



The Circuit Rider

United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

We have been blessed with incredible worship of our Lord and savior this month, with our generosity campaign and a little interruption from God, waking us up and calling us deeper into our prayers and our witness.

The scripture that has been on my heart as of late has been this one from James 5:13-20:

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

God calls us more and more deeply into our prayer life, whether we are celebrating, or grieving, God wants to hear from us. Not only does he want to hear directly from us, but he wants us to lean into our community, so that we can lift one another up. This comes in the area of confession and forgiveness, and for praying for rain to come, or rain to stop, and for prayers for illness, and grief.

What a beautiful congregation we have that rallies around those in need. Are you willing to share your needs as well as lift the other up? Are you willing to turn to God in your most joyful moments and in your most sorrowful, regretful ones? The Lord is listening. As are we. Let us go to the Father together, dear ones.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Joy

Sunday

Worship

Schedule:

8:30 am Praise

Worship

9:45 am Sunday

School

11:00 am

Traditional

Worship



**Gratitude
makes what
you have
enough.**



**Memorials Committee
Announces
All Saints Sunday
Nov 4, 2018**

On November 4, 2018 our congregation will observe All Saints Sunday. It is a high and holy day when we remember, with thanksgiving, all the saints who have walked in our midst and have died in the past year. We will be remembering loved ones by lighting candles and ringing bells as a sign of our saints' lives in the eternal light of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Members of our church family who have passed away over the past year are: Dick Peters, Evert Kubik, Ruth Deskin and Joyce Zenor.

Memorial Gifts

There are two ways to memorialize a friend or loved one with a gift to the church: Gifts to the Memorial Fund are typically given in memory of a loved one, and can be earmarked for a specific purpose or added to the general Memorial account for use in the future.

Gifts to the Endowment Fund can be given as a memorial or a general gift. Funds are added to the church's endowment investments. Income from the endowment is used to support non-budgeted special projects within the church. The principal is never spent, and is left to accrue income to support the church in perpetuity.

We are grateful for the Memorial gifts received this year. One current giving opportunity is to purchase a Worship & Song hymnal in memory or honor of your loved one - \$10 suggestion for each book.



If you are wondering how you will make it through the holidays due to grief, this is a great way to get some support and practical ideas as well as spend time with other Christian people who are dealing with the struggles of grief.

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. This "Surviving the Holidays" seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future

**Please join us for Grief-Share: "Surviving the Holidays": Sunday, November 11, from 2-4pm
Marion Methodist Church
5050 REC Drive, Room W10**

For further information, contact: Julie Baty, Congregational Care Coordinator or to register: call 377-4856 or email vstandley@marionmethodist.org



October 29th Update– As of Monday October 29th, we have 61 pledges. Thank you to all who have made their 2019 commitment and we are encouraging the rest of you to get in the game and help us score a touchdown to our goal!



Freezer Meal Ministry Team

Our first **Freezer Meal Workshop** took place on Sunday afternoon, October 28th. Six women gathered together and made a variety of main courses, sides and cookies that can be used within our current meal ministry, and to meet more urgent needs. It was great working together throughout the afternoon. The result was a freezer full of food, ready to be offered to folks as we care for them and share our love from UMCMV. If you know of a someone in need of the Meal Ministry, please let me know or call the church office. If you want to join in the next meal making workshop, watch for an announcement in early January.

With hope and gratitude,

Julie Baty, Congregational Care Coordinator juliebaty@umcmv.com

**Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor,
serving the Lord. (Romans 12:11)**





JFON Celebration Honors Doris Knight

(pictured at left)

More than 100 people gathered Saturday, October 6, in the Coe College Alumni Building to honor Doris Knight, founder of the Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors program.

Doris was the wife of Rev. Norm Knight, pastor in our church from 1992-99. With her leadership, the first JFON clinic in the state was held in 2000. The first Cedar Rapids clinic was November 14, 2004, at Lovely Lane Methodist Church. There are now seven clinics in Iowa.

Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) provides free legal consultation and ongoing support for immigrants seeking legal residency and citizenship for themselves or family members. The Cedar Rapids Clinic meets once a month, with over thirty volunteers from the area and three attorneys. In the Cedar Rapids clinic alone, there have been clients from 19 countries.

