



Evergreen United Methodist Church

1120 Evergreen Court, Wahpeton, ND 58075

February, 2019

Wednesday School



Wednesday School started last month, and we have been learning about “putting on the armor of God”. Games, songs, videos, and crafts help us make lessons fun! Thanks to the memorial fund, we now have a “smart” TV that can connect to the internet to access online lessons and videos that go with our lessons and look forward to incorporating that. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, we have enjoyed a meal before our lessons, and kids along with families are able to get together and have a night without worrying about “what’s for supper”. We look forward to our program continuing to grow and reach out to the community around us.

Wednesday Schedule:

5:30 pm, Meal - All Welcome!

6 - 6:45 pm, Wednesday Lessons

6:30 pm, Youth Group

6:45 pm, Praise Team Practice

7:30 pm, Choir Practice

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What happens when the Crisis Center has a crisis?

Evergreen United Methodist Church comes to the rescue!! On the afternoon of January 9th, Three Rivers Crisis Center (TRCC) and Kids Konnection (KK) were conducting business as usual when a fire broke out in an apartment located above the two businesses. Due to extensive water and smoke damage, the Crisis Center and Kids Konnection needed to find a temporary location. Thanks to the generous congregation of EUMC, Pastor Jen and Julie, the very next day TRCC and KK begin seeing clients at the Zion Chapel. This great space will be home to TRCC and KK for the next two months as the previous location gets the needed repair.

Three Rivers Crisis Center has been serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child sexual abuse in Richland County since 1993. Services include crisis intervention, counseling, medical and legal advocacy and a 24-hour crisis line. Kids Konnection, a safe visitation and exchange center, has been providing services since 1997. KK provides a safe and friendly environment for supervised visits and monitored exchanges which prevents children from witnessing conflict between parents, develops a healthy relationship between children and their non-custodial parent and reduces stress during difficult family



Our Sympathy

Our sympathy to the family of Delores "Arline" Worner. She passed away on Wednesday, January 23rd and her Celebration of Life was held on January 28.

Our sympathy to the family of Roger Kalinowski, Fargo. He died Wednesday, Jan. 23. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Calvary UMC in Fargo.

Our sympathy to Bonnie & Peder Anderson on the recent death of Bonnie's brother, Bill.



2018 Year-end Financial Summary

Beginning Balance General Fund 1/1/18	\$ 725.94
General Fund Income	\$ 213,384.68
General Fund Expense	<u>\$-214,126.44</u>
General Fund Balance 12/31/18	\$ 84.18

We would like to celebrate that we were able to meet all of our 2018 financial commitments - including paying all 100% of our conference apportionments.

Looking Forward to 2019

2018 Budget	\$243,586.00
2019 Budget	<u>\$241,681.00</u>
Budget Decrease	\$ 1,905.00

2019 Stewardship Drive Results

Giving Unit participation increased from 54 to 65 in 2019. Total estimated pledges for 2019 is \$155,339.00 (an increase of 28% in comparison to 2018).

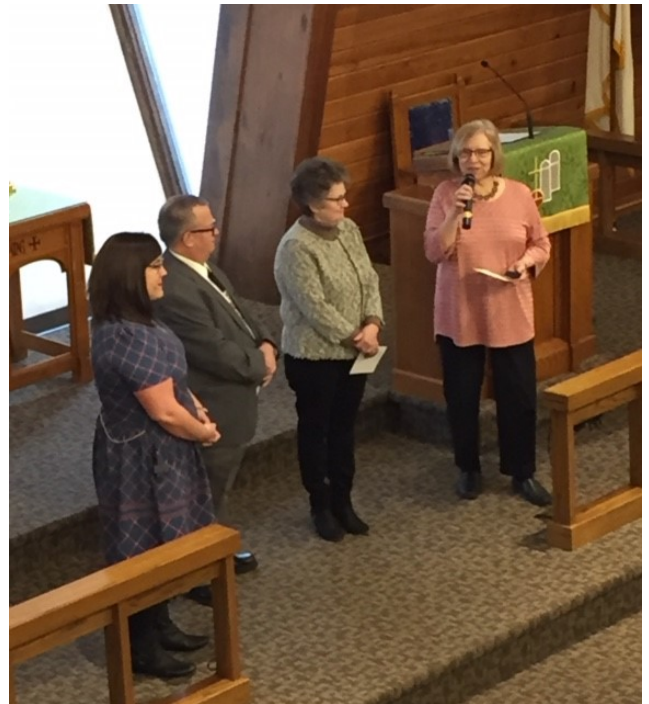


UMW News

This is a special year for United Methodist Women, since we are celebrating 150 years of being in existence. Watch this space each month to see how you can help celebrate this fabulous occasion.

Our circle meetings are well under way! Hope all of you ladies have considered one of them, whichever one fits your schedule. Consider visiting for a time or two. New program booklets have been distributed, but more are available if you haven't gotten yours.

