



# THE CIRCUIT RIDER

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## Monday Morning Musings

“Live your best life” is a phrase that Oprah Winfrey coined, but is now common place. But it is a good phrase to be mindful of and to seriously consider from time to time. Are you living your best life? What obstacles stand between you and the vision of your best life? Can they be removed? If the obstacles are permanent, then can the vision of your best life be reshaped?

When a vision of one’s best life takes shape, then that one can grow, gain skills, or make necessary changes to maintain a course which will lead toward the vision. And over time life will change to resonate with the vision of what is best.

Can a Christian community have image of its best life too? The FEST Group and other church leaders are reading through a book entitled ROADMAP TO RENEWAL, by Douglas Ruffle. The book outlines a process to check-up on the health and well-being of a church. It provides tools to help identify the values and dreams which shape the best life any church can create in faith. Final phases help turn shared values and dreams into a strategic plan in which to move the church from where it stands into the best life it envisions in faith.

This is a great under-taking and some of us are more ready than others. But the FEST Group is praying and reading together. The trek will take time. Regular reports will be given. Their desire is to engage everyone so we can pray and dream together. God has charted a course for our journey together and all of us want what is best for the future of our united congregation. I believe that everyone wants what is best for the future of ministry and service by our beloved church.

*In Christian Service –*

*Rev. Carol A. Kress*

## Worship Schedule

**Sundays at 8:00, 9:30 & 10:45 am**

### UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

**February 5th: Communion Service**

Sermon: “The Joys of Serving”, Rev. C. A. Kress  
Scripture: Mark 1:29-39  
Chancel Choir @ 8AM

**February 12th: Boy Scout Sunday**

Guest Preacher: Jason Owen  
Sermon: “Judge not, lest ye be judged”  
Scripture: Luke 6:37  
Chancel Choir @10:45 AM, Hand bell Choir @ 8 AM

**February 12: Service for Healing Prayers**

4:30 PM – coffee following

**February 19:**

Sermon: “Thin Places”, Rev C.A., Kress  
Scripture: Mark 9:2-9  
Chancel Choir @ 8 AM, Hand bell Choir @ 10:45 AM

**February 22: ASH WEDNESDAY**

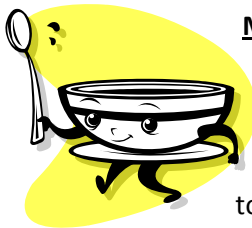
Service in the spirit of Taize

Guest musicians: Chamber Quartet from Cornell  
College  
7:30 PM

**February 26: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Sermon: “Accompaniment”, Rev. Chris H.  
Scripture: 1 Peter 3:18-22  
Sunday school Presents! @ 9:30 AM

## WHAT'S GOING ON?



**Men's Soup Supper:** Please join us for the annual Methodist Men's Soup Supper on Friday, February 17 from 5 - 7. We will be serving oyster, chicken noodle and chili soup, hot dogs and desert. Live entertainment will be provided. This year we are requesting food and monetary donations from our congregation and will be donating 100% of the proceeds to the Solon Habitat for Humanity house. To help show our support for the family and build, we will be collecting a free will offering to help benefit the communities fundraising goal. Please feel free to contact Mike Turner at 319-624-2061 if you have any additional questions.



**A Group Called FEST:** The FEST Group has taken a pledge. They will read ROADMAP TO RENEWAL (R-2-R) before meeting on Monday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>. They will study reports about the R-2-R journey written by churches in the New Jersey Conference of the U.M.C. They are found at <http://yourchurchcangrow.org/411>.

The R-2-R journey will help us develop a strategic plan for the next 3 – 5 years. Steps into creation of the plan will include prayer, bible study, interview church membership and others in the greater community, demographic assessments, field research, and engagement of the entire congregation. The process is designed to indentify shared our vision, goals, and specific, achievable out-comes for our future.

