

THE UNITER

MAY 2018

Maquoketa
United Church of Christ
God is still speaking



Spring Fever

This last week it has been so beautiful outside that I half-expect to hear Vivaldi's "Spring" when I step out my door. The sun is shining, the birds begin their morning vigil at 4:00 a.m. and the rabbits are so plump (and probably, so pregnant) that my dog salivates just looking at them.

This is prime back porch weather for me, so I spent part of my day off this week removing layers of grime accumulated from the long (oh so long) winter. I washed windows, vacuumed up dried leaves and bug bodies, and bought new pillows with pineapples on them, just because. I take my morning tea out there, and if possible, my afternoon tea, as well. Sometimes I read, but mostly, I just sit. The breeze blows in gently, or not. When I'm there I do my best not to think about things I'm "supposed" to be doing. Because the back porch isn't for doing. The back porch is for being.

Our culture doesn't really know how to celebrate "being" for its own sake. Usually, it ties being to doing. When meeting someone for the first time, we tend to first ask what they do, right? Point fingers at our late-stage capitalism, our Protestant work ethic, our history as a nation of immigrants, or some combination of all of them and more—forces abound that make people not into human beings, but human doings.

On the other hand, sometimes all the talk of self-care makes rest sound like a retreat only for the lucky few who can afford it.

But resting isn't the opposite of justice and peace-making. Resting isn't the opposite of the work found in family, home, and vocation. Instead, rest makes all those good things possible. As the poet David Whyte writes: "when your eyes are tired the world is tired also." Rest enables us to fulfill the highest callings and the deepest needs of the world.

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Do you have spring fever? Are you itching to plant, to camp, to sit on your porch for a while and let the world go by without you, just for a few minutes?

Because I'll join you. From my back porch...

God's blessings and kindness,

Pastor Stephanie

Dear Friends of Maquoketa United Church of Christ:

As you know, Operation New View collected personal care and household items throughout the month of February for our Loads of Love campaign. You responded in a BIG way. Jane Bentrrott "just kept coming" with items and monetary donations. To our surprise, Sherri showed up with two gift cards from the Local Emergency Mission Fund, totaling \$300.00. Many of you donate gently used clothing, household and footwear items. You even think of puzzles, magazines and books. We are so grateful! Operation New View serves hundreds of hard working low-income, elderly and disabled households throughout Jackson County. Many just could not survive without additional support. Many of you do not know that it takes roughly \$1,000.00 per month to supply our gift/exchange shop with much needed items. Participants can pick 10 items one time every 90 days. Thank you for "being the one" to recognize when others might need a random act of kindness. Thank you for supporting the mission of Operation New View, so that all people may grow and thrive in our community.



Thank you so much,
Ronelle



May 6th will be Senior Recognition for Emily Oswalt. Join us at worship and coffee fellowship as we celebrate Emily's graduation and launching into the next stage of her life.

May 20th will be the last day of Sunday School. Please join us for an inter-generational good time!

Lift Project Funding

Total funds needed:

Architect fees	\$ 5,100.00	
Contractor fees	<u>89,490.00</u>	
Total:		<u>94,590.00</u>

Less funds on hand:

Memorial fund	53,947.76	
Donations	27,975.00	(as of 4/26/18)
Savings	6,404.98	

Total: 88,327.74

Remaining balance needed: \$ 6,262.26

At this time we have had 21 folks respond. Thank you!

May 2018

Maquoketa United Church of Christ

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
		1 Office closed 7:30 p Yoga	2 7:30 a Centering Prayer 9:30 a Spiritual Outreach 11:00 a Worship Committee 5:15 p Meal Deal (potluck) 6:15 p Centering Prayer 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p Alcoholics Anonymous	3 8:00 a 1:00 p at First 6:00 p
6 8:45 a Adult Bible Study 9:00 a Sunday School 10:00 a Worship— graduation recognition New member information 11:45 a Qigong	7 6:00 p Karate Club	8 9:00 a Ministerial Association 5:15 p Open & Affirming Committee 7:30 p Yoga	9 7:30 a Centering Prayer 9:30 a Women's Fellowship 5:15 p Meal Deal 6:15 p Centering Prayer 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p Alcoholics Anonymous	10 8:00 a 6:00 p 7:00 p
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20 9:00 a Intergenerational Sunday School 10:00 a Worship 11:45 a Qigong 1-5 p Duncan room— Geronzin family reunion	21 6:00 p Karate Club	22 3:00 p Music Committee 7:30 p Yoga	23 7:30 a Centering Prayer 5:15 p Meal Deal 6:15 p Centering Prayer 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p Alcoholics Anonymous	24 8:00 a 6:00 p
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Service Committee

Roberta Rosheim & Kathy Thede

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	Fri	Sat
a Morning Prayer Prayer Shawl Ministry t Lutheran Karate Club	4 Office open 9 a—2 p	5 7:00 p Narcotics Anonymous
00 a Morning Prayer Karate Club Council Meeting	11	12 Pr. Stephanie on vacation, returning May 22nd. 7:00 p Narcotics Anonymous
00 a Morning Prayer Karate Club	18	19 7:00 p Narcotics Anonymous
Morning Prayer Karate Club	25	26 4-7 p Emily Oswalt graduation open house in downstairs fellowship hall 7:00 p Narcotics Anonymous (upstairs)
Morning Prayer Karate Club		

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May 6

WC Steve Tubbs
 GR Joel & Sara Tubbs
 WL Marilyn Deegan

May 13

WC Tom Breuch
 GR Bel Tubbs & Elaine Tubbs
 WL David Manning

May 20

WC John Dague
 GR Marie Holst & Jean Claeys
 WL David Manning

May 27

WC Bill Schwenker
 GR Dan Anderson &
 Marilyn Dean
 WL Karen McClintock



John Dague	May 1
Dean LeClere	May 2
Pr. Stephanie	May 3
Tess Nissen	May 5
Janet Burke	May 9
Karen McClintock	May 10
Sam Sandberg	May 22
Shirley Tabor	May 16
Jim Dean	May 17
Nick Francois	May 17
Zachary McClintock	May 20
Carol Davis	May 21
Marie Holst	May 22
Mary Hayward	May 28
Alicia Yappen	May 28
Sara Tubbs	May 29
Terri Summer	May 30
Kathy Geronzin	May 31

Dates to Remember:

Graduation Recognition—May 6
 Last day of Sunday School—May 20
 Baccalaureate—May 16

Meal Deal Dates:

May 2—potluck
 May 9
 May 16
 May 23
 May 30

Need a ride?

If you need help in getting to worship,
 or other church events

Please call David Manning 563-652-3089.

Council Minutes

The council minutes will be posted on
 the bulletin board outside Pastor
 Stephanie's office after they have
 been approved by the council.





If you know where the wheelchair that used to be in the east vestibule currently is, please call the office and let us know.

Thank you!

Duncan Do-Over

New window blinds have been ordered for the Duncan Do-Over project. A painter is lined up to paint after the lift project is complete. We're all excited for the upcoming improvements.

Council also approved our suggestions for updating the chapel. The same painter will remove the existing wallpaper and paint the walls of the chapel.

Geni Carr

Karen McClintock

Caroline Bybee

Elaine Tubbs

Pr. Stephanie Haskins



Cleaning out your closets? We welcome any donations any time for the treasure sale. As of now, the plan is to have a big sale in the fall. Details to come.

Geni Carr



I want to thank all of my church family for the care, prayers, good wishes, and dishes that you sent my way after my car accident.

It is a slow and painful recovery, but your help lightens the load.

Thank you

Sarah Hobbs

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