

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS

# WE ARE MESSENGERS

April 15, 2018

6 pm  
Doors open at 5:30

HOPE IS  
THE MESSAGE  
TOUR

DAVID DUNN

I Wanna Go Back,  
Today Is Beautiful

JJ WEEKS BAND

Let Them See You

## Hope Is The Message Tour

will be in McCook, April 15th at the McCook City Auditorium.

We Are Messengers, David Dunn, and the JJWeeks Band  
will be performing at 6pm. Doors open at 5:30pm.

Tickets are \$12.50 each or \$10 for 20+

*Tickets are available at New Life Bookstore, First Central Bank, Sebnert's,  
McCook High School, and The McCook Chamber of Commerce.*

The UMC Youth Advisory Committee is helping sponsor  
the concert. Please come and support our community and  
enjoy some great Christian music!!

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# The Open Door

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world with  
**Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors**

Your Monthly Newsletter Provided by **Memorial United Methodist Church** of McCook, Nebraska

*"I believe in my heart that faith in Jesus Christ can  
and will lead us beyond an exclusive concern for the  
well-being of other human beings, to a broader concern  
for the well-being of the birds in our backyards, the  
fish in our rivers, and every living creature on the face  
of the earth." —John Wesley*



As the weather turns warmer and the grass  
grows greener, it's easier to understand the  
promise of new life and renewed hope that  
Christians proclaim as "Easter people." As we celebrate the Easter  
season, the 50 days after the Resurrection, we see reminders all around  
us. So be sure to keep an eye out on your next spring stroll.

The robin, a very common bird in the U.S., has a red breast and a  
legend to explain it. Seems that once a gray robin flew to Christ's crown  
of thorns to draw out a thorn, and when it did, a drop of Christ's blood  
fell on its breast, leaving a stain forevermore.

It takes lots of buzzing bees to spread the pollen and make flowers  
grow. The honey these creatures create is a biblical symbol of God's  
favor. The Old Testament agrees, for it describes God's promised land  
again and again as "flowing with milk and honey."

It is said the dogwood tree used to grow straight and tall, but after it  
was used as a crucifix for Christ, God made it short and twisted with a  
thin trunk so it could never be used as a cross again. The dogwood  
bloom has four parts, each with a rusty red color on the end and a  
small hole, a reminder of where the nails were driven into the cross.  
The center stamens look like the crown of thorns.

The traditions that developed around these spring symbols helped  
explain the concept that God in the flesh took on death and came back  
to tell us there is life on the other side. What fantastic news!

This spring, be a witness to the good news that Christ is risen.

**Pastor Jeff**

## Getting Connected

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\*\*In an effort to insure all our members are receiving the monthly newsletter, we have mailed one out to each family on our roster.

If you would prefer to receive this publication via email only, please email the Church Office at: [office@mccookumc.org](mailto:office@mccookumc.org) and we will be sure to update your information\*\*



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**If you have had a change of address or telephone, etc., please contact the Church Office so that your information can be updated.**

*If you have an event, article, or notice that you would like in our monthly newsletter, please email the information to the church office no later than **noon on the 3rd Friday of the month.** Weekly bulletin information is due **each Wednesday** to insure its posting.*

## Serving In Worship

### April Paraments— Julie Gillespie

#### April 22nd

##### 8:15am Service

Ushers.....Cal Siegfried  
Julie Siegfried  
Ushers.....Jane Shield  
Cindy Dame  
Greeters.....Otto Weigel  
Vicky Weigel  
Greeters.....Joanne Dueland  
Elda Youngs

Sound.....Dan Dueland

Powerpoint.....Dee Premier

Fellowship Host.....Eloise Farber

##### 10:30 am Service

Ushers.....Joe Gillespie  
Julie Gillespie  
Ushers.....Tucker Gillespie  
Reece Gillespie  
Greeters.....Doris Rupper  
Marilyn Goodenberger  
Greeters.....Art Skinner  
Nita Skinner  
Sound.....Chuck Trail

Transportation ....Todd Theiszen  
Shariel Theiszen

#### April 29th

##### 8:15am Service

Ushers.....Eugene Anderson  
Marilyn Anderson  
Ushers.....Bernard Hall  
Sue Hall  
Greeters.....John Stetzel  
Anna Stetzel  
Greeters.....Steve Keene  
Patty Keene

Sound.....Need Volunteer

Powerpoint.....Dee Premier

Fellowship Host.....Amy Kehler

##### 10:30 am Service

Ushers.....Dirk Gray  
Sandra Gray  
Ushers.....Ken Keslin  
Jessi Keslin  
Greeters.....Joel Gillespie  
Julie Gillespie  
Greeters.....Tucker Gillespie  
Reece Gillespie  
Sound.....Greg Wolford

