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Lenten Schedule

Lenten Study: Thursday, Mar. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 10:00 a.m. OR 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Worship: March 28 at 9:45 a.m.

Holy Thursday Service: April 1, at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall with a light meal and Holy Communion around the tables

Good Friday Service: April 2, at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service: April 4, at 9:45 a.m.



Gift Baskets

A variety of Gift Baskets have been donated for a Silent Auction during the month of March. You may view them in the Chapel. Beginning March 7, bids will be taken. Following worship on March 28, the highest bidder will be announced for each basket. The bidder will then be able to take their basket (after paying for it, of course) home in time for Easter.

Mission Dinner

The UMW will host a Mission Dinner on Sunday, March 21, following the worship service. Make plans to stay for the fellowship and food and contribute to a worthy cause.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Education Committee, with the help of Lori Carlson, will once again sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 4, following the worship service. Donations of individually wrapped candy and Easter-themed items (pencils, erasers, etc) will be received through March 28. Contact Lori at 285-4875 or leave your donations in Jane's office.

Get Your Applications In!

The Iowa United Methodist Foundation awards scholarships each year to qualifying high school seniors, undergraduates and seminary students. There are a variety of scholarships available and each has it's own application process. These applications are available for downloading at www.iumpf.org. The **deadline for submitting applications is March 15.**

One Great Hour of Sharing

UMCOR brings relief when a catastrophe strikes. We rush to disaster areas all over the world with aid. But, along with food, clothing, shelter and medical help, we stay to assist survivors rebuild lives. That's what United Methodists do in response to God's love. From re-educating soldiers to feeding schoolchildren to establishing medical clinics in remote villages, we are hope for millions in nearly 100 of the poorest countries in the world. One Great Hour of Sharing supports these efforts. March 14 is your day to help!

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Calendars are on insert page

Information for *The Poster* should be in the Church office by the 29th of the month prior to being published.

Office Hours

8:00 a.m. -

12:00 noon

Monday to Friday

Sunday Worship

9:45 a.m.

Holy Communion is the first Sunday of the month

Council Highlights

The Church Council met on Feb. 23. Here is a summary:

- Income for February was a little over half of what is needed each month.
- Authorization has been received to use part of the Flower Garden Fund to remove a tree on church property.
- Wedding fees have been reviewed. Members will no longer be charged for use of the church.
- \$120 was collected at the UMW Mission Dinner.
- The Church Safety Deposit Box will be opened and the contents checked.
- A request to purchase musical instruments which would be left at the church was received. The Council asked for a list of instruments and probable cost before a decision would be made.
- A DVD player will be purchased with Memorial Fund monies.
- New carpeting in the sanctuary was discussed. Estimates will be sought.

Confirmation Class

A Confirmation Class is being held on various Sunday afternoons between now and May 2. At that time, those wishing to become full members of the United Methodist Church will be confirmed. Class members are Austin Eis, Michelle Houseman, Steve Parsley, Sam Sides and Carrie Yang. Please keep these young adults in your prayers as they embark on this journey.

Fun and Fellowship

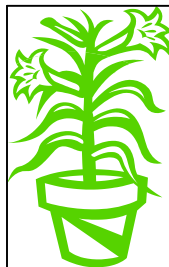
Interested in a group for Fun and Fellowship? Do you need a little more fun and laughter in your life? Come to Game Night on Saturday, March 20, at 4:00 p.m. Bring your favorite board game or puzzle and a snack to share. We meet until about 6:00 p.m. (or leave when your schedule dictates).

Vacation Bible School

Christ Lutheran Church will be holding Vacation Bible School/Day Camp June 28 through July 1. Class hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. with before and after care available. More details will be forthcoming.

Another option would be St. Luke's Episcopal Church at 3424 Forest Ave. They are holding Vacation Bible School July 5-9. Call 277-0875 for more details.

Talk to your children now about attending Bible School and put it on your calendar.



Use the yellow form to order your Easter Lilies in memory of or in honor of someone. Last day to order will be March 28.

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Home - 401-5290
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Prayer Corner

Pray for our service men and women and their families.

Pray for those in care centers, those home-bound and those who care for them.

And we especially lift up Art Alber, Charlie Cantrell, Brice Ashman, Pat Ceron, Marilyn Hulbert, Anna Nalevanko, Val Brooks, Grace Whipple and Cheryl Kennedy.

Our Christian Sympathies to Maxine Gillihan and family upon the death of Alfred Gillihan on Feb. 25.

Our Christian Sympathies to the family and friends of Isabell Bass, who died on Feb. 28. She attended here years ago.

