

# Mason City “MESSENGER”

## MARCH 2018

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

### AN EASTER PROMISE

My jelly beans tell a wonderful story,  
All for God's own



**RED** is for the blood of God's only son,  
**BLACK** if for the sins we've done.

**YELLOW** is for the morning so bright,  
The day He arose to make all things right.

**GREEN** reminds us that He is risen.

**WHITE** is for the forgiveness we find in Him.

**PURPLE** is for Jesus' throne,

**PINK** reminds me that I am never alone.

A bag full of jelly beans, colorful and sweet. It's a  
prayer, a promise, and an **EASTER** treat.

**“Authentic Care” PRAYER MINISTRY March 1, 2018**

Unspoken (2)

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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## United Methodist Church

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### Illinois Great Rivers Conference Bishop Frank Beard

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Rev. Terry Harter, Superintendent

**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 **MARCH** is

### “Boxed Dinners”

Please donate any related items to the Mason City Food Pantry . Suggested items are **Tuna,Chicken & Hamburger Helpers, Mac’N Cheese, & Pizza, 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 meal of Quiche, salad, rolls & dessert at our February meeting. Our March meal will be Rueben Sandwiches, Potato Soup & Dessert

Our mission of the month was having the Church fellowship hall carpet cleaned.



**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](http://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, them 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!*

WORSHIP SCHEDULE  
*for*  
**Holy**  
WEEK

Our congregation will be participating with our GIFT churches, the Presbyterian and the Mason City Community Chapel for joint services on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On Thursday, March 29th, there will be  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES ..7PM..AT  
THE SJUMC.**

On **Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 P.M., there will be **Good Friday services at the MC United Methodist Church.** Members of all 3 congregations and the public are invited to attend.

April 1st..**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**Sunrise Service..6:30am...SJUMC...breakfast  
following**  
**10:30am Easter Services @ MCUMC**



## PASTORS NOTE MARCH 2018

The season Lent is meant to be a time when we prepare ourselves, through prayer and self sacrifice, for the coming of Holy Week and the Celebration of Easter. Many people take this very serious and offer themselves to this Holy work. For some of us this kind of works out like our New Years resolutions, we have good intentions, but this may be short lived. I found a story that kind of follows this line of thought.

“A comical, but illustrative, story shows us how adept we are at rationalizing our actions: A very overweight man decided that it was time to shed a few pounds. He went on a new diet and took it seriously. He even changed his usual driving route to the office in order to avoid his favorite bakery. One morning, however, he arrived at the office carrying a large, sugar-coated coffee cake. His office mates roundly chided him, but he only smiled, shrugged his shoulders and said, "What could I do? This is a very special cake. This morning, out of my forced habit, I accidentally drove by my favorite bakery. There in the window were trays of the most delicious goodies. I felt that it was no accident that I happened to pass by, so I prayed, 'Lord, if you really want me to have one of these delicious coffee cakes, let me find a parking place in front of the bakery.' Sure enough, on the ninth trip around the block, there it was!" Temptation is strong, but we must be stronger. We should not tempt fate and we should not rationalize our actions.”

How ever we chose to prepare ourselves for the coming of Holy Week and Easter let us truly set our minds and hearts to find a new the great act of love that God opens for us through the death and resurrection of His precious Son. Let us prepare ourselves to truly shout with all our hearts 'HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN IN-DEED!!!

*Charlie*



# March

## *GREETERS*

### *EAST*

*03.04.18 Charlotte Surratt & Connie McLaughlin*  
*03.11.18 Brenda & Randy Zeck*  
*03.18.18 Bri & Nate McLaughlin*  
*03.25.18 Bonnie & John Dunker*

### *WEST*

*Becky Sidwell & Kay Kirby*  
*Carol & Bill Conover*  
*Trish & Brad Bergman*  
*Karen & Jim Miller*

## *USHERS*

*03.04.18 Jerry Caldwell Bob Bess Mike Eigenbrod*  
*03.11.18 Steve Bergman Brad Bergman Randy Zeck*  
*03.18.18 Jim Miller John Dunker Nate McLaughlin*  
*03.25.18 Fritz Onken Al Blessman Neil Conklen*



## *LITURGIST*

*03.04.18 Ellen Eigenbrod*  
*03.11.18 Karen Miller*  
*03.18.18 Carol Conover*  
*03.25.18 Mary Caldwell*



# MARCH

4th	SUN	9:15 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	WORSHIP Celebration—Communion (Team C)-Grace Note Singers
		2:00 pm	MCANH SERVICES
6th	Tue	6:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop # 189
		<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY @ THE HUB</b>
7th	Wed	<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Son Shine Ringers</b>
		<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Grace Note Singers</b>
11th	SUN	9:15 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	WORSHIP Celebration—Daylight Savings Begins
		<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>AD COUNCIL</b>
13th	Tue	6:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop # 189
		<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY @ THE HUB</b>
14th	Wed	6:00 pm	Son Shine Ringers
		7:00 pm	Grace Note Singers
15th	Thu	<b>11:45 am</b>	<b>UPLIFT PLUS @ THE HUB</b>
17th	Sat	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>CHRISTIANS GOT TALENT @ THE HUB</b>
18th	SUN	9:15 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	WORSHIP Celebration—Grace Note Singers
20th	Tue	6:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop # 189
		<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY @ THE HUB</b>
25th	SUN	9:15 am	Sunday School
		10:30 am	Worship Celebration—Son Shine Ringers- <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
27th	Tue	6:00 pm	Boy Scout Troop # 189
		<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>BIBLE STUDY @ THE HUB</b>
28th	Wed	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>MCANH BIRTHDAY PARTY</b>
		6:00 pm	Son Shine Ringers
		7:00 pm	Grace Note Singers
29th	Thu	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES @SJUMC</b>
30th	Fri	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES @ MCUMC</b>







## Easter Flower SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

Easter Flowers: Lilies/Hyacinth may be ordered at **\$15.00** each for placement on the altar for the Easter Service.

Please return sponsorship form and money to the church office  
by **Sunday March 25th** at noon. Thanks

I wish to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Flowers at \$15.00 ea. to be placed on the  
Mason City United Methodist Church Altar on Easter Sunday March 27th  
and to designate the gift in memory or honor of someone as follows:

**IN MEMORY OF:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

Preference  
 NO PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_  
 LILY \_\_\_\_\_  
 HYACINTH \_\_\_\_\_

**IN HONOR OF:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVEN BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your best Day Time or Cell Phone Number ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ — \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount. enclosed:** # of FLOWERS SPONSORED \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to : Mason City United Methodist Church**

**RECORD** CK# \_\_\_\_\_ or Cash

You may take the Flowers Sponsored by you  
**following the Easter Celebration Service.**



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*An old Irish blessing*  
*May love & laughter light your days.*  
*and warm your heart & home.*  
*May good & faithful friends be yours*  
*where ever you may roam.*  
*May peace & plenty bless your world*  
*with joy that long endures*  
*May all life's passing seasons*  
*bring the best to you & yours.*



*Wilma*