



**Rockwell City &
Jolley Community
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Sunday Worship Times

Jolley Community UMC
Worship is at 9:00 am
Sunday School: 9:45
(Sept. - May)

Rockwell City UMC
Worship is at 10:30 am
Adult Bible Study: 9:30 am
(Sept. - May)

United Methodist Youth

September - May
K-6 - 3:30 - 4:30 pm
1st & 3rd Wednesdays of Month

Jr & Sr High meet the Wednesday
after the 3rd Sunday of the month at
5:30 pm and one Saturday a month.

"A Piece of the Rock"



News from the Rockwell City & Jolley Community United Methodist Churches

August 2018

Message from Pastor . . .

TWO INVITATIONS TO PRAYER

Prayer is one of the cornerstones of our faith and our church life. It is critical to turn to God if our congregations are to be strong for today, and for the future.

The Rockwell City UMC Ad Council has decided to begin a weekly time of prayer, beginning in the middle of September. (Jolley Community, your invitation to prayer can be found in the second opportunity to pray.) The purpose of this prayer time is to ask God about the direction God has in mind for our congregation. The time and the day of the week will be decided after we know who will be participating. The prayer time will last approximately one half hour.

Is God calling you to help us listen to God? Please let the office know.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION FOR PRAYER:

As many of you know, the United Methodist Church is going to host a special General Conference February 24 – 26 2019 to make a decision regarding its official stance in regard to the LGBTQ orientation. This is a critical moment in the history of the United Methodist church, and the Bishops are asking us to pray from now until General Conference is concluded. The following is their statement and some resources to help us along.

United Methodists are invited to:

1. Engage in a weekly Wesleyan 24-hour fast from Thursday after dinner to Friday mid-afternoon. Those who have health situations causing food fasts to be unadvisable might consider fasting from social media, emails or another daily activity.
2. Pause and pray for our church's mission and way forward daily for four minutes from 2:23 through 2:26 a.m. or p.m. in their own time zone OR at another time. This is because the Special Session of General Conference will be held February 23 through February 26, 2019.
3. Pray using a weekly prayer calendar that will be posted on the UMCPrays.org website from June 2, 2018, through the end of February 2019. The calendar will list a unique cluster of names each week. The names will balance United States bishops and delegates with Central Conference bishops and delegates. It will also include General Secretaries, Commission on a Way Forward members, the Commission of the General Conference and the staff of the General Conference.

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Prayer Suggestions

In Your Church: Consider all the ways you might engage your church in prayer!

A Simple Prayer Service: The United Methodist Hymnal (p. 876-879) offers orders of morning and evening praise and prayer. Adapt as suits your setting. Provide candles to be lit as special prayer concerns are lifted up. Play soft music, using a CD if need be, to provide a soothing setting.

Sticky Note Prayers: In our modern world we write what we want to remember on a sticky note. Provide sticky notes so that your people can write down their prayers. Provide a prominent place for them to stick them—maybe at the base of a cross.

Praying on the Lawn: May in Iowa is beautiful. Invite parishioners to bring a lawn chair and simply have a time of prayer on the lawn of the church. Provide prayer books for those who like to read the prayers of others. A list of resources appears below. *And pastors, this is a good thing for you to do anytime. Sit outside the church and simply pray for your community.*

Prayer Walks: You can walk through the streets of your community in prayer. Thank God for the beauty of your community. Lift up your neighbors in thanksgiving.

Join in the Prayer Vigil: You can sign up as a church to pray as part of the statewide prayer vigil.

Prayer in Action: Prayer is difficult for some people. They may be active folks who like to move. There are ways to put prayer in to action. Perhaps walking your community picking up litter, or cleaning up around the high school football field or anywhere that needs cleaning up, could be a means of prayer.

Lord's Prayer : This might be a good time to look closely at the Lord's Prayer. Perhaps that could be the sermon focus on May 21 as the week of prayer begins.

The Prayers of Jesus: How did Jesus pray? This may be an opportunity to create a sermon series on the prayers of Jesus.

