



# The Messenger

First United Methodist Church  
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7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
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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.

**Next Messenger: April 27<sup>th</sup>**

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## COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

\*\*\*April 19 1 John 3:1-3 "Children of God"

John the Apostle in his first letter shares a wonderful secret. We are God's Children. We have been born of God and when we see Him we will be like Him. That gives us hope in the midst of a world that seems to have little hope.

\*\*\*April 26 1 John 3:16-18 "Love One Another"

John the Apostle (who was the beloved disciple of Jesus) points us toward the life we should live as Children of the Father in heaven. It is a life of love that is lived out in action.

\*\*\*May 3 Luke 11:1; 5-13 "Believing in Something Bigger" CONFIRMATION DAY

As the Confirmation youth go forth into the life of the church the words of Jesus will guide them. "Keep on praying believing, seeking and knocking" and miracles will happen. Pray in a very audacious way! Don't give up!

### PRAYER PAL CLOSING -----

**Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Theme: The Power of Prayer. All Prayer Pals are invited plus anyone in the congregation who would like to listen to our program on prayer. Come and find out who your Prayer Pal is!**

THANKS to all for visits, cards, and good wishes during my illness. All the care & concern helped toward my amazing recovery. Pastor Bailey was there from the beginning! Can not say enough for our wonderful church family. God has blessed us!

Norman & Joan Hutcheson



### Please pray for

Joan Blohm  
 Korbin Lehmann  
 Jordan Holdsworth  
 Leigh Davis  
 Norman Hutcheson

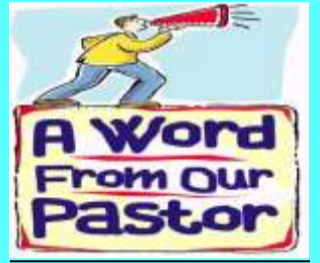
### FILLING AN ARK-----



The Mission Committee has accepted the challenge for our congregation to fill an ark through Heifer International by the end of 2015. To fill an ark we will need to raise \$5000 for the purchase of the 15 pair or flocks of animals that make up an ark.

This project was selected as our World Hunger (Rainbow Covenant green) project because it addresses hunger by teaching families around the world how to care for the animals they receive and to move the families toward self reliance.

Christena Miller has painted a picture of an ark for us which will be hung on the wall between the first two Sunday School classrooms by the door to the Sanctuary. As donations are received, animals will be placed on the ark to chart our progress toward the \$5000. Checks can be made out to First United Methodist Church with "ark" written on the memo line.



**"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him (Jesus) who loved us." (Romans 8:37)**

Every year thousands of people climb a mountain in the Italian Alps, passing the "stations of the cross" to stand at an outdoor crucifix. One person noticed a little trail that led beyond the cross. He fought through the rough thicket and, to his surprise, came upon another shrine, a shrine that symbolized the empty tomb. It had been neglected. The brush had grown up around it and the path to the place was filled with growth.

Isn't it interesting that almost everyone had gone as far as the cross but had stopped there? The cross itself is so marvelous for our faith. It is a symbol of God's love and forgiveness through the suffering and the crucifixion of our Lord Jesus. But how much do we miss when we don't go to the empty tomb. The empty tomb signifies God's power over death, fear, and despair. It is the miracle of the resurrection that makes the cross so significant.

How often in our lives do we also stop at the cross and forget the victory that God offers to us through the Resurrection? The truth is that God does win, God does bring victory into our lives, and we are "more than conquerors" by our relying on His power for our lives.

During this season of spring let us all remind ourselves that God brings new life. May God, as you rely on His strength, bring new life into your situations and circumstances.

May God bring you His Peace,  
- Pastor Dennis Bailey -



1. Frank & Vickie Jorgensen who have a new grandson, Axel Virgil.
2. Max & Kelli Fischbaugh who have a new grandson, Lucas Benton Butler.
3. Steve & Robyn Lane who have a new granddaughter, Charley Ann.
4. Lori Onken and Dean Onken who have a new grandson Miller John.

### MANY THANKS to many people!

- Nancy Baack for designing the Easter Banners. What talents God has given her.
- Sue Van Dyke, Michelle & Kevin Caltrider, Lisa Honold & Sara Anderson for decorating the Sanctuary for Easter.

Our church is so blessed with wonderful workers willing to give of their time and talents.



### Community Blood Drives –

Life Serve Blood Drive, **Monday, April 20, 12:30 to 6:00 p.m.** at FUMC.

American Red Cross, **Wednesday, April 22, Noon to 6:00 p.m.**  
Place: National Guard Armory

### 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!

**Spaghetti Dinner** served by UMW and Fun Bunch will be **April 26** after the 10:30 service. Plan to attend!

### Correction

The name in the flower list of Sue Van Dyke's parents should have been Schapman. Sorry for the mistake!

