

**QUIMBY METHODIST CHURCH SOUP SUPPER**

Because of the weather, the Quimby Methodist Church re-scheduled their soup and pie supper. It will now be held on Sunday, March 10th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Quimby Community Center. Chili, chicken noodle soup, oyster stew, pie, and beverages will be served. A free will donation will be taken.

**OUR SHARED MINISTRY****LITURGISTS FOR MARCH**

March 3	Barb Kratz
March 10	Roni Timmerman
March 17	Don Blackstone
March 24	Jerri Hunt
March 31	Amy Stief

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH**

March 3	Ervina Scott
March 10	Roni Timmerman
March 17	Linda Burkhart
March 24	Liza Parker
March 31	Madison Stief

**GREETERS FOR MARCH**

March 3	Ervina Scott Gene and Jeannie Anderson
March 10	Mary Jo Carnine Don and Marlene Witcombe
March 17	Neil and Jodi Phipps Kevin and Karla Wilkie
March 24	Mary Jo Carnine Dick and Betty Point
March 31	Neil and Jodi Phipps Matt and Nicole Hoskinson

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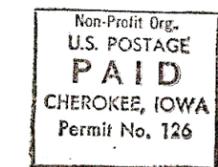
March 3	Kevin and Karla Wilkie Bruce and Leah Dagele
March 10	Rod and Priscilla Bainbridge Kevin and Karla Wilkie
March 17	Kenny and Melissa Schlenger Kevin and Karla Wilkie
March 24	Rod and Priscilla Bainbridge Kevin and Karla Wilkie
March 31	Don and Jeanne Blackstone Mike and Dee Taylor

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Next Generation</u>
January 27	101	1,148.00	44.00
February 3	125	7,338.00	1,417.00
February 10	112	2,132.00	349.00

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**March 2019 UMW Buzz**

**No March Unit Meeting**—Attend Sermons Ala Carte held at Memorial Presbyterian Church on Wednesdays at 12:05 p.m.

**Executive Board** – Monday, March 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall

**March Circle Meetings**

Program - p. 72 *Women Proclaiming the Mystery of Faith*  
(This is a special program celebrating the 150th anniversary of UMW.)

**Grace Circle** - Wed., March 13th 7:00 p.m. at church (and Pledge Service)  
Hostess: Marci Brown Co-Hostess: Jeannette Grant Program: Mary Jo Poggenklass  
**Joy Circle** – Wed., March 20th - 9:30 a.m. at church  
Hostess: Jeanne Blackstone Program: Glenda Parrish  
**Charity Circle** - Wed., March 20th - 1:30 p.m. at church  
Hostess: Sue Paulsen Program: Patti Blum

**Upcoming Events ...**

**April Unit Meeting** - Wednesday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the dining hall  
Hostess: Charity Circle Devotions: Joy Circle  
Linda Burkhart will present the program on "Crosses."



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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
March 2019

## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Viola Byerly and Alyce Hirschman and all of their family. Viola and Alyce's sister, Elizabeth M. Moles, 78, of Cherokee, passed away peacefully Tuesday morning, January 22nd, in Careage Hills. Memorial services will be held at a later date. The Boothby Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

## PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Tony Hunt, Ashley Hunt, Jon Hunt, and Melanie (Hunt) Hedberg. Their dad, Merlin O. Hunt, Jr., of rural Meriden, passed away on Friday, February 15th. He was 61 years old. Funeral services for Merlin Hunt were held on Friday, February 22nd, at Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee, with Pastor Daniel Wagner officiating.

## WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate April and Shon LeBeau on the birth of their granddaughter. Pyper Jo Preuss was born at the Cherokee Regional Medical Center on Thursday, January 17th, at 4:22 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. Pyper's proud parents are Kylee Ames and Jacob Preuss of Quimby.

## WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Nate and Maggie Cockburn on the birth of their son. Liam Dean Cockburn was born at Maple Grove Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Thursday, February 7th. He weighed 6 1/2 pounds and was 19 1/2 inches long. Liam's very proud grandparents are Mike and Cara Lubeck of Cherokee, Doug and Jen Goebel of Cherokee, Roger and Deb Vandenbrink of Sanborn, and Curtis and Michelle Cockburn of Elliott, Iowa.

## WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate Brock and Theresa Dagle on the birth of their daughter. Charlie Josephine Dagle was born on Friday, February 8th, at Advent Hospital in Overland Park, Kansas. She weighed 5 pounds 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. Charlie's very proud grandparents are Bruce and Leah Dagle of Cherokee and Brad and Emily Kucera of Leawood, Kansas.

## THANK YOU FROM MARLENE KELLY

Micki Conley, thank you for the idea, and Sunday School teachers and Meribeth Adams, thank you for carrying it out! Meribeth is now putting the Sunday School offering envelopes on the table outside the office, and the Sunday School teachers are picking them up, filling them out, and returning them to the office. I loved still being involved with the attendance and offering of the children after 40+years, as it got me out of bed on Sunday mornings. But, because of Clint's health (Parkinson's) and the weather, it got to be hard to carry out my job.

Love ya,  
Marlene Kelly

P.S. Cris, thank you for the call and update on Larry Weede's service. You, too, Mick!

## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Psalm 37:7a "Be still before the Lord,  
and wait patiently for him;..."

Today, I am looking out the window at sub-zero degree weather. It is safe and warm in here. In fact, I just realized that I don't even have my socks on just this minute! I don't keep my house hot by any means, but sometimes my feet get hot and I remove my socks to cool off my toes and let them breathe. Yes, I am goofy! In a few minutes I will put my socks back on because my feet will get cold. Ha!

Looking outside, I see how the sun just came out making the glistening snow sparkle. How beautiful it is, and yet how dangerous it might be if we were stuck outside even for a few minutes in sub-zero weather like this. It is my understanding that spending more than a few minutes outside in this weather unprotected can cause damage to your skin. Today, as I look from the safety of my window I received word from someone that they are facing some serious health issues.

Things look different when serious problems become reality! Out of the blue, we find ourselves on the outside enduring the reality of the elements. I am no longer noticing how pretty the snow is. I am more concerned about protecting myself from the harm that is imminently being thrust upon me. I find myself far removed from my safe place.

I am thinking about my brother and sister in Christ who have received devastating news. I now know that their lives are going to change as they face new challenges that are being thrust upon them. The scriptures talk about seasons of life. I often think about all the different seasons that we pass through. Some are pleasant and some are horrible. Yet, God assures us that every season was meant to be a blessing and not a curse. Some have said that passing through bad seasons causes us to recognize the blessings in our lives. Even though this is true, I don't think that it makes it any easier. What does make it better is when our brother or sister in Christ will walk through the tough times with us and we don't feel alone.

These thoughts have brought me around to thinking about Lent. As we enter into March, we enter into a new season in the church. It is the season of Lent. During Lent we are encouraged to take a good look at our paths and our lives. We will examine and reflect on what Jesus passed through on his way to the cross. In our personal lives, we are going to spend time with the Lord and determine if we are still on the path that God intended for us. Lent is a season of reflection and prayer. It is a time to be alone and yet a time to know God has sent us help through our church family.

One of the unique things that we get to do during Lent is to visit and spend time together with other congregations as we attend the weekly Wednesday Lent Community Services at the Memorial Presbyterian Church. We will visit over lunch with our brothers and sisters who are walking through this life with us. For those who like to sing, the Presbyterians' choir and our choir are joining together to prepare an Easter Cantata. We will be performing it on Palm Sunday. There are many ways that we are walking through Lent in unity.

Together, we will walk towards Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter. Some out in the world may not even notice the season if they aren't religious. But, life is all about sharing and participating together. When we participate in the body of Christ, it will make the storms of life much more bearable. This Lent, I am asking that you give up your loneliness and join the church as we walk spiritually towards Easter.

