



COLONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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APRIL 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, April 1st 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, April 4th 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.

Paint Party - Art on Canvas

Join us for a paint party, snacks provided!
MYF group fundraiser. Friday, April 5th at 5:30 pm.



Advent Bible Study

In *Six Hours One Friday*, Max Lucado delves into the meaning of Jesus' last hours on the cross. Through His death, your life has purpose and meaning. You are forgiven and loved by a Savior who died for you. And an empty tomb proclaims that death does not have the final word. Bible Study dates: Thursday April 4th and 11th at 6:00 pm.

Book Club

Tuesday, April 9th 10:00 am The Kitchen House
Tuesday, May 21st 10:00 am The Secret Garden



Easter Sunday, April 21st

Sonrise Service 6:30 am

Breakfast 7:00 am



United Methodist Women

Colona United Methodist Women met on March 21st. Peggy Emmert was hostess and Barb Searle gave the program on the 150th Birthday of UMW. The United Methodist Women are the largest Christian Women's Faith Based organization.

Ten boxes were sent to college students. The UMW Spring Meeting is April 13th at Macomb Wesley. Men's body wash and gift certificates are Spoon Rivers project for the Cunningham Children's Home.

Peggy Emmert spoke on a Church Retreat on June 1st. Also a tentative date for a Diaper Drive for Women's Choice Center is set for the first two weeks of August.

The next UMW meeting is Thursday, April 18th at 9:00 am and all women are welcome!

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 new addition.

United Methodist Men

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 and Trunk or Treat.

Mother's Day Brunch

May 5th



Mother's Day Celebration Event

Mark your calendars for the fifth annual Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday May 5th. Join us in the fellowship hall after 10:30 service. All families and their guests are invited to gather for great food, fun & fellowship. Reservation forms circulating soon!

We will be preparing the food for the brunch on Saturday, the 4th, time to suit the volunteers. If you are able to lend a helping hand, please see Lindy or Shari Anderson, Susan Koska or Sheila Westlund. Thanks!

Methodist Youth Fellowship

THANK YOU to everyone who came out for the Trivia Night and to those who donated items for the silent auction. We had a pretty good turn out and we greatly appreciate your support! We raised \$2,310!

MYF will be having a pancake breakfast on Monday, May 27th from 7:00 – 11:00 am. Mark your calendars!

50th Anniversary Open House

Ted and Shari Anderson

Saturday, May 11th

2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

All are invited to celebrate! Cake and punch will be served!

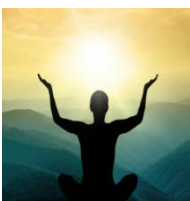


CUMC Spring

Cleaning

April 6th 8:00 am

April 9th 6:00 pm



SAVE THE DATE

Retreat coming June 1st. More details coming soon! "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." Questions? Contact Peg Emmert (309) 231-2657.

Connecting Campers, Nature and Christ

Would you like an opportunity to explore creation, encounter Christ? Then adventure on! Pick up a copy of the UMC Camping & Retreat Ministries Camping Guide 2019 from the Welcome Center. Early bird deadline for a \$25 discount is April 15th. Scholarships available. There are camps in 3 different areas of mid to southern Illinois. Camps typically last 5 days and are scheduled all through June & July. There are leadership, family, art, horse, water, girls only, drama, rock climbing, sports and camps for groups. Pick up a brochure & check it out!

Vacation Bible School

ROAR!!! God is GOOD!

VBS Dates: July 14th – 18th

VBS is right around the corner!! Watch for more information related to volunteer events and registration in the upcoming weeks. VBS is going to be ext-ROAR-dinary this year!!



Upward Soccer

Upward Soccer Dates: August 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th

Are you interested in helping with Upward Soccer this year? Do you have a friend you would like to invite this year? Watch for more information related to Volunteer training and Player registration in the coming weeks! How are we rolling into our 6th year of Upward already... can we make it to 70 players???



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.

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

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!

No Sunday school gathering in April. There is a reception for the Confirmands at 10:00 am on the 2nd Sunday. We will gather again in May, all mothers are invited.

