

He is Risen!

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Next Messenger:
March 28th

Times of worship –

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

Easter
Sunrise
Service
7:00 a.m.

Thoughts from Pastor Dennis Bailey ---

"O Victory in Jesus, my Savior forever! He sought me and bought me with His redeeming blood..." (UM Hymn # 370)

At the "Battle of Waterloo" in 1815 Napoleon Bonaparte was fighting against the Allies of England. The people were waiting to see how their commander, the Duke of Wellington, would do against the French. They depended on a system of signals coming from the tower of the Winchester Cathedral to let them know.

Late in the day the signal flashed: "Wellington Defeated". Then at that very moment the English fog clouds made it impossible to read. But the news of defeat spread quickly through the land. Sadness and gloom hung heavy upon the English people. Suddenly the fog lifted and the message came as four words not two: "Wellington Defeated the Enemy!" Sorrow turned to joy and defeat had turned to victory. What was once thought bad was good.

When Jesus was crucified and laid in the tomb on that first "Good Friday" hope had died even in the hearts of the disciples. But they had read only part of the message. Then on that first Easter morning the full message came: God is an overcoming God. He alone defeats fear, sin, and death.

And that is still the message today for you and me in every area and circumstance of our life. Victory in Jesus, our Savior forever!

May God be with you, Pastor Dennis Bailey

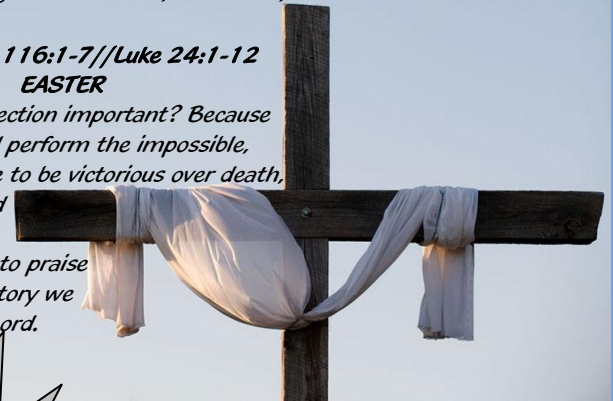
Coming Worship Services ---

Mar. 20 Psalm 118:20-29///Luke 19:28-40
"The Triumphant Entry" PALM SUNDAY

There is a sense of victory on the Sunday of Palms. We come to hear the scripture of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and to see the procession of palms. Yet we know what is to come...pain, sacrifice, torture, and a cross. Yet there is victory through this offering of Jesus. There is victory in sacrifice. There is victory in suffering. There is victory in humility.

Mar. 27 Psalm 116:1-7//Luke 24:1-12
"He Lives" EASTER

Why is the resurrection important? Because not only does God perform the impossible, but He also is able to be victorious over death, darkness, evil, and hatred. Let us come on this day to praise God for all the victory we find in the risen Lord.



Don't miss out on our Good Friday quiet time in our Sanctuary and our services on Sunday!

Easter Worship Services ---

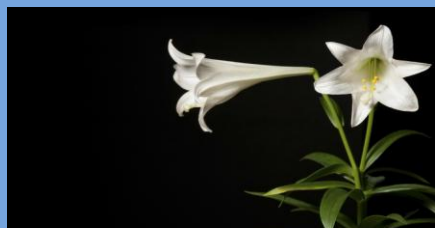
On Easter weekend, Saturday & Sunday, March 26-27th our worship services will be at their usual times: Saturday night at 6 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Plus we will be offering an Easter Sunrise Service of worship at 7:00 a.m. Sunday. This service will be led by the Confirmation Youth of our church and will be an inspiration.

Easter Flower Donations ---

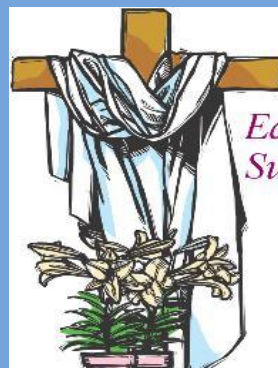
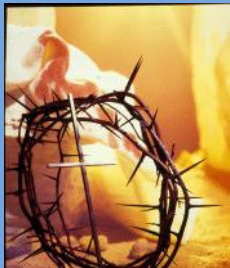
Donations are now being accepted for the Easter Flowers for our altar. You may make your donation in memory of or in honor of a loved one, or maybe just because...

Flowers donations are \$10.00 this year and after Easter's Sunday service you may take home a plant for each donation made.



Good Friday - A Day of Communion with God ---

On Good Friday March 25th from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., you will have an opportunity to come to our church Sanctuary, at your convenience, and take Communion, read a devotion, and have private prayer. Come any time. This can be a personal time of renewal.



