



# COLONA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## MAY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Sunday Worship 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
Sunday School 9:50 am  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship (and potluck) 10:00 am

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## WE'RE INVITING



### A Cup of Joseph in the Upper Room

The mission of the Colona United Methodist Church states; *Invite - Grow - Serve*. Therefore, consider this an invitation! To all men, gather on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday, May 27<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.

### Monday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study will meet on the 6<sup>th</sup> & the 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. Join us & make time to study the Word! Coffee and donuts provided, just bring your bible!



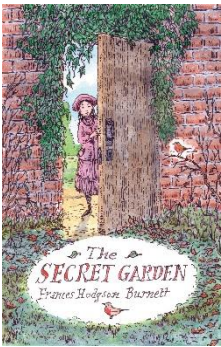
### Thursday Prayer Vigil

Please stop by for our Prayer Vigil on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:30 am – 8:30 pm and share in a time of prayer for our community, our Church and personal requests from the congregation! You may also fill out a prayer request to be included the day of the Prayer Vigil. Prayer requests forms circulate the last Sunday of the month, you can also pick one up in the office.

### Book Club

Join us on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am. We'll be discussing *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. A copy is available in the church office library. Help yourself!

*"A young British girl born and raised in India loses her neglectful parents in an earthquake. She is returned to England to live at her uncle's estate. Her uncle is very distant due to the loss of his wife ten years before. Neglected once again, she begins exploring the estate and discovers a garden that has been locked and neglected. Aided by one of the servants' brothers, she begins restoring the garden, and eventually discovers some other secrets of the manor."* -Ed Sutton



### United Methodist Women

Colona United Methodist Women met on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Joylin Clark was hostess and Peggy Emmert presented a program on "Resurrection Women". Members will donate gift cards to Cunningham Children's Home. The next meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup>. All women are invited and welcome.

### 50th Anniversary Open House

Ted and Shari Anderson  
Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>  
2:00 - 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall  
All are invited to celebrate! Cake and punch will be served!  
**Please, no gifts!**

**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 new addition.

**United Methodist Men**

Thanks to those who bring their cans in regularly. Money from turning in the cans helps cover UMM operating expenses, meat for Celebration on the Corner & Trunk or Treat. The latest UMM Can Drive raised \$52.52!

**Mother's Day Brunch**

May 5<sup>th</sup>



**Mother's Day Celebration Event**

Mark your calendars for the fifth annual Mother's Day Brunch, Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 service. Please join your CUMC family for brunch to honor our Mothers. Bring the whole family. For \$5 per person you can enjoy all you care to eat at the breakfast buffet. Egg and French toast casseroles, biscuits and gravy, fruit, drinks and bread are on the menu. Reservations and prepayment required. Grab a reservation sheet off the welcome desk. If you would like to help, see Lindy Anderson.

We will be preparing the food for the brunch on Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00 pm. If you are able to lend a helping hand, please see Lindy or Shari Anderson, Karin Barrett, Susan Koska or Sheila Westlund. Thanks!

**Methodist Youth Fellowship**

MYF pancake breakfast is on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 11:00 am.

Proceeds go towards the workcamp in July.



**“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”** Join us for a 1 day retreat at Colona UMC on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. *Registration deadline is May 18<sup>th</sup>.* Registration is open at 9:30 am. Come and hear Rev. Kathy Crozier (10:00 am) and Daniel Skelton (12:30 pm) speak. \$10 Chick-fil-A box lunch is served at 11:45 with communion at 2:30 pm. Questions? Contact Peg Emmert (309) 231-2657.

**Connecting Campers, Nature and Christ**

Would you like an opportunity to explore creation, encounter Christ? Then adventure on! Pick up a copy of the UMC Camping & Retreat Ministries Camping Guide 2019 from the Welcome Center. Scholarships available. There are camps in 3 different areas of mid to southern Illinois. Camps typically last 5 days and are scheduled all through June & July. There are leadership, family, art, horse, water, girls only, drama, rock climbing, sports and camps for groups. Pick up a brochure & check it out!



**Vacation Bible School**

ROAR!!! God is GOOD!

VBS Dates: July 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

VBS is right around the corner!! Watch for more information related to volunteer events and registration in the upcoming weeks. VBS is going to be ext-ROAR-dinary this year!!





