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SUNDAY WORSHIP 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:10 AM

WE'RE INVITING



Easter Egg Scramble Saturday, April 8th 10:00 am

For kids 10 & under. Rain date is Saturday, April 15th, same time. Announcement will be made via church facebook page, if we need to use the rain date....We are looking for small, wrapped candy to put in Easter Eggs....or small toys, stickers, whatever will fit inside the eggs. We are also looking for donations of premade Easter baskets to raffle off as door prizes. There will be a girls 20 in and a boys 20 in bike to be given away! Come out and join in the fun!!

Holy Week Events

Join us on Sunday, April 9th to celebrate Palm Sunday and don't forget we'll carry our "cans of change" to the cross and dedicate the funds to helping those in need in our Church and community!

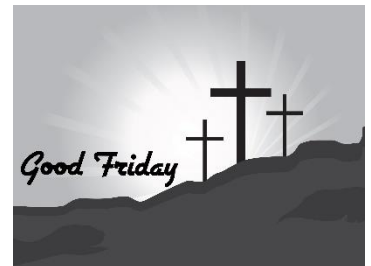


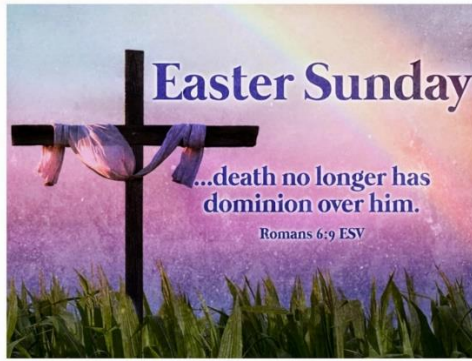
MAUNDY Thursday

Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 pm join together for this special time of communion.

Good Friday, April 14th 24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Please sign up for an hour time slot by seeing Mary Loeffler. In honor of Jesus sacrifice, we would like to have someone praying every hour. A quiet room will be set up for you to stop by and spend some time in prayer or you can pray wherever you are.





Sunday, April 16th
6:30 am Sonrise Service
7:00 am Breakfast
8:00 am & 10:30 am Worship Services



All Church Clean Up Day

Trustees have set a work, cleanup day for Saturday, April 1st! We will begin at 9:00 am. There will be jobs for everyone inside and outside! Windows, kitchen and more! Yard work, leaves to rake, bushes to be trimmed, repairing snow plow damage! Everyone is needed to help spruce up the Church for Easter! Thank you so much for helping make this day a success!

MISSION CORNER –

Serving at Christian Care – April 23rd we need people to cook, deliver and serve a meal at the homeless shelter in Rock Island. Sign up at the Welcome booth to help out and be blessed by helping others!

Cans of change!

Don't forget to bring back your cans on Palm Sunday, April 9th! YOU can help change a life! Money collected will be put in our Assistance Fund to help those in need. We may never know the impact or change on the life of a person we've helped, but God does! Thank you for your contributions!



Eagle Ridge Food Bank –



We are still serving twice a month and assisting in the disbursement of food to 11 families. What a blessing to serve together! We can always use more help or if you are interested in donating a special item, contact the Church office.

Bible Studies

Monday morning Bible Study – Meeting at 10:30 am on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month. Studying the Book of Luke. Join together and make time to study the Word.

Family Ministry Bible Study – Currently studying the Lenten Study, *Restored*, Wednesdays at 6:00 pm & Sundays at 9:10

Men's Group – Meeting on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, they are studying *Dare To Be Uncommon*, by Tony Dungy. April 5th will be the last meeting. Watch for details of a Fall Study!

Young Adults – Watch for more details!

Book Club

Meeting April, 11th at 10:00 am to discuss *Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. Set during the Great Depression, the novel focuses on the Joads, a poor family of tenant farmers driven from their Oklahoma home by drought, economic hardship, agricultural industry changes and bank foreclosures forcing tenant farmers out of work. Due to their nearly hopeless situation, and in part because they are trapped in the Dust Bowl, the Joads set out for California. Along with thousands of other "Okies", they seek jobs, land, dignity, and a future. Mark your calendars for May and note the date change – Tuesday, May 16 at 10:00 am discussing *Slowing Time* by Barbara Mahany.



Education

- Church Camp – for children ages 5-10 yrs. Meet in the Education wing after 10:30 service, Children's Time
- Sunday School – Classes for kids and adults. Meet every Sunday at 9:10 am! Come & grow with us!

