



# ***The Circuit Rider***

United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon

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*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*



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**MARCH 2020**

O COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD;

LET US MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE ROCK OF OUR SALVATION!

LET US COME INTO HIS PRESENCE WITH THANKSGIVING;

LET US MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO HIM WITH SONGS OF PRAISE!

PSALM 95:1-2

Dear Friends,

As we enter the month of March we are also entering lent. A season of reflection, repentance, and drawing near to God. It is a perfect season to prepare our hearts for the Lord. A perfect season to draw near to our king, and to spend some extra time in prayer, fasting, and reflecting. As we draw near to God, and listen, we will hear the things God has been trying to speak. As we weed the garden, and clear our minds and lives of the extra clutter, God has more room to move, and be seen and to be heard. This is what we will be doing as we walk through the season of lent.

We will be beginning a new sermon series that will reveal more of who God is and the journey that God is inviting us on. As Methodists, we are people who draw near to God, trust in the grace of Jesus Christ, and trust in the Holiness of God that we are invited into through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is in this spirit that we abide with Christ, and draw near to Jesus through Spiritual formation. The first week we will be discussing worship, and this comes out of the character of God. We wouldn't worship God if we didn't know God to be good, and worthy of praise.

Our God is good and worthy of praise, and it is in this spirit that we will make a joyful noise. We will enter the Lord's presence with thanksgiving, Thanks be to God! Remember the work that God is doing and has continued to do as you move from one day to the next. My prayer for you during this season, that also tends to get even busier with Spring break, and warm weather, is that you will be able to have space to pay attention. Where do you see God? Where is Christ whispering to you? Has the Holy Spirit revealed a bit of God's character to you a bit more clearly than before? Will you pay attention? Will you draw near? How will you respond?

Blessings and Prayers to you, my friends. Stay close. See you Sunday.  
— Pastor Joy Mitchell

## ***Worship***

### ***Schedule:***

**8:30 am Praise  
Worship**

**9:45 am Sunday  
School**

**10:30 am  
Fellowship Time  
Common Ground**

**11 am  
Traditional  
Worship**

### **IRISH BLESSING**

May the blessing of light be upon you,  
Light on the outside,  
Light on the inside.

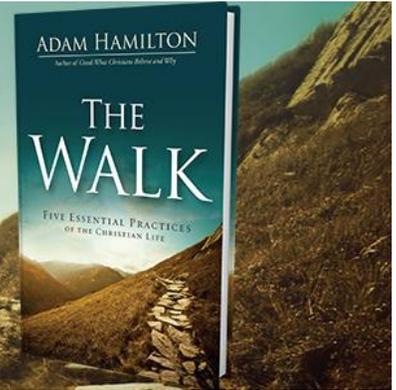
With God's sunlight shining on you,  
May your heart glow with warmth,  
Like a turf fire  
that welcomes friends and strangers alike.

May the light of the Lord shine from your eyes,  
Like a candle in the window,  
Welcoming the weary traveler.



Illuminated Living

# Discover five spiritual practices to help you **WALK CLOSER** with **GOD**



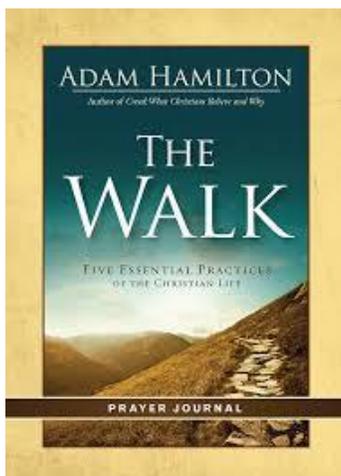
## LENT 2020 The Walk

Lent has begun! Let's use Lent 2020 to discover Five Spiritual Practices which are the foundation of our faith.

As we journey through Lent each week we will look at a different spiritual practice, they connect to our membership vows, and are the essence of our discipleship pathway.

