

“Uncommon Living in Unsettled Times”

1 Peter 3:8-22

Our calling as disciples of Jesus is not to feel at home in this world. Our calling is—and has always been—to live uncommon lives in an unsettled world. This life is what the apostle Peter writes about his letter to the aliens and exiles in the first century church. *“Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us (1 Peter 2:12).”* What do these good lives look like?

1. Vision for uncommon living (1 Peter 3:8-12)

Unity of mind

Sympathy

Brotherly love

Tender hearted

Humble mind

2. Practices for uncommon living (1 Peter 3:13-17)

- What preoccupies my heart (vv. 13-15a)?
- How do I articulate my hope (vv. 15b)?
- How congruent is my life with my witness (vv. 16-17)?

3. Power for uncommon living (1 Peter 3:18-22)

Encouragement and prayer

WELCOME
to worship

March 30, 2025

REMINDERS

TODAY 3-30

Common Ground Coffee Bar—8:45 a.m.
Sunday School—9:00 a.m.
Reception for Pastor Steve, Carol & Melanie during the Sunday School hour
Morning Worship Service—10:00 a.m.
Easter Choir Rehearsal—11:45-12:45

TUESDAY 4-1

Community Prayer—Noon

WEDNESDAY 4-2

Men's Fellowship—6:15 a.m.
AWANA/Truth Seekers—3:50-5:00 p.m.
No Youth Group—Java & Jesus
6:30-8:30 p.m. @ Red White & Brew

SATURDAY 4-5

Peaceful Promises—9:00-11:30 a.m.
at Grace Church in Algona

SUNDAY 4-6 *Interim Pastor Candidating*

Common Ground Coffee Bar—8:45 a.m.
Children's Sunday School—9:00 a.m.
Q&A with Matt Collins—9:00 a.m.
No adult Sunday School
Morning Worship Service—10:00 a.m.
Youth Group Meal & Vote—Following morning service

AWANA Cookies This Week: 4-2

Diane Johnson, Joyce Tjarks
& Lois Uitermarkt

GIVING

Options for Giving:

- Offering Boxes mounted near back of Sanctuary & on the rolling mailboxes in the Foyer
- Online Giving — www.brittfreechurch.com/give/
- Mail a check (address below)
- If you want to give to the Benevolence Fund, please indicate accordingly when you give.
Anticipated Monthly Need: \$45,086 February Income—\$23,607.67

PRAYER NEEDS

Please pray for these people with health issues or other concerns:

Ramona Carlson	Bertie Nedved	Manuel Garcia
Rita Fox	Doug Kneisel	Linda Schlicht
Kim Redenius	Jan Charbonneau	Carolyn Ostercamp

Please pray for:

- Spiritual revival in our churches and nation
- Missionaries/ministries with special focus on Wings of Refuge—Ames
- School employees, administrators, coaches, & students
- Pastor Steve & Carol Couch
- Pastor Michael & Shelby, Judah and Delta Foose
- Chas & Nicole, William and Daisy Wyatt

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OPPORTUNITIES

INTERIM PASTOR CANDIDATE

Matt Collins will be here next Sunday, April 6th, to candidate as an interim pastor. During the Sunday School hour there will be a question and answer time with him. After the youth fundraiser lunch, we will have a congregational vote to possibly call him as our interim pastor.

MATT COLLINS BIO

Growing up as one of six boys in Western New York, Matt's early life was filled with the bustling energy of a large family. His father, an optometrist, provided a stable foundation as Matt navigated his youth. After high school, he first attended a two-year technical school, gaining practical skills that would serve him well in his future endeavors.

A pivotal moment came in Rochester, NY, where Matt not only began to deepen his professional skills but also experienced a significant spiritual calling. In 1979, he made a significant decision to pursue his spiritual calling, leaving Rochester to study at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

After graduating from Moody, Matt and Carol married, beginning a journey of shared faith and purpose. Matt pursued theological training, first in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and then completing his Doctor of Ministry at Grace Seminary in Winona Lake, Indiana.

Their family is a source of profound joy, with five sons who are building their lives in North Liberty, Iowa, and Denver, Colorado. They also delight in their eight grandchildren.

Matt's pastoral ministry has been marked by eight years as Senior Pastor at Broadalbin Baptist Church in New York, followed by a 25-year tenure at Hope Church in Dubuque, Iowa. Currently, he continues to serve through the Interim Pastors Ministry, recently completing an assignment at Broken Bow Evangelical Free Church in Nebraska.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

Join us after church on Sunday, April 6th for a fun meal with friends. This fundraiser meal will directly support the Urban Plunge high school mission trip for summer 2025. We will be serving tacos & taking a free will donation. **Please make checks payable to "Britt Free Youth Group".**

COOKIES AND BARS NEEDED

The youth will be providing the meal for the Youth Group Fundraiser lunch on April 6th. We are asking if everyone could bring cookies or bars for the dessert. If you have any questions, contact Chris McNeese (641-860-1698).

THANK YOU

My family and I would like to thank you all for the love and support you showed us after the passing of my father. We are blessed with such a great church family! - The Harmon Family

OPPORTUNITIES

KIDS SINGING ON PALM SUNDAY

The kids in 1st-6th grade are invited to participate in Palm Sunday by singing and bringing in palms on April 13th. Singing practice times will be 8:45-9:00 a.m. on March 30th, April 6th and April 13th. Kids age 3-Kindergarten are invited to help bring in palms with the older kids on Palm Sunday. Parents are welcome to join their young children.

AWANA & Truth Seekers Schedule & Upcoming Events

- **April 2**—Regular Club Day
- **April 9**—AWANA Fair 3:45-5:00 pm
- **April 16 @ 6:30 pm**—End of Year Program & Awards



EASTER BREAKFAST—There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who plan to attend the breakfast and a sign-up sheet to help provide food.

JOIN THE CHOIR!

Easter Choir rehearsals will be 11:45-12:45. Don't hesitate to contact Ellen Beery if you have any questions.

WOMEN'S EVENT

Grace Church in Algona will be hosting "Peaceful Promises", a women's event on Saturday, April 5 from 9:00-11:30 a.m. There will be worship, food and fellowship. Hear from a panel of women in different stages of life on how to biblically apply God's peaceful promises to everyday life. A free will donation will be taken at the door.



Scan the QR code to register. RSVP deadline is March 31.

COMMUNITY SUPPER RESCHEDULED

The March Community Supper is being rescheduled due to a scheduling conflict. The March & April supper will be combined and will be April 9th from 5:00-6:30 p.m.



SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION

You can go on Hidden Acres' website to see the details for the various camps and the dates that are offered (www.hacamps.org). We help kids from our church go to Hidden Acres by paying \$200 for any of the camps that are \$395 or more or \$150 for any of the camps that are under \$395. **The early registration discount of \$20 off ends March 31st.** Registration needs to be done online at the above website. We now have a church code that you will enter during registration that will subtract the amount that our church will pay. Please contact Kim McNeese to get your code or if you have questions (641-860-0850). It is good to register as soon as you can, since many of the camps get filled up quickly.

You're Invited to Celebrate Easter

at Britt Free Church

Palm Sunday - April 13

9:00 am - Sunday School

10:00 am - Morning Service

Maundy Thursday - April 17

6:30 pm - Service with Communion

Easter Sunday - April 20

7:00 am - Sunrise Service

7:30 am - Start serving breakfast

9:00 am - Sunday School

10:00 am - Morning Service