

April 2011

Tims Tales

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Palm Sunday Movie and Potluck:

Begin Holy Week reflecting on the power and spirit of love!

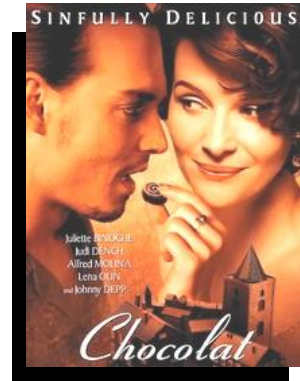
Movie “*Chocolat*” at 3:00 pm in the sanctuary

Potluck and conversation in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm

All are invited to the potluck.

Bring your favorite savory or sweet chocolate food to share and a place setting. (Non-chocolate eaters are welcome and some non-chocolate food will be available.) Drinks will be supplied.

This movie takes place in a small town in France in 1959. The town has always expressed their community life using the word tranquillite (tranquility). You knew what was expected of you, you knew what your place was. And if you happened to forget, someone would remind you. They trusted the wisdom of ages past, lived with the values of tradition, family, and



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Vacation Bible School—it's not just for kids anymore!



Please join us for a tasty treat this summer as St Tims shakes things up with Vacation Bible School!

We would love **everyone** in the congregation and the community to participate in the **Shake it Up Café**, June 13 to 17, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

We will begin each evening with a delicious supper, and will then split off into multi-generational activities, including speakers, book discussions, and fun, hands-on, meaningful learning time for children.

Won't you consider sharing your talents as a Leader or a Feeder, or to add your presence to the pot as an attendee? There is no charge for VBS this year, and we encourage you to invite friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and even complete strangers to this exciting week-long event!

Please talk to Diane Schupbach if you would like to participate, or if you have questions!

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Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

There are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same God. (1 Cor. 12:4-5)

Each one should use whatever gift s/he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. (1 Pet. 4:10)



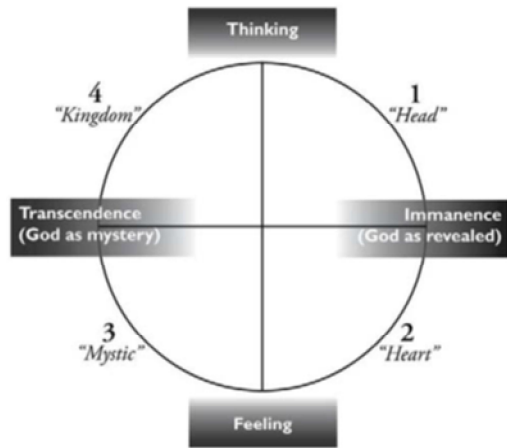
Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. (Romans 12:4-6a)

What are your spiritual gifts? What is your spiritual type? How do you experience God?

I have been pondering these questions a lot lately as I try to discern what the next adult book study will be or what new small group we could start or who we should nominate to be leaders in finance or church school.

Since this has been on my mind a lot lately (and others have asked me about it), I'd like to invite you to discover with me our spiritual types and gifts and the church's spiritual type at an interactive workshop on Sunday, April 10 at 2:30 - 4:00 pm in the church library.

Confirmation class will be moved from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm that Sunday so that the confirmands can discover their Spiritual Gifts and Spirituality Types.



Blessings, Rev. Linda

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morality. A wind blows Vianne and her daughter into this town during Lent. She does not go to church, has a daughter without a father present, and has the gall to open a chocolate shop right in the middle of Lent! As she opens and conducts her business, it becomes clear that she is anything but traditional. She does nothing by the book. She does nothing out of obligation, but everything out of love. It is her encouragement that brings Josephine out of her abusive marriage. It is her encouragement that brings Armande together with her grandson. It is her encouragement that brings a widow of 30-some-years out of mourning and into a new relationship. The town is transformed by her chocolate and her grace.

Movie is PG 13 so parental discretion is needed – scene of sensuality and some violence.



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Interested in becoming a Page for the 2011 session of the Iowa Annual Conference?

June 3-7, Hy-Vee Hall, Des Moines, Iowa
Pages are being called to be servant leaders, the hands and feet of the Annual Conference, your job is to deliver communications, directions, aide and assistance to those who are in need of your help.

