

March 2022

## Ash Wednesday Service - March 2nd at 12 noon on Facebook and YouTube

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time of reminding ourselves who we are called to be in this world. What prejudices are we challenged to “give up” as a Lenten practice of abstinence, and further, how are we willing to “give” of ourselves for the sake of the world?

*For the service, please have you ash or soil from a household plant available.*





Dear Friends:

As I pen these words Russia's invasion of Ukraine is underway. The world watches as war unfolds and we feel helpless.

During these troubling and anxious days, let us pray together the following prayer by Maren Tirabassi:

*God of plowshares, pruning hooks, and peace-making,  
translate such old archaic words into hope today in Ukraine*

*that your promise to shatter bows and swords, spears and shields,  
may mean now an end of missile strikes and long-range artillery,  
the silencing of Kyiv's air-raid sirens.*

*We pray for those who flee the capital and those who shelter in place  
and in fear in Kharkiv to the east.  
We pray for troops already exhausted from their long watching.*

*We pray for NATO land and air forces,  
knowing that means people,  
and we pray for Germany and Poland  
as they open borders to fleeing refugees.*

*God, we have studied war for so long, let it be no more, no more.*

*Teach us a new peacemaking, guiding the leaders of nations,  
and holding gently in your heart the many who live and die  
because of their decisions,*

*for we pray in the name of Jesus who wept for our great needling  
of the things that make for peace.  
Amen.*

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Shalom,  
*Pastor Scott*

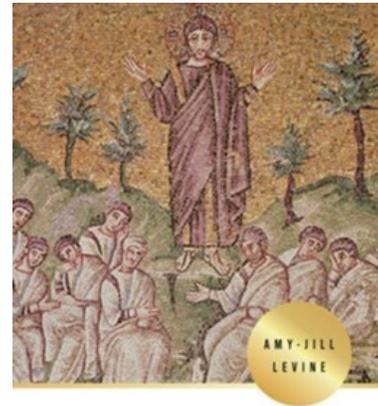
## STARTING MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00:

Our 6-week ONLINE OVER ZOOM Lenten Book Study will be **Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine.**

The Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5-7 is probably Jesus' most memorable sermon. It includes the Beatitudes, the famous instructions to "turn the other cheek," and the Lord's Prayer.

It's a wonderful sermon that tells us how to truly live into the kingdom, if only we understood it better!

Contact Kate at [kate.sttims@gmail.com](mailto:kate.sttims@gmail.com) or the office to sign up to participate. Please let Patricia know if you would like her to order a book for you. Cost per book is \$14 and deadline to order is March 2<sup>nd</sup>.



SERMON *on*  
the MOUNT  
A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

## Children, Youth and Families Lenten Kick-off!

**March 6<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.** bring one item or \$1 to be donated to the food closet and join our ZOOM meeting. We will have a Lenten kick-off event, blessing our donations, playing some super fun zoom games and having a blast. Games can best be played when one device joins the zoom and another joins the online games. Contact Alex via email for more details (sttimsyouthintern@gmail.com). Any families with youth/children who would like to attend can sign up for the link: <https://forms.gle/hziTvcuxYJdrzkkw6> Everyone that comes to our Lenten kick-off will be encouraged to collect 6 items or \$6 over the course of Lent to represent one donation for each week of Lent. After Lent, we will celebrate our donations! On April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. each child and youth who RSVPs for our zoom pizza party will be able to pick up a pizza. Take your pizza home, bake it, and join us for more family-oriented fun! More information as the date gets closer.

### Items needed:

#### Food items

- Canned Chicken and tuna
- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Canned soups
- Saltine Crackers
- Mandarin Oranges and other packaged fruit cups
- Pancake Mix



#### Personal Care items

- Dove body wash
- Toilet paper



All food/care item donations should be dropped off in the food closet donation box in the entryway. Monetary donations should be sent in or dropped off during office hours.

## **YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL - ONLINE ONLY** **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ZOOM LINK:**

Join Zoom Meeting  
[https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87931944889?](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87931944889?pwd=TzVyaW1HMjRhZUpDSFdhZW01M0QrQT09)  
[pwd=TzVyaW1HMjRhZUpDSFdhZW01M0QrQT09](https://us05web.zoom.us/j/87931944889?pwd=TzVyaW1HMjRhZUpDSFdhZW01M0QrQT09)  
Meeting ID: 879 3194 4889 Passcode: youth@tims

## **Lifting in Prayer:**

- June Niedert as she grows stronger at Deery Suites #120
- Carole Herzmann niece of Bob /Lyn Huber and new baby are now home but continue to need your prayers
- Margaret Reid
- Larry Delfs
- Our food closet recipients
- Our friends at Jubilee UMC
- Our Country



*St. Timothys received this wonderful note regarding our IN MISSION TOGETHER REPORT from our NE District Mission Secretaries, Ken and Barbara Bazyn*

Thank you for the detailed report from St. Timothy's UMC in Cedar Falls, and thanks to the church for its generosity and impressive volunteer work.

