



AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER
Sunday Worship 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Sunday school 9:10 am
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WE'RE INVITING



Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, August 13th at 10:00 am in the room just past the nursery for *Half Finished* by bestselling author Lauraine Snelling. In this brand new novel, a group of women realize that life is full of half-finished relationships and projects. However, they discover that the outcome is not as important as the journey.

United Methodist Women

Colona United Methodist Women met on July 18th at 9:00 am at the church. Judy Schadt gave the program on Women Rising Up for Dignity and Human Rights. The UMW will serve the County View Women's Golf League on August 29th.

All women are reminded to come eat lunch at Sweet Peas in Geneseo on August 15th at 11:30 am. Please let Nadine know by August 11th if you plan to attend.

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!



Thursday Prayer Vigil

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on Thursday, August 1st 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 bring their cans in regularly and to those who supported the Aluminum can drive. Next drive is the end of September. Money from turning in the cans will help cover meat for Trunk 'n 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.

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

August Worship Schedule

August 4th 2 Chronicles 20:1-5 *"What Does Victory Look Like?"* Holy Communion

August 11th 2 Chronicles 20:5-13 *"Hearing the Cry for Help"*

August 18th 2 Chronicles 20:14-19 *"Listening to the General"*

August 25th 2 Chronicles 20:20-30 *"What True Victory Looks Like"*

Choir

We have a wonderful tradition in this church that has been in existence almost since our church began. It's better known as "THE CHOIR"!! It's where we enjoy fellowship, friendship, laughter, prayer and music. All are welcome. Junior choir welcomes anyone 4 years old through 6th grade, they meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 6:45 pm, beginning September 4th. Senior choir welcomes anyone from 7th grade and up, they also meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 7:45, beginning September 4th. Supper is served prior to choir practice at 5:30 pm for all who want to come and enjoy. If you have any questions please contact Jo Anne Hillman at (309) 314-2073, Sandy Skelton at (309) 236-6729 or the church office at (309) 792-1661. Remember... the Bible says...

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord"

Shepherds Program

The Shepherds Program will be having a speaker and potluck on Tuesday, October 22nd. Potluck begins at 5:00 and the program starts at 7:00 pm with speaker Kathy Crozier. Please bring a dish to pass. Childcare provided. We hope to see you there!

Education

Sunday school gathering is in the Sanctuary at 9:50 am on Sunday, August 11th. We will also collect for Heifer on August 11th. Total collected through June is \$3,317. 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.

Bible Studies;

Monday Morning Bible Study will meet on the 19th 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 13th and Tuesday, July 27th at 7:00 pm. Still room for more ladies!

A Cup of Joseph in the Upper Room - The mission of cumc states; *Invite - Grow - Serve*. Therefore, consider this an invitation! To all men, gather on Monday, August 5th and Monday, August 19th 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.

WE'RE SERVING

August Servants

Head Ushers 8:00 am – Susan Koska / 10:30 am – Mike King

Date	8:00 Liturgist	10:30 Liturgist	10:30 Greeter
August 4th	Mary Loeffler	Randi Haley	Corla Swan
August 11th	Curt Frerichs	Ruth Gowan	J. & P. Hillman
August 18th	Logan Loitz	Aaron Schofield	Chris Horn
August 25th	Barb Searle	Brad Thomas	Ruth Gowan

MISSION CORNER

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 family in need. We donate on the first Sunday each month. Place your donated, nonperishable food item(s) in the grocery cart in the Narthex. Cash donations are also accepted.

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.

INFORMATION / NEWS

Silent Auction

A beautiful quilt made by women of the church in 1976 will be available at a silent auction on August 4th and 11th. The quilt will be displayed and a history of the quilt will be on hand. It was donated by Marie Heeren and formerly belonged to Lula Jacobson. A minimum of \$100 is asked.

