

Mason City “MESSENGER”

APRIL 2018

United Methodist Church 100 E Pine St Mason City, Il 62664



“Authentic Care” PRAYER MINISTRY April 1, 2018

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To our men and women serving in the armed forces

To our Church families & persons missing from our families

Continued Prayers for those recovering from surgeries, grieving or illness

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The Mason City and San Jose United Methodist Churches

work together as a charge,
sharing a pastor and
share in ministries to the area.

PUBLICATION Schedule:

The Mason City Messenger is published periodically as needed. **Calendar items, news, and articles should be given to Pastor Charlie and the church office in writing, or by e-mail.** Please submit information early, submit regularly, and provide **all** the details for upcoming ministry events!

PUBLISHER:

Our newsletter is a ministry of our church. Volunteers collect and develop news and articles each week and share in the processing and mailing of the newsletter.

Volunteers are appreciated.

FEED THE NEED!!!!

Feed the need for the month of **APRIL** is
“**SUPER SIDES**”

Please donate any related items to the Mason City Food Pantry . Suggested items include **bisquick, pasta, mac’chese, jello and jiffy mix, etc.** Items may be brought to the west hallway (across from office). As always, any items you’ve generally given in the past are always accepted. Your donations are always appreciated!



UPLIFT PLUS

Is a women’s and men’s ministry group which usually meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:45am at the HUB. If you have not attended please come and join us for fun and fellowship. Sign up sheets are available or call Eleanor Bergman or Joyce Conklen to make your reservation to attend the next meeting.

We enjoyed a delicious meal of Reubens and Potato Salad...As always Fritz had the “humor” for the day...Rubens by Karen Miller, Potato Soup by Sue Zimmerman and desserts by Donna Imig and Marilyn Buse.

Our meal for APRIL will be: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Slaw, Cheesy potatoes & dessert.



Did You Know? We offer a link on our web site for free online versions of the Bible, including a free **AUDIO Bible Player** which is searchable? Go to web site www.masoncityumc.org Choose the “Spiritual Formation” tab, then click on “Bible.” (or enter <http://www.biblegateway.com/resources/audio/>) into your browser. Select the Bible Version; Book, chapter, and verse/s; search to locate, then click the little speaker symbol to “Play Audio Bible” offered by BibleGateWay. Note: Multiple versions and formats are available. **Do you listen to music while you work? Consider listening to the Bible!**



PASTORS NOTE

April 2018

An Easter Story:

"It's truly amazing what a girl will do for love."

My wife, Jean, and I lived next door to each other for ten years before we were married. My sophomore interest in high school biology had sparked a live caterpillar collection. Their home was a shoe box, covered with screen wire. When I went on vacation, Jean fed them faithfully with leaves from her willow tree. She hated it.

Finally the caterpillars stopped their incessant crawling and chewing, attached their tails firmly to a stick and lay still, sheathed with a shiny leather-like case. For weeks they seemed to be dead, unmoving in their tiny gray wrappings. I removed the screen and waited.

One by one, the gray cases began to twist and turn violently, and suddenly split open. A beautiful butterfly emerged. It stood for hours gently moving its wings, pumping fluids into them to extend them fully. Then the butterfly soared gracefully away on the breezes of summer, leaving nothing behind but a broken chrysalis to indicate its former bondage.

The chrysalis and butterfly suggest the empty graveclothes of our risen Lord. When Peter and John heard the news that the Lord's body was gone from the garden tomb, they ran all the way from their lodging. Peter entered the tomb and "he saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen" (John 20:6-7, NIV). The graveclothes once wrapped continuously around the body now lay collapsed, mute testimony that the corpse they had once shrouded had now emerged in life.

The bondage of death is broken. Christ is risen! We can face tomorrow with the assurance that Jesus is in fact alive to help us, to guide us, to give us hope for the future. And since He is living, our problems are not insolvable. The broken chrysalis of His graveclothes proclaims that Christ is Victor even over death. Because He lives, nothing is impossible."