At the next meeting the Roadmap to Renewal will be discussed in-depth and we will determine how to proceed. We welcome and appreciate your comments and ideas. Copies of the book are available from Rev. Carol's office. Everyone is encouraged to prayerfully read along as we steer the Solon UMC into a day of renewal.



**Ash Wednesday Worship:** There is a community in southern France which has shaped a simple service of worship. It's built upon simple music, candlelight, scripture, prayer and reflection. It is an especially appealing service for European youth who come to escape the noise of life and to seek an internal and external space that is peaceful and provides a doorway into God's spiritual presence. This type of worship is called "Taize."

As in 2011, we will host a Taize service for Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30). The Cornell College Chamber instrumental department, directed by Dr. James Ellis, will help carry the service through music. Consider the service to be a starting-point for a six-week season of Lenten faithfulness. It is a tool to use for building a deeper and clear relationship with the crucified and risen Savior. Feel free to invite a friend to worship with us.



**Service of Prayers for Healing:** The Solon United Methodist Church is offering a healing prayer service on Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM. This service is designed to provide encouragement and support for individuals and families who are facing life trials. There will be time for candle-lighting, prayer, contemplation, sharing, blessing and a fellowship hour will follow. Spiritual healing is God's work of offering persons balance, harmony, and wholeness of body mind, and relationships. All people with personal concerns or who want to offer support are welcomed to come and worship with us. Day care will be provided and a time of fellowship will follow the service.

For additional information or questions, please contact Rev. Carol Kress at 624-2489.



**Interested in Membership?** Although membership is not required to fully participate in the life of our church: God might be nudging you. And the entire congregation will be eager to include you and yours in our ministries and activities. The 2012 New Membership class will be taught by Doug and Diane Kopp, who are willing and capable leaders. The six-week class begins **Sunday, Feb. 12 at 9:30 AM**. The class will review matters that are specific to the United Methodist Church as well as dialogue and discussion with Church committee chair people, leaders and the infamous SUMC staff. Our new members will join the church in March. Let Rev. Carol, or Chris know of your interest by contacting us at 624-2288 or at [kressc@soloniaumc.org](mailto:kressc@soloniaumc.org)



**Book Club:** The SUMC Book Club meets on Feb. 21st at 1 PM in the SUMC Fellowship Hall: At this meeting they're discussing ONCE UPON A RIVER, by Bonnie Jo Campbell. The author has created a heroine in sixteen-year old Margo Crane, a beauty whose unflinching gaze and ability with a rifle have

not made her life any easier. After the violent death of her father, in which she is complicit, Margo takes to the Stark River in her boat, with only a few supplies and a biography of Anne Oakley, in search of her vanished river. But the river is a dangerous place, and she must be strong to survive it. It leads her on a journey, one that takes her beyond self-preservation to ask the price she is willing to pay for her choices.

Whether or not you can attend meetings, everyone is welcomed to read along with the group. Books are readily available at the local book stores or through the public library. Please contact Susan Whetstine, Shirley Anderson or Phyllis Cabbage with questions about the book club. *(For those who like to read ahead, the selection for March is STATE OF WONDER by Ann Patchett. The choice for April is HALF BROKE HORSES by J. Walls.)* Happy reading!



**SUMC Sunday Dinner Club:** The SUMC Sunday Diners are whetting their appetites and preparing to go out to eat after Sunday services on Feb. 12th. They are eating at the Texas Road House at the intersection of Hwy 935 and I-80. It is known for legendary food at reasonable prices! You can check the menu out at [www.texasroadhouse.com](http://www.texasroadhouse.com). The SUMCSDC is open to any SUMC member or friend who enjoys good company and good eating! You can join us at the Texas Road House at 12:30 PM. Or, after the third worship service, a group will car pool from the church. Please let Rev. Carol know if you plan to join the group so reservations can be made.



