



Circuit Rider

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

WHAT DAY IS SUNDAY SCHOOL? The answer used to be “Sunday, of course!” But these days many churches have found decreasing attendance on Sunday mornings because of family schedules, so many have moved more Christian education opportunities to Wednesday nights. It has also become increasingly difficult to find volunteers to assist with the Wednesday after school program because it begins at 3:30 when most people are still at work and youth helpers have sports practice. With the move of the fourth grade to a different building we will now have to figure out how to get the children from two different school buildings to the family life center. So we are thinking about moving both Sunday School and Trailblazers to Wednesday evening.



Solon UMC finds Wednesday night is a good time for sharing a community meal, gathering to rehearse hand bells and choir music for Sunday worship and bringing our youth members together for activities. As we met to plan for fall Christian Education offerings, we questioned whether Wednesday evenings might allow families to gather for a meal and then have children head to “Sunday School on Wednesday” as parents join other small group opportunities. This would create a Faith and Family Night as school systems still honor Wednesday nights for religious activities. There would still be an option for Sunday School on Sunday morning with a combined One-Room Sunday School program at the regular 9:00 A.M. time. Children’s Choir would also still sing at one Sunday worship service a month.



The proposed schedule for Wednesday night would look something like this:

- 5:30 Family Meal
Youth Hand Bells
- 6:00 Kid’s Music, Game, Activity time
- 6:30 Wednesday Christian Education Classes
Celebration Bells - Adult Hand Bells
Adult Small Groups
- 7:30 Chancel Choir – Adult Choir

Family Meals and classes would begin Wednesday, September 12. We would propose that the teachers would meet on Wednesday, August 29 at 6:30 to pick up materials, discuss changes and prepare classrooms. An open house would be held on Wednesday, September 5 at 5:30 to register children and have parents tour classrooms. Then the schedule above would start on September 12.

We would like to hear from **YOU** about these changes. Would you be willing to help in one of the children’s programs? Are there any concerns or suggestions in adding/moving Christian education offerings to Wednesday evening? Do you have any questions about the changes? Contact Pastor Lisa (schroederl@soloniaumc.org, cell: 319-325-4566) or Jill Weetman (weetmanj@yahoo.com, cell: 319-330-8961)

Worship Schedule

August 5 - Communion

Message : *Unity of the Faith*

Ephesians 4: 1-24

Special Music – John & Nancy

August 12

Message: *Building Hope*

Ephesians 4: 25-5:2

Special Music – Love Light

August 19

Message: *Second Breath*

Ephesians 5:6-20

Special Music – Selma Kleinsmith & Caroline Sherman

August 26

Message: *The Dark Shadows*

Ephesians 6: 10-23

Special Music – Double Quartet



A Message from Pastor Ken

My Friends, I open my letter and address you as friends, for that is what we are. Friends in Christ Jesus. For me, and I trust for you, the driving force, the spirit, strength and hope is in the gift of God’s Son. His life, His hope, His grace, His trust, His faith.

I was recently reading another writer who put forth what I felt to be a challenge. Now I know, as I’m sure you do, that feelings are not always the best thing to lean into on any given day. However, in this case I think and feel their challenge was spot on.

He wrote that history has its thought police - A group which seeks to force others to their version of faith. These thought police seek to lead people away from asking and listening to “good” questions. These type of folks do not want us to wonder and work together in the Kingdom of God.

We my friends, are not called to this type of thought. We are the Church and as such we are a people of faith, not certainty in all things. As the writer put it, the attempt to enforce uniformity of belief has a name. It’s called war!

The theologian Paul Tillich once wrote: “Doubt isn’t the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith.” We are a people in the world who do not owe our allegiance to the world, but rather to God. Try as I might, I still find myself uncertain in the process, in the hope, we are one in the Spirit. What I mean by this is - I see so much division in the world, and I wonder. Can we maintain and live into the unity of the body of Christ? Can we truly find a way forward? At the end of the day I say yes! And yes again!



