

THE TOWER

MARCH 2020

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30-1:00



Committees Meet in March

SPRC—Tuesday March 3 @ 10:00 a.m.

Ad Council —Tuesday, March 10 @ 5:30

Social Concerns —Wednesday March 25 @ 3:00



Lenten Bible Study Schedule

March 4– FUMC @ 5:30

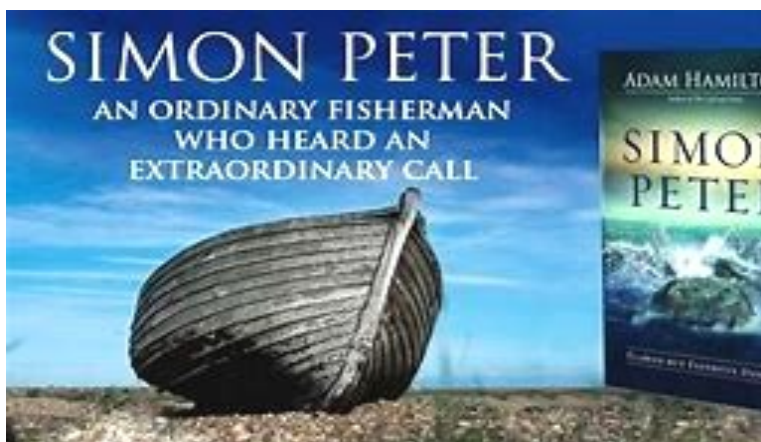
March 11-FUMC @ 5:30

March 18-UCC @ 5:30

March 25-FUMC @ 5:30

April 1- UCC @ 5:30

April 8- FUMC@ 5:30



March 8, 2020

First United Methodist Church

Youth Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 1, 2020

8 am to 12 pm

302 West Broadway, Decorah

Menu:

Fluffy White Buttermilk Blueberry, Chocolate chip

Buckwheat and Gluten Free Pancakes

Pork Sausage

Tropical Fruit Salad

Orange, Cranberry, White Grape or Pink Grapefruit Juice

Coffee or Tea/White or Chocolate Milk

Suggested Donation:

Age 13- Adults: \$ 10

Kids 6-12: \$ 5

Under 6: free

Benefits: Sudan Famine and Flood Victims

ADULT FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday March 8 @ 5:30 Bill and Connie Bergstrom hosting

Everyone is welcome.

Adult Forums in March

March 22 @ 10:30 Maria Van Der Maaten “Sister Parish” updates

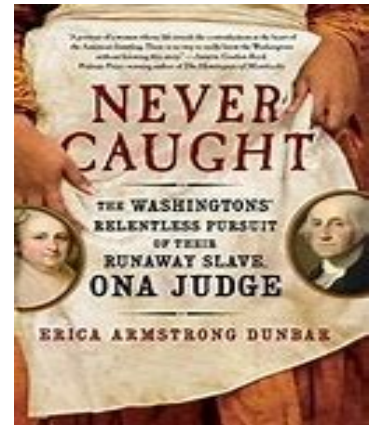
March 29 @ 10:30 Michelle Amdahl “Blindness”

FUMC READS BOOK CLUB

will meet on March 17@ 7:00 p.m.

we will be discussing **Never Caught: The Washington’s Relentless Pursuit of their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge** by Erica Armstrong Dunbar

Everyone is welcome to join us.



UMCOR SUNDAY

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special One Great Hour of Sharing – now: [UMCOR Sunday offering](#), laying the foundation for UMCOR’s ministry of relief and hope. Donations UMCOR receives through this offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover our costs of doing business. Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs.

Because of your donation today, we’re ready to respond in times of crisis. **UMCOR does not receive United Methodist World Service or apportionment funds**, so without your [offerings](#), UMCOR would not exist.

FUMC will proudly collect this offering on **Sunday March 22, 2020** Please make checks payable to FUMC with “UMCOR Sunday” in the memo line.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

March 6- A World Day of Prayer will be celebrated by all on Friday, March 6th, at 10:00 a.m. We will gather at UCC to pray with Christians around the world and celebrate using a service written by Christian women from all denominations in Zimbabwe. Coffee and treats will be served first as you enter, and the service will follow. You are invited to enter the Center by the lower entrance to the church. All are welcome.