We will look at Worship and Prayer, Study, Service, Giving, and Sharing.

In addition to the Sermons which will point you to Jesus and invite you to go deeper in your faith of Jesus Christ, Adam Hamilton has put together a prayer journal that will begin on Ash Wednesday. We challenge you to jump on board with this journal, and allow it to take you deeper.



## **THE WALK — Prayer Journals Available**

As part of the Lenten journey, we have prayer journals that accompany the sermon series "THE WALK" that will give you daily question to reflect on and ways to walk in your faith over the 40 days of Lent. Please pick one up in the Narthex and help us to journey with Christ during this holy season.

## First Update on Results of CAT SURVEY

*So then, let us rid ourselves of everything that gets in the way, and of the sin which holds on to us so tightly, and let us run with determination the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end.*

— *Hebrews 12:1-2 GNB*

Thank you for completing the CAT assessment survey last month. The response rate was overwhelming! We are so pleased with the number of you that took the time to share your thoughts. You were able to share valuable information that will help us as leaders move this congregation forward. As we begin to unpack what the results mean to us there are a few highlights we would like to share.

1. We are a very diverse congregation - in age, education level, income, theological perspective and stance on social justice issues. I'm guessing we didn't need a survey to tell us this! 😊
2. We desire to rediscover our purpose in this church and heal from past wounds. One way we will do this is to work with our transformation team to celebrate our successes in the past few years as we say good-bye to Pastor Joy and prepare our hearts and minds for new leadership in our church by welcoming Pastor Terra.
3. Our overall scores in the area of flexibility were relatively high showing that we are ready for change and welcome a process of change. In order for us all to grow in faith and love we must listen to each other. We must try to understand what our differences are and how we can work together to focus on Jesus. This is critical for us to move past hurt and conflict. Many will say they love this church because of the people and the sense of family. Let's be that for each other and love on each other as much as we can!

There is much to be gleaned from this survey. The Iowa Conference has given us some tools to aid in this process. Ryan, from the conference office, has been guiding us in this process so far. He'd like to come back and spend more time with us as a congregation helping us understand the results. Please plan to join us for a discussion on March 8th during the Sunday School hour in the Common Ground. The conference has also sent us a transformation team that will help us through the next few months while we transition to a new pastor. We will do our best to keep you updated on that process as we move along.

We are committed to listening to your concerns and hearing what you have to say. Each one of you has a very important voice in the future of our church family. We look forward to walking through this journey together as we keep our focus on Jesus.

CAT Logistics team- Matthew Stewart, Suzette Kragenbrink and Kim Guardado

*A Study of 1 & 2 Kings*  
**TRUSTWORTHY**  
LYSA TERKEURST

Starting Wednesday, March 25  
Women's Bible Study  
9:30 - 11:00 AM

A 6-Session Study - "When hard times come and it seems God is deviating from the plan we assume our life should follow, we're much more likely to want to tame God, not trust Him. It's then that we begin to press into our ways and our own timing. No human can carry the weight of being their own god, but so many of us try. Join Lysa TerKeurst in Israel as she honestly reveals the places of distrust in her own heart while exploring the deeply personal applicable Scriptures that will teach us how to truly trust God."



**March Giving**  
**Schedule**

March 1 & 8—SE Linn Bulk Food Special  
Offering

March 22 UMCOR Sunday

**TRUSTEE'S CORNER**

We are working on setting up a mowing schedule for this summer and would love to get you signed up to serve our church in this capacity. Sign up will be on the back of the welcome sheets during worship for the next few weeks or contact the church office. Any questions? Jeff Walters, Sue Pisarik, Kevin Woods, Tim Legore, Jody Stewart, Brock Barber or Mundo Guardado can help.

## DID YOU KNOW?.....

Most of you have now participated in the CAT survey with your impressions of the current life of our church and our hopes for the future. A report on the results will be shared soon, and our planning will be strongly influenced by its findings. But you may not know that such studies are not new for our church.