### **Upward Soccer**

Upward Soccer Dates: August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>

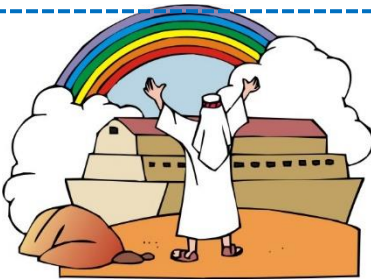
Are you interested in helping with Upward Soccer this year? Do you have a friend you would like to invite this year? Watch for more information related to Volunteer training and Player registration in the coming weeks! How are we rolling into our 6th year of Upward already... can we make it to 70 players???

### **Invite~Grow~Serve**

Are you finding it difficult to *invite* God into more of your life, *grow* in your walk with God and/or *serve* God in more ways? The CUMC Prayer Team has an opportunity for you to do all three. In a continuing effort to grow the prayer presence in our individual lives and be a more visible presence in the church, the Prayer Team is inviting you to form or join a prayer group. A "group" is very loosely defined. It could be you and a walking buddy praying as you walk. It could be several of you praying as you enjoy a cup of tea, coffee, or cola. You can meet at the church, at your home, in the park, at the mall or electronically. A "group" can be 2, 3, 4 or 5, can meet on a defined schedule or when it can be arranged. In other words, the number is flexible, the place is flexible, and the frequency is flexible. The goal is to start and then continue; eventually getting comfortable and confident to be a praying presence in the church on Sunday mornings. See Mary Loeffler or Pastor Mark with your questions.

### **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.



### **Noah's Ark and Creation Museum**

What is 510 ft. long, 85 ft. wide and 51 ft. high??? You guessed it... The ARK! We are in the process of planning a bus trip spring 2019 to see the ARK Encounter and the Creation Museum. Does this sound like something you'd be interested in?? An informational meeting will be held on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. We hope to take the trip with you! Come find out more! Contact Sue Rehn at 309-269-7842.

## ***GROWING***

### **Education**

Sunday school gathering in the Sanctuary at 9:50 on May 12<sup>th</sup>. All mothers are invited to visit their child's classroom that day and to attend gathering. We will collect for Heifer in the classrooms May 12<sup>th</sup> also. Total collected through April is \$1,910. 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.

Give yourself a boost in the GROW area of Invite~Grow~Serve by joining or forming a study group. There are groups that meet Monday mornings and Sunday mornings currently. There is some study curriculum available in the church library. See Sunday School Superintendent Judy Smith for more information. Ongoing Bible Studies, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday mornings. The church wide Lenten study, Six Hours One Friday by Max Lucado is wrapping up.

**J.A.M.S (Jesus and Me Singers)**

The good Lord said to “Make a joyful noise,” and let me just say that these amazing young people are doing just that. While our season of sharing is winding down, we still have an opportunity to share in song. We are working on our song for Mother’s Day. Please pray for these J.A.M.S. as they continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ and his love through song.

Join us, come and sing all our praises to the Almighty One!! Calling all voices 4 years old and up. Wednesday at 6:00 pm. A meal is served prior to practice at 5:30 so come early and enjoy a meal with your friends. If you feel you’ve out grown junior choir but still want to be involved there’s always a need for extra helpers!! All are welcome to be a part of praising our Lord! Can’t wait to see and hear you!!

**Chancel Choir**

Welcome to all of you who wish to make a “joyful noise unto the Lord!” Practice is Wednesday’s at 7:00 pm. We sing during worship on the first and third Sunday of each month. There is a place for everyone and we can’t wait to see you there! Remember... the Bible says... *“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord”*



***MISSION CORNER***



**Heifer International**

Our goal is \$5000 for an Ark! We are looking for 50 hearts at a \$100 donation given over the next 8 months. Put your name on a heart as a sign of your Love Gift for this project and the heart will go on the poster hanging in the hallway. Can’t do \$100?, share a heart with someone. Want to give more, put your name on more than one heart. \$3897 was raised last year. Let’s cover the Ark with Love! Questions? See Judy Smith.

**Eagle Ridge Food Pantry**

Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> 2:00 – 4:00 pm  
If you are interested in volunteering please contact Judy Smith at 309-236-1126.



**Project Now**

Project Now is a Community Action Agency serving Rock Island, Henry and Mercer Counties. Brochures are at the Welcome Center. Please help yourself and learn about the different services!

***HEALTH NEWS***

**Henry and Stark County Health Department**

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



**Blood pressure checks**

Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall.



## MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** Acts 9:1-20 “*You Just Never Know*” Who God Uses / Holy Communion

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** Acts 9:36-43 “*Resurrection Church*” New Life, New Chances

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** Acts 11:1-18 “*Renewable Energy*” Power of the Holy Spirit

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** John 14:23-29 “*On Demand*” Power of the Holy Spirit

## MAY SERVANTS

**Head Ushers** 8:00 am – Gene Posey / 10:30 am – Judy Smith

<b>Date</b>	<b>8:00 Liturgist</b>	<b>10:30 Liturgist</b>	<b>10:30 Greeter</b>
<b>May 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Curt Frerichs	Brad Thomas	Aaron Schofield
<b>May 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Sarah Browning	Wendy Baker	Barb & Denny Roberts
<b>May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	John Browning	Linda Marcus	Amy Swan
<b>May 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Logan Loitz	Chris Horn	Chris Horn

## 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 & assist the Pastor by praying & reading Scripture during service times. We would like to thank you, encourage you to continue serving & invite others to share their gifts. Please contact or stop by the office to volunteer for 2019!

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!**

## TRUSTEES NEWS

Thanks to all who have been helping with the spring clean-up of the building and grounds. There are still a few areas to go – see the sheets in the office to see where you can help. 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.

## *FINANCE TEAM*

March was a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday month and we ended in the black, this also puts us in the black year-to-date through March. This is good; we need to continue to build this positive balance to cover the lower income we usually experience in the summer months. Many thanks to those who support our ministries even when not present in worship.

<b>January - February 2019</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Difference</b>
General Operating Budget:	\$28,307.15	\$29,923.91	-\$ 1,616.76
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 4,500.45	\$ 5,596.36	-\$ 1,095.91
<b>March 2019</b>			
General Operating Budget:	\$17,180.93	\$15,417.55	\$ 1,763.38
Mortgage Payment:	\$ 6,139.94	\$ 2,798.18	\$ 3,341.76

## *BUILDING COMPLETION TEAM*

The Wednesday evening work team has been in multiple times and are mostly caught up until we get some contracted work finished. 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.

### *HAPPY BIRTHDAY!*

Jayden Wheaton	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tammie King	May 24 <sup>th</sup>
Deborah Johnson, Jeff Mercer	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Waldo McCarty	May 26 <sup>th</sup>
Lily Corbin, Jack Haley	May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Loitz	May 27 <sup>th</sup>
Isaac Guyer	May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Katelyn Despain	May 28 <sup>th</sup>
Susan Koska	May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Kristal Kelley	May 29 <sup>th</sup>
Marilyn Schaab	May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Krista Finzel, Judith Schadt	May 30 <sup>th</sup>
Janna Richards	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jamie Matthews	May 31 <sup>st</sup>
Jeremy Hillman, Addilyn Swan	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>		

### *MAY ANNIVERSARIES*

Burt & Wendy Loitz	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 30 years	Brad & Lori Thomas	May 21 <sup>st</sup> 36 years
Duane & Wendy Baker	May 15 <sup>th</sup> 20 years	Chuck & Karin Barrett	May 25 <sup>th</sup> 23 years
Mike & Tammie King	May 15 <sup>th</sup> 16 years	Jack & Ruth Gowan	May 31 <sup>st</sup> 5 years
Ted & Shari Anderson	May 17 <sup>th</sup> 50 years		

## **2019 Annual Conference – Special offerings and collections**

Six offerings will be taken at the 2019 Annual Conference as well as a collection for Midwest Missions. Our collections will go with our delegates to the 2019 Annual Conference at the Peoria Civic Center, June 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>.

In addition, The Midwest Mission Distribution Center is collecting items for Tornado Totes! A truck located at the Peoria Civic Center will accept the donations during the Annual Conference. Below is a list of items being collected by Midwest Missions Distribution Center:

- 2 pairs work gloves
- 24 1-gallon re-sealable bags
- 2 permanent markers
- 1 roll Duct Tape – preferably colored
- 2 dust masks – no surgical
- 24 heavy duty trash bags (33-45 gal.)
- 24 clear / white trash bags (20-33 gal.)
- \$9 donation for two 18 gal. totes

Please place your donated items in the large blue tub located in the Narthex

### **January 27<sup>th</sup> John Kofi Asmah School, West Point, Liberia**

Laity from the IGRC raised \$145.07 to provide items for the school.

### **February 24<sup>th</sup> Midwest Missions Distribution Center**

\$182.00 was collected.

