



The Circuit Rider

United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon

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Pastor's Letter / General Conference Update

Dear Church,

I write this letter with a heavy heart. There is brokenness, and a deep divide within our church, both global and local. It's a pain that is felt across the nation, and possibly the world today.

Here are the Facts. The Traditional plan passed yesterday in the Special General Conference of the United Methodist Church. This is the plan that maintains the language that marriage is between man and woman, and will not allow for marrying or the ordination of a person who identifies as practicing a lifestyle of LGBTQ. The plan has built in increased accountability, in order to maintain these standards. In addition to this, an exit plan was passed, so that an annual conference, a congregation, or clergy can leave the body under certain criteria. From what I understand the criteria includes an all church vote at a charge conference and a vote at Annual Conference.

So, what does this mean for us? It means that we are to go on sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It means that we are to continue to do missions, to love the people, and to preach the gospel. It means we wait before we react, James says it well when he says, "we should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry." We continue to thank God for what he has done, where he has brought us and what he is already doing. We ask him for wisdom, grace, and compassion in moving us forward. We spend a great deal of our life waiting, and God has a way of using it. There is a reason that each of these steps take time. Please engage in conversation with one of our leaders, please don't just disappear if you are disheartened.

You might be wondering what I believe, and where I stand in all of this. I believe in the traditional, orthodox teachings of scripture. I believe that the scriptures speak from the time of Creation to the point of revelation, and everything in between (our time). I believe that God created man and woman, Adam and Eve for one another. I stand behind the plan that was passed. Some might call me a traditionalist. I understand that some read scripture differently than I do, and feel differently than I do. I love you whether you agree with me or whether you disagree.

I know that some of you may feel that you simply will no longer be able to be a part of the United Methodist Church. I honor and respect that. Our leaders are already gathering information, the nuts and bolts and the details so that you as the church can have conversations around what is next for the United Methodist Church of Mt Vernon. Stay tuned. Don't run away, no matter what you believe. Hang tight with us all.

My greatest sadness in all of this is the pain that has been caused to many. There is great hurt across our denomination and across our world. I am concerned that our witness has been crucified by the ways we have treated one another. For any part I've had in this, I am sorry. We are the same people in this church that have been in this church. Let's not run from one another. Let's be sure to put on compassion, kindness, gentleness, humility, and self-control. Let us love one another, by speaking the truth to one another in love. If you need an ear or a shoulder, feel free to reach out to me, I'd love to listen and pray.

God's grace is stretched out to you. God's love chases you, and desires for you to continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Let's not stop loving God and loving one another, as best as we can in this emotional time in the church.

Today I'm meeting with people, reading to make sure I have a full understanding of what all just took place, tonight I will meet with confirmands. We will be discussing Methodist history. We'll add a historic point in our conversation tonight. Tomorrow I'll get up and meet with my clergy friends, band together with a couple and confess and repent of my sins, I will pray with them, I will study and work on my sermon, I will care for those who need care, and I will prepare for Lent. I will continue to live into the ministry God is calling me into, and I hope you will too. Bless you, my friends. It is an honor to do ministry alongside of you. My prayers are with you.

Peace, Pastor Joy Mitchell

Servant Sunday 2019

LET SERVICE BE OUR WORSHIP...



What is Servant Sunday?

Servant Sunday is a day set apart for serving our neighbors. We'll gather altogether as a congregation for a delicious breakfast and a brief service at 8:30. At 9:30 we'll divide into project teams according to your abilities and interests, such as garden clean-up, light construction work, blanket tying, visiting Hallmark, washing windows, etc. Most projects should be completed by noon.

Mark your calendars and get ready to serve for Servant Sunday 2019!

What is the purpose of Servant Sunday?

- * to lift up and witness to our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ to love and serve our neighbors
- * to acknowledge service as a form of worship
- * to give each member and the families of our church an opportunity to serve according to their interests and talents
- * to provide an opportunity for people from both worship services to work side by side, getting to know each other

WE NEED PROJECTS!

