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

Welcome, OCTOBER

MISSION CORNER



Eagle Ridge Food Bank

School has started and the Eagle Ridge Food Bank is up and operating again. Your help would be greatly appreciated. There is a truck to meet, unload and sort in the morning, 9:30 to 10:00, and food to organize and load for the participants in the afternoon, 2 to 4:30 max. If you are available any of the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, mornings or afternoons, and would like to help, please let Judy Smith or Meghan in the office know and they will get you more info.

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 is always taking non-perishable food items. Please drop off your donations in the shopping cart located in the Narthex. The Food Pantry and the city of Colona thanks you!



CUMC Missions

Well I'm not sure where September went, but Missions is starting to get ready for all the excitement of the last three months of the year. In the next three months CUMC will be helping families have the best holidays possible, starting with Thanksgiving and flowing right into the Christmas season. Every year I'm amazed at what we can accomplish for our friends, family and community. Below are some important dates for the next three months. Make sure to mark your calendars.

October 22nd – The Thanksgiving Basket forms will be in the bulletin.

October 29th – The Brown Bags will be passed out. Make sure to check the art out on the bags. The Sunday school classes work hard on those. (The Preschool Class apologizes in advance for the glitter sticker bags and the sparkly trail they will leave behind.)

November 12th – Is a big day! Full Brown Bags are due back. Please place up near the altar. Plus the Angel Tree will be up this day! Make sure to be there to get the best pick of Angels. This year we will be starting with 30 Colona School Children and 10 to 15 Hillcrest residents. If we find we need more angels, we will get them.

December 3rd - Angel Tree gifts are due back to church. Feel free to bring them in any time before the 3rd, just place the gifts near the upside down tree.

Normally we have a bell ringing date by this time to ring bells for the Salvation Army at the Silvis Hy-Vee, but they have not gotten the sign up ready yet. If we can get signed up, we will get the date out as soon as possible.

Look for more information in up-coming newsletters on all these projects and some other volunteer projects we are planning. As always Missions would like to Thank Everyone that have helped or will be helping out on our projects!

A little information on upcoming projects, many CUMC members look at the dates above and know exactly what is going to happen, but for those who don't here is a little background information on our year-end projects...

Brown bags – The children Sunday school classes decorate Hy-Vee Brown paper bags in their classes. Then we hand out the bags for anyone who would like to take a bag and fill it with food pantry items. Suggestions, items that could be used for a Thanksgiving dinner, paper products, canned vegetables, fruit, soups, boxed pasta, etc. The Missions team then makes Thanksgiving baskets for the names turned in on the Thanksgiving Basket forms, to help bless a family with a Thanksgiving dinner. All remaining items are then taken to the Colona Food Pantry to help Local Families in need. The more food we collect in the Brown Bags the more Thanksgiving blessings CUMC can give.

Angel Tree – It is the giant upside down tree that will be located in the Narthex or Fellowship hall. You won't miss it when it goes up...it's big! As a church, we take 30 (Last year we ended with 35) Children's Angel tags from the Colona Giving Tree. Children are split on to two tags, an outfit tag and a wish/gift tag. See the November newsletter for more details on how the tags work. We also take 10 to 15 residents from Hillcrest Nursing home. We also request extra items for Hillcrest Nursing home. You may pick however many tags you would like and then purchase the requested items and return them unwrapped back to the church. In all, we give over 45 people an amazing Christmas they may not get otherwise.

If you have any questions on anything, please feel free to ask a Missions member. An easy one to catch is Laura on Sunday's; she is in the Preschool Sunday school class across from the restrooms. Please don't stop in during Sunday school time, you never know what the Preschoolers may ask you to join in on

Noisy Offering

Thank you to everyone who donated to the UMCOR hurricane disaster relief fund. We raised \$1585.27 to contribute to the help and healing of the numerous families and cities affected.



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.

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!

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.

Pastor Mark is leading a study on Prayer during the Sunday school hour. We will take a closer look at prayer with topics that will include: Why Should we pray? How prayer changes things; I can't pray so don't ask;

Targeted Prayer; and the Lord's Prayer. You will need to bring your Bible and a resource from Our Daily Bread will also be used and provided. Pastor also offers this study on October 4th and 11th @ 6:00 pm.

After we complete the study on prayer, Pastor Mark will hold a study on Nehemiah. Using a book written by Jacob Armstrong titled *Renovate: Building a Life with God*. This 6 week study which will begin on Sunday, October 15th will include topics such as; Never too late for a renovation; Crying and Building; What to Know before you build; When Others don't like your plan; Inviting Others to Come Home; and The Big Reveal. We will use the Bible and the book by Jacob Armstrong. This study will also be offered on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.

