



The Messenger

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7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
& 1:00 to 5:00 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

Mar 8	6:00 pm	19
Mar 9	10:30 am	109
Mar 15	6:00 pm	14
Mar 15	10:30 am	135
Ash Wednesday		62

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 31st

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THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR BAILEY

“And Jesus said to all, if any person will to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.” (Luke 9:23)

There is a cost to following Jesus. Even though He is the best person to follow and will give us peace and rest for our soul, we must also take up our “cross” to follow Him.”

William Willimon, Christian author, says, “The story we are called to live and die by is one of risk confronted and death embraced. What’s more, Jesus calls us to walk the narrow way, take up a cross with Him daily. It’s risky business. Ask that bright company of martyrs who recklessly parted with goods, security, and life itself, preferring to be faithful in death rather than safe in life.”

Are you ready to give up your will to Him and let Him have control of your life? He may lead you in paths of adversity, in the way of stormy weather, and at times down roads that don’t make sense. You will be called to not be ashamed of Him if others ask about your identity with Christ and when you are asked who your master is, you will reply, “It is the Lord Jesus who I have given my life to.” You will not be ashamed to be His disciple.

During the season of Lent, it is my hope that each of us might actually decide to invite someone to church. Take this Lenten season as a challenge to stand up for the one we follow. Look at your colleagues, your family, your work place, your neighborhood, and your community and ask, “Are there those who are unchurched in my life who I can invite to church? Or are there those who used to come to our church and now haven’t that maybe I could invite back?”

Following Jesus means that we believe His way is the best and we want that for others. May God lead you to those whom you could invite!

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

COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

March 23rd - John 3:16-17 “For God So Loved The World”

We understand that salvation comes from our trusting in Jesus and “believing in His name”. Yet we need to hear the first part of this passage ...

“God so loved the world.” Do you know how much God loves you?

March 30th - John 4:7-15 “Never to be Thirsty Again”

Life in Jesus is one that gives us contentment and helps us to put aside the thirst for other things. The Samaritan woman wanted this in her life, because she thirsted spiritually. How do we find this water that quenches our spiritual thirst?

CONGRATULATIONS TO SUZI who just graduated from Lay Ministry School!



FLOWERS FOR EASTER: You may donate \$10 to help pay for flowers and at the same time give them in honor of, in memory of a loved one, or just because. **Plants this year will be some that can be set out in your garden later.** Leave information and \$ at the office or in the offering plates. **Thank you!**

Still time to join in Pastor Bailey’s Lenten Bible Study

Pastor Bailey is holding a Lenten Bible Study from 4 to 5 PM Sunday afternoons during Lent. The study will continue each Sunday through 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. The study will focus on the Letter of Paul to the Colossians. This letter is one of the most profound of all of Paul’s letters in the Bible.

Clay’s Lenten Study-Service Group

It is not too late to join the fun and learning at this gathering of the faithful, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Wilma Mohler Room at the church.

Besides learning the connections between the Passover Meal and the Lord’s Supper, the group will prepare a Maundy Thursday Seder Meal and Communion service to share with members of the congregation on April 17th.

After each short lesson (10-15 min) the participants have the opportunity in smaller groups to learn and work on preparations for the upcoming Seder Meal: 1.) Cooking and baking with Jeremy Rierson and David Lynch. 2.) Table preparation and artwork for decorating with Christena Miller. 3.) Program planning and music preparation with David Wade & Clay Winterboer. In short there will be something for you to work on whatever your talents or interest.

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 weekend 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.

METHODIST FRIENDS COFFEE -

9:30 A.M. (note time change) at Family Table **April 3.** Dutch Treat. Contact Sara Anderson if you need a ride. 792-4680

NEW ADDRESS: Norma Winchester, The Cedars #121, 600 N. Kennedy, Madrid, IA 50156

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.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA - Through the season of Lent we will have the opportunity to participate in INM. The United Methodist Imagine No Malaria initiative is part of our Global Ministry. Although insecticides are used, treated mosquito nets are still the most effective way to prevent malaria. The program now focuses on four key components: prevention, treatment, education and communication. You can learn more about each component by reading the information on the paper basketballs on the back wall of the Sanctuary. The balls chart our congregation’s donations to this cause through the Lenten season. All donations appreciated!! Be sure to mark them for Malaria.

MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT:

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BROUGHT ITEMS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY – 9 BOTTLES OF PANCAKE SYRUP, 2 BOXES PANCAKE MIX, 5 BOXES OF SALTINES, 6 JUGS OF LAUNDRY SOAP, 2 KLEENEX, 9 SHAMPOOS, 3 SOAPS, 2 DISH SOAPS. THEY WILL BE APPRECIATED!

The Prayer Supper Group is

asking if another couple would be interested in joining. This group will meet Sunday, March 30th at 5:30 p.m. RSVP to Nancy Bailey. If more than 1 couple (or 2 singles) sign up, we could start a second group – they could choose time, dates, etc. Groups could make it potluck, or however they want. No frills necessary – just a happy heart!

The **Walking Group** is meeting on Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. to walk the church.

This, or another group, could start outside now that it is getting warm, maybe at Swan Lake after work? Call Nina (1-5) at the church to sign up for new group or just come at 6:30 Tuesdays to join the **Church Walkers!**

We will start the **Prayer Pals Group** next Fall. In the meantime, you could choose a shut-in, or someone who is ill, or someone having a tough time to pray for. See you in the Fall!