If you have ideas for projects or know of a person or persons that could use a helping hand in our community, we want to hear from you! Maybe YOU are the person that could use some help? Let us bless you, and let us know of your need!

Call Nancy Reasland, 319-321-2087, or email: nreasland@mchsi.com.

Next Steps Following #GC2019

James Baty, UMCMV Chair of Church Council

Brothers and sisters, there is no shortness of emotions following the completion of the long-awaited General Conference held in St. Louis earlier this week. What is left, is much work for the UMC and for congregations all across, primarily, the United States to determine how to finish what #GC2019 set in motion, determine individually how best to hold together the local body within communities, and replace polarity with empathy, even if that also results in varying forms of separation.

During #GC2019 this weekend, culminating Monday, February 26th, *The Way Forward*, commissioned to lead the United Methodist Church through the troubled waters of the past four decades, concluded. By a margin of 53% to 46%, the Traditional Plan, which maintains the current language of the Book of Discipline and strengthens the consequences and reparations for violations, was ratified. Additionally, the only other major element to the action was passing an addition to The Book of Discipline that defines the process for churches, conferences, pastors and bishops wishing to pursue leaving the United Methodist Church. One of the last actions taken during the conference was to send both the Traditional Plan and the Disaffiliation Process amendment to the Judiciary Council for final review. The JC will complete this during their meeting on April 23rd and render one final position on the constitutionality of the language.

What does this mean for the UMC? It means the fundamental position The Book of Discipline has carried since the late 1960's will remain. It also means that there are likely to be churches that no longer wish to be affiliated with the UMC based solely on these principles. Unless there is a change that becomes mandated from the review by the Judiciary Council, beginning as early as January, 2020, churches may begin applying for disaffiliation in accordance with the amendment. Churches have been given until December 31, 2023 to complete any disaffiliation process from the UMC.

What does this mean for our church? There is much research yet to be done. Bishop Laurie Haller will visit Salem United Methodist Church on March 10th, holding a session from 3:00 - 5:00 pm to inform those in attendance in person as well as via live feed what to expect in the timeline from the Iowa Annual Conference and updates on other important details. I will be in attendance at this meeting. The Church Council is required to hold a 1st quarter meeting and we will be delaying this until April 1st so that we can collect as much updated information as possible in advance of that April 23rd rendering by the Judicial Council. An agenda item will be the consideration for a Church Conference where every professing member has a chance to learn of the specifics and have their voice heard individually and collectively. From this Church Conference, the church may discern what unity looks like here and what directions we should take.

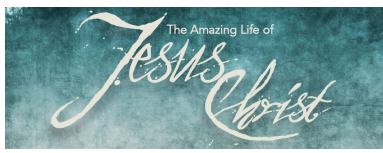
Each of you needs to know that to this church, you matter, your beliefs matter and your voice needs to be heard. Stay connected, stay involved and with me, become informed. While I have many details on the entirety of the process and requirements, I am still seeking additional information as it is generated in this wake from #GC2019 and much work remains to be done by the Council of Bishops and the UMC process. I do not assume to know for certainty what the future is for this church but I do know your voice, opinion and beliefs matter and need to be heard. I also know that I am willing to lead us through this so that everyone's voice is heard.

Lent is nearly here and it is time for us to let the main thing be the main thing. Let Jesus bring our salvation fully to the center, lean into Him. Please do not miss the opportunity to rejoice in the ultimate connection we have with all of Christianity, the salvation through grace in the resurrection of our risen Lord. When we have completed Lent, enough information will have been developed for all churches to be assured of the final impact of General Conference and to begin to understand the options for UMCMV, for this community, for your family, for our family.

I love you all and plan on serving alongside for as long as God will allow me to do so in this church.

May you be blessed in abundance today, Jim

"Here am I, the servant of the Lord, let it be with me, according to your word." (Luke 1:38)



Woman's Bible Study

Part 2 Wednesdays, 9:30-11:00 am

Balcony Classroom @ UMCMV - "The Amazing Life of Jesus Christ"

"Whether you are just meeting Jesus for the first time or if you have known Him for years, the Scripture and in-depth, thoughtful questions in this 12 week DVD study, *The Amazing Life of Jesus Christ*, will help you apply His truth to your life."

