



# The Meeting House

Washington United Methodist Church

## March 2019

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### LENT 2019

Ash Wednesday	Mar. 6, 7 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
		Special Lenten Message "Temptations in the Wilderness" Luke 4:1-13
1st Sunday in Lent	Mar. 10	Wilderness: Withdrawal
2nd Sunday in Lent	Mar. 17	Everything Is Possible
3rd Sunday in Lent	Mar. 24	Worship the Power
4th Sunday in Lent	Mar. 31	All Music Sunday
5th Sunday in Lent	Apr. 7	Show Me Your Faith
Palm Sunday	Apr. 14	Wilderness: Take-Off
Good Friday	Apr. 19, 7pm	Tenebrae Service

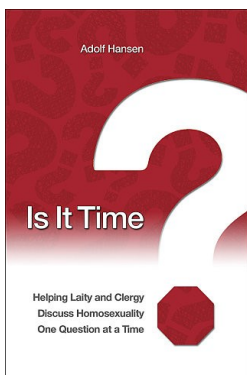
### EASTER 2019

Apr. 21  
"I Have Conquered the World"  
John 16:25-33

### Book Study on Human Sexuality with Pastor Kwang

*Is It Time?: Helping Laity and Clergy Discuss Homosexuality One Question at a Time*, by Adolf Hansen  
(kindle \$9.99, Paperback \$14.99 on Amazon.com)

Mondays, March 11 - April 8  
10:30—11:30 am, Church Library, Wesley Center



Conversations about human sexuality are taking place all over The United Methodist Church-in local congregations, among leaders, and in conferences. Adolf Hansen, an ordained elder in Indianapolis, contributes to this conversation by presenting questions for laity and clergy to explore as they engage in open dialogue in an atmosphere of mutual respect, even when the conversation partners disagree. No matter what kind of perspectives on this matter you have, I would like to invite you to this open round table to learn together. This is not a teaching class but a time to help each other get better understanding. If you are interested in this book study with pastor Kwang, you are encouraged to purchase the book prior to the first session. Everyone is welcome to join.

no one has to hurt alone

### Love One Another as I Have Loved You...



When was the last time someone really listened to you? That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. Stephen Ministers care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crisis.

Every day you see people who are hurting: those who have lost a job, have lost a loved one, have gone through a divorce, or are battling a terminal illness. Stephen Ministers are God's representatives who bring His love to those who are hurting. There's a lot of work to do in God's kingdom. Caregiving is one of the most important jobs God calls

us to do - to love others in His name. Our congregation's Stephen Ministry is one way we accomplish God's caring work.

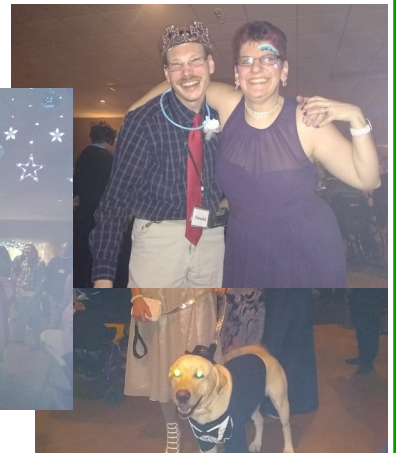
Stephen Ministers are members of our church who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people going through a difficult time. They listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide weekly support for as long as the need persists. Nothing is too large or too small to take to our Lord in prayer. Men are matched with male ministers, and women are matched with



The Tim Tebow Foundation has a great passion for people with special needs and in 2014 we launched "Night to Shine." The vision was simple: "work with churches around the country to provide an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love for people with special needs, ages 14 and older."

This year, the 2019 Night to Shine was held on Friday, February 8 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Washington, Iowa, and 285 people were involved in making this event happen. A member of our church, Ann Williams, is very instrumental in the planning of this event. Many of our church members volunteered to be a part of this special evening.

This note from Amy Green sums up the evening, beautifully. "When you surround yourself with people who have a giving heart it makes things come together with extraordinary results. The decorations once again were beautiful. Seeing our guests in their formal wear, smiling, clapping when they were crowned King or Queen is touching. The little things like getting their hair/makeup or shoes shined. Going on a limo ride in frigid temps. They love to have their faces painted. The simple gesture of a balloon makes them happy! The dancing and singing makes the night. Let's not forget the outstanding meal-wow! We can't wait to see all the pictures as our photographers did an excellent job of capturing those special moments. The gift bags that each guest takes home that included a hand crafted angel by someone with crippled hands, and a note of encouragement by two ladies who's penmanship is better beautiful! There was so much love in the KC Hall it overwhelmed my emotions by the end. It truly is an act of love. And it does take a village to raise a child whether they are young or with special needs! So, what ever role you played; parent, caretaker, one of our 200 volunteers, committee member or if you were a prayer warrior Thank You-you answered God's call."



### Severe Weather Cancellations

The Church will advise radio station KCII when worship services or church activities need to be cancelled in the event of bad weather. Tune in before you brave the elements!

Also, please note that when schools are closed in Washington County due to severe weather, the church office is also closed.