Required Skills:

1. A page must be out going, friendly, smiling and must enjoy walking.
2. A page must be willing to work from 7:30 am - 9:30 pm most days without complaining.
3. A page should model Christian behavior at all times.
4. A page must wear appropriate clothing and issued t-shirt.

See

<http://www.iaumc.org/pages/detail/1796>
for the application and related information
Send the completed application back by
April 23, 2011.

Our Witness of Inclusion

The congregation of St. Timothys United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls celebrates God's gifts as a faith community built upon the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We are called and strive to be an open, loving, and caring congregation; to proclaim Jesus' love and justice to all; and to live out God's unending love through the inclusiveness and welcoming of all persons, including those of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

Coming Events

UMW Calendar

April Bible Verse:

But God has already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women.

It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously--take God seriously. (Micah 6:8)

Thurs. April 7, 9:30

Ex. Board Meeting
June Niedert, Chair

Sat. April 16

District Day Apart.

Thurs. April 21, 9:30

Program on Our Climate by Craig Johnson



Church Cleanup Day

Everybody come help!

The church trustees committee is planning an outside yard cleanup day at St. Tims toward the end of April on a Saturday. The date will be decided after our committee meeting on April 5. It will be announced in the Sunday wor-

ship bulletins, on our website and Facebook.

We will gather around 8:30 am on that day and finish around noon. We plan to trim and remove shrubs and rake leaves around the church and parsonage, and haul them to the Cedar Falls yard waste site. Refreshments will be provided in the fellowship hall.

If you're able to come and help, please do! Bring rakes, trimming tools, saws, shovels, and leaf vacuums if you have them. We will provide the bags and haul the yard waste away. If you have any questions, contact Al Yakish.

April Birthdays

- 1 Ruth Calder
- 1 Veronica Carrol
- 3 Randy Cook
- 6 Don Ackman
- 6 Jay Agness
- 6 Erica Grim
- 7 Riley Murra
- 9 Doug Main
- 12 Dan Starr
- 12 Linda Haack
- 12 Breanne Russell
- 13 Dick Followill
- 14 David Walker
- 14 Carson McRae
- 14 Ian Murra
- 17 Chris Kilbourn
- 22 Connor Martin
- 24 Krysten Reid
- 24 Jenna McRae
- 26 Jacque Hauser
- 27 David McRae
- 28 Jan Anderson
- 28 Dick Capps
- 29 Jessie Richter
- 30 Naomi Shankle

April Anniversaries

- 7 Gary & Jacque Hauser
- 16 Dick & Joyce Capps
- 17 Glenda Wilson & Jim Boyland
- 17 John & Ione Walker
- 19 Don & Mary Hansen
- 24 Pete & Sharon Wetrich



Methodist Federation for Social Action NEWS

"Understanding Our Muslim Brothers and Sisters"

This will be the topic of our Spring Regional Gatherings, which will be held in Council Bluffs, Cedar Rapids, Des Moines and Waterloo. Each gathering is unique, but each will provide an opportunity to learn from a

Muslim about the Islamic faith, and to have fellowship and dialogue with some of our Muslim brothers and sisters. In Council Bluffs we are fortunate to be able to expand the dialogue to include a Muslim, a Jew and a Christian as panelists.

Waterloo: Saturday, April 9, 10:00 AM - Noon, at Jubilee Center, 1621 E. 4th St.

Imam Mohammed Fahmy, presenter.

Linda Butler will be the devotional leader, and Abraham Funchess will be the host.

For more information, visit www.mfsaiowa.org or our facebook page, or contact Eloise Cranke at: ecranke@mchsi.com, or by phone at: 515-262-5974.

Looking Ahead—Save these dates:

May 4, at 5:00 pm, Morris Dees, of the Southern Poverty Law Center, will speak for "Equal Justice After Hours," at the Temple for the Performing Arts in Des Moines.

August 25-28, MFSA and RMN present, "Sing a New Song" at the Sawmill Creek Resort, Huron, Ohio. For details and to register, please go to: www.sans2011.org

Vigiling for Peace:

Many communities have ongoing peace vigils. If you would like to have yours listed, please send the information to Eloise at: ecranke@mchsi.com. Here are two:

Cedar Rapids: Every Friday, 4:30 - 5:30, downtown at First and First NE

Des Moines: Every Thursday, 11:30 - 12:30 downtown at Nollen Plaza

We're Now on Facebook!

