



COLONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Worship 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Sunday School 9:50 am
5th Sunday Worship (and potluck) 10:00 am

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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, February 4th 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.

Thursday Prayer Vigil

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on Thursday, February 7th 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 forms circulate the last Sunday of the month, you can also pick one up in the office.



Book Club

Tuesday, February 12th at 10:00 am with *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles.



Fifth Sunday Service and Potluck

If you filled out a Congregational Survey about 5th Sunday Services, THANK YOU! Your opinion matters! Starting March 31st 5th Sunday Service will be at 10:00 am. Sunday school will be at 9:00 am. After the 10:00 am service there will be a fellowship potluck! Everyone is encouraged to attend, no charge, please bring a dish to pass and table service! Upcoming 5th Sunday dates: March 31st, June 30th, September 29th and December 29th

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 form or 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. See Mary Loeffler or Pastor Mark with your questions.



United Methodist Women

UMW met on Thursday, January 17th at the church. Nadine Garbett was hostess and Joy Clark gave the program on "Sisterhood of Grace". Discussion and plans for the upcoming year were the business of the day.

The next UMW meeting is at the church on February 21st 9:00 am. All women are invited and welcome! Judy Schadt will present the program and Barb Searle is hostess.

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 Trunk or Treat & skating.

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.

We have 30 tickets reserved at group pricing. Section 109, Rows 16 & 17, Seats 1-15. Cost is \$24.75 each

Contact Jack Gowan if you are interested in going!

Phone - 309-631-8136

E-mail - jwgowan@mchsi.com

Confirmation and payment due by

February 28th, 2019



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

Shepherds

The Shepherds potluck and program is March 19th. The potluck is from 5:00 – 6:30 and the program, *Fear and Love*, given by Pastor Mark Horn, will begin at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited!!

GROWING

Education

Sunday school – we offer classes for both kids and adults. We gather every Sunday at 9:50 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!

February 10th

Be in the Sanctuary at **9:50** am for Sunday school gathering. Notice the time change. Join us as we sing a few songs, raise up prayers, recognize February birthdays, and get the latest Sunday school news. February will also be the first of seven months of collecting for Heifer for 2019. The 2018 total was \$3897.66; thanks for being a part of changing lives around the world.

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. Ongoing Bible Studies, 1st & 3rd Monday mornings and Wednesday evenings, 6pm. A church wide Lenten study, Six Hours One Friday by Max Lucado will be offered beginning in March, watch for the sign-up sheets.

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!! All are welcome to be a part of praising 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"***

MISSION CORNER

CUMC Missions

"*Souper Bowl*" Sunday is on the 3rd. Bring cans of soup and place in the "*Souper Bowl*" shopping cart. All donations received will go to the Colona Food Pantry. Will you help us reach our goal of 350 cans??

ALL ABOARD... the Choo-Choo Food Express will be arriving on February 10th. We're collecting non-perishable food items for the Colona Food Pantry. Bring your donations to the church and place them in the train. The train will be departing on February 17th.

Missions will be meeting on the 21st at 6:00 pm.

Eagle Ridge Food Pantry

Tuesday, February 5th and Tuesday, February 19th 2:00 – 4:00 pm

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

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, February 24th at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall.

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

February – Getting more into Jesus

February 3rd Holy Communion Luke 4:21-30 *"The importance of recognizing who you are as a child of god"*

February 10th Luke 5:1-11 *"Being a disciples is much more than occupying a pew"*

February 17th Luke 6:17-26 *"It's more than an attitude – it's a be attitude"*

February 24th Luke 6:27-38 *"What Happens now?"*

FEBRUARY SERVANTS

Head Ushers

8:00 am – Shari Anderson / 10:30 am – Judy Smith

Date	8:00 Liturgist	10:30 Liturgist	10:30 Greeter
2/03	Curt Frerichs	Alen Gowan	See
2/10	Barb Searle	Alen Gowan	Chris Horn to
2/17	Logan Loitz	Alen Gowan	Volunteer!
2/24	Karin Barrett	Sarah Barrett	THANKS!