Transportation.....Cal Siegfried  
Bill Fune



## Serving in Worship

### April 1st

#### 8:15am Service

Ushers..... Deb Wilcox  
Elsa Wilcox

Ushers.....Bruce Wilcox

Greeters.....Jane Shield  
Cindy Dame

Greeters.....Jim Ruff

Sound..... Dave Winder

Powerpoint.....Dee Premier

Fellowship Host..Joanne Dueland

#### 10:30 am Service

Ushers.....Dallas Talkington  
Bev Talkington

Ushers.....Steve Evans  
Christi Evans

Greeters.....Stephen Morell  
Brenda Morell

Greeters.....George Froman  
Charlotte Froman

Sound.....Greg Wolford

Transportation ....Todd Thieszen  
Shariel Thieszen

### April 8th

#### 8:15am Service

Ushers.....Dave Winder  
Terri Winder

Ushers.....Steve Keene  
Patty Keene

Greeters.....Eugene Anderson  
Marilyn Anderson

Greeters.....Dave Unger  
Pat Unger

Sound.....Dan Dueland

Powerpoint.....Dee Premier

Fellowship Host....Mary Dueland

#### 10:30 am Service

Ushers.....George Froman  
Charlotte Froman

Ushers.....Brian Loker  
Traci Loker

Greeters.....Dan Funk  
Marilyn Funk

Greeters.....Dirk Gray  
Sandra Gray

Sound.....Mel Holsten

Transportation .....Cal Siegfried  
Bill Fune

### April 15th

#### 8:15am Service

Ushers.....Tom Lentz  
Mika Lentz

Ushers.....Coleton Lentz  
Gracie Lentz

Greeters.....Grady Lentz  
Larry Rich

Greeters.....Janet Rich  
Dick Trail

Greeters.....Ann Trail  
Jeff Crick

Powerpoint.....Dee Premier

Fellowship Host Mary Jo Overton

#### 10:30 am Service

Ushers.....Verna Barnett  
Brenda McGuire

Ushers.....George Froman  
Charlotte Froman

Greeters.....LeaAnn Doak  
Marcie Doak

Greeters.....Collin Doak  
Aiden Doak

Sound.....Eric Olson

Transportation .....Clair Hanson  
Bill Marshall

## Meet Our New Nursery Attendant



I am Holly Grigg, the new nursery assistant for Sunday mornings. I am looking forward to caring for your children! I am a senior at McCook High School. You may have seen me at Brown's Shoe Fit as I work there part-time. I have enjoyed the teaching and fellowship of Dirk and Sandra Gray's WORD bible study each Wednesday night and am excited to give back to the church that has helped me grow spiritually this year! Please stop by the nursery this Sunday; I'd love to meet you!

*The Nursery is available for preschool and under aged children for both worship services. Simply ask your Usher and they will be more than happy to assist you.*

## Educational Opportunities

### Scholarship Applications Are Now Available

The Zola M. and Richard F. Hanthorn and Val Pullen Memorial Scholarship applications are now available at the church office. All graduating high school Seniors are eligible to apply. The applications are to be returned to the office **no later than April 10th**. Church office hours are Monday through Friday, 8-12pm and 1-3pm. If you cannot pick up the applications, please call Angie at 345-2445 and she can mail them to you.

### UMYF Senior Scholarship

The Youth Board at UMC is now accepting applications for the UMYF Senior Scholarship, which are available at the church office. All graduating high school Seniors are eligible to apply. The applications are to be returned to the office **no later than April 10th**. Church office hours are Monday through Friday, 8-12pm and 1-3pm. If you cannot pick up the applications, please call Angie at 345-2445 and she can mail them to you.



## Little Blessings Preschool



We had so much fun celebrating Dr Seuss' Birthday. We made a wocket for our pockets and Mr. Jeff Tidyman read "The ABC Book" to us. We learned letters U, V, & W this month.

The morning class is working hard on writing their names and the afternoon class started adding numbers this month.

We know that Jesus died for our sins and he rose from the dead on Easter morning. We are very thankful that Jesus loves us so much!

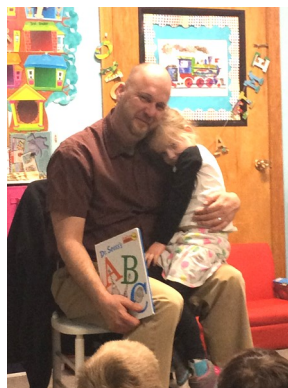
We are looking forward to our field day, April 26th at 10:45 am and 2:30 pm.

Our Open House will be May 7th 5:00-7:00 pm. If you are interested in enrolling your preschooler please come by the preschool or call us at 345-6335. We are excited to meet our students for next year!



Traci Wiemers, Teacher  
Staci Meyers, Assistant Teacher

Blessings,  
Traci



## Helping Hand Thrift Store

When volunteers were contacted in Cambridge, they came to the store with trailers and bags and sorted through the items we were sending on. They will then take the items to Grand Island where they will be distributed.



It is exciting to see so much of the cast off items we as "privileged citizens" have, put to use.

If we did not do what we do and the other resources didn't do what they do to get them to those in need, think of how full our landfills would be. Our donation room is full each week and we are able to put those items out to our community at a reasonable price. With what we sell these items for, we are able to pay multiple missions within our community and other areas.

We continue to thank you for your donations. As always, we have room for more volunteers!



