

e-news of Faith

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Faith UMC Eyota 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, November 22

6:30 p.m.

Midweek Meditation on FB

Thursday, November 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Office closed

Sunday, November 26

8:45 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.

Faith Ringers Practice
Worship & Faith Kids Class
Begin decorating for Advent

Tuesday, November 28

9:00 - noon

Office Hours

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE - With other churches in Eyota, we will gather at Peace Lutheran Church at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21st, 7:00 p.m. to give thanks and worship as we head into the Thanksgiving holiday. Please come share your gratitude with God and with others in Eyota.

ADVENT IN DECEMBER – As we await the coming of Jesus, we will be in the season of Advent. On *December 3, 10, 17 and 24* there is a need for families or friends to *LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH* during worship. Also, on *December 3rd* we will have a *HANGING OF THE GREENS* service, and Pastor Laurie is looking for a couple of people to take part by reading and some YOUTH to help out as we decorate, all during the 10a worship. If you would like to be part of Advent please let Pastor Laurie know.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY BEGINS NOVEMBER 30 - For Advent we will be studying the book *All the Good: A Wesleyan Way of Christmas*, a group of Wesleyan scholars will take you on an Advent journey guided by the practices in John Wesley's means of grace. Each chapter guides participants through one of the four weeks of Advent by reflecting on biblical passages in light of an aspect of Wesleyan means of grace highlighted by illustrations and stories. Readers will look at preparing the way for God, the impact and significance of prayer, the substance of good works and caring for others, and sharing God's mission to the world. *Books are at church. Please read Chapter 1 before the 30th.* If you need a copy sent to you please contact the office.

GOING SHOPPING THIS WEEKEND? If so, you might want to pick up something for our December 10th **Baby Shower for Jesus**. To help remember whose birth we celebrate we will have a baby shower after worship and all items purchased for the event will go to the **Crisis Nursery of Olmsted County**. The wish list includes:

Diapers	Formula	Baby Food
Wipes	Diaper Cream	Onesies
Cloths		

Gift Cards

Gas Stations	Walmart	Target
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More items on their Target and Amazon wish lists at <https://www.familiesfirstmn.org/services/crisis-nursery/wish-list/>

CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE – We still have time before Christmas, but since this is a unique year, we wanted to let you know about the schedule for Christmas Eve. CLARIFICATION: There will be TWO services on December 24th which is a Sunday this year. **Worship at 10:00 a.m. will be the 4th Sunday of Advent.** For **Christmas Eve Faith UMC will have our service at 5:00 p.m.** This will be preceded by handbell and choir music beginning at 4:30 p.m.

DO YOU NEED ANY CHAIRS? – With the new chairs and tables we received from Dover UMC, Faith has a great number of metal folding chairs no longer needed. There are also the plastic and metal Sunday school chairs that came from the school that are no longer needed. Would you like to have some of these chairs? If so, please let the church office know and we can make it happen!

DECORATING FOR ADVENT AND CHRISMAS – If you would like to join in the fun of decorating our church for Advent and Christmas, please join us THIS SUNDAY after worship as we begin the process! We may meet again on Saturday, December 2nd to finish the job if needed. All ages welcome to help decorate!

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING REQUESTS

- o Prayers for all who are suffering from COVID, cancer and illnesses, including Mark & Brenda Allen and Russ & Helen Jones. It is so hard to be patient and calm, but God is with you all.
- o Continued prayers for Pam Littlefield who is still recovering from her accident and the surgeries she has had.
- o Prayers for Linda Whitcomb who is dealing with some serious health issues
- o Prayers for family and friends traveling this Thanksgiving. May they travel safely to their destination and safely back home.
- o Thanksgiving that Bill J.'s surgery went well.
- o Thanksgiving for the anniversary of Kevin and Melissa Connor and safe travels to celebrate in Las Vegas.
- o Thanksgiving for our Leadership Team that is working hard to follow God's guidance for Faith Church.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-9

I give thanks to my^[b] God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶ just as the testimony of^[c] Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!