

THE MESSENGER ~ MAY 2026

COLO-COLLINS UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES

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** Office will be CLOSED on Tuesday, May 12th
and Tuesday, June 2nd.*

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



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A Season of New Beginnings

Folks,

May is a season of endings and new beginnings. What new life is emerging around you? Are you seeing signs of the risen Christ? We are in Eastertide, a 50-day season from Easter to Pentecost. As the news of Jesus' resurrection spreads, we are reminded that our risen Lord is constantly calling forth new commitments and dreams within us.

May is when we recognize our graduates as they journey on a new road. Remember Jeremiah 29:11. God has plans to give you HOPE and a future. We also recognize our "mothers", and all maternal figures who have nurtured us and shaped our faith. For those who may experience this season with heavy hearts, God offers unconditional love.

For our farm families, May is a labor of love and an act of faith. When you plant seeds, you are planting for a future you cannot yet see. You trust that God will send rain and sun in due time. All of us are called to be "farmers" of the church. We are planting seeds of justice, faith, hope, and love that will bless generations to come. Let us not grow weary in doing God's work. In due time, we will reap a harvest as we continue to seek God's guidance and spread the Gospel.

Matthew 28:16-20 is the Great Commission on the mountainside in Galilee. This is where Jesus gave His last command to the disciples before His ascension. Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The season of Eastertide concludes with Pentecost, the birth of Christ's church. Jesus told the disciples to go to Jerusalem and await God's promise. Pentecost is the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples with wind and fire, empowering them to take the Gospel to all nations.

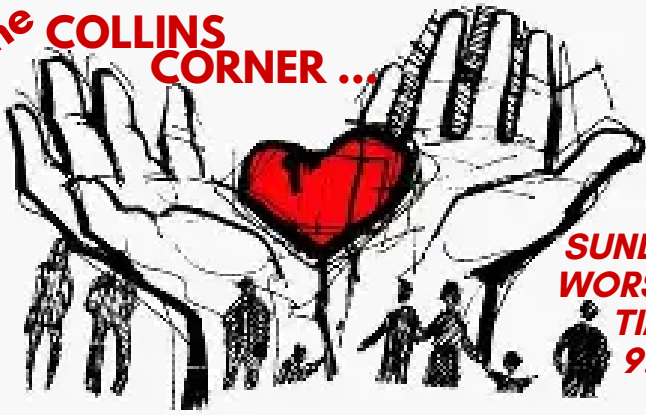
Pentecost is also a traditional time for the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit." In the United Methodist Church, we celebrate "one baptism, one faith, one Lord." Baptism is a sign of God's grace that has existed for us since before we were born. When we gather as a church, we remember that we are bound together by a sign. And that sign is the Water of Baptism. It is a sign which reminds us that we belong to God and we belong to one another.

I give thanks for the way you continue to seek God's presence. Let us be people of new beginnings. Let us choose which "seeds" we are sowing in our words and actions. Whether we are facing storms of life or seasons of celebration, remember that we are never alone. Whether planting in the fields or preparing for graduation, remember that the story of the Resurrection did not end at the empty tomb. It continues in how we live and serve. God is walking with us, carrying us, and whispering His love into our lives every day. May we listen and see with our hearts, the gentle whisper of God.

Blessings,

Pastor Orville





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

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Find us on Facebook at:
facebook.com/collinsmethodist

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

MAY SUNDAY CHURCH DUTIES

	<u>MEDIA</u> 	<u>COMMUNION</u> 	<u>FELLOWSHIP</u> 
MAY 3	Laurie
MAY 10	Lisa	Kay	...
MAY 17	Tim	...	Laurie
MAY 24	Laurie
MAY 31	Tim



Special thanks to John Battern for leading worship April 19. John and his wife Julie are missionaries in Uganda and shared some of their experiences there. It was a wonderful presentation resulting in our church deciding to sponsor one of the teachers at the mission school.



We enjoyed learning about Live For Him Ministries mission work in Bugiri, Uganda. They discovered that the children were attending classes for eight hours a day and not getting to eat during that time! So they began a feeding program for them. They are building a new dorm/classroom building. More mission trips are planned and volunteers are welcome. Thank you to Rev. John and Julie Battern (Rachel Derscheid's aunt and uncle) for bringing this mission program to us. If you would like to donate to them their address is 620 Canvasback Court Arnolds Park, Iowa 51331

We furnished supplies for the Collins- Maxwell Elementary School PIE family night in April. The kids had a fun night. The leftovers were used for the teachers in service meeting.

This month for Families Forward we will collect personal care items and breakfast items. Please donate in memory of our Mothers.

Thank you!