If you're a member of Facebook, please join the Iowa MFSA group! We hope to utilize our Facebook group page to announce upcoming events, share recent news, and encourage discussions on issues important to The United Methodist Church. To get involved, search for Iowa Chapter of the Methodist Federation for Social Action and click "Join."

Check It Out! MFSA's web site, www.mfsaiowa.org, contains articles, links, actions to take and places to go. Find information about the Statewide Gathering and the four Spring Regional Gatherings.

Please Send Information: We want to publicize events around the state that might be of interest to MFSA folk. Please send information about events in your area by the last week of each month for the next month's E-Mail Memo. You can contact me at: ecranke@mchsi.com.

Questions about Membership? Contact Mike Biklen at 515 East Eleventh St., Muscatine, IA 52761, or by phone at: 563-263-1439, or by e-mail at: wmbiklen@juno.com. Memberships can be sent to Mike at this address. 515 East Eleventh St., Muscatine, IA 52761. Contributions can also be sent to Mike.



Celebration of Sunday School Teachers and Vacation Bible School Kick-off Lasagna Supper

Herbs and spices change the flavors of the dishes they are added to, just as the wisdom, energy and efforts of our Sunday School teachers shape the faith journeys of their Sunday School students. We would like to recognize their contributions to the youth and children of St Tims AND to kick-off our fabulous and flavorful Vacation Bible School at a special supper celebration open to the congregation and the wider community. On Sunday, June 12 from 5:00-7:00 p.m., we will hold a Lasagna Supper in the Fellowship Hall of St Tims. There will be cake for dessert. Won't you join us? Friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and complete strangers are welcome, too!

During April, our weekly themes will be:

Apr 3 "To recognize the large and small ways in which God transforms us on life's journey"

Apr 10 "To be inspired by visions of renewed life and be further shaped into communities of hope"

Apr 17 "To find meaning in the story of Jesus Christ as he enters Jerusalem"

April 24 "To move with the resurrected Spirit of Christ from empty space to community"

Sunday School is for all ages! Everyone is welcome!

All Sunday School classes meet from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Seasons of the Spirit curriculum is used in some way at all levels. The focus of the lessons and the discussion aligns with the lectionary (scripture) readings for the day. April's Sunday School offering will go to our Heifer International Ark.

Care is provided in the nursery during the Sunday School hour for children under age 3.

Children's Sunday School (ages 3 and up) meets in the **lower level of the Montessori wing**. The teaching team includes Karen Williams, Pat Doyle, and Robyn Rodenburgh.

Youth Sunday School meets in the **Youth Lounge**. The teaching team includes Kate Kitzman, Kent Shankle, Dave Glenn-Burns, and Carole Yates.

Adult Sunday School is now meeting in the **Conference Room/Library**. The class members share in the leadership of each class.

COMING SOON...Music for the Littles

Carole Yates and Carmen Darrow have kindly agreed to help bring music to the Littles (as the 3-5 year olds are affectionately called) during Sunday School time. Parents, please try to have your kiddos to Sunday School as close to the 9:00 a.m. start time as possible so they don't miss music time, and remember to ask them what songs they have been working on! Many thanks to Carole and Carmen!

Youth WGO (What's Going On)

March Fun

In early March the youth went bowling. The scores weren't high, but the level of fun certainly was! By the time this newsletter comes out, the youth will also have volunteered at the North East Iowa Food Bank. Based on past experiences, we expect this to be a lot of fun as well.

Spring Planning

For the rest of the spring semester, we have a number of activities in the works. More activities, in fact, than we have open dates on the calendar. The youth will be asked in Sunday school to decide which activities they are most interested in, and the planning will go from there.

My Dear Church Family,

As many of you already know, I am resigning my position as the Youth Director at St. Timothys. My parents have been assigned to a new church in western Iowa, and while I have loved being the youth director for the past five years, the position does not offer the kind of flexibility on the weekends that I feel I would need to visit my family.