We will not do a formal collection for Heifer in April but if you want to give toward the \$100 challenge, just mark the gift as Heifer. 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 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. A church wide Lenten study, Six Hours One Friday by Max Lucado is ongoing – see Judy Smith for a book and a group to join.

Confirmands names: Sarah Barrett, Alen Gowan and Taylor VanHoutte.



J.A.M.S (Jesus and Me Singers)

The good Lord said to “Make a joyful noise,” and let me just say that these amazing young people are doing just that. While our season of sharing is winding down, we still have two mighty opportunities to share in song. We are working on songs for Palm Sunday and Mother’s Day. Please pray for these J.A.M.S. as they continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ and his love through song.

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

Forty Days - Forty Items

Please continue to gather your items and pray over their continued use. See the list of accepted items in the Narthex. Items are due back on Easter Sunday, April 21st and will be taken to the Oasis.



Cans of Change

Please continue to fill your *Cans of Change*. Please return your can to church by Easter Sunday, April 21st. Have you filled your can already? Empty cans are still available! Thanks for supporting the only fundraiser Missions does for the year. Your support is gratefully appreciated!

Christian Care

The first Christian Care date is April 7th. MYF is cooking and serving the meal. Are you curious to see what serving at Christian Care is like? Ride along with these experienced volunteers.

Heifer International

Our goal is \$5000 for an Ark! We are looking for 50 hearts at a \$100 donation given over the next 8 months. Put your name on a heart as a sign of your Love Gift for this project and the heart will go on the poster hanging in the hallway. Can't do \$100?, share a heart with someone. Want to give more, put your name on more than one heart. \$3897 was raised last year. Let's cover the Ark with Love! Questions? See Judy Smith.



Eagle Ridge Food Pantry

Tuesday, April 2nd and Tuesday, April 16th 2:00 – 4:00 pm

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



Easter Baskets for our Homebound Friends

Sharing the love of our Lord and lifting those we love in prayer is a gift that each of us has been given. You will have that opportunity to share with our friends just as we did on Valentine's Day. On the Sundays of April 7th and 14th there will be Easter baskets on the altar in the sanctuary. If you would like to share a card or a message rolled up in a plastic Easter egg with our homebound friends please bring them and place them in the designated baskets on the altar. Volunteers will be needed to see that our friends receive them during Holy Week. It goes without saying that God is truly glorified when we reach out in love to others. Thank you for considering this act of love.

Please note: *Absolutely no food or candy can be given!!*

Our homebound friends are:

Dorothy Best
Orphy Kinkade

Joyce Firth
Lola Odendahl

Bernice Halley
Marcalee Turner

Marie Heeren
Harland McLaughlin



Project Now

Project Now is a Community Action Agency serving Rock Island, Henry and Mercer Counties. Brochures are at the Welcome Center. Please help yourself and learn about the different services!

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, April 28th at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall.



APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE



April 7th John 12:1-8 "*A Beautiful Fragrance*" Holy Communion

April 14th Various / Palm Sunday / Confirmation

April 18th John 13:1-30 "*Together*" Maundy Thursday

April 19th John 18:1-19:42 "*Thirsting for God*" Good Friday

April 21st Luke 24:1-12 "*Remembering His Words*" Easter

April 28th John 20:19-31 "*Holding the Key*" You Matter To God

APRIL SERVANTS

Head Ushers 8:00 am – Jennifer Hillman / 10:30 am – Bob & Sharon Bloomberg

Date	8:00 Liturgist	10:30 Liturgist	10:30 Greeter
April 7th	Logan Loitz	Sarah Barrett	Jennifer & Payton Hillman
April 14th	Curt Frerichs	Confirmants joint service	Kris Rowell
April 21st	Barb Searle	Aaron Schofield	Chris Horn & Payton Hillman
April 28th	Barb Searle	Tammi King	Don Heister & Linda Marcus

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

January 2019	Income	Disbursements	Difference
General Operating Budget:	\$13,434.47	\$13,451.96	\$ 17.49
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 2,341.64	\$ 2,798.18	-\$456.54
February 2019			
General Operating Budget:	\$14,872.68	\$16,471.95	\$ -1,599.27
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 2,158.81	\$ 2,798.18	-\$639.37

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

BUILDING COMPLETION TEAM



After taking the month of February off, the Wednesday evening work team picked up again on March 13th. Join us 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.