Upward Soccer Camp

Unfortunately due to the low number of registered participants there will be no Upward Soccer this year. Thank you to all who have participated and volunteered over the years! Full refunds will be given

Finance Team

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

January - May 2019	Income	Disbursements	Difference
General Operating Budget:	\$75,367.03	\$73,633.81	\$ 1,733.22
Mortgage Payment:	\$18,476.21	\$13,990.90	\$ 4,485.31
June 2019			
General Operating Budget:	\$16,580.04	\$15,610.96	\$ 969.08
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 3,081.00	\$ 2,798.18	\$ 282.82

Trustees

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

Building Completion Team

The Wednesday evening work team has been caught up and taking a few weeks off, we will soon be 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" and thanks to those who have supported the building project and mortgage and continue to do so.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone that I received cards and monetary gifts from. It has helped with my college fund. I will be graduating from welding school on July 18th. -Nikalas Swan

Upward Soccer

Thank you for all the support over the past 5 years! Unfortunately, due to low enrollment, we will be cancelling the Upward Soccer camp this year. Refunds will be granted for those pre-registered. Watch for further information related to 2020.

Vacation Bible School

WOW!! What an amazing week we had learning that whatever life brings to us... God is GOOD! Roughly 50 kids experienced the joy and excitement ROAR VBS had to offer! When life is unfair, changes, is scary, is sad and even when life is GOOD... God is GOOD!

Thank you to all the volunteers who supported VBS, without all of you we could not have made the impact we did! Thank you for helping us collect lots of school supplies for area school children along with food for the food pantry. We also invited Officer Eric Dusenberry and K9 Parker to come give us a demo and talk about how they help protect our community. The kids followed it up by making cookies and cards for area Police and Fire departments. It was a great week had by all... some may have needed an extra nap at the end of the night...



August Birthdays

Logan Munoz	08/01	Sharon Bloomberg	08/11	Jack Snook	08/20
Audrey Allen	08/02	Debbie Rokis	08/11	Gordon Westlund	08/22
Nikalas Swan	08/03	Wendy Baker	08/12	Katie Anderson	08/23
Caley McVey	08/04	Carol McCarty	08/12	Ryan Waterman	08/23
Kyle Douglas	08/05	Jacob Rowell	08/13	Donald Greeno	08/26
Reece Munoz	08/05	Benjamin Browning	08/15	Victor Smith	08/26
Chris Horn	08/08	Griffin Hillman	08/18	Jennifer Darnall	08/29
Peggy Rickey	08/09	Whitney Hillman	08/18	Jolynn Kitterman	08/30
Phyllis Ash	08/11	Tony Lieving	08/19		

August Anniversaries

Aaron & Tara Schofield	08/01	David & Mandi Guyer	08/16
Mike & Beth Erickson	08/05	Dale & Jo Anne Hillman	08/18
James and Jamie Matthews	08/06	Dan & Randi Haley	08/20
Mark & Janet Vink	08/09	Donald & Dian (Norma) Greeno	08/25
Robert & Sharon Bloomberg	08/12	Dennis & Deborah Johnson	08/31

August 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 8:30 am – 8:30 pm Prayer Vigil	2	3
4 Holy Communion Women's Choice Center – Diaper Drive	5 11:30 am Worship Team meeting 6:00 pm Cup of Joseph 6:30 pm Praise Team	6 6:30 pm Trustees	7 9 – 2 pm Quilting	8	9	10
11 Heifer Collection Women's Choice Center – Diaper Drive 9:50 S.S. gathering	12 9:00 am Staff meeting 6:30 pm Praise Team	13 10:00 am Book Club – Half Finished by Lauraine Snelling 7:00 pm Ladies Study Group	14 9 – 2 pm Quilting	15 11:30 UMW lunch at Sweet Peas (Geneseo) 6:00 pm Missions meeting 6:30 pm Nominations meeting	16	17
18 Christian Care 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	19 10:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Cup of Joseph 6:30 Praise Tm.	20 2:00 – 4:00 pm ERF	21 9 – 2 pm Quilting	22	23 September newsletter deadline	24
25 Golden Cross offering Blood Pressure Checks	26 9:00 am Staff meeting	27 7:00 pm Ladies Study Group	28 9 – 2 pm Quilting	29 UMW Serving Golf Luncheon	30	31