



The Messenger

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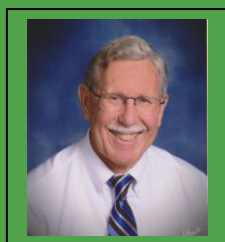
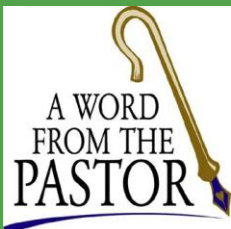
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Next Messenger:
April 11th

Times of worship ---

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

Thoughts from Pastor Dennis Bailey ---



"Therefore if any person is in Christ (the Messiah) they are a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old has passed away. Behold the fresh and new has come!" (1 Corinthians 5:17)

A young couple and their two children were driving to church on Easter Sunday. During the drive the mother shared with the children, three and five years old, about the Easter story.

She said, "This is the day that we celebrate Jesus coming back to life." Right away the little 3 year old piped up and said, "Cool! Will He be in church with us today?"

What a great question. Little children are so insightful. Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ is very important to us as Christians. Yet even more important is the day to day believing that Jesus is "alive and present" in our lives. We must believe in the reality of Jesus being in us, with us, and for us.

As we move on from the celebration of Easter, let's celebrate each day. We trust in a real Savior; one who is alive and with us in every part of our life. And maybe then we can answer the little three year old's question with a very strong - "Yes! Jesus will be in church with us today. But He will also be with us, for us, and in us each day of our lives as we trust in Him."

May God be with you, Pastor Dennis Bailey

Coming Sermon Topics ---

April 3 Psalm 150///John 20:19-20; 24-29
"Believing in the Unseen"

Eventually we come to this passage of scripture following the Easter message. Easter is a wonderful reality but it has to be accepted by faith. Thomas was a realist. He wasn't going to believe in what he couldn't touch or see. Yet Jesus challenges him (as well as us) to believe in the "unseen" even when everything seems lost.

April 10 Ezekiel 36:25-27///Acts 9:10-20
"A Change of Heart"

This passage of scripture depicts the change of heart that came about in Saul's (now Paul) life. Nothing is impossible with God. God can take hearts of stone, bitterness, anger, fear, and depression and bring a change in any life that is open to Him. It does take a surrendering though.

April 17 Psalm 23///John 10:22-30
"The Sheep of His Pasture"

Jesus is our Shepherd in that we hear his voice and we follow him. He also protects us from the evil one. His guidance, his protection, and his provision of eternal life are central to this passage.

UMW meets April 6th ---

UMW will meet Wednesday, April 6th at 1:30 p.m. at the church. The program will be given by Marsha Nuckels on "Prayer and Self-Denial". Hostesses will be Sue Van Dyke and Jewel Kline. All women are invited to attend.



*Calendar for March 29th
 through April 13th ---*

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

FRIDAY Apr. 1

SATURDAY Apr. 2
 9:30 a.m. Carroll County Historical Society
 6:00 p.m. Saturday Worship

SUNDAY Apr. 3
 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship-Choir

MONDAY Apr. 4
 4:00 p.m. German Club
 4:30 p.m. TOPS

TUESDAY Apr. 5
 11:00 a.m. Devotions at Hawkeye
 Care Center

WEDNESDAY Apr. 6
 1:30 p.m. UMW

 4:30-5:30 p.m. Confirmation
 6:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth meal
 6:30 p.m. Bell choir Practice
 7:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth Movie
God is Not Dead II
 9:00 p.m. Youth pick-up at Theater

THURSDAY Apr. 7
 9:30 a.m. Friends Breakfast at the
 Family Table

FRIDAY Apr. 8

SATURDAY Apr. 9
 6:00 p.m. Saturday Worship

SUNDAY Apr. 10
 8:30-Noon Pancake Breakfast for
 Scholarships
 9:15 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship –Bells

MONDAY Apr. 11
Newsletter Articles Due
 12:30-5:15 LifeServe Blood Drive
 4:30 p.m. TOPS

TUESDAY Apr. 12

WEDNESDAY Apr. 13
 10:30 a.m. Devotions at Swan Place
 3:30-5:00 UM Kids-Camp Director is here!
 4:30-5:30 Confirmation
 5:30-8:00 p.m. Jr. & Sr. High Youth meetings
 6:30 p.m. Staff-Parish Meeting
 6:30 p.m. WEteam meeting
 7:30 p.m. Ad Council Meeting