To Register Text or Call - Cathy #319-551-6666

March Birthdays

Lonny Merlak	03/01
Brian Bothell	03/02
Abe Tubbs	
Melissa Kahl	03/03
Madison Bowling	03/05
Samantha White	
Jase Jaspers	03/06
Vaughn Jace Havill	03/07
Tristyn Holets	
Suzette Kragenbrink	03/09
Ann Coe	03/10
Daniel Rekemeyer	
Nolan Jackson	03/12
Jan White	03/13
Ryley Hoffman	03/15
Kellen Johanningmeier	
Emily Davis	03/17
Charlie Schaller	

Melody Lineburg	03/19
Mick Snodgress	
Dan Stoner	
Anna Croghan	03/20
Mary Jane McWilliams	
Janet Ault	03/21
Dillon Fawcett	
Brittany Ferguson	
Lillian Hotz	03/22
Anna Hoffman	03/23
Josie Bothell	03/24
John Gee	03/25
Michael Woods	
Dick Simmons	03/26
Brett Cooper	03/27
Samantha Zehms	03/30
Amy Jackson	03/31
Eleanor Kraus	

MARCH

ANNIVERSARIES

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Terry & Susan Pisarik	03/06
Darrell & Donna Jordan	03/16
Jim Rebhuhn & Carol Wozniak-Rebhuhn	03/17



We now have an AED machine on main floor (mounted on the wall next to elevator) and will be having training once the weather improves (likely spring) by our own Nancy Reasland on how to use it. In the meantime if you want further information about it, feel free to check out their website – it is a Zoll brand AED machine- at www.zoll.com and it will explain how to use it. Thanks! Board of Trustees

March Giving Schedule



3/10/2019	Camp Scholarships Special Offering
3/17/2019	SE Linn Bulk Food Offering
3/24/2019	SE Linn Bulk Food Offering
3/31/2019	UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)



JOIN THE
CONVERSATION.

POINT OF VIEW (POV) DISCUSSIONS

March 3 & 10, 2019 @ 6:30 pm
in Fellowship Hall

We will continue the process of learning empathy, growing by listening and leaning into our faith.

Sunday Worship Schedule:

8:30 am Praise
Worship

9:45 am Sunday
School

11:00 am
Traditional

FINANCE UPDATE– We ended the 2018 Year in the Black with a balance of \$6,384.

February Special Offerings

Snow removal	\$1,213
Blanket Ministry	\$201
Romania Super Kids	\$325
Women at the Well	\$1,324

Scrip Update

Thanks to all those who have participated in the Scrip Program! So far in 2019 we have raised over \$255 for the general operating expenses of the church! Please put your order form/check in the collection plate or drop them off in the church office.



Altar Flowers are welcomed to be shared in memory or honor of your loved ones or a special occasion. Please notify the church office if you are bringing these by Thursday AM prior to the Sunday you wish to share them. Thanks!



Circuit Rider Deadline for **April 2019** will be March 27, 2019—please email any information you want included to: alisondix@umcmv.com

Thanks!



ASH
WEDNESDAY
Service
Wednesday,
March 6
6:30 pm

Janitorial Volunteers - Rosa Love

Rosa Moss, our long time custodian, is home and spending time with her family. Thank you so much to all that have volunteered and continue to do so from our SPRC. Any questions contact Jeff Schmatt (319-895-8776 or jeff@rubicon-photo.com) as the point person during this time. The dates listed are weekly dates starting each Sunday. Feel free to come at your convenience. Supplies are available or feel free to bring your own if you are more comfortable with that. Sign up can be as a family or individual for each task. Thanks for all the support! <https://www.umcmv.com/volunteer-opportunities/>

Iowa Churches Step Up to Help Immigrant Groups

With all the news about building the “wall”, some issues in the lives of new immigrants have gotten lost in the nation’s conscience. Several churches in Iowa are stepping up to respond and at the same time are coordinating so there is no duplication of effort. Here are some examples:

DACA children and students remain in limbo. Even though they were brought here as children and have never known any life except in America, they are constantly in danger of deportation unless there is a change in the law. The First Unitarian Church in Des Moines has set up a fund for DACA children and for Asylum seekers to begin the long and expensive process of gaining residency and citizenship. If you would like to help, send your donation to the **First Unitarian Church, 1800 Bell Avenue, Des Moines IA 50315**. Put **DACA** and/or **asylum funds** on your check.

