

Our Bishop announces a move for Pastor Jeff

February 2019

Steve Kahler, chairperson of our Staff Parish Relations Committee, gave this announcement to the congregation on Sunday, January 20, 2019 during worship.

Pastor Jeff will be moving on July 1, 2019

We have been blessed by the ministry and leadership of Pastor Jeff since the summer of 2006 and now the time has come for Pastor Jeff to serve God in a different setting. Bishop Laurie Haller & cabinet have appointed Pastor Jeff to be the Lead Pastor at St. John's UMC in Davenport, Iowa with his new responsibilities beginning on the first of July this year.

In the coming days our Staff Parish Relations Committee will work with our District Superintendent Kiboko Kiboko and the cabinet to provide for pastoral leadership for our church after July 1. When the new pastor has been chosen there will be an announcement to the whole congregation. Until that happens, please be in prayer for this process.

While this means that we will have a change in pastors this summer, the ministry of the Maquoketa First United Methodist Church will continue as it has for generations. In the coming weeks we will want to give Pastor Jeff and his wife, Susan, our prayers and support as we all prepare together for this transition. May we all seek God's guidance to help us grow into the next season of our ministry to our community.

Thank you. ~Steve Kahler

**Our Mission: to make disciples of Christ,
equipped to serve God & neighbor!**

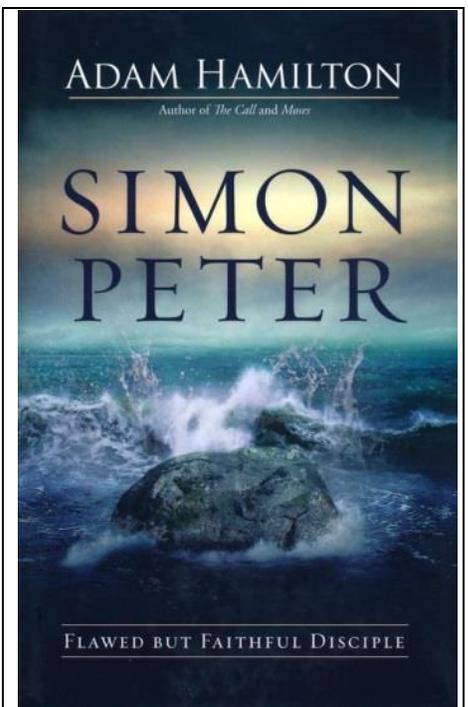
☺ *Pastor Jeff*

Community Cupboard Update

The Capital Campaign for the Community Cupboard's new building is doing well. As we approach the one year mark on this campaign, donations and pledges have been received in the amount of **\$190,340.00** so far. They are within \$42,000 of paying off the short term building loan.

Will you join with the Cupboard Supporters of our community and make a donation this spring? They are well on the way towards fulfilling this goal as you can see. The total goal remains: \$290,000

Donations can be made payable to "Feed the Need" and mailed to P.O. 645, Maquoketa, IA 52060

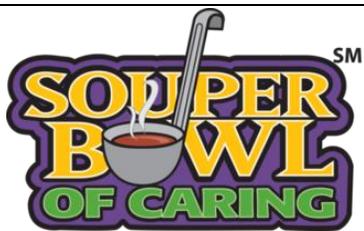


Lenten small groups:

You are invited to consider being in a study group for the six weeks of Lent. There will be a list of times and options for you to sign up during the next few weeks. Study groups will begin the first week of March.

Peter was not rich or educated, but was familiar with hard work. He was quick-tempered and impetuous, but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher, yet struggled with doubt and fear.

Each small group will be using a DVD format to start the discussion each week. Pastor Adam Hamilton leads this six-week journey into the life, faith, & character of the disciple we know as Simon Peter



Soup-er bowl Potluck Sunday, Feb. 3 @ 11:45

Last Sunday to bring donation items for the Community Cupboard.

You can bring anything listed in the previous weeks. (See list and score in following pages.)

Menu:

Chili soup
Chicken-n-noodle
Lasagna soup
sandwiches & salads

We hope you will plan to take some time to join others from the congregation for this noon lunch. It will be a soup lunch with salads, sandwiches, bars and whatever you wish to add.

Come join us for a time of Food and Fellowship!