



CLOVER RIDGE CHURCH NEWS

APRIL 2018

A NOTE FROM PASTOR MIKE

1 Peter 1:20-21 NKJV

He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Christ is Risen!

It never gets old to declare it! It is the best news on the planet! And God has more news! He wants us to have the resurrection life too! His Great Messenger told us. -

In John Chapter 3 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Jesus also told us, "Because I live, you will live also."

Humanity is looking to solve the problem of death.

One way is called Trans·hu·man·ism, tranz'hyoomənizim/

Noun: transhumanism - the belief or theory that the human race can evolve beyond its current physical and mental limitations, especially by means of science and technology. (Oxford Dictionary)

Some are working toward living eternally by transhumanism see it happening through a machine a robot or computer. Here is a quote from the dailymail.com

"Could you live forever? Humans will achieve IMMORTALITY using AI and genetic engineering by 2050, expert claims

1. **Dr. Ian Pearson claims people born after 1970 should be able to live forever**
2. **Genetic engineering could be used to reduce or reverse the ageing of cells**
3. **AI (AI is Artificial Intelligence through computers - Pastor Mike's note) could lead to android bodies for humans to live in after their body's fail**
4. **Virtual reality worlds could be created for people to upload their minds to**

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-5408425/Human-beings-achieve-immortality-2050.html#ixzz5AW7DnXz3>

And they think they can do it. I don't! And I don't want to! I would rather trust God any day! After all He made us all. He created all we can see and can't see! He sent His Son to the earth to tell us He loves us and offered His Son, Jesus Christ to die on the cross, to die to pay the penalty for our sins, and raised Him from the dead on that wonderful Sunday! And Jesus witnessed to that truth for 40 days. Then He ascended into Heaven. And those who saw Him resurrected were changed and became powerful witnesses of the Resurrection!

The apostle Paul wrote...

"Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2) by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3) For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4) and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5) and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6) After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7) After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8) Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time."

The Gospel of Jesus Christ gives us an amazing future! Eternal life with the Lord! And all our loved ones in Christ who have gone before us. God loves you! God has your future! And it is forever in a real place God called Heaven! There in Heaven there is no sin, no murder, no sickness, no wars, no disasters! Repent and believe The Gospel!

Love in Jesus Christ our risen Savior, God Bless You,

Pastor Mike

(P.S. AND don't forget our 20th Anniversary Celebration. We have been in our building for 20 years!! WE have much to celebrate! God has blessed us. We are still alive as a church! Working for Christ! See the poster on our 20th Anniversary Celebration in this newsletter. And also please read the poster on the Roast Beef Supper.

ROAST BEEF SUPPER FUND RAISER

**Clover Ridge UM Church
Highway 151, Walford, Iowa**



Menu: Sutton's Hot Roast beef, Mashed potatoes, vegetable, drink provided, (Chicken Strips meal available also)

Adults: \$10.00

Children 12 years and under: \$6.00

Children 5 years and younger: FREE

When: Saturday, April 7, 2018

Serving: 5:00 p.m to 7:00 p.m.

**Where: Clover Ridge United Methodist Church
125 5th Street North (just off Highway 151)
Walford, Iowa**

**Profits to the Clover Ridge UM Church Building and
Maintenance Trustees Fund**

WIN A DOOR PRIZE!!!



Join us for

GOD'S OPEN HOUSE

Celebrating 20 years in Walford

Sunday April 15, 2018

10:00 AM - Worship

11:30 AM - Luncheon

12:30 PM - Program

Everyone is welcome as our guests

Announcements

Clover Ridge Women's Group News:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

MAY 12, 2018

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**.

HELP NEEDED!! The Women's Group is looking for several people to help with the Bake Sale May 12th. You would be helping to SELL the baked goods. Shifts are 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Talk to Deb Hall if you can help out. Several of the members are needed elsewhere.

CLOVER RIDGE U.M CHURCH (WALFORD)

BAKE SALE - MAY 12TH

8:00 A.M. – UNTIL SOLD OUT!!

(In conjunction with Walford City-Wide Garage Sales)

GREAT FOR MOTHER'S DAY!!

Variety of Home-Made Pies

Fudge / Candies

Cinnamon Rolls

Bars / Cookies

Kolaches / Breads

(OTHER GARAGE SALES WILL BE HELD THROUGHOUT THE CITY ALSO ON FRIDAY, MAY 11TH.)



Missions Team News:

CRUMC Rummage Sale is COMING Soon!!

May 12th 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 12th 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 CONTINUED...

