



COLONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Worship 8:00 am & 10:30 am

Sunday school 9:10 am

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WE'RE INVITING

Vacation Bible School

Safari Participants: Ages 3 years thru 5th grade

Dates: July 14th - 18th

Volunteers: 6th grade thru 100+

With VBS quickly approaching there are still ways you can help!! Volunteers: Still looking for Imagination Station & Games Volunteers. All planning is done, we just need some fabulous facilitators who want to have FUN with the kids! VBS Donations: **We are "RE-LION ON YOU"**! Stop by the display in the Narthex and grab a hand from the lion to help out. All donations should be returned by Friday, July 12th. VBS Missions: We will be collecting donations for our mission project "First Day Project". We will be collecting necessary school supplies this year. Please see Narthex for further information. Register at www.vbsmate.com/cumcvbs by July 1st to be entered into a special drawing. Be sure to invite your friends, family, and neighbors, anyone you can think of!!



Important Dates:

7/7: Volunteer Meeting (15min) after each service

7/12: Final VBS Setup 5:00 - ???

7/14: VBS Dress Rehearsal 12-3pm. This is for anyone involved in VBS and lunch will be provided

7/14 - 7/18: VBS 5:15 Dinner 5:40 - 8:15 VBS

Upward Soccer

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

Ages: 4 years thru 4th grade

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! The next volunteer meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 22nd at 6:00 pm.

Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, July 9th at 10:00 am in the room just past the nursery for *The Guernsey and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women met on June 20th with Carol McCarty as hostess. Barb Searle gave the program on Hospitality and Belonging. Members were asked to contribute to the Vacation Bible School Ice Cream Social on July 18th. They will also serve the Country View Ladies Golf League Luncheon in August. The next UMW meeting is July 18th at the Church, all women are invited.



UMW is celebrating 150 years of women gathering and serving in missions and prayer. Stop by our display in the Narthex and see what we continue to do. We will have a silent auction starting at \$100 for a quilt donated by Marie Heeren.

Thursday Prayer Vigil

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on the second Thursday in July, the 11th from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm. It is a good way to close out distractions and share in a time of prayer for our community, our Church and personal requests from the congregation. All are welcome to fill out a prayer request to be included the day of the Prayer Vigil. Prayer requests forms circulate the Sunday before the Vigil. They may also be found on the welcome counter or in the office.

Celebration on the Corner

September has five Sundays and a joint 10:00 am worship is being planned for the 29th. This will be our celebration Sunday this year. There will be a "Celebration on the Corner" Sunday worship in August but no other activities.

United Methodist Men

Thanks to those who donate their cans on a regular basis. Money from turning in the cans help cover UMM operating expenses and donations such as meat for Trunk or Treat.

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.

July Worship Schedule

July 7th Exodus 1:5-6 *"Hold on, Something Good is Coming"* Holy Communion

July 14th Exodus 14:1-14 *"Finding Good in Tough Situations"*

July 21st Joshua 3:5-14 *"The Goodness of God"*

July 28th TBD

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.

WE'RE GROWING

Monday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study will meet on the 1st & the 15th at 10:30 am. Join us & make time to study the Word! Coffee and donuts provided, just bring your bible!

Ladies Study Group

This group is designed to help us grow deeper in our relationship with God and women. Gathering as women gives us an opportunity to share with each other, to encourage each other and to pray for each other. If you are interested please contact the office for more information or our guide, Peg Emmert – (309) 231-2657. We will be meeting on Tuesday, July 9th and Tuesday, July 23rd at 7:00 pm. Still room for more ladies!



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, July 8th and Monday, July 22nd 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, July 14th. We will also collect for Heifer July 14th. Total collected through May is \$2,512. 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:

Promotion Sunday and presentation of Bibles to our 3rd graders will be on Sunday, September 8th during the morning gathering at 9:50 am. We will also recognize perfect/faithful Sunday school attendees September 8th.



MYF Workcamp in Knoxville, Tennessee

Please keep our youth and their leaders in your prayers as they make preparation for their Workcamp trip 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!

