



# EARLVILLE UNITED PARISH JUBILEE

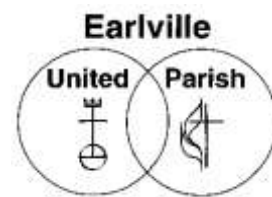
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Hello Earlville United Parish!

I'm not sure that I will write in every newsletter, but I will try! What a difficult year to say the least.

We are actively monitoring the Covid pandemic that is spreading throughout our country. The worship committee and I are having several conversations about if we should suspend Sunday services and if/when we should plan to resume Wednesday services. As of right now, we will continue to monitor, discuss, and evaluate the situation to make what we feel is the best decision for the congregation. If you feel unsafe coming or believe to have been exposed, please watch services on-line.

The second item I would like to bring you up to speed on is the search for a Pastor. We have had several leads and possibilities. So far, we haven't found the right fit. We have found a candidate that we really like, but the cost to get him we've decided is much more than we can afford. We have discussed sharing a Pastor with Delhi and more recently, Winthrop. Discussions with Winthrop are just beginning, so we will see where this leads us. We received a couple interim candidates a month or so ago, but

they haven't been the right fit. We haven't received any new candidates for the last month. But, we are continuing to discuss, meet, and explore thoughts and options to find the right fit for our Church. I would like to thank Ray, and would encourage you to reach out to him, for doing a remarkable job filling in for the past Month. It's not an easy job and it takes lots of preparation and he is doing a tremendous service for us!

I would also like to thank Jake Connolly and his two committees, the SPRC and the Pulpit Committee. They have been working very hard the past month or two. Jake has done an amazing job communicating what is going on and is leading a very diligent group through this process. I would also like to thank the Worship committee for being available to decide on services. We hope to not have to suspend services again, but if it's necessary, we will make that decision. Last but not least, Parish Council... we met about every week for the month of May and first part of June. Thank you All!

Hope to see you all soon!

In Christ

John Cannon

**Did you know** that the church receives numerous copies bi-monthly of two devotionals, The Upper Room and Our Daily Bread? They are available at the welcome table in the dining room. A small donation to cover the cost is appreciated, but not required. Why not take advantage of these excellent materials for your daily devotional time?

### Scripture List

Scriptures for the next month are:

**August 2:** Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

**August 9:** Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

**August 16:** Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15(10-20), 21-28

**August 23:** Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

**August 30:** Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

### Ushers/Greeters and Fellowship Hosts for August

*If you cannot help on your assigned Sunday, please find your own substitute!*

**Aug 2:** Ushers/Greeters: Art & Kenda Gourley; Liturgist: Ray Rardin

**Aug 9:** Ushers/Greeters: Laurie Boies & Tristan Baker; Liturgist: Laurie Boies

**Aug 16:** Ushers/Greeters: Lance & Dawn Smeins; Liturgist: Lance Smeins

**Aug 23:** Ushers/Greeters: Scott Henney & Alan Von Talge; Liturgist: Scott Henney

**Aug 30:** Ushers/Greeters: Kent & Susie Salow; Liturgist: Susie Salow

**Altar Flowers:** Dawn Smeins

**Communion Steward:** April Clute



### Please keep our mailing list up-to-date!

The Post Office will not forward our newsletters if the address is not correct. It also costs us every time a newsletter is returned with an incorrect address. We need the correct and current address. Please notify the church office by mail, phone, or e-mail if you or a family member move or will be gone for a season (such as going south for the winter.) We want to keep in touch with ALL our members and friends.

### INFORMATION FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Send your monthly reports for the newsletter to: eup91@iowatelecom.net or rjmack@iowatelecom.net or bring them to the church in a timely fashion. The deadline for any article is on the calendar.

We should have reports from the various committees who meet each month: the women's group, the treasurer and the financial secretary so that we can keep the congregation up-to-date and informed each month.

If you do not see a report in the newsletter that you feel should be there, contact the church office or let Pastor Jill know. Thank you for your cooperation in seeing that this is done.

### EUP FINANCE REPORT

*Checkbook Balance 06/30/20	\$7,952.94
Receipts	4016.83
Disbursements	- 2806.41
Checkbook Balance 07/01/17	\$ 9163.36
Breakdown on Funds:	
General Fund	\$ 5865.10
Christian Education	693.50
After school program grant	444.41
Library	168.60
Memorial	974.83
Maintenance Fund	603.51
Men's Group	334.74
CWS blankets	50.00
Mission Offering - Other	55.00
Women's Bible Study	13.67
Family Thank Offering	15.00
* Checkbook Balance 07/01/17	\$ 9163.36

\* Balance includes a \$6800.00 forgivable loan from the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)

## OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE

### Offering

July 5:	Regular: \$ 990.00
July 12:	Regular: \$745.00
July 19:	Regular: \$ 440.00
July 26:	Regular: \$ 720.00

NEEDED WEEKLY TO MEET THE BUDGET:  
**\$2138.62**

**NOTE:** At this point, most weeks we are receiving *less than half* of what is needed to meet the budget. We have reached a critical point! Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help keep the ministry of this church going and in good financial condition.

