

May, 2026



Parish Messenger

Christ Community United Methodist Parish

Tim's Thoughts

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying our variable spring weather when you can! I haven't been able to get out as much as I would like, but I have still found some time to spend in nature. While out, I have found myself thinking a lot about names; from the names of the trees to the names of people. The book series that I am currently enjoying focuses a lot on an idea that everything and every person has a true name that really captures the essence of who or what they are. Also, Jess has shared some from her hiking, where all the people they meet use trial names, rather than giving out personal information. She has met some interesting people, including Cartographer and Turtle; she goes by the name Pokey Puppy, and when we've hiked together I have used the call sign White Rabbit, as I'm always running late.



Over the last week, as I prepared for my sermon on the Good Shepherd passage from John's gospel (Ch 10), one line in particular brought this idea into sharper focus: "He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out... and the sheep follow him because they know his voice." For my sermon, I focused on the idea of our need to know and recognize Jesus' voice. But now I want to consider the significance of him knowing each of our names.

Names are a powerful and important thing. Even in ancient times, humans considered names to be of great importance. This is why we do not know the name of our God. Other peoples of the times knew their gods by name, and believed that calling them by name might give them some power or influence over their god; it would at least improve the chances that they listened to you. Our God, the Hebrew God who is Lord over all creation, not just specific parts, has a name as well, but it was considered so powerful and dangerous that very few people ever knew it, and it was written in the old Hebrew scriptures without vowels, as with all their writing, so no future generations have ever been able to determine its true pronunciation and meaning.

Clearly, names are important. So, what does it mean that Jesus "calls his own sheep by name"? It means that he knows us more intimately than we can imagine. Jesus knows everything about us; all of our hopes and dreams, our deepest fears, and our worst sins. But it also means that he knows better than we know ourselves. He knows and understands what we are capable of, and how we can rise above our fears and sins to be the people he is calling us to be. I am reminded of the refrain from the hymn "You Are Mine" from The Faith We Sing, #2218: "Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine."

So, over the next month, I would encourage you to listen for Jesus' voice. What name will he call you by? Who are you, truly, and who is God calling you to be? Whatever specific name he calls you by, know that as a part our name, God calls each of us a beloved child!

Blessings, Tim

May Birthdays

- 1—Brooklyn Condra
- 4—Jack Pershy, Phyllis Wolfe
- 8—Mike Mattly, Sue Rembe
- 12 — Kerry Mason
- 13—Mark Moorman, Gwen Neely
- 14—David Brennecke
- 15—Neal McCart
- 20—Dawn Boggs, Barb Danielsen
- 25—Sylvia Nickell, Tayler Nickell
- 26—Sally Donald
- 27—Jeanette Kelly



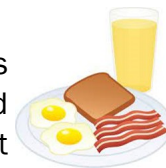
May Anniversaries

- 16—Gary & Rita Muilenburg
- 21—Bob & Virginia Fuller
- 25—Gary & Susan Henderson
- 26—Al & Susan Pyner, Rod & Joanne VanDyne



Men's Breakfast

Men's Breakfast Group meets at Corydon UMC on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00 am for breakfast and Christian fellowship.



Millerton UMC Weekly Community Breakfast



Every Monday morning at 7:30 people gather at Millerton UMC for coffee and breakfast. All are welcome.

Summer Break

Handbell Choir and Chancel Choir are taking a summer break. Look for information on start up in the fall.



2nd Sunday at Corydon Methodist

We will NOT have 2nd Sunday Potluck May 10th due to Mother's Day and Wayne High School graduation.

Tissues & Wipes for School



The parish will begin collecting tissues and wipes for Wayne Community School now in order to have them all by the teacher breakfast on August

17. Bring your tissues and wipes to the Parish Office now.

Supplemental Secretary Position

The parish is looking for a supplemental secretary. This is a 16-hour-a-week position that aids the primary secretary in completing weekly, monthly, and annual tasks. Beginning pay is \$15 per hour. There is some flexibility with days and times which can be discussed.

Tasks will include answering the phone, helping people who come in for Aid & Assistance and keeping track of who has received help from this fund, assisting people who come in to use the copy machine, putting together the weekly worship slides for the churches, updating the website, and assisting the primary secretary in getting the weekly bulletins and monthly newsletters out.