The ICE raid in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, has left many families with no breadwinner. The men were deported or are still in jail, with wives and children still in Mount Pleasant with no means of support. Ever since last fall, the First Presbyterian Church in Mount Pleasant has been providing foster care and foodbanks for the families who are left behind. If you would like to help them, send your donation to **First Presbyterian Church, 902 S. Walnut Street, Mount Pleasant IA 52641** and indicate **“Support of Immigrant Families”**.

The ICE separation of families along the border has left immigrant relatives in Iowa with difficulty in locating family members and their separated children. Some family members have travelled to the border to help relatives unite with their children. The Walnut Hills United Methodist Church has begun a fund to help with this process. If you would like to donate to this cause, send your check to **Walnut Hills UMC, 12321 Hickman Road, Urbandale IA 50323-1810**.

There are also a number of men who were picked up at work during ICE raids who are simply stuck in jails, **unable to pay their bond money** that would allow them to go home. If this is a situation that touches your heart, you may send your donation to the **Eastern Iowa Community Bond Project, PO Box 3174, Iowa City, 52244-3174**.

---Kay Graber — “Justice for Our Neighbors” Clinic Coordinator

CABINFEVER FEST



The UMCMV Hospitality Committee, would like to thank all those who attended and volunteered (decorating, preparing food, and doing cleaning projects), to make the recent **Cabin Fever Fest** a success! What a fun and wonderful way to experience fellowship with each other, and beat the winter blues!



Redeemed Ministries DRAMA coming to UMCMV — Sunday April 7 @ 7 pm



REDEEMED PASSION MINISTRIES

@

United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon

SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2019

7:00 PM

A DRAMA FROM CREATION TO
RESURRECTION FOR ALL !