OOOOPS!

Attendance Record	
Apr. 4	41
Apr. 5	161
Apr. 11	31
Apr. 12	127

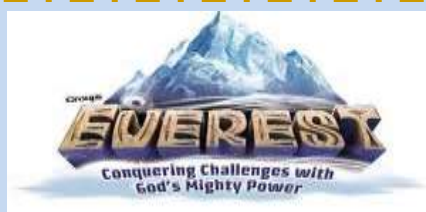
**VETERANS UPDATES-** April 21, 6 – 7 p.m. at this church, 1621 N. Main St. Free meal and education. Featuring Sonya Graham, Advocate for the Aging. Reserve your free meal by RSVP-ing at 712-792-9284 or e-mailing [mtuel@hawkeyecare.com](mailto:mtuel@hawkeyecare.com). Carroll Health Center is sponsoring this presentation. Calling all veterans, spouses or widows of veterans. You may be eligible for Veteran's Aid & Attendance Benefit. This will be a 1 hour event and will include questions and answer time. Come enjoy a free meal and education regarding veterans. All are welcome to attend.

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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 Apr 15<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 15</b>
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30–7:00 pm	Youth go bowling. Leaving from church. Parents pick up at bowling alley. Free pizza and free bowling!
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 16</b>
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 17</b>
	Last day to sign up for Youth Summer Mission Trip
10:00 a.m.	MOM's Playtime
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 18</b>
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 19</b>
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for all ages
10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship - Brittany Holdsworth will share her experiences in Jamaica.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 20</b>
4:00 p.m.	German Club
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
7:00 p.m.	PA
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 21</b>
6:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
11:00 a.m.	Book Club @ Queen Beans
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 22</b>
3:30 p.m.	Last UM Kids @ Northeast Park. Parents pick up at the park.
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30 p.m.	Jr. High Youth
6:30 p.m.	Youth Meal
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 23</b>
Noon	Book Club @ Queen Beans
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 24</b>
10:00 a.m.	MOM's Playtime
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 25</b>
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 26</b>
9:15 a.m.	Last day of Sunday School for all Ages
10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
11:30 a.m.	Spaghetti dinner served by UMW and Fun Bunch.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 27</b>
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
7:00 p.m.	PA
7–9 p.m.	Community Children's Theater Rehearsal
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 28</b>
6:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
7–9 p.m.	Community Children's Theater Rehearsal
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 29</b>
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
7–9 p.m.	Community Children's Theater Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.	Jr. High Youth
6:30 p.m.	Youth Meal
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Apr. 30</b>
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA



July 5th –9th  
3 years (if potty trained) to 5th grade  
6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Pre-Register by July 1 and receive a free t-shirt  
Or register at the door.  
\$15 per child \$30 per family

Check in begins at 5:15 p.m.  
July 5th

Closing Program: Thursday  
July 9th 8:00 p.m.

Stop by the office to get a registration form. You can also sign up online at [carrollunitedmethodist.org](http://carrollunitedmethodist.org)

This VBS promises to be mountains of fun! Plus, kids walk away with a rock-solid faith that they can rely on God when life gets tough. Join our climbing team—register to be a part of Everest VBS!

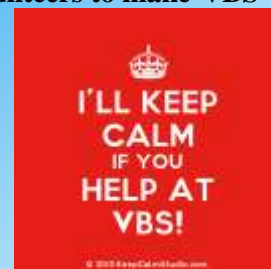


MOTHERS DAY is quickly approaching. We would like to celebrate it with a slide show. If you have a picture of your mom and would like to see it in the slide show please give it to Suzi or email it to her at [suziolberding@msn.com](mailto:suziolberding@msn.com)

### About VBS...

Please save gallon milk jugs for use decorating for VBS...Thanks!

And could you help? We need **50** volunteers to make VBS work!



### 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 camperships to make sure anyone who would like to go to camp, has the opportunity!



Next week is Book Club! Even if you have not read the book, do come and join the fun! Great discussions about topics brought up in the book...not just about the plot of the book.



### UM KIDS Schedule

April 22<sup>nd</sup>: Last UM Kids... We will go to the Northwest Park. (By Amy Ave.) Please pick your child up at the Park at 5:00!

### Sunday School Schedule

April 19<sup>th</sup>: The Last Supper Rotation  
April 26<sup>th</sup>: The Last Supper Rotation  
This will be the last day of Sunday School  
Confirmation Sunday is May 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Graduation Sunday is May 17<sup>th</sup>

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 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM at Queen Beans or come Thursday (the 23<sup>rd</sup>) 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.**

**Pick one up at the front counter. You still have time to read it because you won't be able to put it down once you start!**

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### WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.  
Sundays

6:00 p.m.  
Saturdays