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Information for *The Poster* should be in the church office by the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Office Hours: 8:00am-12:00pm
Monday-Friday

Sunday Worship: 9:45am

Sunday School: 11:00am

**Weekday Bible Study @
11:00am on Tuesdays in the
Library.**

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About Easter

We are a story-telling people. And at the heart of the story we tell is the death and resurrection of Jesus. That makes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter the high point of the Christian year; they have been observed and celebrated by the church since earliest times.

The early Christians, like their Jewish forebears, remembered God's act of deliverance by re-telling and re-enacting the story through narrative and ritual, especially in a great annual feast. What the Exodus event was to the Jews, the cross/resurrection event was to Christians. As Jews annually celebrated Passover, recalling their deliverance from bondage, so Christians annually celebrated Good Friday and Easter, recalling God's saving acts in Christ. Through worship and liturgical celebration, the crucial events are retold, remembered, recovered, and brought into the present. So in this season of Lent and Easter, we come to the heart of the Christian story and the Christian faith: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter observances. We prepare for it during Lent and we continue to celebrate through the Sundays of Easter, which culminate in Pentecost. Easter is truly celebrate when we tell and re-tell the story of salvation in Jesus Christ.

Easter Service

Our traditional **Easter service will be at 9:45am, April 21.** The service will present inspiring music by the Chancel Choir, familiar hymns and scriptures, and a contemporary message of faith and hope that will touch your heart. Bring your family and friends to celebrate the joy of Easter. Easter is the greatest event in the world, and we need your presence to make it complete.

Good Friday

Good Friday is probably the second oldest "special day" of the Christian year. The appropriate liturgical color is, in fact, no color at all. Come and join us for **Good Friday worship on April 19, 7:00pm at our church (Ft. DSM).**

Maundy Thursday Service

Maundy Thursday is the night one remembers the institution of the Lord's Supper. "A new commandment I give unto you: That you love one another even as I have loved you," (John 13:34). **Maundy Thursday service will be at Bloomfield United Methodist Church, (5930 Indianola Ave), at 7:00pm. on April 18.**

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Nut Sale Results

Thanks to everyone who sold and/or bought nuts during our 2018 campaign. We started with \$902.01 left from last year and had a profit of \$857.50 from the 2018 sale for a total of \$1759.51. We plan to purchase 12 rolls of stamps for the office (\$660.00), arrange for carpet cleaning in the offices, Conference Room, Chapel, and library (\$300.00) and purchase a new welcome mat for the east doors (\$125.00), leaving \$674.51 to be used throughout the year. Watch for pre-sales to begin in October 2019!

March Finance Report

General Account Income	\$	8,812.66
General Account Expenses	\$	9,312.05
Designated Funds Income	\$	2,319.00
Trustees Income	\$	1,025.00
Year-to-Date		
Total Income	\$	24,747.44
Total Expenses	\$	27,836.95

You're Invited!

Bloomfield United Methodist Church (5930 Indianola Ave) is hosting a Roast Beef/Pork Dinner on Saturday, April 6. Serving will be 4:30-6:30 p.m. The menu includes your choice of meat, dressing, potatoes and gravy, green beans, cole slaw, bread, pie and beverages. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12. Everyone is welcome!

Epworth UMC's (412 Euclid Ave) Annual Spring Basement & Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, April 13, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Two-Minute Testimony

Pastor Dass is seeking volunteers to share the joy and excitement of knowing Jesus as Lord and Savior. If you wish to share your testimony during the worship, please speak with Pastor Dass.

Prayer Corner

Ft. Des Moines UMC, it's programs and leaders; Bhutanese Nepali Truth Church in Iowa, it's programs and leaders; those who are home bound and their care-takers; and those we name in our hearts.

Our Christian Sympathies to the family and friends of Hubert Dean Garland, who died on March 4. Condolences can be sent to the family at 5109 SW 17th St, Des Moines IA 50315-4432.

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Palm Sunday

The celebration of Palm Sunday originated in Jerusalem in the fourth century. Helena, the Emperor Constantine's mother, had established churches on the various sites in the Holy Land which were traditionally held to mark the earthly life of Jesus. Gradually celebrations arose around these churches that reenacted, in dramatic fashion, the events of Jesus' passion. On the Sunday before Easter, for instance, people gathered on the Mount of Olive and the gospel narrative describing the triumphal entry into Jerusalem was read and the people proceeded down the Mount and into the city, children and adults alike waving palm and olive branches and singing psalms. Come and join us for **Palm Sunday worship on April 14, 9:45am.**

Pastor Dass

The Parables of Jesus

The Parables of Jesus are the most memorable and persuasive messages. To know these incomparable stories is to know the teaching of Jesus and the heart of the Teacher. Come and join Pastor Dass in exploring the implications of Jesus' stories for our lives and relationships on Tuesdays, at 11:00 a.m., in the church library.

Mission Dinner

A baked potato bar and dessert will be the Mission Dinner on Sunday, April 14. Plan to stay for good food and a good time with your church family!

Easter Lilies

It's that time of year when we order Easter Lilies to decorate the sanctuary for the Easter Sunday service. This year the cost is \$9.25 per plant. You can give a plant to the glory of God, or in memory/honor of someone. Plants can be taken home following the Easter Sunday service. An order form can be found online at www.fdmumc.org, or by contacting the office (ftdsmumc@gmail.com or 515-285-6545).

Looking for a Vacation Bible School?

Save the date for VBS at Christ Lutheran Church July 29th through August 1. Classes will be held for pre-school through 6th grade. Seventh graders and older will serve as classroom helpers. Drop-off will be 7:30 a.m. and pick-up time will be 5:30 p.m. Watch for more information in future issues of *The Poster*.

Let Us Know!

- If you have recently moved, changed your mailing address, your email address, phone number or are using cell phones instead of land lines, LET US KNOW!
- If you would like to be included in the prayer chain, LET US KNOW!
- If you are hospitalized, LET US KNOW! (Privacy laws do not allow hospitals to contact clergy when a parishioner is hospitalized.)

Contact the church office at 515-285-6545 or ftdsmumc@gmail.com or contact Pastor Dass directly at 1-515-447-7953 or emmanueldass@hotmail.com

Cause for Celebration!

April Birthdays

6 Karen Eis
7 Mae Wells
8 Kari Nalevanko
11 Jacob Norris
14 Sam Crise
16 Larry Seid
18 Sam Sides
19 Amanda Jones
24 Sara Alexander
26 Judy Prothero
27 Heather Dillard
28 Lori Evans
29 Mallory Crane
30 Lora Houck

April Wedding

Anniversaries

1 Craig & Pam Cave
20 Nick & Kari
Nalevanko
24 Doug & Val Brooks

April Baptismal

Anniversaries

3 Tammy Bernard
3 Brad Carlson
3 Judith Prothero
6 Dennis Garland
6 William Fisher
14 Brian Kent
15 Zack Norris
15 Scott Johnson
17 Emily Keller
17 Mitch Keller
17 Nicole Little
20 Eric Little
21 Sheryl Jacobsen
21 Beverly Miller

May Birthdays

2 Donna Bresee
6 Sharon Wilcox
9 Ann Keller
10 Kalee Jacoby
10 Steven Parsley
13 Tristan Yang
15 Zachary Norris
17 Debbie Smith
17 Jack Brooks
18 Pat Crane
21 J. J. Simmons
22 Bette Casper
26 James Waters
29 Joan Evans

May Wedding

Anniversaries

15 Bruce & Lori Evans
16 Doug & Debbie
Smith
21 Mel & Bonnie
Pearson
29 Fred & Sandy Kokke

May Baptismal

Anniversaries

4 Anna Nalevanko
6 Connie Otte
10 Sherri Little
10 Rickie Ramsey
12 Diane Drew
13 Mary Slater
23 Keith Garland
23 Debi Hamm
27 Austin Casper

Thanks to Everyone Who Helped!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the "Shrove Tuesday but on a Sunday" meal on March 3rd, following the worship service. A good time was had by all as we prepared for the start of the Lenten season.

Douglas M. Woods Hunger Challenge

Fort Des Moines United Methodist Church will take part in the Douglas M. Woods Hunger Challenge between March 1 and April 30. Donations to the Food Pantry Network are received throughout the month but we highlight Food Pantry Sunday on the third Sunday of each month (April 21). While cash is preferred, shelf-stable food items, personal hygiene items, diapers (all sizes), formula, and wipes can be donated.

Since 2013, the Douglas M. Woods Challenge Hunger Campaign has been matching gifts to the Des Moines Area Religious Council Food Pantry Network, thanks to benefactor and retired West Des Moines police officer Doug Woods. Now in its seventh year, the Douglas M. Woods Challenge Hunger Campaign offers \$20,000 of matching funds and over the past four years has raised over \$350,000 for the DMARC Food Pantry Network.

Did You Know?

