



# COLONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:10 AM

## MISSION CORNER

### Reverse Advent Bags

Starting December 1<sup>st</sup>, place a non-perishable food item in the bag every day until December 24<sup>th</sup>. On Christmas Eve bring the bag back to the church and place under the upside down tree. Filled bags may be returned and placed under the tree at any time. If you do not have time to do more shopping, that's ok! There is a festive envelope in the bag that you may make a cash/check donation. Make checks payable to the Colona UMC. Place envelope back in the bag and return to church. All donations will go to the Colona Food Pantry. Please see Missions Coordinator, Laura Smith, to get your bag.

### 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 Pantry

Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 4:00 pm

If you are interested in volunteering please contact  
Judy Smith at 309-236-1126.

### Thanksgiving Bags

50 Thanksgiving bags were returned and 12 Thanksgiving baskets were created for families and the remainder of the food was donated to the Colona Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who donated!!

## WE'RE INVITING

### Breakfast with Mary and Joseph

December 1<sup>st</sup> 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. Parent's, use this opportunity to run errands and do some Christmas shopping! Questions? Contact Peg Emmert at 309-231-2657.



### A Cup of Joseph in the Upper Room

The mission of the Colona United Methodist Church states; *Invite - Grow - Serve*. Therefore, consider this an invitation! To all men, gather on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm in front of the Fellowship Hall fireplace for one hour. All men are invited, bring a friend! This will be an informational gathering. A cup of "joe" will be available.

- A Fellowship of Christian Men



Coffee Fellowship

### **Invite~Grow~Serve**

Are you finding it difficult to *invite* God into more of your life, *grow* in your walk with God and/or *serve* God in more ways? The CUMC Prayer Team has an opportunity for you to do all three. In a continuing effort to grow the prayer presence in our individual lives and be a more visible presence in the church, the Prayer Team is inviting you to join a prayer group. A “group” is very loosely defined. It could be you and a walking buddy praying as you walk. It could be several of you praying as you enjoy a cup of tea, coffee, or cola. You can meet at the church, at your home, in the park, at the mall or electronically. A “group” can be 2, 3, 4 or 5, can meet on a defined schedule or when it can be arranged. In other words, the number is flexible, the place is flexible, and the frequency is flexible. The goal is to start and then continue; eventually getting comfortable and confident to be a praying presence in the church on Sunday mornings.

### **Thursday Prayer Vigil**

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **2018 Children’s Christmas Program**

Calling all children and youth to participate in the 2018 Christmas Program! This year the program will be held on Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at both the 8:00 & 10:30 services. The last two practices are December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm & Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> from at 9:00 am.

There is also a need for adult help during practices & program day. Needs are costume fitting & dressing, script prompting, reading parts on practice days, sound & lights & staging (helping the kids get where they need to be when they need to be there). If you have any questions, please see or call Susan Koska at 309-796-0667.

### **Family Ministries**

Save the date for the Family Ministries Holiday Chill! Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### ***Christmas Cantata***

*Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm*

*There will be a free supper of BBQ sandwiches, chips, salad and dessert following the performance.*

### **Christmas Eve Services**

Bring your family and friends to this blessed time of gathering together and worshipping the birth of Jesus Christ. Candlelight Services at 6:00, 7:00 and 11:00 pm on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. If you purchased a poinsettia please feel free to take yours home after worship.

### **United Methodist Women**

United Methodist women met on November 15<sup>th</sup> with Nadine Garbett as hostess. Nadine also spoke on the *World Thank Offering*.

A budget was prepared for 2019 totaling \$3,605. Included in the budget are mission projects, \$500 to the loan on the new addition and \$600 to the building completion.

Cookie Walk and Mini Bazaar is on December 8<sup>th</sup>, The Bazaar opens at 8:00 am and the Cookie Walk begins at 9:00 am. Cookie painting is December 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. Other cookie donations may be brought to the church on December 7<sup>th</sup> from noon to 5:00 pm.

### Cookie Walk & Mini Bazaar

The United Methodist Women Annual “Cookie Walk” is quickly approaching  
**Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> doors open at 9:00 am!**

**Cookies- \$6.00 per lb. – Free coffee!**

The United Methodist Women would appreciate your donation and/or participation for this year’s annual Cookie Walk. Bazaar items will also be available!

Donations may be brought to the church on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> until 5:00 pm *or* on Saturday at 8:00 am. The ladies of the United Methodist Women thank you!

### United Methodist Men

Next Aluminum can drive is March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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.

### Book Club

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!! May you enjoy this holiday season with your friends and family! Book Club will be back next month, Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am with *Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder. February book is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.

### Nursery

Our Nursery is open to children *6 weeks up to 5 years old* from 7:45 - 11:45 am Sunday mornings. The Nursery is located in the Education wing on the right.

### A Question

What is 510 ft. long, 85 ft. wide and 51 ft. high??? You guessed it... The ARK!