When I was young my father taught me about the monarch butterfly. I didn’t want to see or experience the struggle of release which is necessary for the wings when emerging from chrysalis, the final step from caterpillar to butterfly. I wanted to stop the process. I didn’t trust and have faith in the metamorphosis process. I wanted to “help”. I did not trust the creator had really thought this out and I was determined to speed up the growth from caterpillar to butterfly.

I pray every day for strength to face my doubts and fears and to move forward in faith. Faith is moving together to the cross of Christ still unsure exactly how God will bring life from death. Yet in the midst of this movement, to know God will.

Shalom, Ken

July Worship Attendance

	8:00	10:15	Total
July 1	49	32	81
July 8	63	52	115
July 15	115	70	185
July 22	54	84	138
July 29	50	57	107

Nursery is available every Sunday from 8:00—11:15 am for children infant to age 5 in the lower level of the church by trained paid staff.

August Mission Moments

Missions Collection Update:

July 8th – Solon Food Pantry.—\$98. Collected for friends & neighbors in our own community. Food pantry \$98.00

July 22th – Imagine No Malaria—\$107. This Global Ministries aims to reduce the number of deaths and illnesses caused by malaria in African communities through quality health services at United Methodist Church affiliated health facilities.

July 29th – Tornado Disaster Relief for Marshalltown—\$417 from Sunday July 29 and growing. Financial gifts can be made to SUMC, and put “Marshalltown” in the memo.

There is an URGENT need for supplies, so we are collecting for tornado victims through Wednesday August 1st - needs include: Diapers, laundry detergent, personal hygiene products and hygiene kits, and plastic totes with lids. Items may be delivered to SUMC Fellowship Hall through Wednesday August 1, and will be delivered to Marshalltown on Thursday the 2nd.



Please continue to empty your change from your pockets and purses on Sunday mornings for our “noisy offering” in the collection plate. You would be amazed at how that change adds up to help complete our missions’ requirements. You are contributing to God’s work and it is very much appreciated.

UMW Mission Work

The UMW met on July 10 for a workday. We were able to complete 30 heart pillows that were delivered directly to the American Cancer Society in Cedar Rapids. We also completed 41 heart pillows that will be distributed by Strands of Strength to local hospitals.

We were blessed to have a memorial donation provided by Ron & Jacquie Haltmeyer to be used for Cancer donations. The project will be unique to honor their friend who passed away from cancer. The memorial donation will be used for the purchase of material to allow us to make **chemo hats for those with hair loss**. We are excited about this opportunity to serve others in Jesus name. Thanks Ron & Jacquie for thinking of UMW! We are honored to respectfully fulfill your wishes in honoring your friend, Bob Roberts from Monona, IA.



The next scheduled work session is **Tuesday, August 14 from 8:00-12:00.**

We will be working on heart pillows, chemo hats and discussing opportunities for the upcoming Holiday season. Everyone is welcome to participate, coffee and snacks provided. It is a wonderful way to get to know each other while doing the work of Christ.

Would YOU like to help out? **We are in need of one gallon zip bags** for our heart pillows before our next workday in August. Your help in providing these would be greatly appreciated. They can be placed in the box on the table in Fellowship Hall. Thanks for your support!

Doug Williams, Missionary to Argentina

**Thursday, August 23, 2018, 5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall,
Refreshments Will Be Served.**

Rev. Douglas E. Williams, missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church will be speaking and presenting a power point at an informal session about his ministry and work in Argentina.

All are welcome!

Don't miss this opportunity to meet and learn from a full time missionary who's been serving in Argentina.



Adult Opportunities

C3 (Crafts, Creativity & Christ): Join C3 for our monthly craft workshop Thursday, August 2nd at 6:30 pm — **this month we're painting on glass.**

Would you like to create a painting to hang on your wall, or perhaps some personalized drinking glasses or a give a plain glass bowl a splash of color?