The UMW from our church provides an evening meal for the clinic once each year, and the Mount Vernon HS Spanish classes and Cornell, Coe, and Iowa Wesleyan students provide translation and volunteer intake services each month.

(Photo Courtesy of Jeff Schmatt, Rubicon Studios).

To all singers, from either service: We would like to do a reprise of All Good Gifts (Godspell), which we sang at the Talent Show last spring. Jim Baty will sing the lead again. Ann Currie has emailed those who participated originally, but anyone else who would like to join us is welcome. Please contact Ann Currie at 319-350-2153. We will be singing on November 18, during the offertory at the Praise service and the anthem slot at the traditional service. We will be announcing rehearsals in November. We hope you'll join us in our all-church chorus!

"Hottest" New Restaurant in Cedar Rapids!

One of the most popular new restaurants for coffee or lunch in Cedar Rapids is the new Groundswell Café!

Located at 201 Third Avenue SW, it's open Monday through Friday from 9:00-2:00, serving homemade sandwiches, soups and salads. Food never tasted so good!

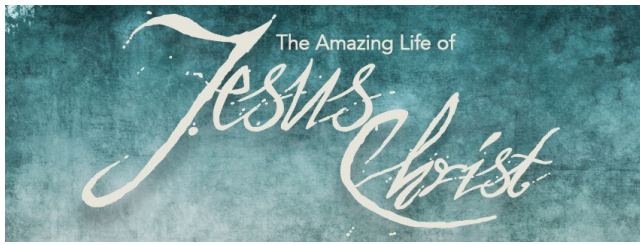
It's specialty is its locally grown food, some on its own premises or in its urban farm less than a mile away. All the coffees and teas are purchased from organic, fair trade businesses. What a treat!

Best of all, every time you eat and drink at Groundswell, you are helping alleviate hunger. The entire café is a "pay-it-forward" model, with your meal helping to pay for a healthy meal for someone who is hungry.

You can even request a fairly private area for a small group meeting or a special lunch for a group of friends. There also is more than 2,000 square feet of event space available for large groups, church or family events such as birthday parties or graduation celebrations.

And guess what! This is all available at our own United Methodist Matthew 25 Hub! Whether you work in Cedar Rapids or are there on business or for shopping, it's the "new trendy place in town" to have coffee or lunch! Try it out....you'll like it!

Woman's Bible Study



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."

"Be Instruments of Peace and Hope"

In response to the tragedy at the **Tree of Life Or L'Simcha Congregation** in Pittsburgh that left 11 dead and six others wounded, Bishop Laurie Haller calls upon Iowa United Methodists to "name evil." At the same time, she issues the invitation to "work for good in the world." In a prayer, posted on her Facebook page, Bishop Laurie expresses the hope that "each one of us [can] become an instrument" of God's peace and hope.

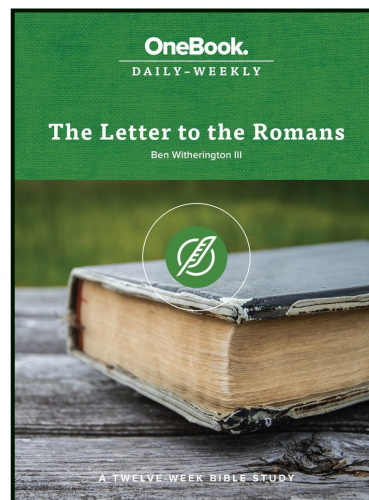
Merciful God, we confess that fear and anger have overwhelmed us. We grieve the unconscionable and unspeakable deaths of eleven of your precious children at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh, one of the deadliest attacks on the Jewish community in US history, and we find no comfort. We remember Jeremiah 31:15,

"The Lord proclaims: A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and wailing. It's Rachel crying for her children; she refuses to be consoled because her children are no more."

Remember, Lord, your people. Forgive our sin. Reorient us in your steadfast love and remind us how to trust you. Renew in us a right spirit as we reach out with compassion to all those who are in deep grief and need our prayers, our help, and our advocacy right now. We especially lift up the families of those whose lives were tragically cut short, those who have been injured, and the one who will likely be facing federal hate-crime charges.

God, give us the courage to name evil at the same time as we work for good in the world. May each one of us become an instrument of your peace and hope. Amen.

