just like yours. Many of these young people plan to return to their churches after graduation to share their gifts, including a pastor's son who is studying to be a church pianist, a religious studies major focused on interfaith relations, and a speech pathology student who hopes to run her church's youth program one day.

You can also give by mail. Send checks to GCFA, PO Box 340029, Nashville, TN 37203. Please include *United Methodist Student Day* in note section.

UMC #GivingTuesday

Now is a great time to start thinking about how you want to connect your passion to God's mission. Your gift on UMC #GivingTuesday will help bring hope and healing to a world in need. Visit umcmmission.org/give to learn more about missionaries and projects. Join the movement on November 27th.

Trunk or Treat

What a blessed time as both kids and adults enjoyed this fall's Trunk or Treat & weenie roast on Saturday, October 13th! The United Methodist Men cooked brats and hot dogs with many others donating goodies for the cookout! Everyone enjoyed the fellowship on a cool fall evening!



Thanksgiving Baskets

Do you know of a family in need this Thanksgiving season? You can surprise them with a Thanksgiving Basket filled with all the Thanksgiving essentials

and remind them that they are loved and that giving is the reason for the season. Pick up a form at the Narthex and be sure to turn it in on or before November 11th.

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.

Eagle Ridge Food Bank

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 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Please contact Judy Smith at 309-236-1126 or the office at 309-792-1661 if you are wanting to volunteer. Serve God by serving others!



Missions

November 11th is the big day! Brown bags are due back to the front of the church. The Angel Tree will be going up that day as well. We will have Colona children and Hillcrest residents on the tree again this year. Mission's team members will be by the tree if any questions come up. We greatly appreciate all of your help!

Missions Monetary Assistance

Missions would like to remind everyone that our policy is to have projects pre-approved before any monetary assistance is given out. We ask that you turn in a plan and a budget before starting any project that you expect to be repaid for. The committee will then review and proceed as decided. Once approved bills must be turned in, in a timely manner. Missions only had one major fundraiser this year, Cans of Change. We are still helping the community thru rent, & utilities assistance. With winter coming, those requests go up.

WE'RE INVITING

Family Fun Night – CHURCH WIDE EVENT!

On November 16th at 6:00 pm the Family Ministries group is hosting a family fun night! Come one, come all and enjoy a night of making homemade pizzas and BINGO! Fun for all ages, great fellowship and great fun for everyone! Please let Jennifer Hillman know if you will be attending (309) 236-4386.

Book Club - The Greatest Gift by Philip Van Doren Stern



Tuesday, November 13th 10:00 am

Guided by Peggy Emmert, if you have any questions please contact Peggy at 309-231-2657.

No Book Club in December, we will be back on Tuesday, January 8th

Thanksgiving Potluck

Wednesday, November 14th 5:30 pm

Everyone is invited! Please bring a dish to pass!!



Monday Morning Bible Study

Come and bring a friend and delve into God's word. The Bible Study is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 10:30. Coffee & doughnuts are provided. Just bring your Bible & join with others growing their faith.

Methodist Youth Fellowship

MYF Soup Cook-Off is Sunday, November 11th after second service. Bring a pot of your favorite soup and compete for the coveted "Golden Ladle". Winners are determined by \$\$ in your basket. Pies, cakes & other desserts will be auctioned off after we eat! Donated desserts are MUCH APPRECIATED!

Come join us for an afternoon of delicious soup sampling and take home a dessert! Funds raised go towards our Angel Tree Kids Shopping and Christmas Party Supper. *Not a soup maker??* Come sample everyone else's and help determine the winner! All are welcome!

Benefit for Tami Parker, Sponsored by Deb Johnson

Saturday, November 3rd 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Taco dinner, free will offering!! Basket raffles!!

EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!



United Methodist Women

Colona United Methodist Women met on Thursday, October 18th at the church. Judy Schadt was hostess. The guest speaker was Jessica Ricke, Developmental Director of the Women's Choice Center. The UMW Christmas Potluck is on Thursday, November 29th at 11:30 am at the church. The theme will be heritage recipes and Christmas keepsakes. The UMW will help with the December 1st Breakfast with Mary and Joseph by providing lunch for those who can stay. Eleven boxes are being prepared for our college students and service personal. The next UMW meeting is Thursday, November 15th at 9:00 am. All women are invited and welcome.