I realize that it may seem premature to offer my resignation before my parents even move, but with the church currently in the visioning process, and with plans already in place to hire new staff, it simply seems to be the right time. I believe that my resignation will give the opportunity to broaden the visioning process, and allow the church to entirely reshape the Christian Education and Youth programs to best fit the needs of the church.

Appalachian Service Project (ASP) Fundraisers

April 3 - Soupasbord

Immediately following the morning worship. Just like a smorgasbord but featuring several delicious soups and bread and complementary sides. Freewill offering towards our 2011 ASP project.

April 16, 6:30 pm - ASP Culture Night

Music, Tapas, Art Silent Auction.

A central part of any ASP week is one evening where everyone in the center is treated to an evening of music, storytelling, touring and/or eating from the rich traditions of the local cultures. One year we watched a Bluegrass Open Mike Night in a store front. One year we met a local artist Tom Whitacker. Last year we attended a community wide Variety Show, broadcast on the local community college cable network. Several of us even performed and did wonderfully. This is our sharing with you some of the fun and beauty of the ASP experience.

Ticket price: \$10 available on Sunday mornings and from any ASP '11 Team Member

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Please know that my family and I will remain active and involved members of St. Timothys. I plan to continue to team-teach Sunday School, and to be available to help out with the youth as my schedule allows. I also plan to help with the transition to the new staff and make it as easy as possible. My resignation will be effective September 1, 2011 unless the transition to the new staff can be accomplished earlier.

With Regards, Kate Kitzman

What is ASP?

Appalachia Service Project, Inc. (ASP) is a Christian ministry, open to all people, that fosters human development by addressing the housing needs of Central Appalachia.

- ASP's vision is to eradicate substandard housing in Central Appalachia and equip and inspire lives of Christian service.
- We believe that each person is a child of God imbued with dignity and worth.
- We accept people right where they are and just the way they are.
- We believe that affordable, safe, sanitary housing is a basic human right.
- We are committed to witness through the good quality of our work and careful stewardship of our resources.
- We believe God calls volunteers to serve others as partners in ministry and we will encourage their growth in faith as they are involved in this service.
- We believe where ASP is involved in local communities we will encourage, affirm, and support social and economic justice.

St Timothys has a long history of being involved with ASP. Youth from St Timothys along with friends from the area have traveled to various areas of central Appalachia for more than 35 years. Some years we send a large group of 4 or 5 7-person teams, while other years we've sent 1 team. Thank you for your support.

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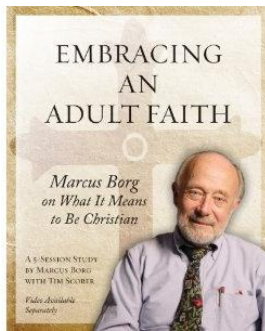
ASP '11 Stock Certificate Sales

Any member of the ASP crew will have shares of Stock available for purchase for \$25/share. Each participant has 10 shares to sell.

ASP '11 Floating Outhouse

Some groups have inflatable penguins, some have pink flamingos, some have decorated toilets. St Tims ASP '11 has, again this year, the Traveling Outhouse. The ASP Outhouse will be decorated with teams and participant names and have information about ASP. You can pay to have it delivered to a friend's house/yard, who will in turn send it to another friend's place. The fun is when folks start sending it all over town to friends. It promotes the work of ASP in a fun way. We make some money in the process and we have the chance to learn some of our tool skills we will need for our week in July.





Discussion Groups continue

“Embracing an Adult Faith” by Marcus Borg

In this faith-formation resource, participants enjoy the rare privilege of witnessing Marcus Borg in dialogue with a small, diverse group of adults as they honestly, and sometimes painfully, confront the big questions and work together toward authentic answers. In *Embracing an Adult Faith* each topic will include a 10-minute presentation by Marcus Borg followed by interaction with the group. The program print resources are designed to help us “join the dialogue” in our own setting. This study addresses fundamental questions that adults

struggle with as faith matures. •God •Jesus •Salvation •Community •Practice

Meeting Dates:

April 4, 7 April 11, 14 April 25, 28

Classes are held on Mondays from 10:00 until 11:30 am and Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Rev. Linda Butler is the discussion leader. These classes are open to senior high and university youth and adults. Feel free to invite friends and acquaintances.