Between September 20-October 12, 1997, we engaged in a Congregational Demographic Survey. A bit different than the CAT survey, it helped us understand our congregation a bit better.

Visioning Committee members included Tim Legore, John McWilliams, Janet Griffith, Jerry Schmidt, Nancy Reasland, and Rev. Dick Thomas as Chair.

Historically, at that time we were looking for some quite different variables. For example, one of the findings was the impact of women working fulltime outside their homes had on volunteerism, leadership, and attendance. For your enjoyment and maybe some surprises, here are some data from the survey at that time.

- The average worshipper attended worship 1.78 times during a four-week period of time.
- 21 people (out of 375 on the roles) typically attended church four weeks in a row.
- At a typical worship service, the congregation was split almost exactly half and half between members and non-members.
- Women make up 60% of church attendance on average, but at a given service, they may outnumber men by a 2-to-1 ratio.
- About half of our members joined our church before 1965 and half after 1985.
- 63% of our members lived within a mile of our church.
- 22% of worshippers lived more than 5 miles from the church.
- Worshippers believe that the word most descriptive of God is “love”.
- People at worship services think the most important attribute of a Christian life is being kind or loving.
- The favorite hymn of the congregation was “Amazing Grace”, followed by “Here I Am, Lord”.
- Worshippers felt that in order to be “faithful”, one must be God-centered and care for others.
- About half the congregation had been members of another denomination at some time in their lives. Half had always been Methodists.
- Only 6% of our congregation on a given Sunday had difficulty finding a parking space.
- The most prevalent reason for people joining our church was that a family member already attended here. Second was being a United Methodist, and some newcomers were specifically seeking a United Methodist Church.

How much do you think we've changed as a congregation?

- Kay Graber, Church Historian



**A Muffin Surprise!**  
 Few things say **LOVE** better than a right-out-of-the-oven chocolate chip muffin!  
 Middle school youth baked and served muffins to surprise both their High school and younger Sunday school friends.



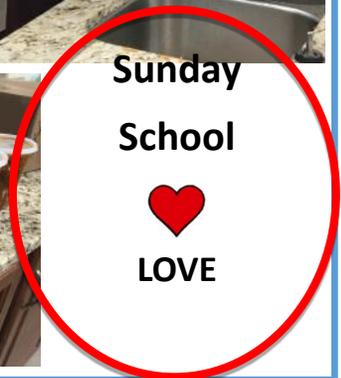
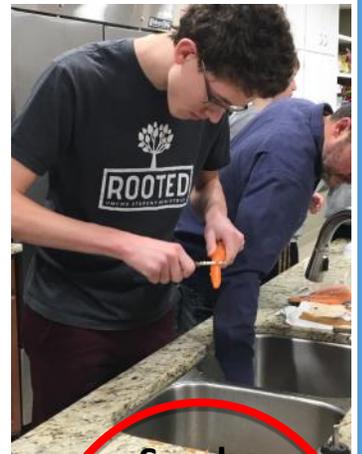
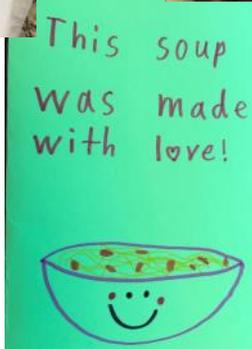
**Sunday  
 School  
 ❤️  
 LOVE  
 IN ACTION!**

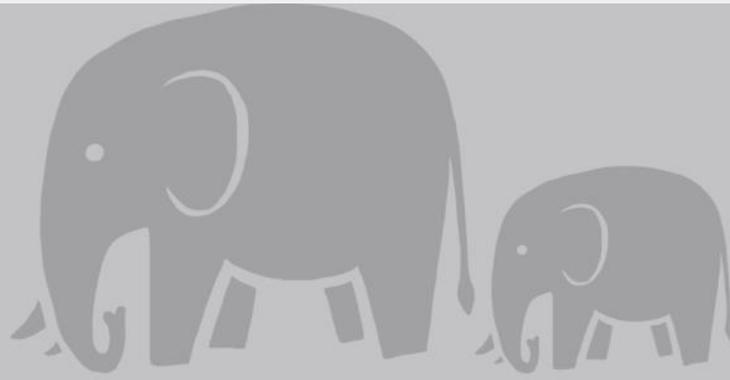
**Valentines!**  
 What better way to show love than colorful valentine reminders that "God loves you!"