United Methodist Men

Thanks to those who attended, invited friends and family, donated desserts and decorated vehicles for the Trunk or Treat / weenie roast. Thanks Mike King for driving the tractor for the hayrack rides and Dan Haley for grilling the brats and hot dogs. The chilly air was made warmer by fleece blankets, warm company and the fire. Thanks to those who dropped off their aluminum cans for the drive, September 29th. Thanks to those who bring their cans in regularly. Money from turning in the cans helps cover UMM operating expenses; meat for Celebration on the Corner, Trunk or Treat and skating.



Breakfast with Mary and Joseph

Save the date! December 1st 8:30 am - 1:00 pm, lunch provided if staying until 1:00. JOIN US for breakfast with Mary and Joseph followed by cookie decorating, ornament making, bag decorating, story-telling and lastly get your photo taken with baby Jesus. Please reserve your spot soon, there is seating for 30 children, kindergarten thru 4th grade. Parent's, use this opportunity to run errands and do some Christmas shopping! Adult volunteers also needed! Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Peg Emmert at 309-231-2657.

Safe Sanctuaries Required Training

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. The next training date is November 4th at 11:45 am. This training takes approximately three hours. Please bring a dish to share. Sign-up sheet located on the welcome counter.



Prayer Vigil

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on Thursday, November 1st 8:30 am – 8:30 pm and share in a time of prayer for our community, our Church and personal requests from the congregation! You may also fill out a prayer request to be included the day of the Prayer Vigil. Prayer requests circulate the last Sunday of the month, you can also pick one up in the office.

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!

We are always looking for substitute leaders for these classes. If you are interested please let Judy Smith, Sunday school Superintendent, know.

November 11

Join us as we sing a few songs, raise up prayers, recognize November birthdays, and get the latest Sunday school news. Be in the Sanctuary at 9:10 am for Sunday school opening. We also will wrap up our 2018 Heifer collection. The challenge is to bring what God has set before you. You set the goal, you meet the challenge; \$221 was collected in April, \$343.35 in May, \$255 in June, \$539.68 in August, \$538.57 in September, \$440.96 in October, total so far \$2338.56. We have one month left to collect. Can we break the \$3000 ceiling? Bible Studies for the fall. Monday mornings, 1st & 3rd are just starting the book of Acts. Wednesday evening there is a group finishing War Room and Thursday evenings a group is finishing Forgiveness. Our Advent Study will be Christmas Gifts that Won't Break. Give yourself a gift this season and join a study group.



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!

Remember... the Bible says...

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord"





Christmas Cantata

One of the best ways to celebrate the glorious Christmas season is to come and spend an evening enjoying a Christmas Cantata presented by our very own Chancel Choir. This year we will be performing The Christmas Offering. Our wonderful soloists, dedicated singers and very talented regular accompanists will be joined by a small orchestra of trumpets, trambone, saxophone, flute and bass. We are all so very excited!! We pray that you will all come and join us on Sunday, December 16th at 5:30 pm for what we hope will be our best performance yet! There will be a free supper of BBQ sandwiches, chips, salad and dessert following the performance. Please add us to your holiday schedule!!

TRUSTEES NEWS

Thanks to those who help keep the property and building looking neat and clean. Thanks Ted and Shari Anderson for your care of the Memorial Garden. If you notice a maintenance issue, the Trustees need to address, please write it down and put it in the Trustee's mailbox.

BUILDING COMPLETION TEAM

Join us for "workdays," on Wednesday, between 6:00 and 9:00 pm; all are welcome! If you feel your construction skills are not up to the task, you could maybe run a broom, provide a meal, a case of water, all are appreciated. Thanks Aaron Schofield for hauling the latest load of drywall. All of the initial 108 sheets of drywall are now hanging up and have their seams taped! Thanks Corla Swan for a meal before a recent work night. Electrical rough in is mostly complete, HVAC is getting closer and securing is underway. *Thanks for your understanding during the construction. Phase I is well underway. **Take a tour, anytime.*** 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, and Eric Wheaton. 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.

