



COLONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



MISSION CORNER

CUMC Missions

The big day is coming; November 12th - full Brown Bags are due back at the altar. If you miss the 12th, please have them back to church no later than Monday the 13th. Missions would like to be able to get the extra food to the food pantry for Wednesday the 15th when they are open.

Also on the 12th the Angel Tree will be up! Speaking of the Angel tree, check out the bulletin insert on the 12th for the Angel tree tag decoder. It will help explain which tags are for Hillcrest Nursing home & which tags are for the Colona School Children. There will be Angel tree helpers near the tree that Sunday if you need help finding the type of Angel you would like to buy for. Angel Tree gifts are due back unwrapped on December 3rd.

In case your tag happens to go missing, the most important information on it is the Family number and the age and gender of the child. Laura has a complete list of all the tags. If you have that information, she can tell you what was requested on the tag. As always, for those who do not like the thrill of the Christmas season shopping rush, Laura would be more than happy to do it for you. Just have the tags and the amount of money you would like to spend and she will get it done for you! Doesn't get any easier than that, no need to drive around in blizzard conditions trying to find that wish tag item that no one seems to have, it will magically show up to church ready to go. From Missions, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!!



UMC #GivingTuesday

Now is a great time to start thinking about how you want to connect your passion to God's mission. On November 28th. Visit umcmmission.org/give to learn more about missionaries and projects. Your gift on UMC #GivingTuesday will help bring hope and healing to a world in need.

Trunk N' Treat

What a blessed time as both kids and adults enjoyed this Fall's Trunk N' Treat & Weiner Roast on Saturday, October 21st! The United Methodist Men cooked brats and hot dogs with many others donating goodies for the cookout! Everyone enjoyed the fellowship on a cool fall evening!



We are looking for volunteers!! If you'd like to be part of a team of volunteers who meet twice a month to help pass out food to those in need at a nearby school, we need you! We need volunteers who can meet the distribution trucks to unload and shelve the food, someone to pick up fresh produce and volunteers to order the food and distribute to families at the school. All jobs will be during the daytime hours, twice a month. Serve God by serving others! **Please contact the office for more details and we'll notify you of the upcoming dates!**

UMCOR Sager-Brown Mission Trip is being planned for 2018 in Baldwin, Louisiana. This is an opportunity that impacts the world through putting together Relief-supply Kits. Questions? Contact Peg Emmert 309-231-2657



Colona Food Pantry

Bring in non-perishable food items or paper goods to help support the Colona Food Pantry on the first Sunday of each month. Place your items in the "grocery cart"! Cash donations are also welcome.



United Methodist Student Day

United Methodist Student Day is November 26th, churches will come together to support students as they prepare for a life that unites faith and knowledge.

Our gifts on this Special Sunday go to scholarships for diligent United Methodist students in local congregations just like yours. Many of these young people plan to return to their churches after graduation to share their gifts, including a pastor's son who is studying to be a church pianist, a religious studies major focused on interfaith relations, and a speech pathology student who hopes to run her church's youth program one day. Donation envelopes will be in the November 26th bulletin.

GROWING

Education

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

If you are not part of a Sunday school, we offer 4 adult classes and have classes for ages three through high school. Come check us out!

November 12th--- be in the Sanctuary at 9:10 am for Sunday school opening. We will recognize birthdays for November & any that were not recognized in October. We will sing a few songs, raise up prayers, & get the latest Sunday school news including an update on Heifer & the collection. We will watch a short video on Heifer, it's really cute, and you don't want to miss it! Keep bringing in those coins; \$2,021.44 has been collected so far.

Worship

November 5th – 1 John 3:1-3 "*Remembering*" - *All Saint's Sunday*

November 12th – Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25 "*Your Choice*" - *Thanksgiving*

November 19th – Matthew 25:14-30 "*At the Table*" - *Thanksgiving*

November 26th – Matthew 25:31-46 "*Heart Check*" – *Making a difference in a hurting world*





Reaching New People

led by Mike Crawford

A frequent question that was posed at our Listening Events was *how are we going to reach new people?* Most folks said that we needed to have some training on the topic of evangelism. Here comes such an opportunity in our district. On Saturday, November 11th, the Oquawka United Methodist Church will be having a workshop on *Reaching New People*, led by Mike Crawford. We are bringing a team of four to assist as we continue to live out our mission to **Invite-Grow-Serve** here in Colona. The workshop starts at 9:00 am & ends at 3:00pm.

