



The Meeting House

Washington United Methodist Church

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We are in the middle of Lent now. In this Lenten season, we are walking along with Jesus by reading and sharing "the temptations Jesus met in the wilderness."

At the first message in this Lent, we shared all the temptations Jesus met in the wilderness is about "Who I am." This question is about our identity in the light of Jesus' identity. We are all unique. We are unique in personalities, occupations, outward appearances, and cultural backgrounds. Our uniqueness is from God who created us as who we are. And so we can say each individuals are special.

After Jesus' baptism, he was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness and tempted by the devil. All temptations were about his orientation and identity. However, because Jesus is the beloved Son of God, Jesus focused on God's mind and heart. When Jesus was tempted to make stones change to bread, to brand himself as the beloved Son of God, and to worship worldly things than God, Jesus overcame temptations because he had God's mind and heart. Jesus' identity is identified with God's Spirit, mind, and heart.

What did Jesus do with God's Spirit, mind, and heart? He made the sinners, outcasts, and poor realize their own identity as beloved children of God. He proclaimed the Kingdom of God is coming for them. And he encouraged them to be messengers of his spirit, mind, and heart. All of Jesus' doing is for us to be God's beloved children and his disciples to proclaim good news of new life in the Kingdom of God with his spirit, mind, and heart. He encourages us to treat others as who they are as beloved children of God because God does.

Our new identity as beloved children of God leads us to do something for Jesus in our community; it is the mission God entrusted to each of us. The Lent is a time for figuring out what our mission is and the spiritual power to do it in our community. Let's us support each other to find our new identity, love others whoever they are, and work for Jesus.

God's Blessing and Loving Care to All
Kwang



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Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm, at the Sanctuary

The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service. A service of Tenebrae, or "Darkness," is based on a twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ.



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 female ministers.

2019 Second Quarter Mission Offerings

Instead of doing separate offerings during the year you can give once, and split your offering in whatever way you choose. This provides a way to contribute to a mission project that may be of particular interest to you. Just clip out the coupon, mark how you wish your offering to be divided and send it to the church office along with your check, payable to WUMC.

Native American Awareness Sunday - Observed on **Sunday, May 5th**, this offering supports a national program which nurtures mission with native Americans and provides seminary scholarships for United Methodist native Americans.

Peace with Justice Sunday - Observed on **Sunday, June 16th**, these donations are divided in half, half going to the General Board of Church and Society to support peace and justice ministries throughout the nation and the other half to the Iowa Conference of the UMC to support restorative justice initiatives and other peace and justice efforts in Iowa.

Mobile United Methodist Missionaries (MUMM) - This is a program begun by the Ottumwa District in 1996 and since expanded to the southern half of the Iowa. The purpose is to take the gospel into areas where there is no church presence and to assist and revitalize local congregations. There is a strong emphasis on vacation church school

Justice for our Neighbors (JFON) - JFON provides free professional counseling for immigrants and legal representation for persons eligible for legal immigration status. There are currently three lawyers for the seven locations in Iowa.



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Use one check, but **mark how you wish your offering to be divided.**

\$ _____ Native American Awareness

\$ _____ MUMMS

\$ _____ Peace with Justice

\$ _____ Justice for Our Neighbors

\$ _____ Total Amount

Name _____ Tel.# _____



Mission Minutes

The Outreach-Mission Committee is again sponsoring the kits for homeless individuals here in Washington. Items needed for the kits are toilet paper, bar soap, deodorant, bath towel, wash cloth, tooth paste, shampoo, hair brush and comb, toothbrush. Items may be left in the box at the back of the church. Lists will also be available.

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.



SE District "Day Apart", Sat., April 6th

The UMW SE District 'Day Apart' will be held at Kalona United Methodist Church, Kalona, IA. Featured speaker will be Becky Heeren, Iowa Conference United Methodist Women Spiritual Growth Mission Coordinator. There will be coffee and rolls at 9:30am and the program will start at 10:00am. Lunch reservations are \$9 and are due by March 30, 2019.