Thanks for your understanding



during the construction. Phase I is almost complete. **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!

Burton Loitz
Tony Odendahl
Linda Marcus
Matthew Martens
Mary Loeffler
Denise Hight
Dian Greeno
Phil Paulson

April 1st
April 2nd
April 3rd
April 4th
April 7th
April 9th
April 10th
April 13th

Daltyn Skelton April 19th
Molly Schroder April 20th
Kathryn Rudd April 21st
Charleigh Campbell & Gabby Cooney April 27th
David Guyer April 28th
Alen Gowan & Hannah Molina April 30th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Gary and Sue Rehn April 25th 49 years



A Moment with You

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms... so goes an old hymn of affirmation and hope. For the past several weeks I have had my own faith affirmed through the opportunity of leading our confirmation class of Sarah Barrett, Alen Gowan and Taylor VanHoutte.

My responsibility has been easy because of the teaching they had been and continue to receive from their parents, grandparents, Sunday school teachers and so many others who have taken time to share their own faith stories.

Their spiritual wellness has served them in our time together. I have probably learned as much from them or more so, than they have learned from me. The future of the Church of Jesus Christ is already being blessed by the three fine individuals.

Here is my request of all of you. Please plan to attend the Palm Sunday service. Sarah, Alen, and Taylor will be leading both worship services that morning and will be confirmed at the 10:30 service.

During our fellowship time, there will be a reception in their honor to celebrate their becoming members of Colona United Methodist Church.

I also want to extend a big word of gratitude to their mentors through the confirmation process. Sharon Bloomberg, Vicki Cooney, Don Heister, none of this would have worked as well without your input. Your support and faith sharing will long linger in their memories.

Speaking of memories... One day, when someone asks me about my greatest joys in ministry I won't hesitate to tell who ever that may be about Sarah, Alen, and Taylor. You three have refueled this pastor with joy. I am reminded that the Psalmist says we should be like trees planted next to the stream of living water. Today and forever I rejoice that a portion of my life and ministry has been spent in growing in faith with you.

As we come near once more not only the cross of our Lord, let us all celebrate this new class of Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

- Grace & Peace -
Pastor Mark Horn

{CALENDAR}

OF EVENTS

April 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm A Cup of Joseph – men's ministry	2 1:30 – 4:00 pm ERFP 6:00 pm Education mtg. 6:30 pm Trustees meeting	3 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6 – 6:45 pm J.A.M.S 6:30 – 8 pm Cub Scout Committee Mtg. 6:30 – 8:30 pm Wolf Den 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	4 Prayer Vigil 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	5 Paint Party Art on Canvas - MYF fundraiser	6 8:00 am Spring Clean-Up 2:00 pm Mary Loeffler Birthday party (Jen Hillman)
7 Holy Communion Christian Care 3:00 Confirmation Class 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	8 9:00 am Staff meeting 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team	9 10:00 am Book Club – The Kitchen House 6:00 pm Spring Clean-Up	10 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6 – 6:45 pm J.A.M.S 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	11 6:00 pm Lenten Bible Study	12	13 10:30 am Easter Scramble
14 Confirmation Sunday Palm Sunday Heifer Collection 9:50 S.S. Opening	15 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 – 7:30 Praise Team	16 1:30 – 4:00 pm ERFP 6:30 pm Finance mtg.	17 9 – 2 pm Quilting 6:30 – 8:30 pm Wolf Den 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	18 9:00 am UMW 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service & communion	19 May newsletter deadline 7:00 pm Good Friday Service	20
21 Easter Sunday Holy Communion 6:30 am Sunrise 7:00 am Breakfast	22 9:00 am Staff meeting	23 6:00 – 8:00 pm Cub Pack meeting 6:00 pm Prayer Team mtg	24 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6 – 6:45 pm J.A.M.S 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	25 7:00 pm Church Council	26 Arbor Day	27
28 1:00 – 4:00 pm Founders Day Luncheon (C. Swan) Annual Conf. Special Offering – Tom Brown Scholarship, Wiley College Blood Pressure Checks 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	29	30				

