**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH of WILTON**

**Greetings Church Family,**

**Sunday, April 27th, 2025 Weekly News**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN** “He Lives” UMH# 310

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**PRAISE BAND**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS/PASTORAL PRAYER/LORD’S PRAYER**

**HYMN OF REFLECTION** “Breathe On Me, Breath of God” UMH# 420

**CHILDREN’S TIME**

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 20:19-31

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** “Christ is Alive” UMH# 318 vs. 1-3

**SERMON** “The Benefit of the Doubt”

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” UMH# 327 vs.1,2,4

**POSTLUDE**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS  
April 27th, 2025**

**Current Prayers**

**\*Prayers for the family of Connie Zeleny’s cousin, Bill, who passed away recently.**

**\*Prayers for the family of Steve Reinert, whose funeral will be here Friday.**

**\*Prayers for the Catholic Church community as they mourn the death of Pope Francis.**

**\*Prayers for Amanda Treimer who recently had surgery and is dealing with some complications during the healing process.**

**\*Prayers for the victims and families of the FSU shooting.**

**\*Prayers for Quincy Sawvell who has bone cancer in his arm.**

**\*Prayers for Connie Zeleny’s granddaughter, Sammi, who may have Grave’s disease.**

**\*Prayers for Pastor Jill and Randy’s son, Shannon, as he recovers from an infection.**

**\*Prayers for Amy Maxwell as she recovers from knee surgery.**

**\*Prayers for Bart Paulsen as he deals with health issues.**

**\*Prayers for Shirley Brisker as she deals with health issues.**

**\*Prayers for Bill Carter as he recovers from surgery and is now at Lutheran Living.**

**\*Prayers for Bruce Walker who is hospitalized.**

**\*Prayers for Donna Paper as she deals with lung issues.**

**\*Prayers for Kenny Koehler who is battling cancer.**

**\*Prayers for Lynn Latimer who had a fall and broke her right shoulder in three places.**

**\*Prayers for Chad Morgan, who has now entered hospice.**

**\*Prayers for Connie Zeleny as she deals with health issues.**

**\*Prayers for Ron Soenksen, who has now returned home and continues with rehab.  
\*Prayers for Penny McKillip’s brother, Steve, who is battling pancreatic cancer.**

**\*Prayers for Penny McKillip’s nieces, Julie and Davina, who recently started chemo treatments.**

**\*Prayers for Joe Akers’ brother, Ben, who continues his cancer treatments.  
\*Prayers for Pastor Jill’s uncle, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.   
\*Prayers for Adelyn Liebmann, as she awaits surgery.**

**\*Prayers for Judy Swanson, who had a stroke and is in rehab.**

**\*District Superintendent Brian Oliver has put together a District Church Prayer list. Listed each week are congregations and pastors to lift up in prayer. Please pray this week for: Winfield UMC, Morning Sun UMC and Pastor Brian Berges; Kingston UMC and Pastor Dane Feenstra**

**Continuing Prayers**

**\*Prayers for Ruth Ann Scott’s 5-year-old great-granddaughter, Hattie, as she recovers from kidney surgery.**

**\* Prayers for Amy Maxwell’s cousin, Christopher, who had a stroke, is now home and doing out-patient rehab.  
\* Prayers for Diane Budding.  
\* Prayers for Jamie Holladay who is battling cancer.  
\* Rosemary McCallister asks for prayers for her nephew. He is undergoing continued treatment and surgeries.  
\* Martha McCallister has asked for prayers for Rosemary McCallister who is dealing with several health issues.  
\* Joy Carter has asked for prayers for Jennifer Wheelock as she looks to get a kidney and pancreas transplant.  
\* Sandy Kraklio has asked for prayers for her nieces, Nicole and Cindy, who are both battling cancer.**

**\* Please keep these members in your prayers and drop them a cheerful note:  
        Homebound: Glenna Van Atta  
        Cedar Manor, Tipton: Earl Denkman**

**Leland Smith Assisted Living: Rita Sloan**

**Lutheran Living: Bill Carter**

**\*Prayers for those impacted by recent hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, and storms.   
\*Prayers for the people of Israel and Palestine and the violence in the Middle East.  
\*Prayers for the people of Ukraine.**