Beth





- 3 Kyla Struthers
- 11 Hadley Smith
- 15 Cara Atwood
- 21 Doug Klemme
- 24 Joan Cummins
- 25 Stacie Hostetler
- 30 Brenda Kasper
- 31 Bruce Sesker



The last Sunday School in Collins, before summer break, will be May 17 . We have been working on looking up scripture this year and memorizing John 3:16 and Psalm 23! We have a great group of boys (plus Hadley) !

Collins United Methodist Church

**Memorial Day
Beefburger Luncheon**
(free will donation)

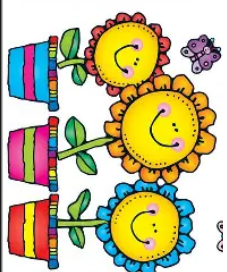
May 25, 2026

**immediately following the
Memorial Day Service
at the Collins Evergreen Cemetery
at 10:30 a.m.**

Service will be held at the Collins U.M.C. in case of bad weather.



MAY 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SUNDAY WORSHIP TIMES: 9:00am - Collins UMC 10:30am - Colo UMC CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays/Thursdays/Fridays from 9:00-Noon						
3 Kyla Struthers (Collins) 9:30am - Colo FINAL Adult SS Collins Children SS during worship svnc	4 Hadley Smith (Collins)	5 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC 6:30pm - CHA meeting at Colo UMC	6	7 Adam Sweitzer (Colo) Orville in Colo 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC	8 6:00pm - Girl Scouts meeting at Colo UMC	9 9:30-10:30am - Colo Food Pantry
10 MOTHER'S DAY COMMUNION Collins Children SS during worship svnc 1:30pm J.O.Y. Service @ LTC	11 Hadley Smith (Collins)	12 OFFICE CLOSED 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC	13	14 Nikki in Colo 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC	15 Carra Atwood (Collins) Vickie Wilson (Colo) 6:00pm - Girl Scouts meeting at Colo UMC	16 9:30-10:30am - Colo Food Pantry
17 Lee Dafisman (Colo) Collins Children FINAL SS during worship svnc 2:00pm - Collins-Maxwell Commenceent 2:00pm - Colo-NESCO Commenceent	18	19 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC	20 Kooper Spalding (Colo) June newsletter items due	21 Doug Kierme (Collins) Nikki in Colo 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC	22	23 9:30-10:30am - Colo Food Pantry
24 Joan Gummis (Collins) Camaron Woods (Colo) Dave Chrissy (Colo)	25 Stacie Hostetler Memorial Day 11:00am - Beefburger Luncheon @ Collins UMC 11:00am - Beefburger Luncheon @ Colo Comm Cntr	26 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC	27 6:30pm - Colo Church Council	28 Orville in Colo 10:30-11:30am - BASE Senior Fitness @ Colo UMC	29	30 Brenda Kasper (Collins) 9:30-10:30am - Colo Food Pantry
31 Bruce Sesker (Collins)						

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COLO UMC TITHES & OFFERINGS:



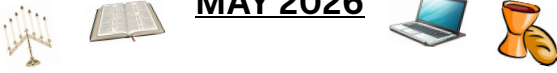
Mail in: Send your tithe or offering to: PO Box 266; Colo IA 50056

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



Colo UMC Sunday Service Duty List

MAY 2026



MAY 3

Candles - Spencer
Reader - Amy Edel
PowerPoint- Emma Lennie

MAY 10

Candles - Reagan
Reader - Kim
PowerPoint - Hope Heidemann
Communion -Dorothy Cerka
Communion server - Kim Heidemann

MAY 17

Candles - Nora Robinson
Reader - Brevik Hostetler
PowerPoint - Sophie

MAY 24

Reader - Amy Lennie
PowerPoint - Landyn Short

MAY 31

Candles - Spencer & Reagan
Reader - Stacie Hostetler
PowerPoint - Grayson



- 1 Keith McKinney
- 7 Adam Sweitzer
- 15 Vickie Wilson
- 17 Lee Dadisman
- 20 Kooper Spalding
- 24 Dave Christy,
Cameron Woods
- 25 Stacie Hostetler

COLO UMC CELEBRATE!



Please make sure to join us in Church on May 3rd as we celebrate our seniors: Emma Lennie, Isaac Harrington and Kooper Spalding.

There are Bibles in the Fellowship Hall for you all to sign.



We are also going to take the opportunity on May 3rd to recognize our Education leaders. (Adult, WOW and all educators in our congregation.) There will be cake of course! Feel free to bring a card for the seniors, there will be baskets for them in the Fellowship Hall.

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.