**United Methodist Men's Group: Be Advised!** The Lord will provide one of the best sunsets EVER on Saturday night April 21 over the mighty, yet peaceful waters of Lake Rathbun! *(at least that is my prayer)*. I have booked two-4 bedroom cottages at Honey Creek Resort for an overnight men's retreat. Check in for the cabins is at 4 pm, but we can plan on earlier activities if you like. If we get 10 individuals per cabin = \$33 per person for the accommodations; if 8 per cabin = \$42 each; if 7 per cabin + \$48 each. If we only get 12 people to sign up, I will probably cancel the second cottage, and we'll get cozy!!! So let the planning begin!!

*God's abundant blessings,  
Ron Puettmann*

*P.S. Scholarships are available to help with costs. Please let Karen or Carol know in the office. We want everyone who has a desire to attend to be able to do so!*



**Community Food Pantry discussions:** The organizing committee for the Solon Food Pantry met and has divided into three four action groups, 1) Fund-raising & Finances, 2) Operations, 3) Volunteer coordination, and 4) Facilities. The Johnson County Crisis Center will hold a training session for Food Pantry Volunteers on Wed., Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 PM and we are encouraging interested parties to attend. Right now we need to identify a location for storing food and for its distribution. Spatial and usage needs may change after the pantry has opened. The next meeting of the group will be Wed., Feb 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 (aprox) in the Library. (The meeting will follow a presentation for the Solon City Council). Please contact Fred Bark (624-2558) with questions or concerns about this new project.



**Women at the Well UMC; Mitchellville:** Dear Friends in Solon. Thank you for the clothes you donated to the ministry of The Women at the Well Church, Iowa State Women's Penitentiary. You sent such a great variety of items. There are winter coats, nice suits, comfortable exercise clothing and shoes! We will give the clothing to women who have served their sentence and will be back to the community. Having good clothing to wear builds their self-esteem. Thank you for helping us give them a blessing and a good start beyond the bars.



**Habitat for Humanity: SOLON**

The next organizational meeting for Habitat for Humanity: SOLON will be held on Sunday, Feb. 12th in the F.L.C. Small groups which will address construction, marketing and fund-raising will meet at 6:30 PM, (2<sup>nd</sup> floor rooms) and the Steering committee meets at 7 PM in the Wesley room (1<sup>st</sup> floor). If you have questions or want to be involved with the spring/summer build this summer, please plan to attend this meeting. The project coordinator is Todd Hauser. You may contact him with your questions and he will steer you in the right direction. This is an exciting project and we encourage everyone in the community to be involved.

## Chris' Corner

Have you selected your small group for the new year? New opportunities for adult education and formation are grouped according to our membership vows: prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Check out the various groups and classes and add one to your calendar. Take on something new for Lent – a chance to grow and learn in your faith!

### Prayers

**Card Team Ministry:** Join us in writing notes of prayer to those in our congregations celebrating joys and wrestling with concerns. This group meets for breakfast every Tuesday at 8:00am.

**Comforters:** Like to knit, crochet, or quilt? Would you like to learn? Join this lively group of souls creating prayer shawls and quilts for those who need to be wrapped and surrounded in prayer. Each stitch is a prayer and each shawl is given with a note and a blessing. This group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

**Prayer Practices:** This group will explore different practices of prayer and offer a time of prayer each week. Meets Wednesdays at 6:30pm beginning January 18

### Presence

**Worship:** 8:00, 9:30, and 10:45 each Sunday.

**Brown Bag Bible Study:** This group studies the lectionary scriptures texts for each week – the scripture we will use in worship. Meets Tuesdays at noon.

**Homebuilders:** Couples wanting a faith-based approach to strengthening and growing marriages. This group will be reading the book *Intimate Allies*. Meets Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

**Seekers:** Explores the Bible one book at a time and currently reading and studying the section of the Bible known as The Apocrypha. Meets Sundays at 9:15 am

**Wesley Class:** Currently reading Max Lucado's *Cast of Characters*. Meets Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

### Gifts

**Stepping Stones:** These groups are for parents with kids in different "Milestone" stages of life. We meet together to learn about incubating faith in kids of each stage and how we grow in faith as a family. Groups provide support and encouragement on the journey of parenting and faith development. We will begin with the Confirmation Stepping Stone.