Applicants must be good with technology, communicate well, work well with others, keep things confidential, and be detail oriented. Experience with Word, Publisher, Excel, Access, and PowerPoint is preferred.

This person will replace Becky when she retires later this year.

ATTENDANCE

April	5	12	19	26
Allerton	14	12	12	12
Corydon	44	36	38	42
Lineville	22	19	19	19
Millerton	22	16	16	14
New Zion	31	27	26	30
Total	113	110	111	114

Average parish attendance for April was 117. Easter Attendance: Maundy Thursday—11: Good Friday—21. Sunrise Services at Corydon—44, Lineville—24, & New Zion 31



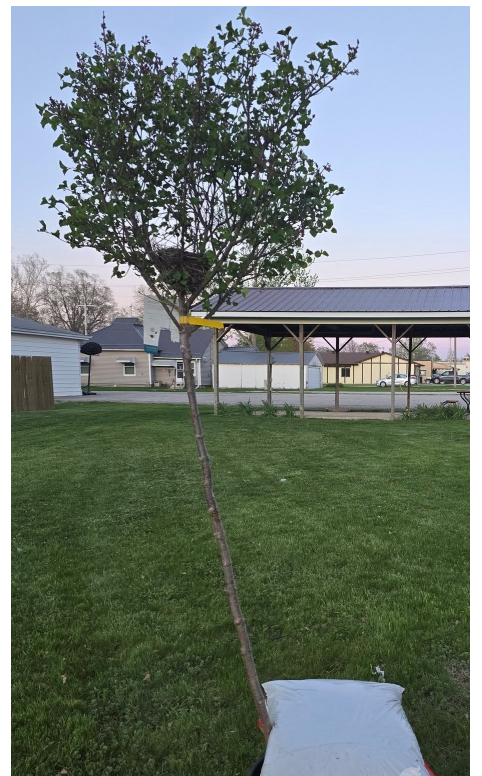
Row 1 Left: UWF served ice cream bars at Corydon Specialty Care April birthday party.

Row 1 Right: Becky Fetters received UWF Special Membership Recognition Pin.

Row 2 & 3 Left: Jess on vacation & scenery

Row 2 Right: New trees at Corydon UMC

Row 4 United Women in Faith Spring Luncheon watching WCH choir sing.





Row 1 Left: April prayer Shawls

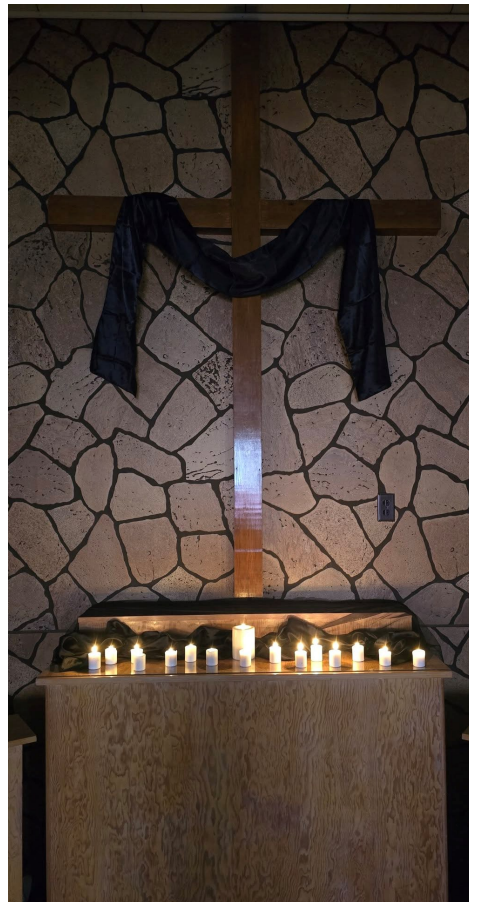
Row 1 Right: Henderson's delivering Mobile Meals



Row 2 Left: Maundy Thursday Service at Millerton UMC

Row 2 Middle & Row 3 Left & Middle: Palm Sunday Services at Allerton, New Zion & Lineville UMC's

