



Evergreen United Methodist Church

1120 Evergreen Court, Wahpeton, ND 58075

February, 2020

Volunteer Opportunity

EVERGREEN has committed to filling bags for the Backpack Program during the month of February. Please mark your calendars and come help! All are invited and encouraged to help with this worthwhile community project. This should take approximately 1 hour of your time. The location is in the building south of or behind the Richland-Wilkin Food Pantry, 699 8th Avenue S. in Wahpeton.

Dates and times:

Wednesday, February 5 at 6:45 pm (Youth Group)

Monday, February 10 at 6:00 pm

Monday, February 17 at 6:00 pm

Monday February 24 at 6:00 pm

If your group or committee is interested in volunteering for about 1 hour, please contact the church office.

Special Mission Recognition



Jim and Karen Selken received Special Mission Recognition awards during the UMW Sunday service, January 19; Fern Bailey made the presentation. Kay Nelson was also recognized as an SMR recipient and will receive her pin at a future date.

Congratulations — and thank you for your service!!

LESSONS I WISH I NEVER LEARNED
but I'm glad I did

GUEST SPEAKER : JANA SIPE BERNDT

Sunday,
February
2nd
10am



Evergreen
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REDISCOVERING *joy* THROUGH A
SEASON OF *loss*

Join us on February 2 as we continue in the series of Lessons I Wished I Never Learned but I'm glad I did. Grief...that harsh, often unexpected yet unavoidable thing that happens to all of us at some point in our life. Come hear Jana tell of her story over rediscovering joy through a season of loss. 10:00 a.m. worship. All are welcome!

Ash Wednesday
February 26
Meal at 5:30 pm
Worship at 7:00 pm



Our Sympathy

Our sympathy to the family of Pauline Worner. She passed away on January 9 and a memorial service is tentatively planned for 11 am, Tuesday, May 12, at Vertin Munson Funeral Home.

Our sympathy to Sherri & Marston Metcalf and family on the January 16 death of Sherri's dad, Dale DeVries. His funeral service was held at Evergreen on January 23.

Our sympathy to Jeanette Plummer and family on the death of Carmen Plummer. Carmen died January 24 and his memorial service was held at Evergreen on January 30.



February Circle Meetings:

February 11, 7 pm, Joy Circle

February 18, 9:30 am, Hope Circle

February 18, 1:30 pm, Sunshine Circle

Remember the Noisy Bucket Offering!

Second Sunday of each month.

Proceeds support the Three Rivers Crisis Center - Kids Konnection.



UMW News

"Let Your Light Shine Ignited for Justice"

Our first UMW general meeting of 2020 was held on January 9th, with 17 members in attendance. President, **Fern Bailey**, lead members in reciting the Purpose. **Jeanette Plummer** read a devotional on how we should face adversity. **Linda Bailey** presented the afternoon's program on the theme of Prayer and Self Denial. Linda spoke about life lessons coming to us throughout our lives, and our opportunities to open our hearts to God's strength and generosity. Joy Circle provided our afternoon refreshments.

In our business meeting, Secretary, **Jean Freden**, read minutes from our January meeting, which were approved as read. Treasurer, **Dianne Millar**, distributed an account of last year's profits and expenditures. **Marjo Johnson** encouraged all of us to save Our Family UPC Labels, commemorative postage stamps, Box Tops for Education, aluminum pop tabs, used ink/toner cartridges, and UPC labels from Country Hearth. Canisters are in the church kitchen. An ink cartridge receptacle is in the Fellowship Hall on the greeting cards cart.

UMW Sunday was January 19th. Mission Recognition honors were presented to Karen Selken, Jim Selken, and Kay Nelson. Thank you to all volunteers who made this a special UMW Sunday.

The February Nursing Homes Birthday Parties are coming up. St. Catherine's is scheduled for February 7th at 2pm, hosted by Sunshine and Hope Circles. The Leach Home is scheduled for February 14th, hosted by Joy Circle. Please make it a point to arrive by 1:30 to prepare and distribute refreshments, as the residents like to start partying promptly at 2pm! This is a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with others.