## Mission Opportunity

It's time to collect items for the **Ingathering School Kits**. These kits provide tools for education, which changes lives. In countries where children don't have books, school supplies or classrooms, a school kit may be their only educational resource.

Needed for each kit:

- 1 box 12ct Colored pencils
- 1 blunt scissors (metal)
- 1 30 cm. metric ruler
- 1 hand pencil sharpener
- 1 2-1/2" eraser
- 1 box of 24 crayons (reg. size)
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 3 notebooks, 8-1/2" x 11" wide-ruled (spiral or bound, approx. 140 sheets)

*You may also donate money and someone will shop for you.*



# W.O.W.

(Worship on Wednesdays)



Keep an eye on Facebook for updates !



Hello, Friends at EUP! Hope you all are well and safe! Randy and I are pretty well settled in the parsonage at Tama and beginning to learn our way around our new communities and churches. We are not back to in person worship yet here, as the COVID cases continue to rise. So, we are continuing online only for now. It's hard to get acquainted with the folks in the three churches when I can't see them face to face!

Thank you so much for all the well wishes, gifts, notes, cards, and phone calls when we left Earlville. It meant so much to hear from you, as it was very hard to say good-bye to all you wonderful people! We'll miss you, but hope to visit there once in awhile! Of course, you are always welcome to travel west and see us, too! We'd love to have you!

Thank you again – not just for the good-bye wishes, but for twelve years of ministry and fellowship together! You are special people! God bless! *Pastor Jill*



### Joys and Concerns

**Immediate prayers:** Unstable political situations around the world; migrants and refugees fleeing war, persecution and poverty; situations of racism and violence in the US; victims of natural disasters; victims of violence and terrorist attacks; immigration issues in the U.S. and the plight of immigrant children; Carter Zapf; Lucas Baker; Karen & Don Reittinger; Whitley (18 month old with cancer); Chris Hucker; Lyle Orcutt; Ilene Orcutt; Shannon Richardson's sister, Ramona; Chris Jackson (Pastor Mike Jackson's wife @ Edgewood UMC); the coronavirus outbreak; the death of George Floyd and others and the protests and violence that have resulted; Sharon Hoffman (Alice Hunt's daughter)

**Continuing prayers:** Bob Dutra; Jeff Kelchen's father; Vernon Buccholz (Teresa Rowland's father); Bonnie Dzaboff; Zach Fisher; Joyce McAulay (Mike's mom); Mike Long; our US troops

**Those in uniform:** Joseph Bebbler (Shirley Edward's son); Angelina Pedretti (Shirley Edward's daughter); Eric Deutmeyer (Melissa Dutra's nephew); Alex Digman and Zach Digman (Missy Digman's sons)

### LOCAL MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING CENTERS

*(In addition to your prayers, these people would surely welcome a visit or a note from you!)*

Lela Thomas, Good Neighbor Home  
105 McCarren Drive, Manchester, IA 52057

Betty Salow, Good Neighbor Home  
105 McCarren Drive, Manchester, IA 52057

Mary Lou Schmitz, Good Neighbor Home  
105 McCarren Drive, Manchester, IA 52057

# August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  B: Dean Gourley
2  B: Judy Robinson	3  B: Mari Jo Diesch	4  B: Audrey Mack	5  B: Janet Orcutt Brenyn Robinson	6	7	8
9  B: Caleb Walton	10	11  B: Noah White Amelia Mack	12  B: Diana Wilson Bob Miller Susie Salow	13	14  B: Brooke Henning	15  B: Tara Malin
16  B: Lisa Lahr	17  B: Carrie Johnson	18	19 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> <u>W.O.W.</u> 7 pm – Worship B: Jim Clifton	20	21  B: Ryan Hunt	22  B: JoAnn Swinton A: Dave & Deanna Girling
23 9 am – Worship  <hr/> 30 B: Amy Rausch Lauren Orcutt A: Lynn & Brenda Smith	24  <hr/> 31 B: Stefanie Dingbaum  Logan Johnson Canyon Richardson	25	26  <u>W.O.W.</u> 7 pm- Worship	27  B: Jean Hunt Dawn Smeins	28	29