

CONNECT TO GOD

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

5:30pm Meal for youth
 6:00pm Youth Group for 7-12 Grades
 7:00pm Remix Contemporary
 Worship Service in person or
 Live on Facebook

PRAYER CHAIN

John Ashton, Trip Postmus, Herby Nielsen, Tim Danielson, Lacy Adams, Sandy Triggs, Michael Trembly, Roxie Stevens, LaVonne Kilmer, Angie Montandon, Monty Montandon, Ed Peterson, Terry & Edna Lutzow, Randy Yackle, and Jim Grebe.

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE & SYMPATHY

*To Tom & Sue Koons and Gary & Steve Lauritsen and families on the death of Sue's brother-in-law Dave Corwin of Melbourne, IA. Wife is Mary. He was the cousin to Gary & Steve Lauritsen.

*To Wayne & Mona King on the death of Mona's sister Kathy Mallow of Osage, IA.

*To Shelley Lindell and family on the death of her husband, Byron Lindell. He was Donna Brobst's son-in-law.

*To Holy & Steve Hansen and family on the death of Holly's uncle, Phillip Partello of Okoboji.

*To Jenny Christensen and Jo Anna Jensen and families on the death of their father, Jim Lambertson of Minneapolis.

*To the family and friends of Lue Schwidder.

Please join us on Thursday mornings for **COFFEE WITH KEVIN**. Pastor gives his inspirational morning devotion once a week. It's live on Facebook around 9:00 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

*To Dick & Betty Rosburg and Denny & Sharon Ross on the birth of their great-grandson Chance Darrel Rosburg of Rapid City, SD. He was born to Alex & Macy Rosburg March 19, 2021. Welcomed by sister, Breanna Jo. Proud grandparents are Rick & Deb Rosburg and Eric & Lori Milburn.

*To Cindy & Mark Hood on their 4th grandchild, Patrick Kenneth Jackson, who was born March 2, 2021 to Patricia & Stanley Jackson in Dix Hills, NY. Proud big brother is Stanley.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

May 2nd

As we close in on Confirmation Sunday that will be part of our worship service on May 2, **we need your help**. We would like to provide each of the 5 youth with a bag, filled with notes and goodies from our congregation, letting them know they are loved and supported. Please bring items to the church between the dates of April 25- May 2. If you know a youth personally, take time to write a note sharing a favorite Bible verse, devotional thought, or note of appreciation. Cake will be served during Fellowship time for them. Please contact Pastor Kevin if you have questions. If you bring goodies, consider bringing 5 so that each can have one. Members of the class are:

Joie Christensen
 Preston Crees
 Taylor Kloucek
 Nevaeh Koppman
 Kali Thiel

Senior Sunday Graduation Recognition May 9th

We will be honoring our high school graduates on Sunday, May 9th during worship. The UMW Scholarships will be awarded. All seniors are encouraged to wear their robes. Cake will be provided during Fellowship time in their honor. Congregants are invited to bring cards to help celebrate this milestone in their lives:

Emily Bethune
 Carly Grange
 Alex Jensen
 Bryan Peterson
 Emma Ross

Circles are scheduled to meet as follows:

Martha – Thursday, May 20 at 9:00am

Ruth – Monday, May 17 at 7:00 pm. Janet Westergard is hostess

Susanna Wesley - Monday, May 3 at 7:00pm at Church in Fellowship Hall along with the UMW.

United Methodist Women - Monday, May 3 at church at 7:00pm with Susanna Wesley Circle doing program and hostess.

SERVE WITH GOD

MAY BIRTHDAYS

02 Joie Christensen
 03 Brian Besaw
 05 Sherry Mace
 Bonnie Pelzer
 Mike Fredrickson
 06 Rob Goebel
 Travis Cole
 Michelle Cole
 07 Connor Probst
 08 Linda DeVore
 Linda Myers
 09 Jodie Greig
 10 Ardis Hanson
 11 Pat Reardon
 Brittany Steele
 12 Amy Moore
 Bryan Morisch
 Brian Lauritsen
 13 Ariana Manwarren
 14 Kathy Culbertson
 Kay Besaw
 Isaac Reineke
 15 Alan Woldruff
 Colleen Peltz
 Cindy Hood
 Gavin Huntley
 Zoey Huntley
 17 Jody Condon
 19 Riley Breiner
 Ryan Haukoos
 21 John Graham
 Sue Truog
 Melissa Moffitt
 22 Jason Vedder
 Landon Manwarren
 Breidyn Coulter
 23 Steve Andrews
 Liz Reardon
 24 Emily Shryock
 26 Kathryn Tirevold
 Velvet Ross
 27 Zach Edwards
 Bentlee Crees
 28 Gwen Williams
 Allison Cooklin
 Lexi Cooklin
 Jace Manwarren
 29 Dawn Geisinger
 Karen Hanson
 30 Roger Cassem
 Darrell Boe
 Alex Murray
 Tyler Lowe

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

01 Tim & DeEtta Koen
 02 Dennis & Betty DeVary
 09 Lee & Kathy Steele
 10 Mike & Sharon Hooge
 16 Dennis & Sharon Ross
 20 Curtis & Jenny Finn
 27 Steve & Pat Watt
 29 Greg & Gwen Williams
 30 Brian & Kay Besaw
 31 Ron & Ruth Hansen
 Jason & Briana Foster

ACOLYTES FOR MAY 6th & 7th Grades

Won't be any until
 further notice.

