



The Circuit Rider

United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon

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Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

I've been reading the book of Daniel the last couple of days. Today, he prayed to his God even though the king had commanded that no one was allowed to pray to any gods. The punishment: being thrown into the lion's den. You'd think he'd be eaten alive, but he wasn't. God protected him. Daniel was faithful, even when it could have cost his entire life. Nothing could keep him from God.

As I reflect on this, I hope and pray that no matter what the consequence, I would trust in God too. I pray that nothing would keep me from that amazing relationship I share with God, the Almighty, my Savior Jesus Christ, and the mighty Holy Spirit.

My prayer for you is the same. That above all of the worldly pressures, we would trust in God and his grace. That we would put ourselves in positions for growth and connectedness with God. We all have seasons of being closer to or feeling farther from God. My prayer is no matter what you might feel today, that you would spend some time with God Almighty.

As September rolls in, we re-enter our normal worship schedule beginning September 9th, and this includes the beginning of another Sunday School year! We are gearing up for it, and we are very excited! Don't forget about inviting your friend to worship Sunday on September 9th. We are delighted for this opportunity as well!

We had a successful Fall, Faith, and Fun Sunday, including Sunday School sign-ups, face painting, games, breakfast, and more! We are looking forward to kicking off a new year of Confirmation, Lifegroups, and returning to our regular worship service schedule. I hope you will find your place of connection. If you have any trouble with this, please let me know.

I hope that your summer, refreshed your spirit, and that you had opportunity to do some fun things, along with grow deeper in your faith.

Bless you, each and every one!

Pastor Joy



Summer Worship Services

9:30 am Sunday

Sunday Sept 2nd
our Final Summer
Celebration Service

Breakfast following



Starting Sept. 9th

Fall worship

Schedule:

8:30 am Praise
Worship

9:45 am Sunday
School

11:00 am
Traditional
Worship



FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTING SUNDAY SEPT. 9TH 8:30 AM PRAISE WORSHIP 11 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP



PRAYER WALK WITH BOOTS

Thursday Mornings @ 6 AM
Meet in the Church Parking Lot

Boots will be out of town with Pastor Joy on 9.6.18, and is sorry to miss our weekly walks in Mt Vernon. However, we will resume on 9.13.18!

WHAT DOES ACTS SAY ABOUT...

Discipleship?



5 Week SERMON SERIES on
Discipleship and how one
becomes a Disciple...

August 26: Prayer

September 2: Witness

September 9: Presence

September 16: Service

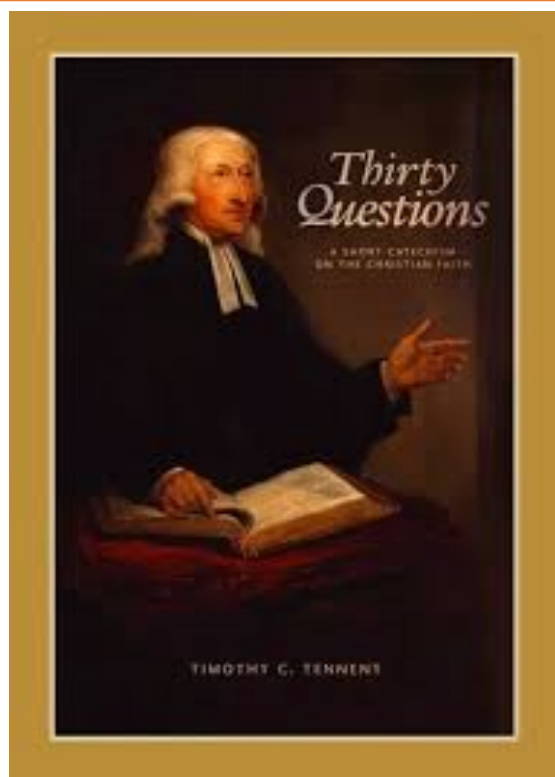
September 23: Gifts

A Faithful Response in Troubling Times

A 3-day conference, “Living as Vessels of Compassion: A Faithful Response in Troubling Times” will be offered by the Academy for Spiritual Formation from September 24-27. at Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center in Indianola.