Easter
Sunday Services

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 Wednesday at 8 A.M., Thursday at 11A.M., Saturday at 5 P.M.
 Look for our sermons on our website: carrollunitedmethodist.org & on Livestream

Calendar for March 15th – 31st ---

TUESDAY Mar. 15
 11:00 a.m. Heavenly Bound Book Club at Queen Beans
 11:00 a.m. Devotions at Hawkeye Health Center
 7:00 p.m. Community Chorus Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY Mar. 16
 10:30 a.m. Devotions at Swan Place
 3:30-5:00 UM Kids
 4:30-5:30 Confirmation
 5:30-8:00 p.m. Youth meetings
 7:00 p.m. Trustees

THURSDAY Mar. 17
 Noon Heavenly Bound Book Club at Queen Beans
 3:00 p.m. Cookies for Shut-ins & others

FRIDAY Mar. 18
Confirmation Retreat
 meet at church at 8 a.m.

SATURDAY Mar. 19
Confirmation Retreat – Back around 4 p.m.
 6:00 p.m. Saturday Worship

SUNDAY Mar. 20 - Palm Sunday
Begins Holy Week
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Choir
 3:00 p.m. Community Chorus Cantata
 4:00 p.m. Pastor's Lenten Study
 6:00-7:00 4H

MONDAY Mar. 21
 12:30-5:15 LifeServe Blood Drive
 4:00 p.m. German Club
 4:30 p.m. TOPS

TUESDAY Mar. 22
 11:00 a.m. Devotions at Hawkeye Care Center
 7:00 p.m. Alpha for Bible Study Class at Orchard View

WEDNESDAY Mar. 23
 3:30-5:00 p.m. UM Kids go swimming
 4:30-5:30 p.m. Confirmation
 5:30-8:00 p.m. Youth meetings

THURSDAY Mar. 24
 No School

FRIDAY Mar. 25 Good Friday
 7a.m. – 7p.m. Day of Prayer in our Sanctuary: Pray, reflect, receive Communion

SATURDAY Mar. 26 – Easter Vigil
 8:30 a.m.-Noon Girls Scouts Troop 458
 6:00 p.m. Saturday Worship

SUNDAY Mar. 27 - Easter
 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship –Bells & Choir

MONDAY Mar. 28
Newsletter Articles Due
 4:30 p.m. TOPS

TUESDAY Mar. 29
 11:00 a.m. Devotions at Hawkeye Care Center

WEDNESDAY Mar. 30
 3:30-5:00 p.m. UM Kids
 4:30-5:30 p.m. Confirmation
 5:30-8:00 p.m. Youth meetings
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

THURSDAY Mar. 31

Cookies to Shut-ins & Others ---

This Thursday, March 17th – Donations of cookies of all types or candies are welcome. WEteam will be putting together the plates at 3:00 and deliver after that. You could bring cookies and/or help deliver... You will be bringing lots of smiles!



Carroll Community Chorus ...

presents the cantata "Who is this King? Royal Servant...Rejected Friend...Risen Christ!" on Sunday, March 20th at 3:00 here at our church. There will be a repeat performance on Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 p.m. at the Wheatland Presbyterian Church.



Confirmation Youth Go On Retreat

The Confirmation Class of 7th graders will be going on a retreat the weekend of March 18-19 to Des Moines. It will be chance for them to experience working together in two mission projects: Bidwell-Riverside - an outreach to poor and needy families in the area and Hope Ministries that works with the homeless.

The youth will also have a chance to experience the Iowa UM Conference Center and see where the Bishop and the cabinet do their work. They will have a tour of the facility and get to know our United Methodist history.

Those going on the retreat are: Hannah Bush, Erin Olberding, Ty Nissen, Jack Troutman, Kenzie Honold, and Laura Sweeney.

Could you help? ---

FUNERAL WORKERS NEEDED --- If you have not been called in the last six months and would like to help serve Funeral Dinners, please call Sara at 830-2492.

Attendance ---

Mar. 5 – 14 Mar. 6 - 118
Mar. 12 - 17 Mar. 13 - 116

Cards of Thanks ---

Thanks you, Rev. Bailey for your visit and prayer. Thanks for everyone for your cards and prayers. Thanks to the WEteam for the delicious soup. I'm well on my way to a complete recovery and hope to see all of you real soon...Dave Hopper

To our Church Family,
 Thank you for all your cards, phone calls, prayers & comforting words of sympathy. All were deeply appreciated.
 Norm and Sue England



Books to Donate ---

Do you have **adult** books, hardcover or soft, that you would be willing to donate to the Fairview Apt. Free Little Lending Library? We even have had a request for romance novels! Thanks from WEteam...