**Spring Break  
 No Sunday school classes  
 March 15  
 March 22  
 Classes resume on March 29!**

# Souper Sunday

Middle school and High school youth and parent helpers made soup and cards to share love and encouragement with members of our church family.





**OPEN HOUSE**  
**BABY SHOWER FOR BABY FAWCETT**  
**(DILLON & EMILY)**

Sunday March 1 9:45 to 10:45 am  
in the Common Ground Meeting Room

Dillon & Emily are expecting their first child in  
April and we want to shower them with love  
and support.

**This Sunday we will send off Dillon Fawcett– we thank him  
for his time and service here.**

We want to say a great big thank you for the ministry and service that Dillon has provided to the youth and congregation! Dillon will be going back to school in March, beginning his Masters in Counseling at Liberty University. He has accepted a job outside of the church that allows him to care for his growing family and pursue this call that God has placed on his heart. His final day with us will be March 1<sup>st</sup>. We are so grateful for the ministry he has shared with the youth, praise team, and entire congregation. His presence with us has been a great blessing, and he will be missed. Please be sure to reach out to he and his wife Emily with a thank you and a blessing as they move forward, following as God leads.

With Great Appreciation, Pastor Joy Mitchell

## Birthday-in-a-Bag...

### Signing-up to serve others!

Our Birthday-in-a-Bag service project was introduced as a way to share love and bring joy to our neighbors in need.

We discussed how circumstances make it difficult for some parents to purchase the things that make kids' birthday celebrations extra special. Parents first have to spend their money on the family's "needs"-like toilet paper, food, toothpaste, soap-and may not have enough money leftover for the "extras".



Children eagerly signed-up to donate!



## Thank you church family!

Thanks to your generosity, our Birthday-in-a-Bag service project is off to an awesome start and is on track to exceed our goals!

Donations will continue to be collected through March 8. We will make as many bags as we can...so check out what is left on the sign-up link!

We can't wait to see how many families we will be able to serve with our Birthday bags!

### Sign up to donate:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0b4ea5aa28a57-birthdayinabag>

**March Birthdays**



Lonny Merlak	03/01
Brian Bothell	03/02
Abe Tubbs	
Melissa Kahl	03/03
Jase Jaspers	03/06
Vaughn Jace Havill	03/07
Suzette Kragenbrink	03/09
Daniel Amster	03/10
Ann Coe	
Nolan Jackson	03/12
Jan White	03/13
Ryley Hoffman	03/15
Kellen Johanningmeier	
Emily Davis	03/17
Charlie Schaller	
Mick Snodgress	03/19
Dan Stoner	
Anna Croghan	03/20
Mary Jane McWilliams	
Janet Ault	03/21
Dillon Fawcett	
Brittany Ferguson	
Owen Rushford	
Lillian Hotz	03/22
Michael Briesemeister	03/23
Anna Hoffman	
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	



Circuit Rider Deadline for  
**April 2020**

will be March 26, 2020—please email any information you want included to: [alisondix@umcmv.com](mailto:alisondix@umcmv.com) - Thanks!



## Messiah in the Passover

A Chosen People Ministries Presentation

The Messiah in the Passover presentation is a powerful visual message not only of Israel's freedom from slavery in Egypt, but of the redemption of individuals from the bondage of sin through the atoning of Jesus. The program is designed to give participants a deeper understanding of Passover and of the Communion table.

