



COLONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:10 AM

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 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, January 15th 2:00 – 4:00 pm

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

CUMC Missions

Thank you to everyone who took tags off the Angel Tree! Because of your generosity children from the Colona Giving Tree and residents from Hillcrest Nursing home had a Merrier Christmas!

Thanks for the love and thoughtfulness of our congregation!!



Angel Tree with Tags



Angel Tree and Gifts



150 bags, ready for pickup! Reverse Advent Collection



WE'RE INVITING

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, January 7th 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.



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 6th 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.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women want to thank all who helped, baked, crafted and supported the COOKIE WALK & BAZAAR on December 8th. A profit of \$1,335.00 was realized. All monies will go to mission projects which will be determined at the January UMW meeting. Come join us on January 17th at 9:00 am.

God bless you all for your support!

United Methodist Men

Next Aluminum can drive, March 30th. 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 & skating.

Book Club

Tuesday, January 8th at 10:00 am with *Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder. February book is *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.

Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, January 26th 7:30 – 10:30 am

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!

January 13th

Join us as we sing a few songs, raise up prayers, recognize January birthdays, and get the latest Sunday school news. Be in the Sanctuary at **9:50 am** for Sunday school opening. **Notice the time change.**

Ongoing Bible Studies; Monday mornings, 1st & 3rd and Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm. Give yourself a boost in the GROW area of Invite~Grow~Serve by joining or forming a study group. There are groups that meet Monday mornings, Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings currently. There is some study curriculum available in the church library. See Sunday School Superintendent Judy Smith for more information.

Bible Studies

- **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 1st and 3rd 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"

TRUSTEES NEWS

Thanks for shutting off the lights and resetting the thermostat settings when you leave the building. 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

Jan - Oct	Income	Disbursements	Difference
General Operating Budget:	\$137,268.30	\$150,488.93	-\$13,220.63
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 28,681.36	\$ 27,981.80	\$ 699.56
For November			
General Operating Budget:	\$13,830.53	\$13,467.02	\$ 363.51
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 2,835.00	\$ 2,798.18	\$ 36.82

Many thanks to those who support our ministries even when not present in worship. Thanks to those who responded to the year-end special offering with a donation to the ministry operating fund. It looks like we will end the year with a positive balance. January is a high bill month as several yearly payments are paid out in January. The last day to make a donation for 2018 is Sunday, December 30th with the 10:30 am service offering.

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.

HEALTH NEWS

Henry and Stark County Health Department

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, January 27th at 9:00 am



NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE

Orphy Kinkade has MOVED!

**Liberty Village #4
920 S. Chicago St.
Geneseo, IL 61254**

Ben and Molly Schroder

**1936 24th St.
Florence, OR 97439**

JANUARY WORSHIP

Hope – Goals for ourselves as children of God

January 6th Holy Communion Isaiah 60:1-6 “*Making a Plan*”

January 13th Isaiah 43:1-7 “*A Plan Needs Strength – Pray over It*”

January 20th 1 Corinthians 12:1-20 “*A Goal Needs a Covenant*”

January 27th Nehemiah 8:1-10 “*Launching into Your Goal – for keeps*”

JANUARY SERVANTS

Head Ushers

8:00 am – Nadine Garbett / 10:30 am – Jack Gowan

Date	8:00 Liturgist	10:30 Liturgist	10:30 Greeter
1/06	Sarah Browning	Wendy Baker	TBD
1/13	Curt Frerichs	Cassi VanHoutte	TBD
1/20	Logan Loitz	Confirmand	TBD
1/27	Karin Barrett	Confirmand	TBD

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!**



I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and calls while I was recovering from my fall. They all helped me so much and I value your love and friendships.

-Joyce Rasko



Crisp. Brand new yet remarkably familiar. A new year is upon us with all of its promise, full of potential, not lacking optimism. Why should it not be full of potential since it has a full year to accomplish all that God has planned for it?

In the hymn, Joy to the World, Isaac Watts wrote about the building of hope that I believe can restore our hope for a better day, a better year. Here is what he wrote and we often sing, “No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow.”

With the unfolding of the year 2019 beginning, you and I have an opportunity. The moment in time to recreate – reinvigorate the spirit of grace and truth. We can change the direction of society by laying aside old habits and grasp God’s grace by holding fast to these truths – that we stay in love with God and love our neighbors as ourselves.

For 2019 let us not choose the way of the world that often leaves a bitter aftertaste not only in our mouths but causes our hearts to ache. When we are hurting we aren’t able to reach our fullest potential. Now is the moment to get off that highway and turn onto the path of God and fully live into our life as a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

This New Year, the church provides the proper way back to true Joy. A Joy for your life and mine, a Joy to the world.

The final verse from Watt’s hymn tells us all we really need, that he rules the world with truth and grace... and the wonders of his love. There is the true hope for the world.

Let it begin with us!

Happy New Year!!

*Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mark Horn*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Madison Munoz	Jan. 1
Janet Duncan	Jan. 3
Orphy Kinkade	Jan. 5
Barbara Roberts, Ryan Westlund	Jan. 7
Joylin Clark & Kaylee Floming	Jan. 8
Jennifer Hillman & Terri Skelton	Jan. 12
David Berg & Joci Hasson	Jan. 16
Lola Odendahl & Marilyn Snook	Jan. 20
Lorenzo Campbell & Lynne Davis	Jan. 21
Scott VanHoutte	Jan. 22
Matthew Darnall & Lora Modesitt	Jan. 23
Sarah Barrett & Joan Elsbury	Jan. 26
Sheila Westlund	Jan. 28
Ruth Gowan & Deborah Trahan	Jan. 30
Vic Loitz	Jan. 31



Joe & Bailey Swan	Jan. 2	6 yrs.
Scott & Cassi VanHoutte	Jan. 6	22 yrs.
Art & Phyllis Ash	Jan. 10	66 yrs.
Bob & Lindy Anderson	Jan. 11	44 yrs.
Vic & Maxine Loitz	Jan. 29	63 yrs.

CUMC Mission Statement

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

INVITE-GROW-SERVE

January 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day Office closed	2 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:30 – 8 pm Cub Scout Committee Mtg. 6:30 – 8:30 pm Wolf Den	3 Prayer Vigil	4	5
6 Holy Communion 1:30 Confirmation Class 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF movie night	7 10:30 a Bible Study 6:00 pm Cup of Joseph 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team	8 10:00 am Book Club – Little House on the Prairie 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 Trustees meeting	9 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 pm Family Ministries (planning mtg) 6 – 6:45 pm Junior Choir 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	10	11	12
13 9:50 S.S. Opening 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	14 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team	15 2:00 – 4:00 pm ERF 6:00 Education Meeting 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Scouts	16 6:00 pm FM Bible Study 6:30 – 8:30 pm Wolf Den 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	17 9:00 am UMW 6:00 pm Missions	18 February newsletter deadline	19
20 Conference Special – Human Relations Day 1:30 Confirmation Class 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	21 MLK Jr. Day Office Closed 10:30 am Bible Study 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Dens 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team	22 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Scouts pack meeting	23 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 pm Fam Min Bib Stdy 6 – 6:45 pm Junior Choir 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	24	25	26 7:30 – 10:30 am Pancake Breakfast
27 Annual Conf. Special Offering – John Kofi Asmah School, Liberia Blood Pressure Checks 1:30 Confirmation Class 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	28	29 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 – 9:00 pm Finance meeting and audit	30 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 pm Fam Min Bib Stdy 6 – 6:45 pm Junior Choir 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir			

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