SHARE Iowa has been in business for 28 years and Ft. Des Moines has been a delivery site for 27 of those years. SHARE Iowa will be closing its doors on April 15th due to changes in the trucking industry, the cost of groceries, and the difficulty in getting low-cost food items, among other factors. Wylene Gardner, our representative, indicated that it was a sad time but during its 28 years, SHARE was able to help a lot of people. Fort Des Moines was glad to be a part of this ministry!

Easter's Promise

"Twas by a path of sorrows drear
Christ entered into rest;
And shall I look for roses here,
Or think that earth is blessed?
Heaven's whitest lilies blow
From earth's sharp crown of woe:
Who here his cross can meekly bear,
Shall wear the kingly purple there.

L. B. Cowman, *Streams in the Desert*

Camp Books Are Here

The Iowa Conference of The United Methodist Church Camp and Retreat Center has sent out their 2019 Camp book and registration forms. There are activities for ages 4 through 94 at the three camps: Lake Okoboji (Spirit Lake), Pictured Rocks (Monticello) and Wesley Woods (Indianola). Information for the three locations can be found in one book or online at www.iaumc.org/camps. If you have questions, call 1-800-765-1651.

Council Highlights

The Administrative Council met on Sunday, March 24. Following is a summary of the business discussed:

- ◇ The parsonage needs some work: stools aren't flushing, living room light fixture needs to be repaired, and the garage roof is leaking.
- ◇ A lock will be installed on the upstairs storage room in the church
- ◇ Postcards inviting the neighborhood to our Holy Week services will be sent out.

"In the Garden"

In 1912, as Charles Austin Miles grabbed his Bible, it opened to John 20. Reading the account of Mary Magdalene outside the garden tomb where Jesus' body had been laid, Miles felt powerfully that he was there. Inspired, he quickly wrote the poem "In the Garden" and later composed the music.

This hymn might seem sentimental and trite, if understood to refer to just any garden. But the song takes on profound meaning when recognized as Mary's personal encounter with the living Lord.

"And he walks with me, and he talks with me,
And he tells me I am his own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known!"

Easter Lily Order Form

Easter Lilies are \$9.25 per plant.

You may give a lily in memory of or in honor of someone or to the glory of God.

You will be able to take plant home following the Easter Sunday worship service.

Deadline to order will be April 14, 2019.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

To the Glory of God _____

Your name _____

Number of plants _____ Amount attached \$ _____



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APRIL

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	02 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	03 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	04 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	05 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	06 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
07 9:45 UMC 11:00 Finance 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	08 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	09 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	10 9:30 ELL 10:00 WCF 6:00 ELL	11 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	12 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	13 9:30 ELL 10:00 SHARE 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
14 9:45 UMC 11:00 Trustees 11:00 Mission Din, JOPPA 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	15 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	16 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	17 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	18 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA 7:00 Holy Thurs. Ser.	19 9:30 ELL ELL BNTC Good Friday Ser. 4:00 5:00 7:00	20 9:30 ELL 11:00 Fellowship Hall rented 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
21 9:45 UMC 11:00 SPPRC 1:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	22 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	23 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	24 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	25 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	26 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	27 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 4:00 Comm. Meal 7:30 NA
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05 9:45 UMC 11:00 Finance 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	06 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 6:00 Central Dist. Conf.	07 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	08 9:30 ELL 10:00 WCF 6:00 ELL	09 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	10 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	11 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
12 9:45 UMC 11:00 Trustees 11:00 SS/JOPPA/Coffee 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	13 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	14 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	15 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	16 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	17 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 4:00 AA party 5:00 BNTC	18 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
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We give thanks for you!!!

**Ft. Des Moines United Methodist Church is a community of faith
in worship and action, open to all in the spirit and love of God.**

April/May 2019

Events:

Apr. 14: Mission Dinner @ 11:00am
Apr. 18: Holy Thursday Service at Bloomfield
@ 7:00pm
Apr. 19: Good Friday Service at Ft, Des Moines
UMC @ 7:00pm
Apr. 27: Community Meal @ 4:00pm
May 12: Mother's Day

Special Offerings:

Food Pantry Sunday will be on April 21. Donations of shelf-stable food items, cash, hygiene items, diapers (all sized), wipes, and formula will be received.
Native American Sunday will be the emphasis on May 5 with special envelopes in the worship bulletins. Gifts fund scholarships for Native American seminarians and strengthen, develop and equip Native American rural, urban and reservation congregations, ministries and communities and annual conference Native American ministries.