WE'RE SERVING

July Servants

Head Ushers 8:00 am – Karna Frerichs / 10:30 am – Dan Haley

Date	8:00 Liturgist	10:30 Liturgist	10:30 Greeter
July 7th	John Browning	Wendy Baker	Judy Smith
July 14th	Cayson Frerichs	Deb Johnson	Bob Anderson
July 21st	Barb Searle	Amy Swan	Wendy Baker
July 28th	Logan Loitz	Tammie King	Lindy Anderson

MISSION CORNER

Colona Food Pantry

Congratulations to the Cubs on winning the Golden Bat Trophy with a total of 698 points! The Indians came in second with a total of 536 points and the Cardinals were third with 324 points. A total of 657 items and \$677 was collected. 145 total Grand Slams of peanut butter and jelly, cans of tuna, and jars of spaghetti sauce were "hit". Thank you for your generous support for the Colona Food Pantry! A rematch is coming September 15th-29th. Look for more information about the rematch in August.

Birdies for Charity

Chip in for CUMC Missions. Grab a Birdies for Charity flyer from the welcome desk and increase your gift by a minimum of 5%. Forms must be turned in by July 10th.

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.





Women's Choice Center – Diaper Drive

Coming in August – Diaper Drive for Women's Choice Center, located in Bettendorf, their mobile unit serves Henry Co. UMW was blessed with a speaker from WCC, Jessica Ricke. We thank them for all they do!

Now we want to help them support others. On August 4th and 11th we are accepting donations for the following items: diapers (all sizes), wipes, toys and good used children clothing (newborn to size 5/6). There will be a designated spot in the Narthex for these items. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity!

INFORMATION / NEWS

Finance Team

Your support of our ministries even when you are not present in worship makes all the difference.

May 2019

General Operating Budget:	\$12,749.04	\$14,570.61	-\$ 1,821.57
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 2,905.92	\$ 2,798.18	\$ 107.74

January - April 2019	Income	Disbursements	Difference
General Operating Budget:	\$62,617.99	\$59,063.20	\$ 3,554.79
Mortgage Payment:	\$15,570.29	\$ 11,192.72	\$ 4,377.57

Trustees

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.

LOST AND FOUND



Tornado Totes

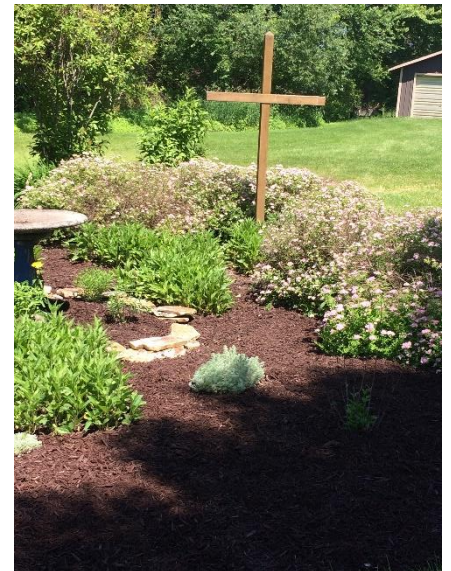
Thanks for your generous response!





*Honored on Graduation Sunday:
Sarah Barrett, Geneseo Middle
School and Alen Gowan, Colona
School, also honored was Nikalas
Swan, Geneseo High School.*

Memorial Garden clean-up and mulching on June 10th



*Congratulations to Jeff Swan on his
recent promotion to Chief of
Fire/Police at QC Metropolitan
Airport.*

July Birthdays

David Smith	7/03	Gloria Carlson	7/17
Matthew Despain	7/04	Jeffrey Hillman	7/20
Patricia Gerhardt	7/05	Lois Lanier	7/22
Jaedin Matejcek	7/07	Larry Leidig	7/23
Marge Beale	7/09	Samuel Corso	7/24
Rianna Nelson	7/09	Rachel Nelson	7/24
Avery Snook	7/09	David Darnall	7/25
Jack Schadt	7/10	JC Hillman	7/27
Suzanna Floming	7/11	Brad Hight	7/28
Bob Gramling	7/12	Crystal Kruse	7/28
Karin Barrett	7/15	Brad Thomas	7/28
Wilbur Duncan	7/15	Taylor Phillips	7/29
Terry Miller	7/15	Robby Nelson	7/30

July Anniversaries

Jennifer & Rebekah Hillman	7/01/2010
Clyde & Carol McCarty	7/01/1961
Dick & Nancy Baum	7/12/1975
Gordon & Sheila Westlund	7/14/1973
John Browning & Susan Koska	7/16/1977
Dennis & Barbara Roberts	7/24/1960
Glenn & Kathi Ruud	7/24/1993
Ray & Gloria Teager	7/27/1955
Will & Jessica Myers	7/28/2018



You just never know what can happen when you have a mission project and add in a dose of a friendly baseball rivalry and turn it loose.