\*Confirmation Parents: First Sunday of each month at 6:00 p.m (while your kids are in confirmation class!) This group meet March 4, April 1, and May 6.

### Service

**Home Communion Teams:** On the first Sunday of each month, we celebrate Holy Communion in worship. The members of this team then extend the table by sharing communion from our common table with our shut-in members throughout the community. Training and supplies provided. If you would like to be part of this ministry, a new training session will be held January 10 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**School Servants:** Want to be a positive factor in the life of a child? Our school system could use our help. There are many opportunities to serve, however, right now there is a particular need for mentors for middle-school and high-school-aged kids. Training will be provided for our group by the school district. Also, all school servants will meet here at church as a group on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 for support, prayer and encouragement in this ministry. Do you feel called to ministry with kids? Join us for an orientation session on January 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

## Witness

**Social Justice Action Team:** Studies current events and social issues from a faith perspective and engages in service and mission. Meets Wednesdays at 6:30 pm.

**Third Thursday:** Online group! Each Sunday night different topics and questions will be posted on the Third Thursday group site on the church's Facebook page. Let the discussion begin! Then, the Third Thursday of each month, we will gather at Savvy at 6:30 p.m. for some "face-time", fellowship, and continued discussion. Topics begin January 8.

**Wild Women of Faith:** Join this spirited group of women on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. for prayer, study, fellowship and service opportunities. Group begins January 26.

## **Workplace Walk:**

**\*What:** Invite Rev. Chris to your workplace! I would love to visit one workplace each week – just to connect. Share 15 minutes-1 hour at your place of work – it's totally your agenda! Give me a tour, talk about your work responsibilities, celebrations, challenges, prayer requests, or meet me at your workplace and we'll share lunch/breakfast there. Pick your week! Sign up outside my office, or online at [www.soloniaumc.org](http://www.soloniaumc.org) or contact me at [humrichousec@soloniaumc.org](mailto:humrichousec@soloniaumc.org) or 624-2288.

**\*Why:** Help church on Sunday connect to work on Monday; Help us know how to pray for you and your workplace; grow in support and care.

\*\*\*\*To register for any group please contact Rev. Chris at [humrichousec@soloniaumc.org](mailto:humrichousec@soloniaumc.org) or 624-2288. Or sign-up online at our website: [www.soloniaumc.org](http://www.soloniaumc.org) Let's deepen our faith – and our practices of faith – in this Lenten season!

Grace and peace,  
*Rev. Chris*



# PRAYERS and CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers and Sympathy To:

The family and teachers, friends and classmates of Greg and little Zach Engrav who died in a local traffic accident.

Dolfi Kalm and family following the death of his mother.

Eric Shelangoski following the death of his father.

Joel Miller and family following the death of his mother.

Ron and Linda Herdliska following death of her father.

The family of Don Ochs, following his death.

## JOYS & CONCERNS

Brett Smith, health issues

Marie Kroul recovering from a fall

Wilbur Erhart's brother Virgil with health issues

Paul Ruff following recuperating from surgery

Dave Anderson's hospitalized father who is in AZ

Ray Buchmayer beginning treatment for lung cancer

Robin McGlynn's father with health issues

## Prayerfully remembering those in military service:

Austin Haury

Abraham Proffitt

Mark Wieneke

## Thanks

Thank you senior diners, Wednesday meal cleaners and everyone else using the kitchen and cleaning it up so it sparkles! The kitchen has been looking so clean and tidy we just had to say "THANKS!" for the extra efforts and time it takes to clean up after so many!



## Share Altar Flowers For Worship

A flower poster is on the bulletin board outside of the offices. If you want to share flowers in honor or memory of someone during the year, please sign on the flower poster! Thank you Winnie Hofsommer for our new calendar!