APRIL

Flowers have been given as follows ---



IN MEMORY OF -----

Don Jones from Jody,
 Garry Wright from Barbara & Mark, Jeff & Amy Booher &
 family,
 Gary Hackett from Marie,
 Dexter James Kline from Jewel & Lloyd Kline,
 Ken Cordes & Duane and Doris Schupbach from Rob &
 Kathy Cordes,
 Leigh Davis from Deb Davis and family,
 Russell & Eleanor and Dale Holst from Todd & Terri
 Claussion & family,
 Bernard, Freda, Doug, Dean & Bob Ankenbauer from
 Diane Kitt,
 Dick Tilton and Sharon Wolter from Cleo Tilton,
 Lynn Lockhart from Glenn & Lucy Lockhart,
 Both of our parents from Robert & Rozanne
 Swartzendruber,
 Roscoe & Harriet Duff & Jim Duff, Al Schuler & in honor
 of Nolan Duff from Les, Vickie, and Becky Duff,
 Bruce Fuller from Verona & family,
 Harry Van Zuiden from Sissy and family,
 Don & Joan Robertson from Brett,
 Annie Andrea Ondarza & Joseph from the Parrott family,
 Erin, H. K. & Ellen Richardson, from Scott, Kathy, Jeff and
 Michael
 Richardson,
 Joan & Paul Schapman, Jan & Russ Van Dyke from Jim &
 Sue Van Dyke,
 Harold & Lois Conrad from Linda, Reg, Diane, Janet, Kim
 & families,
 Tony Bluml, from Linda, Chad, Cory & Abby,
 Aunt Eloise LeSaulnier from Norm & Sue England,
 In honor of Alice Hill, Helen Nessa & in memory of Merv
 Hill, Orville Nessa, from Shar & Greg Nessa,
 Bob & Iola Akin, from Nina,
 Keith Caltrider from Kevin, Michelle & family

JUST BECAUSE:

Jeff & Lisa Honold & family
 Darwin & JoAnn Saddoris
 Clay & Carol Winterboer
 German Club
 Dick & Gloria Watson
 Swede & Sara Anderson
 Mike & Nancy Davis
 Dave & Sandy Hopper

THANK YOU FOR SHARING.

Coming Soon ---

PANCAKE BREAKFAST –April 10th

Don't miss the Pancake Breakfast on April 10th from 8:30
 a.m. to noon. Come and eat your breakfast on your way to
 church. Or eat pancakes for lunch after the 10:30
 service. Pancakes are good anytime! Free will donations
 will go for The Scholarship Fund.

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

Attendance ---

*Palm Sunday Weekend
 Mar. 19 – 26
 Mar. 20 - 140*

*Easter Weekend
 Saturday March 26 –
 20*

*Sunday March 27
 (7:00 Sunrise) 48*

*Sunday March 27
 (10:30) 128*

Our Thanks ---

*>To Les Duff for
 making the three
 wooden crosses for our
 altar this Lent and
 Easter season.*

*>To Sue Van Dyke for
 help decorating the
 church for Easter.*

*>To the WEteam for
 taking cookies to the
 shut-ins and others in
 our congregation. The
 WEteam appreciated
 all the cards of thanks
 received in return!*

*>To the Confirmation
 Youth for leading the
 Sunrise Service on
 Easter morning.*

*>To Dr. Mike Davis
 and the Trustees for
 taking such good care
 of our church building.*

We pray for ---

Prayer Requests



*Jason Bush's
 Grandfather*

Kelli Bush's Father

George Crouse

*Sandy Hopper's
 Brother*

Deb Davis

Kevin Caltrider

Amy Brown

Steve Kendrick

Sherri Hoaglund's Dad

Verona Fuller

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Meetings Coming up ---

UMW will meet Wednesday, April 6th. See box on the first page.

Administrative Council, WEteam and SPRC will meet on April 13th.
WEteam & SPRC at 6:30 p.m. and Ad Council at 7:30.

Friends Breakfast will meet on April 7th at 9:30 a.m. at the Family Table.
Do join the conversation!

Carroll County Historical Society will meet at our church on Saturday, April 2nd
at 9:30 a.m. Interested in joining? Come to the meeting!

Community Events ---

LifeServe Blood Drive, April 11th from
12:30-4:30 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital.

Free Meal at St. John's-April 13th.

Hospital Auxilliary

Book Sale, April 4th, 10-5, April 5th, 7-2
\$5 Jewelry Sale, April 14th, 8-5

Did you Know?

The Community of Concern Food Pantry
has moved to 322 W. 3rd St.

Don't forget to fill the grocery cart by the front doors
with food, cleaning supplies, diapers and feminine
products. They always need our help!