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!**

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 - Nov	Income	Disbursements	Difference
General Operating Budget:	\$173,071.49	\$177,906.68	-\$4,835.19
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 33,836.56	\$ 33,578.16	\$ 258.40
For December			
General Operating Budget:	\$21,972.66	\$13,950.73	\$ 8,021.93
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 2,320.20	\$ 2,798.18	-\$477.98

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. We did end the year with a positive balance of \$6,659.46. January is a high bill month as several yearly payments are paid out in January; so it was great to start 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 BIRTHDAY!

Bob Anderson	Feb. 3
Gloria Teager	Feb. 5
Paul Smith	Feb. 6
Art Ash	Feb. 12
Luke Corso, Kyle Thomas	Feb. 13
Shari Anderson	Feb. 15
Jane Laingen	Feb. 16
Jack Gowan, Kamran King	Feb. 17
Hope Corso	Feb. 19
Monica Lieving, Nona Schofield	Feb. 22



Chuck Springer	Feb. 23
Corie Medley	Feb. 24
Joyce Rasko, Eric Wheaton	Feb. 26
Mary Jo Auliff	Feb. 28

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Randy & Janalee Boyles	Feb. 8	33 yrs.
Brad & Celeste VanHoutte	Feb. 21	20 yrs.

Way back in the last century, I used to think of February as Silhouette month. In grade school (at least through 4th grade) we would cut out silhouettes of Lincoln and Washington and then they would be taped on the windows and walls around the classrooms. Adding to that, we cut out paper hearts in reds and pinks, of various sizes and they too adorned the classroom. It seemed as if the whole school became transformed from the drabness (is there such a word??) of winter into a hint of what was to come.

I am reminded that a silhouette is just a two dimensional depiction of an image. Our cutouts of Lincoln and Washington never gave us a true representation of either of these presidents, let alone who they were as men.

My hope for us as the church of Jesus Christ is that others will only view us today as mere silhouettes of the church. That we will not be viewed as living into our full potential or worse, that the church of today is seen as passing away.

Oh, that you and I will live into our fullest potential as disciples of the living Christ.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Mark Horn

“Love Bags”

How would you like to spread the love this Valentine’s Day? January 27th – February 10th in the sanctuary there will be Valentine bags hung on the altar rail with our homebound friend’s names on them. Please bring your Valentines and place them in the bags. Thank you for not adding any food items. We aren’t sure of special health issues and wouldn’t want to add something that’s a restriction.

This is a great time to touch base with friends you haven’t corresponded with lately. If you are interested in helping deliver these special “love bags” to our friends, please see Chris Horn at church or call 217-219-0348. Homebound friends: Bernice Halley, Joyce Firth, Marcalee Turner, Orphy Kinkade, Harland McLaughlin, Lola Odendahl, Marie Heeren, Luis Alvarado

In His Name, Chris Horn

February 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Peggy Emmert leading worship <i>Souper Bowl Sunday</i>	4 10:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm A Cup of Joe 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team	5 1:30 – 4:00 pm ERFP 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:30 pm Trustees	6 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 pm Fam Min Bib Stdy 6 – 6:45 pm Junior Choir 6:30 – 8 pm Cub Scout Committee Mtg. 6:30 – 8:30 pm Wolf Den 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	7 Prayer Vigil	8	9 3:00 – 5:00 pm Health Fair 4:00 – 7:00 pm MYF Soup Supper
10 Holy Communion Scout Sunday Heifer Collection Choo Choo Food Express 9:50 S.S. Opening 3:00 Confirmation Class 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	11 9:00 am Staff meeting 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team	12 10:00 am Book Club – A Gentleman in Moscow 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Scouts 6:00 pm Prayer Team mtg.	13 9 – 2 pm Quilting 6:00 pm Fam Min Bib Stdy 7:00 – 8:00 pm Adult Choir	14	15 March newsletter deadline	16
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Get all the most up-to-date information online at www.colonaumc.org