<b>January 1</b>	<b>9:00</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>January 8</b>	8:00	86
	9:30	100
	10:45	56
	Care Center	12
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>254</b>
<b>January 15</b>	8:00	61
	9:30	68
	10:45	51
	Care Center	13
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>January 22</b>	8:00	59
	9:30	34
	10:45	34
	Care Center	15
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>128</b>
<b>January 29</b>	8:00	66
	9:30	102
	10:45	57
	Care Center	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	



## February 5 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

## February 12 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

2 Kings 5:1-14

Psalm 30

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Mark 1:40-45

## February 19 – Transfiguration Sunday

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

## February 26 – First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9:15



### **Super Bowl Subs**

You can pick up your subs this Sunday, February 5th! Check in the kitchen that day if you forgot to order one. They may be able to help you out. These are always delicious and are a great fundraiser for our Youth Group! Thank you, Stacey Hackert for doing a wonderful job with this again this year!!! Thanks to all of the volunteer sub assemblers! And a big thanks to everyone who bought a tasty sub!

### **Valentine's Cookies for Habitat**

The Club 56ers have made decorated cookies on a stick (Do they have those at the State Fair?!) for Valentine's Day. All of the proceeds from these heart-shaped cookies will go to **Solon Habitat for Humanity**. We will have these cookies available for a goodwill donation after each church service on both Sunday, February 5th and February 12th. These make great gifts for everyone including yourself!!!

### **Ash Wednesday**

We will have no Youth Group on Ash Wednesday, February 22. There will be a 7:30 service that evening in the church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Word is there will be some amazing special music at this service!

### **Thank You!**

Thank you to Rick Havel, Phil Kakacek and Casey Musgrave! Your leadership each Wednesday makes our program solid!

### ***Get Involved...Be Inspired!***

#### **Kelly Meyer**

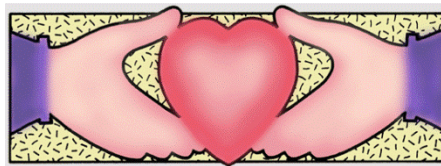
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## INTRODUCING OUR STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE 2012!

From left to right starting in the back row: Brian Fitzpatrick, Dan Woessner, Keela Herr, Jodi Smith, Rick Jedlicka. Front row: Kim Turner, Stacey Hackert  
According to the United Methodist Book of Discipline, the primary purpose of the committee is to counsel with and evaluate all staff on matters pertaining to their relationship with the congregation, including priorities to be given in the use of their time and skill in relation to the goals and objectives set for the congregation's mission.



### Mission Committee News February 2012

The Mission Committee is excited to be working on some new things this year. We have completed a calendar of mission events for the entire year. This allows us to look ahead and plan for the events in time to get them properly communicated to the congregation. We are working on the goals for our committee. We will finalize these in the next month and then share with the congregation.

We are also coordinating two different adult mission trips. One will be to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, the same location the youth will visit in June. This trip will last a week. Information can be found at: <http://friendsofpineridgereservation.org/>. The second trip will be for two or three days to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center in Chatham, IL which is near Springfield. This is the center where we send many of our donations and they package and distribute them to all over the country. Information can be found at: <http://www.midwestmissiondc.org/>. We are still gauging interest in these trips, so dates have not been set. Please email Robin McGlynn at [robinia@southslope.net](mailto:robinia@southslope.net) if you are interested in participating.

**Remember your Valentine!  
Tuesday February 14<sup>th</sup>  
by giving her/him a beautiful blooming orchid.**



Solon United Methodist Church will be selling Phalaenopsis orchids in spike and/or bloom, Saturday and Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Orders will be taken through Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Preordering will allow first choice of orchids if picked up from the church on Saturday morning. Colors will be white, pink, or a variety of other colors. Preorders ensure your loved one the beauty of one of God's most lovely flowering plants.

Growing instructions will be provided to keep your plant alive and how to bloom it again next year. Plants will be high quality, healthy, and outstanding.

To preorder, please contact Jon Lorence at 319-624-3666 (5:00-9:00 PM) or Karen Schmitt at the church 319-624-2288 (noon until 7:00 PM Monday – Thursday). If no one answers, please leave a message including your name, phone number, and number of plants desired.

