

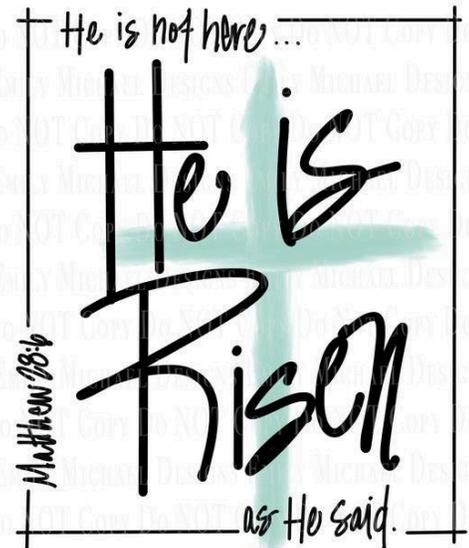
THE MESSENGER ~ APRIL 2026

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* Office will be CLOSED on Tuesday, April 14th and Tuesday, May 5th.

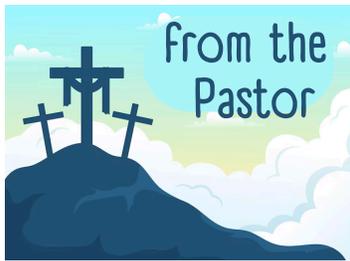
** One of the pastors will be in the Colo office on most Thursdays - see calendar for schedule.



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“Just ___ shopping days ‘til Christmas!”

How many times did you hear that last December? Of course, that’s one of the way that retailers help to encourage you to make your Christmas celebration plans.

What preparations did you make for Christmas last year – buying and wrapping gifts, getting things like holiday get-togethers on your calendar, baking cookies and preparing the Christmas feast?

My guess would be that you’ve been making some similar preparations for Easter: buying the Easter candy, getting the Holy Week services on the calendar, cooking for the Easter brunch.

But a short time ago I heard a person on a radio program say something I’ve thought for awhile. He said that most people, and even many churches, spend a lot of time and effort just ahead of Christmas and Easter; what we should be doing as Christians is spending all of our days putting the lessons of Christmas and Easter into practice in our lives.

Depending on when this newsletter is mailed, we have around 280 days till Christmas and just a few days until Easter this year; how are we going to live in the truth of Jesus’ birth, death and resurrection? We give gifts on December 25th; how will we be a gift to others on – and after – April 5th? Instead of an Easter Brunch, how will we feed the souls and spirits of people in the middle of July?

May we live each day in the joy of Resurrection!

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.

Seeking to live each day like it’s Resurrection Sunday:

Pastor Nikki



the **COLLINS CORNER ...**



**SUNDAY
WORSHIP
TIME:
9:00am**

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**Tithes & Offerings - Can also be mailed to:
Collins UMC at 29885 730th Ave,
Collins, IA 50055**



- 2 Jim Marrs
- 3 Alaina Ross Bishop
- 5 Emily Coughenour
- 14 Pastor Nikki
- 27 Doug Atwood
- 29 June Hofer



The Collins church is hosting
the **Good Friday Service** on April 3rd.

This solemn service is a meaningful opportunity
to remember and honor the significance of Good Friday
with prayer, scripture and quiet reflection.
We hope all will attend and share in this time
of contemplation and community.



It's spring cleaning time so let's collect cleaning supplies
for Families Forward! Some ideas are
dish washing soap, laundry pods, hand sanitizer, windex,
disinfectant cleaner, kitchen & bathroom cleaners and paper towels.
As you do your own spring cleaning remember they always need
sheets, blankets, towels, clean clothes and
most kitchen items that are in good shape.
They can always use plastic grocery bags.
We will collect breakfast items and personal care products for May.

Thank you!

Beth



Thank-you to:

All who furnished an Easter lily for the sanctuary.
It's not too late to still provide one, Signup sheet is on the bulletin board.

Don Moody for leading worship service March 22. It was great!