WE'RE INVITING

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. Any questions or interest in joining please contact Linda Marcus.

Church Wide Advent Study

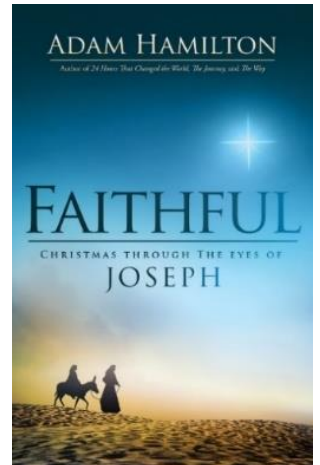
Faithful Christmas through the Eyes of Joseph

Explore the life of Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus Christ.

From his beginnings as a humble carpenter to his all-important role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ, Joseph's place in the nativity story is sometimes overlooked but contains valuable lessons for all of us. Join us as we use Adam Hamilton's book to examine Christmas through the eyes of Joseph. Absent from much of the biblical narrative, Joseph never spoke a word, but his courageous actions were crucial to the birth of Christ and God's salvation plan for humanity.

As we study this book, we will explore how Joseph's story is much like our own. In life, we encounter circumstances that we would never have chosen for ourselves. At times, it can be tempting just to walk away. Joseph provides us a great example of humbly obeying God even when we do not understand and faithfully moving forward in the strength provided by God. Exchange your doubt for courage this Advent and Christmas season.

Groups will be offered during Sunday school time, Sunday evening, Monday morning and Wednesday evening, Watch the welcome desk for sign-up sheets for this CHURCH WIDE STUDY.



Prayers

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on Thursday, November 2nd, 8:30 am – 8:30 pm and share in a time of prayer! If you would like to add a prayer request, please pick one up in the office.

We also have two prayer chains that lift others up in prayer as needed. If you feel that God is nudging you to be involved in a prayer ministry, please contact the office.

Methodist Youth Fellowship

MYF Soup Cook-Off is Sunday, November 12th after second service. Bring a pot of your favorite soup and compete for the coveted "Golden Ladles". Winners are determined by \$\$ in your basket.

Pies, cakes & other desserts will be auctioned off after we eat! Donated desserts are MUCH APPRECIATED!

Come join us for an afternoon of delicious soup sampling and take home a dessert! Funds raised go towards our Angel Tree Kids Shopping and Christmas Party Supper. *Not a soup maker??* Come sample everyone else's and help determine the winner! All are welcome!

Chancel Choir

Welcome to all of you who wish to make a "joyful noise unto the Lord!" Practice is from 7:00-7:45pm. We sing on the first and third Sunday of each month. There is a place for everyone and we can't wait to see you there!

Junior Choir

'Calling all voices 4 years old thru?' Come and sing all our praises to the Almighty One!! A meal is served prior to practice at 5:30 so come early and enjoy a meal with your fellow friends. If you feel you've out grown junior choir but still want to be involved there's ALWAYS a need for extra helpers!! Thank you in advance for being a part of this wonderful opportunity to sing praises to our Lord! Can't wait to see and hear you!!



2017 Children's Christmas Program

At CUMC all of the children of the church are invited to participate in the Children's Christmas Program. This year it will be Sunday, December 10 at both the 8 & 10:30 services. Not all children are required to participate in both services; it is a long morning for some of the little ones but no one is excluded if they wish to be here for both.

All will be able to dress as angels, the holy family, shepherds, or whatever is needed!

There are some speaking parts, with words on the screen.

The first practice is scheduled for Wednesday, November 8. This will be our pot luck Thanksgiving dinner, invite a guest night. Other program practices are Tuesday, November 14th and/or 28th, December 5th at 6pm & Saturday the 9th

9:30 - 11:00. It is not necessary for non-speaking parts to be at all practices & hopefully the practices have a schedule that is varied enough to offer everyone a chance to participate.

There is also a need for adult help during practices & program day. Needs are costume fitting & dressing, set design & moving, script prompting, reading parts on practice days, sound & lights & staging (helping the kids get where they need to be when they need to be there). If you have any questions, please see or call Susan Koska at 796-0667.



