



# COLONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER**  
**Sunday Worship 8:00 am & 10:30 am**  
**Sunday school 9:10 am**  
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**Office Hours: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

## WE'RE INVITING

### **Book Club**

Join us on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the room just past the nursery for *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn. Synopsis: In this unpredictable novel Finn's protagonist Anna Fox is a child psychologist who lives alone in a New York suburb with a case of agoraphobia so debilitating she hasn't left the house in months. AMAZON Best Book of January 2018.

### **United Methodist Women**

Sixteen women met at Sweet Peas in Geneseo on August 15<sup>th</sup> for a Ladies "Dutch Treat" lunch.

On Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> the UMW will serve the Country View Ladies Golf League luncheon. The next meeting is September 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the church. Janet Vink will speak on the MYF's recent mission trip to Knoxville, Tennessee. All women are invited to attend!

### **Attention all College Students**

We need the names and addresses of all our College Students and Service Personnel. Please bring them to the Church office or E-mail them to colonaumc2@mchsi.com. It is important to stay in touch with these folks!!

### **Thursday Prayer Vigil**

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm. This is a good time 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 Request forms circulate the Sunday before the Vigil. You can also pick up a Prayer Request in the office.

### **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 provide the hot dogs & brats for the Trunk N' Treat event in October.

### **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.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service**

On September 29<sup>th</sup> JOIN US for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday service! Sunday school will be at 9:00 am and worship will begin at 10:00 am. The next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship is December 29<sup>th</sup>

**Special Event**

September 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am (1 service only)

Pastor Mark will be joined by the Miracle Blue Grass Band to bring us a special service through prayer, the message and music. Come join this special time followed by a light lunch provided by Missions

**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.

**Safe Sanctuaries Required Training**

All adults, anyone over 18, who interact with youth (if you have a background check) are required to complete the United Methodist Safe Sanctuaries Training. This training will be offered at CUMC and is available online through the IGRC website: [igrc.org/safesanctuaries](http://igrc.org/safesanctuaries). The next training date is Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 and ending at 2:30 pm.

***TRUNK 'N TREAT***

***Weenie Roast \* Hayrack Ride \* Games***

***Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 7:00 pm***

**Breakfast with Mary and Joseph**

Save the date – December 7<sup>th</sup>. Limited seating. Want to help or have questions? Contact Peg at 309-231-2657 or the office. More information to come!

Mark Your  
Calendar!

***CHARGE CONFERENCE***

***THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> 6:30 PM***

***Moline Riverside UMC***

**WE'RE GROWING****Worship Schedule**

**September 1<sup>st</sup>** Luke 14:7-14 *"Where's My Invitation?"* Holy Communion

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** Philemon 1-25 *"What's Love Got to Do with It?"*

**September 15<sup>th</sup>** Luke 15:1-7 *"Finding Joy in Strange Places, pt. 1"*

**September 22<sup>nd</sup>** Luke 15:1, 8-10 *"Finding Joy in Strange Places, pt. 2"*

**September 29<sup>th</sup>** Luke 15:1, 11-20 *"Finding Joy in Strange Places, pt. 3"* (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Service, 10:00)

### **Shepherds Program**

The Shepherds Program will be having a speaker and potluck on Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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!

### **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 to join. J.A.M.S. welcomes anyone 4 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, they meet on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 6:45 pm, beginning September 4<sup>th</sup>. Senior choir welcomes anyone from 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up, they also meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 7:45, beginning September 4<sup>th</sup>. 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 the church office at (309) 792-1661. Remember... the Bible says...

***"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord"***

### **Sunday school News**

Spread the word, new fall Sunday school classes begin Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and everyone is invited to join a class. Classes for ages 3 years through adults are available. Class time begin at 9:10 am. If you are not part of a class, we hope you will join one or consider starting a new one.