THIS MONTH: March 2020

No Executive or General Meetings

March 18-

UMW Circle Day, Lighting the way through partnership (page 57)

***9:15 a.m. Sarah Circle** Potluck Finger food at church; Nancy Lerdall program

***1:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle** at church –Tina Shedinger, hostess;
Barb Dale, program

***1:30 p.m. Eve Circle** at 207 Ohio Apt 1- Phyllis Wasta, hostess;

NEXT MONTH: April 2020

April 1

***1:15 p.m. UMW Executive Committee Meeting**

***2:00 p.m. UMW General Meeting**
Eve Circle Serves

April 11 Eastern Star Coffee Party, begins @ 2:00 p.m. (Mary/Martha Hosts)

April 15

UMW Circle Day, Holy, Bold Women Lead (page 65)

***9:15 a.m. Sarah Circle -** at church; Joan Lubke and Ranell Bolson hosting

***1:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle** at church – Millie Jensen, hostess

***1:30 p.m. Eve Circle** at church; Virginia Leidahl hostess



3/4 Lorraine Rear; Mark Rhodes
 3/6 Nancy Limberg
 3/9 Karen Van Der Maaten
 3/10 Tina Shedinger
 3/13 Marc Folkedahl
 3/16 Andrew Rhodes
 3/20 Mary Lou Hageman
 3/22 Carter Rissman
 3/27 Barb Dale
 3/29 John Lubke, Mark Landas
 3/31 Leslie Smith



March Volunteers

Worship Leader

3/1 Jim Rhodes
 3/8 Syd Stephenson
 3/15 Emily Young Johnson
 3/22 Virginia Leidahl
 3/29 Mark Landas

Audio Visual

Ken Amdahl
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Coffee Fellowship

Pancake Fundraiser
 Jim & Jane Eckblad
 Fred & Amy Knoke
 Ann Chrenen & Kathy Euans
 Steve & Kathy Ransom

Communion Stewards for March: Jane Vande Berg



We are needing readers for April, May and June.

Please call the office or sign up on the clip board that is located on the wall by the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall.

Understanding Immigration: An examination of push-pull factors leading Central Americans to migrate to the U.S.

Sister Parish, Inc. and Decorah's First United Methodist Church will be hosting a workshop entitled "Understanding Immigration" on March 21, 2020 at the Lingonberry (218 W Water St, Decorah, IA 52101). The Understanding Immigration workshop will examine the push and pull factors that result in people deciding to migrate to [or seek asylum or refuge in] the U.S. and the resources that are available to immigrants [asylees, refugees] once they arrive in the U.S. The workshop is designed to leave participants with an understanding of the primary causes of immigration from Central America to the U.S., an overview of the current U.S. border situation and its repercussions on the Central American countries themselves, and a synopsis of the many organizations working to support immigrants both on the border and locally. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Barb Dale at 563-382-4693 or nonrev909@neitel.net

The River and the Wall film screening - Weds, March 11, 7 pm

The Northeast Iowa Peace & Justice Center and the Luther College Center for Ethics and Public Engagement are sponsoring a screening of "The River and the Wall," March 11 at 7pm in Olin 102 on the Luther College campus in Decorah. A free will offering will be asked in support the work of Northeast Iowa Peace & Justice Center. Luther Students are free with CAF. The 2-hour film addresses the question: What will be the impact of a border wall in the Rio Grande valley? "The River and the Wall" follows a group that journeyed from El Paso to the Gulf of Mexico on the Rio Grande/Rio Bravo. The film offers an opportunity to hear directly from people living on both sides of the border. By the end of the film we will have a much better understanding of an area of the country that is in the news almost daily, but few people actually know and understand.

Adult Forum from February 23. Deb Tekippe presented a forum on "Scams and Fraud"



March 2020

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9– Worship- Communion 10– Coffee Fellowship 10:30– Sunday School 6-8– Confirmation		SPRC @ 10:00	5:30 Lenten Study @ FUMC 7:30 Choir		World Day of Prayer at UCC 10:00 a.m. Scholarship Deadline	
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Easter Worship Schedule



April 5 Palm Sunday Worship at 9:00 a.m.

Holy Week

Thursday April 9—Maundy Worship Service at UCC 7:00

Friday April 10—Good Friday Tenebrae Worship at FUMC 7:00

Sunday April 12—Easter Worship at 9:00 a.m.



Easter Lilies

All are welcome to provide lilies for the Easter Service on Sunday, April 12, 2020 in honor or memory of a loved one. **Please remember to order your lilies from the florist in time for delivery to the church starting Monday, March 30.** Let the church office know the names of those you are honoring or memorializing with the lilies so names can be placed in the church bulletin by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday April 9, 2020.