-Bishop Laurie



PETE'S CLASS will be meeting at 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings, in the **Chapel Room** (just off the Common Ground). It is a Bible Study class that will be

studying Paul's letter to the **ROMANS.**

Contents include: Man's need of salvation, God's way of salvation, the new life in Christ, Israel in the plan of God, and Christian conduct.

Facilitator: Rainey Brown

Romania 2019

EXTENDED DEADLINE!

Are you interested in going to Romania and helping children who are struggling in another part of our world? We would love to have you join in the work and fun of this amazing experience of a lifetime.



For June 2019- We are still taking people who are interested in going to Romania— please let Pastor Joy Know!

Scrip Update

Thanks to all those who have participated in the Scrip Program! So far we have raised over \$1,331 for the general operating expenses of the church! Orders are due on the 1st and 15th of each month. Put the order form/check in the collection plate or drop them off in the church office.

Use Scrip for Christmas Gifts!

Ordering scrip is an easy fundraiser for the church. Consider giving gift cards as holiday thank you gifts, teacher gifts and stocking stuffers! It is never too early to start Scrip Shopping for Christmas and earn funds for the church at the same time!



Circuit Rider
Deadline for
NOVEMBER

Circuit

Rider will be November 27,
2018—please email any
information you want included
to: alisondix@umcmv.com

Thanks!

Youth Group 2018

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
STARTING SEPT 5TH

MIDDLE SCHOOL 6:00-7:30

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HIGH SCHOOL 7:15-8:45

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
304 1ST ST MOUNT VERNON, IA 52314

(DINNER PROVIDED FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY)

Please email dillonfawcetteumcmv.com with any questions



Are you ready for some Soup?

Get prepared for those chilly days ahead by stocking up on homemade soup. The United Methodist Women will be taking orders for chicken noodle and vegetable beef soups on Sun. Oct. 28, and Nov. 4. The soup will be available for pick up on Sun. Nov. 11. The soup will be \$8 a quart. Baked goods will also be available on Nov. 11th. The proceeds from

this sale will go toward mission projects of the United Methodist Women supporting women and children around the world. This is our major fund raiser to support these projects so we hope you'll take part. So be sure to get your order placed for some great comfort food for those chilly fall days ahead.

We will be needing food and/or monetary donations for the ingredients for the soup, so please consider this opportunity to help us out. Sign-ups will be Sun. Oct.28 and Nov. 4.

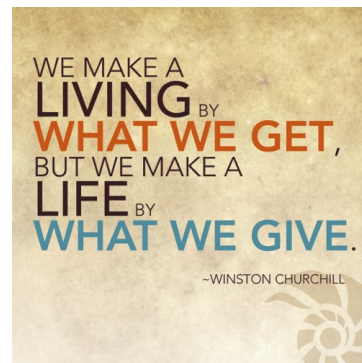
If you have any questions please call Barb Shepley at 895-6566



Advent Devotionals - Available to follow along our Advent Series

Join us for our Advent worship series, God With Us. Each week will focus on a different word picture of the coming Christ found in the poetic and prophetic words of Isaiah.

Advent devotionals available in the Narthex that go with our Advent Series!



November

Giving Schedule

Sunday, November 4, 2018	All Saints Memorial Fund Special Offering
Sunday, November 11, 2018	Women at the Well Special Offering
Sunday, November 18, 2018	Life Giving Christmas Market
Sunday, November 25, 2018	UM Student Day UMCOR Special Offering



LORD'S PORTION AUCTION – THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPPORT! THE DONATIONS AND THE BIDDING WERE AMAZING!

ENDOWMENT — CAN YOU MAKE A QCD OUT OF YOUR RMD?

If you are 70½ years old or greater, you know you have to take a required minimum distribution (RMD) from your retirement accounts each year. RMDs are required from all Individual Retirement Account (IRA) types except Roth IRAs, in the year in which you turn 70½ and each subsequent year. Additionally, RMDs may be required from qualified retirement plans such as 401(k)s and 403(b)s.

Legislation passed by Congress at the end of 2015 made permanent the tax treatment of retirement-plan distributions donated to charity. To receive this favorable treatment, the account owner must be 70½ or older, and the donation must be made directly from the IRA to a qualifying charity. That makes it a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) under IRS rules, and the distributed amount is not taxable to the IRA owner, whether or not you itemize deductions on your tax return.

