



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 30th

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COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

March 22 John 15:1-5 "I Am the True Vine"
It is necessary to be a branch connected to the Vine. Jesus is the true Vine that gives us power to live the Christian life. We are called to "abide" in Him. Without that connection we will wither and die.

March 29 John 14:1-6 "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" PALM SUNDAY
The theme this Sat./Sun. will be around the understanding that Jesus is the "Way". On Palm Sunday we have a different perspective as we know He comes in celebration but will show us the "way of suffering".

April 5 John 11:17-27 (John 20:1-10)
"I Am the Resurrection and the Life" EASTER
 (There will NOT be a Sunrise Service this year)
 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship
This Easter Sunday we will have as the first reading the passage from John of the disciples coming to find the tomb empty. But our text will be the words that Jesus used even before to foretell this event of Resurrection. He talks with Martha about the truth of Him being the one who gives life!



After the 10:30 service on Sunday, March 22, the Mission Commission will host a Potato Bar. Baked potatoes with many 'toppings' will be offered; Hot dogs will also be available. A free will offering will go toward World Hunger.

IMAGINE NO MALARIA -----
 Through the first three Sundays of March \$1320 has been donated toward Imagine No Malaria. We will continue to accept donations through the month of March. Check out the display at the back of the sanctuary.

PRAYER CHAIN CALLERS - WE NEED 8 MORE CALLERS!!!!

Once a year we revise our Prayer Chain so new people may be added or perhaps others may wish to be taken off for a while. If you would like to join the calling tree or wish any changes, please let me know. Call the church office.

Thoughts from Pastor Dennis Bailey

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.'" (John 8:12)



A woman was going through some difficult times in her life. She was given the opportunity to attend a Christian retreat and had gone feeling that this might be a good way for her to get some spiritual refreshment. Yet as she was there the problems and cares of her world seem to still overwhelm her.

One evening she was making her way back to her cabin. It was dark, she was very tired, and she didn't know the way very well. There were steps for her to go down to reach her cabin and she remembered that she had a small flashlight. But as she was making her way down the steps she noticed that her flashlight only lit up only one step at a time.

God spoke to her heart and He said, "My child as this flashlight only illuminates one step at a time so also my light is only for each day. Tomorrow is not here yet for you to see and all your anxious thoughts will not help you. I ask you to walk in faith allowing my Light to be enough for each day!" Peace suddenly came to her. From that moment she has sought to let the light of Jesus be her daily portion.

Let us trust in the Light of Jesus to be enough for one day at a time!

May God lead you in His love,
 - Pastor Dennis Bailey -



Please pray for -

Leigh Davis
Rosemary Niceswanger

CARING FOR A LOVED ONE can be very wearing on the caregiver. Take a break and join others who support a loved one for an informative coffee hour on Thursday, March 26 from 2-3 p.m. at Swan Place. RSVP to 712-792-6974 for our "Taking Care of the Caregiver" event.

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP - A Day of Communion with God. From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. there will be an opportunity to come at your convenience to our Sanctuary and take communion, read a devotion, and have private prayer, remembering the sacrifice of Jesus. Come any time!

Can't attend church but still want to be a part of worship? Download a free App from the App Store called: **Livestream.** Then look for FUMC Carroll and you can see the Sunday service as it happens!



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!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS-

Pat & Jadee Lybyer. Pat transferred from First Baptist Church in Houston, Mo. and Jadee from UMC at Rippey.



Coming Calendar Dates FYI

CARROLL COMMUNITY CHORUS
 PALM SUNDAY, March 29th, 3:00pm
 Concert - here in our Sanctuary.
 Directed by Dr. David Martin.

UMW meets Wednesday, April 1st at 1:30 p.m. at the church. Hostess is Wilma Hartleben and the program is by Marge Fetterer on "Prayer and Self - Denial".

Attendance Record	
Mar. 7	19
Mar. 8	87
Mar. 14	15
Mar. 15	129



Our deepest sympathy to: **Gene Vincent & family in the death of his brother.**

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.