THE BEST WEEK EVER---

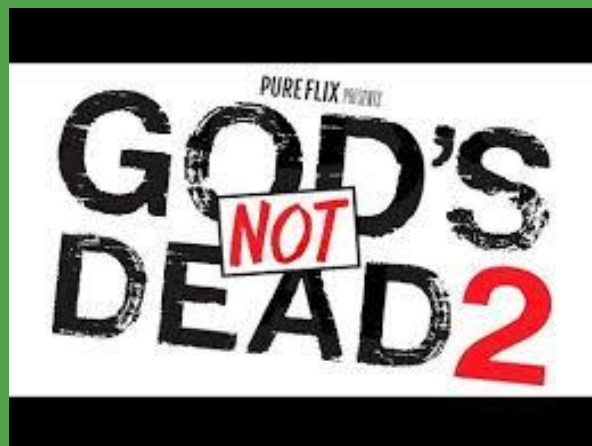


Check out the camp books on the front desk of the
church. The camps offer many different activities at
each of the three different sites across the state and they
know that you will have the best week ever making new
friends, learning about faith, and trying something new.

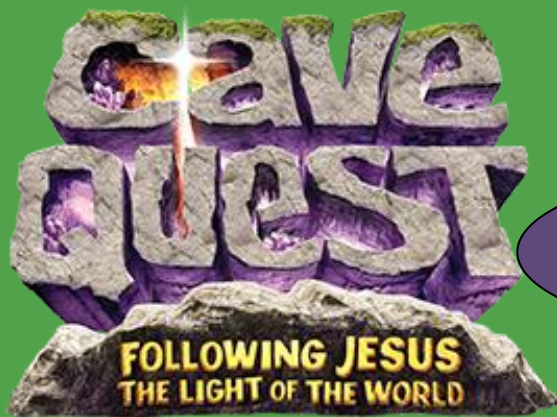
Camp can have a huge impact on your child and we would
like to help make that difference in their life. If you would
like to send your child to camp but feel that it is a little
too expensive, come talk to Suzi and she will try to work
something out with you. Our church will help cover some
of the cost and camps also have camperships available.

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Plan Movie Night ---

On April 6th, the Jr. & Sr. High Youth will be eating supper here at the
church at 6:00 and then will go to the Carroll Theater for the showing of
God Is Not Dead 2. Our youth will be joined at the theater by the youth
from Central Church and Church of Christ. Parents may pick up their
students after 9:00 p.m. Sounds like fun!



Admission is \$15 a child or
\$35 per family. Scholarships
are available.



WHO: Ages: Potty trained 3 years old to those leaving
5th Grade

WHEN: Sunday July 17th-Thursday July 21st, 6:00 to
8:00 p.m.

Check in starts for all kids at 5:15 p.m. on July 17th so
we can start VBS at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: First United Methodist Church

To register: Go online at:

www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/Carrollumc

or look for a link at <http://carrollunitedmethodist.org>

Pre-register by July 1st and receive \$5 off the
family price or \$2 off individual price

We love to have parents help!

Please contact Suzi for a volunteer form or sign up
on the website and she will contact you!!

Scholarships are available by contacting Suzi at the church
office at 712-792-1122



Cave Quest VBS is filled with unforgettable Bible-learning experiences
kids will see, hear, touch, and even taste! KidVid Cinema shares real
stories of real kids who are shining God's light in everyday life! Plus
team-building games and cool Bible songs and tasty treats keep
everyone on the move.

Each day, kids participate in small groups, called Cave Crews, and
discover practical ways to follow Jesus, the light of the world! Not only
will they experience exciting Bible adventures but they'll also watch for
God in everyday life through something called God Sightings™. You
and your kids will discover that God is active in our lives and that his
light shines for us to see daily!

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Sunday School Artists!!!



UM Kids swimming at the Rec. Center!

Visiting the Cat Shelter...



*Palm
Sunday
Pics*



*Making
more
toys at
the Cat
Shelter*



Sunday School Egg decorating

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UM Kids Calendar of Events ---

On March 3rd 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.

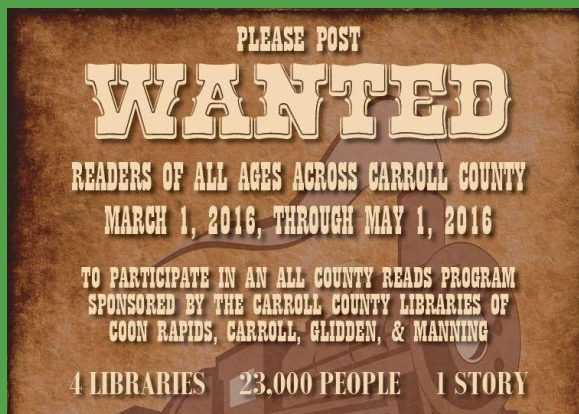


The Heavenly Bound Book Club

...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.