

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It's a Fifth Sunday for missions: On fifth Sundays all pocket change which is in the offering is designated for missions. The Missions Committee will use the collection for emergency needs, shipping, and other undesignated projects. So, please dig deep and help spread God's light.

United Methodist Women meet in Fellowship Hall- Feb. 1st at 1:30 PM:

This is our annual Pledge Service. The presenter is Julie Kessler. A portion of pledges will support several missions in Iowa that help children and families in need. In 2011 we were able to purchase two solar ovens that were sent to mission sights in Haiti. This year, we will learn about and be invited to partner with many new mission projects. ALL ladies are invited - come and check us out!

Men's Soup Supper: Please join us for the Methodist Men's Soup Supper on **Friday, February 17 from 5 - 7**. We will serve oyster, chicken noodle and chili soup, hot dogs and desert. Live entertainment will be provided. We request food and monetary donations from our congregation so we can donate 100% of the proceeds to the Solon Habitat for Humanity house. To help show our support for the family and build, we will also collect a free will offering to help the community fund-raising goal. Please have food items and supplies at the church by February 15th. Contact Mike Turner at 319-624-2061 (or cashman@southslope.net with additional questions.

Living Last Supper Is Coming Back: Many of us have missed the performance of the Living Last Supper on Good Friday (And others want to see it). Good news – they will begin again this year. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Todd Hauser at 319-631-0881. Todd wants you to picture this scenario as you ponder participation. *"Envision being on the water in a fishing boat, fishing with your dad, enjoying asoda....and someone walks up to you and says, "Follow me!"* What would your answer be?" Thanks to Todd Hauser, who is coordinating.

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**. Let Rev. Carol, or Chris know of your interest by contacting us at 624-2288 or at kressc@soloniaumc.org

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!

Share Altar Flowers: 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!

Today's lay ministry provided by:

8:00

Lay Reader: Lee Connell

Ushers: Roger & Dee Swartzendruber

Acolyte: Westen Stiegelmeier

Fellowship: Arnie & Verlee Lauderbaugh

9:30

Fellowship: Jason and Lisa Owen

10:45

Lay Reader: Cindy Rittmer

Ushers: Jim & Bess Telecky

Fellowship: Dolfi & Barb Kalm

Please check the clipboard as it is passed this morning for ministry needs in the area of Lay Reader, Ushers, Acolytes and Fellowship Servers. Thank you for your Lay Ministry!

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SUPER BOWL SUBS

This is the last day to order your delicious Super Bowl sub sandwiches!!! Order forms can be found in your bulletin. Please drop them in the box on the table in the narthex. Order an extra one or two to take to work that week! You can pick them up next Sunday before or after service. Thank you from the UMC Youth Group!!!

Get Involved...Be Inspired!

Kelly Meyer
Solon United Methodist Church
Youth Leader
319-624-5191

Valentine's Day Orchids

Remember your Valentine this year

Tuesday February 14th

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 11th and 12th from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Orders will be taken through Wednesday, February 8th. 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