The leader will be Dr. Frank Rogers, Jr., a professor of Spiritual Formation and the co-director for the Center of Engaged Compassion at the Claremont School of Theology. The Academy for Spiritual Formation is a partnership between the Iowa Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church and Upper Room publications. The cost is \$420, including tuition, meals, and lodging. If this is your first academy conference, there is a \$35 deduction. Brochures are available in the church office.

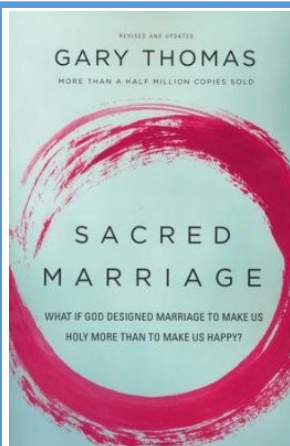
Fall Offerings



Thirty Questions - New members & anyone wanting to learn more about our Methodist Faith

Pastor Joy will be leading a 6 week study for the Membership Class, and **anyone** wanting to learn more about our Methodist Faith.

We hope you will consider joining us on Sundays, **beginning September 16th**, from 9:45am to 10:45am, in the **Discovery Classroom**. Call or email Jo Harman (joharman@umcmv.com) to sign up for this great opportunity!



Sacred Marriage

Meeting on Wednesday nights—Sept 12, 19, 26 & Oct 10, 17, 24

7:00 to 8:30 pm In the Balcony Classroom

“Your marriage is much more than a union between you and your spouse. It is a spiritual discipline ideally suited to help you know God more fully and intimately. *Sacred Marriage* shifts the focus from marital enrichment to spiritual enrichment in ways that can help you love your mate more. Whether it is delightful or difficult, your marriage can become a doorway to a closer walk with God.

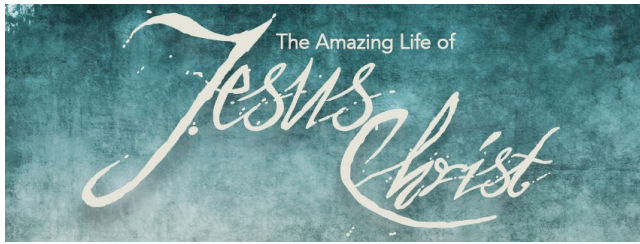
JOIN US FOR THIS VALUABLE STUDY!

Julie Baty leading—email her to sign up at juliebaty@umcmv.com

2018 Fall East Central Gathering on the Commission on the Way Forward - Sunday September 23, 2018 **4:30 to 6 pm**

@ Salem United Methodist Church—3715 33rd Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

Fall Offerings Continued



Woman's Bible Study

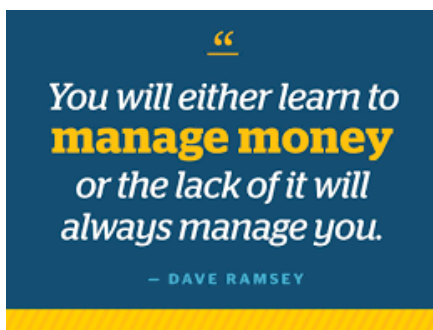
Wednesdays, starting
September 5th, 9:30-11:00 am

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



**Financial
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Thursday nights—

Starting Thursday, September 27, 2018

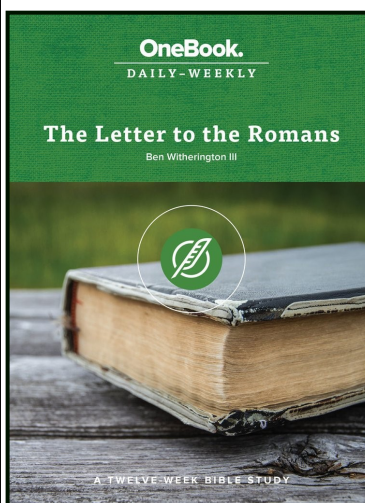
Starting at 6:45 PM for 9 weeks—Balcony Classroom

Approximate average class time is 2 hours.

Child care is available, contact Jeff for details.

COORDINATOR-Jeff Schmatt
jeff@rubicon-photo.com 319-895-8776

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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



God commands us to take the good news of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. With our new partnership in Romania with Super Kids Academy, through Global Hope we have the opportunity to do just that.

Are you interested in joining the next mission team to Romania?