Join C3 for this fun project in August to create your own masterpiece. Participants should bring your own piece of glass or glass item that you would like to paint. All other materials will be provided.

For more information please contact Kim Turner cashman@southslope.net



Church & Society Ministry Team

Mental Health Awareness:

The Church & Society Ministry Team has been exploring a collaborative educational program with St. Mary's Catholic Church. (We will also reach out to other area churches for potential collaboration and participation.)

The goals of this program are to

- 1) educate the community on the experiences of people who are living with mental health issues, and
- 2) share available resources for individuals and their support systems.

Monthly programs on different mental health topics will be offered the **3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm.**

We have a tentatively scheduled the **first session for Thursday, September 20th.** Please stay tuned for more information, as we are still working out the details.

Looking for Sharers: We are seeking individuals who have experienced mental health issues—either personally or as a caregiver/loved one—and would be interested in participating in a panel to share their experiences to help increase awareness and educate others, to identify ways others and the church can provide support, and to offer HOPE.



Please contact either co-chair with questions or interest:

Kris Frisbie (krisfrisbie@southslope.net) or Keela Herr (keela.herr@gmail.com)

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We have no regular meeting in August, but we do have a **WORK DAY planned for the morning of August 14th**—all are welcome! Bingo this month is Thursday August 9, at 1:45 pm at SNCC. For more information call Shirley Andersen [319-541-0732](tel:319-541-0732), or Barb Kalm [319-321-4078](tel:319-321-4078).



UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN



UNITED METHODIST MEN

We currently meet every Saturday morning at 6 a.m. at the Family Life Center. The first Saturday of the month is breakfast at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. Our men's group could use more members—please come check it out!

A Note From Chrisa

Dear Solon Friends:

As most of you know being ordained into the United Methodist Church requires clergy to be open and available to the Itinerant Process. More specifically, we are appointed to serve a local church from year to year and not necessarily the same church. Over the past 33 years our Clan has moved on the average of every three to five years. We have lived in Dubuque, Boxholm, Keosauqua, Kalona, Denison, Carroll, West Des Moines and now Solon. This is the first time Pastor Ken and I have moved without our girls.

Moving is never an easy or stress-free process. There is the endless sorting, cleaning of closets and storage units, packing, delivering of years of treasures kept by one and all and then the goodbyes, loading of the moving van and finally the delivery of our family's history to a new home and new community. It takes kindness, a good sense of humor, patience and the never-ending belief of God's presence and touch in our lives.

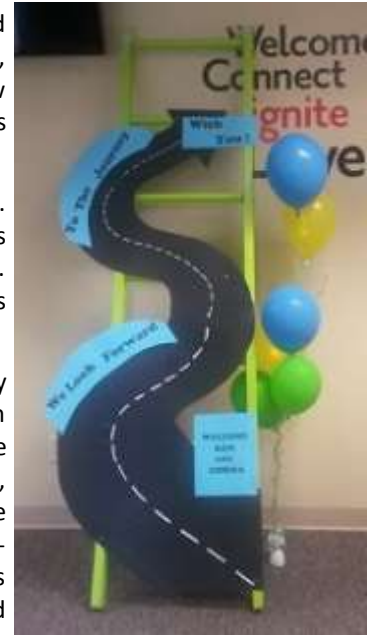
As I previously mentioned, The Ferguson Clan has moved on the average of every three to five years. More specifically we have moved eight times, resided in and raised our family in eight parsonages and attended to the care and ministered to and with the members of more than eight communities. What we have rarely experienced was the embodiment of the United Methodist Church's Open Heart, Mind and Spirit until our move to Solon.