One of the questions 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 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Oquawka United Methodist Church a workshop on *Reaching New People* will be led by Mike Crawford. We would like to bring a team to assist as we continue to live out our mission to **Invite-Grow-Serve** here in Colona. The cost of the workshop is \$10 which include lunch and snacks. Contact Meghan in the office and tell her you're on board. Deadline for registration is October 10th.



TRUNK 'N TREAT
Weenie Roast * Hayrack Ride * Games
October 14th 5:00 – 7:00 pm



Prayers

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on October 5th, 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 have a weekly prayer email that goes out and if you have requests you would like included or if you would like to receive the email, please notify 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.

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We are planning a trip to Richmond Hill Theater in November, watch for the date and time! Questions?
Contact Peg Emmer @ 309-231-2657 or Deb Johnson cell.



Book Club

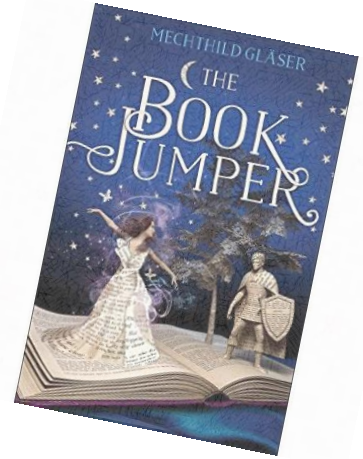
Meets October 10th

The book to be discussed is "The Book Jumper"

By Mechthild Glaser.

"Leap into a story and interact with the world inside. As thrilling as new powers are, they also bring danger."

Guided by Peggy Emmert, if you have any questions please contact her
@ 309-231-2657.



SWAA

Thank you for all that helped us with a successful yard sale! There were very special adults who took the time to help us and it was so much appreciated!! We raised \$1182.50 from the sale. The kids are going to donate \$250 of that money to a charity of their choice. The rest of the money will be used for the development of the new addition to the church. Upcoming SWAA events:



10/4 7pm- 8pm: Meeting- prepare our trunk for Trunk N Treat and flyers for Haunt for Hunger
10/15 noon to 3: Lunch and pass out flyers for Haunt for Hunger (costumes optional)
10/22 noon to 3: Lunch and Haunt for Hunger (wear your costumes)
11/1 7pm to 8pm: Making cookie dough for Cookie Walk

United Methodist Men

Thanks to those who dropped off their aluminum cans on collection day Saturday, September 30. This money is for UMM funded activities like skating, a bike for the Easter Scramble, camp scholarships, & fall wiener roast. All men are welcome to join us at our next monthly breakfast gathering, Saturday, October 14th at 8:00am. We enjoy devotion time, breakfast, and some great fellowship. Also, come out that evening to enjoy the trunk 'n treaters, good fellowship, fire roasted brats and hot dogs and s'mores.

United Methodist Women

UMW met on September 21st with Orphy Kinkade as hostess. Service personal and college student's boxes will be packed on November 8th. The cookie walk will be December 9th, proceeds going to Haiti. See Joy Cark for details. There will be a mini bazaar also that day. The UMW appreciates donations to both of these sales. Everyone is welcome to attend the next UMW meeting October 19th @ 9am, CUMC.

Happy Holiday Homeless Buckets

This holiday season CUMC will be collecting items to build Happy Holiday Homeless Buckets. We are looking for items such as soap and shampoo, small first aid kits, socks and gloves to fill buckets and hand out to the less fortunate this holiday season. Buckets will be donated to King's Harvest in Davenport, Iowa and to a shelter in Chicago. A little for someone in need can go a long way. Please donate what you can. Brooke and Taylor VanHoutte appreciate your time and donations towards making this another successful mission. Please see below for a complete list of items:



* 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 *



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!!



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 opening at 9:10 am the second Sunday of October and November. Keep bringing in those coins; \$1798.44 has been collected so far

Methodist Youth Fellowship



Our TACO DINNER is Saturday, October 7th from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. We will be serving Tacos, enchiladas, refried beans, and desserts. Free will offering. All proceeds go to youth group activities including a workcamp trip to Breckenridge, Minnesota July 2018. Come for the great food...stay for the warm fellowship!

Save the Date- November 12th - MYF soup cook-off after 2nd service.

Tourin Haiti News

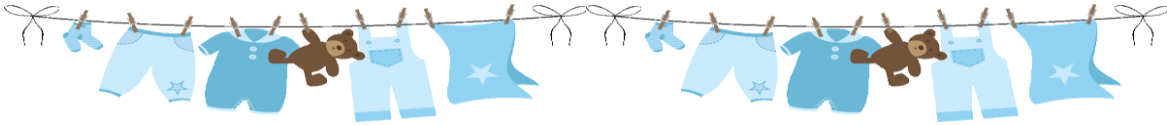
Pastor Felix in the Village of Tourin is working to establish a music program for the school. If anyone has a recorder they no longer need and can donate them for this cause, it would be greatly appreciated. If you feel called to help, please contact Joylin Clark or Sheila Westlund.



