

The Messenger

First United Methodist Church

Carroll, Ia



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Monday – Friday
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Times of worship ---

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

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Next Messenger:
April 25th

Thoughts from Pastor Dennis Bailey ---

*"In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed an apple tree;
in cocoons a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be
free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring
that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something
God alone can see." (Hymn of Promise - UM Hymnal)*

*The hallmark of our faith is hope. It is understanding
that we can rely on, trust in, and cling to the promises
of God. Even though we don't see the future we can
have hope that God has a purpose and a plan for us. He
will provide for us in all things.*

*In geography we learn that the southernmost point
of Africa for centuries has experienced tremendous
storms. And because of these storms no one knew what
lay beyond the cape. Among the ancients it was known
as the "Cape of Storms," and for good reason.*

*But then a Portuguese explorer named Vasco De
Gama (I'm sure you remember his name in history
class.) successfully sailed around that very point and
found that beyond the raging storms there was a great
calm sea, and beyond that, the shores of India. The
name of that cape was changed from the Cape of
Storms to the "Cape of Good Hope."*

*Hope does not always come from the times of calm
in our lives. Rather it comes from trusting God during
the storms of life. God calls us to trust Him now in
whatever circumstances we find ourselves. Trust His
care and provision. It will give you hope!*

May God be with you, Pastor Dennis Bailey

Coming Sermon Topics ---

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.*

April 24 Psalm 147:5-11///John 13:2a-8; 12-15
"Learning Where the Power Is" COMMUNION

*Jesus gathered his disciples on the day of the Passover
and before he served the elements he washed their feet.
He wanted them to know that power and success in the
kingdom of God and in the spiritual life of his disciples
came from: humility - sacrifice - and servant-hood.*

May 1 2 Corinthians 5:17-21///John 15:1-5
"Living in the Vine" CONFIRMATION DAY

*Jesus helps his disciples know that foremost we are called
to "bear fruit". This can only happen by abiding, living in,
dwelling with, and being vitally united to Christ Jesus. For
our newest members (confirmation class) coming into the
church this is an important message. Keep abiding in the
vine and bear fruit.*

Thanks Thanks Thanks ---

*Our thanks go out to those who served us pancakes last Sunday,
Deb & Bill Fish, Michelle & Kevin Caltrider, Lisa & Kristin Honold,
Sara Anderson, Dr. Greg Perkins, Libby & Teddy Perkins. You are
all great supporters of our youth!*

Meetings Coming up ---

- >**Administrative Council, WEteam and SPRC** will meet on April 13th. WEteam & SPRC at 6:30 p.m. and Ad Council at 7:30.
- >**Education Commission** will meet Sunday, April 17th after church.
- >**Book Club, the Heavenly Bound one (!)**, will meet Tuesday, April 19th at 11:00 a.m. or come Thursday, the 21st at noon! We're discussing "Orphan Train".
- >**Trustees** will meet April 20th at 7:30 p.m.
- >**Pastor Bailey** will be attending School for Ministry, April 18th – 21st.
- >**Suzi Olberding** will be attending the CEF (Christian Educators Fellowship) workshop, April 22nd and 23rd.

Please Pray for ---

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| Verona Fuller | LaVonne Knauss |
| George Crouse | Morgan Cordes |
| Ruth Robbins | |
| Sherri Hoaglund's father | |
| Nick Biechler | |
| Steve Kendrick | |



Attendance ---

Saturday, Apr. 2 - 27
 Sunday, Apr. 3 - 130

Saturday, Apr. 9 - 20
 Sunday, Apr. 10 - 137

Coming Soon --

LifeServe Blood Drive
 Monday, April 18th
 12:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Thanks from---

Dear FUMC Family,
 Thank you for the prayers during my surgery and recovery. Your words of strength carried me through some dark and difficult days, and your chicken noodle soup was exactly what my recovering body needed. Many thanks and many blessings! Summer Parrott

Thank you Rev. Bailey for your visit and prayer. Thanks to 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

WEteam and Methodist Church Family,
 I am truly touched by your thoughtfulness during this time! The plate of cookies was amazing and the visit warmed my spirit! Your prayers for healing were granted by the amazing God we serve!
 With thanksgiving, Your Sister in Christ - Amy Brown