Do you have a heart for orphaned and/or abandoned children? Do you love to travel?

Do you have a desire to share the gospel and support those that are sharing the love of God on the other ends of the world?

Join Weston and I as we lead the next trip, June 13-23, 2019. The numbers are limited, so if interested please submit your name and a paragraph about why you want to be a part of the next team. Please send these to pastorjoymitchell@umcmv.com.

Endowment update—Second quarter 2018

The church's endowment funds totaled about \$225,000 at the end of the second quarter. Most of the endowment assets are invested in a stock and bond portfolio managed by the Iowa United Methodist Foundation. The initial deposit to the Foundation account was \$111,000 in April, 2011. Since then, additional gifts to the endowment have totaled about \$42,000, and distributions of the endowment's earnings have totaled \$24,500, all of which has been used for various church ministries or building projects. So our net investment of \$130,500 (\$111,000+\$42,000-\$24,500) has grown to \$225,000 over the past seven years! What a blessing!

The Endowment Ministry Team recommended, and the Church Council approved, a distribution of \$10,000 from the endowment at the end of 2017. The Council approved \$500 of this amount to fund an outreach project for the Discipleship Team, and the remaining \$9500 will fund a portion of the needed repairs to the education wing.

The Endowment Ministry Team gratefully accepts bequests and other legacy gifts from members and friends of the church. A gift to endowment "keeps on giving," since the principal of the endowment is never spent; only a portion of the income is distributed, so that the endowment funds can support the church in perpetuity, leaving a legacy to our children's children. Endowment is forever!



Thanks to all that helped with the UMW God's Market on Sunday August 26 and thanks also to all those who purchased! It was a fun and successful event!

Circuit Rider Deadline for October Circuit Rider will be September 26, 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

Annual Fundraising & Award Ceremony

"Keeping Families Together"

Please join us at a fundraising benefit to support the immigration legal services program of Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors. Your financial support will enable Iowa JFON to continue serving children and families in need.

**SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 6, 2018**

Coe College (Clark Alumni House)
Cedar Rapids, IA
From 11:30am to 2pm



Former UMCMV Pastor's Wife to be Honored in October

Doris Knight, wife of former Pastor Norm Knight who was our UMCMV pastor in the early 2000's, will be honored as the developer and first "director" of Iowa's Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) at a special ceremony October 6 in Cedar Rapids.

The ceremony will take place at the very first "JFON Leadership Achievement" Awards Ceremony and reception at Coe College's Clarke Alumni Center on Saturday, October 6, from 11:30-2:00.

Doris led the beginning of the Iowa JFON Methodist free legal clinics for immigrants and refugees for fifteen years until she retired a few years ago. She devoted herself to the development of this ministry in Iowa, without pay, and aligned it with the already established National Justice for Our Neighbors Methodist ministry.

Special speaker during the ceremony will be Deepa Iyer, lawyer, scholar and writer from The Center for Social Inclusion where she provides analysis and research on equity and solidarity in America's changing racial landscape. She herself immigrated from India when she was twelve years old. Her groundbreaking book, *We Too Sing America*, was selected by the American Librarians Association to be one of the top ten multicultural nonfiction books of 2016. She was also a trial attorney for the U. S. Department of Justice.

Attendance at this event will be through a free will offering for the Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors ministry. For more information, contact Kay Graber at 535-1085.

LORD'S PORTION AUCTION SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2018

This is our **22nd ANNUAL LORD'S PORTION AUCTION!** Your generous support of this major fund raiser for our church has been so very appreciated. We hope you will again give prayerful consideration to what talents and/or gifts you might donate to this year's event. As we have seen in years past, it is an opportunity to share a wide range of "homegrown" talents, occupational experiences, and creative creations. We hope you will tell your friends and neighbors of our event and invite them to come along with you to share in the opportunity to sample these talents and gifts for yourself.

When you decide on a gift/talent you would like to share, put it on the insert in the bulletin or communicate it with the church office.

We will offer a light lunch with the auction immediately following the 11:00 service. Our "all-you-care-to-eat" lunch items include Sloppy Joes, chip, dessert and beverage. Cost will be \$5 for adults, children ages 6-12 is \$3, children under 6 are free. We look forward to a fun event with your help!