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APRIL SUNDAY CHURCH DUTIES

	<u>MEDIA</u> 	<u>COMMUNION</u> 	<u>FELLOWSHIP</u> 
APRIL 5	Lisa
APRIL 12	Tim	Laurie	Kay
APRIL 19	Laurie
APRIL 26	Doug



Another reminder that summer church camp is coming up. The church will help pay for it if anyone of any age would like to go. Information is on the table in the entryway. Contact Kay if you would like to go.



We hope everyone comes to church on April 19th to hear Rachel Derscheid's aunt and uncle share about their mission trip to Africa. Plan to stay afterwards for fellowship.



Things to think about: Time goes so quickly. We are trying to get a headstart on some spring/summer events by reminding you that it's never too early to volunteer to help with the Memorial Day lunch and/or the float for Collins Days. Let Don Moody know if you can help with the lunch. Start thinking of ideas for a float. The theme this year is "Born in the USA". All ideas are welcome to help celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence!



The Methodist Church is hosting the community worship service for Collins Days this year. A gospel singing group has been lined up to provide a musical service instead of our usual worship service. It will begin at 10:00 instead of the usual 9:00 time. Hope everyone will plan to come. Invite your friends and neighbors!

REJOICE He is risen! SAVIOR RESURRECTION JOHN 3:16 Messiah
 EASTER the stone was rolled away Hallelujah Nail Pierced Hands CRUCIFIED
 ATONEMENT HOPE Crown of Thorns EMPTY TOMB Glorified Sacrifice Lamb of God
 SON OF GOD KING OF KINGS Jesus Christ LORD OF LORDS Love Eternal Life
 He Lives! JOY He is risen indeed Alleluia FORGIVEN



Join us for Holy Week!

New Horizons church in Melbourne will be holding their Seder meal again on **MAUNDY THURSDAY**, April 2nd at 6:30 pm.

A combined **GOOD FRIDAY** service will be held at the Collins UMC at 6:30pm on April 3rd. Join us for prayer as we remember the death of our Lord.

EASTER SUNDAY is April 5th. Join us as we celebrate: 9:00am at Collins UMC or 10:30am at the Colo UMC

IMPORTANT COLO UMC DATES & ACTIVITIES TO REMEMBER



Both WOW and Youth Group are winding down for the season at Colo. Here are the following WOW and Youth Group dates for April. (from 6-7pm)
April 1 - Both WOW and Youth Group
April 8 - WOW
April 15 - WOW/Youth Group End of Year Family Meal and Program

WOW and Youth Group will start back up in September! We have had a wonderful year of Christian Education. The kids are FULL of energy. There is a lot of talking and a lot of laughing happening on Wednesday nights in Church. As well as a whole lot of learning and multi-generational relationship building going on. We truly feel the Holy Spirit is at work in our Church those nights. Thank you for entrusting us with your kiddos and thank you for all the snack and juice donations that have been made throughout the year. The only way we do any of this is if we do it together. Thank you!



A special thank you to our WOW and Youth Group leaders. We have a regular team that works with the WOW kids on Wednesday nights. That team consists of Stacie Hostetler, Amy Lennie, Amy Kohlwes, Pastor Nikki and Kim Heidemann. Andrew Short, Landyn Short, Aidyn Short, Brevik Hostetler and Sofie Kaiser have been consistent (and very, very popular) helpers as well. Pastor Nikki took on leadership of the Youth Group as well this year. Please make sure to thank them when you can. That being said, we would LOVE to have more people join our WOW/Youth Group team! We could really use 1-2 more each Wednesday night. Let Kim or Amy L know if you are willing to help. Thank you in advance!



Colo UMC Community Breakfast is back! We will be holding a Community Breakfast on May 2nd from 8:30-10am at the Church. (Upstairs Fellowship Hall)



May 3rd is Graduation Sunday and Teacher Recognition Sunday at Colo UMC.

Please plan to join us as we celebrate the up-coming graduations of: Emma Lennie, Isaac Harrington and Kooper Spalding. We will also use this Sunday as a time to celebrate all teachers (as they also wind down their academic year) and our very own WOW and Youth Group teams/leaders.





