

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

On March 23, 1869, eight women gathered at Tremont Methodist Episcopal Church in Boston, Massachusetts, and organized the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, what would become United Methodist Women. Those women raised money to send a doctor, Clara Swain, and a teacher, Isabella Thoburn, to India as missionaries to serve the women of that nation. Since then, UMW has evolved to become the largest women's faith-based service and advocacy organization, underwriting programs that provide life-changing opportunities for women, children, and youth. Today we celebrate the dedication and foresight of those eight women, as the organization officially turns 150 years old!

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.

MARCH 31ST IS UMCOR SUNDAY

Next Sunday, March 31st, we will be taking a special offering 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.

NOISY CHANGE OFFERING

Today's noisy change offering helps fund the ministries for our children and youth throughout the year. Thanks for all your support!

EASTER LILIES

We are 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. The last day to order Easter lilies will be Monday, April 8th.

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

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

April 18th – Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 p.m.

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

There will not be any Sunday School classes held on April 21st 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL FISH FRY DINNERS

The Knights of Columbus are now holding their annual fish fry dinners from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the VFW Club (113 Maple Street in Cherokee). This year's remaining fish fry dinners will be held on Friday, March 29th and Friday, April 12th. 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 7TH

The Larrabee United Methodist Women will be having their pie and tavern dinner on Sunday, April 7th, at the Larrabee Community Center. They will be serving taverns, coney, 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.

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.

BOB SCHRODER IS IN THE HOSPITAL IN PHOENIX

Bob Schroder is currently a patient at Banner Medical Center in Phoenix. I know he'd enjoy hearing from his church family. Please send cards to this address: Bob Schroder, 111 South Greenfield Road, #406, Mesa, AZ 85206.

UPDATE ON ARLENE SCHLENGER

Arlene Schlenger is now a resident of Cherokee Specialty Care. Her new address is 1011 North Roosevelt, #125, Cherokee, IA 51012. Arlene was so excited to hear that I was going to put this information in the bulletin, as she's really hoping to receive cards and visits!

CARE AND SHARE SHOP

All the donations for St. Paul's Care and Share Shop have been wonderful! Keep them coming! Please note that 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!

-Jennifer Decious

SERMONS ALA CARTE

The 33rd annual Sermons Ala Carte began Wednesday, March 6th and will run for six consecutive weeks. This year's theme is "Looking into the Lord's Prayer." Sermons Ala Carte is being held at the Memorial Presbyterian Church. The service in the sanctuary runs from 12:05-12:30, with lunch immediately following that in the dining hall. There is a \$3.00 charge for the lunch. Pastor Kim Dewey, from the United Methodist Church in Aurelia, will be delivering the message on March 27th. If you would like a brochure showing the 2019 Sermons Ala Carte series, you will find them on the table in the narthex (underneath the name tags).

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

CHURCH SPECIFIC ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING IS TODAY

The Aurelia First United Methodist Church safety team will sponsor training highlighting church specific active shooter/intruder information, as well as general safety concerns. This event will be held at the church this afternoon from 4-6 p.m. Training will be provided by Brian Flikeid (Aurelia and Marcus Police Chief). All are welcome to attend.

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.

