

MARCH



Meet Pastor Paul Wood

Pastor Paul Wood will be become our new pastor July 1, 2019. He is a native of Liverpool, England and became a naturalized American citizen in September 2012. He is currently serving at United Methodist Churches in Olin and Oxford Junction.

Being called to ministry is Pastor Paul's third career, having started his working life as a British Policeman before being injured on duty. On leaving the police force Pastor Paul attended university and studied law.

After graduation he became a contracts lawyer and travelled the world, spending many years in the Middle East and Africa. He has studied many of the world's religions; he is a student and teacher of the Old Testament. On coming to Iowa in 2005, Pastor Paul met his wife, Dorothea, and they have been married eleven years. His interests Include being a rugby referee, Scrabble fanatic, and doing projects around his house and garden with Dorothea.

Thoughts from your Lay Leader

It doesn't seem possible that we as Christians will soon be entering the season of Lent, and looking forward to spring after a long snowy winter. This is an important time in our spiritual lives.

In 2 Peter 1: 6-8 it says; *make every effort to add to your faith goodness and to goodness,*

knowledge; and to knowledge, self- control and to self-control , perseverance, godliness; and to

godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be the best you can during the upcoming Easter season, and show goodness, knowledge, self-control, brotherly kindness and love to all that you meet.

Cindy Morse



Outreach Opportunities

Thank you for your generosity; the library collection area has a mountain of items for our local food pantry and for the Salvation Army Men's Shelter.

Lent is a time of reflection and renewal. We are again planning four evenings of fellowship and worship. Supper will be a 6:00 with worship from 6:30-7:00.

- March 20 ~ Soups, Relishes, Bars
"Hope for Each Day" - words of Billy Graham
- March 27 ~ Soups, Relishes, Bars
"Grace for the Moment" - thoughts of Max Lucado
- April 3 ~ Menu to be planned
"The Joy of My Heart"- meditations by Anne Graham Lotz
- April 10 ~ Menu to be planned
"Truth for Today" - wisdom of John Mac Arthur



Also, during the Lenten season, we have a special offering. This year our projects are:

- ◆ Iowa Disaster Fund - Help is available immediately when disaster strikes our Iowan communities.
- ◆ The Salvation Army - Known for being good stewards of their donations, the Salvation Army helps people in dire times to start to rise above their situations.
- ◆ Feed My Starving Children—This group moves tons of food throughout the world where children are literally starving to death. The nutritious meals are distributed by missionary groups to very thankful orphanages, schools, and parents.

We wonder why God allows difficulties in people's lives. We can be His hands in sharing love to people who need to know that someone cares.

Let us all unite in reading The Upper Room during Lent. There is a copy reserved for you.

May God be with you in this season.

Education Calendar of Events

- Sunday, March 24th: Children's Choir sings at church service (10:00)
- Sunday, April 7th: "Senior Sunday" (recognize our seniors)
- EASTER** Sunday, April 21: NO Sunday School
- EASTER Cantata Sunday, April 28th: **NO Children's choir singing
- Sunday, May 5th: Confirmation Sunday
- Sunday, May 12th: Final Sunday School for 2018-19; Children's Choir sings at church



SAVE the Dates! June 17-20th

ROAR VBS 2019

Life is wild. God is good.





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Soon we will be entering the most important season in our Christian Year. March 6th at 7:00 P.M. is our Ash Wednesday Service, beginning our Lenten Season. Our Wednesday Evening Lenten Services will be starting on March 20th at 6:00 P.M. They will continue on March 27, and April 3rd and April 10th.

We will have a light supper at 6:00 P.M. with the Worship Service starting at 6:30 P.M. Make plans to come for an evening of inspiration and fellowship during this time of preparation for Easter.

Many thanks to Meekness Circle for the delicious Soup Luncheon, and to all who attended their luncheon in January. Proceeds from the luncheon will be used for Missions.

Senior Recognition Day will be celebrated on April 7th, 2019, during church. We will be awarding our Senior Scholarships at this time. If you know of a High School Senior who should apply for this scholarship please let us know. We will be sending out applications to the Seniors that we know of. Applications must be turned into the Church office by April 3rd.

Our Bible Verse for March is found in Philippians 4:4-5.

“Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near.”

Blessings to you and your loved ones as we prepare to celebrate all that God has done for us and continues to do for us each day.

Pat and Charlene



Special thanks to the following pastors and lay leaders for bringing us the message and Children's Time each Sunday: Michelle Boldt, Waverly, Rev. Paul Wilcox, District Superintendent, Rev. Michael Metz, Fairfield, Josh Troutman, Rowley, Jim Kullmer, Pat Benda. Judy Hora, and Cindy Morse who were scheduled when we cancelled.

FEBRUARY REVIEW

Date	General Budget
February 3	\$3,389.75
February 10	\$1,737.00
February 17	Church Cancelled
February 24	Church Cancelled
Needed monthly:	\$13,352.00



For Children's Time !!

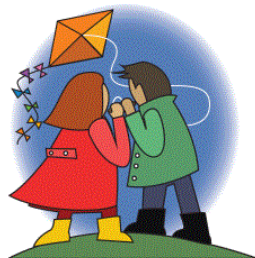
*Mary Fratzke
Teri Klockner
Peg Mullen
Bonnie Allers
Colleen Schulz,
Josh Troutman
Pat Benda
Rev. Metz*

*And Lynne Peters and Cindy Morse who were scheduled on our cancelled Sundays
Thank you so much!*

MARCH MARCH

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Fitness @ 8 am
3 Sunday School 8:45 am Worship 10 am	4 Office Closed Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	5 Outreach 5:30 pm Trustees 7 pm	6 Ash Wednesday 7 pm Chimes 4:15 pm Jubilation! 5 pm Finance Mtg. 6:30 pm No Education Mtg.	7 Fitness @ 6 pm	8	9 Fitness @ 8 am
10 Sunday School 8:45 am Worship Service 10 am	11 Office Closed Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	12 Council 6:30 pm	13 Prayer 9:30 Chimes 4:15 pm Jubilation! 5 pm	14 Fitness @ 6 pm	15	16 Fitness @ 8 am
17 Sunday School 8:45 am Worship Service 10 am	18 Office Closed Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	19	20 Lenten Supper / Service 6 pm Peace Circle 9 am Prayer 9:30 am	21 Fitness @ 6 pm	22	23 Fitness @ 8 am
24 Sunday School 8:45 am Worship Service 10 am	25 Office Closed Fitness @ 6 pm Shawl Ministry 7 pm	26 Meekness 7:00 pm	27 Lenten Supper / Service 6 pm Chimes 4:15 pm Choir 5:00 pm	28 Fitness @ 6 pm	29	30
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