Prices will range from \$30 to \$35 for four to six inch pots, with single and/or double spikes.

If you would like to help with the sale of the orchids, and receive a discount on a plant, please contact Jon or Karen.

All proceeds go directly to the church.



## FAITH & FINANCES

### Family Life Center Loan Update—Spreading God's Light Campaign

Thank you to all of you making those efforts to get Family Life Center donations up-to-date, paid up and paid off! We are nearing the end of our campaign and hope to have as much as possible paid off before that date arrives. Please watch future newsletters and bulletins. Committees are working very hard to make sure everything is in place as it will need to be when the campaign ends. We will let you know the details of the plan that will be in place to continue to pay off the Family Life Center. We currently owe \$235,000. Praise God!! We have come a long way!! Celebrate our progress from \$600,000 owed June of 2001!

If you have not donated or pledged an amount to any of our campaigns, please consider giving a donation toward paying down the debt before our last campaign ends!

### Some Current Needs:

It was suggested I let you know of some ongoing needs in the way of supplies. I'm so glad to know that some of you would like to donate items throughout the year! We can always use the following anytime:

White copy paper - Paper cups

Toilet paper - Coffee – regular and decaf

Lemonade for fellowship

Napkins

These are the items we go through the most. Thanks for helping out!



### Pledge update:

We have now had 105 pledge cards returned for \$218,186 toward our budget of \$357,288. If you haven't returned a pledge card, I would appreciate having it and the relief of knowing we're closer to being able to pay our expenses each and every month for 2012. Thank you for keeping pledges current and the cash flow accessible to meet the demands of what it takes to keep ministry happening every week at Solon United Methodist Church!

### 2012 Apportionments – Share your wealth!

Apportionments are dues we pay to be part of a larger Iowa Methodist Conference. I like to think of them as our 10% or our tithe we make, as a very large portion of what we pay goes to ministry and mission. This year the ministry part of our apportionments is \$37,283. The mission part is \$13,411 and the General Church receives \$11,148. Your dollars support Methodist colleges and camps, start new churches, benefit the youth, elderly, and minorities, and so much more I can't begin to list. If you would like a clearer picture of how your apportionment dollars are spent, please visit the website listed below. If you would like to give an extra gift to go toward the ministry or mission part of our apportionments, please indicate "APORT" in the memo portion of your checks, and we'll get your dollars to work immediately through planned ministry and mission at the conference level. While \$61,842 may seem like a very large part of our budget, please visit the website and feel proud that we were once again able to pay our apportionments in full for 2011 and help so many around the world with our connectional giving through the Methodist Conference. Please help make and meet that goal again for 2012! *THANKS FOR YOUR GIFTS AND THE CARING YOU EXPRESS TO OTHERS BY SHARING YOUR WEALTH WITH THOSE WHO HAVE SO LITTLE!*



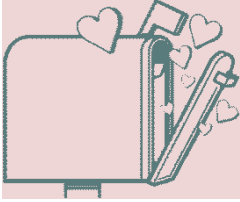

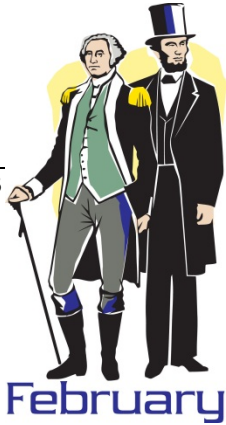


<http://iowasite.brickriver.com/calculator/viewyear/2012?print=yes>

January General Fund Income	\$20,562
January General Fund Expense	\$19,110
General Fund Balance	-\$78,808

**Did you receive an extra blessing this month?** Consider sharing more with your church! Don't give up something for Lent! Instead, give an extra something back by sharing your wealth of blessings by giving more to the General Fund and let's eliminate our General Fund debt once and for all! Please consider it at least for the Lenten Season. Yes...I'm unashamedly asking you for money! It is my Christian obligation to invite you to share your blessings and let you know all the ways that you can do it! Giving more to meet our General church budget is just one of the very many ways at Solon United Methodist Church. Write "Blessings" in the memo portion of your check! THANKS TO ALL FOR YOUR DONATIONS!!