FINANCE TEAM

| January - August | Income | Disbursements | Difference |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| General Operating Budget: | \$107,532.17 | \$119,979.88 | \$12,447.71 |
| Mortgage Payment: | \$23,774.27 | \$ 22,385.44 | \$ 1,388.74 |
| For September | | | |
| General Operating Budget: | \$15,168.51 | \$13,875.39 | \$ 304.06 |
| Mortgage Payment: | \$ 2,475.00 | \$ 2,798.18 | \$ 323.18 |

Many thanks to those who support our ministries even when not present in worship. As we continue the trend of spending more each month or maybe even on a 5 Sunday month, see September, we have now spent down all of the reserves we had at the beginning of 2018. December will be a 5 Sunday month and with a vigorous response to the year-end special offering, we can finish the year with a positive balance.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH 6:00 PM

****** Bethel Wesley, Moline ******

Please turn all forms into the office by Thursday, November 8th



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November, 4th - don't forget to set your clocks back one hour and also replace your smoke detector batteries. Did you know the batteries should be replaced every six months?? If you need help replacing your smoke detector batteries please contact the office & we can send someone to help!

Did you know?

- There are donated greeting cards available to use in our Church office! Stop by if you need to encourage and/or celebrate by sending a card!
- There are great books that you can check out in the Church library!



Potluck & Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, December 2nd at 11:45 am.
Please join us in a potluck lunch & decorate the church. Everyone is invited!



Poinsettia's Coming Soon

Since the 17th century churches and homes have traditionally been decorated with poinsettias during the Christmas season. Legend states that the star shaped leaf of the poinsettia is a representation of the Star of Bethlehem and the red color is a symbol of the blood sacrificed through the crucifixion of Jesus.

Please help us decorate our church home with poinsettias this Advent Season. We will be ordering poinsettia plants to have in the Sanctuary for Christmas. The prepaid cost will be \$7.50 for a 6" poinsettia. Order forms will be circulating soon! Deadline is Monday, November 27th.

HEALTH NEWS

Henry and Stark County Health Department

Henry and Stark County Health Departments are promoting the Health Department's upcoming Fall Flu Clinic Schedule and their Clinic Sick Visit Special. Fall flu shots are offered for \$27 or no charge with Medicare Part- B and insurance coverage.

Under the weather? No doctor or can't get to your regular doctor?? Call Jennifer in Colona at 309-792-4011 and schedule a sick visit for only \$50! *Prices subject to change

Blood pressure checks

Sunday, November 25th in the Fellowship Hall.



NOVEMBER WORSHIP

November 4th All Saints Day/Communion Revelation 21:1-6 *"What a Story We Have to Tell"*

November 11th Psalm 127 *"Give Thanks and be Grateful"*

November 18th Thanksgiving Sunday Hebrews 10:11-14;19-25 *"Going into the Home Once Again"*

November 25th Christ the King Sunday/Last Sunday of the Christian year 2 Samuel 23:17
"At Home in the Word"

NOVEMBER SERVANTS

Head Ushers



8:00 am – Shari Anderson

10:30 am – Gordon Westlund

| Date | 8:00 Liturgist | 10:30 Liturgist | 10:30 Greeter | Nursery Helper |
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| 11/04 | Karin Barrett | Jamie Matthews | Traci Hasson | Volunteer Needed! |
| 11/11 | Barb Searle | Tony Rokis | Lindy Anderson | Ruth Gowan |
| 11/18 | John Browning | Joci Hasson | Corla Swan | Volunteer Needed! |
| 11/25 | Mary Loeffler | Linda Marcus | Amy Swan | Volunteer Needed! |

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 & assist the Pastor by praying & reading Scripture during service times. We would like to thank you, encourage you to continue serving & invite others to share their gifts. Please contact or stop by the office to volunteer for 2019!

