



# 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
- Choir Practice, Sunday 9:00 am
- Sunday School 9:15 am
- Sunday Worship 10:30 am

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### COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Nov. 9 Matthew 25:31-40

#### “Living Out Your Faith” Bells Play

Jesus proclaimed over and over that we are known by our “fruits”. What is inside of us must come out in behaviors of love. The book of James underlines this when it says don’t be “hearers only but be doers”. We must show our faith by living it out in the lives of service to others around us.

Nov. 16 Matthew 25:14-30

#### “Don’t Hide Your Talent” Consecration Sunday

This scripture that is being used for Consecration Sunday shows two things: First - our talents and our money is given to us from God and Second - God expects us to use our talents and our money for His service and His Kingdom. The Kingdom is one of “giving it away”.

Nov. 23 Luke 17:11-19

#### “The Importance of Thanksgiving”

To Jesus the act of thanksgiving was essential in a relationship with God. He was always thanking the Father in his prayers. This scripture passage shows how thanksgiving and faith go hand in hand. How important is thanksgiving in your life?

Nov. 30 Mark 13:32-37 First Sunday of

#### Advent and Communion “Sleeping Christians”

Jesus warns us to live as vital Christians. We are called to “stay awake”. Many Christians live as if they are asleep, living out lives of halfhearted devotion (lukewarm and apathetic). Jesus calls us to be aware and awake not to miss what God is doing and calling us to do.



Our church is going to partner with Boy's Town in offering a 6 week parenting class at our church starting on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30. Our church will provide a free meal for the parents and kids, and child care while the parents are in class. **Want to help provide food or help with the kids? Or attend the classes? Call Nina, M-F, 1-5.**



Let's get in the spirit by decorating the church for Advent and Christmas. Several of our younger members have asked that we do “The Hanging of the Greens”. Put Sunday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 PM on your calendar to join us in the festivities. We will have snacks and apple cider. Come be a part of this fun time and great fellowship

### MEMBERS & FRIENDS

remembered on All Saints Day were: Robert & Mary Lou Ware, Delores Eason, Jamie Liechti, Robert Rowland, Charlotte Eissens, Annie Parrott Ondarza, James Albertson, Wilma Tranter, Kathy Buckfinck, Scott Knowler, Jo Ann Robertson.

### MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

Saturday, Oct 25	18
Sunday, Oct 26	120
Saturday, Nov 1	30
Sunday, Nov 2	149

**THANK YOU** from Mary Brown for the soup and cookies delivered to her home during her illness.



- George Crouse
- Joyce Tapps
- Harry VanZuiden
- Jan Sanford



- Frank & Vickie Jorgensen in the death of his father.

### COMMUNITY OF CONCERN

**REPORT** – As of Oct. 1, we have served 534 households, involving 1,404 persons. Two-third of the person are children. We anticipate serving nearly 2000 persons by year end. Thank you for your contributions. Items needed now are posted on the bulletin board

### CONSECRATION SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 16

As we plan to look at our giving, our church simply asks that we attend the worship service on the Consecration Sunday weekend and give of our commitment to God for the year of 2015.

There will be a free catered meal which is a way for our church to say “Thank You” to our congregation for the giving of their finances in ways that bless God and others. Please plan to attend the Saturday or Sunday worship and then the Consecration Sunday Meal (free and catered) directly after service on Sunday.

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

**PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE**

**Next Messenger:**  
**November 27<sup>th</sup> and will be for the month of December!**



“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-17)

You may feel that you are sitting still right now but that is an illusion. Earth is spinning around its axis at a speed of 1,000 miles per hour. Do you feel it? No? Well, think on this we are also hurtling through space at an average speed of 67,108 miles per hour (87 times faster than the speed of sound). So.....you may not know it but in a full day you just travelled 1,559,793 miles through space. Oh, by the way, the Milky Way which you live in is also spinning like a pinwheel at the dizzying rate of 483,000 miles per hour.

So if that is not miraculous, what is? Yet when was that last time we thanked God for keeping the planet in orbit. Did you ever pray, “Lord, I wasn’t sure we’d make that full rotation through space today, but You did it again!” We forget all that we have to be thankful for - the “little” things and the “big” things.

How about, this month, we decide to give a time of thankfulness to God every day. Each day of the month of November let’s take a moment (5 to 10 minutes) and just thank God for all the things we know about and those we may not even realize. That is a habit that will increase your faith, your joy, and move you closer to God.

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

### MISSIONS REPORT –

October deliveries to the Community Food Pantry totaled 63 items. The Food Pantry is gearing up for their fall food drive. Many school and community organizations will be collecting items for the Food Pantry throughout the holiday season. You are encouraged to participate in one of these food drives or continue to place your contributions in the grocery cart in the Main Street entrance to the church. Also please remember to check the expiration date on the items donated. Several donations in October had to be discarded due to expired expiration dates.