Mark your Calendars ---

St. Johns' Lutheran Church will host a free meal on Wed., April 13th.

Did you know the **Community of Concern Food Pantry** has moved to 322 West 3rd St.? That is near Denny's. Their hours are still M-F 8:00-11:30 a.m.

The **Hospital Auxiliary** will be having a Good Friday Bake Sale on March 25th 8 a.m. while supplies last. They will have a book sale (and other things) on April 4th 10-5 and April 5th, 7-2.

Holy Family Catholic Church, Lidderdale, will be hosting a Pork Chop Supper featuring pork chops by the Lidderdale Country Store, on Sunday, March 20th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Swan Place will be having a Senior Soup supper on March 22, 5:30-7:00 p.m. It will be free to area Seniors. RSVP to Cindy at 712-792-6974.

LifeServe will be at our church on Monday, March 21st, from 12:30 to 5:15 p.m. for their **Carroll Community Blood Drive**. Appointments by calling 800.287.4903 or by going online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org.

Coming Up Soon ---

PANCAKE BREAKFAST –April 10th
 8:30 to noon, here at our church. Free will donations will go for The Scholarship Fund.

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UM Kids Calendar of Events ---

We have had a couple of busy sessions and we will continue to stay busy. On **March 9th** we made a meal for our volunteer who has not been able to help us for awhile. The kids had fun making the Parrotts a meal and I'm pretty sure the Parrotts enjoyed the Ravioli Lasagna even though it was very cheesy. ☺

On **March 16th** we will go to the Animal Rescue League to help with the cats. Half of us will make cat toys while the other half plays with the cats. Then we will flip places.

On **March 23rd** we will be going to the Rec. Center for a fun day in the pool. Please make sure to pick your child up from the Rec.

March 30th we will be back at the church with a fun scavenger hunt to see how well the kids know their church.

We then have a break on **April 6th** due to an early dismissal.

April 13th we will be having a counselor from Camp Okoboji come and talk to the children about camp.

April 20th is another break due to early dismissal.

April 27th will be our last UM Kids for the year and we will enjoy our time at a park (weather depending). Watch for more information on this.

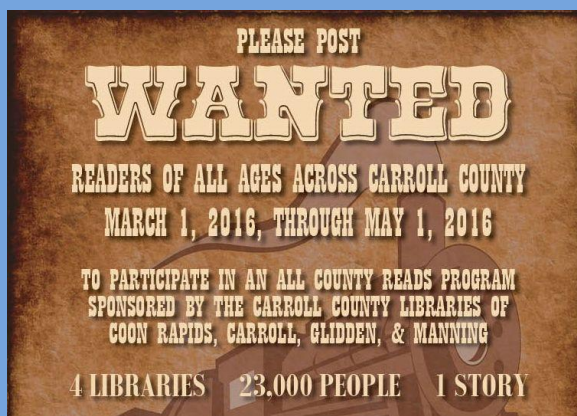


The Heavenly Bound Book Club

...is inviting you to come join the discussion and the fun we have every month.

The April dates are Tuesday the 19th, at 11:00 AM at Queen Beans or come Thursday (the 21st) at noon at Queen Beans. The Queen Beans Coffee Bar provides a private room (sometimes) and great food. It is Dutch treat.

For April we will be joining with the Carroll County Library Association's "Everybody on the Same Page" for an all county reading program. The goal is to get many Carroll County residents to read the book "The Orphan Train" for adults and "A Family Apart" by Joan Lowry Nixon for younger readers. More information is on our bulletin board by the front desk or visit www.facebook.com/everybodyonthesamepage.



Our April book is *The Orphan Train*

By Christina Baker Kline

Christina Baker Kline's *Orphan Train* is an unforgettable story of friendship and second chances that highlights a little-known but historically significant movement in America's past—and it includes a special PS section for book clubs featuring insights, interviews, and more.

Penobscot Indian Molly Ayer is close to "aging out" out of the foster care system. A community service position helping an elderly woman clean out her home is the only thing keeping Molly out of juvie and worse...

As she helps Vivian sort through her possessions and memories, Molly learns that she and Vivian aren't as different as they seem to be. A young Irish immigrant orphaned in New York City, Vivian was put on a train to the Midwest with hundreds of other children whose destinies would be determined by luck and chance.

Molly discovers that she has the power to help Vivian find answers to mysteries that have haunted her for her entire life—answers that will ultimately free them both.

Rich in detail and epic in scope, *Orphan Train* is a powerful novel of upheaval and resilience, of unexpected friendship, and of the secrets we carry that keep us from finding out who we are.

Books & more info are available on the counter on the front desk.