Here are the classes and teachers we currently have:

**Pre K – Kindergarten:** Sarah Browning and Laura Smith

**Grades 1 – 3:** Susan Koska

**Grades 4 – 6:** Vicki Cooney and Lori Thomas

**Grades 7 – 9:** Karin Barrett and Randi Haley

Adult classes and Leaders

**He Is Risen:** John Browning   **Seekers:** Rod Searle   **Friends in Faith:** Brad Thomas   **Joy:** Linda Marcus

### **Sunday school gathering**

We will be recognizing and presenting Bibles to those children who are entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and some entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:50 am. We will also be recognizing those with perfect and/or faithful attendance in Sunday school. Please join us in this milestone of Christian life to honor those receiving bibles.

**Bible Studies** - Monday Morning Bible Study will meet on the 16<sup>th</sup> 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, September 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Still room for more ladies! We'll be studying "footnotes\*" by Julie Lyles Carr.

**A Cup of Joseph in the Upper Room** - The mission of CUMC states; *Invite - Grow - Serve*. Therefore, consider this an invitation! To all men, join us Mondays, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 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

## September Servants

**Head Ushers** 8:00 am – Amy & Ed Whittle / 10:30 am – Judy Smith

Date	8:00 Liturgist	10:30 Liturgist	10:30 Greeter
<b>September 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Curt Frerichs	Linda Marcus	Marilyn Schaab & Doug Morris
<b>September 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Barb Searle	Cassi VanHoutte	Lindy Anderson
<b>September 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Sarah Browning	Kyle Douglas	
<b>September 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Logan Loitz	Wendy Baker	
<b>September 29<sup>th</sup></b>	N / A	Tony Rokis	Wendy Baker

## MISSION CORNER

*The reason our church exists is to **INVITE** people to know and **GROW** a relationship with Jesus as we **SERVE** him in our communities and in the world.*

### Eagle Ridge Food Pantry

School has started and the Eagle Ridge Food Pantry is up and running again! Your help would be greatly appreciated and there are many opportunities to volunteer! There is a truck to meet, unload and sort from 9:30 am to 10:00 am and food to organize and load for the participants in the afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. If you are available any of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, mornings or afternoons, and would like to help, please contact Judy Smith at 309-236-1126 or the office at 309-792-1661.

### 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.

### UMC #GivingTuesday

Now is a great time to start thinking about how you want to connect your passion to God's mission. Your gift on UMC #GivingTuesday will help bring hope and healing to a world in need. Visit [umcmision.org/give](http://umcmision.org/give) to learn more about missionaries and projects. Join the movement on December 3<sup>rd</sup>.



### *Women's Choice Center Diaper Drive*

*"We're overwhelmed by your loving gifts to be passed on to those in need. God bless your congregation's kind hearts for life."  
-Linda Rubey, Executive Director*

## **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.

Heifer collection date is September 8<sup>th</sup>. Total collected through July is \$3,441. 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.

## **Christian Care - Rock Island, Illinois**



August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
*"By providing safe shelter, support and resources, Christian Care empowers the homeless to make positive changes in every aspect of their lives..."*



## **Christian Care Update**

We would like to thank all who helped cook and serve for our date on August 18, 2019. We have another date coming up on October 27<sup>th</sup>. See the Welcome Center at the end of September for the sign-up sheet to volunteer.

Please see the updated 2019 Mission Project and Event Dates sheet on the Welcome Center. It is now on bright orange paper. We have many projects coming up in the next few months; Christian Care, Thanksgiving Bags, Angel Tree, and Reverse Advent bag just to name a few. Thank you for all of your support!

*Thank you*

*Dear Friends of C.U.M.C.*

*So sweet of you to think of me and present me with the prayer shawl. They are so cozy and warm and I'll think of you as I enjoy it. Love, Marie Heeren*

## **Silent Auction**

A beautiful quilt made by women of the church in 1976 will be available at a silent auction until September 15th. 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.



## **MYF Workcamp Trip Update**

10 youth and 2 adults attended the "Relentless" workcamp in Knoxville, TN. in July as campers. 4 adults were "Red Shirts". The week was spent painting homes, building ramps, repairing decks, meeting old friends and making new memories. Thank you again to everyone who helped make this trip possible.



## Cubs VS Cards Food Pantry Series

Will **The Chicago Cubs** sweep the Series or will **The St. Louis Cardinals** come back & win? Or will a random team from Left Field come back & beat them both?