Tax law changes that took effect in 2018 limit some taxpayers' ability to deduct charitable contributions, making a QCD even more valuable as a tax planning tool for those who qualify.

You can donate all or a portion of your RMD. The United Methodist Church of Mt. Vernon is a qualifying charity to receive QCDs. Contact the custodian of your IRA or retirement plan to learn how you can donate your RMD, help the church, and save some taxes!

Birthdays In NOVEMBER

Susan Glenn	11/01
Stephanie Frantz	11/02
Angie Watson	
Jason Booth	11/03
Joseph Hunter	11/05
Karen Stewart	
Sharon Krambeck	11/07
Madeline Morrical	11/08
Heather Sage	11/09
Ron Jackson	11/10
Emily Smith	
Guy Booth	11/11
Benjamin Pospisil	
Benjamin Merlak	11/12
Wava Schmidt	
Crystal Shannon	
Keanan Shannon	
Eloise Reinken	11/13
Jacob Timm	
Rik Smith	11/14
Marty St. Clair	
Hollis Weber	
Carol Wozniak-Rebhuhn	

Trenton Baty	11/15
Blake Booth	
Cohen Kamaus	
Benjamin Legore	11/16
Truman Jordan	11/18
Bonnie Keith	
Emma Hoffman	11/19
Gretchen Light	11/20
Babs Moore	
Kierstyn Holets	11/23
Brittany Booth	11/25
Allison Ott	
John Zehms	
Marion Lehman	11/26
Jason Rushford	11/27
Natalie Weber	
Lisa Davis	11/28
Anna Nydegger	
Kaiden Shannon	11/29
Stephanie Timm	11/30
Katelynn Walters	

ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

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

Jackie & Andy Morrical	11/16
Heather & Kevin Sage	11/21

FALL BACK!

**Daylight Saving Time Ends on
Sunday November 4th.**

Set your clocks back one hour
when you go to bed Saturday
night!

NOVEMBER WAY FORWARD UPDATE

Dear Friends,

I just returned from the Annual Orders event with the Bishop. Clergy from across the conference gathered together in Marshalltown at First United Methodist Church, and had opportunities to take part in a discussion series called Point Of View. In this we were working to build empathy for one another in each of our perspectives on the Way Forward. This was a challenging, but good gathering, where we were assigned a small group and offered questions for discussion with a moderator leading our conversation with videos, and material to walk with us. We looked at four different frames of people that may be engaging in this conversation. 1. The Traditionalist Perspective, 2. The individual who identifies as LGBTQ+, 3. The advocate of the person who identifies as LGBTQ+, 4. The person whom feels that there are other things we should be spending our time on. The hope was to put ourselves in each person's shoes, and begin to build empathy so that we can continue to have the difficult conversation with love and grace. It was a great opportunity.

We continue to await what the delegates will decide come February 2019 as the special general conference. The Judicial Council of the UMC met this month to look at the three plans which have been proposed by the Way Forward. You can click [here](#) to read their full report. The task at hand was to discern whether the language in the three plans was constitutional or not. Regarding the One Church plan – they found that this was mostly constitutional. Regarding the Traditionalist plan, they found that there was some language that would need changing. The Council was unwilling to make any rulings on the Connectional Conference plan because it requires constitutional amendments. This was helpful as we now know what language needs to be adapted, and this can be done on the general conference floor, before passing any specific plans for our way forward.

Please continue to lift up our general conference delegates, our bishops, our pastors, and our churches in this strenuous time in the church. Also, in the midst of the challenges that lie ahead, let us remember that the church of Jesus Christ has been around for thousands of years, and the kingdom of God remains with us. We will continue to lean into the Love of our Father in Heaven, we will continue to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, through the power of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us. We will continue to treat our brothers and sisters with kindness, and gentleness, with compassion, grace, and love. We will continue to be a church that opens our doors to our brothers and sisters, for we know and recognize that all people are of sacred worth.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Joy

Letter to Temple Judah

On Sunday November 4th, there will be a Poster- Letter to Rabbi Thalblum and the congregation of Temple Judah in Cedar Rapids in the Narthex. The letter expresses our sadness and concern for the loss of the precious members of the Tree of Life Temple in Pittsburgh, and shares a prayer for those of the worldwide Jewish faith, many of whom are living in fear of hatred and anti-semitism.