We are in the process of planning a bus trip to Kentucky spring 2019 to see the ARK Encounter and the Creation Museum. Does this sound like something you’d be interested in?? More information to come! Questions? Contact Sue Rehn at 309-269-7842

## GROWING

### Education

**Church Camp** – ages 5 to 10 years old. 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!

### December 9<sup>th</sup>

Join us as we sing a few songs, raise up prayers, recognize December birthdays, and get the latest Sunday school news. Be in the Sanctuary at 9:10 am for Sunday school opening. We will also get a report on our 2018 Heifer collection! \$221 was collected in April, \$343.35 in May, \$255 in June, \$539.68 in August, \$538.57 in September, \$440.96 in October, and \$1194 in November.

### Bible Studies

- **Advent Bible Study every Thurs. & Sun. in December 6:00 pm** - *Christmas Gifts that Won't Break*
- **Monday morning Bible Study 10:30 am.** Come and bring a friend and delve into God's word. The Bible Study is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month. Coffee and doughnuts are provided. Just bring your Bible & join with others growing their faith.
- **Wednesday evening Bible Study 6:00 pm.**

### 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!! Please consider joining us in January!

### 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"*

### Answering the Call

Mary Kirkland of Silvis expresses her deeply felt appreciation to the four gentlemen who answered her call for help. Her lawn is fertilized, driveway is landscaped, garage door and storm door serviced, air conditioner secured for winter, east side yard light replaced and some 40 daffodil and tulip bulbs have been planted.

90+ year old widow says  
 GOD BLESS!

## TRUSTEES NEWS

Thanks to those who help keep the property and building looking neat and clean. If you notice a maintenance issue, the Trustees need to address, please write it down and put it in the Trustee's mailbox.

## FINANCE TEAM

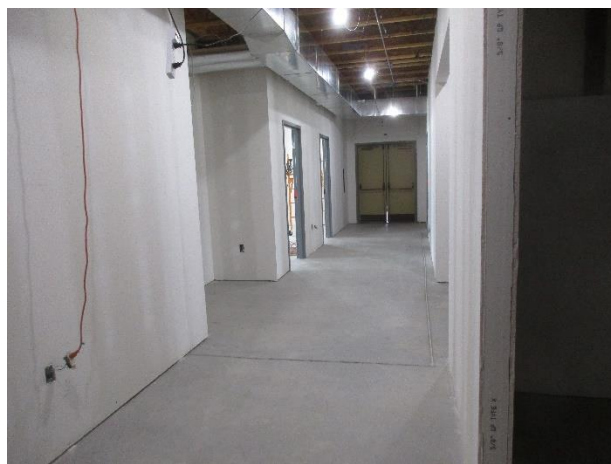
<b>January - September</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Difference</b>
General Operating Budget:	\$122,700.68	\$133,855.27	<b>\$11,154.59</b>
Mortgage Payment:	\$26,249.27	\$ 25,183.62	\$ 1,065.65
<b>For October</b>			
General Operating Budget:	\$14,567.62	\$16,633.66	<b>\$ 2,066.04</b>
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 2,432.09	\$ 2,798.18	<b>\$ 323.18</b>

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



## BUILDING COMPLETION TEAM

Join us for “workdays,” on Wednesday, between 6 and 9 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. Drywall mudding is in the clean-up phase, 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.



**Happy Holidays from the Shepherds!!**

**I'm sorry we didn't get to meet in September or October. We're going to plan a time either in February or March, we'll have a potluck and a program, more info to come!!**

**If anyone has any suggestions for a program please let me know!!**

**Sincerely, Marilyn Schaab (309) 792-3718**

### **THANK YOU!!!**

A heart-felt “thank you” to all who helped support the Tami Parker Taco Benefit on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. My Cousin, Tami, was greatly moved with donations before, during, and after the benefit, we raised over \$1500!! With tears of gratitude, Tami said, “Some of these people don't even know me.” I explained that many of you, my church family, have been praying for her for quite some time. Thank you, again, for showing her and her husband the love of Christ.

Sincerely, Randy and Tami Parker  
Deb Johnson and family



**Harland McLaughlin has MOVED!**  
Hope Creek Care Center #4231 Bed 2  
4343 Kennedy Dr.  
East Moline, IL 61244



## 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, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am

## DECEMBER WORSHIP

**December 2<sup>nd</sup>** Holy Communion - Jeremiah 33:14-16 *"Is it the Right Time?"*

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** Children's Christmas Program

**December 16<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Cantata - Zephaniah 3:14-20 *"Just Can't Wait"*

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>** Luke 1:39-45 *"Do You Still Get Excited?"*

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** Luke 2:1-20 *"Here's the News!!"*

**December 30<sup>th</sup>** Colossians 3:12-17 *"Just About Done"*



## DECEMBER SERVANTS

### Head Ushers

8:00 am – Sarah Browning

10:30 am – Lindy Anderson


Date	8:00 Liturgist	10:30 Liturgist	10:30 Greeter	Nursery Helper
12/02	John Browning	Amy Swan	Kris Rowell	Helper needed!
12/09	Christmas Program	Christmas Program	Corla Swan	Helper needed!
12/16	Barb Searle	Tammi King	Bethany Snook	Helper needed!
12/23	Logan Loitz	Wendy Baker	Chris Horn	Cassi VanHoutte
12/30	No 8:00 am Service	Deb Johnson	D & B Roberts	Helper 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!