April 9th, at 9:10 am, all Sunday School classes will meet in the Sanctuary!

Heifer 2017 - We collected \$310.25 for Heifer in February. Our next collection month is May. Be sure to attend the Sunday School opening on Mother's Day, May 14th as we recognize the mothers in attendance and watch a short video explaining more about heifer and what the program can do. If you like to help people help themselves and their communities, Heifer may be a program that will interest you.

2017 Graduates

If you know of graduates not on our list below, please let the office know as soon as possible. We want to include everyone in being honored for their accomplishments:

8th Grade

Joci Hasson	Geneseo
Reece Munoz	Geneseo

High School

Cayson Frerichs	Geneseo
Dwight Medley	Geneseo
Madison Munoz	Geneseo
Rianna Nelson	Rock Island
Brooke VanHoutte	Geneseo

Western IL University

Kim Olson

Family Ministry – There will be an Upward Planning meeting Wednesday, April 19th from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. This will take the place of the typical PULSE Bible Study time.

MYF - THANK YOU to everyone who came and played Trivia for the Rock River Workcamp. Also THANK YOU to those who donated items for the silent auction. We greatly appreciate your support. We raised \$2,399 which goes towards the \$20,000 needed for building materials for the Workcamp.



As of today, we have 36 applications for home repair. Now comes the daunting task of visiting each home to get measurements, and to see if it is work that Junior/Senior high youth can do. Mark could use some help with this.



We need to have all homes visited by April 23. There's lots of paper work for each home, but if we go in pairs, it can be done easily. Mark also needs to visit with the building inspectors for each town/village/county that we are building ramps or porches in for their codes and inspection requirements. So far we have homes in Atkinson, Colona, Henry County, Rock Island, Silvis, East Moline, Moline, and Preemption. We could use more homes. We have 327 campers signed up, so far. That means a minimum of 54 homes. Thanks for your prayers for this mission work.

A Hospitality Meeting is set for Thursday, April 20th at 7:00 pm. We'll be dividing up into specific groups to assist with the WorkCamp. Everyone is encouraged to join in and be a part of this important planning process!

Please keep praying that we get more homes and that we get the time to visit each one. Also please continue to pray for the youth and their leaders that are coming to our camp, as well as our youth and their leaders.

Prayers

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on April 6th, 8:30 am – 8:30 pm and share in a time of prayer! You may also fill out a prayer request to be included and turn in to the office.



We have a weekly prayer email that goes out and if you have requests you would like included or if you would like to receive the email, please notify the office. We also have two prayer chains that lift others up in prayer as needed and if you feel that God is nudging you to be involved in a prayer ministry, please contact the office.

SWAA – We worked diligently on the SWAA puppet production that was performed on Sunday, March 19th during Children's Moment. We made our own puppets, (these are not your average sock puppets!), music and props. We made our own script based on Proverbs 22:9 “He who is generous will be blessed, for he gives food to the poor.” This is the ideal scripture for these children to teach to our church as they have lived this scripture all year. They are so giving and compassionate and are considerate for the needs of the people around them.



Puppet show participants!

Keep up with all the SWAA happenings and projects on Instagram - CUMC_SWAA.

United Methodist Men



Thanks to all who came and enjoyed a night of skating March 7.



All men are welcome to join us as we continue with the Geneseo Churches Lenten breakfast gatherings continuing through April 8th. We meet in the church parking lot at 6:30 to car pool for the 7:00 am gatherings. Each Saturday is hosted by a different congregation; April 1st is Grace UMC and the 8th is First UMC.

Thanks for bringing your aluminum cans out to the church parking lot March 25th to donate to our Men's group; this money is used to sponsor UMM funded activities like skating, a bike for the Easter Scramble, camp scholarships, and fall wiener roast.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women packed and sent or delivered 14 boxes to our College Students and Service Personnel. The UMW met on March 16th with a program and pictures of the recent mission trip to Haiti. The talk was given by Joylin Clark assisted by Sheila Westlund. Orphy Kinkade reported on the gift certificates and education labels sent to Cunningham Children's Home. All women are invited to the next meeting at 9:00 am at the Church on April 20th. The discussion will be on the fairness and inequality of our Criminal Justice System.