We've been struck by the effort and thoughtfulness that churches put into their projects. For instance, it was intriguing to hear that St. Timothy's entire congregation was participating in the Food Closet, open one day a month. This seems ingenious since such an arrangement could be of great benefit to the community while making it easier for volunteers to participate.

The many other donations of time and money (to everything from a local Warming Center to the Iowa Migrant Movement for Justice, from Red Bird Mission to Hurricane Ida relief) must also have been a blessing to the recipients.

With all good wishes for 2022,

Barb and Ken

Ken and Barb Bazyn  
Pictured Rocks District Mission Secretaries  
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MARCH

Happy  
Birthday!

02 Jennifer Murra  
02 Emma Dreyer  
04 Jennifer Waldron  
05 Jani Rothlisberger  
06 Jan Kellner  
07 Cathy Case  
07 Bryce Robinson  
07 Connor Doyle  
08 Doug Richter  
08 Adam Kracke  
09 Wendi Gillan  
10 Donald Hansen  
10 Albie Nicol  
13 Michael Niedert  
15 Diana Gruver  
15 Tami Doyle  
16 Bruce Haugland  
17 Dave Latta  
18 Clark Doyle  
21 Renell Richter  
21 Charlie Kuehl  
23 Angie Karkosh  
26 Joyce Capps  
27 Sydney Doyle  
29 Thomas Pounds  
30 Cynthia Herndon



Jaymee & David Glenn-Burns  
March 16th

Jani & John Rothlisberger  
March 31st

### In Case of Snow or Ice

If a snow or ice weather event happens on a Sunday morning, Pastor Scott and David Walker, Trustee chairperson, will decide whether to cancel Sunday School and Worship. When a cancellation is necessary two news stations (KWWL and KCRG) will be notified. You can also check our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/sttims-umc](http://www.facebook.com/sttims-umc) for a cancellation notice. Emails will be sent to members if possible.

During the week, activities will be cancelled when metro schools have been closed.

Most importantly – remember – when deciding whether to venture out, choose to be safe!

### ONGOING Giving:

The **HOMELESS** folks in Waterloo need to know they are cared for and supported by us. Winter is here and it is freezing and dangerous to be out in the cold. Those living under the bridges, in abandoned buildings, and cars have so many needs. They would appreciate blankets, warm items of clothing: stocking caps, gloves, socks, sweaters, coats, etc. They need back packs or duffel bags for their few belongings. They need hand-held food items (*like granola bars, crackers with peanut butter/cheese, Chex mix, nuts, squeezable foods*) and hand wipes, Chapstick, small toiletries, gift certificates for fast food, etc.

Put your caring donations in the tub under the mailboxes.

**CLOTHING:** House of Hope accepts good quality clothes for women and children of all ages, infants through teens, for boys and girls.

Place your items in the west-entry of church under mailboxes.

**HOSPITALITY HOUSE** accepts casual clothes for men (*jeans, tennis shoes, casual shirts*). **Food for Lunch** for the 15 or more homeless folks at Hospitality House is always needed. You can furnish a whole meal or just desserts, but please check with the Hospitality House manager for details and to plan a date. She says the people are very hungry, so suggests you bring double the amount of food per people being fed. **Socks** are also needed.

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:** to set up an apartment for a mother and her children - Salvation Army's Women Shelter, Friends of the Family or House of Hope.

Call the agencies to find out what is currently needed.

**NEW BOOKS FOR CHILDREN:** given to People's Community Health Clinic.

**HYVEE RECEIPTS:** currently the Hy-Vee receipts are the only items being collected for the children at Walter Cunningham School.

**ST. TIMS FOOD CLOSET:** providing food and non-food items for struggling families who just can't get over the top.

# March Offerings

One of the special offerings for March will go to the **CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS** program that tells people in crisis:

*“You are not alone. Someone cares.”*

It is well known that they distribute tens of thousands of BLANKETS worldwide. It is not so well known that they also provide animals, seeds and tools, mosquito nets, educational toys, nutrition for children, school kits, hygiene kits, and clean water worldwide.