Many of you have heard me say that when Pastor Ken and I walked into the parsonage on Friday night I felt the parsonage welcome us home! I could immediately feel the time, effort and love which had been put into making the parsonage ready. I sincerely, and passionately say thank you to the Trustees who worked tirelessly in cleaning, painting, staining, hanging new blinds, cleaning carpets, washing windows, installing new lighting and making the parsonage ready for its new family. To the Staff Pastor Parish Committee for paving the way and help the passing for the staff of pastoral leadership go smoothly and graciously. To the Congregation for wearing name tags, introducing yourselves and inviting us to join the congregation in actively participating in the ministry of Solon United Methodist Church.

Once again thank you for opening your hearts, minds and spirits to our Clan. We are proud to be a part of the Solon Community.

Shalom,

Chrisa



The welcome ladder in the foyer

Welcome Ken and Chrisa!

We look forward to the journey with you!

UMW Road Trip to Bridgehaven



On July 26 the United Methodist Women (UMW) made a road trip to Bridgehaven in Cedar Rapids. Those able to attend were; Bess Telecky, Verlee Lauderbaugh, Alice Mally, Connie Koeppen, Ruth Ann Richards, Jeanne Erhart, Jan Stock, Alice Crossley, Roma Pearl, Shirley Anderson and Connie Railsback. We learned about all they do to support families with children. Bridgehaven Pregnancy Support Center is a not-for-profit pregnancy resource center in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Since 1983, Bridgehaven has been reaching out to men and women in the circumstances surrounding unplanned pregnancy, empowering them to make life-affirming choices. But they are so much more; providing support to those with children under the age of 18, education, food and clothing distribution to clients, just to name a few.

Thanks to the generosity of these ladies and the congregation as a whole we were able to deliver 416 items for their school supply distribution on August 6!!!!

YOUTH MINISTRY 5TH-12TH GRADE NEWS

Mission Trip 2018

July was a busy and exciting month for the High School youth group. 28 Youth and 6 adults traveled to Brunswick, Georgia for 4 days of working and serving. ➡

Some of our group were a part of VBS for kids who come from homes of poverty, brokenness, addiction, and crime. Our youth shared the love and joy of Jesus with the kids and made a wonderful week filled with great memories for all involved. ↓



The rest of us helped a local church by painting 12 rooms for them to use as offices, counseling/conference rooms, and other uses which will make more space for them to help the various ministries they have around the city. (see below) We witnessed a powerful prayer service at this church and know they are doing wonderful things in the name of Jesus. We also made bags of toiletries and shirts to take to a Christ-centered homeless day-shelter. We shared the bags, wonderful conversation, Christ's love, our shoes, and some hope for these people of Brunswick.

Kyle Puettman noticed that there were a large number of veterans at this shelter, and he has been moved to begin a homeless veteran's ministry here in our church. Please contact Kyle if you have connections, a willingness to help, or want to be a part of this ministry here at SUMC.

Our final stop in Brunswick was at a house on a crime and drug-filled street. This house is used to help women who are caught in the horror and lies of sex-trafficking. We learned about how God is using the volunteers and owner to reach all kinds of girls and women in the city. We prayed over the ministry and the home before we left and some of us will be forever changed as we learned more about this ministry.



We are so so thankful as we return to our blessings and lives in Solon, Iowa, yet our eyes and hearts have been opened to more needs in our own community and surrounding communities. We pray we can use these moments to spread God's love and live more for Him.

We thank you for your prayers, financial support, help with all fundraisers, and especially parental support. What a fine group of youth representing our community! (see more pics on page 7)



Beef Days Lunch

WOW! What a great day for Beef Days! The High School youth group would really like to thank all of you for the donations, food prep, delicious pies and desserts, volunteers in the dining room, kitchen, servers, dishwashers, and cleanup crew. What a wonderful community of support and example of service we have here at SUMC. This support allows us to go on mission trips to spread God's love and strengthen our faith.



I would also like to send a shout out to the huge turnout of youth and parents on Thursday night to peel and cut potatoes and eggs, dice onions for the beans and potato salad and help set-up!

