



## **Clover Ridge UMC March/ April 2020 NEWSLETTER**

### **A Note from Pastor MIKE**

**1 John 2:25 “And this is the promise that He has promised us—eternal life.”**

**John R. W. Stott said- ““We live and die; Christ died and lived!”**

**Spring is coming. Resurrection Sunday is coming! They both remind us of new life!!**

**I love seeing things come to life in the spring. Things that seem dead come to life. Green comes on the scene! As I write this I did a Google search and found out spring starts on Thursday, March 19! That will be here soon! But stuff in Iowa usually doesn't start greening up till a little later. Soon it will be mowing grass time! Then trees start bringing on leaves and flowers bloom. It makes me smile to think about it.**

**Another thing that makes me smile and warms my heart is our wonderful Savior Jesus Christ. He gave Himself to save us from our sins. He put Himself in our place to take the punishment we deserved. Why? Because He loves us! God loves us! And on that wonderful Sunday morning, He rose from the dead never to die again! And Jesus promises us who believe in Him as our Savior and Lord that we too will have eternal life, never to die again. That is why we believe, for us who know Christ, that when our bodies die, we do not, we go on to live eternally forever! The apostle John in John 3 says “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.” Have is in the present. We have it now! So hang on to Christ's promises! They are always true! Christ showed us eternal life is real when He rose from the dead! Someday, thousands of years in the future, we will look at each other again and say again," yes this is real! Real eternal life! Thank you Lord !!!"**

**Walk with the Lord and share His news!**

**Pastor Mike**

**Quote by  
Ravi Zacharias:**

**“Outside of the cross of Jesus Christ, there is no hope in this world. That cross and resurrection at the core of the Gospel is the only hope for humanity. Wherever you go, ask God for wisdom on how to get that Gospel in, even in the toughest situations of life.”**

## **Finance Report as of 02/19/2020**

### **GENERAL ACCOUNT ACTIVITY**

#### **YTD:**

2019 Starting Balance	\$16,289.31
YTD Deposits	\$14,476.72
YTD Expenses	\$15,810.35
Ending Balance	\$14,955.68

**YTD Cash Flow**(General Account)                   -\$1,333.63

### **BALANCES CHECKING ACCOUNTS:**

Discipleship	\$1,283019
Evangelism	\$317.99
Fellowship	\$5,644.30
General Account	\$14,955.68
Memorials	\$4,925.51
Missions	\$1,977.17
Trustees	\$3,117.73
Worship	\$144.68

### **BALANCES SAVINGS ACCOUNTS:**

Parking Lot Fund	\$15,118.38
Property Improvement & Maint	\$8,893.66

**TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS:**                                   **\$56,378.29**

**LOAN BALANCE**   **\$205,238.26**

**Dann Harwood - Treasurer**

## MARCH / APRIL MILESTONES

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY : MARCH

1 - Pat Bahr  
3 - Nancy Newberry  
4 - Laurie Williams  
6 - Chandler Gordon  
7 - Kandi Rose  
11 - Noelle Lown  
12 - Emma Vermace  
13 - Ahnyah Bruce  
17 - Steve Rose / Marlin Phelps  
18 - Rob Sproat  
19 - Justin Phelps  
22 - Heather Christ  
23 - Shari Harwood / Don Larson  
24 - Bud Northup / Joel Collett  
25 - Zane Parham  
27 - Pastor Diane Townsley / Janice Rawson  
Doni Thompson

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY: APRIL

4 - Brynlee Barnell  
8 - Kenneth Gordon / Michael Kaplin  
12 - Rose Gordon / Gavin Pash  
14 - Teresa Sly Albert  
19 - Cody Voss  
20 - Ramona Heller  
28 - Cory Thompson  
29 - Gay Mercer  
30 - Jessica Wille

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY :

#### MARCH

29 - Michael & Emily Kaplin  
Tom & Teresa Albert

#### APRIL

22 - Jon & Marna Dahlstrom

## 2020 MISSION BASKET'S OFFERING

January - General Mission Fund  
February - General Mission Fund  
March - One Great Hour of Sharing  
April - Food Baskets for Resurrection  
Sunday  
May - Mark & Ray Wilson Missionaries  
May 9 - Rummage Sale Day Walford  
Garage Sale Day  
June - Josh & Tammy Hunt Missionaries

July - General Mission Fund  
August - General Mission Fund  
September - No More Malaria ( Coats /Hats  
Mittens / Sweaters / Blankets)  
October - Apportionments  
November - Christmas Food Baskets  
December - Christmas Food Baskets  
( Deliver Food Baskets & Holiday Gift Bags  
to shut ins)

We could do special offerings in case of Natural or Man Made Disasters. Thank you for your support of Missions! **IT FEELS GOOD TO GIVE, DOESN'T IT!!!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2020 New Telephone / ADDRESS DIRECTORY** - Deb Hall (319-846-7030) is working on a new 2020 church congregation telephone / address booklet. If your number or address has changed since 2017, please let me know so I can update it. I am not publishing cell phone numbers unless that is your only contact number. If you do not want your phone number or address published, please let me know.

**WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS - In December**, The Women's Group at their Christmas party supplied the kitchen with \$188.00 of supplies.

**In January**, the Women's Group made hand-made Valentine's for our church related servicemen (Spencer Beltz, Gavin Pash, Shawn Zapata, and Mark Northup Jr.) with the help of the congregation to write messages. We also sent Valentines to Stoney Point Meadows this year.

**In March**, the group will be working on collecting money to purchase diapers for the Young Parents Network where the parents have to work for points to purchase the items, other baby items are also accepted and doesn't have to be new, just left over. Clothing is also accepted.

**May 9th** will be the church city-wide garage sales. The Women's Group will be having a Bake sale.

### **Men's Breakfast Update-**

We found out Bob and Jerry are good cooks! We had a good crowd on Saturday, Feb. 15! We doubled how many we had in January! So all you guys are invited to Men's Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at our fellowship hall. Free will offering. We are done by 9 a.m. It is just good to have time with the guys! Come and you will be blessed!

### **March 15 Will be Heritage Sunday -**

On Sunday, March 15 we will celebrate our church heritage and have a potluck lunch after worship. A sign up sheet will be passed through the congregation on March 1 and March 8 for the potluck. It should be a great day!

### **Holy Week Schedule -**

**April 9** - Holy Thursday 6:00 p.m. Potluck supper followed by Last Supper Service

**April 10** - Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Good Friday worship service

**April 12** - Resurrection Sunday

#### **NO Sunrise Service this year!**

8:45 a.m. Resurrection Egg Hunt for kiddos. 5th grade and younger

9:00 a.m. Potluck breakfast: bring food to share.

10:00 a.m. Congregation Gathers for Worship of our the Risen Lord

## LAITY IN SERVICE FOR MARCH / APRIL

### **March Laity in Service:**

#### **March 1**

Greeters: Randy and Cathy Hoskins

After worship snacks:

Ushers: Women

Candle Lighter: CJ Purvis

Nursery: Stacy Pasker &

Sidewalk Snow Shovelers:

#### **March 8**

Greeters:

After worship snacks: Jan L. &

Ushers:

Candle Lighter:

Nursery: Stacy Pasker &

Sidewalk Snow Shovelers:

#### **March 15**

Greeters: Nancy A. & Marlene W.

After worship snacks:

Ushers: Men

Candle Lighter:

Nursery: Stacy Pasker &

Sidewalk Snow Shovelers:

#### **March 22**

Greeters: Cheryl Hatton &

After worship snacks:

Ushers: Men

Candle Lighter: CJ Purvis

Nursery: Stacy Pasker &

Sidewalk Snow Shovelers:

#### **March 29**

Greeters: Roger & Shirley Lower

After worship snacks: Shirley L. &

Ushers:

Candle Lighter:

Nursery: Stacy Pasker &

Sidewalk Snow Shovelers:

### **April Laity in Service:**

#### **April 5: Palm Sunday**

Greeters: Dann & Shari Harwood

After worship snacks: Elaine S. &

Ushers: Women

Candle Lighter:

Nursery: Stacy P. &

Sidewalk Snow Shovelers:

#### **April 12: Resurrection Sunday**

Greeters:

After worship snacks:

Ushers: Men

Candle Lighter:

Nursery: Stacy P. &

Sidewalk Snow Shovelers:

#### **April 19**

Greeters: Nancy A. & Marlene W.