COLO UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH ~ MAY 2026

Bible Verse: Romans 8:28 (CEB)

"We know that God works all things together for good for the ones who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose."

The May Breakfast Unit meeting will be on Saturday, May 2nd at 9:30am. We will again eat at the Community Breakfast (*at the church*), have our meeting, and then enjoy a program by Pastor Nikki on her summer 2025 mission trip.

The 2026 Colo United Women in Faith program booklets are ready. There are still a few that need to be picked up. If you don't have yours yet, you can find it on the table in the upstairs Fellowship Hall.

You can make your pledge/donation at our unit meetings, put them in Vicki's or Joyce's mailbox anytime at the church, or mail to Vicki or Joyce. (Their addresses are in the new booklets.)

Community Breakfast



There will be a Colo UMC Community Breakfast held at the church on May 2nd from 8:30-10am. This is a free-will donation fundraising event. Please share and bring people! We will have pancakes, sausage and fruit.



J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth)

J.O.Y. (*Just Older Youth*) service will be on May 10th at 1:30pm at Senior Living Care in Nevada. (*Formerly known as Long Term Care.*) Everyone is welcome to attend!



Colo Church Council will meet on Wednesday, May 27th at 6:30pm. Please note the new time. (We are able to meet earlier now that WOW is over for the season.)

Adult Small Group Study



Colo UMC Adult Small Group Study's last Sunday will be on May 3rd. They will resume meeting this fall in September. Specific information will be shared later this summer.

Central District Grief Workshop "Grief Work and the Church"

Two sessions will be held. The first one will be held on May 14th and the second one will be held on the 21st via ZOOM from 7:00-8:30pm. Pastor Tom Boomershine, Extension Ministries-Hospice Chaplain, will lead this workshop. There is wisdom in increasing our capacity to have conversations on our experiences of grief.

For more information, and/or to register, go to www.iaumc.org/eventdetail/19683396
Registration deadline is May 11th.





Memorial Day Beefburger Lunch Monday, May 25th at Colo Community Center *11:00am - 12:30pm **FREE-WILL DONATION**



**immediately following the services at the cemeteries*
SERVICES: 10:00am St. James Cemetery and 10:30am Colo Community



Thank you to everyone
who made my 100th birthday so fun and special.
Thank you for your generous donations
to the Colo Community food pantry.

Pat Carmody

PLANT HAPPINESS



First, plant five rows of "peas":

Prayer,
Perseverance,
Politeness,
Promptness,
Preparedness.

Next plant three rows of "squash":

Squash gossip,
Squash criticism,
Squash indifference.



Then five rows of "lettuce":

Let us be faithful to duty,
Let us be unselfish,
Let us be truthful,
Let us follow Christ,
Let us love one another.



No garden is complete without "turnips":

Turn up for church,
Turn up with a smile,
Turn up with new ideas,



Turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM



Join us for an unforgettable wilderness adventure,
where kids will explore God's creation and discover His love along the way!

Sunday, July 19 through Wednesday, July 22 from 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
Ages 4 - Grade 6

Please mail the completed form to Colo United Methodist Church (602 4th Street, Colo)
or email Amy Lennie at lennieamy@gmail.com.
You can also register online at <https://coloumc.churchtrac.com>.

Student's Name _____

Last school grade completed (as of May 2026) _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Phone Number(s) _____

T-shirt Size (youth sizes) S M L XL (adult sizes) S M L XL

Allergies/Medical Information/Other Important Info _____

Emergency Contacts:

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Name(s) of person(s) other than Parent/Guardian listed above who may pick up this child from VBS:



VBS - 2025
Join the fun
in 2026!



Colo UMC Vacation Bible School will be held on Sunday, July 19th through Wednesday, July 22nd from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The theme this year is Sonrise – an unforgettable wilderness adventure, where kids will explore God’s creation and discover His love along the way! This is for kids age 4 through 6th Grade. All are welcome! A registration form is on the previous page, or you can pick one up at the church. You can tear off the bottom of this page and give to a friend.

We are also putting out a call for VBS volunteers! If you’re interested in being a volunteer, you can scan the QR code: Or you can email Kim Heidemann at klheidemann@gmail.com or Amy Lennie at lennieamy@gmail.com.



ADVENTURE AWAITS

Bring a Friend!

Join me July 19-22 at the Colo United Methodist Church for an awesome week of Vacation Bible School!

Scan to register

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**April 11- May 17
Sermon Series**

JOIN US! 9:00am at Collins UMC
10:30am at Colo UMC

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Church forms
disciples of Jesus
Christ who,
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Holy Spirit, love
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& lead courageously
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and worldwide
connections.*