YOUTH WORSHIP NIGHT

ONE BODY. ONE SPIRIT. ONE HOPE. ONE GOD.
EPHESIANS 4:4-6

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

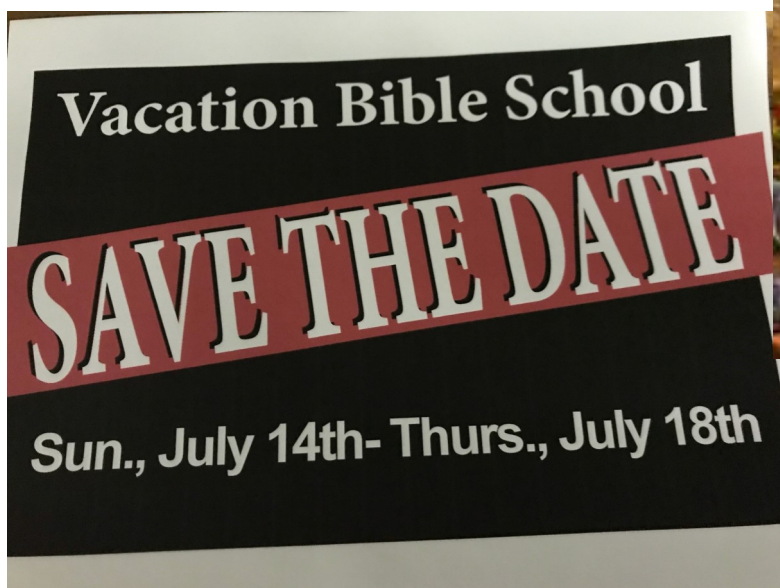
6:30 - 8:30PM
DOOR PRIZES

MARION METHODIST CHURCH
5050 REC DR MARION, IA 52302

SPEAKER
CAMERON SCOTT
CITYSCAPE LEAD PASTOR

Any Questions? Contact Kelsie DeReus kdereus@marionmethodist.org

**Mark Your Calendars for
Summer FUN!!**



**Vacation Bible School
will be ROARIN' with
God's Love!**

March 2019 United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 8:00 AM Private Event, Fellowship Hall & Kitchen 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellow-
3 8:30 AM Praise Worship, Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School, Classrooms 10:30 AM Fellowship Time, Common Ground Meeting Room 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 6:30 PM Point of View Discussions, Fellowship Hall	4 6:00 PM Alpha? Desserts & Conversation, Common Ground meeting room, Balcony classrooms, Chapel Room 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting, Fellowship Hall	5 5:30 PM Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall & classrooms	6 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 5:30 PM Ash Wednesday Youth Meal- All are invited, Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Worship 7:15 PM HS Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room 7:30 PM Choir practice, Sanctuary	7 6:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary	8	9 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
10 Camp Scholarship Special Offering Scout Sunday 8:30 AM Praise Worship, Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School, Classrooms 10:30 AM Fellowship Time, Common Ground Meeting Room 11:00 AM School of Lay Ministry Meal, Fellowship Hall 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 6:30 PM Point of View Discussions, Fellowship Hall	11 6:00 PM Alpha? Desserts & Conversation, Common Ground meeting room, Balcony classrooms, Chapel Room 6:30 PM Evening Book Club, Danforth Balcony Room (off elevator) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting,	12 11:30 AM Staff Meeting - Chapel Room 5:30 PM Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall & classrooms	13 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 6:00 PM Adult Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary 6:00 PM Middle School Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room 7:00 PM Choir practice, Sanctuary 7:15 PM HS Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room	14 6:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary	15	16 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
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Sunday School News...

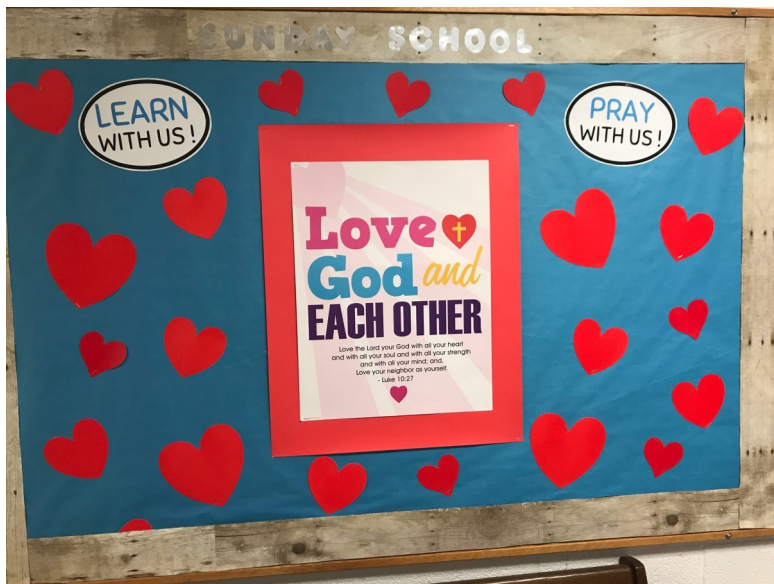
We haven't let cold rooms and freezing weather stop us! Our Sunday school has been staying warm by learning about our current unit Families Remember God. When the Hebrew people were waiting to enter the Promised Land, God told Moses some very important instructions for families. Families are supposed to love God together all day long. We learned that God wants us to love God with our whole heart. God also wants us to fill our lives with thoughts about God and actions that reflect God's love.

Deuteronomy 6:5- Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

*Ask your children about the video that we watched, showing kids kicking around a soccer ball and talking about ways to remember God.

*Ask your children about the story of Moses and The Ten Commandments

*Ask your children about showing love by making cards to hand out during church services.