“No Symptoms Required – Get Checked, Catch it & Survive” program at St. Anthony Education Center, Monday, March 24, 4- 5:30 p.m. Learn about colorectal cancer prevention & early detection. Sponsored by St. Anthony Hospital. **RSVP** to 712-794-5243 by Mar. 21st

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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 21ST THROUGH APRIL 3RD**

SATURDAY	MAR 22
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Worship Service
SUNDAY	MAR 23
9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Family Worship
4:00 p.m.	PASTOR BAILEY'S BIBLE STUDY
4-6 pm	United Church of Christ meeting
MONDAY	MAR 24
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
TUESDAY	MAR 25
8:30 a.m.	ALANON
6:30 p.m.	BoyScouts-Wolves & Bear
7:00 p.m.	Community Chorus rehearsal
WEDNESDAY	MAR 26
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30 & 7:00pm	Youth meetings
7:00 p.m.	CLAY'S LENTEN STUDY
7:00 p.m.	TRUSTEES
THURSDAY	MAR 27
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
7:30 p.m.	Compassionate Friends
SATURDAY	MARCH 29
8:30 a.m.	Girl Scouts
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Family Worship
SUNDAY	MAR 30
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
4:00 p.m.	PASTOR BAILEY'S LENTEN BIBLE STUDY
MONDAY	MAR 31
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
TUESDAY	APRIL 1
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	Community Chorus rehearsal
WEDNESDAY	APR 2
1:00 p.m.	UMW EXECS MEET
1:30 p.m.	UMW GENERAL MEETS Hostess: Sue & Wilma Program: Marge on Prayer and Self Denial
3:30 p.m.	U M Kids
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30 & 7:00pm	Youth meetings
7:00 p.m.	CLAY'S LENTEN STUDY
THURSDAY	APR 3
9:30 a.m.	METHODIST FRIENDS COFFEE AT THE FAMILY TABLE
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA

Parents: Watch for a letter from Suzi telling you about all the UM Kids things going on until the end of the year! It will keep you informed and up to date!



Every night hide an egg with a clue in it. You may give them clues about what color the egg is or where it is or just let your kids search for it. When the egg is found, use the contents to guess about the story for the night. After the story is identified, read it from the Bible (may be the story Bible depending on your child's age). After reading the story, discuss what the story teaches us about Jesus. Do you see a way that the lesson fits with Easter?

Day 12: Mini-Playdough...The Name of Jesus. Read the story of the Angel coming to Mary in Luke 1. Talk about what the name of Jesus means and the meanings of your own names. Write names with Playdough.

Day 11: Gold Fish...Divide them up and eat while you read how Jesus feeds the 5,000 from Matthew 14, Luke 9, or John 6.

Day 10: Picture of a storm and boat...Jesus calms the storm. Read in Matthew 8, Mark 4, or Luke 8 and talk about why this is so amazing.

Day 9: Blindfold...Jesus heals the blind man. Do a few activities with the blindfold on. Talk about how hard it would be to live that way and how you would feel if you were healed. Read about healing in John 9.

Day 8: Hand Sanitizer...Read the story of Jesus washing the feet of the disciples in John 13 and how he came to serve and not be served. Is this what the King of Kings do? Wash each other's feet.

Day 7: Smelly Lotion...Mary Magdalene pouring the perfume on Jesus' feet in John 12. Discuss how expensive this was for her and how big of a deal it was. Discuss other things that are important to us now and how we can give them as an offering to God.

Day 6: Money...Rich young ruler. Talk about what they would like to do with the money. Read the story Jesus tells of the ruler from Matthew 19 or Luke 12 and then Acts 20:35 when Jesus says it is better to give than receive. Now talk about what they would like to do with the money again.

Day 5: Tree from a farm set...Jesus visits Zacchaeus. Read the story in Luke 19. Talk about why people didn't like Zacchaeus back then and how cool it is that Jesus not only saw and acknowledge him, but wanted to spend time with his and how it changed the man's life. Talk about people they (or the world) haven't been noticing.

Day 4: Heart sticker...Jesus loved the little children. Read the story in Mark 10. Talk about adults that obviously love children. How do they show it? How do you think Jesus showed it? How are we showing Christ love?

Day 3: Sour gum/candy...Jesus Wept. Read the story of Jesus healing Lazarus in John 11. Talk about how Jesus was a real person with real emotions like us. Note that he was sad but never lost hope. Talk about the times when we feel sad, hurt, scared and how awesome it is to have hope like Jesus and God hears our prayers.

Day 2: Crayons and Paper...Jesus Died for Us. Read the story of the crucifixion in Matthew 27, Luke 23 or John 19 and talk about how must have felt to love Jesus and be there that day and how it might have felt for those who didn't love Jesus but saw what happened. Write the word that you feel on the piece of paper and put it inside the egg for the next day. Bury the egg somewhere nearby.

Day 1: the egg is empty...He has RISEN! Go find the egg (which has now been unearthed, broken open and is empty. Read the story in Matthew 28, Mark 16 or John. Talk about how God gave us the most special gift ever when he gave us Jesus.

The Heavenly Bound Book Club is inviting you to come join the discussion and the fun we have every month. April's date is **Tuesday the 15th at 11:00 AM at Queen Beans or come Thursday (the 17th) at noon at Queen Beans.** The Queen Beans Coffee Bar provides a private room and great food. It is Dutch treat.

The April book is Called *Grace* by Max Lucado. "Do you worry that you've written too many checks on God's kindness account? Do you drag regrets like a broken bumper? Do you huff and puff more than you delight and rest? If so, then I have a word for you." Max Lucado invites.

"Grace."



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WORSHIP

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

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