**e-news of Faith**

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Faith UMC Eyota proudly presents a weekly e-news to keep you informed about what is happening at Faith and ways to keep growing in faith.  If you have anything to add, please e-mail the church office and we will include your event or information.

**Wednesday, September 9      4-8 p.m.          CHURCH CLEANING – Deep clean**

 **of building so services can be held**

**Saturday, September 12 9:00 a.m.       Adopt-A-Highway Cleaning**

**Sunday, September 13       9:15 a.m. Adult Sunday School**

 **10:30 a.m. Worship at Faith UMC**

 **Service live-streamed on Facebook**

**Monday, September 14       9:00 a.m. Bible 101 – 4 Week Study**

 **6:30 p.m. led by Mike Morrell**

**Wednesday, September 16 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Meeting**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TONIGHT IS CHURCH CLEANING!** It has been six months since our church has been used for weekly worship, so there needs to be a deep cleaning of the building so we can begin in-person, in-church worship in the near future. Tonight from 4-8 p.m. we will be cleaning, and we ask that you stop in when you can to help us get the church ready for regular use again. Please help us with getting our church ready to receive God’s children again!

**CLEANING THE HIGHWAY –** On Saturday, September 12th, (weather permitting) we will meet at Faith UMC at 9:00 a.m. and then head out to clean the sides of Highway 42 where we have adopted that two miles of highway. This is a great opportunity for youth and families to get out together, as well as people of all ages! Peter Larson will be directing our work.

**ADULT LEARNING -** Next Monday morning at 9:00 and again at 6:30 Monday evening, you have the opportunity to "get to know your Bible" through a 4-week study I'm calling Bible 101.  This study will help you to familiarize yourself with the structure and the story of Scripture. 4 weeks for 90 minutes each week will change how you view Scripture so that you're more comfortable in using your Bible.  Come the first week and give it a try.  Bring your Bible, a pad and pencil for notes, and plan for a good time!  Also, please come with your masks!

**CONFIRMATION MEETING –** The confirmation class will meet on Wednesday, September 16th at 6:30 p.m. for a final gathering prior to Confirmation Sunday on October 4th. Be sure to attend and have your items ready to turn in.

**MISSIONS**

Given the weather this week, our September Coat and Jacket drive is timely! If you have new or gently used **COATS or JACKETS** of any sizewe will collect them and give them to the schools and Salvation Army.

Also, September missions include food for the Eyota Food Pantry. Here is an updated list of what they need:

Any soup, especially hearty types. Canned or mixes

Hamburger, chicken, tuna Helpers Mayo, salad dressing

Tuna, Spam, canned chicken Oatmeal packets

Pancake mix, syrup Sugar, baking mixes

Mac and cheese Jelly

Crackers-graham, saltine, snack Snacks

Fruit, applesauce

Paper towels, TP, cleaning supplies

Shampoo, soap, razors, any personal care supplies

**If you have items but cannot get them to church let us know. We will arrange for a pick-up.**

**UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONS –** The Upper Room Devotions for September and October are now available at church. If you need a copy mailed to you please let Pastor Laurie know.

**UMCOR** – If you would like to help out the people who have lost homes, etc. in hurricane Laura, you can donate to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) where 100% of your donation goes to where it is donated. Just write a check to Faith UMC with UMCOR on the line or go to UMCOR.org.

**LAWN CARE FOR SEPTEMBER** – Many thanks for everyone who has helped with lawn care this summer! But now it’s September and we need to have the church lawn and yard cared for this month. We do now have a lawnmower in the church garage. Can you help out this month? If so, please let the church know!

**CALLING ALL MUSICIANS…** The one thing we are missing from worship is music! This church has always been filled with music, and now we need your help to keep the music playing. We are looking for people who play an instrument (you can sing if we are outside) to sign up to play *the prelude, special music, maybe one other song* during worship. The songs do not have to be long, just from the heart. If you, or a couple of you, would be willing to share your music on Sunday morning, please let Dorothy Jones or Pastor Laurie know. We will have a sign-up for each Sunday. Can’t wait to hear all of the music play~

**DID YOU KNOW –** You can make your offerings in different ways if you are unable to attend worship? We understand being in a group may not be a good idea for some, but If you would like to give regularly, VANCO is a system used by Faith which automatically deducts your offering and sends it to Faith in any way you set it up. Also, you can give through our website! This can be a one-time donation, or you can set it up to give regularly. Contact Irene Vehrenkamp or Janet Jones for more information.

**PRAYER REQUESTS/THANKS:**

* Prayers for teachers, students, administrators and other school workers as they begin this challenging school year. Prayers for safety and learning together.
* Prayers for all who have lost homes, power, lives from hurricane Laura, and who face weeks and months of rebuilding their lives
* Prayers for the violence to end in our cities and we look for a place of commonality and peace
* Continued prayers for the medical personnel as they continue to fight COVID-19 and keep us safe and healthy.

***Blessings as you go through this week!***