We had wonderful kitchen and dining room help starting at 6:30 am to make the tenderloins all the way to 2:00 helping cleanup. It takes so many people to pull this off and I thank each one of you for your contribution of food, time, and love! What an awesome crew! It takes a village and we have a fabulous village here! Thanks again!

Youth Group will be starting up in September and I can't wait to see everyone again!

Thanks for being a blessing,
Jenn Stiegelmeier



SUMC Youth Group Meetings Starting
in September:

Club 56 youth (6:30-8:00 pm) in FLC
Peer 78 youth (6:30-8:00 pm) in FLC
Fired UP! youth (6:30-8:00 pm) in FLC

VBS SUMMER 2018

Solon United Methodist Church (SUMC) teamed up with Saint Mary's Catholic Church for their annual Vacation Bible School. This year, the theme was "Shipwrecked", and the kids learned a variety of things about how even when life gets stormy, God rescues.

Each day went something like this: The students first got in their groups, with two crew leaders and four or five other campers. They then went to an opening session as a large group to receive information on what they would be learning that day, including songs and the daily message. From there, the students would split off into their individual groups and go to one of five stations: music, snacks and games, crafts, bible stories, and service projects. Each station was a 15 minute long session focusing on different tasks, and how they pertain to the lesson of the day.



For example on Wednesday in the service project station, kids had the opportunity to make Mary's Meals <https://www.marysmealsusa.org/>. Mary's Meals is a non-profit organization that focuses on providing meals to children in third world countries who may not be getting the education they need because of the malnutrition and poverty inflicted upon them. The kids learned about how Jesus can rescue in many different ways, and by providing these meals, they are also providing hope to the young children who are less fortunate than themselves.

To expend some energy and have fun learning, there was also the Games station. This year's Vacation Bible School was an astounding success! SUMC children deepened their concepts of faith, as well as connected spiritually with their catholic peers, to whom they may not have been involved with previously. by Jeannie Jedlicka

The combined Vacation Bible School Numbers for 2018 were: 190 Kindergarten through 6th graders, 80 teen volunteers and 30 adult volunteers!

A huge Thank You to St Mary's for hosting VBS this year and partnering with us. We appreciate everyone who put in countless hours decorating, preparing, teaching and helping. Thank you for sharing your time and talents to make this a memorable week for our children!



How Else Might We Work Together?

Collaboration—the act of working together with other people or organizations to create or achieve something:

What's this? — We had a combined VBS with St Mary's this summer, the Church & Society is working on a Mental Health Education program with St Mary's, and we normally have a combined Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at one of the Solon churches. What else might we be able to achieve by collaborating and joining with the other local churches? Could we learn, grow and accomplish greater things for our community through cooperation, understanding and meaningful relationships? Think about it. If you have ideas, bring them to light and let's act accordingly.

MUSIC MINISTRY

As we begin the fall season, let us always remember God is faithful to us in all seasons and it is a joy to praise God for all the blessings we receive! "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" Psalm 150:6

Back-to-school time also signals it is time to return to bell choir and chancel choir rehearsals! We have been blessed by many talented individuals to bring us music during the summer months. Thank you to all of you who shared your gifts of music! Now we look forward to getting back together to make some music on Wednesday nights, sharing music in worship on Sunday and sharing stories of what we did over summer vacation!

Adult Celebration Bell Choir will begin practices August 29 at 6:00 (note the half hour earlier) and a social time following at 7:00 – 7:30. Chancel Choir will begin with a social hour from 6:30 to 7:30 on Wednesday, August 29 in fellowship hall. I will bring watermelon and make lemonade. Bring something to share if you would like. Then we will head to the sanctuary for a rehearsal at 7:30. We will take a look at the September schedule and upcoming months. New members are always welcome at any time! The Youth Bell Choir will begin on September 12 with the first family meal and youth groups meeting.



You might also notice a brand new addition to the sanctuary. We have been blessed by a generous donation of a grand piano and additional digital piano. This had made it possible to put a piano in the fellowship hall for gatherings and put a digital piano at the Family Life Center for events there. Thank you to Dr. Robert Wesner for his thoughtful generosity to our church. Please sign the thank you banner/note in fellowship hall.