Sign Up for Softball

St. Tims is still looking for men or women at least 16 years old who want to play on our slow-pitch softball team this year. We play in a church league at Birdsall Park in Cedar Falls on Monday nights. The league starts

on April 25 and runs to early August. We play games at 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, or 9:00 pm each night and they last about an hour. You don't have to be a member of St. Tims to play.

If you're interested, call Al Yakish.

Heifer International “Fill the Ark for Advent/Christmas” or maybe EASTER?

Great news--the Ark is over half-full!

We have raised \$3048 of the \$5000 needed to fill the Heifer International Ark! Our goal is to purchase 2 camels, 2 pigs, 2 cows, 2 trios of rabbits, 2 donkeys, 2 beehives, 2 sheep, 2 llamas, 2 flocks of geese, 2 goats, 2 oxen, 2 flocks of chickens, 2 trios of ducks, 2 trios of guinea pigs, and 2 water buffalo which will be sent to families around the world to use as a source of protein and income. We will buy the animals when the Ark is filled. Can we try for Easter?

Ark “banks” are available for families and individuals to use for collecting spare change. Checks and larger cash donations can be given at our regular offering time during worship—just mark your contribution “Fill the Ark.”

Darline Balm-Demmel is the contact person for this project. This is another great way to truly Pay It Forward!



Dr. Walter Cunningham School for Excellence

Partner In Education with St. Timothy's
St. Timothy's is a Partner In Education (P.I.E.) with the Walter Cunningham School for Excellence in Waterloo. This school is located in an area of need.

You can "Pay It Forward" just by shopping!

Please collect: Hy-Vee receipts, Box Tops for Education, Swiss Valley milk lids, computer printer cartridges, "My Coke Rewards," Milk Moola caps, Glazers price ovals. You may put them in the Community center boxes (at the west entrance to St. Timothy's) for Lattas or Capps.

Progress this School Year

- \$461,000 of Hy-Vee Slips yielding \$2,305 for the school.
- More than 9,000 Box Tops for Education yielding \$900.
- About \$40 worth of Staples merchandise rewards (from recycled cartridges) was spent giving 1st graders over 420 new pencils.
- Milk Moola bag and bottle tops yielding about \$89.

Hy-Vee program ends April 29. Other programs continue through summer

All programs continue through the summer except the Hy-Vee receipts which will finish for this year on April 29. Please try to have the receipts to the church by Sunday,

May 10. Be looking for a new start date--probably in June.

See church office for registration for a 5K Run/Walk Cunningham Fundraiser which will be April 16, 2011.



Worship

We need YOU - to sing on Easter Sunday!

Do you love to sing, but are too busy to commit to singing with the choir the entire church year?

Have you been curious about choir, but would like a shorter rehearsal schedule to test us out?

Have you debated singing with the choir because you are too young? Too old? Too inexperienced? Too experienced?

If you answered yes to any or all of the questions above, we need you for Easter Sunday! The Chancel Choir is singing two selections from Handel's masterpiece, Messiah – The Hallelujah Chorus and Worthy is the Lamb. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

In the sanctuary: Wednesday, March 30, April 6, and April 13 from 7:00 – 7:30pm

In the sanctuary: Wednesday, April 20 from 7:30 – 8:15pm

In the choir room: Easter Sunday, April 24 before the service @ 9:30am

Any questions? Contact Alice Pruisner. Or, feel free to talk to any of our friendly choir members! Hope to see you on March 30!



Many Thanks,

Special thanks to the choir, Alice Pruisner, Carole Yates, Joel Haack, Janet Krebs, and Linda Haack for their wonderful special music during worship in March.

Worship in April

Sunday School—9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

We have classes for all ages
Childcare is provided

Worship – 10:15 a.m.

Child care is provided

Sunday, April 3 - 4th Sunday in Lent “Restored”

Communion

One Great Hour of Sharing (offering)

Worship focus: to recognize the large and small ways in which God transforms us on life’s journey.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 16:1-13, **Psalm 23**,

Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

Rev. Linda M. Butler, preaching

Guest Musicians: UNI Singers

see article below for details and selections.