Anamosa

United Methodist Church

201 S. Ford St. Anamosa, Iowa

Wednesday March 25 6:00 PM

Free Soup Supper

**March ANNIVERSARIES**

*Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.*

*1 Corinthians 13:4*

<b>Terry &amp; Susan Pisarik</b>	<b>03/06</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Carol Rebhuhn</b>	<b>03/17</b>

## MARCH 2020 Worship Assistants

<b>March 1st at 8:30am (Praise Service)</b>		<b>March 1st at 11:00am (Traditional Service)</b>	
<b>Parking Lot Door</b>	Terry Pisarik	<b>Parking Lot Door</b>	Al Shepley
<b>Worship Assistants/Ushers:</b>	Tena Pratt & Marc Mohn	<b>Worship Assistants/Ushers:</b>	Sue Pisarik, Morrical Family
<b>Coffee Host:</b>	Mary Jane McWilliams	<b>Lector:</b>	Rainey Brown
<b>Nursery:</b>	Melissa Oxley	<b>Nursery:</b>	Lily Booth
<b>Slide Presenter:</b>	Praise Team	<b>Slide Presenter:</b>	Cot Graber
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Praise Team	<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Ben Johnson
<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	TBD	<b>Communion Assistants:</b>	Barb Shepley, Rainey Brown, Jody Stewart
<b>March 8th at 8:30am (Praise Service)</b>		<b>March 8th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)</b>	
<b>Parking Lot Door Greeter:</b>	Bill & Courtney Micheel & Family	<b>Parking Lot Door Greeter:</b>	Mike Stewart
<b>Worship Assistants/Ushers:</b>	Ron & Ann Coe & Krapfl family	<b>Worship Assistants/Ushers:</b>	Vince & Amy Geis/ Mike & Suzette Kragenbrink
<b>Coffee Host:</b>	Cot & Kay Graber	<b>Lector:</b>	Rainey Brown
<b>Nursery:</b>	Melissa Oxley	<b>Nursery:</b>	Lily Booth
<b>Slide Presenter:</b>	Praise Team	<b>Slide Presenter:</b>	Dick Jacob
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Praise Team	<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Kraig Hunter
<b>March 15th at 8:30am (Praise Service)</b>		<b>March 15th @ 11:00am (Traditional Service)</b>	
<b>Parking Lot Door</b>	Eric Briesemeister	<b>Parking Lot Door</b>	Jim Wallace
<b>Worship Assistants/Ushers:</b>	Ron & Amy Jackson, Eryn & Jackson	<b>Worship Assistants/Ushers:</b>	Hunter Family
<b>Coffee Host:</b>	Sherryl Osborn	<b>Lector:</b>	Janet Ault
<b>Nursery:</b>	Melissa Oxley	<b>Nursery:</b>	Brittany Booth
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Praise Team	<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Jake Hunter
<b>Slide Presenter:</b>	Praise Team	<b>Slide Presenter:</b>	Kraig Hunter
<b>March 22nd at 8:30am (Praise Service)</b>		<b>March 22nd at 11:00am (Traditional Service)</b>	
<b>Parking Lot Door</b>	Matt Stewart	<b>Parking Lot Door</b>	Jane White
<b>Worship Assistants/Ushers:</b>	Bill & Courtney Micheel & Family	<b>Worship Assistants/Ushers:</b>	Vern & Arlene Sand/ Roger & Dixie Raiber
<b>Coffee Host:</b>	Mike & Karen Stewart	<b>Lector:</b>	Cot Graber
<b>Nursery:</b>	Melissa Oxley	<b>Nursery:</b>	Brittany Booth
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Praise Team	<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Ben Johnson
<b>Slide Presenter:</b>	Praise Team	<b>Slide Presenter:</b>	Jackie Wallace
<b>March 29th at 8:30am (Praise Service)</b>		<b>March 29th at 11:00am (Traditional Service)</b>	
<b>Parking Lot Door</b>	Terry Pisarik	<b>Parking Lot Door</b>	Roger Raiber
<b>Worship Assistants/Ushers:</b>	Eric & Leann Briesemeister & Family	<b>Worship Assistants/Ushers:</b>	Kay & Cot Graber/Jim & Jackie Wallace
<b>Coffee Host:</b>	Denae McGrath	<b>Lector:</b>	Karen Stewart
<b>Nursery:</b>	Melissa Oxley	<b>Nursery:</b>	Brittany Booth
<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Praise Team	<b>Slide Presenter:</b>	Jackie Morrical
<b>Slide Presenter:</b>	Praise Team	<b>Sound Tech:</b>	Jake Hunter