With faith in you in the matter of our finances,  
Karen Schmitt  
Director of Business Affairs

# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 1:45 PM – UMW 3:30 PM – Jam, 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM – Family Meal 6:30 PM – Bell Choir 6:30 PM – Social Justice 6:45-8:00-7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Youth 7:30 PM – Chancel Choir	<b>2</b> Living Last Supper – 6:30 @ Savvy	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> 7:00 AM – United Methodist Men
<b>5</b> <b>Super Bowl Subs</b> 8, 9:30, 10:45 AM –Worship Communion Service 9:15 AM – Sunday School 9, 10:30, 11:45 –Fellowship 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> 8:45 AM – Coffee Connection 9:30 AM – Care Center 12:00–Brown Bag Bible Study 7:00 PM – Meeting Night 8:00 PM – Church Council	<b>8</b> 3:30 PM – Jam & 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM – Family Meal 6:30 PM – Bell Choir 6:30 PM – Social Justice 6:45-8:00-7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Youth 7:30 PM – Chancel Choir 7:30 PM – Communications Subgroup	<b>9</b> 6:30 PM – Comforters @ church 6:30 PM – all Staff holiday party at Monicas, Coralville	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>9-2:00 – Pick up orchids</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Pick up your orchids</b> <b>Youth Cookie Sale</b> 8, 9:30,10:45 AM – Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School 9, 10:30, 11:45 –Fellowship 9:30 – New Member Class 12:30 – Diners at Texas Roadhse 4:30 – Healing/Prayer Service 6:00 – Confirmation Orientation 6:30 PM – Spiritual Gifts 6:30/7 PM – Habitat mtg. 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts	<b>13</b> 	<b>14 – Valentine’s Day</b> 8:45 AM – Coffee Connection 9:30 AM – Care Center Worship 12:00 – Brown Bag Bible Study 	<b>15</b> 3:30 PM – Jam & 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM – Family Meal 6:30 PM – Bell Choir 6:30 PM – Social Justice 6:30 PM – Prayer Practices 6:45-8:00-7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Youth 7:30 PM – Chancel Choir	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b> <b>5 – 7:00 PM Annual Soup Supper</b>	<b>18</b> 
<b>19</b> 8, 9:30,10:45 AM – Worship 9, 10:30, 11:45–Fellowship 9:15 – Sunday School 9:30 – New Member Class 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts	<b>20</b> Endowment/Trustees/Finance @ 6:30 PM Feb. 19-21 Rev Carol & Rev Chris at Conference meetings	<b>21</b> 8:45 AM – Coffee Connection 9:30 AM – Care Center Worship 12:00 – Brown Bag Bible Study 1:00 PM – Book Club 7:00 PM – S/PPRC mtg	<b>22 – Ash Wednesday</b> 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday service of Taize – Cornell Chamber music, invited guest	<b>23</b> 6:30 PM – Wild Women of Faith	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:00-5:00 Midnight Oil Worship Workshop @ Shueyville UMC
<b>26</b> 8, 9:30, 10:45 AM –Worship 9:15 AM – Sunday School 9, 10:30, 11:45 –Fellowship 9:30 – New Member Class 6:00 PM – Confirmation begins 7:00 PM – Boy Scouts	<b>27</b> 7:00 PM – FEST Group meeting @ Wesley Room	<b>28</b> 8:45 AM – Coffee Connection 9:30 AM – Care Center Worship	<b>29</b> 3:30 PM – Jam & 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM – Family Meal 6:30 PM – Bell Choir 6:30 PM – Social Justice 6:30 PM – Prayer Practices 6:45-8:00-7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> Youth 7:30 PM – Chancel Choir	