INVITE – GROW – SERVE**WEEKLY SERVANTS FOR APRIL -**

Head Ushers for April are 8:00 am – John Browning and 10:30 am – Curt Hight

Date	8:00 liturgist	10:30 greeter	10:30 liturgist
2nd	Barb Searle	Tammie King	Mike King
9th	Barb Searle	Diane Biellier	Aaron Schofield
16th	Susan Koska	Help Needed	Peg Emmert
23 rd	Barb Searle	Brad Hight	Barb Parker
30th	Karin Barrett	Diane Biellier	Linda Marcus

Please contact the office if you can help as a weekly servant. We need volunteers and 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, Tech Loft!** There is a place for everyone!

Academy for Spiritual Formation (Upper Room – Nashville) and the Illinois Great Rivers Conference is sponsoring a Five-Day experience. It will be held in Carlinville, IL, Lake Williamson Christian Center on April 23-28, 2017. For more information you can go online to the Upper Room website or ask Peg Emmert who is part of the leadership team. Online registration is available at www.igrc.org/fiveday2017.

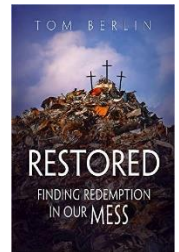
Health News

Blood pressure checks – 9:00 am the last Sunday in Fellowship Hall!

Worship

April 2nd – *Perfected in Love* will finish up our 2017 Lenten Study as we reflect on our brokenness, and how to leave our messes behind.

Join us during Holy Week to celebrate the Risen Christ!

**Pastor's Corner**

Some have asked me what I might like for a retirement gift. My desire is for monetary gifts designated for either the Colona UMC Endowment Fund or to the special project of developing the land up the hill. I believe both our vital to the future of the church.

Through a gift to the Endowment Fund you will be leaving a permanent legacy of Don and my ministry and ensure that the Colona UMC's programs and ministries are supported in perpetuity.

A gift to develop the property up the hill will immediately support current ministries, especially to the youth and families. A pavilion with bathrooms and storage is urgently needed. Many adults spent their time during Upward Soccer last summer escorting children down to the church to use the restrooms.

I see so many possibilities for the use of the area. The pavilion would make a great place for picnics, youth meetings, etc. It would also be a great place for Easter sunrise service!

Pastor Sandy

Pastor Mark Horn & his wife Chris will begin ministry at Colona United Methodist Church on July 2, 2017!



Pastor Mark was born and raised in Galesburg. They come from Collinsville First United Methodist Church.

Pastor Mark has a great love for Jesus, for the hungry, hurting and lost of this world, for His church and the people who are a part of those faith communities. He is a life-long learner. He believes there is something to be learned each day – that we don't have to be satisfied with the way things were yesterday, because God is still in the creating business and He is leading all of us forward into a bright and better tomorrow.

Rev Stephen Granadosin has been assigned to our District. His wife is Rev Cecilia Granadosin. Rev Stephen is currently assigned to Industry-Vermont and Rev Cecilia is at Mt. Sterling First-Columbus.



There will be a Retirement/Going Away Party for Pastor Sandy & Don Bunnell on Sunday, June 11th after 2nd service.

Building Team

We are getting closer but the front entrance along with the Narthex will be closed for a few more weeks as the interior is finished. The addition is being insulated. Openings to the addition will be finished soon. There will be more opportunities to help out coming, watch for details. Thanks for your understanding during the construction.

Trustees

Saturday, April 1 is scheduled as our spring church-wide clean-up day. Bring rakes, shovels, gloves, etc. as we spruce the inside and grounds for Easter. If you notice a maintenance issue the Trustees need to address, please write it down and put it in the Trustees mailbox.

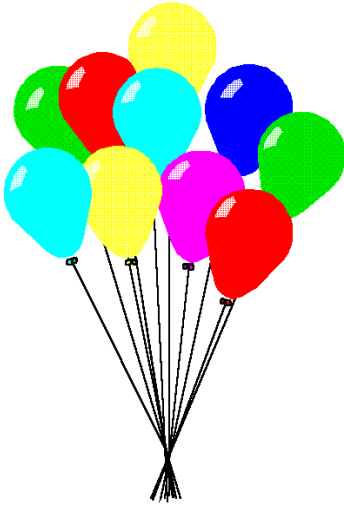


Mother's Day Celebration Event

Mark your calendars for the third annual Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday May 7th for the whole family in the church fellowship hall after 10:30 service. All families and their guests are invited to gather for great food and fellowship.

April Anniversaries

Shawn & Janette Wilkinson April 15 40 yrs.