# March 2020 United Methodist Church of Mount Vernon Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> SE Linn Bulk Food offering <b>8:30 AM</b> Praise Worship, Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Baby Shower for Dillon & Emily, Common Ground Meeting Room <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School, Classrooms <b>10:30 AM</b> Fellowship Time, Common Ground Meeting Room <b>11:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship	<b>2</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Evening Book Club, Common Ground Meeting Room <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall	<b>3</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts, Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall	<b>4</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group, Fellowship Hall <b>6:30 PM</b> Financial Peace University, Balcony Classroom <b>7:15 PM</b> High School Youth Group, Youth Room	<b>5</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> Praise Team practice, Sanctuary	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
<b>8</b> SE Linn Bulk Food offering <b>8:30 AM</b> Praise Worship, Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School, Classrooms <b>10:30 AM</b> Fellowship Time, Common Ground Meeting Room <b>11:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship	<b>9</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall	<b>10</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts, Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall	<b>11</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group, Fellowship Hall <b>7:15 PM</b> High School Youth Group, Youth Room	<b>12</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> Praise Team practice, Sanctuary	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
<b>15</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Praise Worship, Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> NO SUNDAY SCHOOL- Spring Break <b>10:30 AM</b> Fellowship Time, Common Ground Meeting Room <b>11:00 AM</b> Closing Lunch for School of Lay Ministry, Fellowship Hall <b>11:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship	<b>16</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> All Committee Meeting- May be changing due to Spring Break <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> Praise Team practice, Sanctuary	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
<b>22</b> UMCOR Sunday <b>8:30 AM</b> Praise Worship, Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> NO Sunday School- SPRING BREAK <b>10:30 AM</b> Fellowship Time, Common Ground Meeting Room <b>11:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship	<b>23</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall <b>7:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl Balcony Classroom	<b>24</b> <b>11:30 AM</b> Staff Meeting, Chapel Room <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts, Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall	<b>25</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group, Fellowship Hall <b>7:15 PM</b> High School Youth Group, Youth Room	<b>26</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> Praise Team practice, Sanctuary	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting Fellowship Hall
<b>29</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Praise Worship, Sanctuary <b>9:45 AM</b> Sunday School, Classrooms <b>10:30 AM</b> Fellowship Time, Common Ground Meeting Room <b>11:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship	<b>30</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall	<b>31</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts, Den Meeting, Fellowship Hall	<b>1</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> Middle School Youth Group, Fellowship Hall <b>7:15 PM</b> High School Youth Group, Youth Room	<b>2</b> <b>6:45 PM</b> Praise Team practice, Sanctuary	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Girl Scouts event, Fellowship Hall <b>8:00 PM</b> AA Meeting Fellowship Hall