The February Birthday Parties are coming soon this year with the first one coming February 1 at St. Catherine's hosted by Joy Circle. The second one is February 8 at the Leach Home hosted by the Sunshine and Hope Circles. Please arrive by 1:30 to prepare and distribute refreshments, as the residents like to start partying promptly at 2 p.m. This is a great time for sharing God's love with the residents.



On January 13, Fern Bailey presented Special Mission Recognition to recipients Pastor Jen Tyler, Keven Krueger and Margaret Johnson. Becky Dockter also received this recognition.

February Circle Meetings:

February 12, 7 pm, Joy Circle

February 19, 9:30 am, Hope Circle

February 19, 1:30 pm, Sunshine Circle

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Monday-Friday
8 am - 3 pm

Sundays:

9 am, Coffee
10 am, Worship

Wednesdays:

5:30 pm, Meal
6 -6:45 pm, Wednesday School

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www.evergreenumc.com

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Additional Financial Giving Opportunities:

Thrive Fund --- The Thrive Fund is a Dakotas Conference of the UMC capital fund raising drive. The funds will be used for supporting church growth projects and training opportunities to further our mission "To Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World". Evergreen UMC has made the commitment to give \$4,000 / year for five years. 2019 is the fourth year of this capital development project and we have honored this commitment for the previous three years. In February, we will be promoting this fund raising effort and asking for your help.

Dakotas Builder's Club --- The Dakotas Builder's Club is managed by the Dakotas Conference Foundation. Each quarter of the year a "Call" will sent to the members of the Builders Club asking for a minimum gift of \$20 to support a capital maintenance or improvement project of a specific UM church in the Dakotas Conference. Additional information about the Builder's Club has been posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. Please view it and learn how you can join the "Club".

Evergreen Celebrates February Birthdays and Anni-

1- Rudolf Arutyunov	18-Dianne Millar
2- Edie Nelson	18-Chris Johnson
7-Dawn Wells	18-Joyce Gripen-trog
7-Jayce Werner	19-Allan Gripentrog
12-Tyrel & Jennifer Rau*	19-Yelena Arutyunov
13-McKenzie Gripentrog	19-Alta Lehmann
13-Demetrius Porter	19-Jennifer Faul
14-Ethan Schmitt	20-Jeanette Plummer
14-Aaron Stone	22-Jack Rittenour
15- Cheri Boyer	23-Chase Schmitt
16- Aaron Deike	24-Josh Deike
17- Marjo Johnson	24-Chris & Suzanne Johnson*
17-Wade & Finah Harty*	25-Paula Harris
	25-Janice Deike



Serving Group Information

All members and friends of the church are assigned to a serving group (see newsletter insert - please note we have reduced the number of groups). Each group is responsible for serving at activities in the church. These activities include providing food and serving for funeral lunches, work at potluck dinners, etc.

Each of these three groups will alternate throughout the year. Two co-chairpersons will head each group and will contact you when you are needed. If you are

LYDIA PROJECT

We are not quite ready to reveal the final number of scarves knitted for the 2020 General Conference.

Almost every knitter or crocheter has added their project to the growing tally. If you are still working on a scarf, please finish up and add it (them) to the scarves in the storage room. Jan and I are ready to "tag" the scarves. Yes, every scarf needs a tag attached to it with the name and location of our church. All knitters, crocheters and yarn suppliers, have done a fantastic job! Stay tuned - the final count will be revealed soon!

Bonnie Beeson,
Jan Moore



Individual Packaged Fruit Cups Needed for February "One Thing"

By Jan Moore

The Back Pack Project is always in need of donations. In August 2013, the Missions Committee embraced the idea of "One Thing" which represents the collection of one designated item each month for a worthwhile cause. Our main goal since the conception of the idea has been to collect food items that are used during the school year in the Back Pack Project. This program sends easy to fix food items home with grade school age children each Friday to supplement their diets for the weekends when they do not receive school meals. Look for the totes in the Fellowship Hall for your donation.

During the month of FEBRUARY the **"ONE THING"** collection is:



INDIVIDUAL PACKAGED FRUIT CUPS

Thank you to everyone who has helped with donations to the Back Pack Project. During the month of January, we collected 67 jars of peanut butter and 5 boxes of Mac & Cheese. Items that could not be used by the Backpack Program were donated to the Richland-Wilkin Food Pantry. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

Evergreen has committed to **pack the bags** for the Back Pack Project on the following dates:

Wednesday, February 6 at 6:45 pm (YOUTH)
Monday, March 4 at 7:00 pm
Monday, March 18 at 7:00 pm
Monday, March 25 at 7:00 pm



All are welcome and everyone is encouraged to come help pack. The location is in the building south (or behind) the Richland-Wilkin Food Pantry, at 699 8th Avenue S. in Wahpeton. Please park in back.

"For it is in giving that we receive." — **Francis of Assisi**



Can you use this?

