COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 2nd 5:30pm-Committee members and anyone in church invited to hear about projects in the works and other ideas/possibilities for the future.
Saturday, April 13th 6-9pm HUG Puppets Fundraiser-Parents Night Out-We watch the kids
Thursday, April 18th 6:30pm Maundy Thursday Service with Communion and Seder meal
Friday, April 19th 6:30pm Community Good Friday Service here
Sunday, April 21st Easter Sunday 7:30am and 9:30am services and Breakfast at 8:00am.
Sunday, April 28 Last Day of Sunday School
Thursday, May 2 National Day of Prayer
Wednesday, May 1 & Sunday, May 5 Confirmation
Friday, May 10th 7:00 p.m. H.U.G. (Hands Unto God) Puppet Show at our church
Sunday, May 12th High School Senior recognition, Mother's Day, and Communion Sunday
Sunday, June 2 Memorial Sunday

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United Methodist Tidings

Newsletter of the United Methodist Church of Estherville, Iowa *April 2019*

"Alive, alive, alive forever…"

"Alive, alive, alive forevermore"-these are the words of a familiar chorus heard around Easter, but they are meaningless unless we finish the thought-"My Jesus is alive!" We celebrate the living Christ…

…Not just on Easter-we celebrate the living Christ every time we gather to worship-lifting up the glorious name of our Lord and Savior. Praying over our Celebrations and Concerns, we remember that Jesus is alive praying for us, and with us.

…Not just on Easter-we celebrate the living Christ every time we spend together around God's Word. In Sunday School; in Study & Fun;. in Bible Studies; in Youth Group; in Vacation Bible School. We discover the living Christ as he comes alive to us in the Bible.

…Not just on Easter-we celebrate the living Christ every time we reach out to meet the needs of others. Through the food and other items consistently given to Upper Des Moines. Through Pack Away Hunger. Through providing material needs for others-health, sewing, and hygiene kits. Through providing for the Community Meal; and many other ways. We discover the living Christ as we reach out to his children around the world.

But…what would the community miss if we were not here? I believe that the presence of Christ is more real, more alive, because you are here-living out your faith in meaningful ways. That is what the church is all about. May we commit ourselves to following the Living Christ wherever he leads.

~Pastor Cory

Maundy Thursday!

This year for Maundy Thursday our service will begin in the Sanctuary and then we will move into the Fellowship Hall around the tables, where we will experience a Seder Meal (please note, that it will not be a 'full' meal), but will be a time for us to participate in and to experience what that night would have been like for the disciples and Jesus that night so long ago! Come and experience the evening with us at **6:30pm on April 18th**!

Good Friday

There will be a community wide Good Friday service here at 6:30pm. on April 19th. The community choir will rehearse at 6:10pm. Also, there will be Stations of Cross around the church after noon, and will be available after the service as well. The stations will be self-guided.

Laity Day with Bishop Laurie Haller

Saturday, April 6th from 9am to 3:30pm at Collegiate UMC in Ames. Join other lay people from across the Iowa Conference for a stimulating day. Bishop Laurie will lead us in reflecting on the February General Conference as we look to the future. Lay delegates to General Conference have been invited to share their experience. There will also be a missional topic, music, worship and time for conversation and learning from peers. Although there is no registration fee (only an offering), advance registration helps planning. You can register by going to the link below:
https://iaumc-reg.brtapp.com/2019LaityDaywithBishopLaurieRegistration

Learn About Projects in the Works & Ideas/ Possibilities for the Future

Tuesday, April 2nd at 5:30pm an invitation to all committee members, and anyone in the church who would like to come together to hear about projects that are in the works, and other ideas/possibilities for the future. This would be an opportunity for committees to share what they need, and what gifts they have to share with others.

Connect to God

Wednesday Night Live Schedule

4:30pm Confirmation Class
5:30pm FREE Supper for all
6:00pm 3 yrs.- 2nd Grade Study & Fun
3rd -5th Grade Study & Fun
6th & 7th Grade M.S. UMYF
8th-12th Grade H.S. UMYF
Adult Bible Study
7:00pm Wednesday Night Remix
Chancel Choir

EASTER SUNDAY
April 21

7:30 a.m.-Sunrise Service
8:00 a.m. - Breakfast
9:30 a.m.-Easter Service
10:30 a.m.-Sunday School

PRAYER CHAIN

Wayne King, Bob Higley, Rosella Ross, Glory Chapman, Lincoln Coakley, Jack Schoon, Sherry Fuhrman, Dorothy Weir, Dave Murray, Tripp Postmus, Diane Blom, Susan Kuchenbecker, Randy Moffitt, Marcine Jacobsen, Sharen Cassem, Bonnie Pelzer, and Alice Koen.

Confirmation

Our confirmands will be confirmed either May 1st or 5th during worship. This year's class are: Jess Christensen, Rhett Goebel, Carson Grange, Ava Huntley, Ehren Masters, Isaac Reineke, and Quimby Ross. We invite the congregation to bring cards for the confirmands on their special day! We will also be having an ice cream Sundae bar for fellowship that day in celebration!

High School Seniors

High School Senior Recognition will be May 12th during worship and fellowship time! Come and help us celebrate!