Well-Known Prayers: You might have well-known prayers available for your people to study. These could be a sermon series. Our hymnal includes the Serenity Prayer, the Prayer of Saint Francis and A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan tradition. (Copies of this prayer in a handy pocket size can be ordered from the Church of the Resurrection.)

Prayer in Action: In Philippians 2 Paul tells us to humble ourselves and look to "the interests of others." Spend a day intentionally doing this. Leave public restrooms cleaner than you found them. Pick up litter in a public parking lot. Do the humble job that needs done and makes life better for others.

Visit UMCPrays.org to learn more and get involved.

Garage Sale

Get rid of your good junk!

The RC UMC is having a garage sale October 27th and is looking for donations. Bring your gently used items to the church and put them in the high school room. You may bring gently used clothing also. No computers.

Save the Date!

The RC UMW is hosting a Ham Ball Meal to help kick off the fall!

September 9th after worship!

Watch for more details!



Jolley UMW

Aug. 8 Meeting at 2:00 pm

Hostess: Bonnie Eldridge

Lesson: Shirley Crouse

Aug. 26 - Mission Breakfast

approxitmently at 10:00 am

RC UMW

No Luncheon in August

Aug. 15 - Ruth Circle Meeting

9:00 am

Hostess: Joy Darling

Lesson: Mary Laverty

Aug. 21 - Joy Circle Meeting

6:30 pm

Devotions: Kathy Hiler

Snacks: Helen Hinton &

Julie Hiler

RC UMW

UMW,

Thank you so much for helping me celebrate my special day. Your kindness & generosity is much appreciated! I plan to use your gift of money towards books for college.

Taylor Anderson

Thank you for your contribution to the UMW Legacy Fund Endowment Campaign. You are part of bringing the vision of our foremothers forward.

Blessings,

Kenya Roberts,

Exec. For Development Management

Emily Marshall,

Development Director

On behalf of Iowa Donor Network, thank you for your recent gift in memory of Emily Markert. Liz Markert is a wonderful IDN volunteer and we appreciate you inviting her to your meeting. We are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Constance Richardson,

Charitable Relations Direc.

Thank you!

Dear Jolley Community UMC,

Thank you for your gift you sent in March 2018, to the Tree of Life Ministries. Your gift will directly benefit the Tree of Life Ministries and provides much needed funding. With the support of people like you we are able to help many families and individuals meet essential daily needs. Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,
Linda Garriott,

My Back to School Prayer

Dear Lord,

*Use my eyes to **see** new friends.*

*Open my ears to **hear** my teachers.*

*Open my mind to **learn** new things.*

*Let my heart **remember** you are near*

*when I'm afraid. Help me to **love***

*others like you do. I want to **shine***

your light so bright in my school.

Amen

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 4 *Tristan Mintun*
- 7 *Bonnie DeBolt*
Loretta Koeppen
- 13 *Ray Williams*
- 15 *Darcy Murley*
- 17 *Shantell Dettman*
- 14 *Brian Carver*
- 15 *Jason Carver*
- 16 *Marlene Stacy*
Betty Kratovil
- 19 *Phil Rastetter*
- 21 *Colleen Ellis*
Cara Voorde
Cassidy Voorde
- 24 *Charlotte Haub*
Blake J. Thompson
Brett Martin
- 30 *Kathy Hiler*
Lori Wirtz
- 31 *Dick Hildreth*
Justin Rastetter

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 7 *George & Harriet Zinnel*
- 8 *Steve & Carol Moberg*
- 21 *Jeff & Peggy Neubaum*
- 28 *Jim & Janet Remsburg*
- 29 *George & Jeanne Wilson*
- 31 *Lee & Sharon Greene*
Ray & Bev Williams

If any birthdays or anniversaries are printed wrong, please except our apologies and call the church office with corrections. Thank you. 297-7911 or send an email: rcjumc_office@iowatelecom.net

My Prayer Pledge

Please consider one or both options below and return to church. Thank you.