Colona UMC's mission team conceived an idea last winter of increasing our support for the Colona Food Pantry. Mission team leader, Laura Smith and assisted by Sarah Browning, brought a plan to how best use our spirited enthusiasm for our baseball teams and turn it into a game of providing more resources for the Food Pantry.

The plan was for each item brought and placed on either the Cards or Cubs tables a run would be scored. Included with this, any money contributed would also count. For every dollar given a run would be scored.

A receiving area was set up in our Narthex. Along with that, a big scoreboard was installed so that each week everyone could see which team was in the lead. Talk about igniting some spirited competition!

After the first week of "competition" we were informed the Food Pantry was in great need of peanut butter and jelly because the end of the school year meant children would need extra meals at home. The mission team came up with the idea that for every jar of peanut butter and jelly – each team would be credited with a Grand Slam.

Let me tell you the local grocery stores and Walmart experienced a shortage of peanut butter and jelly on their shelves as we "loaded the bases", I mean shelves for the Food Pantry. .

After three weeks, we celebrated the winning team at this point in the season. On Pentecost Sunday, everyone was encouraged to attend worship by wearing their team attire. At the close of worship the "winning" team was presented a traveling trophy. We also celebrated during fellowship time enjoying cut-out baseball cookies, bats, cookies that looked like those foam fingers you see at sporting events, along with popcorn and peanuts.

We will conclude this mission project in September when we again recognize the victorious team with the traveling trophy and a potluck that includes the traditional ballpark fare of hotdogs, hamburgers, nacho's and your favorite drink in the proper team colors.

The true winner in all of our spirited fun is the local Food Pantry especially during the time of year when support is not as great and the need is increased. The Colona Food Pantry supports over 100 area families each month! We are considering doing something similar during the football season.

In case you are wondering, the Cubs took the first round, followed by the Indians (we have a couple stray fans in our midst), and the Cardinals. We'll just say the Cardinals fans have some work to do. To God Be the Glory!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mark E. Horn

July 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 am Staff meeting 10:30 am Bible Study	2 6:30 pm Trustees	3 9 – 2 pm Quilting	4  Independence Day Office Closed	5	6
7 Holy Communion 6:00 pm VBS volunteer meeting	8 Birdies for Charity (thru 14 th) 6:00 pm Cup of Joseph	9 10:00 am Book Club – The Guernsey and Potato Peel Pie Society 7:00 pm Ladies Study Group	10 9 – 2 pm Quilting	11 8:30 am – 8:30 pm Prayer Vigil	12 5:30 – 8:00 pm VBS work night - set-up	13
14 9:50 S.S. gathering 12:00 – 3:00 pm VBS final prep / dress rehearsal 5:15 – 8:00 pm Vacation Bible School	15 9:00 am Staff meeting 10:30 am Bible Study 5:15 – 8:00 pm Vacation Bible School	16 5:15 – 8:00 pm Vacation Bible School	17 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:15 – 8:00 pm Vacation Bible School	18 9:00 am UMW meeting 5:15 – 8:00 pm Vacation Bible School & Ice Cream Social	19 August newsletter deadline 8:00 am MYF work campers leave 4:00 pm VBS takedown	20 MYF Work Camp
21 MYF Work Camp	22 MYF Work Camp 6:00 pm Cup of Joseph 6:00 pm Upward volunteer meeting	23 MYF Work Camp 7:00 pm Ladies Study Group	24 MYF Work Camp 9 – 2 pm Quilting 6:00 pm VBS debrief meeting	25 MYF Work Camp	26 MYF Work Camp	27 MYF Work Camp
28 Blood Pressure Checks MYF work campers return	29 9:00 am Staff meeting 6:00 – 8:00 pm Upward volunteer training / final prep (no childcare)	30	31 9 – 2 pm Quilting			