Here is my challenge for you for this month! Can you tell me where this bulletin board is located? Come up to Dee at church and tell me the answer and I will give you a prize!

Spring break dates: No Sunday school on March 17th and March 24th.

On that note:

Let us not forget God's best gift to us... our precious children. We are so thankful for all of the children that God has blessed us with, may we continue to reach out to all the children around Mount Vernon. Help us bring MORE CHILDREN to learn about God's love!!

Prayers for Healing:

- Donna Walters (recently diagnosed with cancer, having surgery March 14th. Donna is also requesting prayers for the surgeons and her family)
- Kirk Prybel (friend of Jim Davis) prayers for continued recovery from fluid on the brain
- For Jerry and Murray Sorgenfrey (sons of Pat Sorgenfrey) following surgeries
- Gordon Reed (Angie Watson's father) prayers for continued improvement while Gordon is now at a rehabilitation center in Dubuque
- Larry Grekoff (friend of Matt and Allison Traynor) recently diagnosed with stage 4 glioblastoma. Prayers for Larry and his family as they cope with this diagnosis
- For Dave Aron (friend of Morgan Stine). Dave had a severe stroke and needs prayers for healing, including return of speech and movement
- For Jan O'Neil (Ann Booth's friend) who is in aggressive treatment for her brain tumor
- Brian (Robbin Rekemeyer's cousin) diagnosed with cancer
- Barb Hunter (Kraig Hunter's mother) continued prayers for healing, following a successful pacemaker implant.
- Kenneth Hunter (Kraig Hunter's father) for successful treatments for cancer and strength to endure them
- Maxine Havill (coping with some heart health issues)
- John Havill (prayers for his continued progress in walking again - prayers for strength, endurance and healing)
- Marty (Fred and Marion Lehman's son-in-law), who continues his recovery in a skilled nursing care facility in Cedar Rapids. Prayers that he can eventually return home.
- Jo Harman (for complete healing of her eye and for good vision)
- Amanda Meeker
- Tiffany Snodgress

Prayers for Comfort and Strength:

- Prayers for peace, strength and comfort for all who watched, participated or are affected by General Conference 2019
- For Natalie and Allison Ott whose grandmother recently passed away. Prayers for them as they grieve this loss.
- For Rosa Moss who is now at home (also, prayers for peace and thanksgiving for time together with Emily, Hannah and Ben)
- Prayers of peace and comfort for Kraig and Pam Hunter as they support Kraig's parents through health issues and treatments
- For family and friends dealing with mental illness
- For persons trying to manage depression
- For people who are dealing with self doubt and worry
- For all not mentioned by name who are mourning the loss of a family member or friend

Prayers for Safety and God's Guidance:

- Prayers for the Alpha program that started on the 21st and will meet each Monday evening. Prayers for God's guidance and presence in this Alpha session, that persons will renew their faith or be called to begin or go deeper in their faith journey.
- Safety and guidance for all college students
- Safety for all during these frigid temperatures and wintry precipitation

Prayers for Transition:

- Prayers for our Pastor, our Church Council and other Church Leadership during this time of discernment
- For those in the midst of changing seasons of life.

Prayers for Sustenance:

- Please pray for lots of children to attend Vacation Bible School and volunteers to lead and guide them
 - Cornell FCA (meets Thursdays 7:00 a.m to 8:00 a.m.) Pray for God's love to grow on campus and spread across the nation.
 - For our Sunday school program and all of the children and youth who attend. May God continue to bless this ministry.
 - For the children in Sibiu, Romania being served at The Super Kids Day Center and the staff who are ministering to them. Specifically, prayers for Pastor Cristi and Ligia.
 - Agape Ministry in Cedar Rapids (leader Abraham Boniface)
 - UMCMV pastor, staff, lay leader, and committee members
 - UMCMV Life Group ministry
 - UMCMV Stephen Ministers and Care Ministers
 - Mission of Hope in Cedar Rapids, volunteers and attendees
- Women at the Well United Methodist Church, Pastor Lee Schott, and the women of Iowa Correctional Institute for Women

Prayers for our World:

- Praying for peace and for mankind to work together
 - For love, peace and dignity among all
 - Prayers for unconditional love; loving one another even amongst disagreements
- The United Methodist Church

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Joy:

- The birth of Preston John Legore on February 19th. Proud parents are Chris and Sara Legore and thrilled grandparents are Tim and Diane Legore
- The birth of Noah Paul McCarthy, excited parents are Ashley and Tyler McCarthy (proud grandfather is Jim Davis)
- For the lovely morning spent with Rosa at her "Spring Fling"
- For the hard work and effort of those who repaired the boiler and helped to warm the Education wing on Sunday morning, and also those managing the leaky roof during this tough winter weather
- For the Cornell students who came and helped do special cleaning projects and enjoyed dinner at the Cabin Fever event
- For all the volunteers who are helping to clean the church; helping to keep our church beautiful while also showing love to Rosa
- Thanksgiving for our church family that pulls together to love and support each other

PRAYER LIST

March 2019 Worship Assistants

March 3rd at 8:30am (Praise Service)		March 3rd at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Amy Jackson	Parking Lot Door	Cot Graber
West Door Greeters:	Ron Jackson	West Door Greeters:	Kay Graber
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Ethan Stanerson & Family	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Jesse Schwiebert & Family
Nursery:	Ryley Hoffman	Lector:	Karen Stewart
Coffee Host:	Mike & Karen Stewart	Nursery:	Brittany Booth
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Slide Presenter:	Jackie Morrical
Sound Tech:	Payton Schwiebert	Sound Tech:	Benjamin Nydegger
Communion Assistants:	Ethan Stanerson & Kameron Brand	Communion Assistants:	Jesse Schwiebert & Benjamin Nydegger
March 10th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		March 10th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door Greeter:	TBD	Parking Lot Door Greeter:	Mike Stewart
Red Door Greeter:	TBD	Red Door Greeter:	Jim Wallace
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Ethan Stanerson & Family	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Jesse Schwiebert & Family
Nursery:	Becca Conrad	Lector:	Rainey Brown
Sound Tech:	Kevin Woods	Nursery:	Brittany Booth
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Slide Presenter:	Trude Elliot
		Sound Tech:	Anna Nydegger
		Coffee Host:	Vern & Arlene Sand
March 17th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		March 17th @ 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Donna Jordan	Parking Lot Door	Suzette Kragenbrink
West Door Greeters:	Darrell Jordan	West Door Greeters:	Mike Kragenbrink
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Ethan Stanerson & Family	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Jesse Schwiebert & Family
Nursery:	Kim Schwiebert	Lector:	Judy Stine
Sound Tech:	Preston Johnson	Sound Tech:	Ben Johnson
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Nursery:	Cindy Strong
		Coffee Host:	Ann Booth
		Slide Presenter:	Cot Graber
March 24th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		March 24th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Eric Briesemeister	Parking Lot Door	Al Shepley
West Door Greeters:	Babs Moore	West Door Greeters:	Terry Pisarik
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Ethan Stanerson & Family	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Jesse Schwiebert & Family
Nursery:	Lily Booth	Lector:	Dan Hakken
Sound Tech:	Payton Schwiebert	Nursery:	TBD
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Coffee Host:	Diane Legore
		Sound Tech:	Matt Morrical
		Slide Presenter:	Dick Jacob
March 31st at 8:30am (Praise Service)		March 31st at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Jeremy & Lindsey Hotz Family	Parking Lot Door	Mike Kragenbrink
West Door Greeters:	Nancy Reasland	West Door Greeters:	John McWilliams
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Ethan Stanerson & Family	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Jesse Schwiebert & Family
Nursery:	Ryley Hoffman	Lector:	Kristi Keast
Sound Tech:	Kevin Woods	Nursery:	Brittany Booth
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		Slide Presenter:	Kraig Hunter
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FORTY STEPS ON THE ROAD TO RESURRECTION

ASH WEDNESDAY March 6

Dinner with Youth 5:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

Worship @ 6:30 pm