Please contact Mary Yoder, 941 5th St. Kalona, IA 52247, or at 319-656-3388 home or 319-330-3970 cell. Email: mdyoder@kctc.net

Saturday Kitchen April 13th



The Saturday Kitchen started over 7 years ago with a goal to feed the hungry in the area. Weekly nearly 110 people are fed a well-balanced diet. What started with 8 churches is now down to 6. Saturday April 13th the UMC is coordinating and hosting Saturday Kitchen. Please consider helping in one of the following ways: sign up to donate supplies, help Friday the 12th in food prep. Set up, serving or cleanup on the 13th or by giving a monetary donation—each and every one of these are appreciated! The menu consists of : Baked Ham, Baked potatoes deviled eggs, corn bread and butter, Jell-O with fruit, cupcakes, white and chocolate milk, coffee and water. There is a sign up in the back of the sanctuary of you can call

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.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 9am Quilters Book Study 10:30am Book Study 7:00pm	2 9:30am Prayer Grp 7:00pm Missions/ Outreach	3 5:15pm Confirmation class 6:00pm Praise Team 6:30pm MYLIFE Youth 7:00pm Chancel Choir	4	5	6 UMW Day Apart 9:30am Kalona United Methodist Church
7 Communion 8am & 10am Services 9am ABS 10am Children's Sunday School 	8 Book Study 10:30am Book Study 7:00pm	9 9:30am Prayer Grp	10 5:15pm Confirmation class 6:00pm Praise Team 6:30pm SPRC 6:30pm MYLIFE Youth 7:00pm Chancel Choir	11 11:30am WAMA 6:30pm Trustees	12 12:00pm UMW	13 Saturday Kitchen
14 8am & 10am Services 9am ABS 10am Children' Sunday School Palm Sunday 	15 9am Quilters 6:30pm Worship Comm. 	16 9:30am Prayer Grp 6:30pm	17 5:15pm Confirmation class 6:00pm Praise Team 6:30pm MYLIFE Youth 7:00pm Chancel Choir	18  Holy Thursday 6:30pm Finance	19  7:00pm Good Friday Service	20 8am UMM  Holy Saturday
21 8am & 10am Services 9am ABS 10am Children's Sunday School Easter Sunday 	22	23 9:30am Prayer Grp	24 6:00pm Praise Team 6:30pm MYLIFE Youth 7:00pm Chancel Choir	25	26	27
28 8am & 10am Services 9am ABS 10am Children's Sunday School	29	30 9:30am Prayer Grp				

I wish to thank everyone who sent cards and attended my birthday celebration and especially Virginia Tschantz for making the punch. Also, thanks to the church for my red rose. Shirley Pfeifer

Thank you so much for your card and for all your thoughts and prayers. Vicki & Paul Ealy



Year-to-Date Financials

General Fund	Actual Income	Actual Expenses
March 2019	20,109	23,615
Year to Date	69,238	73,871

April Birthdays!

1

Guy Creighton
Mandi Lueck

2

Julie Timmins

3

Chase Greiner
Ashton Manz
Vic Patterson

4

Edonna Gamon
Kendall Manz

5

Lisa Crawford
Kyle Schindler

7

***Barbara Kessell**

8

Makenzie Martin
***Marjorie Noble**

9

Olivia Hartzler

10

Caitlin Fishback
Carla Pepper-Kleese

12

Evan Miller

13

Irmtraud Martin

14

Ainsley Lueck

15

Robert Bell
Cheri Crone
Jim Wells

16

Pennie Brinning
Robert (Butch) Morgan
Bob Roddy

17

Susan Griggs
Linda Lowe
Eileen Ulin

18

Merlin Crawford
Jan Gallagher
Myron Shields

19

Susan Beatty
Vicki Ealy
Madysen Hinrichsen
Rick Meeks
Kevin Myers
Michele Prottzman
Jennifer Weidman

20

Kerri Bell
Samantha Martin

21

Marty Collett
Kay Savaidis

23

Stephanie Ellingson

24

Keith Massey

25

Jadon Crawford



26

William Fredrick
Danielle Sutton
Shannon Unternahrer

27

Jo Milligan

28

Pam Murphy

29

Isabelle Peterson

30

Stacy Sturdevant
James Williams

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

March Anniversaries!

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Eric & Shawna Manz



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Sunday Worship

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



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