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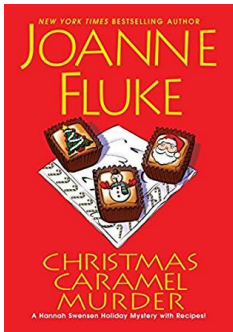
We are having a pre-holiday gathering, pot-luck style- so bring a friend and a dish to pass! When? Friday, November 17th @ 6pm in the fellowship hall!

Let's get creative! After dinner we will be working on some crafty ideas for the Christmas Bazaar- so bring an idea to share with us!

The Church Basement Ladies are coming to Circa21! Are you interested in going? If so, contact Peg Emmert @ 309-231-2657 or Deb Johnson @ 309-912-9614.

We originally had in mind a trip to Richmond Hill to watch a play but there was a snag in the plans due to available dates and scheduling. We will be keeping our eyes open and hope to attend a Richmond Hill play the first of the New Year.





Book Club

Meets Tuesday, November 14th at 10:00 am

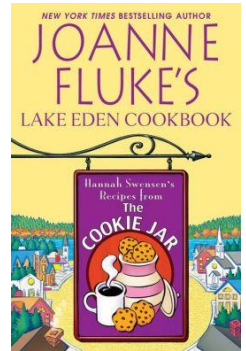
The book to be discussed is “Christmas Caramel Murder”

By Jo Anne Fluke

“Christmas normally descends on Lake Eden, Minnesota, as gently as reindeer alighting on a rooftop—but this yuletide season the only thing coming down Hannah Swensen’s chimney is a case of murder...”

We will also be taking a look at the Lake Eden Cookbook. Guided by Peg Emmert. Questions? Please contact her at 309-231-2657

Book Club will not be meeting in December



Prayer Walking: “Let’s do something positive together

Our Bishop Frank Beard has called for a day of prayer walking. He designated Saturday, November 18th as a call for all churches in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference to saturate our communities in prayer. He says, “The role of the Church of Jesus Christ is to be salt and light within our community. I believe it is time to shine the light and spread the salt where it can be most effective.”



In order to accomplish that calling, Colona UMC will participate by holding a prayer walk that day as well. Beginning at 10 a.m. we are calling faith-filled folks to join in a praying for our community. We will gather in the sanctuary for instruction and prayer.

All are encouraged to come and participate. You may not be able to walk around the community but you can still take part. We will have folks praying through the morning in the sanctuary and class rooms. You may just drive around a neighborhood or walk should you choose and are physically able.

More details will be shared in the next few weeks. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the welcome table to indicate your willingness to serve.

SWAA

We will be making cookie dough for the Cookie Walk on November 1st at 7pm.

We will also be collecting items for Christmas Child on that day.

United Methodist Men

Thanks to those who were able to come out on our rained postponed Saturday to enjoy the trunk ‘n treaters, good fellowship, fire roasted brats and hot dogs and s’mores.

All men are welcome to join us at our next monthly breakfast gathering, Saturday, November 12th at 8:00am. We enjoy devotion time, breakfast, and some great fellowship.

United Methodist Women

UMW met on October 19th with Joylin Clark as hostess. She spoke on her recent Mission Trip to Haiti.

Goodie boxes will be packed and sent to 13 college students on November 8th. No program has been selected for the Women’s Christmas Pot-luck on November 30th. Anyone with ideas for a program please contact Nadine Garbett at 944-3958.

Cookie baking and painting day is December 5th at 9:00 am. The Christmas Cookie Walk and UMW mini-bazaar is December 9th. Craft and sewing items, baked goods and candy to sell are appreciated!

Everyone is welcome to attend the next UMW meeting on November 16th at 9am, CUMC.

Heifer 2017

Heifer may be a program that will interest you if you like to help people help themselves and their communities. See a short video on Heifer and its work at Sunday school on November 12th at 9:10 am. It's really cute video, hope to see you there! Keep bringing in those coins; \$2,021.44 has been collected so far!

INVITE – GROW – SERVE

Our Church's motto! Are you serving? We are so grateful to the many people that serve here at Colona United Methodist Church! It takes a great number of people to cover all the bases! We have faithful servants who greet each weekend, serve as ushers and assist the Pastor by praying and reading Scripture during service times. We would like to thank you, encourage you to continue serving and invite others to share their gifts. Please contact or stop by the office to volunteer for 2018!

There are many opportunities to serve! Please check out our new 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, and Tech Loft!** There is a place for everyone!

