



Greetings! What a busy time in our church! I just love all the newness of spring and the hope that it brings. Our programs and activities have been well attended, and I want to make sure to let you know that there is more to come! During May we will see a lot of activity as we wrap up the traditional Sunday school year and plan for various celebrations.

Confirmation class had two events this past month: the lock-in on March 29-30 and the retreat on April 6. We were able to cover a lot of lessons and have fun! Many memories were made at these events and I want to thank Dodie Tanner, Jackie Vogelgesang, and Jason Miller for helping. We could not have done it without you!

Confirmation Sunday will be on May 5. Be sure to join us during worship as our Confirmands take their vows. This is such an awesome group of kids and I am forever grateful to have them as part of our church family and my life! I can only hope that I have taught them even half as much as they have taught me.

Our last day of Sunday school for children and youth will be on May 12, Mother's Day. I am in the process of planning a party for our last day and hope that all of our kids are able to come. It has been an interesting year in Christian Education and our kids have really stepped up and made a lot happen in a short time. They are singing in worship again, which I know a lot of us missed, as well as serving as ushers, greeters, helping with sound, and serving as acolytes. I am confident they will continue to get involved as time goes on.

Adult Sunday school classes will continue, as always, throughout the summer. I have a couple of ideas for some short-term Bible studies during the summer, starting with the possibility of having a men's and women's study. What are your thoughts? Please let me know if this is something in which you would be interested. We still want to add a couple of Sunday school classes as well, including a family study and young adult study. Please let me know if you are interested in those.

The Teacher Appreciation Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 15, at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This is an excellent opportunity to celebrate and recognize all of their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Please take the time to thank them when you see them.

The following Sunday, May 19, we will have Senior Recognition during coffee hour and worship. We are very proud of our high school seniors and invite the congregation to celebrate this important milestone with them. We usually recognize scholarship recipients during this time as well, but unfortunately, no applications were received. We will try again next year.

Band Festival is coming up quickly and we will be starting the planning process soon. Our float is registered so we are set there. Please fill out a volunteer form (located in the Narthex) if you are interested in helping with this fun activity. You may also call me for more information or to put your name on the volunteer list.

All supplies for VBS 2019 have been received and I am super excited for the possibilities with this event! Our theme is "To Mars & Beyond: Experience Where God's Power Can Take You." What a trip that will be! Volunteer forms are available in the Narthex for this activity as well, so please fill one out and get involved!

Finally, just a reminder that my office hours are Tuesday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. to noon; and Sunday mornings I'm usually here by 8:00 a.m., if not before. If you have any ideas, questions, or concerns to bring to my attention, please call during those hours. As many of you know, life gets very busy and this is true for me as well, so please try to contact me within these hours whenever possible.

Yours in Love & Service,
Lisa Bailey
Director of Christian Education



United Methodist Youth Fellowship

Join us for an evening of fun!

Sunday, May 5
6:00-8:00 p.m.

20 Ridge Rd NE, Mason City
(If rain meet at church in Fellowship Hall.)

Grill out, yard games, campfire with s'mores!

For all youth Grades 7-12

UMW Ladies Night Out

Saturday, May 18

6:00 p.m. Dinner

Fellowship Hall

"Foods of the Bible" by Melody McMillan

Hostess: Sarah Circle

Reservations required to Doris at 424-5407

More information to follow.

Come & enjoy this special evening!



MAY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 *Chuck & Marty Petzoldt*
- 2 *Darren Dotson, Patti Eden, Kailee Hrubetz, Larry Lee, Acacia Papouchis, Brighton Papouchis, Penni Parker, Robby Salmon*
- 3 *Haven Manues, Sherry Pippert, Rhonda Pyle, Christa Strait, Karin Tidgewell, Michele Yezek*
- 4 *Ken Petersen*
- 5 *Sarah Jensen*
- 6 *Deb (Halfpap) Bentley, Jan Schipper, Jolene Stalker*
- 7 *Wood Anderson, Mitchell Austin, Al Gossweiler, Matt & Crystal Ressler*
- 8 *Julie Reidel, Mary Saug (Mary's 101st birthday!)*
- 9 *Barb Anderson, Leslie Burdick, Sawyer Kehm, Spencer Kehm, Dave Nauman, Chuck Petzoldt*
- 10 *Ann Cutler*
- 11 *Mike Blakewell, Sierra Infante*
- 12 *Ken Bash, Elise Duvall*
- 13 *Zachary Jimenez, Don Kibsgaard*
- 14 *Linda Jenkins, Nicole Kehm, Alex Nuehring, Lucas Reidel, Curt & Mandy Angell, Marcus & Ashley Lunning, Jim & Laree Morrise*
- 15 *Kelli Petzoldt*
- 16 *Gary Anderson, Delores Cooper, Nathan Hunt, Teresa Paulsen*
- 17 *Yvonne DeGraw, Katie & Darren Dotson, Troy & Brandi Gobel*
- 18 *Ron Bier, Scott Craw, Kellie Hogan, Aleesia McWilliams-Booth*
- 19 *Celia McWilliams-Hobin*
- 20 *Barbara Ames, Peggy Read, Nathan & Linda Hunt*
- 21 *Marcella Clark, Thomas Lucas, Andrew Welch*
- 22 *Pam Clark, Alex Hanna*
- 23 *Beth Alverson, Don Pals, Dawn Pruisman, Neil & Dorothy Hershey, Dick & Mary Squier*
- 24 *Peyton Bobolz, Tonya Gray, Hogan Hunt*
- 25 *Kelly Harbacheck, Courtney Kronemann, Janice Lundula, Nicolas & Veronique Lundula, Walt & Janet Wendland*
- 26 *Aaron Halfpap, Mary Ann Mott*
- 27 *Terry Eagen, David Griffith, Laree Morrise, Jay & Julie Austin*
- 28 *Lane Harris*
- 29 *Jim & Linda Coddington*
- 31 *Carter Latham, Susan Moorman, Roxann Newell*

