



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

MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

Total attendance for services

Mar 22	6:00 pm	18
Mar 23	10:30 am	99
Mar 29	6:00 pm	31
Mar 30	10:30 am	169

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

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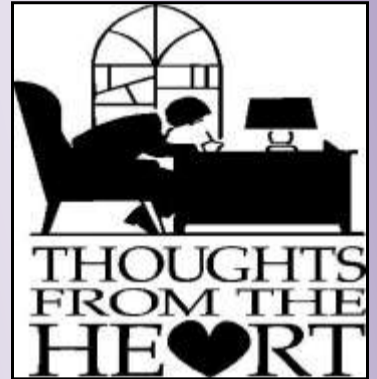
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THOUGHTS

From Pastor Bailey



"But those who wait for the Lord (who expect, look for, and hope in Him) shall renew their strength....." Isaiah 40:31 (Amplified Bible)

"Those who wait for the Lord".....Oh how important those words are! We live in a very busy world. Even here in the Iowa we find that busyness has taken hold of our family life, our mid-lifers, and even our elderly. We seem to assume that we must be constantly "doing". That often means texting, face-booking, web-searching, or running our children here and there in order to bring fulfillment to their lives (or ours). Yet we all know that at the end of the day there is still an emptiness that abides with us still.

God is constantly calling us to "wait upon Him". He wants us to spend time with Him, to rest in His presence, and to wait there for healing, guidance, and hope.

Yet we often don't wait because we feel that it is wasted time. It takes patience, and patience is not something we are very good at. In our everyday lives, when God is seeking to shape us through some circumstance, we would rather not wait. We say, "Hurry up God and do this thing we want you to do!" We tell God that we can't wait any longer for Him to "take it away" or to provide something for us. Yet God often makes us wait in order to shape us, or more importantly, to draw us back to into His presence. Then we can wait upon Him in trust, in expectation, and in hope.

Richard Hendrix in "Leadership" magazine gives this insight, "Second only to suffering, waiting may be the greatest teacher and trainer in godliness, maturity, and genuine spirituality most of us ever encounter." Those are words of wisdom to us who are seeking to walk in the Lord's way. May God help you to wait!

May God keep you in His perfect Peace,
Pastor Dennis Bailey

COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

April 6 John 14:1-6 "The Way"
Jesus tells His disciples at the end of His life on earth to not worry about "not knowing the way". He simply shares that He will be the "Way" (the path, the road). We look to Him for our guidance

April 13 John 18:36-38 "The Truth"
PALM SUNDAY (Matt. 21:6-11)
Pontius Pilate seems to be confused and discouraged about the "truth". He wanted to know the truth about the universe and life but doesn't realize that Jesus is "The Truth" and was standing right in front of him. What does it mean for us to say, personally, that Jesus is the Truth?

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Seder Meal and Holy Communion experience by Clay Winterboer
6:00 PM Fellowship Hall Family Friendly Meal to follow. Please call the church to RSVP.

April 20 EASTER -
Worship 7 am Confirmation Youth Lead
Worship 10:30 am - 1 John 5:10-12
"The Life" (Matthew 28:1-10)
Jesus is the Life! Because of the resurrection we are offered Eternal Life in Jesus. What does this mean? Not only is it eternal as length of life (forever), but it is also eternal in quality of life. (No fear, joy, love)

Pastor Bailey's Lenten Bible Study: You need not have attended before to attend this Sunday...

Pastor Bailey is holding a Lenten Bible Study from 4 to 5 PM Sunday afternoons during Lent. The study will continue each Sunday through Palm Sunday. The study will focus on the Letter of Paul to the Colossians. Every Sunday is a learning experience.

If you had your picture taken and have not picked up your copy of the Church Directory... You may pick up your copy at the office or after weekend services, in the Overflow Room.

THANK YOU from - Esther Halverson for all the cards, calls, prayers and thoughts for both her birthday and her shoulder surgery. She will be home here after April 17.
THANK YOU To - Nancy Baack for designing the artwork used to make the Lenten banners and signs of "The Way, The Truth, The Life"



OUR SYMPATHY TO:

- Larry & Phyllis Blanchard in the death of his father.
- Don & Kay Chambers in the death of her sister.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Steve & Barb Middendorf who have a new grandson, Victor Joseph
- Skip & Nancy Raridon on their 50th anniversary. Their address is: 8572 N. 160th Plaza, Bennington, NE 68007

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

You are invited to be a part of the Maundy Thursday Seder Meal. We will share in the Seder meal, Communion and then have a family-friendly meal starting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17th in Fellowship Hall. A count is needed to know how much food to prepare. Please sign up by calling the church (1122) or sign-up sheets will be in the overflow area following services.

PERSONAL NEEDS CLOSET for Fairview Apartments -

During the month of April WEteam will be collecting: Toilet paper, household cleaners & supplies, and feminine care products. Baskets are in the overflow.