Help support your team to victory by helping our local Colona Food Pantry.

How: Donate non-perishable food items, paper products, cleaning supplies or cash/checks made out to CUMC.

Every dollar or item counts as a point for your team. Make sure to place items in the correct Team Dugout.

We will be playing three innings over the course of these Sundays: September 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, & 29<sup>th</sup>. Each Sunday's score will be tallied & put up after 2<sup>nd</sup> service.

On September 29<sup>th</sup> we will have the winning team announced along with the CUMC Golden Bat Trophy Ceremony during lunch following the joint church service.

### The Golden Bat is currently in the Cubs Dugout.

Grand slams will be announced on Facebook, the church email, and posted at church on Wednesdays the 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>. These items will get you four points for each set of items brought in.

Missions will be running the free concession stand after the joint service on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Please stay and enjoy a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, & nachos, along with chips, cookies and ice cream. Look in the coming weeks for the golden Concession Stand Order Form, and fill one out for you and family or friends. Missions is just trying to get an idea on the amount of food to purchase. You are able to change your order on game day. We just want to make sure we have enough for all the hungry fans. Your order form needs to be turned into the offering plate by the 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can stay for lunch even without an order form.

Make sure to wear your team gear, no matter what team, on September 29<sup>th</sup>. We are going to have lots of fun and surprises on the 29<sup>th</sup>!

For you non-Cubs/Cards fans (we see you Indians' fans), you can buy your MLB team in to the series for \$100.00. We will set up a team dugout just for you plus a 100-point head start. All buy-ins must be done on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of September. See Laura Smith or Sarah Browning if interested.



### **Last but not least the Box Scores we are trying to beat this series are...**

1<sup>st</sup> Place Cubs: Total Score 698 Grand Slams: 97

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Indians: Total Score 536 Grand Slams: 4

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Cardinals: Total Score 324 Grand Slams: 44

# INFORMATION / NEWS

## The Gift of Hospitality

Do you enjoy the time between Sunday school and the 10:30 church service? We call it Fellowship Time, because it has been a successful effort to get to know more of our church family.

If you would like to be a host/hostess, please talk to Barb Searle. The snacks can be very simple and someone will be available to help you. There have been almost 8-10 people who have been generously supplying goodies. Some of our faithful cooks have passed on or moved away.

People have enjoyed this half hour of visiting, eating and having coffee or a cold drink. The kids sure have found the food!

There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen so that we know each week is filled and we don't double up. If hospitality is one of your gifts please help. Thank you, Barb Searle

## Finance Team

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

<b>January - June 2019</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Difference</b>
General Operating Budget:	\$91,947.00	\$89,264.77	\$ 2,682.23
Mortgage Payment:	\$21,557.21	\$16,789.08	-\$ 4,768.13
July 2019			
General Operating Budget:	\$14,236.18	\$13,821.15	\$ 415.03
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 1,755.00	\$ 2,798.18	-\$ 1,043.18

## 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; Burt Loitz – mowing, Gene Posey – bush trimming, Ted & Shari Anderson, Susan Koska – weeding, John Browning mowing & trimming.

## 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.

**Mrs. VanHoutte and Children of the Church,**  
**Thank you for all the great school supplies, they will be put to good use! The students will love having new supplies when they return to class. You are awesome!**  
**-Eagle Ridge School, Silvis, Illinois**