2018 BABY DIAPER BAGS (MARCH)

Thanks to everyone who donated money and baby items to the Baby Diaper Drive for the Young Parents Network in Cedar Rapids. A total for diapers was \$144.00. A list of other items listed below:
12 baby diaper bags, 822 diapers, 12 bibs, 24 receiving blankets, 2 heavy/knitted blankets, 14 baby wipes, 13 shampoo, 6 desitin, 6 pacifier, 12 burp cloths, 22 pcs. Clothing, 6 hooded bath towels, 6 baby bath, 15 onsies, 12 baby bottle brushes, 12 changing pads, and 6 suction syringes. An estimated total cost is \$648.50.

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER:

“We are what and where we are because we have first imagined it.” - Donald Curtis
I would like to re-arrange that thought to - - we are what and where we are because... there were families with a strong belief and a will to see through a dream for Walford-Fairfax-Amana and surrounding areas- - “Clover Ridge United Methodist Church”. Our 20th Year Anniversary will be celebrated April 15. Thank you to those core families and to the Good Lord for seeing us through the good and bad times as we fulfill that dream of a loving and learning church of God!

Balance to Feb. 21, 2018	\$7,778.93
Offerings: Feb. 4 – 18	\$4,290.00
Offerings: Feb. 25 – March 11	\$6,157.00
Interest	\$ 3.49
Expenses to end of March 25, 2018	\$8,551.64
Balance: March 22, 2018	\$9,677.78

The balance of the mortgage is \$225,044.08. During this period, we turned in funds to the conference of One Great Hour of Sharing - \$231.56 and Heifer Project - \$89.05. Yes, the March 22 balance looks strong, but please do not get to comfortable in that fact. Church Mutual will soon require a quarterly payment for insurance premiums. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 641-236-6797.

Nancy Newberry

APRIL MILESTONES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

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



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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

No Anniversaries Reported

**April 2018 Calendar: Clover Ridge UMC
Mission Baskets: Books for Kids**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>Resurrection</u> <u>Sunday!</u> 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service 8:20 a.m. Potluck Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Egg Hunt for Kids 10:00 a.m. Worship Service	2	3	4 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer <u>7 p.m.</u> Trustees Meeting	5	6	7 ROAST BEEF SUPPER 5 p.m. -7 p.m. Our Trustee Roast Beef Supper Fund Raiser
8	9	10	11 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer <u>7:00 p.m.</u> Church Council Meeting	12	13	14
15 Our 20th Anniversary Celebration 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Celebration Light lunch after worship 12:30 p.m. Afternoon Program	16 Pastor Mike on Vacation thru April 22	17 Pastor Mike on Vacation thru April 22	18 No Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer Pastor Mike on Vacation thru April 22	19 Pastor Mike on Vacation thru April 22	20 Pastor Mike on Vacation thru April 22	21 Pastor Mike on Vacation thru April 22
22 Pastor Mike on Vacation thru today	22	23	24 <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Hour of Power Prayer Praise and Prayer	25	26	27
28	29	30	You can reach Pastor Mike by calling his cell @ 319-551-3874			

LAITY IN-SERVICE - APRIL

Thank you for all your help

April 1: Resurrection Sunday 10 a.m.

Greeters:

Worship Treats:

Ushers: Women of the Congregation

Candle Lighter(s):

Nursery: Stacy Pasker &

Snow Removal:

April 8:

Greeters: Louie & Sheryl Hein

Worship Treats: Sheryl Hein &

Ushers: Youth of the Congregation

Candle Lighter(s):

Nursery: Stacy Pasker &

Snow Removal:



April 15: CRUMC 20th ANNIVERSARY

Greeters: Terry & Sharyl Voss, Chelsey

Worship Treats: Sandwich Meal

Ushers: Men of the Congregation

Candle Lighter(s): Chelsey Voss

Nursery: Stacy Pasker &

Snow Removal:

April 22:

Greeters: Kathy Wilson &

Worship Treats: Kathy Wilson &

Ushers: Men of the Congregation

Candle Lighter(s):

Nursery: Stacy Pasker &



April 29:

Greeters: Dorothy Snell &

Worship Treats: Dorothy Snell &

Ushers: Men of the Congregation

Candle Lighter(s):

Nursery: Stacy Pasker &

May 6:

Greeters: Nancy Africa & Marlene Wasendorf

Worship Treats: Nancy & Marlene

Ushers: Women of the Congregation

Candle Lighter(s):

Nursery: Stacy Pasker &

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We're on the Web!

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 Sunday, April 22, 2018. Thanks!

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

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