"The Way" Adult Sunday School meets at 9:15 am Sundays in the Confirmation room at top of the elevator. It is not too late to start attending. COME!

"IMAGINE NO MALARIA"

Did you know that 100% of your contributions go toward malaria programs in Africa? That's because the operational costs for Imagine No Malaria are covered by a grant from the United Nations. Gifts from our congregation this spring have reached \$1,360. The Mission committee will continue charting our church's contributions through the Lenten season.

COMMUNITY DATES:

American Red Cross Community Blood Drive - Wednesday, April 16 noon to 6 p.m. at the National Guard Armory. Call 792-4217 for appointment.

BENEFIT Pork Loin dinner catered by Lidderdale Country Store at Holy Family Parish Hall in Lidderdale, April 13, 3-6 p.m. Free Will donations for Corey Weems who has had a brain stem stroke and is in need of a lot of therapy. More info on the bulletin board near front desk. APRIL 12, 9-11 a.m. Bake Sale & Coffee Corner at 5 Lakes UM Church, Lake View.

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

April 4th Through April 17th

SATURDAY	Apr 5
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Worship Service
SUNDAY	Apr 6
9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Family Worship Communion
3:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
4:00 p.m.	Pastor Bailey's Bible Study
MONDAY	Apr 7
4:00 p.m.	German Club
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
TUESDAY	Apr 8
6:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers
8:30 a.m.	ALANON
5:30 p.m.	Mini-Methodists
6:30 p.m.	BoyScouts-Wolves
7:00 p.m.	Community Chorus rehearsal
WEDNESDAY	Apr 9
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30&7:00pm	Youth meetings
7:00 p.m.	Clay's Lenten Study
7:30 p.m.	Ad Council
THURSDAY	Apr 10
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
SATURDAY	Apr 12
8:30 a.m.	Girl Scouts
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Family Worship
SUNDAY	Apr 13 Palm Sunday
9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:30 a.m.	Family Worship
3:00 p.m.	Community Chorus Concert
3:00-5:00p.m.	Boy Scouts
4:00 p.m.	Pastor Bailey's Lenten Bible Study
MONDAY	Apr 14
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
6:00 p.m.	Adult Scout Meeting
TUESDAY	April 15
6:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
11:00 a.m.	Book Club
WEDNESDAY	Apr 16
3:30 p.m.	U M Kids
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30&7:00pm	Youth meetings
7:00 p.m.	Clay's Lenten Study
THURSDAY	Apr 17 Maundy Th.
12:00 p.m.	Book Club
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
6:00 p.m.	Seder Meal, Communion followed by a family feast
7:00 p.m.	NA



Kids love crazy, weird animals...the weirder the better. So we searched the globe for the most special, unique, rare, never-before-seen animals we could find to help kids discover what Jesus' one-of-a-kind love means in their lives. Join this zoo crew—register to be a part of Weird Animals VBS!

BRING A FRIEND OR TWO!

END OF YEAR SCHEDULE UM KIDS

April 9 NO UM Kids-Early Out
April 16: UM Kids at church
April 23: NO UM Kids
April 30: NO UM Kids-Early Out
May 7: UM Kids - pick up at Northeast Park (by Amy Ave.)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 6th-Easter Egg Lesson
April 13th- Easter Garden-Kids carry Palms in church
April 20th-Easter Egg Hunt
April 27th- Race Car Lesson
May 4th- Fathers Day Kids Sing
May 11th- Mothers Day

YOUTH

April 25-26- 30 Hour Famine
May 7th- Family Picnic at Northeast Park

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

WHEN: Sunday July 6th-Thursday July 10th
6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Check in starts for all kids at 5:15 p.m. on July 6th so we can start at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: First United Methodist Church

To register online: Go to <http://carrollunitedmethodist.org> or pick up a registration form from the church office

Pre-register by July 1st and receive a t-shirt!

We love to have parents help! Please contact Suzi or sign up online under the volunteers tab!

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

Zoo admission is \$15 a child or \$30 per family.

The Heavenly Bound Book Club is inviting you to come join the discussion and the fun we have every month. April's date is **Tuesday the 15th at 11:00 AM at Queen Beans** or come **Thursday (the 17th) 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 *Grace* by Max Lucado. "Do you worry that you've written too many checks on God's kindness account? Do you drag regrets like a broken bumper? Do you huff and puff more than you delight and rest? If so, then I have a word for you." Max Lucado invites. "Grace."



The Lord's Prayer is a hard prayer for children to learn and understand. Arlington United Methodist Church in Nashville rewrote this into child friendly language and easy to learn rhyming words. Check it out:

God so holy, full of grace, make this world a better place.

Give us the food we need today.

Forgive us our wrongs when we go astray

**Help us always to do good,
and love others like we should.**

We love you; we are yours.

Swing wide heavens open doors.

Amen



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WORSHIP

**10:30 a.m.
Sundays**

**6:00 p.m.
Saturdays**