NOVEMBER WEEKLY SERVANTS***INVITE – GROW – SERVE*****Head Ushers**

8:00 am – Shari Anderson

10:30 am – Gordon Westlund

Date	8:00 Liturgist	10:30 Liturgist	10:30 Greeter
11/05	Curt Frerichs	Molly Rowell	Diane Biellier
11/12	Logan Loitz	Amy Swan	Corla Swan
11/19	Curt Frerichs	Linda Marcus	Lindy Anderson
11/26	Sarah Browning	B or L Thomas	Corla Swan

Health News**Henry and Stark County Health Department**

Henry and Stark County Health Departments are promoting the Health Department's upcoming Fall Flu Clinic Schedule and their Clinic Sick Visit Special. Fall flu shots are offered for \$27 or no charge with Medicare Part- B and insurance coverage. Please see the Flu Shot schedule located in the church office.

Under the weather? No doctor or can't get to your regular doctor?? Call Josefina in Kewanee (309-852-5272) or Jennifer in Colona (309-792-4011) and schedule a sick visit for only \$50! *Prices subject to change



Blood pressure checks- November 26th, 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall!

Happy Holiday Buckets

"My name is Brooke VanHoutte and my friend, Maya Esparza, and I have had a dream for the past year. Chicago has a special place in both of our hearts and we felt the need to take action to help the city. As many of you know, there are many homeless on the streets in Chicago. They have little to nothing. Our mission this winter is to collect items to create Happy Holiday Buckets. My sister, Taylor, will also be helping us, she will take care of maintaining the donations. Thank you in advance for all your help! I will collect all items on November 30th. Please take a look at the list of items we are collecting."

* shampoo * soap * toothbrush * toothpaste * deodorant * comb * razor * chapstick * scarf * hat * gloves
small 1st Aid Kit * thick socks * lightweight snacks * mints/gum * bottled water * lotion * wipes * packs of tissues * small blanket * feminine products * buckets to build *

If you have any questions please contact - Brooke VanHoutte – bvanhoutte@mail.roosevelt.edu (309) 502-9594



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November, 5th - don't forget to set your clocks back one hour and also replace your smoke detector batteries. Did you know the batteries should be replaced every six months?? If you need help replacing your smoke detector batteries please contact the office & we can send someone to help!

Did you know?

- There are donated greeting cards available to use in our Church office! Stop by if you need to encourage and/or celebrate by sending a card!
- There are great books that you can check out in the Church library!

All Saint's Day - November 5th – You still have time to turn in a photo if you would like to honor a loved one in the memorial slideshow. Please turn in photo with name, DOB and DOD no later than November 2nd.



Potluck & Hanging of the Greens - Sunday, November 26th at 11:45 am.
Please join us in a potluck lunch & decorate the church. Everyone is invited!

"Blessed! I've been blessed in so many ways, all the prayers, visits, cards, food and help. My CUMC church family is a big part of my life, each and every person has contributed. Thank you and I hope to be back soon."

Very sincerely,
Orphy Kinkade

Since the 17th century churches and homes have traditionally been decorated with poinsettias during the Christmas season. Legend states that the star shaped leaf of the poinsettia is a representation of the Star of Bethlehem and the red color is a symbol of the blood sacrificed through the crucifixion of Jesus.

Please help us decorate our church home with poinsettias this Advent Season.

We will be ordering poinsettia plants to have in the Sanctuary for Christmas. The prepaid cost will be \$7.50 for a 6" poinsettia. Order forms will be circulating soon! Deadline is Monday, November 27th.

From the Building Team

Thanks for your understanding during the construction.

We are close to completing the list of tasks from the Building Inspector that are needed to issue our Occupancy Permit. The church key you have should work in any outside door; except the addition. Thanks to those who have participated on workdays, there will be more opportunities to help-out coming, watch for details. Watch for details about a dedication ceremony.

Trustees News

Thanks to all who continue to help keep the church looking good. Now that we have had a bit of rain maybe, we can get some grass growing in our recent dirt work areas. If you notice a maintenance issue, the Trustees need to address, please write it down and put it in the Trustees mailbox.

Only the middle section of the Narthex lighting is turned off and on by motion sensors so the right hand wall switch needs to be left in the "on" position, please do not turn it off when you leave. Those lights will automatically go off after about 10 minutes. The right hand switch as well as all other lights need to be off when you depart. Also, we need to be aware of the traffic flow past the front entrance. Handicapped parking will be along the north or building side of the drop off lane and traffic needs to flow east to west through the lane. This is a safety issue as the brick columns block the visibility of those exiting the building. Thanks for your assistance.

