

Manchester United Methodist Church



The Chimes

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March 2014

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Especially in our prayers at this time are:

Arlan Brockmeyer- Carol Carlson –Michael Compton Family-Jeff Duncan-Kristine Galiher-Dean Jones-Catherine Manson -Virginia Nelson-Charline Scanlan-Scott Spoerl-Donna Welcher - Gerald Wiltse-Randy Shover

Mark your Calendars

Library beef and noodle lunch will be held on March 2nd at 12:00. Please plan to attend to help out our library.

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United Methodist Church Services

March 5th @ 6:30

Lenten Service Dates: March 12, 19, 26 at 6:30

World Day of Prayer

Friday March 7, 2014



Don't be dismayed at good-byes. A farewell is necessary before we can meet again and meeting again, after moments or a lifetime, is certain for those who are friends.

It's a very big Deahl...

Lloyd and Kay are moving..



Lloyd and Kay's new address:

Lloyd and Kay Deahl

225 11th Ave

DeWitt, Iowa 52742

~How lucky I am to have known someone who was so hard to say goodbye to~

UMW Events

Mon March 3, 2014 1:45 pm Bingo at GNH

Wed March 5, 2014 9:00am Lenten

Breakfast with vocalist Kay Miles

Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm

Wed March 12, 2014

Women's Retreat Lamont

March 13, 2014 All day in FH

"Building Directions for Families"

Men's Lenten Breakfast

Theme: "Who is this man?" A question people often asked about Jesus and the answers they were given.

Saturdays 7-8 a.m.

March 8 Community Congregational UCC

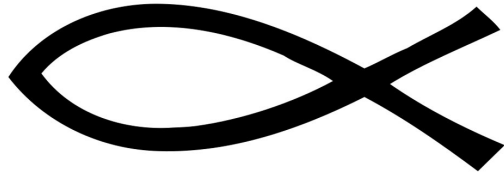
March 15 Our Savior Lutheran

March 22 Good Neighbor Home

March 29 St. Mary's Church

April 5 First Lutheran

April 12 First Presbyterian



FRONT’N CENTER

The Ides of March are beginning to be a dream and a hope with the weather we have been experiencing. In our minds we think spring should already be here, but when we look at the calendar we realize it is just the beginning of March. The journey through this winter has seemed longer and colder, yet we should remember the winters of the past and realize that it could be worse.

Our expectations that we have in our lives seem to always be looking for something better or different from the reality in which we find ourselves. Some may call it dreaming or for people of faith it is called hope. When we are in stressful situations we all need something to look forward too. Thankfully we have a God who in His own self-giving provided hope not just for those who have chosen to believe, but for all people of all generations.

The hope we have is in the testimony of God in the scriptures. The wisdom and love of God has been demonstrated to us in the life, death and resurrection of God’s Son, Jesus Christ. We are about to enter into the season of Lent which is the season of preparation for the Easter event. We practice these seasons of the Christian year annually. These practices remind us that our hope is not in what we experience in the world or even in our expectations, but rather in what we know through faith.

We each need to be reminded that the love of God surpasses and overcomes the natural world. God knows how we struggle within ourselves and in our world when faced with uncomfortable circumstances or events, yet God is faithful to the covenant of grace in all things and in all time. I invite you to be faithful in the season of Lent, let our focus be on cleansing of our souls, hearts, and minds. The spiritual disciplines of lent are meant to keep us in relationship with God strong and vibrant.

As we approach the time to celebrate Easter; take time to speak with God and ask that we might be cleansed of anything which separates us from God’s love. Ask God to make our focus not upon things of this world, but upon the calling we each have in Jesus Christ. Our hope, our only hope lies in our willingness to believe in what God has demonstrated to us in the life, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Peace and Grace,

Join **Jim McDonough & His Orchestra & Singers**, for a performance stop on his all**2014 SPRING TOUR!** You won’t want to miss this exciting new show, filled with spectacular arrangements of your favorite songs from Broadway, the silver screen, big band, patriotic, inspirational, country, classical -- and so much more! International Steinway Artist Jim McDonough will be joined by his professional 14-piece orchestra and a cast of sensational singers.



It’s just around the corner **SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2:30 p.m.** Hanson Auditorium. Tickets: \$25-\$30. Charge by phone 9am-5pm Mon.-Fri. at [\(800\) 375-7095](tel:8003757095), or email ticket request to Tickets@PianoFavorites.com. Discount available to groups of 10 or more. Sponsored by WD Friends of Music, Hanson Foundation & KMCH radio.

For more information please contact the ticket office.

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Operation Christmas Child Donations
March & April – Toys: small cars, balls, stuffed animals, dolls, harmonicas, yo-yos, marbles, jacks, small box puzzles, soccer ball & pump, jump ropes, slinky, paddle balls. **For older children:** sewing kit, small tools, fabric remnants, solar flashlight, duct tape, clothesline rope. **Clothing:** socks, t-shirts, underwear, shirts, sunglasses, watches, ball caps.