September Giving Schedule

Sept 9th– Neighbors in Need (The funds are depleted– we have helped several families in the last month– need your support to rebuild this fund!

Sept 16—SE Linn Bulk Food Offering

Sept 23- SE Linn Bulk Food Offering



Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Our Care Ministry Team is a group of trained lay ministers who work along side our pastor to help provide care for our church family. Our Team consists of Care Ministers and Stephen Ministers, who have been trained to care for, listen and support persons who are dealing with any of life's many transitions and the stress that they bring.

We believe that everyone in our congregation needs care at one time or another for a variety of reasons. We all also have opportunities to provide care. We are all both receivers and givers of care. Providing care might look like praying for others, providing a meal for a family dealing with a transition, sending a card to show love and support or maybe knitting a prayer shawl.

Sunday, September 16th, has been designated as Care Ministry Sunday at UMCMV. The Care Ministry Team will be serving as worship assistants, and highlighting our Meal Ministry and plans for growing this ministry, during the service. Throughout the Fall we will continue to share with you about the special ways our Care Team is ready to serve this congregation.

Care Ministry is an organized effort to love on and care for our congregation one person, one family at a time. Our Ministry Team is still dreaming of what we can do and how we can serve. Won't you dream along with us? Do you know of someone who needs our care and support? Would you like to speak with one of our Care Ministers or a Stephen Minister? Would you like to help lead our meal ministry or card ministry? We are here for each of you and look forward to encouraging and building up one another, together.

Peace and Blessings, Julie Baty, Congregational Care Coordinator

Birthdays In SEPTEMBER

Bob Meeker	09/01
John Cooper	09/02
Drew Bixler	09/04
Nyla Oxley	
Ruth Reckling	
Hannah Moss	09/05
Kris Perreault	
Harper Sill	
Tucker Hotz	09/08
Kraig Hunter	
Donna Jordan	
Jackson Kutcher	09/09
Alexys Niec	
Nathan Conrad	09/10
Lori Cranston	
Stephanie Hotz	
Jena Jaspers	09/11
Anayeli Clute	09/12
John McWilliams	09/13
Meier Anderson	09/14
Benjamin Johnson	09/17
Betty Poula	09/18
Aaron Reasland	

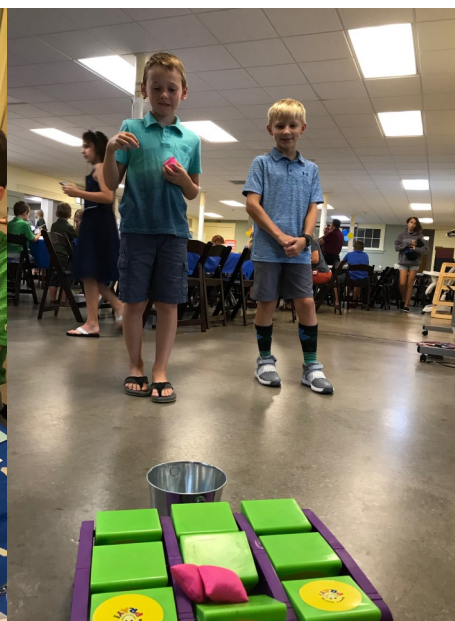
Madi Cranston	09/19
Jackson Voigt	
Terry Sill	09/20
Tammy Cooper	09/21
Danielle Hallier	
Jeff Schmatt	
Madeline Vedepo	09/23
Jim Baty	09/24
Lyzzie Erlandson	09/25
Lance Kamaus	
Brian Nowak-Thompson	
Sherryl Osborn	
Cindy Strong	
Ed Timm	
Lynden Weber	
Ike Claussen-Tubbs	09/26
Bill Micheel	
Alexia Hotz	09/28
Sue Nost	09/29
Jakob Hunter	09/30
Susan Pisarik	
Roger Raiber	

ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER

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

Floyd & Robbin Rekemeyer	09/01
Jennifer & Loren Hoffman	09/05
Chad & Amy Conrad	09/07
Bryan & Becky Woodward	
Mike & Shirley Ryan	09/10
Marci & Jeff Schmatt	09/14
Allyson & Jason Rushford	09/22
Melody & Todd Lineburg	09/23
Cassidy & John Reinken	
Rick & Kim Schwiebert	09/24
Gretchen & Andrew Light	09/25
Marc & Becky Mohn	
Julie & Jason Nosek	09/30

Sunday School Kick off on Sunday August 26 in Fellowship hall was a fun and creative time for all the kids who participated!