Annual Spring Rummage Sale

Wesley UMC

1405 S Pennsylvania Ave, Mason City

Friday, **May 3**, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, **May 4**, 8:00 a.m. to Noon

Bag Day (Saturday): \$4 per bag!



Cinco de Mayo

Annual Salad Luncheon

St. James Lutheran Church

Saturday, May 4

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Under age 5: Free

Children \$4.00

Adults \$7.00

Come and check out the bake sale & beautiful quilts.

Raffles to win awesome prizes!

All Ladies Welcome . . .

"Retro with Us" Luncheon

Monday, May 6

\$9.00

12:00-2:00 p.m.

The Main Event, 112 2nd St SE, Mason City

Music: Pastor Matthew Muters, Mason City

Speaker: Laurel Fantz Anderson, Bode
"How to Do the Impossible"

For reservations call Jessie at 424-8314

Please reserve by noon Friday, May 3

Cancellations Essential

Sponsored by:

Mason City Christian Women's Connection
Affiliated with Stonecroft

Vacations and a Small Mission Project

Vacation time is approaching and an ongoing mission project involves hygiene products. If you stay in a motel/hotel and do not use the small soaps, shampoos, etc., please bring them to the church and place in the labeled drawer in the cart in the Narthex. These are given to local charities in our own community. If you have any questions, please contact Rosemary DeGraw at 749-5816. Thank you.

Did You Know?

In its original format, the Bible contained no chapter and verse divisions or numbers. Those are entirely a human convention, intended to make reading easier.

The first modern system of dividing Scripture occurred in the 13th century. Interestingly, the New Testament was first separated into verses in 1551 - by the son of a French printer, as he rode on horseback!

2019 Radio Supports Making a Difference

KCMR 97.9 FM, 11:00 a.m. Delayed Broadcast (Broadcast time changes to 11:30 a.m. on 5/26.)

If you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday radio broadcast, please contact the church office. Cost to sponsor a Sunday is \$80.

April 28 - Happy Birthday Arlo Stoltenberg!

Available Dates: 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26

Mason City First UMC

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 Sunday Mornings
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Choir Robes & Banners

The Chancel Choir proudly displayed their new choir robes on Easter Sunday! Thank you to the Harvest Festival Committee for funding these beautiful robes.

We also have some wonderful new banners in our Sanctuary. The Worship Committee selected 7 banners that will be used throughout the year. These banners were purchased with memorial money from Marsha Griffin, something we all know Marsha would have liked!

Attendance

3/3/2019 Saturday	10	3/17/2019 Saturday	13
Sunday	126	Sunday	143
Radio	18	Radio	10
Total Worship	154	Total Worship	166
<u>Sunday School</u>		<u>Sunday School</u>	
Youth	13	Youth	9
Teachers	16	Teachers	15
Adults	10	Adults	13
Total Sunday School	39	Total Sunday School	37

3/6/2019 Ash Wednesday		3/24/2019 Saturday	21
12:15 p.m. Serv.	18	Sunday	130
7:00 p.m. Serv.	43	Radio	10
Total Worship	61	Total Worship	161

3/10/2019 Saturday Cancelled		<u>Sunday School</u>	
(icy conditions)		Youth	21
Sunday	68	Teachers	15
Radio	23	Adults	14
Total Worship	91	Total Sunday School	50
<u>Sunday School</u>			
No Youth S.S. - Spring Break			
No Record of Adult S.S.			