WA TAN YE GOSPEL CONCERT
Sunday, April 14 at 2:00 PM

Relay for Life fundraiser featuring Bill Hansen, Randy Yackle, Jeff Buege (God is Good Guy) and other performer to be announced soon. It's here in the sanctuary. Come for the music and sing-alongs and stay for refreshments following the concert.

REGISTER FOR CHURCH CAMP NOW

It's time to register for church camp again. You may sign up online at camps@iaumc.org now. There are camp booklets in the hall by the offices or in the church office. Chose your favorite today and invite your friends. Scholarships are available and each Sunday you attend Sunday School, or each Wednesday you attend Study & Fun (5th grade and under), you earn credit towards your camp fees.

Lenten Study

Please join us on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. for our Lenten Study: "*Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple"* by Adam Hamilton. Simon Peter was not rich or educated, but was familiar with hard work. He was quick-tempered and impetuous, but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher, yet struggled with doubt and fear.

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY

*Judy Danielson Taylor and family on the death of her husband Dick of Milford.
*Tom & Sue Koons and family on the death of his father, Don of Estherville.
*Laurie Harvego and family on the death of her mother, Helen 'Robin' Thomas.
*Sherry & Bret Mace and family on the death of Sherry's father, Don Syverson of Estherville.
*Roxie Stevens on the death of her nephew, Jim Minfcer of Fairmont, MN.
*Roxie Stevens, Iva Boggess and Sue Koons and families on the death of Roxie's & Iva's sister and Sue's aunt, Geneva Nelsen.

Circles are scheduled to meet as follows:

Martha – Thursday, April 18 at 9:00 a.m. at Parkview Terrace Good Sam Apartments
Ruth – Monday, April 15 at 7:00pm at church and Janet Westergard hostess
Susanna Wesley – Monday, April 15 at 7:00pm at Nancy Hanby's
United Methodist Women - Friday, April 12 at 1:30pm; Program, Gladys Godfrey; Hostess, Mona King

Serve with God

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

01 Connie Greig
Jerome Millsap
Tammy Jensen
02 Annebelle Ware
03 Traci Christophel
Coral Franklin
Degan Ward
05 Susan Evans
Ruth Gottsche
06 Effie Nielsen
07 Travis Kaltved
Rosella Ross
Gerry Smith
Jack Schoon
08 Tammy Andrews
Deb Lytle
Sandy Hecht
09 Rosemary Carr
Betty Chipman
10 Steve Watt
Travis Grange
Preston Crees
Emma Ward
11 Joan Forsyth
Bruce Ring
Shelby Jensen
Jacelynn Ring
Katniss Watt
13 Don Christensen
Dorothy Weir
Taylor Karels
14 Karen Petersen
Terry King
Cory Allard
Kyle Tribby
15 Rodney Alger
16 Shirley Custer
Tim Burrell
Kristin Ross
Madeline Ross
18 Carol Swartz
Lisa Lowe
Tina Freisner
Landon Pyawasit
19 Ryan Ross
Justine Chrestiansen
Bryan Peterson
20 Joyce Griffith
Lurene Swalve
Katrina Lutzow
Cael Harvey
21 Christy Adams
22 Mary Larson
Pat Evans

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

04 Mike & Deb Karels
06 Brian & Tara Deling
18 Rob & Heidi Goebel
21 Jim & Phyllis Currell
27 Don & Paula Edwards
28 Steve & Julie Miller

APRIL USHERS

Captain, Lee Steele
Jon Bethune
Tom & Sue Koons
Steve Christophel
Curt Trenary
Kathy Steele

CAMERA OPERATORS APRIL

07 Ehren Masters
14 Emma Ross
21 James Williams
28 Eli Ross

CROSS BEARERS FOR APRIL 8th Graders

07 Carson Grange
14 Ehren Masters
21 Rhett Goebel
28 Ava Huntley

ACOLYTES FOR APRIL 6th & 7th Grades

07 Kiera Dalen & Andrew Bethune
14 Preston Crees & Eli Ross
21 Kali Thiel & Carter Ingvall
28 Joie Christensen & Taylor Kloucek

EASTER FLOWERS- NOT LILIES

Check out the enclosed order form!

Birthdays continued:

23 Ralph Mc Donald
25 Julie Miller
Zach Montandon
27 Marcine Jacobsen
Roger Lowe
Jessica Pohlman
29 Peggy Manwarren
John Christensen
Tiegan Huntley
30 Carol Williams

APRIL GREETERS

07 Bryan & Pam Morisch
Mike, Judi & Caden Hoffman
14 Roger & Sue Guge
Steve & Jo Planting
21 Brian & Velvet Ross
Brandon, Kim, Madeline & Oliver Ross
28 Paul & Donna Fredrickson
Jarred, Jessica, Ava & Adalyn Pohlman

District Conference

All Clergy and Lay Members to Annual Conference are expected to attend! Sunday, April 28th from 3pm to 5pm at Spencer Grace UMC. Everyone else is welcome to attend.

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Let us watch the kids!! The H.U.G. Puppets are having a fundraiser on Saturday, April 13 from 6-9pm. You may bring your kids to the church for only $10 per child and go out and enjoy yourselves for 3 hours! We will play games, do crafts, watch movies, have fun and food. Please make your reservations by April 10th by calling Jennifer Finn at 209-2059. Note: children must be potty trained to attend and a guardian or parent must sign a permission slip at drop off time.