PRAY EVERY DAY

FALL 2018
PRAYER CHALLENGE

Would you like to pray for a fellow member of our church?
Join in our FALL PRAYER CHALLENGE and we will partner you
with another to pray for one another each day from Sunday
Sept 23 until Christmas.

We are excited about this challenge to see what support and
care it brings to our members through this caring outreach to
one another.

Sign up is going for 4 weeks starting today on the Welcome
Sheet in your Bulletin or [online](http://bit.ly/2o2yBjx) at <http://bit.ly/2o2yBjx>

Pastor Joy is challenging us all to think
about who we could invite to service
and/or Sunday School on Sunday
September 9th.

Take a moment to think about those
who might need a friendly invite and
summon up your courage!

Bring a Friend Sunday
September 9, 2018

United Methodist Church of
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UMW Serves August JFON Supper

The Mt. Vernon United Methodist Women provided an evening meal for 39 volunteers and immigrant-clients at the Justice for Our Neighbors Clinic on Tuesday evening, August 21, at Lovely Lane Methodist Church in Cedar Rapids..

Those who served include Linda Peters, Jen Hoffman and Barb Shepley. Everyone said the food was "delicious"! One little boy wanted to take all the watermelon home with him! Many thanks for this great outreach!

JFON Business is "Booming"

Our special offering today is for JFON (Justice for our Neighbors), a free legal clinic for immigrants and refugees. During the first half of 2018, the Justice for Our Neighbors clinic in Cedar Rapids has been overflowing with clients and volunteers.

In the Cedar Rapids clinic alone, from March through June (July was a vacation month), we have added:
46 new clients from 12 countries & 34 new volunteers

There are 7 JFON clinics in Iowa. Ours in Cedar Rapids is the 2nd largest clinic. JFON is a ministry of the United Methodist Church nationwide. In Iowa, JFON is funded through our "apportionments" (church giving), church special offerings, and a small number of grants/gifts from legal organizations.

Immigration Law is a very specialized branch of law, and the most difficult of all to study. Few law students specialize in it, so immigration lawyers are very hard to find. We are SO fortunate to have 3 immigration attorneys for Iowa JFON, especially since each one has a case load of 300 or more, some of which last 4-5 years.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY SO JFON CAN CONTINUE THIS MUCH NEEDED MINISTRY!

---Kay Graber, JFON Cedar Rapids Clinic Coordinator

Sunday School Starts Sunday September 9th



We will assemble at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary

Need to get signed up: Sign up on our [website](https://www.umcmv.com/sunday-school/) at <https://www.umcmv.com/sunday-school/>

Sunday School News...

Our theme this year is **"PRAY. Anytime, Anywhere, about Anything"**.

Children preschool – 4th grade will begin the year learning about The Lord's Prayer. Jesus taught his disciples this prayer as an example of a way to pray. We will also be sharing many ways to pray that we hope will encourage children and families to make prayer a part of their everyday life. Prayer is time spent with God and can have many of the same elements that make a great play date with a friend...think Legos, markers, singing, decks of cards, spontaneity, physical movement, and even bubble wrap! As we go through the year, each child will create a Prayer Box full of ways to pray. Parents, we encourage you to make a "pray-date" with your child. Ask him or her to "pick out" a way they would like to pray with you. Let them take the lead and teach you. **Join the church-wide Prayer Challenge and pray together!** What a wonderful way to grow closer to God together.



Less than 112 days until the Christmas Pageant!

How can you help?

Do you remember being in a Christmas pageant as a child?

We need YOUR help to make this memorable experience happen for our children too. A variety of talents are needed to prepare for the pageant....and you don't have to have a student in Sunday school!

We are looking for people with a variety of talents who can...teach songs during Sunday School class starting in November, play piano to accompany songs, organize costumes, lead dress rehearsal, organize volunteers, lead email communication, shepherd children during the performance, just to name a few!

Pray about how you can be a part of this special time and watch for details to sign-up!

September 2018- United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					31	1 5:30 PM Rehearsal run through, Fellowship Hall 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
2 Communion @ Worship 9:30 AM One Sunday Worship- Summer Time 10:30 AM French Toast Breakfast, Fellowship Hall	3 Offices Closed/ Labor Day	4 7:00 AM Council Breakfast, Skillet Cafe 2:00 PM UMW Reading Group 6:00 PM Adult Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary 8:00 PM Nominations Meeting, Chapel Room	5 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 7:15 PM HS Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room 7:30 PM Choir practice, Choir Room	6 6:00 AM Boots on Vacation- back on 9/13/2018 6:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary	7	8 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
9 Bring a Friend Sunday Sunday School Begins 8:30 AM Praise Worship 9:30 AM Fellowship Time, Common Ground Meeting Room 9:45 AM Sunday School, Classrooms 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:30 PM Parsonage Dinner & Games for Cornell Students, with Pastor Joy & Weston, Parsonage House (312 1st St. SW, Mt. Vernon)	10 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting, Fellowship Hall	11 11:30 AM Staff Meeting, Chapel Room 6:00 PM Adult Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary 6:00 PM Stephen Ministry, Balcony Classroom	12 9:30 AM UMW Board Meeting, Chapel Meeting Room 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 Sacred Marriage Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 7:15 PM HS Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room 7:30 PM Choir practice, Choir Room	13 6:00 AM Prayer Walks with Pastor Joy & Boots, Parking Lot of Church 6:00 PM PEO Meeting - Common Ground 6:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary	14	15 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
16 Care ministries 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 3:30 PM Girl Scout Leaders, Fellowship Hall	17 6:30 PM Church Committee Night - Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting, Fellowship Hall 7:45 PM Church Council meeting, Fellowship Hall	18 6:00 PM Adult Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary	19 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 Sacred Marriage Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 7:15 PM HS Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room 7:30 PM Choir practice, Choir Room	20 6:00 AM Prayer Walks with Pastor Joy & Boots, Parking Lot of Church 6:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary	21 UMW District Annual Meeting	22 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
23 Dillon Fawcett Message 8:30 AM Praise Worship 9:30 AM Fellowship Time, Common Ground Meeting Room 9:45 AM Sunday School, Classrooms 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:30 PM to 6 pm 2018 East Central Fall Gathering On Commission on the Way Forward (Salem UMC, Cedar Rapids) 5:30 PM Parsonage Dinner & Games for Cornell Students, with Pastor Joy & Weston, Parsonage 312 1st St. SW Mt.V	24 6:30 PM Evening Book Club, Common Ground Meeting Room 7:00 PM Boy Scouts Meeting, Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Prayer Shawl Balcony Classroom	25 6:00 PM Adult Bell Choir Practice, Sanctuary	26 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 Sacred Marriage Bible Study, Balcony Classroom 7:15 PM HS Youth Group, Fellowship Hall & Youth Room 7:30 PM Choir practice, Choir Room	27 6:00 AM Prayer Walks with Pastor Joy & Boots, Parking Lot of Church 6:30 PM Financial Peace University, Balcony Classroom 6:45 PM Praise Team Rehearsal, Sanctuary	28	29 8:00 PM AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
30 Third Grade Bibles 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						

Prayer list

Prayers for Healing:

- Denise Havill (and her family, as she recovers from surgery/for healing and a smooth recovery)
- Terry Sill (& his family as he pursues treatment for metastatic squamous cell carcinoma cancer & wisdom for the physicians)
- Brady Siders (diagnosed recently with Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy) is heading to Mayo for surgery on September 14th. He will be receiving a defibrillator.
- Marsha Light - Megan Klaus
- Beth Johnson - Amanda Meeker
- Kaeli Knapp (in UIHC hospital) prayers for her continued recovery following a recent open heart surgery. Also prayers for Andy and Nicole as they continue to support Kaeli and juggle the demands of daily life.
- Dana Murphy (son of Dennis Murphy) as he recovers from a serious accident
- Tiffany Snodgrass

Prayers for Comfort and Strength:

- The family and friends of Ruth Deskin, as they mourn their loss.
- For the family and friends of Joyce Zenor, as they mourn her death
- For the family of Donald Tumey (Patty Sorgenfrey's brother) as they mourn his death
- For Kaye and Matt Siders as they await Brady's surgery, during his surgery and support him through recovery
- For Beverly's aunt (for patience, strength, comfort and understanding as she cares for her aging in-laws)
- For Cindy Montgomery (Ruth Reckling's daughter) for successful surgery that is scheduled for 9/12 and for healing
- For Denise Reckling (Ruth's daughter-in-law) for healing and wisdom for the physicians caring for her
- 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 who are mourning the loss of a family member or friend

Prayers for Safety and God's Guidance:

- For smooth process as Mundo continues to take steps in his asylum status and prayers for those assisting him.