Charlie

EASTER

word search

J E A S T E R Q R B M A
E K L O W N A B F U N P
L C D E F G A X Z N X R
L H E I S R I S E N J I
Y P G O R Q T N M Y K L
B N G G O O S E A L L A
E C H O C O L A T E M B
A D U D E F G L N P N C
N Q N R G S P R I N G D
S R T S R T B L N P O E
E I E I A C A N D Y O F
G A M E S Z S H R I N G
K K I C S K K B A L L H
R E S U R R E C T I O N
S U N D A Y T M A R C H

Can you find these words?

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| EASTER | EGG HUNT | JELLYBEANS | RESURRECTION |
| BUNNY | BASKET | SPRING | SUNDAY |
| FUN | CANDY | GRASS | MARCH |
| HE IS RISEN | CHOCOLATE | GAMES | |



GREETERS

EAST

04.01.18 Bonnie & John Dunker
04.08.18 Joanne Burris, Wilma Blessman
04.15.18 Gloria & Bob Bess
04.22.18 Carol & Bill Conover
04.29.18 Mary & Jerry Caldwell

WEST

Al Blessman & Fritz Onken
Connie McLaughlin & Janet Schoonover
Al Blessman & Fritz Onken
Bri & Nate McLaughlin
Joyce & Neil Conklen

USHERS

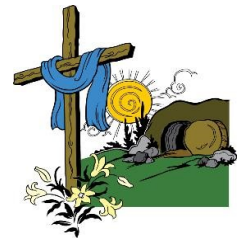
04.01.18 Joanne Burris Charlotte Surratt
04.08.18 Mary Caldwell Ellen Eigenbrod Karen Miller
04.15.18 Gloria Bess Sue Zimmerman
04.22.18 Wilma Blessman Donna Imig Marilyn Buse
04.29.18 Sue Zimmerman Connie McLaughlin Bri McLaughlin

LITURGIST

04.01.18 Ellen Eigenbrod
04.08.18 Karen Miller
04.15.18 Carol Conover
04.22.18 Mary Caldwell
04.29.18 Bri McLaughlin

April

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| 1st | SUN | 9:15 am 10:30 am | Sunday School WORSHIP Celebration— EASTER.. Grace Note Singers |
| 3rd | Tue | 6:00 pm 6:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop # 189 BIBLE STUDY @ THE HUB |
| 4th | Wed | 6:00 pm 7:00 pm | Son Shine Ringers Grace Note Singers |
| 8th | SUN | 9:15 am 10:30 am | Sunday School WORSHIP Celebration— COMMUNION (Team D) |
| 10th | Tue | 6:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:30 pm | Boy Scout Troop # 189 BIBLE STUDY @ THE HUB STAFF PARISH MEETING @ THE HUB |
| 11th | Wed | 6:00 pm 7:00 pm | Son Shine Ringers Grace Note Singers |
| 15th | SUN | 9:15 am 10:30 am | Sunday School WORSHIP Celebration—Grace Note Singers |
| 17th | Tue | 6:00 pm 6:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop # 189 BIBLE STUDY @ THE HUB |
| 18th | Wed | 6:00 pm 7:00 pm | Son Shine Ringers Grace Note Singers |
| 19th | Thu | 11:45 am | UPLIFT PLUS @ THE HUB |
| 22nd | SUN | 9:15 am 10:30 am | Sunday School Worship Celebration –Son Shine Ringers |
| 24th | Tue | 6:00 pm 6:00 pm | Boy Scout Troop # 189 BIBLE STUDY @ THE HUB |
| 25th | Wed | 6:00 pm 7:00 pm | Son Shine Ringers Grace Note Singers |
| 26th | Thu | 1:00 pm | FOOD PANTRY |
| 29th | SUN | 9:15 am 10:30 am | Sunday School Worship Celebration |





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*Happy Easter
May your day be filled with hope, peace and blessings.*

Wilma

EASTER SYMBOLS

CROSS: Is symbolic of our Good Friday faith– that Jesus died by way of crucifixion and rose again to save us from sin.

FLOWERS: The Easter Lily is a symbol of the resurrection of the life of Jesus.

LAMBS: Christians view Jesus Christ as “The Lamb of God” because he was sent as a sacrifice for the sins of the world.

RABBITS: Rabbits are a reminder of spring and the new life that is abundant during springtime.

EGGS: Serve to remind us of the abundant new life offered to us through the resurrection of Jesus.