November Birthdays

Adam Martens	Nov. 1
Joel Corso	Nov. 3
Olive Gayman	Nov. 8
Tyler Oldfield	Nov. 9
Corla Swan	Nov. 10
Don Bunnell	Nov. 12
Darlene Baum, Makenzie & Makoy King, Skylar Swan	Nov. 13
Marge Patterson	Nov. 15
Laurie Loitz, Ed Skelton	Nov. 16
Nadine Garbett, Chris Oldfield	Nov. 17
Madelyn-Marie Saucedo	Nov. 20
Laura Smith	Nov. 22
Barb Parker, Jackie Snook	Nov. 23
Logan Loitz, Kurt Sullivan, Marge Sullivan	Nov. 24
Carolee Munoz, Cassi VanHoutte	Nov. 25
Jamie Martens, Savannah Springer	Nov. 30

**November Anniversaries**

Tony & Joanne Lieving	Nov. 17	27 yrs.
Bill & Joylin Clark	Nov. 19	51 yrs.
Robert & Kelli Knox	Nov. 20	13 yrs.
Jim & Nancy Sullivan	Nov. 23	61 yrs.



Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday of all. Thanksgiving means family, food, fun, rest, gratefulness, and tradition. Some of my favorite memories have occurred on Thanksgiving. There has been great joy and extreme heartbreak. Yet through all my Thanksgivings from which my past memories could fill volumes, I have expressed my heart of gratitude to a loving God.

So as Thanksgiving 2017 approaches my mind naturally goes to thinking what will transpire this year? Our family has celebrated Thanksgiving in various homes, hotels, restaurants and at Grandma's house filled with family and the aroma of all the foods of the holiday and laughter that could raise the roof and outdoor games that brought neighbors together along with total strangers. This year will quite naturally be our first in Colona.

Like in most families we will find a way to be together. As our children have grown up and started their own lives, our 'togetherness' has meant at times our celebrations weren't always in the same place. At times, they have been celebrated when one was in Japan, one was with their significant others family. Yet, no matter where God has taken us, we always find time to give thanks for what God has provided. Sitting at the table whether we are all together or scattered to various places does not dampen our love. In fact, it makes us cherish family even more knowing our traditions are being carried on no matter where.

My hope and prayer for you is that no matter where your Thanksgiving traditions lie, that you will recognize the depth of love that lives in each of you. That God is holding each of us close to one another.

I also pray that as we enter into this most special time of the year that the peace of Christ will resonate even stronger among all of us. That in this season of Thanksgiving we can pour out the true nature of Christ that lives in us. Seeing one another in love, placing harsh rhetoric on lock-down, finding the good that lives in each of us, and meeting the stranger whom will quickly become a friend. Let us give thanks to God for a hope-filled tomorrow that casts hatred and racism to the deepest part of the ocean, never to rise up again.

Remembering that the pilgrims came to the New World filled with a hope that we could worship in freedom and have a life that all people have been created equal. May that be our Thanksgiving hope and new tradition.

Grace & Peace

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

November 2017						
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5 Holy Communion All Saint's Sunday Daylight Savings Ends 11:40 Memorial Comm.	6 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Bear Den 6:30-7:30 pm Praise Team 2018 calendar deadline	7 6:30 pm Trustees 2:30 – 4:00 pm Eagle Ridge Food Bank	8 9:00-2:00 Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00-8:00 pm Choirs 7:00-8:00 pm SWAA Program Practice and Potluck	9 7:00 pm Church Council	10	11 Veteran's Day 8:00 am UMM 9:00 – 3:00 pm Oquawka UMC Workshop 3:00 – 6:00 pm Smith Birthday Party
12 Thanksgiving Bags back Angel Tree Up 9:10am SS meet in Sanctuary Heifer Collection 11:30 am MYF Soup Cook-off & Dessert Auction	13 6:30-7:30 pm Praise Team	14 6:00 pm Missions 7:00 pm Finance Comm. Thanksgiving baskets out Program Practice (tentative)	15 9:00-2:00 Quilting Children's Choir 6:00 pm Bible Study	16 9:00 am UMW	17 55 Plus pre-holiday gathering and potluck	18
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