MAY GREETERS

Won't be any until
 further notice.

You may have noticed a **Peace Pole** put by the entrance of the west doors. It will be dedicated at a later date in memory of Robert Foote who is Marcia Forsyth's father. It is an internationally recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the entire human family, standing vigil in silent prayer for peace on earth. Each pole bears the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in different languages on each side.

H.U.G. (Hands Unto God) Puppet Show

The HUG Puppets will be having their spring show on Friday, April 30th at 7:00 pm here and another performance on Saturday, May 1st at 2:00 pm. Please plan to attend and bring your children and grandchildren. More information to follow.

CAMERA - MAY

02 Landon Manwarren &
 Donna Lauritsen
 09 Edna Lutzow
 16 Landon Manwarren &
 Donna Lauritsen
 23 Edna Lutzow
 30 Landon Manwarren &
 Donna Lauritsen

MAY USHERS

Captain: Jack Schoon
 Steve Lauritsen
 Steve Planting
 Brain Miller
 Cathy Miller

CROSS BEARERS MAY CONFIRMANDS

Won't be any until
 further notice.

FLOWER CHART

Please sign up for Altar flowers for most any Sunday this year. The chart is on the bulletin board by the south parking lot door. Feel free to call the church office at 362-4886 to reserve a Sunday. You can bring them in or order your flowers and have them delivered.

United Methodist Tidings

Newsletter of the United Methodist Church of Estherville, Iowa

May 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, April 30 7:00pm HUG Puppet Spring Show here
Saturday, May 1 2:00pm HUG Puppet Spring Show here
Sunday, May 2 Confirmation Sunday
Sunday, May 16 High School Graduate Recognition Day
Sunday, May 30 5th Sunday Noisy Offering

All women of the church are invited to **UMW Guest Day Friday, June 11 at 9:30 am.** Our program will be "Remembering the Apron" by Sheila Craig of Preston, Mn. The program will look at fabrics, trims, styles, and uses of aprons. Please feel free to bring a favorite apron to share with others. Women from Dolliver, Armstrong, Graettinger, Terril, Spirit Lake, and Emmetsburg will be invited to attend with us. Please call the church office [712-362-4886](tel:712-362-4886) by June 2 if you plan to attend.

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Pastor Kevin's Korner

"As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!' 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed; or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better and it will not be taken away from her.'" (Luke 10:38-42)

Satan just loves to use our busyness, and does so at all times as a wedge to separate us from God. This is especially true in May. May brings with it many wonderful things; we finally can get out into our gardens; many sporting events take center stage with the youth along with many adults. On top of that, graduations are going on all over Iowa. Proverbs 16:27 mentions "Idle hands are the devils workshop" but busyness does as much damage, if not even more. In the C.S. Lewis book, *The Screwtape Letters*, two demons discuss, back and forth, in a series of letters the various ploys to prevent or discourage their "patients" (humans) from following the "enemy" (God). One of the gimmicks that is employed is filling the "patients" mind up with worldly blather including activities that might seem good and proper, but can interfere with their/our progress along the path of growing more Christlike (our charge from God as Christians).

Recall the passage in Luke, where Jesus and his disciples came to the home of Martha who spent her time, distracted by the preparations of opening her home to guests, that she neglected spending time with the person and presence of Jesus! Martha's busyness kept her from enjoying the blessing of spending quality time with Jesus. Now each of us have free will, but... it is a double-edged sword. With our free-will, we can choose to spend our time in what we think is productive, good, and important at the time, described in the *Screwtape Letters* as "a healthy dose of real life," or we can spend our time in the Word, practicing daily devotions, and praying unceasingly, focused entirely on Jesus. It is through the lens of the latter, we are able to go about our work in the world as Disciples of Christ, being the hands and feet of Jesus, sharing God's love with all we meet throughout the day.

Jesus invites all who are worried, distracted, and too busy by many things to sit and rest in his presence; to hear His words of grace and truth; to know that we are loved and valued as children of God; to be renewed in faith and strengthened for service. This practice requires us to consciously spend quality time with Jesus each day. Imagine how positive and love-filled your life could be if you started your day by spending the first 15-30 minutes focused on the love of Christ who laid down His life for YOU! Soak up Jesus' love for you each morning, say a prayer asking Jesus to give your courage to go about your day filled up with Jesus' love for you and allow Jesus' love for all people to spill out on those you meet throughout your day. Allow Jesus to rock your world each and every day through Christian music. Carry a song in your heart that uplifts you and those you meet, and see how Christ changes your world this month.

Prayer changes things.

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Kevin