## September Birthdays

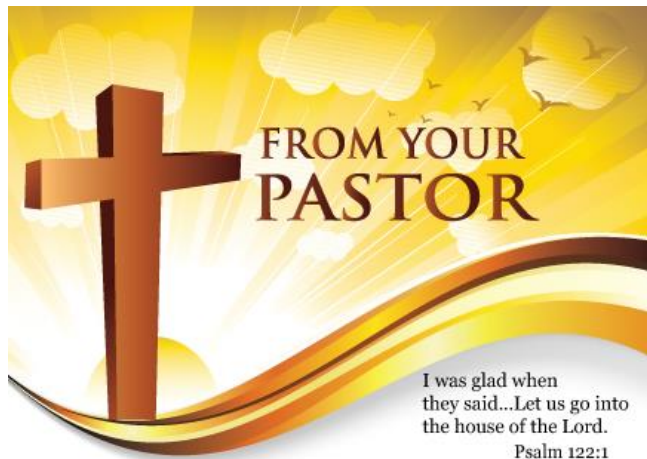
Gary Carlson	09/01
Curtis Hight	09/02
Wesley Parker	09/02
William Clark	09/03
Alexander Darnall	09/03
Jerry Rickey	09/03
Gail Kettelkamp	09/05
Mark Horn	09/14
Rodney Searle	09/14
Zachary Finzel	09/15
Terry Sager	09/16
Pat Deleon	09/18
Janalee Boyles	09/23
Gene Posey	09/23
Burt Searle	09/23
Dale Hillman	09/25
Owen Parker	09/25
Pastor Sandra Bunnell	09/26
Barbara Searle	09/26
Nancy Baum	09/28
Tara Schofield	09/28

## September Anniversaries

Travis & Stacy Campbell	09/01
David & Glenda Berg	09/06
Gary & Gloria Carlson	09/16
Tim & Lisa Despain	09/24
Jack & Judith Schadt	09/24
Brad & Denise Hight	09/25
Terry & Beth Sager	09/28







For some unexplained reason, the calendar reveals that it is almost time to place the summer of 2019 on the shelf of history. American culture and tradition says this happens as we celebrate Labor Day. This seems fitting as many communities hold Labor Day parades, stores are fitted with autumn

décor, and dare I say Halloween candy and costumes. Our youngest grandson is already wearing his costume, Buzz Lightyear, around the house most days. Truth be told, he has probably worn it outside as he rides his bike up and down the street.

Activities and ministries that had experienced a season of renewal are ramping back up. Already the Praise Team has practiced and by the time you read this they will have provided at least one Sunday's worship music. Before any of us really ready, preparation for the Christmas Cantata, the Children's Christmas Program and Breakfast with Mary and Joseph will be underway.

Sunday school will be teeming with young people, small group studies, Bible Studies, will also be on the increase. Outreach opportunities and mission activity will seem to be everywhere.

Please pray for all the ministries and activities for the leaders and participants for wisdom, strength and time management. Also that God will provide all the resources as we serve Jesus in this corner of the world.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Mark E. Horn

# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Holy Communion	<b>2</b> <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office closed</b>  6:00 pm Cup of Joseph	<b>3</b> 2:00 – 4:00 pm ERFP	<b>4</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6 – 6:45 pm J.A.M.S. 6:30 – 8 pm Cub Scout committee meeting 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>5</b> 8:30 am – 8:30 pm Prayer Vigil	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Heifer Collection 9:50 S.S. gathering Promotion Sunday & Hand out Bibles 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	<b>9</b> 9:00 am Staff meeting 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Book Club – <i>The Woman in the Window</i> 7:00 pm Ladies Study Group – <i>footnotes*</i>	<b>11</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>12</b> 6:30 pm Nominations meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Cubs/Cards Food Pantry Series (thru 29 <sup>th</sup> ) 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	<b>16</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 6:00 pm Cup of Joseph 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>17</b> 2:00 – 4:00 pm ERFP 6:30 Finance meeting	<b>18</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6 – 6:45 pm J.A.M.S. 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>19</b> 9:00 am UMW meeting 6:00 pm Missions meeting 7:00 pm Church Council	<b>20</b> October newsletter deadline	<b>21</b> 4-7 pm MYF Taco Dinner
<b>22</b> Blood Pressure Checks 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	<b>23</b> <b>Fall begins</b> 9:00 am Staff meeting	<b>24</b> 6:00 – 9:00 pm Cub Scout Pack meeting 7:00 pm Ladies Study Group – <i>footnotes*</i>	<b>25</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6 – 6:45 pm J.A.M.S. 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9 – 11 am Aluminum Can Drive
<b>29</b> 9:00 am Sunday school 10:00 am Worship	<b>30</b> 6:00 pm Cup of Joseph 6:30 pm Praise Team					

**New issues of The Daily Bread and Upper Room daily devotionals are available!**

**Pick up your copy at the Welcome Desk!**

