



JUNE 2019 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Worship 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday school 9:10 am

5th Sunday Worship

June 30th at 10:00 am

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WE'RE INVITING

Vacation Bible School

Come join us on a **WILD SAFARI** ride to learn how **GOD IS GOOD!!** Invite your friends & register now at www.vbsmate.com/cumcvbs. Volunteers, we WANT you!! Let Cassi VanHoutte or Amy Swan know if you would like to help, or plan to attend the Volunteer Meeting on Thursday, June 6th at 6:00 pm. We can't wait to start our **Ext-ROAR-dinary** adventure with you!!



Safari Participants: Ages 3 years thru 5th grade

Dates: July 14th - 18th

Volunteers: 6th grade thru 100+.

Upward Soccer

Have you always wanted to play soccer but didn't know how? Do you have a desire to meet new friends and learn about God? Are you up for getting sweaty and a little wet in the heat of August?? Well Upward Soccer is for you! Register before July 15th for early bird rate, save \$5! Register online at registration.upward.org/UPW68506. Scholarships available! Grab a friend and get registered TODAY!!

Do you love to run around with kids?? Know a little about Soccer...or not!?? Want to share the Word with children! We have just the volunteer spot for you! Contact Amy Swan if you are interested in volunteering!

Upward Soccer dates: August 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ages: 4 years thru 4th grade.

Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, June 11th at 10:00 am for Ernest Hemingway's *The Old Man and the Sea*.



United Methodist Women

Colona United Methodist Women met on May 16th with Judy Schadt as hostess. Nadine Garbett gave the program on the History of Deaconesses in the church. The next meeting is June 20th at 9:00 am at the church. All women are welcome!!

If you enjoy the fellowship and goodies at 10:00 am on Sundays, please sign up to be a host/hostess! There is a clipboard in the kitchen with lots of spaces and opportunities to serve. If you need help contact Barb Searle.



2019 GRADUATES

Graduation Sunday is June 2nd at 10:00 am. If you know of any graduates not on our list below, please let the office know as soon as possible. We want to honor everyone for their accomplishments:

8th Grade - Sarah Barrett (Geneseo) and Alan Gowan (Colona)

High School - Nikalas Swan (Geneseo)



Thursday Prayer Vigil

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

United Methodist Men

KEEP THOSE CANS COMING and help CUMC! Money from turning in the cans help cover UMM operating expenses, meat for Celebration on the Corner & Trunk or Treat. The next UMM Can Drive is in September.

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 addition.

June Worship Schedule

June 2nd John 17:20-26 *"Come On, Lend a Hand"* Holy Communion / Graduate recognition

June 9th Acts 2:1-21 *"Up and Out"* Pentecost

June 16th Romans 5:1-5 *"Rejoice in Hope"*

June 23rd Galatians 3:23-29 *"Freedom in the Lord"*

June 30th Galatians 5:1, 13-25 *"Celebrate Freedom"*

Fifth Sunday Fellowship



Fifth Sunday Worship

Join us on Sunday, June 30th for our fifth Sunday Worship. Sunday school will start at 9:00 am and worship will begin at 10:00 am. September 29th will be our next fifth Sunday Worship and there will be a fellowship potluck following service.

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.

Sunday Fellowship Time

If you enjoy the fellowship and goodies at 10:00 am on Sundays, please sign up to be a host/hostess! There is a clipboard in the kitchen with lots of spaces and opportunities to serve. If you need help contact Barb Searle.

Mother's Day Brunch

Thank you to everyone who attended the brunch and a special thanks to those who helped prepare, cook and clean up. It was a lovely day filled with fellowship, food and fun.

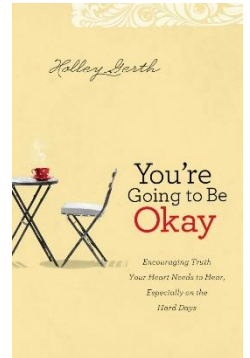
WE'RE GROWING

Monday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study will meet on the 3rd & the 17th at 10:30 am. Join us & make time to study the Word! Coffee and donuts provided, just bring your bible!