We want worship to feed your spirit and soul and open you to the presence of God, through music, God's Word and time together! Feel free to contact Pastor Lisa with hymn requests, volunteer your musical gift or someone else's, possible accompanists, comments, questions and suggestions!

(schroederl@soloniaumc.org, church: 319-624-2288, cell: 319-325-4566)

Lovelight International Ministries — August 12th

This Christian musical group travel and perform all across the country sharing their ministry in various churches and at other events. Members of **Lovelight International** will be here to join us in worship and lead the hymns for worship at both services on **August 12th**. They will also be performing their music during our fellowship times in Fellowship Hall. Terry and Thelia Hess have seen them perform and recommended that we get on their schedule, so the rest of the congregation also has that opportunity. Please join us August 12th for some inspirational music!



Announcements & Upcoming Events

Do you have an announcement to share in the bulletin or the monthly newsletter, the *Circuit Rider*? Please contact our Office Administrator, Deb Sheets, at (319)624-2288 or sheetsd@soloniaumc.org. Bulletin announcements are due by Thursday at Noon, newsletter announcements are due by the 20th of each month. Thank You.

Volunteer opportunities:

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Fresh flowers for the altar (see below)	
Table to table (see below)	

Flowers for the altar—If you would like to share some of the flowers from your garden with the congregation, please sign up on the sheet across from the restrooms or call the office 624-2288. Just bring them in before Sunday morning—vases are available under the kitchen sink.

God Sightings—Don't forget to share a few photos, or maybe just a quick note when you spot GOOD in GOD's world—post them on the bulletin board by the water fountain.

PIANIST/ACCOMPANIST NEEDED! We need a pianist for Sunday morning worship. This includes accompanying the choir and attending choir rehearsals. Please contact Pastor Lisa 325-4566 or submit resume to soloniaumc@gmail.com

Table to Table: Fight climate change while you feed the hungry! Be a part of local food rescue efforts & help feed the 19,500 food insecure people in Johnson County. You can be a member of Table to Table's volunteer team that delivers 45,000 lbs of food each week to agencies that serve the hungry, homeless, and at-risk populations of Johnson County. We are looking for community members that have 2-3 hours a week and can help us rescue food! To learn more contact us at 319-337-3400 or volunteer@table2table.org.

Grand Piano — Did you notice the new baby grand Kawai adorning the sanctuary? See page 9.

Toiletries for Missions: UMW reminds us to save their soaps and shampoos from travels this summer for missions—you may drop your items in the collection box on the table in front of the ramp in Fellowship Hall.

Doug Williams, missionary to Argentina speaks Thursday, August 23, 2018, 5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall. See pg 3

Summer Music — Most Sundays in August are open! If you, your kids (any age) or someone you know would like to sing or play the piano or another instrument for our Special Music we would love to have you. Pick your Sunday & sign up on the sheet on the piano.

C3 Glass Painting —Join us this Thursday Aug 2 at 6:30 pm. Details on pg 4.

Recycling news: Some recent changes in the city of Solon's recycling options made it necessary for a change. Beginning in August, you will find both the current dumpster for trash, and a small dumpster for recyclable materials on the North side of the parking lot. Please make sure you put trash in the trash dumpster and **only recyclables** in the recyclable dumpster. A list will be posted on the recyclable container, so we are reminded what is acceptable and what is not, or you may pick up a list in the office.

As a summary of what is acceptable for recycling in the dumpster and what's not:

All items must be clean and free of food residue.

Important —**NO Glass and NO Styrofoam** accepted—put these in the green container by the back door instead.

Cardboard and most any type of paper are accepted—**except** bathroom related paper or waxy or plastic bonded paper. Cardboard boxes should be broken down before placing in the dumpster.