- 1.** I will pray for the General Conference on the decision of human sexuality. Please pray 4 min. a day at 2:23 - 2:26 am or pm OR at any other time.

(This is because the Special Session of General Conf. will be held 2/23/19—2/26/19)

- 2.** Pray for our church

- 1a.** I will pray for the church as an individual.
- 2a.** I would like to join the prayer team. (the prayer team will meet once a week to pray together.)



Remember to bring your Food Pantry items the 1st Sunday of the month.

School begins soon, you can bring Backpack Buddy items once again.

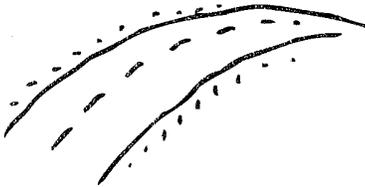
Please check expirations dates on food items before you bring them!

Thanks for your continuing support!

Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service.

Mother Teresa

TRAVEL



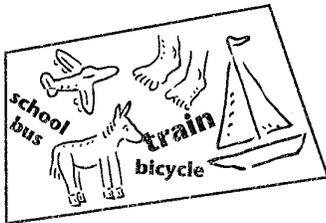
It is very quick and easy to travel in the world today. In Bible times, it was not so easy!

Make a "travel collage."

You will need:

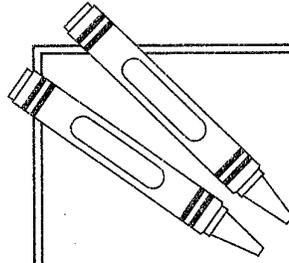
- ▲ a large piece of construction paper
- ▲ magazines
- ▲ scissors
- ▲ glue

Cut out pictures and words that show all kinds of transportation. Don't forget "feet" or donkeys and other animals!



Glue everything on the paper. Don't leave any empty spaces.

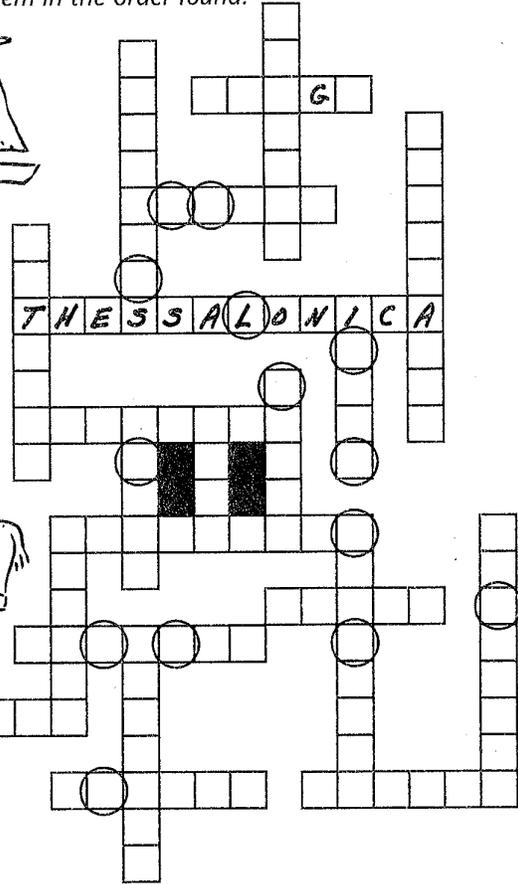
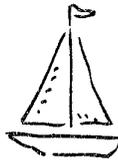
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Just for KIDS Journeys

The cities below were all stops on someone's journeys. Fit the cities into the puzzle. Then use the letters that are circled to fill in the blanks below. Write them in the order found.

- Rome
- Tyre
- Berea
- Issus
- Malta
- Perga
- Sidon
- Troas
- Delphi
- Lystra
- Paphos
- Sparta
- Antioch
- Corinth
- Ephesus
- Phoenix
- Caesarea
- Damascus
- Philippi
- Syracuse
- Jerusalem
- Ptolemais
- Thessalonica



Journeys

Paul's Missionary Journeys

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