Shepherds

The Shepherds Committee will be having a potluck and presentation at CUMC on Tuesday, October 10th. Potluck starts at 6:00 pm, please bring a dish to pass, and the program will start at 7:00 pm. Linda Guebert RN from UnityPoint Health Trinity will be leading the discussion. Topics to be discussed will include “Caring for Ourselves While Caring for others”. Childcare will be provided. Questions? Contact Marilyn Schaab @ 792-3718.





It's a Baby Shower!

Little Baby Olson will be making his arrival sometime in November! To help his mom, Kim (Anderson) Olson prepare for his special day there will be an All Church Baby Shower on Sunday, October 29th 2:00 – 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. His mommy and daddy have registered him, for special, fun gifts to choose from at Target & Babies-R-Us!! Come for great desserts and fellowship! God Bless baby boy Olson, his mommy and daddy and YOU!



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- October 29th, 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall!

From the Building Team

Thanks for your understanding during the construction. The Narthex flooring took a faster boat from China than anticipated and is now in place. We have a list of tasks from the Building Inspector that are close to being completed then he will issue our Occupancy Permit. The church key you have should work in any outside door, if yours doesn't work in the front doors please tell someone on the building committee. Thanks to those who have participated on workdays, there will be more opportunities to help-out coming, watch for details. Thanks to Jeff Swan and Eric Wheaton for your recent handicapped sign painting and paint removal. Watch for details about a dedication ceremony.

Trustees News

Thanks Jeff Swan for your recent dirt work; the playground is looking good. Thanks to all who continue to help keep the church looking good.

Your help is always appreciated trimming, weeding, mowing, and picking up sticks & trash. If you notice a maintenance issue, the Trustees need to address, please write it down and put it in the Trustees mailbox.





As the new entrance is close to being officially open, we need to be aware of the traffic flow. 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. Also, 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. Thanks for your assistance.

CHARGE CONFERENCE ***OCTOBER 15TH at 3:00 PM***

Located in the fellowship hall at CUMC. Mark your calendars now!

All forms are DUE Monday, October 9th

OCTOBER WEEKLY SERVANTS

INVITE – GROW – SERVE

Head Ushers- 8:00 am – Mary Loeffler

10:30 am – Jack Gowan

Date	8:00 Liturgist	10:30 Liturgist	10:30 Greeter
10/1	Mary Loeffler	Ruth Gowan	Diane Biellier
10/8	Barb Searle	Peg Emmert	Lindy Anderson
10/15	Logan Loitz	Brad or Lori Thomas	Brad Hight
10/22	Logan Loitz	Aaron Schofield	Joyce Rasko
10/29	John Browning	Chris Biellier	Barb Searle

Please contact the office if you can help as a weekly servant

We need volunteers and there are many opportunities to serve! Please check out our 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!

Pastor's Corner

Perhaps you are glad the seasons come and go. Many of you have your favorite time of the year. A number of people I talk with say they are fond of autumn. I get it, after a long, hot summer, most of us look forward to cooler days, community festivals, evenings spent by a fire roasting hotdogs, eating s'mores, taking a hayrack ride, the beginning of the harvest, and the change of colors as one part of God's creation prepares itself for the coming season.

It has been that way for since time began. Seasons come and seasons go and they help us to mark the passage of time. In the Christian life we have seasons as well, currently we are in the season after Pentecost. Soon, sooner than any of us may be ready for, we will enter a season of Advent which leads us to remember the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Change is really an everyday occurrence. Often it happens when we don't notice it. Have you ever walked into a room (mostly for the guys) and not noticed someone moved the furniture around? Some things we really notice, the grocery store moves the bread to a different aisle, someone has taken OUR parking space on Sunday morning (how dare they), or now that colder weather will soon be here, as we get out the winter apparel those shirts and pants that fit last year don't quite feel as comfortable?

God, is about doing a new thing. *New every morning is your love for me.* For those who attend regularly, you have noticed a number of changes that have taken place with the physical building and with some of the personnel of the church all since the first of the year. New pastor, new office administrator, new entry way, just to name a few. Some of the other changes you may not have readily picked up on. There will certainly be other changes taking place.

Have you taken the opportunity to note a change in your relationship with Jesus Christ? Where is there evidence of growth? Where have you responded to God calling you to serve him in a new capacity? Have you noticed a change in your prayer life?

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism used the question, "How is it with your soul?" to find out the growing edges of our faith and his. So, ponder the question in relationship to taking note of the changes that are reshaping your life. Autumn is the time of taking in the harvest that has grown through the spring and summer to provide for our needs until the next growing season. For us in relationship with the Father, autumn should also be a time of "putting up" and growing our faith and taking it to the next level.