Tin, aluminum and steel cans are accepted. Plastic bottles #1 through 7 (tops removed).



Trustees

The trustees were very busy this past month with Scott, Karen and Ethan moving out, which was delayed, followed by Ken and Chrisa moving in just three days later.

Thanks to Tom Moore, Paul Miller, Al Hulse and Verlee for all the work both outside and inside. Tom cleaned the entire outside siding, Paul trimmed bushes and trees, Al fixed toilets, faucets, hung LED lighting, painted the main bathroom, and I can't remember what else, but it took three trips to Menards before it was finished. I thoroughly cleaned all of the windows including the glass. We hired the duct work cleaned, which is a new conference requirement, and the carpet was professionally cleaned at both the parsonage and the church.

Ken and Chrisa have both said how pleased they were with the parsonage and it was the best parsonage they have ever lived in. GO TEAM!!!!

You will also notice some doors at the church which have been refinished this past week.

Trustee chair Verlee Lauderbaugh



Prayers and Celebrations

August Birthdays

In Our Prayers

Nadine's sister-in-law, Janet, diagnosed with cancer.

Derek Kalm's mother-in-law, Joyce, a stroke.

Art McPheron who had surgery on his nose.

Mission Trippers—prayers for safe travels and blessings to do good works in Georgia and be an asset to those they serve.

Family of Gary Hunter, who passed away.

Mike Reeves recently diagnosed with Large B Cell Lymphoma.

Catherine Shaffer—thankful for the sign language interpreter at July 8th service.

Keri Hanus who fell and broke her arm.

Art McPheron's friend, Jack, who suffered a heart attack.

John McFarland home recovering from a fall.

Anna McAtee hospitalized, with infections and a fall—now recovering at home.

Betty Buchmayer—awaiting colon surgery.

Comfort for families with loved ones who recently passed away:

- Wilbur Erhart's brother - Lloyd
- Don Koss who passed away.
- Kelly Meyer's mother
- Ben Jacobson's dad

Those in the Duck boat tragedy in MO

Turners mourning the loss of a pet

Jeanne Bark's daughter-in-law (Lori)'s mom.

Prayers for the safety of firefighters and those in wildfires in western US.

Those in Des Moines, suffering from flooding .

Ed Haury traveling to Mayo July 29 for testing.

Prayers for safe travels and prayers for answers to his back problems and relief from pain.

Verlee's niece-Jill and daughter in law-Mandy, both with pregnancy concerns/issues.

Paul Saupé's granddaughter, Tessa, who broke her wrist/arm horseback riding.

Loren, a colleague of Dan Boggs, who has a brain tumor.

Those in Iowa areas hit by tornadoes, without electricity, and all the destruction.

Rejoices & Thanksgiving

Scott Nicol's son, Tony, feeling better, and thankful tests turned out OK. .

Happy 18th Birthday to Jill Richards, July 4th!

Bess Telecky—it's a joy to be living in the USA, despite our problems we are blessed to be in a country founded on God and freedom for all!

Verlee thanked trustees: Paul Miller, Al Hulse, & Tom Moore for all their work getting the parsonage cleaned, painted and ready for Pastor Ken.

Bess Telecky- joy to have Pastor Ken with us.

Art McPheron—joy that his son is playing in a baseball tournament.

Andrea Frederickson—thankful for her granddaughter, Avery.

Mission Trippers—thankfulness for the eye-opening experience and lessons learned.

Orlane Huey offers thank yous to the care center staff and helpers!

Kakaceks celebrating their anniversary!

Verlee—thanks for our church family and for Ken & Chrisa joining us.

Happy Birthday to Hal Kleinsmith!

John McFarland home from the hospital and in church today!

Denny and Mary Gruber joy in having all 8 grandchildren here today!

Kennedy Lynn Kovacs born 7-24-18 to Courtney(Strang) & Jim, Grandparents-Kevin & Tracy Strang, Greatgrandmother—Yvonne Strang.