**History Concerning United Methodist Women**

The 1968 General Conference voted to merge the Episcopal Methodist Church with the Evangelical United Bretheran Church to form the United Methodist Church. Local churches followed and in 1972 the Washington Women's Society of Christian Service became the United Methodist Women and the Wesleyan Service Guild become an evening circle. Millie Keating became the first president for this new organization for mission. She was very talented in both Art and Music. She designed and made the banner hanging the back of the chapel and sang in the church choir for many years. One of her favorite solo pieces was the old hymn, There is a Balm in Gilead.

**Meals on Wheels**

Washington United Methodist Church will be responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels from March 11th through April 15th. If you can help please call Shirley Pfeifer at 319.653.5283.

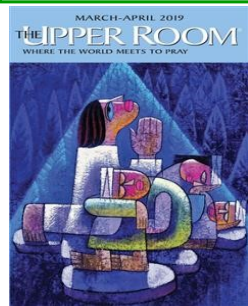


**CONGRATULATIONS**

to Alexandra Murphy. She has been named KCRG Student of the month.

**World Day of Prayer**

Since 1927 Christian women all over the world have observed the World Day of Prayer on the first Friday in March. This year's service is being held at Washington United Methodist Church at 1:30pm on March 1st. The service was written by the Christian women of Slovenia. Everyone is welcome to attend, men and women.



**The Upper Room**

The **March/April 2019** issue of the Upper Room is available in the back of the sanctuary.

Please take one for yourself and another for a friend.

**Year-to-Date Financials**

General Fund	Actual Income	Actual Expenses
February 2019	21,578	17,917
Year to Date	48,618	37,596

**Sunday Bulletin Announcements** - Due in the church office no later than the preceding Wednesday afternoon.

**Meeting House Articles** - Due in the church office no later than the 15th of the month (for the following month), regardless of what day the 15th falls on.

**All announcements and articles are subject to Pastor approval.**

**Church Office hours:**

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# March 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					World Day of Prayer WUMC 1:30pm	
<b>Communion</b> 8am & 10am Services 9am ABS 10am Children's Sunday School 	9am Quilters	9am Prayer Grp  7:00pm Missions/ Outreach	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>  7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service	6:30pm SPRC	12:30pm UMW	
8am & 10am Services 9am ABS 10am Children's Sunday School <b>Daylight Savings Time Begins</b>	6:30pm Worship Comm.	9am Prayer Grp	5:15pm Confirmation class 6:00pm Praise Team 6:30pm MYLIFE Youth 7:00pm Chancel Choir	WAMA 11:30am  6:30pm Trustees		8am UMM
8am & 10am Services 9am ABS 10am Children's Sunday School <b>Happy St. Patrick's Day</b> 	9am Quilters	9am Prayer Grp  6:30pm Children Ministry Team Mtg	11:00am Parkview  5:15pm Confirmation class 6:00pm Praise Team 6:30pm MYLIFE Youth 7:00pm Chancel Choir	6:30pm Finance 7:30pm Ad Council		
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<b>ALL MUSIC SUNDAY One Service 10am</b>						

*Thank  
you*

Methodist Church Lunch Committee - Thank you for the delicious lunch you prepared and served for Clifford's funeral! Everyone enjoyed it! The family of Clifford Horak

Many thanks to all who organized and helped with "A Night to Shine". I know it takes many hours of planning and volunteering. Our daughter Bev had a great time and your all made it very special. Dale & Virginia Holmes

# March Birthdays!



1  
Breanna Brinning  
Robert Carter  
Mark Weidman  
Caleb Young

2  
Robert Crossett, Jr.  
Marcy Murphy  
**\*Shirley Pfeifer**  
Tony Unternahrer

3  
Kelsey Liska

4  
Linda Birney  
**\*Wanda Boyer**  
**\*Martha Lowe**

5  
Jeff Enfield  
Ella Greiner  
Peggy Helscher

6  
Bristol Doonan  
Bethany Williams

7  
Sonja Campbell  
Cheryl Crone  
Audra Williams

8  
Kathy Stender

9  
Jerry Bryan  
Blake Weidman

12  
Clint Bodkin  
Ruby Greiner

13  
Parker English  
Grant Williams

14  
Margaret Stauffer  
Thomas Cole

16  
Christine Carson

17  
Scott Greiner

18  
Glen Martin  
Angela Sotelo  
Denise Tschantz

19  
Ellen Krueger

20  
Mark Loy  
Craig Paul

21  
Norma Roddy

22  
Bryce Brinning  
Bruce Campbell  
Brooklyn Charlier  
Roger Crawford

25  
Jack Hamilton  
Rosemary Hanson

26  
Ellie Bell  
Sophie Bell  
Parker Stout

27  
David Birney

29  
Fred Hensel  
Matt Miller

30  
John Edwards

31  
Kathy Henry  
Martin McCarthy  
Don Miller  
Derek Stender

**\*Bold names  
indicate  
90+ birthdays!**



# March Anniversaries!



3  
Edwin & Susan Griggs

4  
Jack & Diana Hamilton

13  
Jon & Wendy Smith

15  
Lance & Kerri Bell

18  
Jason & Abby Charlier  
Matt & Roberta Leeper

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### Sunday Worship

Praise Service: 9:30am  
Traditional Service: 8:00 & 11:00am



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