



# The Messenger

February 2016

## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, *February 10th*

5:30 p.m. Worship at Pocahontas

*Ash Wednesday*



## Lenten Lunches: 12noon

Wednesday, *February 17th* at St. Peter

Wednesday, *February 24th* at Hope UMC

The piano in the Poc. sanctuary is "on loan" to us to use for the next few weeks. A new 5'-8" Yamaha C2X grand piano has been ordered. It will take about six weeks to arrive.



We need to raise \$12,500 in matching funds to match the gift from the Presbyterian Church. If you have questions, please talk with Donnie McLain. Thank you. (335-3770)



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**Hope UMC—Pocahontas, Havelock & Plover**

### HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

#### WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:00 am - Plover, 202 Smith Street

Sunday School 9:00am - Pocahontas

Sunday 10:00 am - Pocahontas, 306 2nd Ave NW

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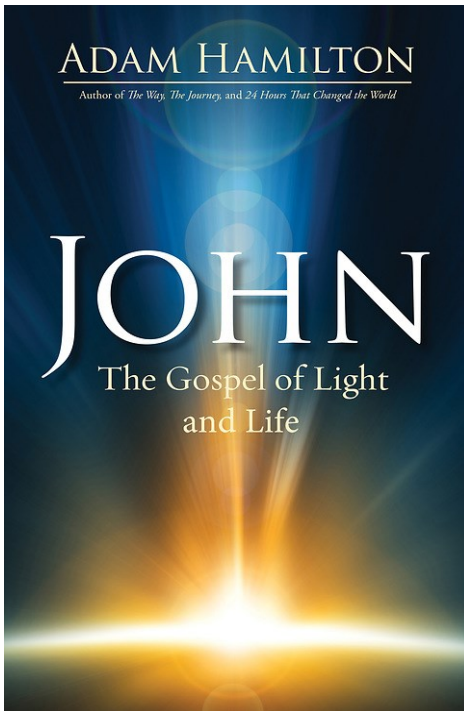
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## ***JOHN, the Gospel of Light and Life***

**By Adam Hamilton**

**6 sessions – February 21 - March 27**

This year during the season of Lent we will be studying the Gospel of John in small groups and as our worship theme.

John is unique among the gospels. John's portrayal of Jesus is different from that of Matthew, Mark and Luke. John's gospel focuses on Jesus as the one who reveals God. John presents Jesus as the *source* of life.

As you read the gospel of John, I encourage you to engage in the stories and consider how these stories, and signs speak to the meaning of Jesus in your life. A helpful way to do this is to use these three questions to reflect on each passage.

**+ What is said in the passage about Jesus?**

**+ In this passage, how does Jesus bring life to me?**

**+ What response do these verses require of me?**

The themes of the chapters for this study are:

- 1. The Word Made Flesh**
- 2. The Miraculous Signs of Jesus**
- 3. The "I AM" Sayings of Jesus**
- 4. The Farewell Discourse**
- 5. The Arrest, Trial, and Crucifixion of the King**
- 6. Eternal Life**

In John 20:31 we read, *"These things are written so that you will believe that Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and that believing, you will have life in his name."* I pray that this study will help you to believe and find new life in Jesus' name.

Bring your family & friends with you to worship, *Pastor Jerry*



***February 17th - March 16th at 12 noon***

- Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>: Fr. B. speaking at **St. Peter**; **Ps. 27.**
- Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>: **Pstr. Joy** speaking at **Hope UMC**; **Ps. 63:1-8**
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>: **Pstr. Jerry** speaking at **Resurrection**; **Ps. 32**
- March 9<sup>th</sup>: **Pstr. Joy** speaking at **Hope UMC**; **Ps. 126**
- March 16<sup>th</sup>: **Fr. B.** speaking at **St. Peter**; **Ps. 118:1-2,19-29**

*A Journey  Through Lent*



**Disability Awareness Sunday**



## **Disabilities Awareness Offering**

***Sunday, February 14th***

The purpose of Disabilities Awareness Sunday is to celebrate gifts and graces of persons with disabilities and promote their full inclusion in the community.

Funds received are 100% retained by Iowa Annual Conference to provide educational opportunities and to provide grants to local churches which will assist in removing architectural and attitudinal barriers to accessibility.



