



# The Messenger

First United Methodist Church  
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7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
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### Times of worship —

Saturday Worship 6:00 pm  
Sunday Family Worship 10:30 am

### MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

#### Total attendance for services

Feb 22	6:00 pm	22
Feb 23	10:30 am	162
Mar 1	6:00 pm	no service
Mar 2	10:30 am	78

### Please Note:

Daylight Savings time  
begins March 8<sup>th</sup> –  
SPRING FORWARD!

Presented for Baptism:  
Mia Lynn Stitz, daughter  
of Brad & Kelly Stitz.



The Messenger items are due at the main desk by Monday prior to printing. Watch bulletins for additional activities.

**PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE**

*Next Messenger: Mar 17<sup>th</sup>*

### THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR BAILEY

**“Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love....” (Joel 2:13)**

There is a true story of a woman who said her life was going great. She had all she ever dreamed of: a great husband, wonderful children, living a life of her dreams.

But then she suddenly became very sick. After much testing she was put in the hospital. One night her doctor came into her room and said that her liver that had stopped functioning. She said, “Doctor, wait a minute. Are you telling me that I going to die?” And he said, “I can’t tell you anymore than your liver has stopped working. We’ve done everything to get it started again.” And he walked out.

She was weak and knew that she was dying. She made her way down to the chapel of the hospital. She wanted to tell God off - that he had been trying to pass himself off as a loving God, but when anyone just starts to get happy he pulls the rug out from under them.

But as she got down the center aisle of the chapel she tripped and fell and then looked up at the first step and saw these words: LORD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME A SINNER. God spoke to her at that very moment and said, “You know what this is all about. It’s about surrender. It’s about bringing you to that moment when you will surrender everything to me.” With her head bowed down on her folded arms she kept saying, “Lord, be merciful to me a sinner.” And right there she surrendered herself to God.

She made her way back to her room and the next morning, after the doctor ran the blood and other tests, he came to her room and said, “Your liver has started working again. We don’t know why. We don’t know why it stopped and we don’t know why it started up again.” But she knew in her heart that God had allowed it so she would turn her life over to Him!

The Lenten season is coming this month. It is a great time to “surrender all to Him”.

May God keep you in His perfect Peace, Pastor Dennis Bailey

### CONFIRMATION CLASS RETREAT –

The Confirmation Class will be going to **Des Moines** on the weekend of **March 8-9 for a ministry retreat**. The youth will be working at Hope Ministries where they will learn about homelessness and even help in the mission there. They will be joined by the youth from Aldersgate UMC and will stay overnight at that church. The youth will also be able to tour the Iowa Conference Center in Des Moines.

### COMMUNITY DATES –

- Lanesboro United Methodist Church Annual Roast Beef Dinner. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>. Adults \$9, Children 4–10, \$5, under 3 free.

### FUMC STAFF -----

Dennis Bailey, Pastor (790-4427)  
 Suzanne Oberding, Education Coordinator (792-1290)  
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 Jacki Montgomery, Music Director (792-6509)  
 Jason Bush, Youth Coordinator (792-2084)

### COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

This weekend: Pastor will be with the confirmation class on retreat - Gregg Hoaglund will lead the service on Saturday evening. Gwen Hoffmann will be preaching Sunday.

March 16 - John 1:10-13 & John 3:1-3  
“Born From Above”

Born again, born anew, born from above...all somewhat confusing terms of the Christian faith. Yet Jesus tells Nicodemus that we need to understand what it means to be “born again” and become “children of the Heavenly Father.”

### PASTOR TO HOLD LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Bailey will be conducting a Lenten Bible Study again this year on five **Sunday afternoons at 4 PM** during lent. The Bible studies will last around an hour in length and will be on the Letter of Paul to the Colossians. The study will **begin on March 16**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent. (Pastor will be on a retreat with the Confirmation Youth on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent.) **And it will go through April 13 which is Palm Sunday.**

You don’t have to be a Bible Scholar or to even have picked up the Bible for a while. Just come and enjoy the discussion, fellowship, and faith building. This letter is one of the most profound of all of Paul’s letters in the Bible.

**PERSONAL NEEDS CLOSET for Fairview Apartments –** During the month of March WEteam will be collecting: Shampoo, Conditioner and Hand or Body Lotion. Basket is in the overflow.

### MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT:

The congregation’s financial support for two of our college students, Brittany Holdsworth and Whitney Hoffmann, has been overwhelming. Now we ask for your prayer support as Brittany serves in the School for the deaf in Jamaica during her spring break in March and for Whitney as she teaches math in a primary school & volunteer in an orphanage in Tanzania (March 11-23).  
 Donations received for the teacher housing project at the Banyam Theological Seminary in Bambar, Nigeria, at our recent potato bar amounted to \$770. Thanks so very much. Total contributions to date are over \$1,000 toward our goal of \$3,000. During the month of March, is our annual Imagine No More Malaria project. What began as “Nothing But Nets” to purchase \$10 bed nets for families in Africa has expanded in to funding for immunizations and community education as well. The mission committee will chart our giving on the west wall at the back of the sanctuary.  
 The new pamphlets with the 2014 Rainbow Covenant selections are in the sanctuary pew hymnal racks and available from the church office.

### Lenten Study-Service Group

You’re invited to join us Wednesday nights during Lent for an exciting new adventure, discovery, and working together.

Join us in the Wilma Mohler Room at 7 p.m. Wednesday nights during the Lenten season to discover the connection of the Passover or Seder Meal the disciples were celebrating with Jesus when He instituted the Lord’s Supper or Communion. Besides learning these connections, the group would become a working, service group by taking what we learn and using that information to prepare a Maundy Thursday Seder Meal and Communion service to share with members of the congregation on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

After each short lesson (10–15 min) the participants will have the opportunity in smaller groups to learn and work on preparations for our upcoming Seder Meal. There will be cooking and baking going on in the kitchen with Jeremy Rierson and David Lynch, table preparation and artwork for decoration in Fellowship Hall with Christena Miller and program planning and music preparation in Wilma Mohler Room with David Wade & Clay Winterboer. In short there will be something for you to work on whatever your talents or interest.

**The first session is on March 12 at 7:00 p.m. (in the room off Fellowship Hall).**

**DO COME BE A PART OF THE ADVENTURE!**

**THE DIRECTORY-PICTURE BOOKS ARE HERE!!!** You may pick up your copy, (if you had your picture taken), at the office or after week end services, in the Overflow Room.

### COMMUNITY of CONCERN NEEDS:

: pancake syrup, shampoo & liquid soap, laundry soap & soda crackers.  
Items may be left in basket by the front desk.

OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 (noon) & 1:00 to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

**NOTE: Our Sunday services are now shown on Mediacom Channel 6 at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, 11:00 AM on Thursday and 5:00 PM on Saturday.**

**CALENDAR FOR MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**SATURDAY MAR 8**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS –  
SPRING FORWARD

Noon NA  
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

**SUNDAY MAR 9**

9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Family Worship  
3:00 p.m. **NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP**

3:00pm Boy Scouts

**MONDAY MAR 10**

5:00 p.m. TOPS

**TUESDAY MAR 11**

8:30 a.m. ALANON  
5:30 p.m. Mini-Methodists  
6:30 p.m. BoyScouts-Wolf & Bear  
7:00 p.m. Community Chorus rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY MAR 12**

4:30 p.m. Confirmation  
5:30 & 7:00 p.m. Youth meetings  
7:00 p.m. **CLAY'S LENTEN SERVICE**

**THURSDAY MAR 13**

5:30 p.m. Alanon  
7:00 p.m. NA  
7:30 p.m. Compassionate Friends

**SATURDAY MARCH 15**

8:30 a.m. Girl Scouts  
Noon NA  
6:00 p.m. Family Worship

**SUNDAY MAR 16**

9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Family Worship  
3:00-5:00p.m. Boy Scouts in Conf Rm  
3:00-5:00p.m. Girl Scouts in FH  
4:00 p.m. **PASTOR BAILEY'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY IN THE WILMA MOHLER ROOM**

