

CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

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

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 Missions 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.

COME & GO BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be an open Come & Go bridal shower honoring Katelyn Urbain on Saturday morning, April 20th, from 10:00 to 11:30 in the Schuldt Dining Hall. Katelyn is the bride-elect of Jordan Taylor. Jordan is the son of Mike and Dee Taylor of Cherokee. Katelyn’s parents are Jeff and Sandy Urbain of Peosta, Iowa. The couple is registered at the Cherokee General Store.

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 1st - 3rd, from 10 a.m. - 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.

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 this website: www.OkobojiCamp.com.

OUR SHARED MINISTRY

LITURGISTS FOR APRIL

April 7 Don Witcombe
April 14 Peggy Corrington
April 21 Marci Brown (8:00 and 10:10)
April 28 Jan Cook

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE FOR APRIL

April 7 Jeanne Blackstone
April 14 Roni Timmerman
April 21 Bonni Conley (10:10)
April 28 Linda Burkhart

GREETERS FOR APRIL

April 7 Darrel and Sue Paulsen
Rod and Priscilla Bainbridge
April 14 Roni Timmerman
Joan Lucas and Sharon Bennink
April 21 Youth (8:00)
Virgil Pyle (10:10)
April 28 Larry and Joyce Goodrich (10:10)
Rod and Priscilla Bainbridge
Lowell and Sharon Bennink

USHERS FOR APRIL

April 7 Amy Stief
Donna Lucas
Peggy Rasch
Doug and Sandi Stowater
April 14 Sue Parker
Dave and Donna Lucas
Austin and Megan Lucas
April 21 Youth (8:00)
Dave and Donna Lucas (10:10)
Austin and Megan Lucas (10:10)
Scott Osborn/Marla Conley (10:10)
April 28 Peggy Rasch
Wes and Sue Parker
Scott Osborn and Marla Conley

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Date	Worship Attendance	General Fund	Next Generation
March 3	108	5,813.00	693.00
March 10	92	4,175.00	19.00
March 17	102	4,709.00	284.00

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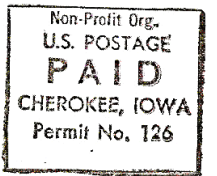
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April 2019 UMW Buzz



April Unit Meeting - Thursday, April 11th 6:30 p.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall
Program - *Crosses* by Linda Burkhart
Hostess - Charity Circle Devotions - Joy Circle

Executive Board - Monday, April 8th at 9:30 a.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall

April Circle Meetings

Program - p. 82 *Women Witnessing to New Life*

“Call to Prayer and Self-Denial” offering will taken at Circle Meetings

Grace Circle - Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. at church
Hostess - Darlene Woltman Co-Hostess - Marci Brown Program - Marci Brown
Joy Circle - Wednesday, April 17th at 9:30 a.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall
Hostess - Barb Kratz Program - Jeanne Blackstone
Charity Circle - Wednesday, April 17th at 1:30 p.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall
Hostess - Sharon Bennink Program - Roni Timmerman

Upcoming Events...

May Unit Meeting - Thursday, May 9th 6:00 p.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall
Salad Potluck and Guest Night (Please bring your favorite salad to share.)
Hostess - Joy Circle Devotions - Charity Circle Program - TBA

Executive Board Meeting - Monday, May 13th at 9:30 a.m. in the Schuldt Dining Hall

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Lois Eggerth and all of her family. Lois's brother, Vernon H. Arthur, 68, of Waverly, Iowa, passed away suddenly on Thursday evening, February 21st, at his home, of natural causes. A funeral service for Vern Arthur was held on Friday, March 1st, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Waverly, with Pastor Carolyn Bowers officiating.

PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mike and Deb Samuelson and all of their family. Deb's mother, Bessie R. Hight, passed away peacefully on Thursday morning, February 28th, in Accura Healthcare. A memorial service for Bessie Hight was held on Sunday, March 3rd, at the Boothby Funeral Home in Cherokee, with Pastor Cris Decious officiating.

WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS

We warmly congratulate Olivia Dagele and Braydon Clyde who were married in the St. Paul's sanctuary on Saturday, March 16th. 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 25th. 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.

THANK YOU FROM LINDA STRUCK

How did I get so lucky with my church family? Thank you for all of the thoughts, prayers, phone calls, and cards. You all brightened my days.

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.

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 newsletter, as she's really hoping to receive cards and visits!

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.



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

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Shortly after we got married, my wife and I purchased a home in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. We fell in love with a small, craftsman-style house located in town. Apparently, the 80 year old home was built by a family that occupied it until we came along. There was a medium-sized shed in the back yard. When we were about to close on the home, the sellers called and said that the shed was full of yard tools and equipment. They said that there were even a couple of lawn mowers in the shed. They were glad to leave the equipment to us, if we wanted it.

I was excited because this was our first home. I gladly accepted their offer to leave what was in the shed. We didn't have any yard equipment. When I closed on the home, I went to see the goodies in the shed. Oh, my. The shed was full of JUNK. There were a few shovels, rakes, and hoes that were brittle and broken. The two lawn mowers didn't run and were in pieces. Nothing worked. Odds and ends of nothing. In the end, it was egg on my face. I had to haul everything to the dump and take a day out of my schedule to throw everything out!

Have you ever been disappointed like this? You think that you are getting some wonderful and helpful tools only to be fooled! Do you really want a tool shed full of useless tools? Of course not! When I opened the shed and found a lawn mower that was broken and wouldn't work, a leaf blower with a burned-out motor, and a weed eater that was only half there, I was less than happy.

I was thinking about how that shed full of broken tools is so much like my spiritual life at times. We have broken lives, broken pasts, and need an emotional healing in our lives. There are times when we believe that we have a spiritual shed full of good things, only to find everything in disrepair because of our neglect in our spiritual lives. You know that old saying, "If you don't use it, you lose it." I believe that can be true in our spiritual gifts. Rather than just collecting and storing our broken pieces over the years, let's get busy with what God has given us. There may be things that need to be discarded. Other things may need to be tweaked! Those grudges that we are still holding onto, that needed to be thrown out years ago, could make room for better things! Don't fill your shed full of junk. Let's make room for love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, and self-control. In the end, we will have a much more useful shed of emotional and spiritual equipment from which to draw!

Enjoy your April weather after a long winter!

-Pastor Cris



ST. PAUL'S UMC CHARITY CIRCLE

St. Paul's Charity Circle meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. The following members were in attendance at the March 20th meeting. (Front row, left to right): Patti Blum, Ervina Scott, Joan Lucas, Bu Fee, and Sharon Bennink; (Back row, left to right): Sue Paulsen, Mary Jo Carnine, Roni Timmerman, Dixie Carper, and Bonita LaFave.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF UMW

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. We celebrate the dedication and foresight of those eight women, as the organization officially turns 150 years old!

UPDATE ON BECKY JAMES

Becky James is now a resident of Accura Healthcare. Her new address is 921 Riverview Drive, Room 107, Cherokee, IA 51012.

NEWS ON VIOLA AND BRYAN BYERLY

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.

PASTOR'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

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

VISITATION TEAM MEETING

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

SERMONS ALA CARTE

Sermons Ala Carte is being held on Wednesdays from 12:05-12:30 at the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Cherokee. A luncheon follows in the dining hall. Guest speakers for the remaining services are listed below:

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

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

LARRABEE UMW PIE & TAVERN DINNER

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, 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 the annual birthday supper on Sunday, April 7th, 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 Ranee Goettsch at 447-6285. The entertainment will be Renea Ogren's "Story of Shoes."

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, send an email to meribethadams@outlook.com, or call the office at 225-3955. The last day to order Easter lilies will be Monday, April 8th.

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

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.

INFO ON 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.