Very soon, you and I will see the combines harvesting the corn and soybeans and taking the harvest to market or storing it in great big bins until there is need on the farm or some far away market. Now is the time for us as disciples of Jesus Christ to put into our hearts and minds a harvest of truths found in worshipping together, growing together and inviting others to enter a relationship with Jesus Christ.

The lasting change that it will make upon your life and mine will have eternal consequences and everlasting rewards. The change it can make upon our communities will alter the direction of future generations as well. Now is the time to make a change in our lives, the lives of our children, our futures. God has brought us to the place for his purposes.



Stewardship

Stewardship should be viewed as a beautiful word that expresses the true beauty of God's abundant grace at work in the world. Especially in the heart of every believer.

I admire Bishop Robert Schnase for what he wrote in his book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* a few years ago, "The notion that stewardship rightly focuses on the Christian's need to give rather than the church's need to receive is not simply a money-raising strategy but a spiritually powerful truth." In other words it is about the attitude of our heart in response to what God is doing in your life and mine.

There are a number of ways you can be a good steward. Yes, some of it involves the giving of your money. But, when we chose to only focus on the money aspect we miss the other opportunities that God is bringing our way to be TOTAL stewards. Which is the giving of our time and our talents in service to the kingdom of God here on earth.

My sermons during the month of October will focus on stewardship. The final message will be on Sunday, October 29th which we are calling Commitment Sunday. On Sunday, October 8th and October 22nd you will find commitment cards inserted with your worship bulletin. Additionally, on Sunday, Oct 29th we will have a church-wide breakfast, catered by Hy-Vee. For us to adequately plan for the breakfast we are asking you to let us know your intention to attend the breakfast. On the attendance pads we will have you record the number in your family who will be there for breakfast. Please watch for more details in each of the next few weeks.

-Pastor Mark



"IN *Happy*
MOMENTS,
PRAISE GOD.
IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS,
SEEK *God.*
IN QUIET MOMENTS,
trust GOD.
IN EVERY MOMENT,
THANK *God.*"

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October Anniversaries

Chad & Beth Snook	October 1 st	
Wes & Barb Parker	October 22 nd	13 years
Jeff & Amy Swan	October 3 rd	8 years
Andrew & Carolee Munoz	October 4 th	20 years
Chad & Jessica Tucker	October 4 th	3 years
Mark and Chris Horn	October 18 th	42 years
Paul & Diane Smith	October 25 th	42 years
Billy & Jessica Miller	October 27 th	5 years



October Birthdays



Mike Erickson, Kris Rowell	October 2 nd
Lisa Despain	October 3 rd
Sean Corso, Martie Eves, Janet Vink	October 4 th
Sheila Jaster, Dylan Martens	October 5 th
Sam Browning, Rob Knox	October 6 th
Penny Quickle, Brooke VanHoutte	October 9 th
Dan Hight, Jessica Tapscott	October 11 th
Dennis Johnson, Michael Skelton	October 13 th
Steven Kettelkamp, Ayveri Skelton, Karrigan Smith	October 15 th
Zaiden Swan	October 16 th
Peggy Burns, Beth Erickson, Summer Smith	October 18 th
Katie Smith	October 19 th
Randy Boyles	October 20 th
Diane Biellier	October 24 th
Marsha Dunsworth	October 26 th
Brent Anderson, Bryson VanHoutte	October 18 th
Monica Kugler	October 30 th
Easton Swan, Emerson Swan	October 31 st

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Food Pantry Holy Communion World Communion Sunday 5-7:00 pm MYF – FH Chancel Choir	2 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30-7:30 pm Praise Team	3 6:30 pm Trustees 6:30 Education Mtg. Eagle Ridge Food Bank	4 9:00-2:00 Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6:00 pm Bible Study 6:00-8:00 pm Choirs 6:30 pm Pack Comm. 7:00-8:00 pm SWAA	5 8:30-8:30 Prayer Vigil 7:00 pm Church Council	6	7 4-7 pm MYF Taco Dinner
8 Heifer Collection 9:10am SS meet in Sanctuary. 5-7:00 pm MYF – FH Children's Choir	9 6:30 pm Bear Den 6:30-7:30 pm Praise Team CONFERENCE FORMS DEADLINE	10 6:00 pm Shepherds Potluck and Speaker	11 9:00-2:00 Quilting 6:00 pm Bible Study	12	13	14 8:00 am UMM 5:00-7:00pm Weenie Roast/Trunk n Treat
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22 Noon- SWAA Thanksgiving Forms Out 4- 7:00 pm Christian Care 5-7:00 pm MYF – FH Praise Team	23 6:30 pm Bear Den 6:30-7:30 pm Praise Team	24 6-8:00 pm Cub Scout Pack	25 9:00-2:00 Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6:00-8:00 pm Choirs	26 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	27	28
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