After worship snacks: Nancy A.

Ushers: Men

Candle Lighter:

Nursery: Stacy P.

Sidewalk Snow Shovelers:

#### **April 26**

Greeters: Dorothy S. &

After worship snacks: Dorothy S. &

Ushers: Men

Candle Lighter:

Nursery: Stacy P. &

Sidewalk Snow Shovelers:

**ATTENTION!!!! ATTENTION!!!!**

**BAKE SALE  
MAY 9, 2020**

**LOCATION: CLOVER RIDGE UMC IN WALFORD  
( In Conjunction with City - Wide Garage sales)**

**HOME - MADE PIES  
FUDGE / CANDIES  
BREADS  
KOLACHES  
COOKIES / BARS  
SNACK MIXES**

**Bake Sale Donations From The Congregation Would Be  
Much Appreciated Also!!**

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**ROAST BEEF SUPPER FUNDRAISER**

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

**Menu: Sutton's Hot Roast beef, Mashed potatoes, Corn or Green Beans, drink provided, desserts**

**Adults: \$12.00**

**Children 12 years and under: \$6.00**

**Children 5 years and younger: FREE**

**When: Saturday, April 4, 2020**

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

**Where: Clover Ridge United Methodist Church**

**125 5<sup>th</sup> Street North (just off Highway 151)**

**Walford, Iowa**

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

**March 2020 CALENDAR - Clover Ridge United Methodist Church  
MISSION BASKET OFFERING - One Great Hour of Sharing**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 P. Mike at Conf in Des Moines through March 5	4 No Hour of Power 7pm Trustees	5	6	7
8 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	9	10	11 11:00 am Hour of Power Worship Training 7:00 pm Church Council	12	13	14
15 Heritage Sunday Potluck after worship! 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	16 P. Mike continuing education through March 21	17	18 No Hour of Power Worship	19	20	21 7:30 am Men's Group breakfast at Church building
22 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	23	24	25 11:00 am Hour of Power Worship 6:30 p.m. Spiritual Gifts Bible Study	26	27	28
29 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	30	31				Mike is available just call his cell phone at 319-551-3874 to make an appointment

**April 2020 CALENDAR - Clover Ridge United Methodist Church**  
**MISSION BASKET OF OFFERING - Food Baskets for Resurrection Sunday**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11:00 am Hour of Power Worship 7pm Trustees Meet	2	3	4 Roast Beef supper fundraiser tonight at our Church!!!! 5 pm
5 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship Palm Sunday	9	10	11 11:00 am Hour of Power Worship Training 7:00 pm Church Council	12 6 p.m. Holy Thursday Potluck supper followed by communion	13 Good Friday Service 7 p.m.	14
15 8:45 a.m. Resurrection Egg Hunt for kids 9 a.m. Potluck Breakfast 10:00 a.m. Worship Resurrection Sunday	16	17	18 11:00 am Hour of Power Worship 6:30 p.m. Spiritual Gifts Bible Study	19	20	21 7:30 am Men's Group breakfast at Church building
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**We're on the WEB!  
Find us at:  
[www.cloverridgechurch.org](http://www.cloverridgechurch.org)**

**If you have anything to contribute to the Newsletter, please submit it to Pastor Mike or Sharyl Voss ([609pershing@gmail.com](mailto:609pershing@gmail.com)) by April 19, 2020. Thank you! Please let Pastor Mike know if you have moved or no longer wish to receive the newsletter.**

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

**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,  
Amana Colonies, Marengo, Walker, and other areas.  
We are an Evangelical Bible believing church who  
Loves Jesus Christ!**

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