

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.

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| Wednesday, October 18 | 11:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. | Lunch Group Midweek Meditation on FB |
| Thursday, October 19 | 9:00 – 11:00 9:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. | Office Hours Denominations Study Leadership Council |
| Saturday, October 21 | 7:00 p.m. | Movie Night – Halloweentown Indoor movies |
| Sunday, October 22 | 8:45 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | Faith Ringers Practice Worship & Faith Kids Class Fellowship Autumn decorating of church |
| Tuesday, October 17 | 9:00 - noon | Office Hours |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOVIE NIGHT ON SATURDAY – Our October movie night is this Saturday, October 21st, at 7:00 p.m. We will be gathering INSIDE downstairs to enjoy the movie *Halloweentown*, a Halloween classic, which is great for the whole family. There will be treats and popcorn and ALL are invited! We hope you can join in the fun.

FAITH KIDS CLASS INVITES YOU TO TAKE PART – The Faith Kids have been hard at work. They have made **boxes for Trick or Treat for UNICEF** you can pick up at church and bring back on **October 29th**.

OCTOBER MISSIONS AND OUTREACH is **Trunk or Treat on October 29th from 1-3p**, and Trick or Treat for UNICEF. Our children and youth will be important to our efforts for both! **Please sign up to have a car at Trunk or Treat**, volunteer that day, or provide candy, hot chocolate or cider. UNICEF boxes should be returned on Sunday, October 29th. We really need MORE CARS!

FOOD DRIVE FOR FRONT & CENTER (Eyota Food Pantry) - On **Sunday, October 22nd** there is the Eyota Citywide Food Drive benefiting Front and Center/Eyota Food Pantry. Whatever you have – put it out in your driveway or in front of your house (In Eyota only) and the food will be picked up between 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

MANY THANKS THIS WEEK – (1) To the Girl Scout Troop that provided all of the carved pumpkins for the outside of the church; and (2) to all of our Meals on Wheels drivers this week. We are so blessed!

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS – The Upper Room devotional magazines for November – December are out at church. If you would like a copy mailed to you please let the office know.

HALLOWEEN FREE TABLE – The Missions Team has gone through all of the great decorations Faith was given from the Dover Church, as well as some of our own items, and there are many things the church will not be using. So, there is a table in the Fellowship Hall with all kinds of Halloween decorations which are free to take.

AUTUMN DECORATING – If you would be willing to help complete the decoration of the church for autumn and harvest and Thanksgiving, there will be a group working on this **Sunday after worship**. Many hands make light work – hope you can help.

LOST AND FOUND – We are gathering the items that have been around the church for the summer or longer and putting them together by the front door. Please stop by and check out the items in case you or your family have forgotten them.

SENIORS TOGETHER – Mark your calendars – the next Seniors Together event is on **Wednesday, November 1st, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** ALL are invited – it's a great time to visit, eat lunch and get to know one another.

FINANCE REPORT – Attached to this email/enews is the Faith UMC Finance report for January – September 2023. As you will see, there is a large discrepancy between revenue and expenditures, and because of that \$7,000 was transferred from savings to checking. Discussions around the 2024 budget will begin soon. If you would like to be part of that discussion, please let Irene Vehrenkamp or Janet Jones know.

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING REQUESTS

- o Thanksgiving for Betty Lentz who had her 4 children and family surrounding her for her 98th birthday, and for all birthdays this week and last – Berniece Sachs, and Cooper Hanson.
- o Prayers for all who are ill or are recovering from surgery. Prayers for patience and healing.
- o Prayers for our first responders – fire fighters and ambulance – as they continue to keep us safe.
- o Prayers for peace and the end of war between Israel and Hamas.
- o Prayers for the people in Afghanistan dealing with the aftermath of the earthquake that has left hundreds dead and with housing.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: PSALMS 25:14-151

The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes his covenant known to them. My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Blessings for Your Week!