



The Messenger

First United Methodist Church
of Carroll, IA 51401

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OFFICE HOURS:
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

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Jason Bush, Youth Coordinator (792-2084)

MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

Total attendance for services
Nov 9 & 10 6:00 p.m. 16
10:30 a.m. 175
Nov. 16 & 17 6:00 p.m. 13
10:30 a.m. 140

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: Dec 2nd

COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

November 24 I Thessalonians 5: 16-18
"Giving Thanks in All Circumstances"

Scripture talks about thanksgiving as a vow that we pay to the Lord. We are called to give thanks to God in all circumstances. Remembering to praise God at all times may be one of the spiritual lessons we need to learn most.

DECEMBER 1 Matthew 3: 1-6

"Getting Ready for Christmas"

Communion and First Sunday in Advent.

As we begin with the Advent Season we hear the story of John the baptizer. He is calling for repentance for all of us as we come to get ready to "receive the King".

Remember all are invited to come to the Friends Breakfast, Dec 5th, 9:00 AM at the Family Table. Dutch treat. Call Marsha Nuckels (792-9217) or Sara Anderson (792-4680)



- Darlene Jensen, broken shoulder and pelvis, Carroll Health Center
- Connie Petersen, medical issues
- Marilyn Holdsworth, heart issues
- Leigh Davis, in St. Anthony
- Rosemary Nieswanger

FOOD PANTRY----

Throughout the month of November boxes will be provided at the back of the sanctuary & in the entryway for you to drop off your donations for the local Community of Concern Food Pantry.

Items needed most are: **pancake syrup, pancake mix, cranberry sauce, packaged potato mixes, tuna and tuna helper packages, toilet paper and Kleenex, shampoo and liquid soaps, laundry soaps.** October food calls numbered 194 persons in 77 households. We are anticipating further increases with the federal cut in food stamps.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- *To our youth that gave such outstanding performances in the CHS musical. They were: Callie Baack, Trevor Caltrider, Sarah Sweeney, Haste Walsh. (and pianist, Nancy Davis)
- *To Randy & Cindy Krauel on their 40th anniversary
- *HAPPY 85TH BIRTHDAY to Doris Hambleton. Birthday Blessings...

THOUGHTS FOR THIS WEEK--

Thankfulness

"What have I to be thankful for?"
We're sometimes heard to say.
Maybe we need to contemplate
On what we're given each day.

A new day dawns, our slate wiped clean,
So we can start anew.
A new beginning every day,
To see what we can do.

We have the chance to change the lives
Of friends both old and new.
To make the world a better place
By what we say and do.

God gives us love that we can share,
If we but hold it out;
To those less fortunate than we;
That's what love's all about.

We have the eyes to see what's wrong,
The strength to make it right.
The ears to hear a brother's cry,
That echoes through the night.

We have a heart that feels the pain
Of others in their woe.
The hands to hold them close to us,
And point the way to go.

These are just a few of the things
We should be thankful for.
The keys that God has given us,
To open any door.

What have I to be thankful for?
What has God given me?
The promise of life eternal;
His gift to set me free.

By Rebecca Tipton

WE Team will take Fruit Bags to Fairview Apts. on Dec. 18th @ 5:00 p.m. All donations of bananas, apples, oranges, Quaker Bars or candy canes would be appreciated. We will bag them at 9:30 a.m. Donations, or help bagging or delivering would be appreciated!
HELPING HANDS NEEDED
to decorate the new tree in the entry...on Nov. 25th. (Mon. before Thanksgiving) at 9:30. Help would be wonderful!!!

INGATHERING REPORT ---

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

Because of your generous giving of both items for the Thanksgiving Ingathering kits and monetary donations, the Mission Committee was able to pack **100 school kits, 80 lavette kits and 50 health kits.** The cash (for shipping) and in-kind (value of the kits) together made our church's contribution **\$3,378.** A special thanks goes to the gals that cut & sewed the 100 school bags; Kelly Fischbach, Beth Rowles, Donna Evans, Sue Van Dyke and Kas Clausen. Thanks also to the youth for helping the committee members pack the kits and delivering them to the Ingathering site. Carol Winterboer

THANKS to:

- C.J. Niles for loaning us some of the beautiful Fall decorations. They are now on the altar.
- To Mike Davis for all the time and energy he puts into keeping the church and parking lot in order (how many walnuts have you cleaned up, Mike???)
- To Michelle and Verona who accepted the Recognition award from New Hope for the church's help on Soup Day etc. through the years.
- My sincerest thanks to all my church family for prayer, visits, flowers, cards & food during my illness.
Marilyn Holdsworth
- Cindy Krauel would like to **THANK** everyone for cards, calls, & prayers after her knee surgery

AT OUR CHURCH
Dec. 2, 7:00 p.m.
The Brian Hanson 2013 Piano & Comedy Christmas Tour.
Many of you will remember his concert here a few months ago and enjoyed it so much he is coming back! Tell your friends & bring the family!!!! A love offering will be received.

