



CLOVER RIDGE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MARCH 2017

A note from Pastor Mike



Pastor Mike is available to meet by appointment and can be contacted on his cell phone at (319)551-3874.



SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE

We are going to go on a Lenten Adventure for 2017. It will be called "God's Garden" We are going to study together and learn about God our Master Gardener. God's Word, the Holy Bible talks about God in differing ways with somewhat of a garden theme..so we will learn about God's loving care for His garden.

Here is a look at our themes for each week:

Here is our Weekly Themes

- Week of March 5 "Connecting to Our Life Source"
- Week of March 12 "Bearing Fruit"
- Week of March 19 "Lettuce Be God's Garden Together"
- Week of March 26 "Sowing the Gospel"
- Week of April 2 "Sharing the Harvest"
- Week of April 9 "Worshiping the Life Giver"
- Week of April 16 "Great Things Happen In the Garden"

Each week I will have out a journal you can fill out and follow along with the theme of the week. The journal will have Bible lessons and questions to help you study and learn each day..to spend time with God!

There will be no charge to get involved. Just pick up a journal on Sunday mornings. Or I will have it available each week to download on our church website at [HTTP://cloverridgechurch.org](http://cloverridgechurch.org) It is not mandatory to journal or to take a journal, but it will be available for those who wish to participate. I hope you are blessed!

Walk with the Lord and be a blessing,
Pastor Mike

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER:

The most important thing is not to stop questioning—Albert Einstein

Being informed is usually the best way to be prepared. Nobody likes surprises...Well, I'm back, and I thought that my first article for the newsletter should involve how the weekly offerings are used. Below is a list of a typical month's expenses:

- Pastoral Salary \$ 3,918
- Conference Direct Billing \$ 1,966
- Debt Retirement \$ 1,650
- Office Expense \$ 150 to \$ 300
- Utilities (Winter) \$ 750 to \$ 850

- Total \$ 8,434 to \$ 8,684**

Additional costs: Approximate Monthly Share of Insurance Payable \$ 485, Miscellaneous Items including: Annual Conference, Mileage, Continuing Education.

This does not include Apportionments; we have not been able to pay for a number of years.

To give a bit more perspective, below are offering totals in the last 10 weeks:

- December \$ 7,533
- January (5 wks) \$ 9,648
- February (1 wk) \$ 2,216



This averaged out to about \$1,939 per week.

As you can see, our working together is essential to be successful in meeting our obligations. The mortgage has been making satisfactory pay down with a balance of \$236,253.55.

If you have any questions or would like to have something addressed in future newsletters, please contact Pastor Mike or me with your thoughts.

Nancy Newberry (641)236-6797.

Clover Ridge UMC - March 2017 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Church Membership class happens in the front office at 9:00 a.m and will continue through the 1st Sunday in April			1 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power 7:00 p.m. Trustees Commit.	2	3	4
5 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Congregational Worship	6	7	8 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power 7 p.m. Church Council	9	10 Possible Movie Night - to be decided	11 Move clocks one hour ahead tonight
12 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Congregational Worship	13	14	15 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power	16	17 	18
19 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Congregational Worship	20 	21	22 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power	23	24	25
26 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Congregational Worship	27	28	29 11:00 a.m. Hour of Power	30	31	

**Roast Beef Supper
Clover Ridge United Methodist Church
Highway 151, Walford, Iowa**



Menu: Sutton's Hot Roast beef, Mashed potatoes, corn, drink provided, homemade Kolaches for dessert (Chicken Strips meal available also)

Adults \$10.00

Children 12 years and under: \$6.00

Children 7 years and younger: FREE

When: Saturday, April 1, 2017

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**

LAITY IN SERVICE – MARCH 2015

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!
PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR MIKE IF YOU CAN FILL IN ANY OF THE BLANKS**

March 5

Greeters: Terry & Sharyl & Chelsey Voss
Worship Treats: Ruth Phelps & Jan Larson
Ushers: Women of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s): Aiden Gross
Snow Removal: Jan Larson

March 12

Greeters: The Martins
Worship Treats: Cari Martin & _____
Ushers: Youth Group
Candle Lighter(s):
Snow Removal: Martins

March 19

Greeters: Joanne Beltz Gay Mercer
Worship Treats: Joanne Beltz & _____
Ushers: Men of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s): _____
Snow Removal: Martins

March 26

Greeters: _____ & _____
Worship Treats: _____ & _____
Ushers: Men of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s): _____
Snow Removal: Larry Beltz

April 2

Greeters: Nancy Africa & Marlene Wasendorf
Worship Treats: Marlene & Nancy
Ushers: Women of the Congregation
Candle Lighter(s): _____
Snow Removal: _____

2017 MISSION BASKETS OFFERING

JANUARY

General Mission Fund

FEBRUARY

One Great Hour of Sharing (Whole Month)

MARCH

Food Baskets for Easter

APRIL

Books for Kids

MAY

Mark & Rae Wilson (Africa Missionaries)
May 13 – Walford Garage Sale/Rummage Sale

JUNE

Josh & Tammy Hunt (Asia Missionaries)

JULY

General Mission Fund

AUGUST

General Mission Fund

SEPTEMBER

Imagine No Malaria
Coats/Hats/Mitten Collection
(Sweaters & Blankets)

OCTOBER

General Mission Fund

NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

DECEMBER

Christmas Food Baskets
Deliver Food Baskets and
Holiday gift bags to Shut- Ins

We could do special offerings in case of Natural Disasters. Thank you for your support of Missions. IT FEELS GOOD TO GIVE DOESN'T IT?

MARCH MILESTONES:



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

1: Pat Bahr
Randy Perkins
3: Nancy Newberry
4: Laura Williams
6: Chandler Gordon
13: Ahnyah Bruce
14: Emilie Kaplan
18: Rob Sproat
19: Justin Phelps
20: Heather Christ

22: Gary Hall
23: Dick Smith
Shari Harwood
Don Larson
LaVonda Gordon
24: Bud Northup
25: Jeremy Poolaw
27: Doni Thompson
Janice Rawson
Diane Townsley

WEDDING ANIVERSARIES



29: Tom & Tersa Sly Albert
29: Michael and Emile Kaplan

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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...

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 April newsletter, please submit it to Pastor Mike or Sharyl Voss (609persHING@gmail.com) by Sunday, March 26th, 2017. Thanks!

If you have moved to a different church or wish to no longer receive our newsletter, please let us know by e-mail @ crumc@southslope.net or call 846-2349 / 319-551-3874 and leave a message. Thank you.

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