Lo the Green Blade Rises

Sunday, April 10 - 5th Sunday in Lent “Breath of Hope”

Worship focus: to be inspired by visions of renewed life and be further shaped into communities of hope.

Scripture: **Ezekiel 37:1-14**, Psalm 130,
Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

Rev. Linda M. Butler, preaching

Chancel Choir: “*Out of the Depths*”
(Psalm 130) - Carter

UNI Singers to worship with us April 3

We are excited to host UNI Singers at St. Tims on April 3rd. UNI Singers is a large mixed-voice ensemble under the direction of Dr. John Wiles. It is open to music majors and non-music majors alike and rehearses 3 times a week. UNI Singers explores a variety of choral music from classics by Haydn and Handel to new music by Eric Whitacre and Moses Hogan. Dr. Wiles takes seriously his role as an educator as well as a director, taking care to expose his students to music from a variety of time periods and styles. St. Tims’ own Alice Pruisner is studying choral conducting at the graduate level with Dr. Wiles and is the assistant director for UNI Singers. On April 3rd they will sing four selections for us – *Let the People Praise Thee, O God* by William Mathias, *Exultate Justi in Domino* by Ludovico da Viadana, *The Heavens are Telling* from Joseph Haydn’s *Creation*, and *The Battle of Jericho* by Moses Hogan.

Dr. Wiles joins the UNI faculty from the University of Texas at Austin. He is an accomplished church musician, and has served churches in Arizona and Texas. Dr. Wiles completed a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting at The University of Texas at Austin. Prior to UT, he received Master of Music, Master of Divinity, and Bachelor of Music degrees at Baylor University. John is married to Amy Lea Wiles, a former public school music teacher and current student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Sunday, April 17 -

Palm/Passion Sunday

“Non-violent Resistance”

Special offering for Trinity UMC Cornerstone Project, Northeast Iowa Food bank, Nothing but Nets

Worship focus: to find meaning in the story of Jesus Christ as he enters Jerusalem.

Scripture: **Matthew 21:1-11,**

Psalm 31:9-16, **Matthew 27:11-54**

Rev. Linda M. Butler, preaching

Chancel Choir:

“Hosanna in the Highest” – Hopson

“A Jubilant Psalm” - Johnson

Thursday, April 21

Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)

7pm in the sanctuary

“Love One Another”

Worship focus: As the sun goes down on Holy Thursday, so begins the final dramatic days of Holy Week. Since the fourth century, Christians have gathered to mark Holy Thursday/Maundy Thursday as a time of remembering the Last Supper through to the betrayal of Jesus. Maundy comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, **a new commandment.**

The emphasis of this service is on the actions and words of Jesus narrated in John 13, including time at table, and the washing of feet as a symbol of building a community of servant hood. Instead of washing feet we will be washing hands in the “Service of Basins.”

Chancel Choir:

“Bread of the World” - Perry

Friday, April 22 - Good Friday

Procession of the Cross

downtown Cedar Falls at noon.

Through liturgy, both ancient and new, we will follow the way of the cross through the downtown neighborhood. This is an ecumenical service led by St. Timothy's, St. Patrick's RC, First UMC, and other Cedar Falls churches.

April 24 - Easter Sunday

Communion

Worship focus: to move with the resurrected Spirit of Christ from empty space to community.

Scripture: Acts 10:34-43,

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10

Easter is the story that defines and distinguishes Christians. It also is the point where Christians offend against common sense and science. While some speak confidently about the Resurrection, others hold back in confusion. In our raising with Christ, we celebrate life's promise. We can witness to fear's limits and love's power. Thanks be to God!

Rev. Linda M. Butler, preaching

Chancel Choir: Choruses from Handel's *Messiah*: *“Worthy Is the Lamb”* and *“Hallelujah!”*

Guest Soloist, Alice Pruisner: Soprano aria from Handel's *Messiah*:

“I Know that My Redeemer Liveth”

The scripture in **bold** will usually be the theme scripture. We encourage you to read the scriptures before you come to worship as part of your spiritual discipline and preparation for worship.

Missions & Outreach – Opportunities to Serve

April Offerings

Sunday School Focus on Heifer International – Rainbow Covenant Green

Sunday School will work towards building our ark for Heifer International. Each recipient of an animal promises to give back to the community by passing an offspring of their animal on to a neighbor in need. See www.heifer.org.