### **April 28<sup>th</sup> Tom Brown Scholarship at Wiley College**

This year marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> year for the collection of this fund.

### **May 5<sup>th</sup> Native American Sunday**

### **May 12<sup>th</sup> Our Conference Our Kids**

Our Conference, Our Kids campaign for the spiritual care programs of the five child welfare agencies in the conference – The Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and Spero Family Services.

### **May 19<sup>th</sup> Midwest Missions Distribution Center**

Collecting items for Tornado Totes

## 2018 GRADUATES

Graduation Sunday is June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 am. If you know of any graduates not on our list below, please let the office know as soon as possible. We want to honor everyone for their accomplishments:

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Sarah Barrett – Colona

Alan Gowan – Colona

### High School

Nikalas Swan – Colona

## Easter Scramble 2019



The winners of the kid's bikes were Jack and Lila Snook.







# Confirmation 2019



Sarah Barrett, Alen Gowan and Taylor VanHoutte (pictured above, left to right) made up the 2019 Confirmation Class. The present and future of the Church is in good hands with these fine young people.

They spent time learning about their faith and about the United Methodist traditions and heritage. Topics covered during Confirmation included; Creation, Sin and Redemption, the work of the Holy Spirit, Grace and the way of Salvation. We talked and learned more about worship and the Sacraments, John and Charles Wesley and of course what being a member of the church means through the 5 gifts of Prayer, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness.

A big thank you to the mentors of the Confirmands goes to Sharon Bloomberg, Vicki Cooney and Don Heister.

May God bless these young people throughout their life.





This congregation continues to amaze with their generosity!! **Spring Clean for a Cause** was a huge success!! All items were donated to The Oasis in East Moline.

Like the old saying goes, "Someone's "trash" is someone else's "treasure."



Thank you to everyone who added a little note, card or gift to the **Easter Baskets for our Homebound Friends.** The baskets were all hand delivered by volunteers to Dorothy Best, Bernice Halley, Marie Heeren, Orphy Kinkade, Harland McLaughlin, Lola Odendahl & Marcalee Turner.

# { CALENDAR }

## OF EVENTS

May 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6 – 6:45 pm J.A.M.S 6:30 – 8 pm Cub Scout Committee Mtg. 6:30 – 8:30 pm Wolf Den meeting 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>2</b> 8:30 am – 8:30 pm Prayer Vigil 6:00 – 8:00 pm VBS Kick-off meeting (no childcare)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9 am – 12 pm Join Hands Day (Colona Memorial Garden) 2:00 pm Cooking Mother's Day Brunch
<b>5</b> Conference Special Offering – Native American Sunday Holy Communion 11:30 Mother's Day Brunch 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	<b>6</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Creation Museum meeting	<b>7</b> 1:30 – 4:00 pm ERFP 6:30 Trustees meeting	<b>8</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Supper 6 – 6:45 pm J.A.M.S 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir 7:00 pm SWAA	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Nominations mtg.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 12:00 – 5:00 Open House! Ted and Shari Anderson Anniversary
<b>12</b> <b>Mother's Day</b> Annual Conf. Special Offering – Our Conference, Our Kids Heifer Collection 9:50 S.S. Gathering	<b>13</b> Growing Green (thru 20th) 6:00 pm A Cup of Joseph – men's ministry 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>14</b> 6:00 pm Prayer Team mtg.	<b>15</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 6:00 – 7:00 pm Upward kick-off meeting (no childcare) 6:30 – 8:30 pm Wolf Den meeting 7 – 8 pm Adult Choir	<b>16</b> 9:00 am UMW meeting 6:00 pm Missions meeting	<b>17</b> June newsletter deadline	<b>18</b> 4 – 9 pm Pack meeting
<b>19</b> 12:00 – 5:00 pm Memorial Day float build, potluck lunch. Location TBD 5:00 – 7:00 pm MYF	<b>20</b> 10:30 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>21</b> 10:00 am Book Club – The Secret Garden 1:30 – 4:00 pm ERFP	<b>22</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting 5:30 pm Worship Team meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Blood Pressure Checks 2:00 pm Colona Memorial Day Parade	<b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> <b>Office closed</b> 7:30 – 11:00 am MYF Pancake Breakfast 6:00 pm A Cup of Joseph – men's ministry	<b>28</b> 6 – 8 pm Pack Meeting FH	<b>29</b> 9 – 2 pm Quilting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	