**\*Prayers for all the people who have been devastated by fires, floods, and tornadoes.**

**\*Prayers for all the places in the world where people are struggling and afraid.**

**\*Prayers for immigrants in this area and this country, that they will know they are made in God’s image, and that there are people reaching out with compassion.**

**\*Prayers for all the organizations doing good work that receive federal funding and are uncertain what funding will be cut, and all those who have suddenly lost their jobs.**

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**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS  
Week of April 27th, 2025**

**Please keep an eye out in Fellowship Hall for the name tag rack and put yours on when you arrive. If you don't see a name tag with your name, please leave a note for Chris and put it in the box by her door.**

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR PASTOR JILL**[**rjmack203@gmail.com**](mailto:rjmack203@gmail.com) **Pastor's phone - 563-419-1016**

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In case you missed the announcement, a new minister has been appointed to our church! Reverend Brian Channel, and his wife Tasha, will be joining us soon. Please stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the June/July time frame.**

**Attention Campers!   
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**Christian camp opportunities are a great way for our children to be in fellowship with others their age as they work on their walk with Jesus towards becoming awesome disciples of God!   
  
We recently heard about Wesley Woods United Methodist Camp and last week we heard more about the local Christian Day Camp. There is a scholarship fund available for the youth that will help offset, or cover, the cost of camp. There are registration and application forms for Wesley Woods on the table in the fellowship hall. Or see Pastor Jill or Carol Duffe if you would like to apply for funds.  
  
The Christian Day Camp is back for its 3rd year this year! There are flyers in the Fellowship Hall with more information.  They are also in need of volunteers again. For additional information, you can go to**[**https://www.christiandaycamp.org/**](https://www.christiandaycamp.org/)**for more information on either the camp or volunteering. Or see the fliers in the hall by the office for details and to volunteer your time to help in this valuable effort.   
  
For information on camps supported by our Iowa Conference:**[**https://www.iaumc.org/camps**](https://www.iaumc.org/camps)

**The Mission Team will match $500 of the offering to support this mission to the youth of our area.   
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**The Administrative Council will meet this Sunday, April 27th following worship.**

**United Women in Faith will meet this Thursday, May 1st at 1:30 pm in fellowship hall.**

**Shepherdess, Karleen Noteboom, will be a guest.**

**SPPRC will be meeting next Sunday, May 4th following worship.**

**NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR LAWN MOWING:**

**The trustees have decided to ask for volunteers to mow the Church lawn this summer.  There is a sign-up sheet in the fellowship hall. The lawn is divided into two areas which may be mowed with a riding mower/s plus a third area being the road banks needing to be mowed with a walk behind mower.  You may want to sign up for just one area.  Bruce has donated his 62” John Deere zero turn riding mower and Merrill has donated a self-propelled Lawn Boy, both of which are in the garage. For more info see the sign-up sheet or contact Leroy Van Roekel at 563-299-1293.**

**Remember the ministry of our Missionaries, Emmanuel and Florence Mefor.**

**While Emmanuel has retired, Florence continues her ministry at the Old Mutare Hospital in Zimbabwe. "My ministry is to help save lives, improve failing sights, and general well-being of patients," Florence shares. "God's hands are at work.”**

**Our annual Day Mission Trip to Families Forward (Bidwell/Riverside) Food Pantry in**

**Des Moines will be on June 30th this year. Mark your calendars!**

**LITURGISTS: There is a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall for those who would be willing to be liturgists. Please include your phone number and email and Pastor Jill will send you the scriptures ahead of time. Thank you!**

**The May calendar is available online and at the church. Our church secretary, Chris Putnam, coordinates the church calendar.  If you have items for the June calendar, please email them to Chris at**[**umcwiltn@netwtc.net**](mailto:umcwiltn@netwtc.net)**as soon as possible.**

**NOTE: The church is using the One Call Now phone message service again. Please contact Lance Kephart to check or update your contact information or report any issues with receiving the call or message. He will need your names, phone numbers, and email addresses. You can email your information to him at** [**lance\_kephart@hotmail.com**](mailto:lance_kephart@hotmail.com)**.**

**ONGOING EVENTS**

**Sewing Group - Meet at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings.  
Praise Band - The Praise Band rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
Family Fun Night - Every FIRST AND THIRD Wednesday evening at 5:30pm. The next one will be Wednesday, May 7th.  
Knitting Group- The 3rd Monday of each month 10am-Noon at the church.**