LENTEN WORSHIP

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 Mar 18th – April 3rd

WEDNESDAY	Mar. 18
3:30 p.m.	UM Kids
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30 p.m.	Jr. High Youth
6:30 p.m.	Youth Meal
7:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth
THURSDAY	Mar. 19
Noon	Heavenly Bound Book Club
	At Queen Beans
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
FRIDAY	Mar. 20
8:00 a.m.	Confirmation Retreat to DM
10:00 a.m.	MOM's Playtime
SATURDAY	Mar. 21
Noon	NA
Approx. 4:00p.m.	Confirmation kids return
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
SUNDAY	Mar. 22
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for all Ages
10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
11:30 a.m.	Potato Bar hosted by Missions
4 – 5 p.m.	Pastor's Lenten Study
MONDAY	Mar. 23
4:00 p.m.	German Club
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
7:00 p.m.	PA
TUESDAY	Mar. 24
6:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
6 – 8 p.m.	Alpha
7:00 p.m.	Community Chorus Practice
WEDNESDAY	Mar. 25
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30 p.m.	Jr. High Youth
6:30 p.m.	Youth Meal
7:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth
THURSDAY	Mar. 26
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
FRIDAY	Mar. 27
10:00 a.m.	MOM's Playtime
SATURDAY	Mar. 28
9 – 11:30 a.m.	Girl Scouts
10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Alpha Retreat at the church
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
SUNDAY	Mar. 29 Palm Sunday
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for all Ages
10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
3:00 p.m.	Community Chorus Easter Cantata
4 – 5 p.m.	Pastor's Lenten Study
MONDAY	Mar. 30
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
7:00 p.m.	PA
TUESDAY	Mar. 31
6:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
WEDNESDAY	Apr. 1
1:00 p.m.	UMW Executive Board
1:30 p.m.	UMW Meeting
3:30 p.m.	UM Kids
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30 p.m.	Jr. High Youth
6:30 p.m.	Youth Meal
7:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth
THURSDAY	Mar. 2
9:30 a.m.	Methodist Friends Breakfast at the Family Table
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
FRIDAY	Mar. 27 Good Friday
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.	

Holy Week



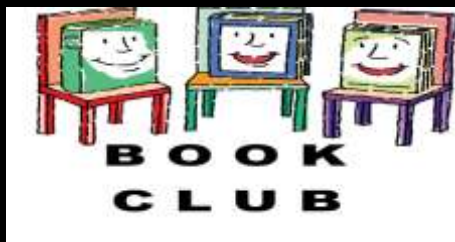
Mark your Calendars!!!!
VBS will be July 5-9, 2015
Sign your children up on the church website...also able to sign up there to help as well!!!



Summer Camp

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

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



The **Heavenly Bound Book Club** is inviting you to come join the discussion and the fun we have every month. **The April date is Tuesday the 21st at 11:00 AM at Queen Beans or come Thursday (the 23rd) 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 **The Storykeeper** by Lisa Wingate.

From the Back Cover: Successful New York editor, Jen Gibbs, is at the top of her game with her new position at Vida House Publishing -- until a mysterious manuscript from an old slush pile appears on her desk. Turning the pages, Jen finds herself drawn into the life of Sarra, a mixed-race Melungeon girl trapped by dangerous men in the turn of the century Appalachia. A risky hunch may lead to *The Story Keeper's* hidden origins and its unknown author, but when the trail turns toward the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains, a place Jen thought she'd left behind forever, the price of a blockbuster next book deal may be higher than she's willing to pay.

I read this book in one weekend!
It had a wonderful plot and two stories in one. Do get your book and enjoy!



We interact with our kids many times a day. However, most of those interactions are about taking care of daily business like chores, homework, and extracurricular activities. What our kids often miss out on is that connection that makes them feel LOVED! Use the following ideas to help you be intentional about loving your kids.

Brag about them....When you're talking about your child emphasize the positives, especially when they can hear you.

Include them in your decisions...Make them feel valued by asking their opinion about family plans for the weekend or what you should have for dinner. You can also ask their advice related to clothing, gifts, and entertainment.

Talk with them...Forget all the hustle and bustle and to do lists. Grab a drink and sit down to just chat about their day.

Facebook them... if your kids are on Facebook, post a little love on their wall where all their friends can see it. They'll probably act like that's not cool but they won't delete it!

FinallyHUG, HUG, HUG, HUG!!!!



UM KIDS Schedule
March 25: 2 Hour Early Dismissal NO UM Kids
April 1st: Episode 4 Agents in Mission
April 8th: Episode 5 Agents in Mission
April 15th: 2 Hour Early Dismissal NO UM Kids
April 22nd: Last UM Kids... We will go to the park!!!! (Weather depending)

Sunday School Schedule
March 22nd: Last rotation on Psalm 23
March 29th: Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt
April 5th: Easter NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
April 12th: The Last Supper Rotation
April 19th: The Last Supper Rotation
April 26th: The Last Supper Rotation
This will be the last Day of Sunday School

Confirmation Sunday is May 3rd
Graduation Sunday is May 17th

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WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.
Sundays

6:00 p.m.
Saturdays