One Great Hour of Sharing - Sunday, April 3

The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight. --John 9:11b, NRSV

Mohammed and other farmers in nearby villages of Sierra Leone were blinded by "river blindness" or "onchocerciasis." The disease was caused by parasitic worms transmitted by black flies. When Mohammed and his neighbors lost their sight, they also lost their only means of providing for their families.

However, today Mohammed can work on his farm in Port Loko District and support his family once again because of UMCOR's work in the West Africa Initiative and the Community Blind Farmer's Association. Through these organizations, blind farmers learn how to return to their fields and find other means of income.

Restoration. Healing. Hope.

Jesus teaches us to bring healing and restoration wherever we can. So much of what UMCOR does is about restoration: giving sight to the blind, building up farming communities, helping workers to become self-sufficient and reconstructing places destroyed by disaster.

Join United Methodists everywhere by participating in the special offering that supports UMCOR's vital work. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to bring restoration, healing and hope for tomorrow. Please give generously.



Lenten Offerings Focus on NE Iowa Food Bank – Nothing But Nets – Trinity UMC

Our Lenten offerings (Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday) will be shared with the NE Iowa Food Bank, Nothing But Nets, and Trinity UMC (in Des Moines).

The NE Iowa Food Bank will receive nearly matching donations from the Alan Feinstein Foundation which will increase our giving power for the hungry. The Food Bank currently works with over 200 agencies in 16 counties. Their programs include: Food Distribution

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Program, Kids Café, Operation Family Pack, Elderly Nutrition Boxes, Elderly Weekend Bags Program, and Cedar Valley Food Pantry. With every \$1.00 we contribute, the Food Bank can provide \$11.91 worth of food. View www.northeastiowafoodbank.org for further information.

The Nothing But Nets campaign can prevent malaria by 50% in Africa. A \$10 bed net stops mosquitoes from biting during the night and spreading the disease, and the insecticide on the net kills the mosquitoes when they land on it. Each year malaria is a leading killer of children in Africa, one dies every 30 seconds. More information at: www.nothingbutnets.net

Trinity UMC in Des Moines is nearing 100 years of ministry in their building and is in the midst of a fundraising campaign to rehabilitate the building to serve for the next century. They estimate that 300 people pass through their doors every day to participate in the various ministries offered under their roof. They need our prayers and support to continue this community of faith.

Easter Sunday Offering Focus on Heifer International and Iowa Justice For Our Neighbors – Rainbow Covenant Green and Blue

Heifer International is one of Top 10 most trusted nonprofits in America. Your gift makes a difference in nutrition for hungry children and their parents, training the recipients on how to care for their animal, providing income to buy clothes, food, and education. Heifer works to better community development by working together to solve community issues, such as hygiene, safe drinking water, literacy and HIV/AIDS education. Each recipient of an animal promises to give back to the community by passing an offspring of their animal on to a neighbor in need.. See www.Heifer.org.

Justice For Our Neighbors is an outreach ministry of UMCOR in partnership with the UMC welcoming immigrants into our churches and communities by providing free, high-quality immigration legal services, education and advocacy. The Eastern Iowa office and clinic are in Cedar Rapids.

CASS Needs

We are asking all of you to help provide household supplies and personal care items to the clients at CASS (Cedar Aids Support System). We will be collecting these items through April.

The specific items we need are as follows:

<u>Personal Items</u>	<u>Household Needs</u>
Lever 2000	Paper towels
Deodorant	Liquid laundry detergent
Aveeno or Curel lotion	Toilet paper
Conditioner	Kleenex
Shampoo (Suave or Infusion)	

Meals on Wheels

Runners Needed

March 28 - April 1 and April 4-8

Ride with designated drivers. Runners will meet at the Cedar Falls Senior Center, 524 Main, by 10:30. If you are able to volunteer, please call June Niedert. For your convenience, please take a 9x13 pan or box to carry the meals to the door.

Needs List for Church Women United

Remember to bring items needed for people in the area. Collection bins are in the closet directly across from the main sanctuary door, between the coat closet and the name tag case. Please leave your labeled donations before **April 13**. Contact—Mary Hansen.