Row 3 Right: Good Friday Service at Allerton UMC



Staying Connected

God created us to be in relationship with one another. We know that it is not possible for everyone to be present for our time of worship, fellowship gatherings, missions, and ministries, which is why we do our best to communicate what is going on in the life of the parish. There are a variety of ways to receive/find information about upcoming events such as:

- The insert in the weekly bulletin. For the large print bulletins, the announcements are on the back pages.
- A weekly email is sent out on Friday or Saturday to tell people about upcoming events. For those who do not have or do not regularly check their emails, we mail a letter twice a month.
- The parish Facebook Page: *Christ Community United Methodist Parish Corydon, Iowa* includes pictures and posts each week.
- The parish website: www.christcommumparish.com has a whole page for upcoming events as well as a news page.

Churches also have their own ways of communicating information, New Zion and Line ville send group text messages.

Prayer requests for the parish are sent out by email, Allerton and Millerton also have a calling tree for their prayer chain.

We want you to feel connected to the body of Christ! We love one another and care about each other. If you feel that you are missing out on communications, please contact the parish office. Make sure we have your correct email, mailing address, and phone number.

Pictures for the Newsletter, Website, and Facebook Page

Do you take pictures at church activities? Send them to Becky for the monthly newsletter and to Pastor Jess for the parish website and Facebook page. In order to protect the most vulnerable among us, we do not post pictures online of kids, youth, care center residents, or those who are homebound, unless we blur faces or alter the picture.

Parents are able to give the parish permission to post pictures of their children online, but we need to receive that permission in writing. (Each year, the VBS sign-up sheet includes permission to allow us to photograph and post pictures of all participants.)


Let's Get Our Kids & Youth to Wesley Woods Camp & Retreat Center

We are blessed to have a Christian Camp only an hour away from us! There are only two United Methodist Camps left in the state, and we want to be sure to support this important ministry that transforms lives!

We know Wesley Woods is expensive, please do not let the cost discourage you from sending your kids/youth to camp this summer. The parish has funds available to help offset the cost.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						<p>1</p> <p>Allerton UMC Deliver Mobile Meals</p>	<p>2</p> <p>St. Francis Mass 6:30 pm</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Communion & A & A Leroy-C & M T-AL & N</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Community Coffee at Millerton 7:30</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Men's Breakfast at Corydon UMC 7:00 am Martha Circle 9:30 Joanna Circle 12:30</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>St. Francis Mass 6:30 pm</p>	
Men's Group deliver Mobile Meals May 4-8			Becky vacation May 4-8 Office Closed		Pastor Jess vacation April 20-May 11		
<p>10</p>  <p>Leroy-C & M T-AL & N</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Community Coffee at Millerton 7:30</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Prayer Shawl 9:30 at Corydon UMC</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Blood Drive at Corydon UMC 1:30 to 5:30</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Last Day of Wayne School Chapel at Corydon Specialty Care 11:00</p>	<p>16</p> <p>St. Francis Mass 6:30 pm</p>	
<p>17</p> <p>Communion Lineville UMC Campout & Breakfast 9:00 T-C & M J-AL & N</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Community Coffee at Millerton 7:30</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Men's Breakfast at Corydon UMC 7:00 am</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Food Truck at Allerton 2:00 Parish Council Lineville UMC 5:30</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Quilting at Lineville 2:00</p>	<p>23</p> <p>St. Francis Mass 6:30 pm</p>	
<p>24</p> <p>Food Pantry T-C & M J-AL & N</p>	<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>United Women in Faith Corydon UMC 1:30</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Last Week Supper & Planning Meeting 5:00 to 6:00</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>St. Francis Mass 6:30 pm</p>	
<p>31</p> <p>Joint Service at Lineville 10:30</p>							

The schedule is subject to change

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Parish Prayer Chain
Call one of the pastors



Worship Times

Allerton
Worship 8:30
Corydon
Adult Sunday School 9:30 - Worship 10:45
Lineville
Worship 9:45 - Children's Sunday School 10:45
Millerton
Worship 9:00
New Zion
Sunday School 9:45 - Worship 11:00