

### **WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS**

We warmly congratulate Olivia Dagele and Braydon Clyde who were married in the St. Paul's sanctuary on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Braydon's grandfather, Pastor Gregg Johnson, officiated at the wedding. Olivia is the daughter of Bruce and Leah Dagele, and Braydon is the son of Jerod and Cari Clyde.

### **WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS**

We warmly congratulate Matt and Molly Johnson on the birth of their son. Ian Matthew Johnson was born at the Cherokee Regional Medical Center on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. He was welcomed home by his brothers Evan and Aaron and his sister Madelyn. Ian's proud grandparents are Shirley Johnson and Scott and Jan Mitchell, all of Lake Park, Iowa.

### **WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS**

We warmly congratulate Joe and Tricia Vannatta on the birth of their son. Felix Joseph Vannatta was born on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. He weighed 9 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long. Felix was welcomed home by his brothers Asher and Søren. Felix's proud grandparents are Linda Vannatta and Terry and Dianna Langholdt.

### **UPDATE ON DENNIS BAHR**

Dennis Bahr is now a resident of Accura Healthcare. His new address is 921 Riverview Drive, Room 212A, Cherokee, IA 51012. Dennis's cell phone number is (712) 229-8544.

### **THANK YOU FROM DENNIS BAHR**

I want to thank the people who sent cards, came to see me, and brought treats while I was recovering from getting a new hip. Thanks, also, to Pastor Cris and the visitation team for coming to see me.

### **THANK YOU FROM DEMARIS WITCOMBE**

Thank you to everyone in our St. Paul's Church family for all the cards and notes I've received. As I said to Wayne, "My goodness, we sure have a lot of friends!" Thank you, too, for continuing to lift me up in prayer.

### **TODAY IS UMCOR SUNDAY**

We will be taking a special offering today for UMCOR SUNDAY (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing). This offering funds the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR responds to disaster survivors and people in need around the world. UMCOR receives no apportionment dollars and relies heavily on this special offering.

### **PASTOR'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT**

Pastor Cris will be participating in a Pastor's Spiritual Retreat from April 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Miller will be our guest speaker on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **SPRING CARE & SHARE SHOP GARAGE SALE**

St. Paul's Care & Share Shop will be having a "Giant" garage-type sale at the beginning of May. It will be held in the Schuldt Dining Hall on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This will be our opportunity, as members of St. Paul's, to do some spring cleaning and donate those items for our giant, indoor sale. We will gladly accept furniture, dishes, and other household items for this sale. We would only ask that if the large items you donate do not sell, that you would please pick them up after the sale as we have limited storage space at the church. We also will need volunteers to help move clothing, set up all items in the dining hall, and tear down after the sale. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out and be a blessing in Cherokee, as well as to St. Paul's. Please contact Jennifer Decious at (712) 229-7628, if you would like to help.

### **VISITATION TEAM MEETING**

The St. Paul's visitation team will be meeting on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in the church office.

### **EASTER LILIES**

I am now taking orders for Easter lilies from Blooming House. You may purchase lilies in honor of or in memory of loved ones. The cost for each Easter lily is \$14.00. If you'd like to order an Easter lily, please make a notation on the attendance sheet, call the church office at 225-3955, or send an email to [meribethadams@outlook.com](mailto:meribethadams@outlook.com). The last day to order Easter lilies will be Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK**

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday service at 10:10 a.m. (Easter Cantata)

April 18<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m.

April 21<sup>st</sup> – Easter services (8:00 a.m. and 10:10 a.m.)

**There will not be any Sunday School classes held on April 21<sup>st</sup> because of the Easter holiday.**

### **EASTER BRUNCH**

Between the Easter Sunday services, our youth will be serving a brunch from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall. If you would like to help with the brunch in any way, please contact Craig and Monica Schmidt at 229-9936.

### **CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will reopen on Tuesday morning, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY DINNER**

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their final fish fry dinner for this year on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the VFW Club (113 Maple Street in Cherokee). The cost for an adult dinner is \$9.00, and the cost for a child's dinner is \$7.00. Shrimp is available for an additional charge.

### **LARRABEE UMW PIE & TAVERN DINNER ON APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>**

The Larrabee United Methodist Women will be having their pie and tavern dinner on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Larrabee Community Center. They will be serving taverns, coneys, chips, homemade pie, ice cream, and beverages from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All proceeds go to support mission projects in their church.

### **WASHTA UMC'S ANNUAL BIRTHDAY SUPPER**

The Washta United Methodist Church will be having its annual birthday supper on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:00 p.m. The menu consists of broasted chicken, cheesy potatoes, a dinner roll, vegetable, fruit salad, cake, and a beverage. The cost of the meal is \$10.00. For a ticket, please call Sue Ritts at 229-0075 or Rane Goettsch at 447-6285. The entertainment will be Renea Ogren's "Story of Shoes."

### **MID-SIOUX OPPORTUNITY, INC. TO HELP WITH HEATING BILLS**

The Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP) offered through Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc. may be able to help you pay your winter heating bill. This program is funded through the Iowa Department of Human Rights and has been established to help qualified low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs. Our local Mid-Sioux office will be taking applications through April 30, 2019. Please call the Cherokee County office at (712) 225-3322 if you'd like to set up an appointment to apply for LiHEAP.

### **2019 IOWA UNITED METHODIST CAMPS**

BEST. WEEK. EVER. Summer is just around the corner, and that means summer camps for our youth! Campers will have a terrific time making new friends, growing in faith, and participating in lots of fun and exciting adventures. Brochures for the Iowa United Methodist Camps are available in the church office. Additionally, information can be found at the following website: [www.OkobojiCamp.com](http://www.OkobojiCamp.com).

### **SERMONS ALA CARTE**

Sermons Ala Carte is being held on Wednesdays from 12:05-12:30 at the Memorial Presbyterian Church. A luncheon follows in the dining hall. Pastor Jonathan Caldwell, from the Oakdale Evangelical Church in Meriden, will be delivering the message on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **M&M CAMPAIGN**

The Missions Committee hopes that you will join us as we start "walking the first mile" toward the goal of helping to fund the Mission and Ministries portion of our church apportionments! There are socks available in the narthex from now until Palm Sunday. After all, you need a sock if you plan to walk! Then take that sock home and fill it with change, dollar bills, or even a check. Once you return the sock, treat yourself to a bag of M&Ms! With this project, we can work together to walk the first mile and fulfill our conference requirements for Missions and Ministries.

-Sue Parker, Missions Committee Chairperson

**VIOLA AND BRYAN BYERLY**

As many of you already know, Viola and Bryan Byerly are unable to return to their home on Greer Street because of the recent flooding. They are currently living at the Best Western La Grande Hacienda and are hoping to secure a rental home here in Cherokee. If you have information on a property for rent, please contact Pastor Cris at (515) 423-6421. Please continue to lift Viola and Bryan up in prayer.

**REQUEST FOR HELP FROM BONNIE HUIRAS**

Ellen Henderson's daughter, Bonnie Huiras, phoned the office earlier this week with a request for help from our church family with cleaning up her mother's yard on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Ellen's home is located at 418 Jeffries Street here in Cherokee. If you would be able to help for a few minutes, please take your own rake and be there around 10:00 that Saturday morning. Bonnie would really appreciate it! If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie at the following number: (952) 215-6396.