COLO UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH ~ APRIL 2026

Bible Verse: 1 Timothy 4:10 (NLT)

"This is why we work hard and continue to struggle for our hope is in the living God, who is the Savior of all people and particularly of all believers."

Our next unit meeting will be Saturday, May 2nd at 9:30am. We will again eat at the Community Breakfast (in the church), have our meeting, and have a program by Pastor Nikki on her 2025 mission trip. Our executive committee meeting will be at 10:00am, Thursday, April 23rd.

Our 2026 Colo United Women in Faith books are ready. If you don't have yours yet, the books are on a table in the Fellowship Room. You can make your pledge/donation at our unit meetings, put them in Vicki's and my mailbox at church any time, or mail to Vicki or to me. (Addresses will be in our new books.)

I think this is worth repeating – our unit received a certificate for being a five-star unit in 2025!

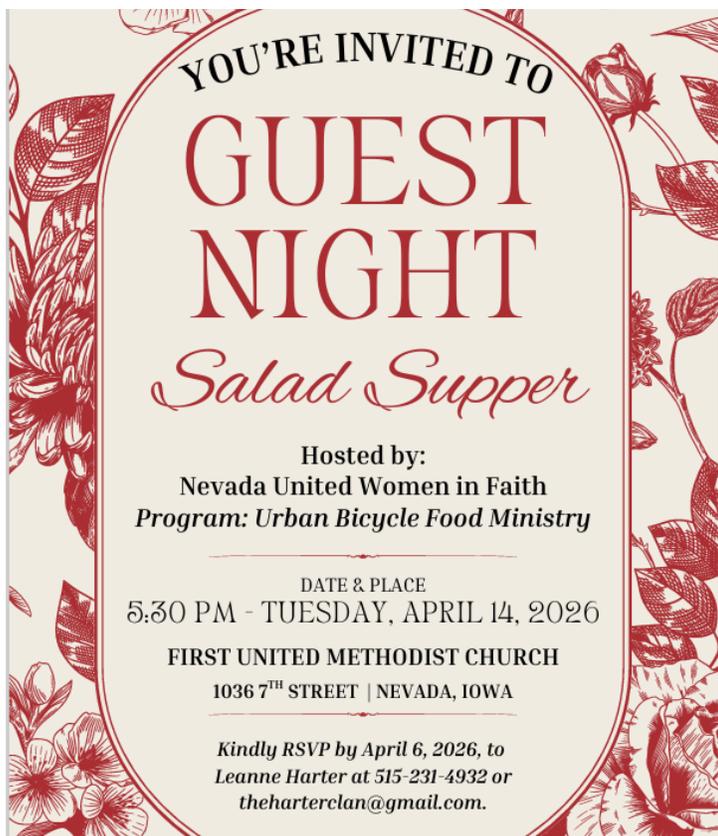
Thank you to all who helped with the two funeral lunches in any way!

We have been invited to Nevada United Women in Faith's Guest Night at 5:30pm, Tuesday, April 14th. Please let Joyce know (515-231-8674) by April 6th so she can give them a number. The program will be the Urban Bicycle Food Ministry – Des Moines.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, April 25th if you are interested in going to the Central District Spiritual Day Apart event at First United Methodist Church, 1001 Pleasant Street, Des Moines. Registration is from 9:00 – 10:00, followed by welcome, program, lunch, and communion. It concludes by 3:00pm. (The event is free, but each carload is asked to bring one salad.) Joyce plans to attend and would love to take anyone interested with her. We do need to pre-register, so let her know by April 22nd. It will be a very worth-while day.

Mission u 2026 will be held in July. More details later.....

Joyce French, Communications



URBAN BICYCLE FOOD MINISTRY

The Urban Bicycle Food Ministry - Des Moines is a community-based and non-denominational organization. Anyone and everyone is welcome to be a part of this ministry. We do not preach, proselytize or try to convert.