Our Christian Sympathies to Judy Lukenbill whose husband, Keith, died on Feb. 27. Judy attends here occasionally.

Diaper Central Project

Many of the young families receiving food assistance through the DMARC Emergency Food Pantry cannot cover their basic needs for diapers, baby wipes and infant formula. Because inadequate access to diapers is often a symptom of a larger issue of poverty or crisis, DMARC is responding to this extraordinary and urgent community need by serving as a centralized warehouse and emergency distribution network for baby diapers and hygiene items. Their goal is to secure 60,000 diapers by June, 2010.

By partnering with DMARC to provide support for something as basic as diapers through the Diaper Central project, businesses, congregations, individuals and other groups can make a real and immediate difference in the lives of low-income families and their young children. Call 277-6969 or visit www.dmreligious.org for more information.

From Pastor Kathy

Isn't it strange how one can find hope in the most ordinary of things? Yesterday it was turning the page of the calendar to March. My first thought was "Hallelujah! March! Spring is coming!" What a relief to have a little hope that the snow and cold of winter will one day be a thing of the past. Of course, I already knew that this winter would eventually end, but somehow March coming made it more believable. Up till now the phrase that kept singing itself in my mind was one from Christina Rossetti's "In the Bleak Midwinter," found in our United Methodist Hymnal on Page 221: "Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow." If I didn't know it was written in 1872 about the winter of Jesus' birth, I would think she was writing about the Iowa winter of 2009-2010.

But now it is March, and that hope has allowed a phrase from another hymn to sneak into my soul: "In the snow and cold of winter, there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see." ("Hymn of Promise," UMH #707) Now, I still have my doubts that by the first day of spring all the snow will be gone and flowers will be pushing up through the ground, but in *March* I can believe that the day will come when I can look out the window and not see one speck of snow!

There is a much greater promise offered in the words of "Hymn of Promise" than just the promise that spring will come. (Although right now that one sounds pretty good!) There is the promise that God sees and knows all the hope, all the good, that will be revealed in God's time. And the promise that because of Christ's death and resurrection, there will be for us, at the last, a resurrection and a victory. As we move toward Easter and the celebration of Christ's resurrection, may we keep that hope in our hearts. May we believe in all of the promises expressed in Natalie Sleeth's "Hymn of Promise"

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.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

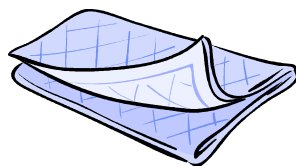
In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Pastor Kathy

Blanket Sunday

Church World Service TOOLS & BLANKETS create a rainbow of help and hope each time the right tool is placed in the hands of people in need. A simple truth: ordinary things—things that we often take for granted like blankets... clean water... education... tents... garden tools... seeds—can make a world of difference for people devastated by tragedy, as well as those working to build a better life for themselves and their communities. TOOLS OF HOPE empower people and bring a better tomorrow!

We will have Blanket Sunday on April 4, Easter Sunday. As we celebrate new life, we can help others have a new look on life. Just \$5 will buy a blanket that can be used in a multitude of ways—ways we haven't had to think about in our lives.



Interested in Piano or Organ Lessons?

Janna Nelson, Ben Sides' piano and organ teacher from Stuart, is willing to come to our church to continue Ben's lessons. She would like to have additional students. She is willing to teach piano or organ, and has students of all ages, including adults. She is reasonably priced and is a good and patient teacher. When lessons would be offered would depend on who is interested and what schedule could be worked out. If anyone is interested, please contact Pastor Kathy and she will put you in touch with Janna.



March/April 2010 Milestones

March Baptismal

Anniversaries
 2 Kristina Norris
 9 Alexandra Newton
 12 Jean Pease
 17 Doris Garland
 17 Matt Horak
 22 Angie Goodson
 22 Renee King
 25 Richard Carlson
 25 Pamela Cave
 27 Carlin Peer
 31 Divya Silbaugh

March Birthdays

2 Daniel Cantrell
 5 John King
 8 Keith Garland
 10 Lucy Garland
 11 Jerry Swigert
 11 Stefanie Lee
 11 Jasmine Miller
 11 Rob Nutting, Jr.
 12 Joshua Lee
 13 Connie Keller
 14 Art Alber
 15 David Miller
 15 Erika Nutting
 16 Abbie Crane
 17 Lois Horn
 18 Jim Meier
 19 Jake Carruthers
 23 Emilee Jones
 23 Teri Burnham
 24 Eloise Coen
 24 Maleah Kompsie
 27 Rickie Ramsey
 28 Virginia Moore
 28 Addison Hartmann
 29 Scott Kurth