## United Methodist Women

*If you would like more information on how you can help or become a part of this mission, please contact Kathy Eaton at 350-0512 Thank you for supporting UMW Missions!*



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**Open Monday –Saturday**

## APRIL NEWS

Spring is here and the Helping Hand Store is stocked with new spring and summer items!!! Easter items are now on display. We continue to get wonderful donations from around the area.

As you know, in the past we have had to use Goodwill to send on items we were unable to sell or when we had just too much to put out. We now have a new source to give to. Through a conversation with a customer in our store from Cambridge, we found we can give to the Orphan Grain Train. The Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies, and other needed items to people in 62 different countries, including the USA.



## Methodist Youth

*We are so blessed to have so many options for everyone to get involved in this church. Please feel free to come and help at any youth activities or class time you want. There are many ways for you to help with the youth. So please consider helping even if you can not help every week. We would be grateful for whatever time you would like to give.*



**Sunday School meets 9:30 - 10:15.** There is an adult class available at the same time. This serves as a great opportunity for our parents to be involved in an adult study while their children are in their own class.

**FaithWeavers meets 6:15 to 7:30 on Wednesday nights.** FaithWeavers is doing a community service project. We are helping to raise money for new furniture in the Alzheimer Unit at Hillcrest, to replace the worn out furniture in the commons area. The children have painted pictures that will be displayed around town and for sale. They have also brought money to donate towards the project.



**\*\*JOIN US ON EASTER AT 9AM FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!\*\***

## Summer Camps

Table In The Wilderness is gearing up your summer with:

**Jr. High Camp June 25-29, 2018**

(for ages 12-15)

and

**Jr. Adventure Camp July 8-12, 2018**

(for ages 8-12)

**To register, visit:** [www.twmcamp.net](http://www.twmcamp.net), download camper reg. form, mail to P.O. Box 151, Centennial, WY 82055 or email to: [twmcamp@gmail.com](mailto:twmcamp@gmail.com). Call (307)399-0907 for more info and registrations costs. Located at 38 Old State Hwy 130, Centennial, WY.



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Skits\* Campfires\* S'mores\* Frineds\* Music  
Bible Lessons & More!**



## UMYF In Action



Our ski trip to Snowy Range and Table in the Wilderness was a success! Other than a few minor issues, everyone had a great time of skiing, fellowship and worship. We had several first time skiers that enjoyed themselves and did a great job.

The sermon series over the 4 days was about WORSHIP. The 4 topics of the sermon and our discussion groups were:



- 1) We were created continuously outpouring worship
- 2) Worship is the submission of all our nature to God
- 3) God is the only being worthy of worship
- 4) Therefore, whatever you do, do it for the Lord.

## On Another Note:

In February of 2018, UMC purchased a new digital sound board for the sanctuary from our Endowment Fund. Jesse Stevens came over and gave a general course in its operation.

Our new board now allows us to have much better sound quality. Many positive comments have been made since we switched over **(No more speaker pops during worship:-)**



## From The Bishop

Received on March 13th, 2018



Dear Friends,

Your current associate pastor, Arun Peters, has been appointed to Banner-Brady UMC's, in the Gateway District. This appointment is effective July 1, 2018.

I extend my best wishes and prayer to you all during this transition of pastoral leadership for your congregation.

Grace and peace,  
Ruben Saenz



## Community Outreach

### Community Suppers

**Community Supper welcomes anyone who is in need of a meal, or would simply like some dining company.**

**We would welcome anyone who would like to volunteer to help in preparing the meal-anytime from 2:30-7pm.**

**Whatever works for you!  
Many opportunities to help**

**If you have any questions, or would like to give of your time to this mission, please call Marilyn Anderson at 308-350-0438**



*Warm food, warm company*



*Any help is welcome!*



*Deliveries being packed up for our homebound*

**We serve a hot meal every Thursday evening from 5:30-6:30pm in The United Methodist Fellowship Hall**

## UMYF In Action



We all had a great time skiing tougher, fellowshipping together, singing and worshipping together, and deepening our relationship with God.



Thank you all for supporting our youth so they are able to experience the Glory of God in many different ways.

**We are Messengers Concert is April 15th.**

**Groups of 20+ are \$10 per ticket.**

**The Youth Advisory Committee will cover youth tickets for grades 6th-12th. If you are interested in going to the concert, please call Sandra Gray at 737-0005**

**Our upcoming calendar is as follows:**

4/1 Easter - No Youth Group

4/8 Regular Lesson

4/15 Concert at City Auditorium

**\*\*Year End Party to be Announced\*\***

**Sunday Evening Youth group is now at 7:00 for both Junior and Senior High Students.**

# April 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 HAPPY EASTER!!!</b> 7am-Worship Service 9:00am-Sunday School 9:45am-Worship Service 	2	3	4 6:15pm-Faithweaver, FH 6:15pm-Confirmation, YC 6:15pm-BL4Y & WORD 7pm-Choir, S 7:30pm-WORD 8pm-Bell Choir, S	5 5:30pm-Community Supper, FH 5:30pm-FROG Class, FR 6:30pm-Trustees Mtg., L	6	7
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