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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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| Adam Martens | Nov. 1 |
| Joel Corso | Nov. 3 |
| Jillian File | Nov. 5 |
| Dennis Roberts | Nov. 8 |
| Olive Schofield | Nov. 8 |
| Tyler Oldfield | Nov. 9 |
| Shannon File | Nov. 10 |
| Corla Swan | Nov. 10 |
| Kyzik Smith | Nov. 11 |
| Don Bunnell | Nov. 12 |
| Darlene Baum | Nov. 13 |
| Makenzie & Makoy King | Nov. 13 |
| Skylar Swan | Nov. 13 |
| Laurie Loitz, Ed Skelton | Nov. 16 |
| Nadine Garbett | Nov. 17 |
| Chris Barkema | Nov. 17 |
| Madelyn-Marie Saucedo | Nov. 20 |
| Laura Smith | Nov. 22 |
| Barb Parker | Nov. 23 |

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| Jackie Snook | Nov. 23 |
| Meghan Westgerdes | Nov. 23 |
| Logan Loitz | Nov. 24 |
| Gayla Scott | Nov. 12 |
| Kurt Sullivan | Nov. 24 |
| Marge Sullivan | Nov. 24 |
| Carolee Munoz | Nov. 25 |
| Cassi VanHoutte | Nov. 25 |
| Dan Haley | Nov. 27 |
| Cameron Olson | Nov. 27 |
| Jamie Martens | Nov. 30 |
| Savannah Springer | Nov. 30 |



~ Happy Anniversary ~

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| Tony & Joanne Lieving | Nov. 17 28 years |
| Bill & Joylin Clark | Nov. 19 52 years |
| Robert & Kelli Knox | Nov. 20 14 years |
| Jim & Nancy Sullivan | Nov. 23 62 years |

TRUNK OR TREAT 2018





Pastor's Corner

What do I have to be thankful for? First, I am so thankful for good health that allows me to accomplish all that God desires for me. Next, I am thankful and blessed beyond measure for the love of my wife, children and grandkids. I would be an empty vessel without them. Next, I am thankful for you, the people of Colona UMC. My biggest joy comes with the huge honor to serve as your pastor.

I am thankful for my parents, my father and mother in law, my grandparents, all who helped to shape me into the person I am today.

I am thankful for the land that I love. America is not perfect but can you think of a better place to live? I never want to take any of my freedom for granted.

As a Christian, I am thankful that I can serve a God who loves me and has called me forth to go into the world (okay, my little corner) and make a difference. What can that look like? I am not certain, but He has entrusted me with a big paint brush and to go and paint what it may become.

I am thankful for yesterday, today and what tomorrows may come my way to make them all they can be through the strong name of Jesus.

What all are you thankful for?

May you and your family enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving!



*Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mark Horn*



Calendar of Events

| November 2018 | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| | | | | 1 Prayer Vigil 6:00 pm Bible Study | 2 | 3 4:00 – 7:00 Taco Dinner (Benefit for Deb's sister) |
| 4 Daylight Saving Time Ends Communion All Saints Day Safe Sanctuaries Training SPRC meeting after worship 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF | 5 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 – 7:45 pm Praise Team | 6 Election Day 2:30 – 4 pm Eagle Ridge 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Trustees | 7 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 Comm. Mtg. 6:30 – 8:30 pm Wolf Den meeting 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Veterans Day Heifer Collection 9:10 Sunday school Thanksgiving bags returned Angel Tree goes up MYF Soup cook-off 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF | 12 6:30 – 7:45 pm Praise Team | 13 10:00 am Book Club 6:00 pm Prayer Ministry mtg. 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Finance mtg. Missions- Thanksgiving baskets go out | 14 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 Thanksgiving Potluck 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir | 15 9:00 am UMW meeting 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Prayer Walk 6:00 pm Missions meeting | 16 6:00 pm Family Ministries Fun Night (church wide event!!) | 17 |
| 18 6:00 pm 2018 Charge Conference (Moline Bethel Wesley) | 19 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 – 7:45 pm Praise Team | 20 2:30 – 4 pm Eagle Ridge 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Scouts | 21 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 – 8:30 pm Wolf Den meeting | 22 Thanksgiving Day Office closed | 23 December newsletter deadline | 24 |
| 25 Blood Pressure Checks Conference Special 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF | 26 6:30 – 7:45 pm Praise Team | 27 #GivingTuesday 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Scouts Pack meeting | 28 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 pm Bible Study 6 – 6:45 pm Junior Choir 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir | 29 11:30 am UMW Christmas Potluck 6:00 pm Advent Bible Study | 30 | |

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