Flowers on the Altar

July 22 E provided the bouquet of flowers. Thanks for sharing!

July 29 Flowers on the altar are hydrangeas from the garden of Verlee Lauderbaugh.

RECKER, Rylee	08/01
UTHOFF, Sarah	08/02
HERDLISKA, Linda	08/03
LIGHTY, Rachel	08/03
MILLER, Joel	08/03
LIGHTY, Becky	08/04
MANIFOLD, Matt	08/04
BROWN, Nicholas	08/05
FITZPATRICK, Cameron	08/06
HOPP, Zane	08/06
KRUSE, Brad	08/06
KESSLER, Julie	08/07
MCFARLAND, Connie	08/07
ORTEGA, Sofia	08/07
GORDON, Bennett	08/08
ROY, Adam	08/09
RYAN, Josie	08/09
SMIDT, Jolene	08/09
RICHARDS, Mary	08/10
HASSELBUSCH, Bonnie	08/11
FIALA, Dan	08/12
HANUS, Jared	08/12
MUSGRAVE, Casey	08/12
JOHNSON, Piper	08/13
MCATEE, Shirley	08/13
RECKER, Kaden	08/13
KERKOVE, Tanner	08/14
NOSKA, Catherine	08/14
JACOBSON, Natalie	08/16
LINDNER, Kale	08/16
NAUGHTON, Tyler	08/16
BOGARD, Maddyson	08/17
GERDIN, Clayton	08/17
JAURON, Adrianna	08/17
KALM, Barbara	08/17
KLEINSMITH, Zeb	08/17
LEWIS, Bailey	08/17
PETERS, Doug	08/17
ADAMS, Cameron	08/19
FISHER, Dawn	08/19
GUINN, Declan	08/19
KRAL, Allison	08/19
KNEZEVICH, Nick	08/20
STIEGELMEYER, Rylen	08/20
FULLER, Carson	08/21
KRUSE, Beckett	08/22
SHERMAN, Scott	08/22
GUINN, Elijah	08/23
HOPP, Lindy	08/23
HUEY, Orlane	08/23
LEIGHTON, Jean	08/23
SARGENT, Chris	08/23
ADAMS, Clayton	08/24
HAWKS, Jennifer	08/24
KLEINSMITH, Toby	08/24
STOTLER, Brady	08/24
MCPHERON, Spencer	08/25
BRUMWELL, Jim	08/26
HOWSARE, Grace	08/26
RUFF, Clarissa	08/26
RATHJEN, Joyce	08/27
UPAH, Tucker	08/28
KABELA, Shelby	08/29
FITZPATRICK, Brian	08/30
GRUBER, Denny	08/30
KLEPPE, Michael	08/30
DURR, Delainey	08/31
LESAN, Matt	08/31

Prayer Requests

The SUMC family wants to support and encourage you throughout your time of need. If you have a prayer request, please fill out the Communication Card (located in the bulletin,) and place it in the offering plate during worship. If you would like to add your prayer request to our church-wide prayer chain, please call the church office at (319) 624-2288, or email us with your request.

Birthday Announcements

Do you have a birthday in this month but don't see your birthday listed? Contact the Church at soloni-aumc@gmail.com.

Be sure to give your month, day, and year. We need your birth year to be able to enter in the software.



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Rev. Ken Ferguson, Lead Minister
Lisa Schroeder, Minister of Discipleship and Music
Deb Sheets, Office Administrator
Jenn Stiegelmeier, High School Youth Ministries
Sami McAtee, Middle School Youth Ministries
Jill Richards, Interim Accompanist
Mary Kucera, Director of Hand Bells
Penny Tompkins, Treasurer
Jon Lorence, Custodian
Jerrod Hilton, Security
Lindy Hopp, Nursery Supervisor with nursery staff:
Annika K, Cassandra M, Jeannie J, Selma K & Alex L



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 & 10:15 AM – Worship

9:00 & 11:15 AM – Fellowship

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