March Wedding

Anniversaries

11 Herbert & Frances Ramsey
 14 David & Sherri Little
 15 Scott & Mary Kurth
 18 Lisle & Diane Goode
 31 Mike & Carol Holmes

April Baptismal

Anniversaries

3 Tammy Bernard
 3 Brad Carlson
 3 Judith Prothero
 4 Cody Carruthers

5 Charles Cantrell
 5 Coralie Cherry
 6 William Fisher
 6 Dennis Garland
 9 Rosemary Dearden
 9 Will Houck
 11 Elizabeth Albright
 13 Gerald Blackburn
 13 Sharrie Blackburn
 14 Brian Kent
 15 Zack Norris
 17 Emily Keller
 17 Mitch Keller
 17 Nicole Little
 20 Eric Little
 21 Sheryl Jacobsen
 21 Beverly Miller
 29 Daniel Cantrell

April Birthdays

4 Margaret Ashman
 6 Karen Eis
 7 Mae Wells
 8 Kari Nalevanko
 11 Jacob Norris
 12 Pat Hamman
 13 Emma Riegel
 15 Matt Kompsie
 15 Mary Kurth
 16 Lawrence Seid
 16 Kate Mikovec
 18 Sam Sides
 19 Amanda Jones
 24 Sara Alexander
 26 Judy Prothero
 26 Ben Albright
 28 Lori Carlson
 28 Elizabeth Davis
 29 Mallory Crane
 29 Cody Carruthers
 29 Ferne Cremer
 30 Lora Houck

April Wedding

Anniversaries

1 Craig & Pam Cave
 3 John & Jane Rice
 8 John and Grace Whipple
 12 Johnny & Cheryl Reeves
 14 Tom & Stephanie Windust
 20 Nick & Kari Nalevanko
 24 Doug & Val Brooks
 27 Pat and Jeri Crane

Financial Secretary Notes

To receive credit, your designated offering donations (designated funds - food pantry, mission, Bidwell, Glimpses, Ingathering, Heifer, Special offerings, repair, trustees, youth) must be placed in the Sunday offering plate or mailed to the church office so it can be recorded in the giving records. If you give your donation directly to the person in charge of a specific designated fund program there is no way to tie your donation to your record and you will not receive credit for it.

All checks need to be made payable to Ft. Des Moines United Methodist Church, not to the designated fund.

Please don't forget your regularly scheduled giving when contributing to special designated offerings and specific project offerings.

Memorial donations can be placed in the Sunday offering, mailed to the church, given at the funeral home or given directly to the family.

February Finance Report

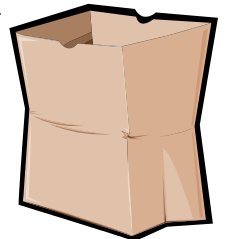
General Account Income	\$ 7,603.75
General Account Expenses	\$ 9,740.46
Needed each month:	\$13,038.00
Designated Funds Income:	\$ 566.00
Trustees Income:	\$ 45.00

Year-to-Date

Total Income	\$21,198.71
Total Expenses	\$20,035.16

Bags

DMARC's nine food pantries are in need of paper grocery bags in good condition. The pantries reuse paper sacks for packing food items to be given out to those in need. Large quantities of these paper sacks are consumed in the process, and the need is ongoing. Purchasing paper grocery sacks is not possible due to cost, and therefore, recycling paper sacks for this purpose is our only option. If you have extra paper sacks, you can drop them off at DMARC or any of our nine pantry locations.



Bidwell Riverside Center is still in need of plastic grocery bags as well. If you can help with these, please deliver them to Bidwell.

Employment Opportunities

Ankeny Presbyterian Church is looking for an Office Manager/Secretary. Two years experience are required. Applicants must be proficient with MS Word, Publisher and other. Ability to do multiple tasks; 20-30 hrs. per week minimum. Contact Ankeny Presbyterian at 317 SE Trilein Dr, Ankeny IA 50021 or office@ankenypresbyterian.org.

St. Mark Lutheran Church, 1115 Grand Ave, West Des Moines is seeking a custodian/light maintenance person. This is a permanent part-time position, 15 hr/wk, varied daytime hours. Call Maxine at 223-4208.

Grant Park Christian Church at E 25th & Capitol in Des Moines is looking for an organist for Sunday morning worship. Call 262-8724 or 266-4717.