ALTERNATIVES PREGNANCY CENTER: Newborn outfits 0-3 months (including onesies), thick maxi pads, gift cards for GAS and FOOD ONLY, toothbrushes and toothpaste, shampoo, soap and body wash, disposable cameras, bassinets, baby wipes, infant toys in good condition, laundry soap, fabric softener

GREENWOOD MS MISSION SCHOOL: Canceled stamps.

CEDAR FALLS HEALTH CARE CENTER: Items for crafts, Bingo prizes, all stuffed animals, hand lotion, card games, miniature candy bars, large-print word search, jewelry, shampoo, conditioner, knick knacks, writing paper, notebook, greeting cards

CEDAR VALLEY CHILD CARE: Campbell Soup labels, 100 juice, napkins, Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, beads, pipe cleaners, poster board, disposable camera, BIGGEST NEED: *construction paper and *ream of manila drawing paper.

COUNTRY VIEW: Bingo prizes, stationery, writing tablets, legal pads, Search-a-word books, crayons, markers, colored pencils, coloring books, magazines for men (sporting/fishing), microwave popcorn, wrapped individual snack treats, seasonal decorating items, room decorations, small wall hangings, outdoor games.

1st KIDS FOR 1st METHODIST: Napkins, Kleenex, fabric softener sheets.

HOUSE OF HOPE: Household items (glass, silverware, dishes, pots and pans), cleaning supplies, things with which to decorate, diapers (size 4 & 5).

LUTHERAN HOME: Everyday napkins, gardening gloves, large-print playing cards, fun-sized candy bars, Pringles, small bottles of Elmer's glue, plastic bud vases, lap blankets, used greeting cards (every occasion-need entire card), tea cups with saucers, buttons, Crayola water color sets, bird seed (any kind), large hot glue sticks.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF: Fabric for quilts, old sheets, flannel, wrapped soap, drapery fabric, old drapes,

mattress pads, spools of thread (any color), wide-toothed combs, gently used wash cloths and hand towels.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD HUB: Laundry soap, diapers size 2-4, diaper wipes, cleaning products like Windex, dish soap, bleach, sponges, personal items, spring & summer clothing for men, women, children and newborn, shoes (all sizes), deodorant for men & women, toilet paper and paper towels.

NORTH STAR COMMUNITY SERVICES: Bingo prize items, CD's of big bands of 40's and 50's, large books, arts and crafts materials, old issues of Reminisce, Depends, holiday decorations, cookie cutters, rolling pins, Bundt loaf pans, muffin pans, cooling racks, Kitchen-Aid mixer.

RIVER HILLS SCHOOL: Plastic grocery bags, individual applesauce, brownie, cake & muffin mixes, muffin pan liners, Cool Whip containers with lids, frosting, Hy-Vee receipts, instant Jell-O or instant pudding" flour, sugar, chocolate chips, , small empty butter containers, travel size toothpaste, art supplies like felt, ribbon, material, buttons, yarn.

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE: Pop can tabs and Scott bar codes.

SEEDS OF HOPE: Cleaning supplies, diapers, toiletries, detergent, dish soap.

WINDSOR CARE: Small bingo prizes, jewelry, word-search books, stuffed animals, billfolds, purses.

Y'S KIDS: Any crafting odds and ends such as lace, ribbon, buttons or beads, back pockets from old blue jeans, magnets, empty plastic jars with lids, sea shells, baby food jars, and rubber balls.

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Canterbury Forum

Where Did Jesus Sit at the Last Supper?

The Sites, Smells, and Sounds of Early Christian Worship

Sunday, April 10

Prof. Kenneth Atkinson, Department of Philosophy & World Religions, UNI

This presentation explores early Christian worship from its Jewish beginning to the development of Christian liturgy. It includes visual reconstructions of the Last Supper showing where Jesus and other Apostles were seated, and the theological implications of this arrangement. A detailed slide presentation of early Christian worship will show the horrible conditions early Christians endured during services, and the smells and sounds that frequently disrupted their meetings.

Canterbury Forum programs begin at 7:00 p.m.

They take place in Will Hall, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church,
2410 Melrose Drive, Cedar Falls.

www.canterburyforum.net

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