

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 29

6:30 p.m.

Midweek Meditation on FB

Thursday, November 30

9:30 a.m.

9:00 – noon

Advent Book Study Begins
Office hours

Saturday, December 2

10:00 a.m.

DECORATING THE CHURCH
FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 3

8:45 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Faith Ringers Practice
Hanging of the Greens
Worship & Faith Kids Class
Fellowship Time

Tuesday, December 5

9:00 - noon

Office Hours

Wednesday, December 6

11:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

Seniors Together
Confirmation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HANGING OF THE GREENS WORSHIP is this Sunday! As we begin Advent and the Christian year, we gather to decorate our sanctuary and learn about why we use the items we do. So much meaning in our decorations! We need A FAMILY OR GROUP to light the Advent Wreath on Sunday, as well as another reader for the service!

TIME TO DECORATE! This Saturday at 10:00 a.m. join in the fun of decorating the sanctuary and other parts of the church for Advent and Christmas! It will be a great time to decide how we want to decorate and to enjoy some fellowship.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY BEGINS THURSDAY - 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 don't have a book yet please let Pastor Laurie know so she can get more.

BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS ON DECEMBER 10th - To help remember whose birth we celebrate, and to help babies in crisis, we will have a baby shower for Jesus after worship! All items purchased for the event will go to the **Crisis Nursery** in Rochester.. 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.

POINSETTIAS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE – If you would like to help decorate the church for Christmas Eve and celebrate the event through flowers, we have a limited amount of **RED** poinsettias for purchase at \$14 each. They are 6.5” pots, single stem, and are coming from Flowers By Jerry in Rochester. To order your poinsettia, sign up during worship, call the church office, or talk to Irene Vehrenkamp.

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING REQUESTS

- o Thanksgiving for anniversaries – Bob & Jeanette Williams 52 year and Jack & Donna Cords 63 years!.
- 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 Jessi and her family – Zoe who dislocated her elbow last week, Jessi who sprained her ankle, and all of them as they will be a single-parent family for a few months..

- o Prayers for Luke who is traveling to Texas for the Guard, then will be gone for 4 months for firefighter training. Prayers for a successful course and prayers for his family as they have to be without him for so long.
- o Thanksgiving for all who traveled for Thanksgiving and are now back safe and sound!.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: 1 CHRONICLES 16:8-13

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

⁹ Sing to him, sing praises to him,
tell of all his wonderful works.

¹⁰ Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

¹¹ Seek the Lord and his strength,
seek his presence continually.

¹² Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgements he uttered,

¹³ O offspring of his servant Israel,^[b]
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

BLESSINGS FOR YOUR WEEK!