New Ladies Study Group!

If you would like to be part of this fun new group please sign-up in the Narthex! We will meet on Tuesday, June 11th at 7:00 pm, we will be studying "You're Going to be Okay" by Holley Girth.



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, June 10th and Monday, June 24th 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.

Education

Sunday school gathering is in the Sanctuary at 9:50 am on Sunday, June 16th. All fathers are invited to visit their child's classroom that day and to attend gathering where your child(ren) will introduce you. We will collect for Heifer in the classrooms June 9th. Total collected through April is \$2,010. If you want to give toward the \$100 challenge for Heifer, there are still hearts available. 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.

Promotion Sunday and presenting our 3rd graders with bibles will be on Sunday, September 8 during the morning gathering at 9:50 am...we will also be recognizing perfect and faithful Sunday School attendees.

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

There is no choir throughout the summer but we will be back in August! If you are interested in singing praise to the Lord then you are most welcome to join! 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!"** Have a GREAT SUMMER!



MYF Workcamp in Knoxville, Tennessee

Please keep our youth and their leaders in your prayers as they make preparation for their Workcamp trip next month to do painting, deck repair and/or wheel chair ramp building. They will be heading to Knoxville, Tennessee on July 19th at 8:00 am and returning home on July 28th. Watch for an insert in the bulletin in July with names of those going. We thank you for your support! Please support our Pancake Breakfast fundraiser Monday, May 27th 7:30 – 11:00 am.

Retreat

Join us for a one day retreat at Colona UMC on Saturday, June 1st. *Registration extended until Wednesday, May 29th*. Come and hear Rev. Kathy Crozier and Daniel Skelton speak. \$10 Chick-fil-A box lunch is served at 11:45 with communion at 2:30 pm. Questions? Contact Peg Emmert (309) 231-2657.

Church Camp for Children and Families

There is still time to register for a UMC summer camp! Pick up a copy of the UMC Camping & Retreat Ministries Camping Guide 2019 from the welcome counter. Scholarships are 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, horse, water, art, girls only, drama, rock climbing, sports and camps for groups. Pick up a brochure and check it out!

Grow Your Prayer Time

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.



Noah's Ark and Creation Museum

What is 510 foot long, 85 foot wide and 51 foot high??? You guessed it... The ARK! We are in the process of planning a bus trip for spring 2019 to see the ARK Encounter and the Creation Museum. Does this sound like something you'd be interested in?? We hope to take the trip with you! Questions? Contact Sue Rehn at 309-269-7842.

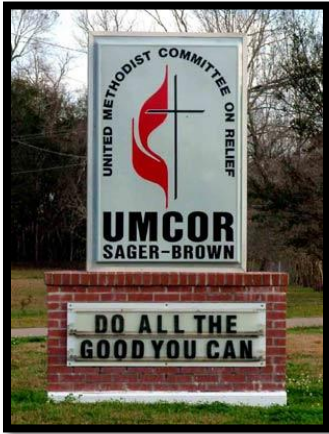
WE'RE SERVING

June Servants

Head Ushers 8:00 am – Susan Koska / 10:30 am – Brad Hight

Date	8:00 Liturgist	10:30 Liturgist	10:30 Greeter
June 2nd	Mary Loeffler	Tony Rokis	Doug Morris
June 9th	Logan Loitz	Randi Haley	Joylin Clark
June 16th	Sarah Browning	Ruth Gowan	Chris Horn
June 23rd	Karin Barrett	Cassi VanHoutte	Marilyn Schaab
June 30th	N / A	Linda Marcus	Melissa Stafford

MISSION CORNER



UMCOR Sager Brown

I, Peg Emmert, have returned from the Mission trip to UMCOR Sager Brown, what an experience! Working in the depot, 6,720 hygiene kits were verified and ready for use. The most heartwarming was to pray over a semi loaded with flood buckets headed to Chatham, Illinois – Midwest Distribution Center. As United Methodists, we are connected to serve those in need. What a blessing to be part of this great ministry.