## What's happening

in February

Altar Flowers: Truth Circle

Committee #2 (Carolyn W. & Carol McLain) serve next

February Events:

- Charity Circle – Feb. 4, Program – Marty Rotert  
Pledge Service
- Truth Circle – Feb. 4, Program Lori Baade  
Pledge Serve
- UMW Executive Meeting – Feb. 11 at 1:30 PM  
for all UMW officers and circle chairpersons  
Friendship Room – Pocahontas Center

Looking ahead – March 6, World Day of Prayer

Bible verse for February: Jeremiah 29:13, The Lord declares, “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”



Are you a Joyce Meyer fan? There are **twelve** books authored by Joyce in our church library. They are located in the “teaching” section. Stop at the library-- located in the room off of the chapel-- and check one out!

# Rainbow Covenant – a Plan for Intentional Mission Giving

Hope UMC uses the Rainbow Covenant as a tool to be in service with more of God's people. Each color of the rainbow represents a different aspect of mission. The examples below are a few of the many ways we are intentional in our giving.

**Purple:** The special offerings including **One Great Hour of Sharing**

Total received -- \$1,842

**Indigo:** Church development in Iowa (Builders' Call) Total -- \$705

**Blue:** Iowa missions (PET, Iowa Nigeria Partnership,

Justice for Our Neighbors, Free Clinics of Iowa) Total -- \$1,898

**Green:** World Hunger/Poverty (kits to Annual Conference,

Ingathering, Change a Child's Story) Total -- \$2,788

**Yellow:** UMCOR (CWS blankets, disaster response) Total -- \$3,007

**Orange:** US projects (Red Bird Mission, Heifer International for US projects) Total -- \$1,025

**Red:** World (Imagine No Malaria, Heifer International)

Total -- \$2,915

In addition we contribute to the support of Larry and Jane Kies, missionaries serving at Africa University in Zimbabwe. \$600 each

Local Projects including pastor's fund for fuel assistance, camperships, Hunger Walk for Pocahontas Co. Upper Des Moines Outreach, gifts for the military. Total -- \$5,940

**The total Rainbow Covenant Mission giving at Hope UMC in 2015 was \$20,120. Thank you for all you do to support missions!**



## **Leadership Team Meeting**

**Jan. 14, 2016**

**Place: Pocahontas Center, 7:00 pm**

Attendance: Pastor Jerry, Chris Radig, Melissa Rahn, Kevin Hauswirth, Carol Hallman, Elaine Cook, Moira Hopkins, Linda Ferguson, and Judy Pursley.

Chris opened the meeting. Pastor read a section from the *Shift* study book entitled The Theology of Generosity. He then said a prayer.

Elaine motioned and Carol seconded that the minutes be approved. Motion carried.

A combined Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report was given by Kevin. Our year-end expenses were slightly under budget. Kevin made the motion to approve the budget and Elaine seconded. It was approved. They would like to combine six special accounts into three and reduce the line items. It was suggested that the Cookbook funds be put into Soup and Pie, the Adult Bible Study be meshed with Study Books and Rise Above Youth into Education. Chris made a motion to approve the moving of funds to the suggested accounts. Linda seconded, Motion approved.

With Leadership Team approval, we had three more positions filled. Pastor nominated Leon Johnson as a 2018 member of SPRC. Kris Hauswirth as a 2017 member and Megan Hauswirth as a 2018 member of the Audit Team. Kevin seconded the motion. It was approved. Elaine reported that Roger & Terrie Allen and Leon & Gwen Johnson were added as Communion Stewards. Also noted was that John Nedved is Trustee Chrpsn., Brad Arnold is Vice Chrpsn., and Julie Waterman is secretary of the Trustees. Carol McCurdy is the Trustee Representative on the Finance Team/Foundation Committee.

Pastor called our attention to the Leadership Team Job description and summarized it by saying that we were "to lead".

### **Ministry Team Reports:**

Worship Team: Carol reported it meets on Monday to plan for Lent and an early Easter. Ash Wednesday is Feb.10th. They meet seasonally. Attendance for the Christmas Eve service was excellent. We looked at the attendance records for last year. The line graphs and figures show that we have had a rise in our member count and a slight rise in the attendance averages. We had an average attendance of 122. Havelock-Plover would like to discuss a possible change to the time of their service from 8:00am to 8:30am at the Worship meeting. Elaine made a motion and Linda seconded it that we let Worship Team take the lead in this and go ahead and decide whether to do this or not. We would abide by their decision. Motion approved.



**Education:** Moira said they will meet next week and they will start planning for VBS and Senior recognition Potluck. VBS Camp “Relief” will be June 13th - June 16th.

