

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Habitat House Information:

The Habitat for Humanity home in Solon is progressing forward. Groundbreaking will be the first part of May, but there is much to be accomplished before then. There are many ways for the townspeople of Solon to get involved. If you would like to donate money, both Solon State Bank and Bridge Bank have accounts set up to take donations. You can stop by or send a monetary donation to either bank. Three committees have been established: construction, fundraising and public relations. If you would like to join any of these or would like more information about meetings please contact Todd Hauser at 624-3006. Finally, if you would like to volunteer your time, or that of a group you represent, contact Ashley with Habitat for Humanity. She can be reached at 337-8949 or ashley@iowavalleyhabitat.org. She is our representative who will handle all volunteer hours. This is Solon's first Habitat for Humanity house and is a wonderful opportunity for our community to pull together and support each other.

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.

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!

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!

Read Your February Newsletter

**It's full of SO much information that you will want to know!
Newsletters can also be accessed online! Thank you Cindy Rittmer
for keeping our Website page update for us!**

Today's lay ministry provided by:

8:00

Lay Reader: Lee Connell

Ushers: Roger & Dee Swartzendruber

Acolyte: Westen Stieglmeyer

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!

Are You Considering Giving Something Up for Lent?

Have you received some extra blessings this month? Don't give up something for Lent! Instead, give an extra something back by sharing your wealth of blessings by giving an additional donation 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

YOUTH PAGE

Super Bowl Subs

Remember to pick up your subs today! Check in the kitchen 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 have these cookies available for a goodwill donation after each church service on both today and next Sunday, February 12th. These make great gifts for everyone including yourself!!!

Ash Wednesday

We will have no Youth Group on Ash Wednesday, February 22. These 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!

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