Administrative Council Meeting
Minutes of February 25, 2014

Present at Meeting:

Ron Gearhart	Kelsey Anderson
Linda Gearhart	Bill Scanlan
Kathleen Waterman	Pastor Mike
Randy Waterman	Jean Gross
Marilyn Feldmann	Al Remling
Gary Evarts	Paul Kammarmeyer

Ad Council Chair Paul Kammarmeyer called the meeting to order at 6:00 in the church library. Pastor Mike led us in prayer after joys and concerns were shared.

We all were reminded to stop by and greet our new secretary Debbie Saunders as she is adjusting and learning her new position as our church secretary.

Randy Waterman moved, seconded by Al Remling to approve the January Ad Council minutes as written. Motion carried.

Finance sent \$2350 to apportionments for January. This amount is 10% of the monthly giving plus those funds designated for apportionments.

Gary Evarts shared a letter from Trustees soliciting donations from the local industrial community to help with church building expenses, reminding them that our church is serving many people in the community beyond our membership. After much discussion and a motion from Gary to approve such as letter, the motion died for lack of a second.

Eric Anderson from GNB will be visiting with the trustees to ask for the use of our church as back-up for GNB in the event of a natural disaster. He will be at their next meeting.

Pastor Mike asked for volunteers from Ad Council to participate in a discussion with Kelsey sometime in April to help evaluate how her time as our youth leader is being used for involvement in Encounter.

Next Ad Council meeting will be March 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Mike closed us in prayer at 7:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gross
Ad Council Secretary

Connectional ministries: We would like to thank everyone who took part and/or helped with the Family and Fun night at the Rec Center on February 16th. About 50 people came to play games, eat, walk or just run off some energy. There were many positive comments and this is something that we will definitely do again. Look for more fun activities as spring approaches. It can't stay winter forever!



Administrative Secretary

My name is Deb Saunders, thank you for the warm welcome to United Methodist. My husband, Al and I live east of Ryan, we have five children and five grandchildren. Mike and his family live in Fountain, Mn; Abby and her family live in Pensacola, Fl; Emma lives in New Vienna and is engaged to be married in 2015; Britta recently moved to Florida, lives with sister Abby and attends college; and Maggie is a freshman at West Delaware. I look forward to seeing you around the church, please stop in and say hi!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

WALTER DAVIS 03/02
 KAREN PETLON 03/04
 MARY MANGOLD 03/05
 RONNIE BACHMAN 03/07
 JEFF LARSON 03/07
 PHILIP MUELLER 03/07
 WHITNEY ERICKSON 03/09
 MICHAEL STOCKS 03/10
 ROBERT MILROY 03/11
 PASTOR MIKE DRUHL 03/12
 LILA JOSLYN 03/12
 KATIE RYAN 03/12
 SCOTT GASKILL 03/13
 REX VAN DYKE 03/13
 KATHY REMPE 03/14
 ALEXIS EIKE 03/15
 ROY FERGUSON 03/18
 JOHN PIEGORS 03/18
 NANCY BACHMAN 03/19
 WILL BEEVERS 03/19
 JULIE HOOKER 03/19
 MARC HERMANN 03/20
 ROGER MUELLER 03/20
 JEFF PUFFET 03/20
 NICHOLAS ANDREGG 03/21
 DEAN JONES 03/21
 JENA DOWNS 03/22
 KYLE DOWNS 03/24
 MADISON WIESER 03/27
 NICHOLAS MENSEN 03/28
 MEGHAN MENSEN 03/29
 WILLIAM WARD 03/29
 MARY BAGBY 03/30
 SANDRA FERGUSON 03/30
 RAMON WYCOFF 03/30



“Today is the tomorrow you
 were worried about
 yesterday, was it worth it?”

~unknown

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

MICHAEL & SIMONA LUDVICEK 03/02
 KELLY & JANEL SMITH 03/02
 WILLIAM & MARJORIE WOLTER 03/08
 BOB & GLENDA BETELS 03/12
 DONALD PIEGORS & JANE HARTNETT 3/16
 JEFF & JODY PUFFET 03/19

From the desk of Mission Coordinator

Mission meeting was held on Feb 10th.
 The committee decided to have an Easter Bake
 sale on April 19th from 7-to 11:00. More details
 to come later.

March's mission is Heifer project.

We are checking into a couple of mission
 trip ideas for this summer - if anyone has any
 ideas on a place they would like to go please let
 me know.

Next mission meeting will be April 14th at
 4pm.

Ice cream social is set for July 30th 2014

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Good Neighbor Home Residents		
Bonnie Lindsay	N102	Large
Carol Brockmeyer	N106A	Large
Mary Lou Kimball	N119B	Regular
Arlan Brockmeyer	N115	Large
Harlan Carradus	N138	Large
Betty Dekeyser	N131	Regular
Dave Drinkwater	139A	Large
Martha Palmer	N142	Regular
Dorothy Schram	N109	Large
Mida Drinkwater	43GV	Large
Dorothy Palmer	S11	Regular
Delores Timmer	S25	Large
Virginia Nelson	N117A	Regular
Ike Hatch	46GV	Regular
Edgewood Convalescent Home		
Arla Ketelsen	8	
Our Meadows Residents		
Lois Mott	114	Large
Gerry Wiltse	209	Regular