Lindy Anderson	Dec. 2
Dick Baum	Dec. 3
Peg Emmert, Aaron Schofield, Justice Schofield	Dec. 4
Shawn Wilkinson	Dec. 6
Mandi Guyer, Sandy Skelton	Dec. 7
Faith Ayers	Dec. 8
Ted Anderson	Dec. 10
Payton Hillman	Dec. 11
Wendy Loitz	Dec. 12
Glenn Ruud	Dec. 14
Colton Boyles, Michelle Buchholz	Dec. 15
Lila Snook	Dec. 17
Payton Martens	Dec. 19
Ray Teager	Dec. 20
Karoline & Kenzie Hasson	Dec. 21
Judy Smith	Dec. 22
Dave Medley	Dec. 24
Alex Erickson, Dwight Medley	Dec. 27
John Browning, Marian Edmund-Paulson	Dec. 28
Mike King	Dec. 29
Jo Anne Hillman, Tere Holmes, Levi Schofield	Dec. 30
Craig Anderson	Dec. 31

## Happy Anniversary!

Mike & Martie Eves      December 16    20 years

## Pastor's Corner

*I have been thinking on the journey that Mary and Joseph made from Nazareth to Bethlehem. The difficulty for a nine month pregnant woman making by donkey and walking over some treacherous terrain. What commitment to a requirement that you return to your ancestral home town for something as simple as a census.*

*Think about all the journeys we make in our modern day living. We travel by automobile, train, plane, motorcycle (weather permitting), bus, R.V., but in this part of the world we rarely walk and you rarely hear of anyone traveling by donkey, let alone horseback.*

*Our journey to recall the birth of the Christ child today seems to take us to the mall, downtown shops, and cyberspace (which really isn't a journey at all) but none too frequently toward the Star or the Stable.*

*The other day, Chris and I took a trip that had us going on old familiar roads. A journey toward my past that if followed completely would have led back to Grandma's house for Christmas.*

*I am thankful for the journey I take each year that leads me and you back to Bethlehem. It asks and then demands that we slow down and take it in. There is an old Christmas song we will hear countless times and sing along with a few other moments and hold in our hearts much more. It goes like this, "I'll be home for Christmas... if only in my dreams." That is just one of the lines, yet I wonder if maybe Joseph and Mary ever sang something similar?*

*This year, may we all take a journey that will lead us back to Jesus. Not only in our dreams but for us each and every day.*

*See you along the road that leads us to the Christ.*

*May all the joy of Christmas be yours!*

*Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Mark Horn*



## CUMC Mission Statement

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

## INVITE-GROW-SERVE

December 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 8:30 am – 1:00 pm Breakfast with Mary and Joseph
<b>2</b> Communion Missions- Angel Tree gifts returned 3:30 pm MYF Shopping Day	<b>3</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm A Cup of Joseph 6:30 – 7:45 pm Praise Team	<b>4</b> 2:30 – 4 pm Eagle Ridge 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Children's Practice 6:30 pm Trustees	<b>5</b> 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. 6:30 – 8:30 pm Wolf Den meeting 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>6</b> Prayer Vigil 6:00 pm Advent Bible Study	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 am UMW Cookie Walk & Mini Bazaar 9:00 am Children's Practice 10:30 am Chancel choir practice
<b>9</b> 9:10 Opening for S.S. Children's Christmas Program (both services)	<b>10</b> 6:30 – 7:45 pm Praise Team	<b>11</b> 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Scouts	<b>12</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>13</b> 6:00 pm Advent Bible Study	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Family Ministries Holiday Chill
<b>16</b> 5:30 pm Christmas Cantata	<b>17</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 – 7:45 pm Praise Team	<b>18</b> 2:30 – 4 pm Eagle Ridge 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Scouts	<b>19</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 pm Bible Study 6 – 6:45 pm Junior Choir 6:30 – 8:30 pm Wolf Den meeting 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>20</b> 6:00 pm Advent Bible Study	<b>21</b> <b>Winter Solstice</b> January newsletter deadline	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Blood Pressure Checks	<b>24</b> 6:00, 7:00 and 11:00 pm Christmas Eve Service Missions-Christmas Eve offering	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas</b> Office closed	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve Service					

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