Support Your Local Farmer

The Iowa Food Cooperative (IFC) is a web-based ordering system to buy Iowa products directly from Iowa farmers. You decide what to buy, how much to buy and from which producers. Acting as an agent for consumer members, they provide an online catalog of Iowa-produced foods and goods. To check it out and sign up, visit www.iowafood.org.

Cleaning for a Reason

There is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning, once per month for up to 4 months while a woman is undergoing chemotherapy. Women are required to sign up and have a doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. To sign up, go to www.cleaningforareason.org.

Food Pantry Tidbits

—DMARC tracks the total number of different families who make use of the Emergency Food Pantry locations throughout a year, as well as the number of brand new families defined as families who have never used any of the sites before.

Total families served in 2008: 7,719

Total families served in 2009: 11,661

Total new families in 2009: 5,366

—March and April mark the \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger, also known as the Feinstein Challenge. Every year, philanthropist Alan Shawn Feinstein and the Feinstein Foundation give a total of \$1 million to nonprofit organizations nationwide that participate in the fight against hunger.

This grant is distributed to all eligible organizations proportionally, based on cash and food donations received as part of the Feinstein Challenge during the months of March and April. During the past 12 years, participating organizations have raised more than \$1 billion, making the Challenge the most successful effort to fight hunger of all time.

Donations made to the Des Moines Area Religious Council between March 1 and April 30 that are designated as a match for the Feinstein Challenge will count toward DMARC's share of the \$1 million grant. The more you give, the more the Food Pantry gets.

—WE CAN! was originally a project of Polk City United Methodist church. They started this project in 2008, collecting 29,000 food items during March and April. The effort has spread throughout the Metro area and participating churches are encouraged to try to collect 1000 food items each during this time period. This year's event will culminate on May 2. (Watch for more information in future issues!) When all of the participating churches have turned in their food items at a central location downtown, trucks will transport it to the Des Moines Area Religious Council's food pantry warehouse and homeless ministries in the Des Moines area, including Hope Ministries.

—Fort Des Moines United Methodist Church **needs a person or persons** who would take our monthly food pantry items to the warehouse located at 3816 36th St, sometime during the week following Food Pantry Sunday. Your responsibilities would include picking-up the items, counting them and filling out a donation card, and delivering them. Talk to Debbie McCloney, Pastor Kathy or Jane White if you are interested in serving your congregation in this way.

The Hungry and I

To allow the hungry to remain hungry would be blasphemy against God and one's neighbor, for what is nearest to God is precisely the need of one's neighbor. It is for the love of Christ, which belongs as much to the hungry as to myself, that I share my bread with them and that I share my dwelling with the homeless. If the hungry do not attain to faith, then the fault falls on those who refused them bread. To provide the hungry with bread is to prepare the way for the coming of grace.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer





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and action,
open to all in the Spirit and Love
of God.*

Education

**Classes held Sept. 13, 2009 thru
May 23, 2010
Sunday School 11:00-11:45 a.m.**

Staff

Rev. Kathy Sides
Pastor

Jane White,
Administrative Assistant

Mildred Zeliadt,
Organist

Benny Hotopp,
Custodian

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Lesson Texts

You are invited to come to worship prepared by reading the text ahead of time.

You may wish to bring your own Bible.

7th Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9
14th Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
21st Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8
28th Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14-23
4th Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
John 20:1-18
11th Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31

Events:

14th One Great Hour of Sharing
Offering received.
14th Daylight Saving Time begins!
20th Game Night
21st Food Pantry Offering received
21st UMW Mission Dinner
1st Maundy Thursday Service in
Fellowship Hall
2nd Good Friday Service
4th Easter Egg Hunt
4th Blanket Sunday Offering
received.



March 2010

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	2	3 7:00 PM Choir practice	4 10:00 AM Lenten Study 7:00 PM Lenten Study 8:00 PM AA	5 8:00 PM AA	6
7 9:45 AM Worship 10:45 AM Youth Conference 11:00 AM Sunday School 8:00 PM AA	8 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	9	10 10:00 AM UMW 6:00 PM Worship Committee 7:00 PM Choir practice	11 10:00 AM Lenten Study 7:00 PM Lenten Study 8:00 PM AA	12 8:00 PM AA	13
14 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Confirmation Class 8:00 PM AA	15 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	16 7:00 PM Radio Club	17 7:00 PM Choir practice	18 10:00 AM Lenten Study 7:00 PM Lenten Study 8:00 PM AA	19 8:00 PM AA	20 4:00 PM Game Night
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28 Palm Sunday 9:45 AM Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Confirmation Class 8:00 PM AA	29 6:30 PM Boy Scouts	30 7:00 PM Council	31 7:00 PM Choir practice			

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