We invite all members of our church to sign the poster and to write a brief note if you choose. If you cannot be at church on Sunday, the poster and some pens will be available in the Common Ground all week....just come in and sign it when you can.

November 2018- United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:00 AM Prayer Walks with Pastor Joy & Boots, Parking Lot of Church 6:45 PM Financial Peace University, Balcony Classroom 6:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary	2	3 7:00 AM Boy Scouts Senior Soup Luncheon - Fellowship Hall 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
4 All Saints Sunday 8:30 AM Praise Worship, Sanctuary 9:30 AM Fellowship Time, Common Ground Meeting Room 9:45 AM Sunday School, Classrooms 11:00 AM Traditional Worship	5 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting, Fellowship Hall	6 7:00 AM Council Breakfast, Skillet Cafe 11:30 AM Staff meeting, Chapel Room 2:00 PM UMW Reading Group 5:30 PM Cub Scouts, Fellowship Hall & classrooms 6:00 PM Adult Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary	7 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 5:30 PM Meal Prep for Youth Group, Kitchen 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	8 6:45 PM Financial Peace University, Balcony Classroom 6:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary	9 9:00 AM UMW Make Soup, Fellowship Hall Kitchen	10 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
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Sunday School News...

5th & 6th Grade Sunday School Class



Thanks to their SS teachers Renee Nydegger and Jen Hoffman, the 5th – 6th graders are enjoying Sunday School lessons in their very own newly painted and bean bag furnished youth room. The class worked together to paint a cross on the wall.



This group is busy with service too! Not only do they share their God given talents of dancing and singing with the rest of the Sunday School each week during Opening, they also spent a class period tying blankets for people in need.





3rd Grade Bibles



On Sunday October 14th, Third Grade Bibles were awarded today to:

(front row) Holden Steine, Quinn Roos, Jaylee Jaspers, Hannah Morf (second row) Landon Johanningmeier, Kyle Bock, Joey Watson, and Madelyn Paulus.

Also receiving one: Drew Bixler (pictured separately)



A special **Thank You** to all who brought in a bible for us to display—the 3rd graders really enjoyed seeing all the historical representations of our church family's bibles.



Christmas Pageant Sunday evening, December 9.

Christmas Pageant Update:

We will start practicing Christmas Pageant music this month during Sunday school class time. Christmas song sheets will be sent home so families can help children learn the songs.

Christmas Pageant 2018

What: A traditional Christmas Pageant with music and costumes.

Who: All Sunday school children (P-4th). Middle school students may various roles/jobs as assigned by Sunday school teachers.

Where: Sanctuary

When: (Pageant) Sunday, December 9, 6:30 pm.

When: (Practices) Part of Sunday school class time in November/December. Saturday morning practice on Dec. 8th.

RSVP: Please let us know if your child will participate in the Pageant (if you haven't already emailed your rsvp.)

Questions?: contact Brittany Booth email boothjb@q.com cell 319-533-1358

Prayer list

Prayers for Healing:

- Maxine Havill (dealing with health issues and feeling depressed)
- Ken and Barb Hunter (parents of Kraig Hunter) dealing with various medical issues and health concerns. Prayers for healing, comfort and peace
- Gavin Hayes (nephew of Roger and Marilyn Schnittjer) diagnosed with lymphoma
- Tate Little (an Anamosa sophomore who was involved in a serious car accident). Prayers also for his family and friends as they cope during this difficult time
- Marty (Fred and Marion Lehman's son-in-law), who took a bad fall and is now in skilled nursing care in Cedar Rapids. Prayers for continued recovery so he can eventually return home
- Jennifer Mann (friend of Matt and Allison Traynor) battling stage 4 non-Hodgkins lymphoma
- Terry Sill as he recovers from surgery for metastatic squamous cell carcinoma cancer and prepares for two weeks of treatment, beginning in November
- Jo Harman (for complete healing of her eye)
- Amanda Meeker
- Tiffany Snodgress

Prayers for Comfort and Strength:

- family & friends of Pam Hanson (friend of Heather Niec) as they mourn her death
- For Geoff Shaw (Karen Stoll's nephew) and his son, Lincoln, as they mourn the death of Lisa (Geoff's finance and Lincoln's mother) who died of an aneurysm
- For the family and friends of Megan Klaus as they mourn her death
- Marsha Light and her family
- Loel Lienhard (uncle/great uncle to the Kamaus Family) prayers for Loel and his grown children as they welcome Hospice services for Loel and journey this last phase of his earthly life together
- For family and friends dealing with mental illness
- For persons trying to manage depression, dealing with self doubt and worry, or mourning the loss of a family member or friend

Prayers for Safety and God's Guidance:

- Guidance for Emily Fawcett while job searching and seeking the right fit
- For a smooth process as Mundo takes required steps towards becoming a resident of the US and prayers for those assisting him

Prayers for Transition:

- Marsha Light and her family
- For our youth attending Sunday School and Youth Group this Fall, that they will feel loved and welcomed here
- For those in the midst of changing seasons of life

Prayers for Sustenance:

- 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:

- Prayers for unconditional love; loving one another even amongst disagreements
- For everyone on the East coast who have been effected by hurricanes
- For peace among all nations The United Methodist Church

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Joy:

- For the energy and excitement in our Youth Group programming, for the addition of Dillon Fawcett as Youth Ministries leader
- Matt Wilkey and Crystal Raiber welcomed a son into their family, George Samuel Wilkey, on October 5th - all are doing great! Grandparents include, Roger and Dixie Raiber and Great Grandmother, Mary Jane Wilkey
- Thanksgiving for friends and family

November 2018 Worship Assistants

November 4th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		November 4th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Eric Briesemeister	Parking Lot Door	Cot Graber
West Door Greeters:	Angie Watson	West Door Greeters:	Kay Graber
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Cohen Kamaus & Family	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Gwen Steine & Family
		Lector:	Kristi Keast
Nursery:	Anna Hoffman	Nursery:	Rosa Moss
		Slide Presenter:	Cot Graber
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Coffee Host:	Tim & Diane Legore
November 11th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		November 11th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door Greeter:	Mike Ryan	Parking Lot Door Greeter:	Jim Wallace
Red Door Greeter:	Shirley Ryan	Red Door Greeter:	Dan Hakken
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Cohen Kamaus & Family	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Gwen Steine & Family
		Lector:	Judy Stine
Nursery:	Becca Conrad	Nursery:	Brittany Booth (for Cindy)
		Slide Presenter:	Dick Jacob
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Coffee Host:	Cindy Strong
November 18th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		November 18th @ 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Jeremy Hotz	Parking Lot Door	Mike Kragenbrink
West Door Greeters:	Babs Moore	West Door Greeters:	John McWilliams
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Cohen Kamaus & Family	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Gwen Steine & Family
		Lector:	Dan Hakken
Nursery:	Ryley Hoffman	Nursery:	Brittany Booth
		Coffee Host:	Cot & Kay Graber
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Slide Presenter:	Jackie Wallace
November 25th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		November 25th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Jeff & Marci Schmatt	Parking Lot Door	Bonnie Keith
West Door Greeters:	Nancy Reasland	West Door Greeters:	Jan White
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Cohen Kamaus & Family	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Gwen Steine & Family
		Lector:	Rainey Brown
Nursery:	Kim Schwiebert	Nursery:	Rosa Moss
		Coffee Host:	Sherryl Osborn
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Slide Presenter:	Jackie Morrical



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Director, Adult Handbell Choir . .	Kristi Keast
Organist	Karen Stoll
Chancel Choir Director	Joleen Woods
Custodian	Rosa Moss
Maintenance & Repair Director . .	Trustees
Wedding Coordinator.....	Barb Shepley
Financial Secretaries	Richard Jacob, & Jackie Morrical
Treasurers	Mike Kragenbrink Alison Dix



**ROOTED STUDENT
MINISTRIES PRESENTS**

***Magical Night Soup
Supper***

**Thursday, NOVEMBER 29th
serving from 5-7 PM**

Fellowship Hall

Chicken Noodle or Chili, bread,
veggies and desserts

\$7 Adults / \$5 Kids