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 person or family in need. We are in a Cubs/Cardinals contest this month to generate some more excitement! See display in the Narthex!

Heifer International

Heifer International recently celebrated 77 years of helping families and communities become self-sufficient with training and an animal suited to their situation. The families then pass on their knowledge & offspring to others in their community.

Please help us “fill the ark” with animals for those in need. Help us help others. Heifer International would like to thank you for your contribution.



First Responders Appreciation Dinner

On Saturday, June 22nd at 5:00 pm our church will be serving a Thank You dinner to our community's First Responders at the Colona Fire Department. The Missions Committee is asking for your assistance in showing our appreciation for all they do. You can

assist in many ways, including: making a covered dish, helping set up and serve, clean-up, making a monetary donation, or by praying. Maybe you'd like to do all five?! That would be fantastic! We are estimating approximately 75 will attend. Please consider offering a few hours of your time as we give God the glory for the many brave men and women who protect us at a moment's notice. Thank you – Your Mission Committee. Any questions please contact Chris Horn at 217-219-0348. Please see the sign-up sheets at the display in the Narthex beginning June 2nd.

2019 Annual Conference

Peoria Civic Center

Thursday, June 6th – Saturday, June 8th



Special offerings and collections

Six offerings have been taken for the 2019 Annual Conference as well as a collection for Tornado Totes for Midwest Mission Distribution Center. Our collections will go with our delegates to the 2019 Annual Conference in Peoria, June 6th – 8th.

Drop these items in the Narthex between the doors:

- 2 pairs work gloves
- 24 1-gallon re-sealable bags
- 2 permanent markers
- 1 roll Duct Tape – preferably colored
- 2 dust masks – no surgical
- 24 heavy duty trash bags (33-45 gal.)
- 24 clear / white trash bags (20-33 gal.)
- \$9 donation for two 18 gal. totes

January 27th John Kofi Asmah School, West Point, Liberia

Laity from the IGRC are collecting to provide items for the school. We raised \$145.07.

February 24th Midwest Missions Distribution Center

\$182.00 was collected.

April 28th Tom Brown Scholarship at Wiley College

This year marks the 32nd year for the collection of this fund. \$25.00 has been collected!

May 12th Our Conference Our Kids

Our Conference, Our Kids campaign for the spiritual care programs of the five child welfare agencies in the conference – The Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and Spero Family Services. \$220.27 was collected.

May 19th – June 2nd Midwest Missions Distribution Center

Collecting items and money for Tornado Totes

INFORMATION / NEWS

Trustees

Thanks to all who have been helping with the spring clean-up of the building and grounds. There are still a few areas to go – see the sheets in the office to see where you can help. If you notice a maintenance issue the Trustees need to address please write it down and put it in the Trustee's mailbox. Thanks to those who help keep the property and building looking neat and clean.

Finance Team

April was a great gains month. Thanks to those who responded to the extra Easter envelope. We are also in the black year-to-date through March. This is good; we need to continue to build this positive balance to cover the lower income in the summer months. Many thanks to those who support our ministries even when not present in worship.

January - March 2019	Income	Disbursements	Difference
General Operating Budget:	\$45,348.08	\$45,341.46	\$ 6.62
Mortgage Payment:	\$10,640.39	\$ 8,394.54	\$ 2,245.85
April 2019			
General Operating Budget:	\$17,133.22	\$13,721.74	\$ 3,411.48
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 4,929.90	\$ 2,798.18	\$ 2,131.72

Building Completion Team

The Wednesday evening work team has been working again; take a tour and see the progress. 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" & thanks to those who have supported the building project & mortgage & continue to do so.

Celebration on the Corner

Sunday, August 25th

Mark your calendar today!



