

**WE ARE  
MESSENGERS**

**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, Sehnert'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!!**



# 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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# 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 Premer

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 Premer

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 Premer

Fellowship Host.....Joanne Dueiland

### 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 Dueiland

Powerpoint.....Dee Premer

Fellowship Host....Mary Dueiland

### 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  
Grady Lentz  
Greeters.....Larry Rich  
Janet Rich  
Greeters.....Dick Trail  
Ann Trail  
Sound.....Jeff Crick

Powerpoint.....Dee Premer

Fellowship Host Mary Jo Overton

### 10:30 am Service

Ushers.....Verna Barnett  
Brenda McGuire  
Ushers.....George Froman  
Charlotte Froman  
Greeters.....LeAnn 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.

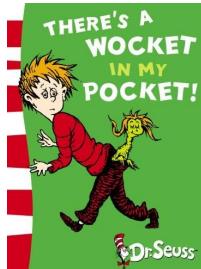
## Little Blessings Preschool



### 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!

## 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.

## Helping Hand Thrift Store

202 W 1st St, McCook, NE 69001

PH [\(308\) 345-7163](tel:(308)345-7163)

Open Monday –Saturday



## 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



Sharing the Gospel through building relationships.

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.

**River Float\* Climbing Wall\* Challenge Course  
Human Foosball\* Archery\* Disk Golf  
Skits\* Campfires\* S'mores\* Friends\* 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 together, 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</b> HAPPY EASTER!!! 7am-Worship Service 9:00am-Sunday School 9:45am-Worship Service  	2	3	<b>4</b> 6:15pm-Faithweaver, FH 6:15pm-Confirmation, YC 6:15pm-BL4Y & WORD 7pm-Choir, S 7:30pm-WORD 8pm-Bell Choir, S	<b>5</b> 5:30pm-Community Supper, FH 5:30pm-FROG Class, FR 6:30pm-Trustees Mtg., L	6	7
<b>8</b> 8:15am-Worship Service 9:30am-Sunday School 9:30am-Bible Study, FH 10:30am-Worship Service 5pm-Sign. Light Practice, S 7pm-Jr./Sr High Youth Group	<b>9</b> 1:30pm-Care Team, L 6:30pm-Ed. Meeting,L	<b>10</b> 5:30pm-FROG Class, FR	<b>11</b> 10am-Brookdale Communion 2:30pm-Hillcrest Communion 6:15pm-Faithweaver, FH 6:15pm-Confirmation, YC 6:15pm-BL4Y & WORD 7pm-Choir, S 7:30pm-WORD 8pm-AD Council, L	<b>12</b> 12:30pm-UMW Exec. Meeting, FR 1:30pm-UMW Meeting, FH 5:30pm-Community Supper, FH 5:30pm-FROG Class, FR	<b>13</b> 10am-Hillcrest Celebration	14
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