

January 14 – 21, 2018

This Week

Sunday, January 14

Pastor Kathy Out of Office Jan. 9-23

Guest Speaker: Jim Coddington

Human Relations Day (offering)

- 8:30-11:30 Nursery through Preschool, Room 105
- 8:30-10:00 Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 8:45-9:45 Sunday School for All
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. KCMR Radio Broadcast, 97.9 FM
- 11:45 a.m. Disciple IV (led by Rev. Judy Eilders), Rm 25
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation (led by Bob B.), Room 25
- 6:00 p.m. UMYF (led by Bob B.), Youth Room

Monday, January 15

- 6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting, Fireside Room

Tuesday, January 16

- No Historical Meeting
- No Staff Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Education Meeting, Fireside Classroom
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Meeting, Upper Room

Wednesday, January 17

- 5:15 p.m. Jubilee Bell Ringers
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 18

Jan. 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

- 8:00 a.m. Bible Study, Pies & More
- 9:30 a.m. Rummage Sale Meeting, Upper Room
- 6:00 p.m. Scouts Pack 9, Fireside Rm/Classroom

Friday, January 19

Newsletter Deadline (by noon)

Saturday, January 20

Guest Speaker: Brent Hamilton

- Time TBD Girl Scout Dance, Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service, WAYside Chapel

Sunday, January 21

Guest Speaker: Brent Hamilton

Ecumenical Sunday

- 8:30-11:30 Nursery through Preschool, Room 105
- 8:30-10:00 Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 8:45-9:45 Sunday School for All
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
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New Beginning Workshop

Everyone is welcome to join us as we gather to orient our church on the path of new beginning in our life and ministry together. Paper minutes of our meetings are posted outside of Pastor Kathy's office, but Deacon Brent has also created some videos to help document some of the things that we have been doing so far in our meetings. The following web address will link you to the YouTube playlist for these videos:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKDatTCrW0kIAqKZz2-2VuHxBQzIe9_Z7

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Deacon Brent or Pastor Kathy (upon her return from the Holy Land on January 24). Our next workshop is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



Potluck

**UMW Sunday
January 28, 2018
Fellowship Hall**

We will have a potluck immediately following worship service on Sunday, January 28, 2018. The United Methodist Women will furnish desserts, milk, coffee & water. Please bring a dish (hot or cold) and your own table service.

UMW Annual Rummage Sale

April 13 & 14, 2018

Got stuff? Now is the time to clean out your closets and help the UMW with their mission projects. Please bring your donated items to Fellowship Hall and place them on the stage. No electronics please. This includes TV's, monitors, printers, copiers, etc.



Keeping in our thoughts and prayers...

Prayers for our church members who are dealing with an illness or medical issue for themselves or a loved one, those dealing with the loss of a loved one, those who are caring for a loved one, those who are dealing with issues for their self or family members and those who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces. They could use our prayers today. **Prayer Chain – Please submit prayer requests to Anne Wallace at 641-424-9255.**

Continued Prayers & Cards

Ernie Bills, Donna Cline

Shirley Hankom (*Kayla Halfpap's mother*)

Congratulations

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their special day this week!

Congratulations to the following couples celebrating a recent anniversary:

Jan 15 – **Lee & Mary Lou Stephenson 71 Years**

Jan 18 – **Chris & Karen Hannam**

Updated Address

Marvin & Jeanette Schlutz are now residing at the I.O.O.F. Home at 1037 19th St SW, Mason City.

Thank You

To the members of the church – I would like to thank each one of you that sent me a Christmas or a birthday card. I enjoyed them very much. *– Love, Elsie Musser*

Ernie was discharged from the hospital nine weeks after surgery. He is now recovering at home. We want to thank you, our church family, for all your prayers, write-a-notes, cards, calls, and gifts. We are so blessed to belong to such a caring church. A special thank you to the prayer shawl group for our beautiful shawls. They are so warm and cozy and remind us of our Heavenly Father wrapping His loving arms around us. We've missed all of you and are looking forward to being able to return to services.

- In God's Love, Ernie & Jean Bills

Sympathy

Our sympathy to **Troy & Brandi Gobeli** on the death of Troy's aunt, Jeanyce Gobeli. Jeanyce passed away on December 31, 2017, at the age of 86 in Milton, FL.

Our sympathy to **Eugene & Marilyn Pfeifer** on the death of their granddaughter, Hannah Pfeifer. Hannah passed away on Saturday, January 6, 2018, due to an automobile accident. Celebration of Life Services were held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at Champion-Bucheit Funeral Home.

Meals on Wheels

February 12-16, 2018

The sign-up board is in the Narthex for First UMC to help with Meals on Wheels in February. We will have Routes 1, 2 & 3. Please check your calendar and volunteer if you are able. Your time and assistance makes a big difference to those who depend on these meals! Thank you!

Upcoming Dates

- Jan 23 – Pairs & Spares, 6:00 p.m. Village Court Restaurant
- Jan 25 – Newsletter Mailing
New Beginning Workshop, 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary
- Jan 28 – UMW Sunday - Potluck Following Worship
ASP Meeting, 1:00 p.m. Fireside Room
- Jan 29 – Start of eight-week course, "Companions in Christ: Forgiveness." Mondays, 9:30-11:00, Upper Room
Leaders: Pastor Kathy & Rev. Judy Eilders
- Feb 4 – ASP Super Bowl Sub Sale
- Feb 10 – Scouts Blue & Gold, 4:30-8:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall
- Feb 11 – Scouting Ministries Sunday
- Feb 12-16 – FUMC Serving Meals on Wheels
- Feb 14 – Ash Wednesday
- Feb 15 – UMW Fundraiser Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Room 25
- Feb 16 – Newsletter Deadline (by noon)
- Feb 17 – Knitting Group, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Fireside Room & Classroom
- Feb 22 – Newsletter Mailing

Companions in Christ: The Way of Forgiveness 8-Week Course, Starting January 29, 2018 Mondays, 9:30-11:00 a.m., Upper Room

Perhaps nothing goes more against the grain of human nature than the idea of forgiving those who wound us and accepting forgiveness from others. The second release in the Companions in Christ series, The Way of Forgiveness explores how to deal with these issues to preserve "the beauty of our souls" and to fulfill the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. In this 8-week study, the author breaks down the transformational process by first examining shame, guilt and anger. A full release of these feelings not only leads to the wholeness that Christ taught but also takes us on a path of freedom and joy. Leadership of this course will be shared between Rev. Kathy Moore and Rev. Judy Eilders. Books are \$10 and available in the office. **To help the leaders plan, please sign up in the office if you will be participating in this course.**



Bill Oleson 2018 Scholarship: \$1,000

The purpose of the Bill Oleson Scholarship is to help high school graduating seniors and adults with a high school diploma pursuing post-secondary education, who are active members of Mason City First United Methodist Church and who are accepted or enrolled as a full-time student in any field. The 2018 scholarship packets (application & reference forms) are now available in the office. Please sign applicant's name on the sign-out sheet. **Scholarship application and reference letters need to be returned to the Church Office by April 1, 2018.**