

The Messenger

APRIL



April 5 - Palm Sunday
8am - Worship
9:15am - Church School
10:30am - Worship

April 9 - Maundy Thursday
12pm - Worship
7pm - Worship

April 10 - Good Friday
12pm - Worship
7pm - Worship

April 12 - Easter
8am - Worship
9:15am - Church School
10:30am - Worship

Compassion Sunday April 19

There will be a special Compassion presentation at both services. The 8:00am worship service will be held in the Sanctuary and the 10:30 worship service will be held in Friendship Hall.

United Methodist Women

The Easter Egg orders are coming in and so far it looks like it will be a good year. You have until March 31st to get orders in. April and May are busy months for the United Methodist Women. Friday, April 3rd, is the Quilt Show at Cunningham Children's Home. We have 8 people going. The cost is \$5.00 per person. We plan on taking the van. If any one else would like to go, contact Linda Grose at 728-4697. Saturday, April 4th, we will prepare the luncheon for the Retired Teachers. Mark you calendar, Wednesday, May 6th is the Mothers and Daughters Banquet. We would like to thank all those helping with the Easter Egg Project and the Retired Teachers Luncheon. Next month we will have an update on how many eggs we made.

No General Meeting

Martha Circle

Monday, April 20 at 7:30pm
Hostess: Joan Highland
Co-hostess: Judy Ozier
Devotions: Hyllis Rhoades
Lesson: Char Black

Mary Circle

Wednesday, April 15 at 1:30pm
Hostess: Linda Lambdin
Lesson: Mary Naughtin



April Memory Verse:

—1 Corinthians 15:57

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Library Update



The inventory for our church library continues to increase! The following books have been purchased or donated during the past month:

Angels Among Us by Leena Lane (The Reading Program)

Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship and Freedom

by Tim Tingle (The Reading Program)

William Henry Is a Fine Name by Cathy Gohlke (The Reading Program)

The Making of Isaac Hunt by Linda Leigh Hargrove (The Reading Program)

Sarah's Promise by Leisha Kelly

Men of the Saddle Series by Lori Copeland

The Peacemaker (Book One)

The Drifter (Book Two)

The Maverick (Book Three)

The Plainsman (Book Four)

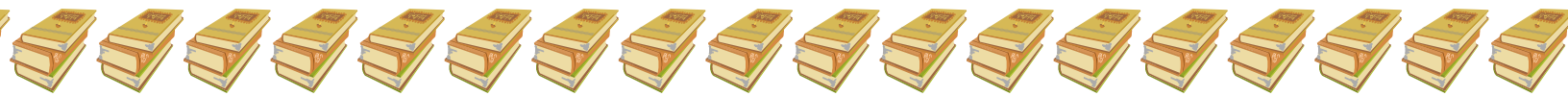
Lonestar Sanctuary by Colleen Coble

Something Beautiful by Gloria Gaither (The Stories Behind a Half-Century of the Songs of Bill and Gloria Gaither)

Beautiful Boy by David Sheff (A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction)

Thanks again to those of you who have donated books to our library. I urge all of you to **keep on reading!**

Lois Shuman



Facility Policy Update

The mission of our church is to “make disciples for Jesus Christ.” To pursue this mission the Administrative Council has decided to reserve the church library every Sunday morning from 9:15 am to 10:15 am for a newly formed Church School group. Our prayer is that this group will grow spiritually through their study every Sunday morning. Please plan your library needs around this reserved schedule.

God Bless You,
Administrative Council



Summer Church Camp

Camping brochures for summer 2009 are available from the church office. Camps are for all ages. Scholarships are also available. Any questions, please call Debra Gromley at 728-4943.

A site surveying training session and site visit will follow breakfast on Saturday, April 4, at 8am. If you have already signed up to be a site surveyor or would like to, please make plans to attend.



"Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth" (Psalm 124:8)

May the Lord's comfort and blessings be with the family and friends who mourn the death of Thelma Preston.



*Remember
these lost
loved ones*



We would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and visits while Mom was in Mason Point and at her passing. Also, a special thanks for the cards, gifts of food, the wonderful dinner provided by the United Methodist Women and Rev. Gromley's special celebration of Mom's life. We will always remember your kindness and Christian love.

The family of Thelma Preston

We have received your gift for the Ronald McDonald House. On behalf of the families who make our house their "home away from home" while their child is hospitalized, we thank you for your support.

Your gift of 4.5 pounds of pop tabs was received on 3/4/09.

Sincerely,

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Illinois



**PASS
ON
THE GIFTSM**

Please join with the children and youth of the church school in a ministry to purchase animals through the Heifer Project International (HPI). If you would like to make an offering to support this ministry, please mark your gift HPI. Also, for those who have taken Lenten coin folders, please return the folders by Easter Sunday, April 12. The goal is to have enough money to purchase

a water buffalo at \$250

a heifer at \$500

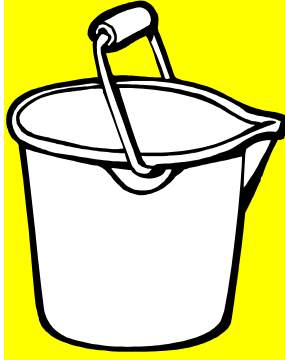
a llama at \$150

a trio of rabbits at \$60

a flock of ducks at \$20

(The cost for the above animals is \$980.)

Thank you, and may the Lord's blessings be with you.

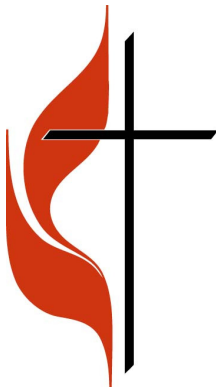


The April Yellow Bucket offering will go to summer church camp scholarships.

The Yellow Bucket offering for February was \$63.18 and went to support Habitat for Humanity.



*The deadline for the May Newsletter is
Friday, April 17.*



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