Prayers for Transition:

- For all students beginning a new school year; prayers for calm and peace for those who are anxious
- 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) UCMCV pastors, staff, lay leader, and committee members
- UCMCV Life Group ministry UCMCV 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

Prayers for our World:

- For the family and friends of Mollie Tibbetts; the entire Brooklyn community
- For the children who have been taken from their mothers at the border
- For peace and serenity among all human kind
- Strength and love for those who are hurting
- The United Methodist Church

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Joy:

- Thanksgiving from Jo Harman for all the love, prayers and support.
- Youth Group "launched" 8/29. Thanksgiving for our new Youth Director & all the kids who participate in YG this year.
- Thanksgiving for the return of children to Sunday School, learning about Jesus and the importance of prayer in their lives.
- Congratulations to Kim Ott and Mundo Guardado who were joined in marriage on Saturday, August 25th.
- Thanksgiving for beautiful Fall weather.

September 2018 Worship Assistants

September 2nd at 9:30am (Final Summer Service)			
Parking Lot Door Greeter:	Amy Guardado		
Red Door Greeter:	Gabi Guardado		
Ushers:	Briesemeister Family		
Lector:	Rainey Brown		
Coffee Host:	Sherryl Osborn		
Nursery:	Brittany Booth		
Communion:	Ali Ott & Lily Booth		
Slide Presenter:	Dick Jacob		
September 9th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		September 9th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Darrell & Donna Jordan	Parking Lot Door	Suzette Kragenbrink
West Door Greeters:	Babs Moore	West Door Greeters:	Mike Kragenbrink
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Krapfl Family	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Barb & Al Shepley
		Lector:	Judy Stine
Nursery:	Kim Schwiebert	Nursery:	Cindy Strong
		Slide Presenter:	Jackie Wallace
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Coffee Host:	Mike & Karen Stewart
September 16th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		September 16th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door Greeter:	Cathy Stoner & Ruth Miller	Parking Lot Door Greeter:	Dan Hakken
Red Door Greeter:	Nyla McCall	Red Door Greeter:	Barb Shepley
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Jeff & Marci Schmatt, Julie Baty, Alison Dix	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Pam Hunter, Kim Stoner, Jim & Julie Baty
		Lector:	Dan Hakken
Nursery:	Lily Booth	Nursery:	Rosa Moss
		Slide Presenter:	Jackie Morrical
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Coffee Host:	Vern & Arlene Sand
September 23rd at 8:30am (Praise Service)		September 23rd at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Amy Jackson	Parking Lot Door	Jim Wallace
West Door Greeters:	Tena & Jacob Pratt	West Door Greeters:	Dan Hakken
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Kim Ott Family	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Terry & Susan Pisarik
		Lector:	Kristi Keast
Nursery:	Brittany Booth	Nursery:	Brittany Booth
		Coffee Host:	Cindy Strong
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Slide Presenter:	Trude Elliott
September 30th at 8:30am (Praise Service)		September 30th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)	
Parking Lot Door	Nancy Reasland	Parking Lot Door	Jan White
West Door Greeters:	Walt & Sharon Krambeck	West Door Greeters:	Bonnie Keith
Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Jeff & Donna Walters and Jeremy Hotz Family	Worship Assistants/Ushers:	Dixie & Roger Raiber and John & MJ McWilliams
		Lector:	Babs Moore
Nursery:	Brittany Booth	Nursery:	Brittany Booth
		Coffee Host:	Ann Booth
Slide Presenter:	TBD	Slide Presenter:	Cot Graber



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Starting
September 9th

Worship times change to:

8:30 am Praise Worship

&

11:00 am Traditional Worship