World Day of Prayer is on the calendar for Friday, March 6th at 2pm. Evergreen UMC will host event.

Denise Eastin, filling in for Kay Nelson, communications

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Monday-Friday
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Sundays:

9 am, Coffee
10 am, Worship

Wednesdays:

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

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Remember Your Prayer Partner

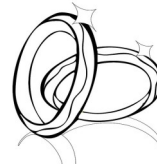


POWER
PRAYER

Evergreen Celebrates February Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Denotes anniversaries

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| 1-Rudolf Arutyunov | 22-Jack Rittenour |
| 2-Brianna Davis | 23-Chase Schmitt |
| 2-Edie Nelson | 24-Josh Deike |
| 7-Dawn Wells | 24-Chris & Suzanne Johnson* |
| 7-Jayce Werner | 25-Paula Harris |
| 12-Tyrel & Jennifer Rau* | 25-Janice Deike |
| 13-McKenzie Gripentrog | 25-Roger Nelson |
| 13-Demetrius Porter | 26-Guy & Roberta Whitehead* |
| 14-Ethan Schmitt | 27-Bryan Metcalf |
| 14-Aaron Stone | 28-Alinda Bassingthwaite |
| 15-Cheri Boyer | 28-Ryla Morin |
| 16-Aaron Deike | 29-Clark Gripentrog |
| 17-Marjo Johnson | 29-Justin Bohn |
| 17-Wade & Finah Harty* | |
| 18-Dianne Millar | |
| 18-Chris Johnson | |
| 18-Joyce Gripentrog | |
| 19-Allan Gripentrog | |
| 19-Yelena Arutyunov | |
| 19-Alta Lehmann | |
| 19-Jennifer Faul | |
| 20-Jeanette Plummer | |



The family of **Janice Deike** invites you to join us as we celebrate her 90th birthday with an open house on Saturday, February 22nd from 2-4 PM at Evergreen UMC. A light lunch will be served. No gifts please!!

Youth

We've gotten off to a bit of a slow start this cold month of January, but we can't wait to warm back up in the chapel in February! We're kicking it off with a service night on February 5th, so be sure to be on time! We'll meet at church at our usual time (6:30), and need to be at our service site (Richland-Wilkin Food Pantry to pack food backpacks) by 6:45pm.

Upcoming Dates

(6:30-8pm unless otherwise noted)

Feb 5 — Service Night (Meet in main building)

Feb 12 — Youth Group (Chapel)

Feb 19 — Youth Group (Chapel)

Feb 26, 7pm — Ash Wednesday Worship (NO Youth Group)

Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church year round.

Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis.

Get started today! Ask for an authorization form in the church office.

January Finance Report Monthly Budget Offering :

\$12,360.50

Monthly Need:

\$20,373.00

Noisy Bucket:

\$103.99



Chicken or Tuna Salad Kits 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:



CHICKEN OR TUNA SALAD KITS

Thank you to everyone who has helped with donations to the Back Pack Project, during the month of January we collected: 50 16-oz. jars of peanut butter; 2 4-packs of pudding cups; 1 can of tomato soup; and 1 5# bag of flour. Items that could not be used by the Backpack Program were donated to the Richland-Wilkin Food. *Thank you for your support of this ministry!!*



"For it is in giving that we receive."