Quote from CWS's thank you letter: *We are deeply grateful for your support. Because of your compassion,*

*\*Families who have lost their homes to tornadoes, floods, earthquakes and other disasters are getting help with blankets, emergency food & shelter - and with rebuilding their lives and livelihoods.*

*\*People struggling against crushing poverty and harsh climates are learning sustainable farming practices that will help them keep food on the table - and take it to market.*

*\*Vulnerable children have access to clean, safe water and nutritional food essential to growth, development and life itself.*

On behalf of all the people who feel more hopeful and less alone because of your generosity, we thank you. Please accept this **Blankets** certificate honoring your vital partnership with CWS in building a world where there is enough for all.

Rev. John McCullough  
President and CEO  
Church World Service

Make your checks to St Tims with **BLANKETS** written in the memo.

Your \$10 will buy 1 blanket.  
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“Share what you have with others.” Hebrews 13:16

# March Offerings

Another special offering in March will go to **UMCOR** (United Methodist Committee on Relief), one of the six special offerings observed across the United Methodist Church.

For more than 75 years, UMCOR has provided disaster relief (after hurricanes, mudslides, tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, displacement, & wars) long after others have left the scene. UMCOR has aided refugees and confronted the crippling challenges of world hunger and poverty.

UMCOR simply cannot do it without us. Our generous gifts help cover the agency's **administrative costs** so UMCOR can continue to guarantee that *100 percent of all other donations* go toward specific relief projects.

Make your check to St Tims with UMCOR in the memo.

Throughout the year when a disaster happens in the United States, your gift to UMCOR US Disaster Response & Recovery will help the recuperation from a specific disaster (such as the tornadoes in the south). **100 percent of your donation** will go directly to the disaster area to help those needy folks cope with their great misfortune.

For this specific caring donation, write your check to St Tims with the specific disaster (tornadoes) in the memo.

**Christ Around the Campfire:  
Summer 2022 Camp Registration Begins Now!**



Does your child love creek stompng, rockwall climbing, friend-making and Bible studies? Check out the 2022 camp catalog. Registration is open now! Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn, grow and have lots of fun.

Visit <https://www.iaumc.org/camps> to learn more or contact Alex ([sttimsyouthintern@gmail.com](mailto:sttimsyouthintern@gmail.com)) for a paper catalog.

**The cut-off date for HyVee's receipts is APRIL 30.**

Please bring your receipts to the church as you get them instead of waiting to the last minute. This will make it much easier for the person who goes through the receipts to determine if what you bought will be counted (gas, flowers, P.O., pharmacy, food, etc.) Think about starting to clean out those drawers now while you are still staying in out of the cold. Place your receipts in the clear plastic container on top of the mailboxes in the entryway.

**A heartfelt THANK YOU** is extended to you for your caring and compassion that you shared during January.

- ☺ You gave **\$1700** to Friends of the Family, who aid those dealing with domestic violence, human trafficking, & sexual assault.
- ☺ You gave **\$310** to Human Relations Day, to help those in crisis, to help bridge the gap between church and community.
- ☺ You gave **3 new blankets and 5 used blankets** that were given to the homeless at Hospitality House.



**The Hospitality House is in need** of food for the noon lunches. You can provide gallon cans of vegetables or fruits or a frozen baked casseroles that can be heated up in a roaster, send a meal from a restaurant (pizza?), or better yet---you can provide an entire meal for 15 people. They are hungry homeless folks, so they need enough food for 2 servings per person. The schedule is hard to find on their Facebook page, but Carolyn will be glad to help you search for it. The manager says the people, who are basically invisible in our society, feel valued when outsiders recognize them with a yummy meal. Carolyn will deliver your casseroles or canned items to the Hospitality House. **Please have them at the church Monday, March 7th by 9:15 a.m.**

*"I was hungry & you fed me." Matthew 25:30.*



# NAMI FAMILY-TO-FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM

**A Free Eight Week Class for Family Members, Partners, and Significant Others who have Adult Relatives with Mental Illness**

- A scripted class, and evidence based program, created by the NAMI national office
- Led by trained and certified family members who have an adult relative with a mental health condition
- How to solve problems and communicate effectively
- Take care of yourself and manage your stress
- Support your loved one with compassion
- Find and use local supports and services
- Up-to-date information on mental health conditions and how they affect the brain
- How to handle a crisis
- What are the current treatments and therapies
- The impact of mental health conditions on the entire family

Family members of adults living with mental illness have substantial unmet need for education and support. In our experience, Family-to-Family has helped to address that unmet need. Authors of a study published in *Psychiatric Services*, a journal of the American Psychiatric Association