**Outreach:** Elaine said the Greeter clipboard won’t be used anymore. Instead there will be a core group of greeters who will be assigned dates throughout the year like the Ushers are. We were asked who would be interested in becoming a Stephen Minister.

**Missions:** The year-end Rainbow Covenant Report was presented by Pastor Jerry and we were told to congratulate ourselves as a congregation because our mission giving for the year amounted to \$20,120 over and above our regular offerings. Judy Boysen and Dixie are arranging for a guest speaker to come and tell us about the Iowa-Nigeria Partnership. Pastor said that the next Mobile Food Pantry is on Jan.27th. It will then be every other month, most of the time on the 3rd Wednesday.

**SPRC:** Linda said they do not meet until late Jan.

**Trustees:** Pastor told us a letter was sent out explaining that a new piano has been ordered for the Pocahontas sanctuary. The Trustees approved the purchase and The Finance Team approved using up to \$12,500 in matching funds from the Presbyterian Church gift with the balance to be raised from the congregation.

Pastor said that the Lenten Bible Study will be the Gospel of John and he closed with a reading from the 4th chapter of **SENT**. Individuals and families were lifted up in the closing prayer.

Next meeting will be on Feb. 11th at 7:00pm.

Submitted by Judy Pursley

Leadership Team Secretary



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

Arnie & Bonita Lubinus	2/11	Jeff & Kammi Shearer	2/23
Paul & Marge Spear	2/12	Steve & Laurie Westerman	2/27
Roger & Shannon Peters	2/22		

Bruce Wheatley	2/2		
Candace Larson	2/2	Carol Hallman	2/12
Heather Sindergard	2/3	Clint Fogde	2/12
Jerry Severson	2/3	Nohri Point	2/12
Ryan Hauswirth	2/3	Betty Braunschweig	2/15
Ava Kakacek	2/4	Bill Sievert	2/16
Zacheray Gathers	2/4	Ava Shearer	2/20
Don Ferguson	2/5	Ginger Ernst	2/23
Ruger Bunda	2/5	Mary Lou Johnson	2/26
Sue Wasko	2/6	Ashley Radig	2/27
Jordyn Radig	2/6	Cliff Cook	2/27
Dale Smith	2/10	Duane Wiemers	2/28



## Worship Attendance at Hope UMC

DATE	POCAHONTAS	HAVELOCK	PLOVER	TOTAL
Jan. 3	85		28	113
Jan. 10	80	service	cancelled	80
Jan. 17	71	service	cancelled	71
Jan. 24	95		29	124



## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS †

Feb 7	Cheryl Sindergard - Plo.	Greeter
Feb 7	Angie Point - Plo.	Liturgist
Feb 7	Angie Point - Plo.	Fellowshi
Feb 7	Don & Linda Ferguson	Comm Stwd's
Feb 7	Tim Cook	Liturgist
Feb 7	Ray & Judy Timan	Fellowship
Feb 7	Bruce & Carolyn Wheatley	Fellowship
Feb 14	Moe Allen & Darlene Poss - Plo.	Greeter
Feb 14	Darlene Poss - Plo.	Liturgist
Feb 14	Darlene Poss - Plo.	Fellowship
Feb 14	Ginger Ernst	Liturgist
Feb 14	Russ & Julie Waterman	Fellowship
Feb 14	Arnold Lubinus	Fellowship
Feb 21	Minklers - Plo.	Greeter
Feb 21	Minklers - Plo.	Fellowship
Feb 21	Mary Phillips	Liturgist
Feb 21	Ginger Ernst	Fellowship
Feb 21	John & Martie Nedved	Fellowship
Feb 28	Vicki Kerns - Plo.	Liturgist
Feb 28	Vicki Kerns - Plo.	Fellowship
Feb 28	Judy Pursley	Liturgis
Feb 28	Walt & Mary Phillips	Fellowship
Feb	Ruger Bunda	Acolyte Poc
Feb	Jacob Ferguson	Acolyte Poc
Feb	Don Ferguson	Usher Poc
Feb	Doug Ferguson	Usher Poc
Feb	Leon Johnson	Usher Po
Feb	Leo Hallman	Usher Poc



### Lectionary Scriptures

**Feb. 7** *Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2, Luke 9:28-36*

**Feb. 14** *Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13*

**Feb. 21** *Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 13:31-35*

**Feb. 28** *Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9*