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Josh & Kim Olson	June 5 th
Ed & Sandy Skelton	June 6 th
David & Jennifer Darnall	June 17 th
Rod & Barbara Searle	June 19 th
Luke & Hope Corso	June 21 st



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Marcalee Turner	June 1 st
Michael Wildermuth	June 1 st
Michelle Collis	June 5 th
Mason Guyer	June 6 th
Maxine Loitz	June 6 th
Joseph Swan	June 6 th
Dylan Medley	June 7 th
Barbara Warren	June 7 th
James Jr. Matthews	June 9 th
Amy Swan	June 14 th
Craig Baker	June 15 th
Robert Bloomberg	June 15 th
Diane Smith	June 18 th
Sean Haley	June 20 th
Jacob Smith	June 28 th
Dorothy Best	June 29 th
Daniel Skelton	June 29 th



Dorothy Best

New Perspective #218
1900 10th St.
Silvis, IL 61282



Marcalee Turner

Prairie Hill #401
219 S. Cedar St.
Tipton, IA 53272

On April 28th we welcomed two new members into our congregation, Will and Jessica Myers of Silvis. Also welcomed into the CUMC family is their infant son, Cullen. Be sure to say, "Hi!" and welcome the Myers to Colona UMC.



From the Pastor's Desk

When work begins on forming the church budget, you do your best in trying to compile all the necessary information. This includes the historical along with the dreams of God's preferred future for our congregation.

The historical reflects both the recent past combined with the longer term experiences of our mission and what it really requires for proper maintenance and ministry of the church.

If we were a business we would have to include our actual costs of "hiring" the professionals from a wide variety of service companies. But, since we are a church, our budget includes an understanding that some of our expenses are mitigated by volunteers who provide labor and other resources to offset many of our expenses.

We are blessed, truly blessed, by an organization that provides a needed service to the church at absolutely no cost to us. This gift, allows us to use vulnerable ministry dollars in other areas.

You may not be aware that Emerick Pest Control of Geneseo has provided needed pest control at both the church building and parsonage for many years at no cost to us. They do this not once a year but every quarter for the year. They do this as a way of giving back to the church and community.

We often see this reflected by our members and friends whose contributions of time, expertise, and gifts allow us to stretch our resources. It is very rare these days to see a company do this type of service.

If you have a "pest" problem at your home, why not consider Emerick Pest Control of Geneseo the next time you have a need. If you already use Emerick, please be sure to say Thank You for their contribution to the church. I am sure they would appreciate that affirmation.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mark E. Horn

June 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30 am – 2:30 pm A Spiritual Retreat
2 Holy Communion Graduation Sunday	3 9:00 am Staff meeting 10:30 am Bible Study	4 6:30 pm Trustees	5 9 – 2 pm Quilting	6 8:30 am – 8:30 pm Prayer Vigil 6:00 – 7:00 pm VBS volunteer meeting (no childcare) IGRC Annual Conference	7 IGRC Annual Conference	8 IGRC Annual Conference
9 Pentecost Heifer Collection	10 6:00 pm Cup of Joseph	11 10:00 am Book Club 7:00 pm Ladies Study Group	12 9 – 2 pm Quilting	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day Conference Special Offering – Peace with Justice 9:50 S.S. gathering	17 9:00 am Staff meeting 10:30 am Bible Study 5:30 – 8:00 pm VBS work night	18 6:30 pm Finance meeting	19 9 – 2 pm Quilting 6:00 – 7:00 pm Upward volunteer meeting (no childcare)	20 9:00 am UMW meeting 7:00 pm Church Council	21 Summer Solstice July newsletter deadline	22
23 Blood Pressure Checks	24 5:30 – 8:00 pm VBS work night 6:00 pm Cup of Joseph	25	26 9 – 2 pm Quilting	27 6:00 pm VBS (volunteer meeting)	28	29 9 – 11 am Aluminum Can Drive
30 9:00 am Sunday school 10:00 am Worship						