Community Events ---

- LifeServe Blood Drive**, April 11th from 12:30-4:30 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital.
- Free Meal** at St. John's Lutheran Church -April 13th, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
- Hospital Auxilliary**
 - >>\$5 Jewelry Sale, April 14th, 8-5
 - >>Spring Fling Style Show, Sunday, April 24th, 1:00 p.m. at the Holy Spirit Greteman Center. \$15 in advance (tickets at the Hospital Coffee Shop), \$18 at the door. Dessert and beverages provided.
- St. Anthony Nursing Home** Volunteer Thank You Party, Apr. 21, 2 p.m., 2nd floor dining room.
- Carroll Public Library** discussion of "Orphan Train" by Christine Baker Kline on Thursday, April 21st at 6:00 p.m. and/or Thursday, April 28th at 2:00 p.m.
- Spring Bake Sale and Coffee Corner** at Lakes UMC, Saturday, April 16th, 9-11:00
 501 2nd St., Lake View

Project

Update ---

If you wish, you may still continue to contribute to these projects but these are the totals so far:

\$ for Diapers:
 \$1,003.00

No More Malaria:
 \$1,910.00

Dollars for Scholars:
 \$860.00

Thanks & great going!

Calendar for April 12th

through April 27th ---

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| TUESDAY
11:00 a.m. | Apr. 12
Devotions at Hawkeye Care Center |
| WEDNESDAY
10:30 a.m.
3:30-5:00 p.m.

4:30-5:30 p.m.
5:30-8:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
7:30 p.m. | Apr. 13
Devotions at Swan Place
UM Kids – Camp Director Visits
Confirmation
Youth meetings
Staff-Parish Meeting
WEteam meeting
Ad Council Meeting |
| THURSDAY
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
6:00 p.m.
SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.
9:15 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. | Apr. 14
Apr. 15
Apr. 16
Saturday Worship
Apr. 17
Choir Practice
Sunday School for All Ages
Sunday Worship-Choir
Education Committee meets |
| MONDAY
4:00 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
TUESDAY
11:00 a.m. | Apr. 18
12:30-5:15 p.m. LifeServe Blood Drive
German Club
TOPS
Apr. 19
11:00 a.m. Heavenly Bound Book Club at Queen Beans
Devotions at Hawkeye Care Center |
| WEDNESDAY

4:30-5:30 p.m.
5:30-8:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.
THURSDAY
Noon | Apr. 20
No UM Kids
Confirmation
Youth meetings
Trustees meeting
Apr. 21
Heavenly Bound Book Club at Queen Beans |
| FRIDAY
SATURDAY
6:00 p.m.
SUNDAY
9:15 a.m.
10:00 a.m. | Apr. 22
Apr. 23
Saturday Worship - Communion
Apr. 24
Sunday School for All Ages
Sunday Worship – Communion & Kids Sing! |
| MONDAY
4:30 p.m.
TUESDAY
11:00 a.m. | Apr. 25
Newsletter Articles Due
TOPS
Apr. 26
Devotions at Hawkeye Care Center |
| WEDNESDAY
3:30-5:00

4:30-5:30

5:30-8:00 p.m. | Apr. 27
UM Kids-Last one until Fall - Park Day! (weather permitting)
Confirmation – Last one before Confirmation!
Jr. & Sr. High Youth meetings |

Did you know? ---

On our website we have Pastor's sermons. (Look under the News & Events Tab.)
 We have the Parent's Newsletter too. (Look under the Ministry Tab on the Kids Page)
www.carrollunitedmethodist.org
 Check us out!

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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.

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

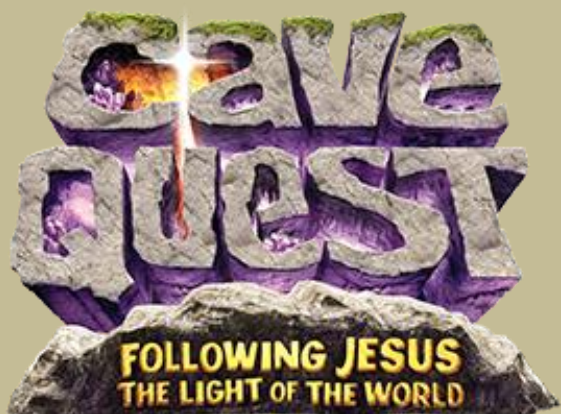
or look for a link at <http://carrollunitedmethodist.org>

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



Camp personnel from Okoboji will be here Wednesday, the 13th, for UM Kids!

Jr. & Sr. High Youth go bowling

On May 4th our Jr. and Sr. High youth will go bowling. They will meet at church at 6:00 p.m. and go to the alley for pizza and fun. Parents may pick up at 8:00 p.m. at the bowling alley.

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



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!

Confirmation Day ---

Our Confirmation Class will be taking a big step in their lives when they become the newest members of our church, affirming Christ as their savior. Confirmation Sunday is May 1st. Please keep them in your prayers!

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UM Kids Calendar of Events ---

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

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). We will have root beer floats. 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.

*Meets next week on
Tuesday, the 19th &
Thursday, the 23rd!!!*



*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.