COMING EVENTS @ St. Anthony Hospital

Nov. 25 Books are Fun, 9 – 4:30
Nov. 27 Bake Sale, 8:00 a.m.
Dec. 6 Scentsy, 9 – 3
Dec. 6 Mittens with a Mission (mittens made from recycled sweaters)
Dec. 8 12 – 4 Tour of Homes

2013 GREAT HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE sponsored by Carroll Broadcasting & New Opportunities
November 21, 11– 6:00 Kmart parking lot. Cereal, boxed items, peanut butter, toiletry items, laundry soap, paper goods. Thank you for helping this Holiday Season.

POINSETTIAS for Christmas – if you would like to donate in memory or in honor of a loved one or just because, please notify the office (1122). They are \$10.

REMINDER – as the year draws to a close we would like to remind you of your pledges and giving for 2013. The books will be closed on Dec. 29th so we ask that you have your monies in by then. Thank you!

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 Monday through Friday on Mediacom CH. 6 at 1:00 and on WIN Ch. 36 Thursdays at 4 PM & Fridays at 9 PM

The Calendar

SATURDAY	November 23
8:30 – 12:00	Girl Scouts
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Family Worship
SUNDAY	November 24
9:15 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
2:00 p.m.	Family Worship
MONDAY	November 25
4:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
5:30 p.m.	German Club
5:30 p.m.	TOPS
7:00 p.m.	Education meeting
TUESDAY	November 26
8:30 a.m.	Habitat for Humanity
6:00 p.m.	Alanon
6:00 p.m.	Tiger Scouts
WEDNESDAY	November 27
	No Youth Activities
THURSDAY	November 28
Thanksgiving	Office Closed
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
FRIDAY	November 29
	Office Closed
SATURDAY	November 30
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Family Worship
SUNDAY	December 1
9:15 a.m.	Communion
9:15 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	Family Worship
11:30 a.m.	Communion
	New Life Fellowship
	Potluck and Caroling
	At Nursing Homes
2:00 p.m.	Dedication for the
	Habitat for
	Humanity House



Mark Your Calendars now!!!
 Children's Christmas Program will be held on December 8th during the 10:30 worship service. Parts have been handed out in Sunday School. Please let me know if your child didn't get a part, would like one, or if you are unable to do the one assigned to you. Youth (Jr High and High School) will be asked if they would like to have a part and will have an opportunity to do something if they would like. Please contact Suzi if you have any questions!

New Life Fellowship will be going Caroling on Sunday December 1st to the different nursing homes in Carroll. We will have a potluck dinner with hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and drinks provided. After the meal we will caravan to 3 different nursing homes in town. Everyone is welcomed!



 Pictures are complete and we are currently putting together the directory. If you missed getting your picture taken and are submitting your own photo please make sure these are turned into Suzi by November 26th.


 **A BIG SHOUT OUT TO**
 Those who got 100% on their 3rd Grade Bible Test

Miles Bogue
 Haley Bush
 Avery Haakenson
 Ethan Olberding
 Madeline Parrott

Youth Corner - We had a wonderful time bowling on Wednesday, Nov. 6th. Most all of the kids agreed that Wii bowling is much easier than the real thing, but the real thing is much more fun! Thanks to all of the parents that helped bring the kids out to the bowling alley. We are looking at trying to go roller skating sometime early next spring and would love to have some more parents help with taking the youth over to Jefferson. More details to follow.

We will not have youth group on Wednesday Nov. 27th due to Thanksgiving. We are going to the Swan House on Dec. 11th to decorate Christmas cookies and sing Christmas carols with the residents. We will have our Christmas party on Wednesday Dec. 18th where we will watch a Christmas movie together.

Dec. 2nd is when I have asked for Youth Strike forms to be turned in to the church with a small deposit. This will be a blast and I would love to see our entire group attend. It is a life changing event that allows these kids to get away from their busy lives for a weekend and grow closer to God. Please contact me with any questions.
 God Bless, Jason

 **Books & BREW**

The Heavenly Bound Book Club

is inviting you to come join the discussion and the fun we have every month. **December's date is Tuesday the 17th at 11:00 AM at Queen Beans or come the following Thursday (the 19th) at noon at Queen Beans.** The Queen Beans Coffee Bar provides a private room and great food. It is Dutch treat. December's book is **Christmas Jars** by Jason F. Wright.

Hope Jensen is a young, single woman and an aspiring newspaper writer, and when she receives a much needed but anonymous Christmas gift, she's determined to find her benefactor. That search leads her to an unusual family with a longstanding Christmas tradition. Sensing a front-page feature article, Hope desperately wants to publish their story, but doing so would be a breach of trust. What she decides to do will change her life forever.

Destined to become a classic Christmas tale, *Christmas Jars* is a heartwarming story that will restore your faith in mankind and makes you want to start your own Christmas Jar tradition. *Christmas Jars* is a very short read that received 4.7 out of 5 stars on Amazon.com.

Feel free to join us for discussion even if you didn't have a chance to read or finish the book.

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WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.
Sundays

6:00 p.m.
Saturdays