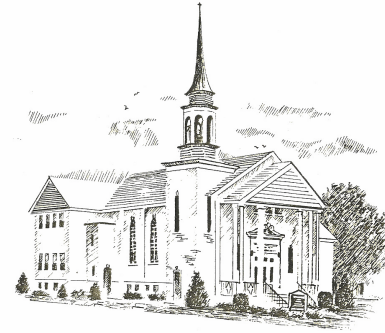


# THE MESSENGER



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## April Lectionary -

**April 3** 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

**April 10** Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130 (UMH 848)  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

**April 17** **Liturgy of the Palms**  
Matthew 21:1-11  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 (UMH 839)

**Liturgy of the Passion**  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16 (UMH 764)  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:14-27:66  
or Matthew 27:11-54

**April 24** **Easter Day**  
Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (UMH 839)  
Colossians 3:1-4  
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10  
**Festival of God's Creation**



## **EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH**

7:30 a.m. **Easter Sunrise Service  
Drama** by the Youth Group

8:30 a.m. **Easter Breakfast** by the  
Youth Group

9:30 a.m. **Easter Worship Celebration**

10:45 a.m. **Sunday School** for all ages

Dear Friends,

This coming Sunday will be the Fourth Sunday of the season of Lent. We are over halfway in our preparation for Easter. Palm Sunday, Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem beginning the week of the passion, will soon be upon us. Lent is time to reflect upon God's great love shown and given to the whole world through the cross of His son Jesus.



HOLY WEEK

Harry Emerson Fosdick, in his book entitled "The Hope of the Word" told the story that when Abraham Lincoln's body was brought from Washington to Illinois it passed through Albany and, as it was carried through the street, an African-American woman stood upon the curb and lifted her little son as far as she could reach above the heads of the crowd and was heard to say to him, "Take a long look honey. He died for you."

Fosdick went on to write with love and passion "So If I could, I would lift up your spirit to see Calvary. Take a long look. He died for you."

And He did!!! "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world, to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17).

That's Good News! Believe and trust in the Lord!!!

Grace and Peace,

*Chuck*



EASTER

### **Sunday, April 17th - 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship**

Celebrate Jesus Triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the processional of Palms

### **Thursday, April 21 - 7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday**

Remembering Jesus Last Supper with his Disciples

### **Friday, April 22 - 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service**

Willard St and First UMC will join Wesley UMC for a special service of Word and Song.

### **Easter Sunday, April 24**

7:30 a.m. **Easter Sunrise Service and Drama** presented by the Youth Group

8:30 a.m. **Easter Breakfast** prepared by the Youth Group

9:30 a.m. **Easter Worship Celebration**

10:45 a.m. **Sunday School for all ages**

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April brings Spring and nature renewed. This year April brings Easter. What a glorious gift the Lord has given us -- A LIFE RENEWED. There is Hope this time of year; Hope in warmer weather; Hope in the gray earth bringing forth God's majestic colors; and Hope in our own lives as we live by the grace God has so freely given us. April-- a time to appreciate lives renewed and rejoice in the Hope of life eternal. Blessed Easter to you all.

**JOYOUS EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The preschool through fifth grade classes continue their Lenten Journey. We will be presenting stories of Jesus right up to the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

\*\*\***APRIL 17th**, the children will participate in the **Palm Sunday** processional. **At 9:10 AM**, the children meet in Fellowship hall to receive their palms and get direction for their part in the program. We hope you encourage your child to attend during this special Lenten Season.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL:**  
Meets with Pastor Luers for Confirmation.

**SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Join Us !!!!

**~~~~~YOUTH NEWS~~~~~**

**SPECIAL THANK YOU !!!!**  
**TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR JOYFUL NOISE**  
**NIGHT FUNDRAISER!!!**

**We raised \$575.00 for Meals From the Heartland!!**

**===== ADULT CLASSES=====**

**ADULT / AGAPE CLASSES:** Are into their new Bible Study.

**MERRY HOMEMAKERS:** Will have a Special Study.

**WOMEN'S GROUP:** Will be involved with their studies.

**AGES AND STAGES:** Bible study Meets in Chapel

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**WEDNESDAY NITE LITES**

**club jc**

**Spring Party, Wednesday, April 6th;**

**FAMILY DINNER at 5:30 PM**

**CLUB JC; 6:00 – 7:00 PM**

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**!!! YOUTH !!!**

**We are practicing for the EASTER SERVICE**

**\*\*\*\*Join us Wednesday nights\*\*\*\***

**(5:30 PM, MAC n' YAC) 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM - Group.**

**JOIN US!! EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH**

**\*7:30 AM - in FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**\*YOUTH will present their Easter Program,**  
**“Who Do You See?”, followed by:**

**\*EASTER BREAKFAST of Egg Casserole, Fruit,**  
**and Pastries; (approximately 8:30 AM)**

**\*\*EASTER WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY... 9:30 AM**

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Thanks so much for all the lovely cards, calls, and visits; and Hazel Ruby for bringing the colorful altar flowers. A special thank you to Rev. Luers for his calls and prayers. Thanks to Donna Gardner for bring me the lovely prayer shawl. I'm at home and doing well.

Jean Caster

I want to thank Danny & Melissa Simonson and three little girls for bringing me the nice Valentine when I was in Rehab at Good Samaritan Center. That made my day! Jean Caster

Thank you very much; Donna Gardner, Bobbie Turpen, Terry Gipson, and Mark Henry, for helping me get the newsletter ready to mail. Your help is very much appreciated by me. Anyone wishing to help next month please call the office.

God Bless, Mary Mitchell

Thank you so much to my church family for their prayers, cards, gifts, phone calls, and visits. A special thank you to Pastor Luers. God Bless each of you for your kindness. In Christian Love, Sandra Kendall

Thank you children of Willard St Church for making the pretty valentine and thinking of me. Thanks to the adults that helped deliver them. Sorry I missed you. Arlene Breckenridge

Thank you so much for your cards and prayers during my recent surgery. Thank you to the ladies in the knitting group for the prayer shawl. With the coming of warmer weather and my new knee I hope to be back in the flower bed bringing smiles to your faces. Judy Rhynas

Thank you for the lovely valentine the Willard St children and Stacey McCoy brought to me and thinking of me. Dorothy Gaumer

Thank you for all the cards we received for our 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Richard & Virginia Steele



## Altar Flowers

If you would like to give the altar flowers in honor of or in memory of someone, please contact the church office.

**Cost is \$21.00**

## Newsletter DEADLINE

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Please have all articles for the monthly newsletter to the church office no later than **April 14th**, otherwise articles may be added to next month's newsletter.

THANK YOU! Mary

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

March 29 - 9:30 am  
Executive Committee



Women's Fellowship

Circle lesson: Reconciliation: "The Real Life Journey of Rebecca's Son Jacob."  
Program BK. Pg. 17

#### April 7 -

- 9:15 am - **Rebekah**, with Ruby Grooms at 506 Burrhus
- 1:00 pm - **Mary**, with Bernice Buchholz & Judy Burnstedt at 173 E Rochester Rd
- 1:00 pm - **Sarah**, with Naomi Heckart & Barb Quigley at the church

#### April 11 -

- 6:30 pm - Patience Circle, at the church

#### April 26 -

- 6:00 pm - **Faith**, at Hotel Ottumwa

### UMW General Meeting

April 14th - 1:00 pm  
Program - Mary Demorest - Trip to Israel  
Chairperson - Janeane Christy  
Hostess - Sarah Circle  
Memorial Service - Davie Ann Hutton and Madelene Schertz

#### Scripture: Micah 6:8

But God has already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, and don't take yourself too seriously - take God seriously. MSG

**Pray for:** Larry & Jane Kies (Zimbabwe)

### Family Game Night

Friday, April 1st - 5:30-7:30 pm

Sandwich Swap & Game Night  
for the whole Family



### MERRY HOMEMAKERS

April 8<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm



### One Great Hour of Sharing - April 3, 2011



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing this spring, your gift will help cover UMCOR's cost of doing business and allow us to keep our promise that 100 percent of every other contribution you make to a specific UMCOR project will be spent on that project and not on administrative costs.



Check it Out!