We would like this table to find a new home. Can you use it? It will be on a first come - first served basis. Contact the office if you are interested (701-642-6202). We would like it

January Monthly Offering

Total thru 1/20/19:

\$10,696.00


Monthly Need:

\$20,140.00



You are invited to help Marjo Johnson celebrate her 80th birthday at an Open House on Sunday, February 17th from 1-4 pm, at Evergreen UMC.



February, 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 2 pm, St. Catherine's Birthday party sponsored by Joy Circle	2
3 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship	4 6 pm, Worship Committee 7 pm, Adm, Council	5 6:30 pm, Finance Committee	6 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School 6:30 pm, Youth 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	7 9 am, Sewing	8 2 pm, Leach Home Birthday party sponsored by Sunshine & Hope Circles	9
10 NOISY BUCKET 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship	11	12 7 pm, Joy Circle	13 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School 6:30 pm, Youth 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	14 9 am, Sewing	15	16
17 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship 1-4 pm, Birthday Open House for Marjo Johnson	18	19 9:30 am, Hope Circle 1:30 pm, Sunshine Circle	20 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School 6:30 pm, Youth 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	21 9 am, Sewing Day	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23
24 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship	25	26	27 12:30 pm, Newsletter folding 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School 6:30 pm, Youth 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	28 9 am, Sewing 7 pm, Staff-Parish Meeting	March 1 World Day of Prayer @ Breckenridge Lutheran	March 2
March 3 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship	March 4 7 pm, Fill Backpacks	March 5	March 6 ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School 7 pm, Ash Wednesday Worship	March 7	March 8	March 9 

Praise God from Whom All Blizzards Flow

A Doxology for Those Blessed with Both Wintry Weather and a Sense of Humor

Linda Bonney Olin, 2019

Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
(LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

The musical score is written for voice and piano in 3/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music. The first system (measures 1-4) has the lyrics: "Praise God from whom all bliz-zards flow, when snow comes down and cold winds". The second system (measures 5-8) has the lyrics: "blow! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise God for shov-els, gloves, and". The third system (measures 9-12) has the lyrics: "plows when four-foot drifts sur-round your house! If more snow falls, praise for". The fourth system (measures 13-16) has the lyrics: "snow - balls. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

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Youth Group

January was a quick month for the youth, as we only got to meet twice due to weather cancelations. We're looking forward to jumping back in next week, though — with a service night! On February 6 we'll be meeting at the chapel promptly at 6:30 pm, so we can head to the Richland/Wilkin Food Pantry together for a service night. We plan to have our regular youth group every other Wednesday night in February — and hope all youth (grades 7-12) will plan to join us!

Pastoral Letter

Sometimes I really do wonder what we would talk about all the time if we didn't have the weather to talk about. It's such a welcome, easy, neutral starting place, isn't it? Which is great, especially when the weather feels anything but neutral — especially lately!

When the temperatures dip and the snow flies, I tend to get lots of questions about how and when to know if the church will be open. Will we still have Wednesday School? Will there be Sunday morning worship? How will we know?

With the extremely cold (and snow-filled!) weather we've been having, it feels like a good opportunity to say: first and foremost — do what feels right to you! If it's too cold or too snowy for *you* to feel safe leaving home... then PLEASE: stay home!

That said, there are a few guidelines we utilize at Evergreen. The easiest decisions are those made during the week. When our public schools are closed, we are closed. That means if schools are given a 2-hour delay... our office will open later. If school is cancelled for the day, our office may close, too. If school is cancelled or dismissed early, that evening's activities will also be canceled.

Weekends are harder. In general, my personal policy is this: if I can be here, I will be. That means that no matter the temps or amount of snowfall... unless there is an active "No travel advisory" in town, Sunday morning worship will not likely be canceled. Remember the first rule, as listed above? *If it doesn't feel safe and you aren't sure, that means you should probably stay home!*

If there are cancelations, we will do our best to spread the word. In the case of church meetings, Wednesday School, or youth group, our families will receive emails and/or text messages. In general, our choir and praise team and UMW and other small groups make their own decisions, so be in touch with your group leader.

For church-wide activities, we will also post cancelations on our Facebook page, so be sure to check there! (and if you don't "like" us yet, now is a perfect time to do so for the most up-to-date information!)

No matter what the weather may bring, remember: safety is the most important thing. Be sure to bundle up, stay warm, and don't take any unnecessary risks!

With the **warm** love of God,

Pastor Jen



PS — a little winter humor for you - see page 6!

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Remember Your Prayer



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PRAYER

Need help doing your taxes?

Tax Aid volunteers will prepare taxes at the Wahpeton Community Center, 304 5th Street South. Tax Aide was started to help senior citizens and those with lower income complete their tax returns. Tax Aid services are free. Appointments can be made by calling 701.642.2811. Appointments will be Mondays and Wednesdays starting Feb. 6 and continuing into April.