Since 2015 we have been serving radical hospitality – one burrito at a time. What is “radical hospitality”? Every Thursday, all year long, we prepare and deliver hundreds of food and personal items by bike and car to people on the streets, they might be living under a bridge, in a tent next to the river or railroad tracks or in a hole dug in the side of a hill or in subsidized housing. Think “Uber Eats” for people without addresses or the ability to pay.

COLO UMC TITHES & OFFERINGS:



Mail in: Send your tithe or offering to: PO Box 266; Colo IA 50056

Online Giving: Set up an online account through coloumc.churchtrac.com. Here's the QR code to take you directly to online giving:



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| 3 | Alaina Ross Bishop | 11 | Jan Robinson,
John Wilson |
| 4 | Karen Cody,
Emily Hostetler | 14 | Pastor Nikki |
| 5 | Kenny Cutler | 18 | Margaret Crane |
| 9 | Donna Cerka | 24 | Bob Robinson |
| 10 | Zach Willis | 30 | Alan McKinney |

Colo UMC Sunday Service Duty List



APRIL 2026

APRIL 5

Candles - Reagan & Spencer
Reader - Kim Heidemann
PowerPoint- Landyn Short

APRIL 12

Reader - Amy Lennie
PowerPoint - Grayson Kohlwes
Communion -Stacie Hostetler
Communion server - Amy Edel

APRIL 19

Candles - Nora Robinson
Reader - Stacie Hostetler
PowerPoint - Brevik Hostetler

APRIL 26

Reader - Dorothy Cerka
PowerPoint - Aidyn Short



Thank you to Dee Miller and Ginny Heintz for their work on the church garden. Also thank you to Earl Otto for his help in clearing away everything when they were finished. Your hard work is very much appreciated!



Thank you to our church family for the prayers, cards, gifts and funeral luncheon served for our beloved Amie.

Thank you, Pastor Nikki, for conducting the funeral service!

*Jeff & Emma Cerka
Fred & Dorothy Cerka*

The family of Dennis Jay thanks the ladies of the church for the luncheon prepared after our brother's graveside service.

Thank you, Pastor Nikki, for your great job of officiating!

*Fred & Dorothy Cerka
John & Donna Cerka*

COLO FOOD PANTRY

Open Saturdays 9:30-10:30 in the basement of the Colo Methodist Church

Do you want to help make a difference in our community? Could you set aside a couple of hours every other month? Consider Volunteering at the Colo Community Food Pantry

We are also looking to add a few people to the Colo Community Food Pantry Board!!

If you are interested contact Debby Clair, Colo Community Food Pantry Director, at colopantry@netins.net

Donations of gently used kitchen items, baby products, hygiene supplies, paper products and pet supplies are gladly accepted.





APRIL 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES: 9:00am - Collins UMC 10:30am - Colo UMC						
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays from 9:00-Noon						
5 Kenny Cutler (Colo) Emily Coughenour (Collins) EASTER Pastor Nikki 9:30am - Colo Adult SS Collins Children SS during worship svnc	6	7 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC	8 6:00pm - Colo W.O.W. & Youth Group	9 Orville in Colo Jim Marrs (Collins) 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC 6:30pm - Maundy Thurs Seder meal @ New Horizons	10 Alaina Ross Bishop GOOD FRIDAY 6:30pm - Good Friday Service @ Collins UMC	11 Karen Cody (Colo) Emily Hostetler (Colo) 9:30-10:30am - Colo Food Pantry
12 Pastor Orville COMMUNION 9:30am - Colo Adult SS Collins Children SS during worship svnc 1:30pm J.O.Y. Service @ LTC	13	14 OFFICE CLOSED Pastor Nikki Ross Bishop 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC	15 6:00pm - Colo FINAL W.O.W. & Youth Grp Meal	16 Orville in Colo 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC	17 6:00pm - <i>Girl Scouts meeting</i> <i>at Colo UMC</i>	18 Margaret Crane (Colo) 9:30-10:30am - Colo Food Pantry
19 Guest: John Bateman 9:30am - Colo Adult SS Collins Children SS during worship svnc	20 Pastor Amanda Gordon May newsletter items due	21 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC	22 7:15pm - Colo Church Council	23 Nikki in Colo 10:00am - Colo UWF/UMW Executive Comm Mtg 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC	24 Bob Robinson (Colo)	25 9:30-10:30am - Colo Food Pantry
26 Pastor Orville 9:30am - Colo Adult SS Collins Children SS during worship svnc	27 Doug Atwood (Collins)	28 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC	29 Jane Hofer (Collins)	30 Orville in Colo Alan McKinney (Colo) 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC		