Do you have items of interest (pictures, papers, letters, etc.) that we can include in our church archives? Please bring them to the church labeled as to "who", "what", and "where" as clearly as possible. Thank you!  
Charles Lee

### Easter Lilies



If you would like to order Easter Lilies in memory of or in honor of someone, the cost thru the office will be: \$12.00 - tax, foil, & bow included. Order and payment must be made to the Church office by **Monday, April 11th**. Please include payment with your order. Thank you!

In memory or in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_



Nursery

### Nursery

#### Wish List:

- Plastic Storage Containers (small 16 x 11 x 6 with lids)
- Shelf Liner - Non Stick
- 3 oz. plastic or paper cups
- Plastic dishpans (6)
- Monetary donations to buy toys, etc.
- Donations can be dropped off at the church office during office hours. Any questions please contact Erin Harris @ 641-954-1233

The knitters and crocheters continue to be busy, but not too busy to give lessons or refresher tips. We also have the yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks, and patterns. Our fun and fellowship times will be 1:00 pm on April 11th and April 25th. Remember that prayer shawls and chemo caps are available in the Narthex; please sign the book for our records.



Thank you to all who have graciously shared used greeting cards for recycling and new envelopes to use with them. If you would enjoy cutting and pasting (without high-tech gadgets), please join us for the fun and fellowship at 1:00 pm on April 4th and April 18th.



SUPPORT GROUP

### Support Group

April 9<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am



Our sympathy is extended to the families of:  
**Miriam Briggs**, a member of Willard St UMC



Hospital List






Don Brown  
Helen Moore



# HOLY WEEK

# April 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <i>Sunrise Service</i>	 <b>MAUNDY Thursday</b>	 <i>Tenebrae Service</i>	 <b>Easter Morning Breakfast</b>	 <b>ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING</b>	1 "Church Office Closed" <b>5:30-7:30 pm - Sandwich Swap &amp; Game Night</b> 1:00 - Graveside service for Miriam Briggs	2
<b>3 One Great Hour of Sharing (offering)</b> 9:30 - Worship Service 10:30 - Coffee & Cookies 10:45 - Sunday School	4 1:00 - Card Recyclers	5 6:00 - Historical Dinner	6 Noon - Bible Study 5:30 - Family Dinner <b>6:00 - Club JC</b> 6:00 - Youth Group 7:30 - Chancel Choir	7 9:15 - Rebekah 1:00 - Mary 1:00 - Sarah	8 "Church Office Closed"  6:00 - <i>Merry Homemakers</i>	9 9:30 - Support Group
10 9:30 - Worship Service 10:30 - Coffee & Cookies 10:45 - Sunday School	11 1:00 - Knitters & Crocheters 6:30 - Patience Circle	12	13 Noon - Bible Study 5:30 - Youth Mac & Yac! 6:00 - Youth Group 7:30 - Chancel Choir	14 1:00 - UMW General Meeting  <b>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES</b>	15 "Church Office Closed"	16
17 <b>Palm Sunday</b> 9:30 - Worship Service 10:30 - Coffee & Cookies 10:45 - Sunday School <b>Holy Week April 17-23</b>	18 1:00 - Card Recyclers  <b>6:30 - Trustees Meeting</b>	19 Noon - Wapello County School Retirees	20 Noon - Bible Study 5:30 - Youth Mac & Yac! 6:00 - Youth Group 7:30 - Chancel Choir	21 <b>7:00 - Maundy Thursday Remembering Jesus Last Supper with his Disciples</b>	22 "Church Office Closed" <b>7:00 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service</b> Willard St & First UMC's will join <u>Wesley UMC</u>	23 Youth Group in fellowship hall and kitchen
24 <b>Easter</b> 7:30 - Youth Service 8:30 - Easter Breakfast <b>9:30 - Easter Worship</b> 10:30 - Coffee & Cookies 10:45 - Sunday School	25 1:00 - Knitters & Crocheters	26 6:30 - Faith Circle	27 Noon - Bible Study 5:30 - Youth Mac & Yac! 6:00 - Youth Group 7:30 - Chancel Choir	28	29 "Church Office Closed"	30