



CLOVER RIDGE CHURCH NEWS

APRIL 2017



Pastor Mike is available to meet by appointment and can be contacted on his cell phone:

(319)551-3874.

Please call first in case Pastor Mike has been called away

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MIKE

Philippians 3:9-11

"and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead."

Luke 24:5

"Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?"

I once had a Pastor friend say that death for us Christians is like going to a train station, our loved one who dies gets on, we say good bye. But we will see them again...we will get on that train too someday and make the trip to Heaven ourselves.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the wonderful fact of history and our faith. If Jesus had not risen from the dead we would be without hope! The Apostle Paul says if Jesus had not risen we are without hope and "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable." (1 Cor. 15:19) But the real true truth is that Jesus Christ is indeed risen from the dead!

I was thinking the other day about this fact. As you know I almost died last September. I can tell you that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a fact I hold most dear. When someone gets deathly ill, many times, we want to pray for their healing. We want to see them brought back to health and live here with us for many more years! In the death of a believer in Jesus Christ, God provides a healing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ but the person goes to Heaven and receives a greater healing than if they were healed on this side of death. They are taken to a better place where their sufferings have truly ended, and there is no more death, no hospitals, no rehab, no police, no bad news, no wars, no fighting over politics, and no more struggling. In the death of a believer in Jesus Christ, they go before us for a time, and then someday when it is our day to die and go on to life eternal there is a great reunion in Heaven! As we leave many loved ones, we go to be with God and many loved ones who were believers in Christ that are there already waiting for us in Heaven. Yes we say good bye as they get on the train to Heaven, and we say a joyful hello when we got off that train in Heaven. All because of one Man, Jesus Christ, who died for our sake, to take away our sins and was raised to justify us before God and give us the gift of eternal life. Yes Thanks be to God! Yes praises be to our King Jesus! Yes Alleluia, Alleluia! We love to sing it "Christ the Lord is Risen today, Alleluia!"

Announcements

Clover Ridge Women's Group News:

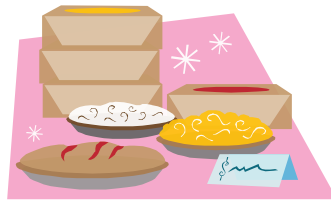
In February, the Women's group gave Valentine's for Vets in Cedar Rapids and also gave Valentines out to Seniors at the Amana Senior Care Center. Thank you to all that took some time out of your day to write a note on them. We are sure that each one was well received.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

MAY 13, 2017

CITY – WIDE GARAGE SALE DAY!!

Once again the Clover Ridge Women's Group will be organizing a **BAKE SALE** during the Clover Ridge Garage Sale. They will be selling **PIES** (Usually sold out before noon), **CANDIES**, **BARS BREADS**, **KOLACHES** (Sold out before noon), **ETC...** If you would like to **HELP** or **DONATE** any baked goodies it would **BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**. Contacts are Deb Hall & Shirley Lowe.



Pastor Mike's Email List:

Pastor Mike has an email list. It includes a verse of the day (Mon through Fri, sent after 7:30am), prayer concerns, church reminders and updates. If you would like to be a part of this list, please let him know by emailing: crumc@southslope.net



Missions Team News:

CRUMC Rummage Sale is COMING Soon!!

May 13th is our annual Rummage Sale here at the church building.

The proceeds go to the Mission Fund.

We need items to sell. As you do your spring cleaning, please remember us. Donations can be left in the far north Sunday school room. The week prior to the sale, we will need help setting up. We will need help at the sale on Saturday, May 13th as well. Thank you for your donations and help! If you can help or have questions talk to Ruth Phelps.

Thank you from the Mission Team.

Did You Miss It or Want to Hear It Again?

Sermons can be downloaded for free from your church website – follow this link: <http://sermons.cloverridgechurch.org/> . There are literally hundreds of sermons available to listen to. Sermon CD or cassette tapes are also available for \$3.00. If you are interested in this option, just ask Pastor Mike.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNERAL TEAM UPDATE: Thanks to everyone who donated food or worked at the Funeral lunch for the Dick Smith Family. There were 65 persons served.

Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, April 12 - 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power Prayer service

Friday, April 14 6:00 p.m. Potluck Supper with Last Supper service
7:00 p.m. Good Friday service

Sunday, April 16 Resurrection Sunday
7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service lead by our youth
8:15 a.m. Potluck breakfast
9:00 a.m. Resurrection Day Egg Hunt for kids 4th grade and under
10:00 a.m. Congregational worship celebration

Worship the LORD!

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER:

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”--
Henry Ford

The imagination and visualization possessed by Henry Ford was amazing! And yet, that same automation of working together is essential to the Clover Ridge Congregation. Each person has an important position to make Clover Ridge's success. It may mean cleaning or teaching, piano playing or ministering, preparing a meal or putting together the newsletter. In the same vein, each family's financial support keeps the Clover Ridge's bills paid and its purposes shining. Following are current financials:

January 1 General Expense Balance		\$ 5,503.68
Income for January	+\$13,280.13	
Income for February	+\$ 8,846.75	
Income to March 19	+ \$ 7,208.00	
Expenses for January	-\$11,280.84	
Expenses for February	-\$10,331.00	
Expenses for March	-\$ 8,395.96	
Balance to March 19 - General Expense:		\$ 4,830.76

Mortgage Balance: \$234,938.24. If you have any comments or have a suggestion for future features, please feel free to call me at 641-236-6797. Nancy Newberry

APRIL MILESTONES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

8: Kenneth Gordon
11: Casey Frame
12: Gavin Pash
 Rose Gordon
13: Chris Perkins
14: Teresa Sly-Albert
19: Cody Voss



20: Ramona Heller
26: Sherry Hall
28: Cory Thompson
29: Gay Mercer
30: Jessica Becker
 Erin Phelps

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

No April Anniversaries

LAITY IN-SERVICE - APRIL

Thank you for all your help

April 2

Greeters: Nancy Africa & Marlene Wasendorf
Worship Treats: Nancy & Marlene
Ushers: Women of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s):
(PRAY for NO SNOW)

April 9

Greeters: Roger & Shirley Lowe
Worship Treats: Gay Mercer & Shirley Lowe
Ushers: Youth Group
Candle Lighter(s):
(PRAY for NO SNOW) Larry Beltz

April 16

Greeters: Nancy Africa & Marlene Wasendorf
Worship Treats: Nadine T. & Doni Thompson
Ushers: Men of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s):
(PRAY for NO SNOW) Larry Beltz

April 23

Greeters: Joann Beltz
Worship Treats: Joann Beltz & Michelle Bahr
Ushers: Men of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s):



April 30

Greeters: Dann & Shari Harwood
Worship Treats: Jan Larson & Ramona Heller
Ushers: Men of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s):



Calendar Clover Ridge UMC - APRIL 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Each Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School except April 16 10:00 am Congregational Worship</p>						<p>1 <u>5pm-7pm</u> Roast Beef Supper Fund-raiser at our church building</p>
2	3	4	<p>5 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Trustees Meeting</p>	6	7	8
9	10	11	<p>12 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Church Council Meeting</p>	13	<p>14 <u>6:00 p.m.</u> Potluck Supper and communion <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Good Friday Worship Service</p>	15
<p>16 Resurrection Sunday <u>7:30 a.m.</u> Sonrise Service <u>8:15 a.m.</u> Potluck Breakfast <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Resurrection Egg Hunt <u>10:00 a.m.</u> Worship Service</p>	17	18	<p>19 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer</p>	20	21	22
<p>23 Pastor Parish Relations Committee After Worship Service</p>	24	25	<p>26 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer</p>	27	28	29
30				<p>Pastor Mike is available by appt. call 319- 551-3874</p>		

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Find us at:
www.cloverridgechurch.org/

Sunday Morning Schedule

Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 am - 11:15 am
Wednesday Prayer 11:00 am

About Our Organization...

Clover Ridge is a United Methodist Congregation in Walford, Iowa. Our church is made up of people from Walford, Fairfax, Cedar Rapids, Norway, The Amana Colonies, Marengo, and other places too! We are an evangelical Bible believing church who loves Jesus Christ!



If you have anything to contribute to the May newsletter, please submit it to Pastor Mike or Sharyl Voss (609pershing@gmail.com) by Monday, April 24, 2017. Thanks!

Please let the church know if you have moved or no longer wish to receive this newsletter.

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