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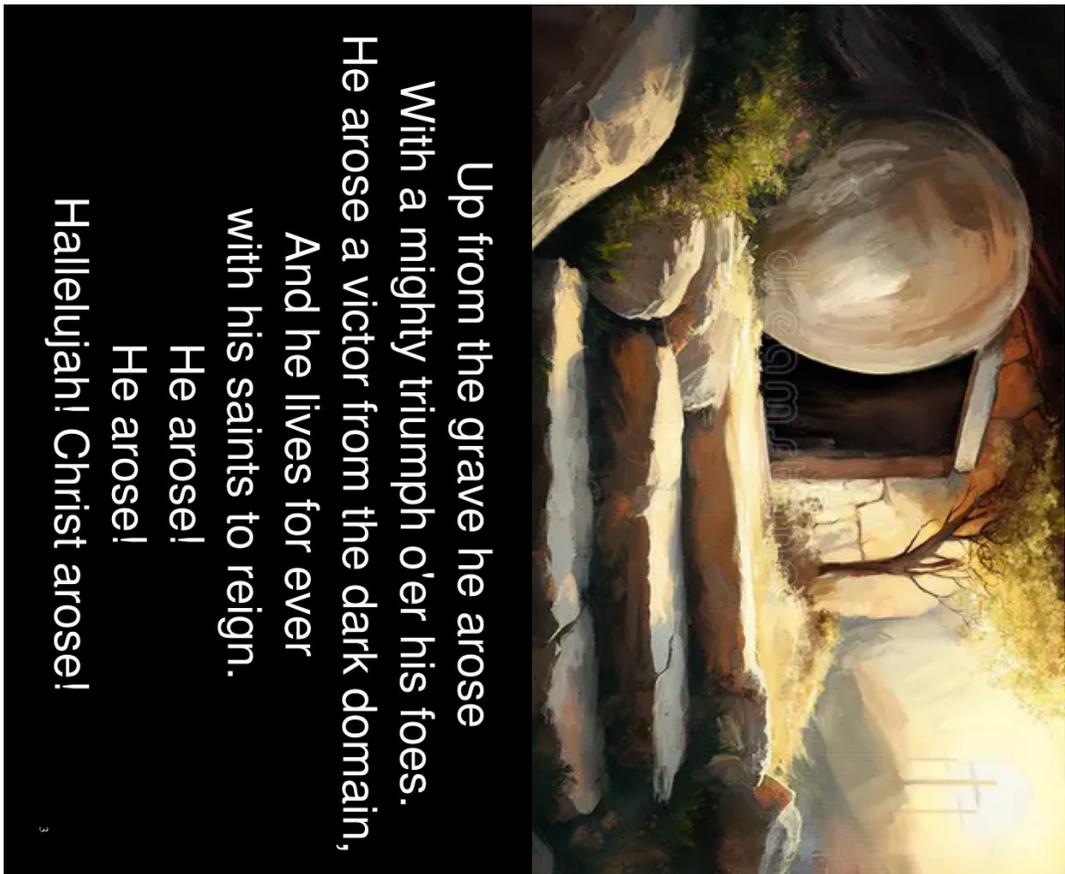
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HE IS NOT HERE. HE HAS RISEN.

Matthew 28:6



Up from the grave he arose
With a mighty triumph o'er his foes.
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And he lives for ever
with his saints to reign.
He arose!
He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose!