

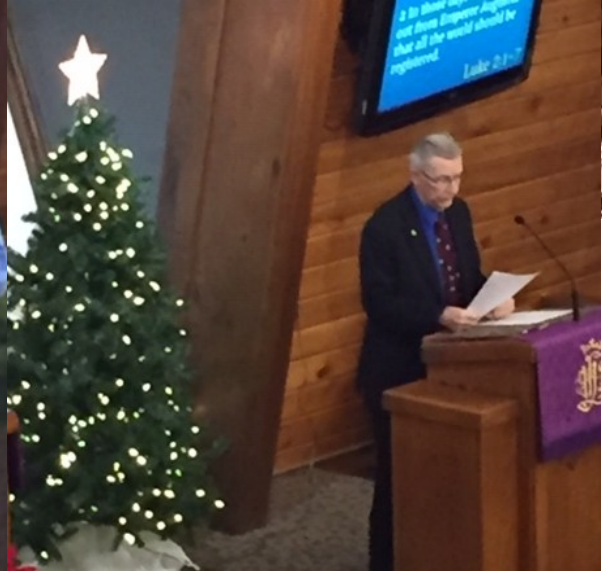


# Evergreen United Methodist Church

1120 Evergreen Court, Wahpeton, ND 58075

January, 2019

2018 Christmas Season was Full of Activities at Evergreen



## UMW News

By Kay Nelson, Communications

Calling all United Methodist ladies! Have you checked out the UMW Circle meetings? There is always room for another member. Hope Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am. Joy Circle meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 in the evening. The third Circle is Sunshine and they meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm.

The Holiday Bake Sale, held on Saturday, December 15 and after church the next day was a satisfying and tasty success! Approximately \$1000 in sales will bless our efforts on behalf of Mission Projects around the world. Thank you to all who worked for, baked for, attended, cleaned up, and prayed for this event.

This month UMW will meet on Thursday, January 10 at 1:30 p.m. with Lois Berndt giving the lesson, "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial". Joy Circle will host and offer refreshments.



**Un-Deck the Halls!**  
Come, help take down the decorations after the Sunday service on January 6, for many hands lighten labor.



A son, David, was born December 11 to Xander Bohn and Samantha Turley. Congratulations!!

## UMW Elects New Officers

President:	Fern Bailey
Vice President:	Mary Schradick
Secretary:	Jean Freden
Treasurer:	Dianne Millar
Spiritual Growth:	Jeanette Plummer
Program Resources:	Lois Berndt
Social Action:	Bonnie Anderson
Education & Interpretation:	Linda Bailey
Membership Nurture & Outreach:	Denise Eastin
Communications:	Kay Nelson
Nominations:	(2019) Loretta Meyer
	(2020) Jenny Schmitt
	(2021) Sandy Olson
Kitchen Responsibility:	Janice Deike
Serving Group Co-Chair:	Jean Freden & Alinda Bassingthwaite

**Sunday School Starts the New Year  
with a Big Change  
A New Day & Time  
WEDNESDAY SCHOOL  
Beginning with a Meal at 5:30 pm  
and Lessons from 6-6:45 pm**

By Becky Dockter

Wednesday, January 9th will be the start of our new Children's programming at Evergreen. Adult Sunday School will continue to meet at their regular time on Sunday mornings, but the kids will switch to Wednesday nights. A meal will be served for participants, families, and those interested in being around kids starting at 5:30, with Wednesday School lessons running from 6:00-6:45 in the church (not the chapel). We thank God for the many volunteers coming together to help make this program a success, from those planning the meals, to those teaching and helping with the lessons!



**\*\*Evergreen UMC**  
would like to say  
"thank you" to all  
our silent ser-  
vants, all of those  
individuals who



help out behind the scenes with various  
needs and functions of the church. This  
includes greeters, readers, ushers, chil-  
dren's ministry teachers, building project  
volunteers, PowerPoint helpers, newslet-  
ter folders, article writers, office help, and  
serving group workers. And this just  
names a few. Your dedication to Ever-  
green UMC is truly appreciated!

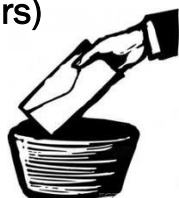
**\*\*A big thank you to all who helped with  
our Christmas Kids Project. To those who  
shopped for clothing for children in need,  
made monetary donations and to every-  
one who bought the toys on their wish list.**

**\*\*Thanks to everyone that planned and all  
of those that took part in our activities  
during the Christmas Season. It was a  
wonderful month! All the way from the  
Sunday School program & meal, our  
church choir, beautiful poinsettia plants,  
holiday bake sale, to all the special music  
on Christmas Eve.**

**December Offerings: \$28,936.04**

**Christmas Offering: \$ 2,552.00**  
(School Food Back Pack Program &  
UMCOR for recent disasters)

**Noisy Bucket Offering:**  
**\$103.63**



## Finance Committee Preparing for 2019

- The 2019 offering envelopes are available to be picked up at the Church. You have a choice as to whether you would like to receive 52 (weekly/box) envelopes, 12 (monthly) envelopes or just be assigned a number and not use envelopes.
- 2018 year-end giving statements will be ready soon.
- Throughout 2019, the Finance Committee asks that you prayerfully consider your financial gifts to the church, along with gifts of time and talent.
- We offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. This offers convenience for you and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Contact the office for more information.

## Evergreen Celebrates January Birthdays and Anniversaries

\*Denotes anniversaries

1—Jane Miller	22—Nancy West
2—Hannah Schradick Pritchard	22—Alice Sand
3—Chris Mohs	24—Tyler Morin
5—Matt Dockter	26—Adam Faul
6—Connie Johnson	27—Bryan Lutgen
6—Tysen Jorgensen	28—Margaret Burrer
8—David Burrer	28—Tyler Gripentrog
8—Richard Johnson	28—Brody Sand
8—Judy Nelson	30—Tom Wynn
9—Jean Freden	30 -- Mary Wolfgram
10—Renee Rohman	31—Ronda Gripentrog
11—Norbert Brady	31—Gene Plummer
12—Charlene Speidel	31—Fay Woy
12—Ed & Sandy Olson*	
16—Delaura Gripentrog	
18 --Lorraine Langseth	
20—Harris Bailey	
22—Linda McDougall	



**Welcome to Jeane Osborn  
and Mary Ann Harff,  
Evergreen UMC's newest  
members. They joined EUMC  
December 16.**



## **Evergreen UMC**

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### **Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday  
8 am - 3 pm

### **Sundays:**

9 am, Adult Sunday School  
& Coffee  
10 am, Worship

### **Wednesdays:**

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

### **Website:**

[www.evergreenumc.com](http://www.evergreenumc.com)

### **Facebook:**

Wahpeton Evergreen UMC

## **Ongoing Prayer Concerns**

We are starting something new in 2019. In our monthly newsletter we will be listing persons in need of ongoing prayer. We will be moving names from our weekly bulletin prayer concern list to the newsletter. New concerns will be included in the bulletin for two weeks and then moved to the newsletter. Please contact the office to have names added and/or removed from our prayer concerns list. Please pray for: John Dassenko, Bob Spent, Fay Woy, Donna Stone, Cheryl Holding Eagle, Patti Porter, Bernice Oliver, Merle Rubish, Linda McDougall, Pauline Worner, Jim Stone, Yelena Arutyunov, Gloria Plummer, David Gripentrog, Lorraine Langseth, Brad Backer (Connie Johnson's son), Kenneth Mueller (Betty Derry's brother), Randy Rittenour (Richardson's son-in-law), Paula Frazier (Pam Nagel's sister), Heather Leon (Selken's daughter), Duren Moffet (Don's brother), Shelly Muerer (Rich/Margaret Johnson's niece)

The adult Sunday School classes are still being held on Sunday mornings at 9 am. The lesson topics are as follows:

- January 6: Saudi Arabia
- January 13: Decline of Coal
- January 20: DNA & Identity
- January 27: Secular Hymns



## **Looking for a Service Opportunity?**

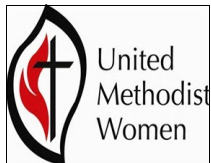
On January 9, we are starting new Wednesday evening programming for children that includes a free meal, starting at 5:30pm. While we have some great volunteers lined up to coordinate and take the lead in preparing these meals, we could use some extra hands! If you're interested in helping prepare and serve meals on Wednesday evenings, please contact the church office!

January 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	3	4 12:30 pm, News- letter folding	5
6 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship 11 am, Take down decorations	7	8 7 pm, Joy Circle	9 <b><u>NEW WEDNESDAY</u></b> <b><u>SCHEDULE</u></b> 5:30 pm, Meal 6-6:45 pm, Wednesday School 6:30 pm, Youth Group 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	10 9 am, Sewing Day 1:30 pm, UMW	11	12
13 <b>Prayer Partners</b> 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship (Noisy Bucket)	14	15 9:30 am, Hope Circle 1:30 pm, Sun- shine Circle	16 5:30 pm, Meal 6-6:45 pm, Wednesday School 6:30 pm, Youth Group 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	17 9 am, Sewing Day 7 pm, Staff Parish	18	19
20 <b>Prayer Partners</b> 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship	21	22	23 5:30 pm, Meal 6-6:45 pm, Wednesday School 6:30 pm, Youth Group 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	24 9 am, Sewing Day	25 <b><u>NEWSLETTER</u></b> <b><u>ARTICLE</u></b> <b><u>DEADLINE</u></b>	26
27 <b>UMW Sunday</b> 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship	28	29	30 12:30 pm, Newsletter folding 5:30 pm, Meal 6-6:45 pm, Wednesday School 6:30 pm, Youth Group 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	31 9 am, Sewing Day		

## Sign Up for Prayer Partners in January

January 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> will be Prayer Partner Sundays. If you would like to pray for someone during 2019 and have someone praying for you, please stop at the table which will be set up in the narthex on those Sundays. You can choose a name of a person for whom you will pray from one basket and put your name in the other basket so that someone else can pray for you. Baskets will be labeled. Someone from the worship ministry will be at the table to answer any questions. Wouldn't it be terrific if each of us would pray for another and know that someone is praying for each of us? It's simple and cost-free and works wonders. Thanks for taking part in this important ministry.

The next **General Meeting of UMW** will be **January 10th at 1:30 pm** with **Joy Circle** hosting. **Lois Berndt** will present a program on **"Call to Prayer and Self Denial"**.



Our sympathy to family & friends on the recent death of Ray Bartosh.

## Praise Team Practice

Wednesday Nights, 6:45 PM

All are welcome!



## Mission News

By Jan Moore



For the Back Pack Program, during JANUARY we have been asked to donate:

**16 oz. JARS OF PEANUT BUTTER**



Look for totes in the Fellowship Hall for your donation.

During the month of December we donated: 90 – 4 packs of pudding; 9 boxes of macaroni and cheese; 1 – 4 pack of Jell-O; 1 – 6 pack of pudding; and 5 jars of jars peanut butter. Items that could not be used by the Backpack Program are donated to the Richland-Wilkin Food Pantry.

*Thank you for your support of this ministry!!*

The only ones among you who will be truly happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.

-Albert Schweitzer

## Choir Practice:

Wednesdays @ 7:30 PM



Please join us to wish Ed Olson a happy retirement at an open house from 7 PM to midnight on Saturday, January 5th at Prantes' in Wahpeton. Having you there will be the gift.

Thanks Sandy



Fear is a part of life.

We have fears in our personal lives about our health, our finances, and our relationships. We fear being alone, disappointing others, missing out, and failing. Some of us have fears about our country and the world... fears about violence, crime, war, and political uncertainty. Some of us have fears about the future of The United Methodist Church denomination, especially with the upcoming (February 2019) General Conference, at which our denomination will make decisions regarding our understanding and beliefs about human sexuality. We may fear that The United Methodist Church is changing too much. We may fear that the United Methodist Church is not changing enough. We may fear denominational chaos and turmoil.

Whatever our fears are, scripture tells us again and again that we should, *“Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”* (Joshua 1:9)

The reality is that everyone worries about something. We all have things that we fear. How can we face our fears with faith? How can we have courage and hope in the face of fear?

Starting January 13, we will be talking about what it means to live with fear and worry as a part of our lives, without letting it overcome us. We will start a new sermon series titled, **“Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times.”** This series is based off of the book by the same title, written by United Methodist Pastor, Rev. Adam Hamilton.

I believe this sermon series will get to the heart of an emotion that profoundly shapes each one of us, and I hope you will make every effort to be in worship every weekend throughout this series. Here is a list of dates and topics for the Sermon Series:

January 13 — Unafraid: Understanding and Countering Fear  
January 20 — Unafraid: Fear of the Other  
January 27 — Unafraid: Fear of Being Friendless and Alone  
February 3 — Unafraid: Fear of Failure  
February 10 — Unafraid: Fear of Growing Old, Illness, and Death  
February 17 — Unafraid: Hope for the Future

**What if all of us, in 2019, choose to face our fears with faith?** How would your life be different? How would facing your fears affect your relationships? How would facing your fears affect your health? How would facing your fears affect your future?



It's my prayer that we can face our fears together with faith and that we would grow in our capacity to live with courage and hope, even during uncertain times.

See you in Church,  
Pastor Jen



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