April Birthdays

Linda Marcus	Apr. 3
Burt Loitz	Apr. 4
Mary Loeffler	Apr. 7
Denise Hight	Apr. 9
Norma Greeno	Apr. 10
Phil Paulson	Apr. 13
Daltyn Skelton	Apr. 19
Molly Rowell	Apr. 20
Charleigh Campbell & Gabby Cooney	Apr. 27
David Guyer	Apr. 28
Alen Gowan & Hannah Thomas	Apr. 30

I want to thank my friends for the birthday cards, they were very special to me and made me remember what a special Church we are. Again, thanks for all you have done for me over many years!

In Christian Love,

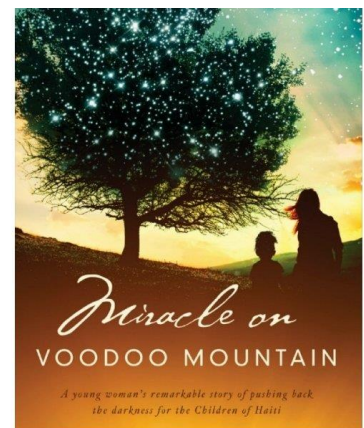
Marie Heeren

A BOOK REVIEW

Miracle on Voodoo Mountain

by: Megan Boudreaux

.....is a book in our church library. It tells the story of one courageous young lady who heard God's call and followed her heart to make a change in Haiti. Without a plan, her story relates how her trust and faith made a difference in one town where a school and its facilities were built atop a mountain. Her story will inspire you, as she relates her obstacles and trials that she overcame to obtain her goal. It is a fast and easy read.



MISSION TO HAITI 2017

Good flights, good weather, and working together for one common goal makes a successful mission trip. Many shoes, school supplies, & backpacks were given out. The sponsored children were met and photographed. With money donated, we were able to feed the children a hot lunch twice while we were there. Many of these children walk over an hour to get to school and usually on an empty stomach. The Haitian way is to have one meal a day.

Jonathan always has a work project. This year, at Pastor Felix' request, a new tiled floor was installed on 1/2 of the church. This involved removing the existing concrete (by hand), mixing and pouring new concrete, and laying the new tile. All was accomplished for church on Sunday. A fever is keeping many of the children away from school. The medicine and vitamins we took were happily received.

I wish to thank many of you who have donated and supported this mission to the poor. Through the years, I have seen sad faces turn into smiles and giggles.

Blessings to you all, Joylin Clark



Children waiting to be served



Gentleman outside his home



Hot Lunch



All Smiles

KEEPING TRACK

Check out our most up to date Church calendar on the website, colonaumc.org!

CUMC Mission Statement

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

INVITE-GROW-SERVE

April 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 am All Church Work Day
2 Food Pantry Holy Communion 5:00-7:00pm MYF-FH	3 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm Praise Team	4 6:00-9:00 pm Scout Troop – FH 6:30pm Wolf Den 6:30pm Webelos	5 9:00-2:00 Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6:00-8:00pm Choirs 6:00 pm Men Study 6:30 pm Scout Pack 7:00-8:00pm SWAA	6 8:30-8:30 Prayer 6:30 pm Educ Com	7	8 10:00 am Easter Scramble
9 Palm Sunday 9:10am SS meet in Sanctuary. 5:00-7:00 pm MYF - FH	10 6:30 pm Bear Den 6:30-7:30 pm Praise Team	11 10:00 am Book Club 6:00-9:00 pm Scout Troop – FH 6:30 pm Webelos	12 9:00-2:00 Quilting	13 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Service	14 Good Friday 24 hr. Prayer Vigil	15 10:00 am Easter Scrambl (Rain date)
16 Easter Day 6:30 am Sunrise Service 7:00 am Breakfast	17 10:30am Bible Study	18 6:00-9:00 pm Scout Troop – FH 6:30 pm Wolf Den 6:30 pm Webelos	19 9:00-2:00 Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6:00-8:00pm Choirs 6:00pm Upward Info 7:00-8:00pm SWAA	20 9:00 am UMW 6:00 pm Missions 7:00 pm WorkCamp Hospitality Mtg.	21	22 Kitchen & FH Reserved-12-4
23 4:00 – 7:00 pm Christian Care 5:00-7:00 pm MYF - FH	24 6:30 pm Bear Den 6:30-7:30 pm Praise Team Newsletter Deadline	25 6:00 – 9:00 pm Sct Tr 6:00 pm Scout Pack - FH	26 9:00-2:00 Quilting 7:00-8:00 pm Choir 7:00-8:00pm SWAA	27	28	29 MYF Dinner?
30 Native American Ministries 9:00am Blood Press 5:00-7:00 pm MYF - FH						