



The Messenger

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Times of worship -

- Saturday Worship 6:00 pm
- Sunday School 9:15 am
- Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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

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Next Messenger: March 2nd

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PASTOR'S LENTEN STUDY COMING

During the Sundays of Lent Pastor Bailey will be holding Lenten Studies on Sunday afternoons from 4 – 5 p.m. starting this Sunday, February 22nd, and running through Palm Sunday March 29th.

The Study is called "The God We Can Know". We will explore the "I Am" saying of Jesus in the Bible. Our time together will include a video presentation, group discussion, and questions and answers. This is an excellent way to strengthen your knowledge of the Bible and your faith in God. Come and join us this Sunday!



"Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping and with mourning." (Joel 2:12)

In one of the coal mines of the north the top of the pit fell in while a considerable number of miners were down below, and the shaft was completely blocked. Those who were in the mine gathered together at spot where the last remains of air could be breathed.

They sat and sang and prayed after the lights had gone out because the air was unable to support the flame. They were in total darkness, but a gleam of hope cheered them when one of them said he had heard that there was a connection between this pit and the old pit which had been worked years ago. He said it was a long passage that a man might get through by crawling all the way, lying flat upon the ground.

The passage was very long, but they crept through it, and at last they came out to light at the bottom of the other shaft, and their lives were saved.

In the next 6 weeks we will be in the season of Lent in our church calendar. This is a season of being honest with our relationship with God. In may mean a time of "returning" to the Lord in our lives.

This can be done in many ways. It might mean more times of worship, prayer, scripture reading, or taking part in study groups. These will all be offered in our church and God will call you to a deeper walk with Him.

But in your seeking a deeper walk with God it will mean that we, like the miners who were helpless in the mine, will need to come to God bowing our face, knowing our desperate need for Him, and humbly asking for His help. Then, and only then, will we be able to come out into the light.

May God lead you in His Love,
His perfect Peace.
 - Pastor Dennis Bailey -

COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday 6:30 p.m.

Matthew 5:1-6 "Knowing Our Need for God"

Come and worship together on this Ash Wednesday as we begin the season of Lent. Our worship will be a time of special time of centering on our need for God in our lives.

Feb. 22 Mark 8:27-30 "Making It Personal"

Jesus comes into our lives as a very personal Savior, Deliverer, Guide and Friend. The question he asks of each of us is "Who do you say that I am?" Do you know Jesus personally?

March 1 John 6:28-35 "I Am the Bread of Life"

During the season of Lent we will be looking at the "I Am" sayings of Jesus. This Sunday we look at Jesus' promise that He is "Bread of Life". He is our sustenance and according to Jesus we can only receive it by faith. He will give us what we need to be satisfied.

March 8 Pastor Bailey will be gone for his granddaughter's baptism in Des Moines

Clay Winterboer will speak on the "State of the Church Report" and draw comparisons to Haggai and the rebuilding of the temple.

THANK YOU to my Church family and friends - I want to thank all of you for your thoughts, prayers and cards while I was in the hospital and home recuperating after my knee replacements. I'm still sore but getting along well. Also, I'd like to give the WEteam a special thanks for the delicious chicken noodle soup and to Kay Chambers for delivering it. Also thank you so much to Pastor Bailey for the prayers and hospital visits both in Des Moines and Carroll. We are very blessed to have such a compassionate, sincere and talented pastor leading our church! Blessing to all of you!

Myrna Drees

Coming Calendar Dates FYI ---

- > March 15 - Special music by Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen
- > March 22 - Potato Bar served by the Mission Commission after 10:30 service. March is also 'No Malaria' month.

OUR PRAYERS FOR -



Norman England
 Leigh Davis
 Charlotte Bunker
 Sue Prior

PRESENTED FOR BAPTISM

On February 14 -

Maren Kristine DeVolder, daughter of Ross & Jodi (Siebrecht) DeVolder and

Case Robert Burgett, son of Josh & Jenny (Siebrecht) Burgett.

On February 15 -

Ellie Bailey and Drew McKillop, twins of Dave & Ann Slechta.



The UNITED METHODIST WOMEN will have its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, Mar. 4th, at 1:30 P.M. in the Wilma Mohler Room. Darlene Johnson will give the program. Hostesses will be Marsha Nuckels and Sue Van Dyke. All members and other women of the church will be welcome.

Theme for the year:
 Welcomed by God;
 Welcoming All.



COMMUNITY OF CONCERN NEEDS

--- Cleaning supplies are the current need at the Community of Concerns. Window cleaner, floor care products and kitchen and bathroom cleaners are suggested. These items as well as food products can be placed in the grocery cart in the east entry to the church.

Attendance Record

Feb. 7 26
 Feb. 8 93
 Feb. 14 40
 Feb. 15 108

February 22 - (THIS Sunday!) WEteam will host a "Remember Summer?" Picnic after 10:30 worship in Fellowship Hall. Menu: Barbequed pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, potato salad and ice cream. Bring the family!



EASTER PLANTS - If you would like to donate \$10.00 for a spring plant in memory of, or to honor someone, or just because, let Verona or Nina know.

A new wrinkle might be to donate for a shut-in or nursing home resident and then deliver the plant to them after Easter services. That would bring lots of smiles!