**MONDAY MAR 17**

12:30 to 6:00pm Life Serve Bloodmobile  
4:00 p.m. German Club  
5:00 p.m. TOPS

**TUESDAY MAR 18**

8:30 a.m. Alanon  
11:00 a.m. **HEAVENLY BOUND BOOK CLUB AT QUEEN BEANS**  
7:00 p.m. Community Chorus rehearsal

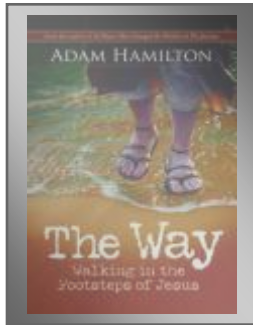
7:00 p.m. **HEAVENLY BOUND BOOK CLUB AT CHURCH**

**WEDNESDAY MAR 19**

3:30 p.m. U M Kids  
4:30 p.m. Confirmation  
5:30 & 7:00 p.m. Youth meetings  
7:00 p.m. **CLAY'S LENTEN SERVICE**

**THURSDAY MAR 6**

5:30 p.m. Alanon  
12:30 p.m. **HEAVENLY BOUND BOOK CLUB AT QUEEN BEANS**  
7:00 p.m. NA



**A New Adult Bible Study –**  
Sunday Mornings,  
March 9 – April 13  
9:15-10:15  
The Way is a DVD based Lenten Bible Study written by Adam Hamilton.

Class will be held in the classroom off of the elevator.  
Contact Suzi if you need Nursery care.  
Corresponding Book is available for \$10.00 but it is not necessary to have this to participate in the class.  
Contact Jason Bush if you would like to order one.  
Email at [kj\\_bush@msn.com](mailto:kj_bush@msn.com)  
Call/text to 830-7763.

The Heavenly Bound Book Club is inviting you to come join the discussion and the fun we have every month. March's date is **Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at Queen Beans**

**or** that Tuesday evening @ 7:00 at church **or** come the following Thursday (the 20th) at noon at Queen Beans.

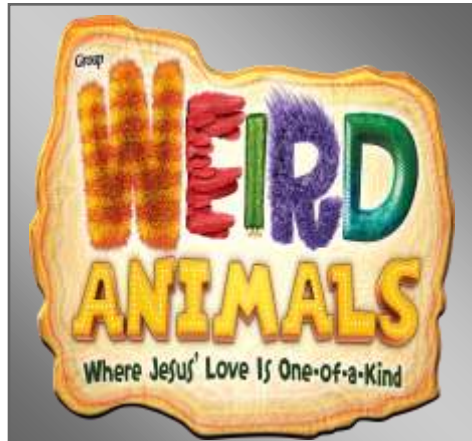
The Queen Beans Coffee Bar provides a private room and great food. It is Dutch treat.

The March book is Called *Mustard Seeds: Thoughts on the Nature of God and Faith* by Lynn Coulter.

Suzi will get copies from the Public Library so please see her to check them out.



Dear Campers and Families,  
Greetings from your Iowa United Methodist Camp and Retreat Team!  
This summer our theme is "Get Real, Finding Your True Self in Jesus." Each summer thousands of youth, families and adults participate in programming offered by Iowa UM Camps and each time a camper comes to one of our events, we are blessed to see a life impacted in a new way by Christ's love. Whether you attend Okoboji, Pictured Rocks or Wesley Woods, you will always find a highly-trained staff providing a safe, Christian environment where new experiences and friendships are made. Come to camp this summer for a life-changing adventure and to see what God has in store for you.  
In Christ's service, David Hobbs



Save the Date: VBS will be held **July 6<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup>**  
We are very excited about this program and want to make it a wonderful VBS. Please let Suzi know if you are interested in helping in any way. Also be watching for sign up for the children! Encourage your children to bring a friend!

**NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP IS GOING BOWLING ON SUNDAY MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> AT 3:00. MEET US AT THE BOWLING ALLEY AND ENJOY A GAME ON US! IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT LISA HONOLD OR SUZI OLBERDING. EVERYONE IS WELCOMED!**



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**WORSHIP**

**10:30 a.m. Sundays**

**6:00 p.m. Saturdays**