**April 6 through May 25-every Wednesday, 6 to 8:30 pm**  
**First Congregational Church**  
**608 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Waterloo**

**To register, contact NAMI Black Hawk County by March 18 at 319-830-6448 or [namibh@qwestoffice.net](mailto:namibh@qwestoffice.net)**  
**The church requests that people wear masks.**

*Supporters for this project include:* CBE Group \* Cedar Falls Health Trust \* Cedar Valley United Way Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa \* County Mental Health and Disability Services Gallagher Family Foundation \* Guernsey Foundation \* MercyOne Waterloo Medical Center Otto Schoitz Foundation \* UnityPoint Health-Allen Hospital \* Veridian Credit Union \* The VGM Group, Inc.





# Voting Rights March

Reenactment

March 25, 2022

Lincoln Park, 4:00 PM

Waterloo Commission on Human Rights

& Many Others

## ***CWS – BLANKETS & UMCOR SUNDAY***

- March 1*      *Connections meeting – 5:45 p.m.*
- March 2*      *Ash Wednesday Service at Noon  
(NO EVENING SERVICE)*
- March 4*      *Sanctuary in use – 6:00 p.m.*
- March 5*      *Sanctuary in use – 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.*
- March 6*      *Youth Lent Kick-off*
- March 9*      *:00 p.m. – Lenten Book Study begins  
over ZOOM*
- March 9*      *Finance meeting – 5:00 p.m.*
- March 9*      *Missions meeting – 6:00 p.m.*
- March 13*     *Social Principles Discussion – Online*
- March 14*     *Library in use 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.*
- March 18*     *Tims Tales Due*
- March 23*     *5:30 p.m. - Leadership meeting*
- March 24*     *5:30 p.m. – Church & Society*
- March 25*     *CHANGE OF DATE FOR FOOD CLOSET*
- March 27*     *Social Principles Discussion – Online*

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Hey Pictured Rocks Churches,

First off, I want to thank you for your friendship and partnership with the camping ministry in Iowa (Wesley Woods and Okoboji UM Camps). We've had a tremendous winter and spring gearing up for summer ministry. We are just wrapping up the volunteer season for our Annual Campaign and we are can happily report that we are projecting a significantly higher number of kids going into the summer season – praise God!

The Iowa Camp staff at Okoboji and Wesley Woods Camps have prepared an amazing summer ministry program to teach Christ to kids. Because apportionment funds have changed, in order to support these youth we now rely on a successful annual campaign where we tell the story of camp and invite churches and individuals to make camp happen. All funds raised support kids coming to camp and enhancing the ministry that happens while they are on site.

I'm writing today with some exciting news. We've received a couple of generous gifts from a few donors that I'm hoping you'll make a part of worship this Sunday. Any pledge that is received before the end of the month will be matched 100% up to \$25,000 for Wesley Woods and \$15,000 for Okoboji. In other words, if your church chose to pledge \$1,000 for example, it would be doubled to \$2,000. That match will continue until the end of the month. This means that this Sunday is the only opportunity to get the word out to our faith communities.

Would you consider making an announcement to your congregations this week? Making a pledge form available? We want to make sure to take advantage of the match gift opportunity. Ultimately, we want to use the funds received to help send your kids to camp this summer! Would your church benefit from a more active youth ministry? If so, let camps help! We believe we can support one another in amazing ways.

Thank you all for your friendship and partnership. God is good, all the time!

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## Newsletter Deadline

Please submit news for the **April** issue of Tims Tales to Patricia at [sttimsadmin@cfu.net](mailto:sttimsadmin@cfu.net) by **Friday, March 18th**.

## Keeping up with St. Timothys

**Worship CD:** If you missed Sunday's Worship Service, you can keep up with the current worship service or listen to a previous service with a CD available from the church office. If you cannot make it regularly to church, please contact the church office to be added to the CD distribution list.

**Email Connection:** Get a weekly update as well as special announcements. Subscribe by sending your email address to our office manager at [sttimsadmin@cfu.net](mailto:sttimsadmin@cfu.net).

**Newsletter:** Receive our monthly newsletter, Tims Tales, in the mail – contact the office with your mailing address.

**Calendar:** See [www.sttims-umc.org/calendar](http://www.sttims-umc.org/calendar)

If you don't see an event that should be there, please let the office know!



**Facebook:** Like us on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/sttims-umc](http://www.facebook.com/sttims-umc) to get all the latest posts from St. Tims.

## 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.



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