3/31/2019 Saturday	11
Sunday	136
Radio	9
Total Worship	156
<u>Sunday School</u>	
Youth	17
Teachers	14
Adults	16
Total Sunday School	47

**Weekly Financial Report
General Fund**

	<u>Sunday School & Cash</u>	<u>Missions</u>
3/3/2019	\$10,514.75	\$940.53
3/10/2019	2,514.00	140.00
3/17/2019	2,930.02	10.00
3/24/2019	3,643.50	0.00
3/31/2019	6,334.00	224.00

Monthly average budget needed: \$34,953.92


 IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers


Please remember those experiencing health issues, job or finance concerns, our church, and our military and public safety personnel.

Hospitalizations Since March 28, 2019

We ask for your prayers for the following:

Warren Davison

Jordon Roggeman

University of Minnesota Children's Hospital Room C4130
2450 Riverside Ave
Minneapolis, MN 55454

Member **Shirley Wendel** of Anamosa, IA, has been experiencing some health issues.

Thank You

To Our Church Family – We would like to thank everyone who sent cards, letters, phone calls, prayers, visits, flowers, and food during my health issues. Special thanks to Mary & Brian Snell and Pastor Dan for the visits here and in Rochester. I feel really blessed to have so many caring friends. Donna & I can't thank you enough! God bless all of you.

– Jerry & Donna Braughton

Thank you to everyone for your donations of items and time to our recent rummage sale and bake sale. Your generosity is more than appreciated and the stamina of our workers, the support of UMW, and the team spirit are all worth noting. Our Bible verse this year was from 1 Corinthians 15:58 *"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."* Not only are local missions supported, but missions in over 100 countries. A sincere thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

– United Methodist Women

Sympathy

Our sympathy to Nancy & Gary Hendrickson on the death of Nancy's sister, **Beverly Easley**. Beverly passed away on Friday, March 15, 2019, at age 79. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at Temple Baptist Church.

Our condolences to Bill & Melyssa Schaper on the death of Bill's mother, **Margaret Schaper**. Margaret passed away on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at age 81. A funeral service was held on Saturday, March 30, at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Nora Springs, IA.

Our sympathy to the family & friends of **Jean LeWarne**, who passed away on Thursday, March 28, 2019, at age 95. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Dan G. Fernandez officiating.

Our condolences to Steven Storm on the death of his grandmother.

Our sympathy to John & Kathy Deets on the death of John's brother-in-law, **Morris "Gene" Shackleton**. Gene passed away on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, at age 79. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at Bethel United Methodist Church in Manly.

Our sympathy to Jerry Pringle on the death of his brother, **Jack Pringle**.

Upcoming Dates

- Apr 28 – ASP Hog Roast
Council Meeting, 1:00 p.m. (Location TBD)
Individual committees to decide whether or not to meet due to hog roast occurring after worship.
- May 1 – Happy May Day!
Private Reservation, 11:00–2:00 Fireside Rm/Class
- May 2 – National Day of Prayer
UMW Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Room 25
- May 4 – Don Jones Memorial Serv., 11:00 a.m. Chapel
- May 5 – Communion, Food Bank, Native American Sunday
Confirmation Sunday
UMYF, 6:00-8:00 p.m. 20 Ridge Rd NE, M.C.
(Fellowship Hall if rain)
- May 9 – All Circles Meet, Pastor Dan meeting in Des Moines
- May 10 – Pastor Dan meeting in Des Moines
Private Reservation, 6:00-9:00 p.m. F.H.
- May 12 – Mother's Day, Last day of youth Sunday school
- May 13 – Newsletter Deadline
- May 15 – Teacher Appreciation Dinner, 6:00 p.m. F.H.
- May 18 – UMW Ladies Night Out, 6:00 p.m. F.H.
- May 19 – Senior Recognition Sunday
Committees Meeting w/ Potluck, 11:15 a.m. F.H.
- May 20-24 – Serving Meals on Wheels Routes 2 & 3
- May 21 – Pastor Dan meeting in Des Moines
- May 23 – Newsletter Mailing
- May 26 - Radio Broadcast Time Changes to 11:30 a.m.
- May 27 – Church Closed – Happy Memorial Day!
- May 28 – Pairs & Spares, 6:00 p.m. Village Court
Restaurant (687 S Taft Ave, Mason City)
- June 1 – Private Reservation, 1:00-7:00 p.m. F.H.
- June 2 – Communion, Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank
- June 6 – UMW Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Room 25
- June 8-11 – Annual Conference
- June 8 - Private Reservation (Time TBD) Fireside Rm/Class
- June 13 - All Circle Meet
- June 15 - Hospice Butterfly Release at FUMC, 1:00 p.m.
- June 16 - Father's Day
Committees Meeting w/ Potluck, 11:15 a.m. F.H.
- June 17 - Newsletter Deadline
- June 25 - Pairs & Spares, 6:00 p.m. Village Court
Restaurant (687 S Taft Ave, Mason City)
- June 27 - Newsletter Mailing
- June 28 - Wedding Rehearsal, 6:00 p.m.
- June 29 - Mitchell/Witt Wedding, 3:30 p.m. Sanctuary

To share a prayer request, please call Anne Wallace at 641-424-9255.