See you Sunday!

-Pastor Cris



In January, the UMW honored our Sunday School teachers for their many contributions of time and talent to St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Pictured above are six of the teachers who were able to be in attendance during our church service that day.

(Left to right): Crystal Samsel, Amy Stief, Tasha Timmerman, Melissa Schlenger, Korrie Coombs, and Kim Wych.

## THANK YOU FROM LINDA CHRISTENSEN

Grateful thanks to Pastor Cris and the Care & Share Shop! I was made aware of a situation one February morning when I arrived at school. A colleague at Washington High School told me about three students she works with who had no winter coats. I called Pastor Cris and asked if the Care & Share Shop might have coats that would fit them. He was able to check on this, coats were available, and he delivered them to me at school by noon. Again, thank you so much!

## LINDA STRUCK'S SURGERY

Linda Struck had a hip replacement at Jennie Edmondson Hospital in Council Bluffs on February 12th. She will be staying with her daughter, Abby, and her family for several weeks. We know Linda would appreciate hearing from her St. Paul's family. Please send cards to this address: Linda Struck, c/o Abby Davison, 255 Kingsridge Drive, Council Bluffs, IA 51503-8444.

## DEE WITCOMBE'S SURGERY

Dee Witcombe fell and broke her femur on Sunday, February 10th. She had surgery at the Cherokee Regional Medical Center on Monday, February 11th. Let's make sure Dee knows that her St. Paul's family is thinking about her by sending cards and notes to this address: Dee Witcombe, Accura Healthcare, 921 River-view Drive, Room 301, Cherokee, IA 51012.

## VISITATION TEAM MEETING

The St. Paul's visitation team will be meeting on Wednesday, March 6th, at 9:30 a.m. in the church office.

## CARE & SHARE SHOP NEWS

All the donations for St. Paul's Care & Share Shop have been wonderful! Please keep them coming! We are specifically in need of more donations of clothing for children and youth. Also, please get the word out that as we move into spring/summer, we are going to need to transition to spring and summer clothing donations for everyone. Thanks!

## FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Prayers do get answered! Thanks to your generosity, the goal to reduce the 2018 deficit by \$8,905 has been met. This was huge for our church, and we send out a sincere THANK YOU for your support! So, what's next? The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 5th, to start the process of reviewing and recommending possible amendments to the 2019 budget.

-Stan DeRoo, Finance Committee Chairman

## SERMONS ALA CARTE

Sermons Ala Carte will begin Wednesday, March 6th and continue for six consecutive weeks. This year's theme is "Looking into the Lord's Prayer." Sermons Ala Carte will be held at the Memorial Presbyterian Church (127 East Willow Street in Cherokee). The service in the sanctuary will run from 12:05-12:30, with a luncheon to follow in the dining hall. There is a \$3.00 charge for the luncheon. Guest speakers for the sermons are as follows:

March 6th Pastor Eric Wright - Memorial Presbyterian Church, Cherokee

March 13th Pastor Jean Morse - Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Cherokee

March 20th Pastor Cris Decious - St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Cherokee

March 27th Pastor Kim Dewey - United Methodist Church, Aurelia

April 3rd Pastor Jonathan Caldwell - Oakdale Evangelical Free Church, Meriden

April 10th Pastor Jeff Harris - First Baptist & Mount Olive Church, Cherokee

## FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The St. Paul's UMC Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall. They plan to start reviewing, and possibly making amendments to, the 2019 budget.

## HY-VEE RECEIPTS

We've reached \$48,000 in this round of collecting receipts! SUPER! Continued thanks to everyone who is saving and turning in cash register receipts from the Cherokee Hy-Vee food store, gift shop, pharmacy, and gas station! We are so very appreciative of Jeff Blum who continues to tabulate all of the collected receipts.