PRAYER TREE - There will be a tree in the overflow area of the sanctuary for you to write what your prayer might be for Lent. Perhaps you are praying for the ill, for the homeless, or for a family member, etc. No name required. It could be your Lenten goal or a new insight you've gained. Hang it on the tree, just like Jesus did for us.

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 Feb 17th – March 5th, 2015

THURSDAY 5:30 p.m. Noon	Feb. 19 Boy's Town Parenting Class Heavenly Bound Book Club at Queen Beans
5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Alanon NA
FRIDAY 10:00 a.m.	Feb. 20 MOM's Playtime
SATURDAY Noon	Feb. 21 NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
SUNDAY 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Feb. 22 Sunday School for all Ages Sunday Worship Remember Summer? Picnic By WeTeam in Fellowship Hall Pastor's Lenten Study
4 – 5 p.m.	
MONDAY 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Feb. 23 German Club TOPS PA
TUESDAY 6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Feb. 24 Prayer Walkers Alanon
6 – 8 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Alpha Community Chorus Practice
WEDNESDAY 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Feb. 25 Confirmation Jr. High Youth Youth Meal Sr. High Youth
THURSDAY 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Feb. 26 Boy's Town Parenting Class Alanon NA
FRIDAY 10:00 a.m.	Feb. 27 MOM's Playtime
SATURDAY Noon	Feb. 28 NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
SUNDAY 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 4 – 5 p.m.	Mar. 1 Sunday School for all Ages Sunday Worship Pastor's Lenten Study
MONDAY 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 2 TOPS PA
TUESDAY 6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m.	Mar. 3 Prayer Walkers Alanon
6 – 8 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Alpha Community Chorus Practice
WEDNESDAY 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 4 UMW Executive Board UMW Meeting (see front page) UM Kids Confirmation Jr. High Youth Youth Meal Sr. High Youth
THURSDAY 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mar. 5 Alanon NA



Summer Camp

Join us for the Best. Week. Ever!
2015 Iowa UMC summer camp fun is on the way!

Iowa United Methodist Camps and Retreats have impacted thousands of lives over the years with the same marked purpose: to share the love of Jesus Christ so lives are changed.

This year we rejoice and commemorate a wonderful milestone—our Iowa United Methodist Okobojo Camp and Retreat Center Celebrates 100 years of programming. Okobojo's very first camp meeting was held in 1915. In the late 1950's Camp Wesley Woods was established near Indianola and not too long after came Camp Pictured Rocks which was established in the early 1960's. Today we honor three vibrant ministry settings that glorify God by sharing in God's beautiful, sacred creation. 100 years later we are still celebrating our programming when last year approximately 21,000 visitors participated in our ministries.

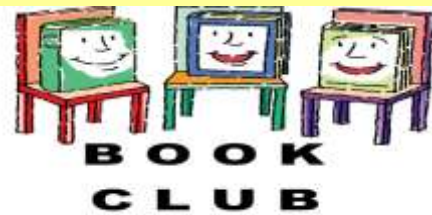
Our catchy theme this summer is 'The Best Week Ever' and we really believe it will be. This theme will highlight the work of God's Holy Spirit in all of our lives. God's Holy Spirit has always been at work in and through God's creation and most importantly through you and me. We welcome you to experience firsthand this awesome gift of the Holy Spirit! Not only is there a lot of fun such as horseback riding, fishing, swimming, caving and rock climbing (just to name a few), but there will be many opportunities to share in amazing Worship, reflections and devotional time.

By: David Hobbs
LDM for Camping and Christian Formation

Pick up a Camp Book at the front desk and please talk to Suzi about camperships to make sure anyone who would like to go to camp has the opportunity!



Mark your Calendars!!!!
VBS will be July 5-9, 2015
Please contact Suzi if you would like to help.
Watch for sign up!



The **Heavenly Bound Book Club** is inviting you to come join the discussion and the fun we have every month. **The March date is Tuesday the 17th at 11:00 AM at Queen Beans or come Thursday (the 19th) 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 Burning Sky by Lori Benton.

Burning Sky a big winner with the Christy Awards (Awards for Christian Fiction Books) in 2014 winning in the categories of: Book of the Year, First Novel, and Historical.

Abducted by Mohawk Indians at fourteen and renamed Burning Sky, Willa Obenchain is driven to return to her family's New York frontier homestead after many years building a life with the People. At the boundary of her father's property, Willa discovers a wounded Scotsman lying in her path. Feeling obliged to nurse his injuries, the two quickly find much has changed during her twelve-year absence—her childhood home is in disrepair, her missing parents are rumored to be Tories, and the young Richard Waring she once admired is now grown into a man twisted by the horrors of war and claiming ownership of the Obenchain land.

When her Mohawk brother arrives and questions her place in the white world, the cultural divide blurs Willa's vision. Can she follow Tames-His-Horse back to the People now that she is no longer Burning Sky? And what about Neil MacGregor, the kind and loyal botanist who does not fit in her plan for a solitary life, yet is now helping her revive her farm? In the aftermath of the Revolutionary War, strong feelings against "savages" abound in the nearby village of Shiloh, leaving Willa's safety unsure.

Willa is a woman caught between two worlds. As tensions rise, challenging her shielded heart, the woman called Burning Sky must find a new courage—the courage to again risk embracing the blessings the Almighty wants to bestow, and answer the question, "am I brave enough to love again?"

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WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.
Sundays

6:00 p.m.
Saturdays