**GIVING TREE** - Look for the “Giving Tree” to be set up in the back of the sanctuary toward the end of November. This will be a Christmas tree on which we will combine many of the items donated in the past. Please feel free to leave scarves, mittens, hats, boots for school children as we have done in the past. Snow pants, new tennis shoes and socks are also needed. You are also encouraged to donate gas cards and gift cards to local businesses. (Penney, Wal-Mart, K-Mart, etc.) The gift cards will be removed each Sunday morning for safe keeping. They will be used to purchase items for families in need or used by Pastor Bailey for the “Special Needs” fund.

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 Nov 8<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

**SATURDAY Nov. 8**  
9:30 a.m. Historical meeting in the Confirmation Room  
Noon NA  
6:00 p.m. Saturday Worship

**SUNDAY Nov. 9**  
9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship  
4:00-5:00 p.m. Scouts

**MONDAY Nov. 10**  
5:00 p.m. TOPS

**TUESDAY Nov. 11**  
6:30 a.m. Prayer Walkers  
8:30 a.m. ALANON  
5:30 p.m. Boy's Town Parenting class  
6:30 p.m. Scouts

**WEDNESDAY Nov. 12**  
4:30 p.m. Confirmation  
5:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth  
6:30 p.m. Youth Supper  
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir  
7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth

**THURSDAY Nov. 13**  
5:30 p.m. Alanon  
6:00 p.m. MOM's meet with the City Council  
7:00 p.m. NA  
7:30 p.m. Compassionate Friends

**SATURDAY Nov. 15**  
Noon NA  
6:00 p.m. Saturday Worship

**SUNDAY Nov. 16**  
**Consecration Sunday**  
9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship  
11:30 a.m. Consecration Dinner

**MONDAY Nov. 17**  
12:15 p.m. Bloodmobile  
4:00 p.m. German Club  
5:00 p.m. TOPS  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

**TUESDAY Nov. 18**  
6:30 a.m. Prayer Walkers  
8:30 a.m. Alanon  
11:00 a.m. Heavenly Bound Book Club at Queen Beans  
5:30 p.m. Boy's Town Parenting class

**WEDNESDAY Nov. 19**  
3:30 p.m. UM Kids  
4:30 p.m. Confirmation  
5:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth  
6:30 p.m. Youth Supper  
7:00 p.m. Sr. High Youth

**THURSDAY Nov. 20**  
Noon Heavenly Bound Book Club at Queen Beans  
5:30 p.m. Alanon  
7:00 p.m. NA

**SATURDAY Nov. 22**  
9:00 a.m. Troop 458  
Noon NA  
6:00 p.m. Saturday Worship

**SUNDAY Nov. 23**  
9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship  
4:00-5:00 p.m. Scouts

**MONDAY Nov. 24**  
5:00 p.m. TOPS

**TUESDAY Nov. 25**  
6:30 a.m. Prayer Walkers  
8:30 a.m. ALANON  
5:30 p.m. Boy's Town Parenting class  
6:30 p.m. Scouts

**WEDNESDAY Nov. 26**  
No Youth After-School Activities

**THURSDAY Nov. 27**  
Happy Thanksgiving!

**FRIDAY Nov. 28**  
Office Closed

**SATURDAY Nov. 29**  
Noon NA  
6:00 p.m. Saturday Worship Communion

**SUNDAY Nov. 30**  
9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal  
9:15 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Communion

The Heavenly Bound Book Club will be reading **Deep Trouble** by Mary Connealy for November. Do join the discussion as we share our thoughts and impressions on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at Queen Beans OR come Thursday (the 20<sup>th</sup>) at noon at Queen Beans. The Queen Beans Coffee Bar provides a private room and great food. It is Dutch treat.

Mary Connealy is going to be one of the featured authors at the Carroll Public Library's Christian Fiction Author Event. This is being held on November 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:30pm at the Carroll Public Library. Mary Connealy is from eastern Nebraska and the other author/speaker, Lorna Seilstad, is from Council Bluffs, Iowa. They will be discussing their popular books.



Children's Christmas Program will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 church service. We will be practicing for the program during Sunday School on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>. Parts will be mailed out soon. Please contact Suzi or Kelli Bush if you have any questions. Thanks!



### Church Library

The Church library is now on a system that you can look at from home to see what is available. Most books are cataloged and I am in the process of cataloging CDs and DVDs.

Go to: [librarything.com/catalog/Carroll-FUMC](http://librarything.com/catalog/Carroll-FUMC) to see what is available. There will be a notebook for check in and out. Please make sure you check books in and out so that we can track how much the library is being used and what people are looking for. Please contact Suzi if you have any questions. The Library can be open anytime the church office is open.



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### WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.  
Sundays

6:00 p.m.  
Saturdays