## PRAYER LIST

### Prayers for Healing:

- Steve Staker (friends of Don and Judy Stine) who was recently diagnosed with cancer
- Linda Peters who had surgery for colon cancer on January 29th. Linda is now at home. Cards can be sent to her home address at 2200 Hamilton Drive, Ames Iowa 50014
- Janice Johanningmeier (Scott's mother) who is continuing to recover from health issues
- Norman Heit (Emily Fawcett's grandpa) who has completed radiation for lung cancer, prayers for the cancer to be gone and stay away
- For Marge Gaines, having heart surgery on March 5th. Prayers for a successful surgery and smooth recovery.
- For David (Pam Hunter's brother) who is dealing with addiction and mental illness. Pray for strength, healing, wisdom and for Jesus to come into his life
- For Gavin Hayes (nephew of Roger and Marilyn Schnittjer) as he anticipates a bone marrow transplant in the near future
- For all our friends and family members who are fighting the battle against cancer

### Prayers for Comfort and Strength:

- For Emily Bell (Stoner)- first, praise and thanksgiving that the surgery went very well. Continued prayers as she begins the recovery process
- Strength for Marion Lehman who has returned home from the hospital after having a slight stroke. Also, prayers for strength for her caregiver at home, Jean Lehman
- For Mundo and Kim Guardado as they await Mundo's work visa renewal. Prayers are needed that his work visa be renewed promptly, as his current one is about to expire
- For all who are struggling: emotionally and spiritually
- For individuals and families who are under financial stress
- For those suffering silently with anxiety and depression
- For this church, this building, these people
- Dick and Nancy Thomas
- For all not mentioned by name who are mourning the loss of a family member or friend

### Prayers for Transition:

- For Pastor Terra Amundson (and her husband, Jay) as she completes her work as District Superintendent in the SW District and prepares to begin her ministry at UMCMV beginning in July and for Pastor Joy Mitchell (and Weston) as she continues ministry here at UMCMV through June and also looks ahead to a new appointment
- For those in the midst of changing seasons of life.
- For all who struggle with change
- For the United Methodist Church: including the global church, the Iowa Conference and our Mount Vernon congregation

### Prayers for Sustenance:

- Prayers for the journey of Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University Class
- 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.
- UMCMV pastor, staff, lay leader, and committee members
- UMCMV Stephen Ministers and Care Ministers
- Mission of Hope
- Women at the Well United Methodist Church, Pastor Lee Schott, and the women of Iowa Correctional Institute for Women

### Prayers for our World:

- Pray for love among all people
- For Emefa, Jemimah, Selassie and Timothy in Ghana (sponsored children by the Claussen-Tubbs family); prayers of safety, health and happiness
- Prayers for peace for people everywhere - peace worldwide

### Prayers of Thanksgiving and Joy:

- Thanksgiving for Shellie Kamaus' leadership with the Lenten meal and also for our Youth Group volunteers who give of her time and energy to nurture and grow the faith of our youth
- Thankfulness for mild February weather and bursts of sunshine
- Karen Stoll celebrated her 70th birthday on February 21st, our church is thankful for her and her music ministry
- Thanksgiving for the life of Maxine Havill who celebrated her 92nd birthday on February 20th
- Thanksgiving for the members of our Praise Team and Chancel Choir who share their talents on Sunday mornings through the gift of music and technology for our worship services
- Thankfulness for all who serve on church committees, giving of their time and talents
- Gratitude for our many blessings



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 RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

***United Methodist Church  
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Senior Pastor . . . . .	Joy Mitchell
Director of Youth & Worship...	Dillon Fawcett
Christian Education Director....	
Sunday School Coordinator	Brittany Booth
Congregational Care Coordinator	Julie Baty
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Admin. Asst./ Membership.....	
Nursery Care. . . . .	Melissa Oxley
Director, Adult Handbell Choir . .	Kristi Keast
Organist	Karen Stoll
Chancel Choir Director	Joleen Woods
Custodian . . . . .	Night Shift
Maintenance & Repair Director . .	Trustees
Wedding Coordinator.....	Barb Shepley
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**SAVE THE DATES....**

**HOLY WEEK**

***Maundy Thursday Worship April 9***

***6:30 pm***

***Good Friday Worship April 10***

***6:30 pm***

**Holy Easter**

**Sunday April 12, 2020**