

March 25 – April 1, 2018

This Week

Sunday, March 25

Passion/Palm Sunday

Last Date to Order an Easter Lily

- 8:30-11:30 Nursery through Preschool, Room 105
- 8:30 a.m. ASP Cookie Walk, Fellowship Hall
- 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 Pastor Kathy), Room 25
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation (led by Pastor Kathy), Room 25
- 6:00 p.m. UMYF (led by Pastor Kathy), Youth Room

Monday, March 26

- 9:30 a.m. Companions in Christ: Forgiveness
Upper Room

Tuesday, March 27

Serving Supper at Community Kitchen

- 8:00 a.m. Hospice, Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting, Office Conf. Room
- 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting, Upper Room
- 6:00 p.m. Pairs & Spares, Village Court Restaurant

Wednesday, March 28

Serving Lunch at Community Kitchen

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

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday

- 8:00 a.m. Bible Study, Pies & More
- 9:30 a.m. Rummage Sale Meeting, Room 25
- 6:00 p.m. Seder Supper, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Scouts Pack 9, Fireside Rm/Classroom

Friday, March 30

Good Friday

- 12:00 p.m. Cross Walk Begins at FUMC
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Service at FUMC, Sanctuary

Saturday, March 31

- 10:00 a.m. Breakfast Prep, Kitchen
- 5:00 p.m. Worship Service, WAYSide Chapel

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday!

- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service, Chapel
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 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
- No Disciple IV
- No Confirmation or UMYF



Guest Organist

Sunday, March 25

Thank you to Deb Nielsen for being our organist this Sunday in Brian's absence.

Easter Lily Orders

Place your Easter Lily order soon! Last date to order is Sunday, March 25. Plants are \$15 each.

Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Cookie Walk Sunday, March 25, Fellowship Hall

8:30 a.m. till Gone

Help support our youth & adults going on the ASP mission trip this summer. Delicious cookies just in time for Easter! The ASP mission trip is scheduled for June 30 through July 8, 2018.



Friday, April 13

7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

and

Saturday, April 14

8:00 a.m. to Noon

Bag Sale \$5 on Saturday (excluding antiques & collectibles)

Donations accepted through Monday, April 9.

(No electronics, please.)

All Ladies Invited . . .

"Hats Off To You" Luncheon

Monday, April 2

12:00-2:00 p.m.

\$9.00

The Main Event, 112 2nd St SE, Mason City

Speaker:

Phyllis Vos of Ankeny, IA

"Hats, Hats and More Hats"

How many hats do you wear? Learn to balance all hats and keep them from slipping throughout life's journey.

Reservations:

Call Jessie at 424-8314

Cancellations Essential

Sponsored by Mason City Christian Women's Connection
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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.**

Recently Hospitalized

Dan Weitzel, ICU (*John & Kathy Deets' son-in-law*)

Continued Prayers & Cards

Donna Cline, Phil Johnson

Congratulations

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

Congratulations to the following couple celebrating an anniversary this week:

March 27 – **Mike & CarolAnn Eppens 25th Anniversary**

Directory Updates

Leona Ames is at the I.O.O.F. Home, Room E (note room change).

Carol Ives is at the Good Shepherd Room 225.

Jay Lovejoy's address: 304 3rd St NE Apt 603, Mason City, IA 50401-3454

Sympathy

Our thoughts, prayers and sympathy are with the family of **Rev. Jim Stiles**, who passed away suddenly on Monday, March 19, 2018, at the age of 75. Pastor Jim's passion for ministry led him to many churches, including serving Mason City First UMC. A funeral service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at the United Methodist Church in Washington, IA. Family will receive friends from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 23, also at the Washington United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to his wife Jan at: 1309 E Harrison St, Washington, IA 52353

Upcoming Dates

Apr 2 – Pastor Kathy Out of Office

Apr 3 – No Finance Meeting in April

Scholarship Meeting, 5:30 p.m. Office Conf. Room

Apr 5 – UMW Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Room 25

Apr 6 – Confirmation Lock In Begins at 6:00 p.m.

Apr 7 – Confirmation Lock In Ends at 9:00 a.m.

Apr 8 – Communion

Apr 9-12 – Rummage Sale Set Up, Fellowship Hall

Apr 12 – New Beginnings, 7:00 p.m. Chapel

Apr 13 – UMW Rummage Sale, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Apr 14 – UMW Rummage Sale, 8:00 a.m. to Noon
Potato Drop

Apr 15 – Native American Ministries Sunday (offering)

Apr 18 – Over the Hill Gang, 1:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Apr 20 – Newsletter Deadline (by noon)

Apr 23 – Memorial Service for Millie Milligan, 11:00 a.m.

Role of Homosexuals in Church, 6:30 p.m. TBD

Apr 24 – Pairs & Spares, 6:00 p.m. Village Court Restaurant

Apr 26 – Newsletter Mailing

Apr 28 – Program on Pastor Kathy's Trip to Israel & Egypt
3:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Apr 29 – Confirmation Sunday

Apr 30 – Role of Homosexuals in Church, 6:30 p.m. TBD

May 1-3 – Pastor Kathy Out of Office – TIIMSA Conference

May 1 – Finance Meeting Moved to May 8

May 3 – National Day of Prayer

Hearing Devices Available

Remember that hearing devices are available each Sunday from the Sound Technician. Please ask for one if needed.

Over the Hill Gang

Wednesday, April 18

1:15 p.m. Fellowship Hall

SOMETHING NEW! Calling all cribbage players. We are going to add cribbage to our afternoon of fun, games and fellowship, along with the dice game of Farkle. Men and women are encouraged to join in the fun. Due to the rummage sale, the next date we will play will be April 18.

Radio Supporters Making a Difference

RADIO MINISTRY CONTRIBUTIONS

11:00 a.m. delayed broadcast on KCMR, 97.9 FM

March 25 – No Sponsor

The radio calendar is posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office, or you may call the office at 423-4905 and request to sponsor a special day. The cost to sponsor a Sunday is \$80. Thank you!

Available Dates: 4/1, 4/15, 4/29



2018 Bill Oleson 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. 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.**