Worship Services

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday – 10:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour
8:30-10:00 a.m.

Sunday School
8:45-9:45 a.m.

Radio Broadcast
11:00 a.m.
(11:30 a.m. as of 5/26)
KCMR 97.9 FM

Radio Listeners

Please remember to let us know each Sunday that you join our worship service via the radio broadcast so we can count your attendance.

Thank you!

641-423-4905
or
brenda@masoncityfirstumc.org

May 2019

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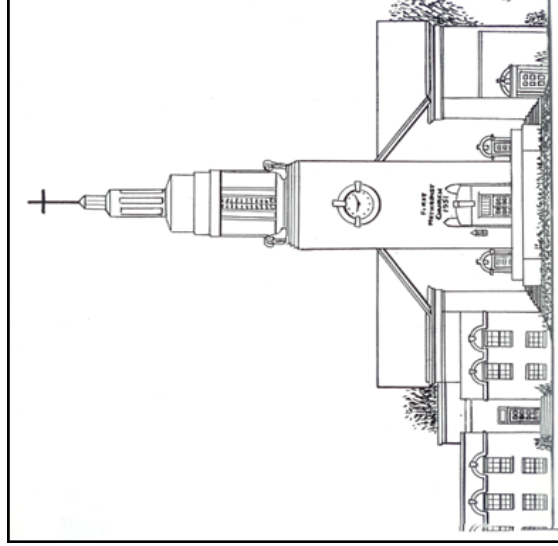
Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>*Sunday Activities 8:30-11:30 Nursery & Preschool 8:30-10:00 Coffee Hour 8:45 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Radio Broadcast 97.9, KCMR</p>	<p>Reminder: All events are subject to change. Please refer to weekly bulletin insert for updates.</p>		 <p>11:00 Private Reservation <i>Fireside Rm/Class</i></p> <p>5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir</p>	<p>★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER 8:00 Bible Study <i>at Pies & More</i> 9:30 UMW Board Mtg., Room 25</p> <p>6:00 Scouts Pack 9 <i>Fireside Rm/Class</i></p>		<p>10:00 NC District Conf. & Pre-Annual Conf. Gathering <i>Belmond UMC</i></p> <p>11:00 Don Jones Memorial, Chapel</p> <p>5:00 Worship Chapel</p>
<p>*Sunday Activities Communion Food Bank Native Am Ministries Sunday Confirmation Sunday 6-8 UMYF Event <i>20 Ridge Rd NE, M.C. (Fellowship Hall if rain)</i></p>		<p>1:00 Staff Meeting <i>Office Conf. Room</i></p> <p>5:30 Girl Scouts <i>Fireside Rm/Class</i></p>	<p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>Pastor Dan at meeting in Des Moines 8:00 Bible Study <i>at Pies & More</i> 9:15 Ruth Circle 9:30 Sarah Circle 9:30 Esther Circle <i>Upper Room</i></p> <p>6:00 Scouts Pack 9 <i>Fireside Rm/Class</i></p>	<p>Pastor Dan at meeting in Des Moines</p> <p>6:00-9:00 Private Reservation <i>Fellowship Hall</i></p>	<p>5:00 Worship Chapel</p>
<p>*Sunday Activities Mother's Day Last day of youth Sunday school</p>	<p>Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>1:00 Staff Meeting <i>Office Conf. Room</i></p>	<p>Serving Supper at Community Kitchen</p> <p>6:00 Teacher Appreciation Dinner <i>Fellowship Hall</i></p> <p>6:30 Choir</p>	<p>8:00 Bible Study <i>at Pies & More</i></p> <p>6:00 Scouts Pack 9 <i>Fireside Rm/Class</i></p>		<p>5:00 Worship Chapel</p> <p>6:00 UMW Ladies Night Out <i>Fellowship Hall</i></p>
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		<p>Pastor Dan at meeting in Des Moines 10:00 Historical Mtg. <i>Office Conf. Rm</i> 1:00 Staff Mtg. (?)</p>	<p>Serving Lunch at Community Kitchen</p> <p>3:30 Kentucky Ridge Service</p>	<p>8:00 Bible Study <i>at Pies & More</i> <u>Newsletter Mailing</u></p> <p>6:00 Scouts Pack 9 <i>Fireside Rm/Class</i></p>		<p>5:00 Worship Chapel</p>
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Than Just Sunday

April 25, 2019



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