— **Francis of Assisi**

February, 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship, Jana Berndt speaking	3 6 pm, Worship Committee 7 pm, Adm. Council Meeting	4 6 pm, Staff Parish Meeting	5 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School 6:30 pm, Youth (filling backpacks) 6:45 pm, Choir	6 9 am, Sewing	7 2 pm, St. Catherine's Birthday party hosted by Sunshine & Hope Circles	8
9 NOISY BUCKET 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee Time 10 am, Worship 11:15 am, Staff Parish Meeting	10 6 pm, Filling Backpacks @ Food Pantry	11 7 pm, Joy Circle	12 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School 6:30 pm, Youth 6:45 pm, Choir	13 9 am, Sewing	14 2 pm, Leach Home Birthday party hosted by Joy Circle	15
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23 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee Time 10 am, Worship	24 6 pm, Filling Backpacks @ Food Pantry	25	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 12:30 pm, Newsletter folding 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School 7 pm, Worship	27 9 am, Sewing	28	29
March 1 9 am, Adult Sunday School & Coffee Time 10 am, Worship	March 2	March 3	March 4 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School 6:30 pm, Youth 6:45 pm, Choir	March 5	March 6 2 pm, World Day of Prayer @ Evergreen UMC	March 7 

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

Our monthly newsletter lists persons in need of ongoing prayer. Please contact the office to have names added and/or removed from our prayer concerns list.

Please pray for:

Harriet Fleenor, Barb Foote, Linda McDougall, Merle Rubish, Marlys Phillips, Alta Lehmann, Kermith Krueger, John Dassenko, Bob Spent, Fay Woy, Donna Stone, Cheryl Holding Eagle, Bernice Oliver, Jim Stone, Yelena Arutyunov, Gloria Plummer, David Gripentrog, Randy Rittenour (Richardson's son-in-law), Paula Frazier (Pam Nagel's sister), Duren Moffet (Don's brother), Shelly Muerer (Rich/Margaret Johnson's niece), Paul Frazier (Pam Nagel's brother-in-law)

Additional Financial Giving Opportunity:

In 2016, Evergreen UMC made a commitment to support "Thrive," the Dakotas Conference's growth and development capital campaign. Thrive has a three-fold purpose: to start new churches, to strengthen existing church and to equip and develop leaders in the Dakotas Conference. Evergreen's financial commitment will be approximately \$20,000 spread over 5 years. 2019 brought gifts totaling \$4,550 from members who supported this capital campaign. We sincerely thank everyone who contributed to the successful effort YTD.

We now must look forward to meeting the \$4,000 goal for 2020. Below is a commitment form. Please, prayerfully consider your part in contributing to this cause. It will benefit all the churches in the Dakotas Conference.

Adult Sunday School
classes are held Sunday
mornings at 9 am.



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

Weekly Menu for February:

February 5	Pizza
February 12	Mac & Cheese
February 19	Chicken Nuggets
February 26	Taco in a bag



EVERGREEN UMC
2 PM
FRIDAY, MARCH 6



Strength for Today; Hope for Tomorrow (Year 5)

In addition to my annual tithe to Evergreen UMC, I commit to supporting Evergreen's financial commitment to the Thrive program through my gift of:

☐ \$250/quarter = [\$1,000/year]
☐ \$100/quarter = [\$400/year]
☐ \$25/quarter = [\$100/year]
☐ Other: \$_____ [one time/quarterly] (circle one)

Name: _____

Please return completed form to the church office or place in offering plate.

Pastoral Letter

The following letter was mailed to our congregation this past week. I want to share it again below, to make sure everyone has a chance to read it.

Friends of Evergreen United Methodist Church,

Today, I am writing to share that God is calling me to a new place. Effective July 1, 2020, Bishop Bruce Ough has appointed me to serve as Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Watertown, South Dakota.

When I arrived in Wahpeton nearly 6 years ago, I never could have expected the journey we've been on together. We have shared in laughter and tears, celebrations and grief, surprises and miracles. We have challenged one another to be our best selves, and we have worked to enact the plans God has for us as a community of faith. I cannot begin to express how grateful I am for the time and ministry that we have shared together at Evergreen United Methodist Church.

In the midst of that gratitude, I find myself living the tension between grief of leaving this place and community I love... and anticipation for what God may have in store for me and First United Methodist Church of Watertown. Surely God is on the move in ways none of us could expect or anticipate, and I can't wait to see what is yet to come.

Fortunately, we have lots of time to prepare for this transition. In the coming weeks, our Staff-Parish Relations Committee will meet with Rev. Randy Cross, our District Superintendent. Together, they will begin a conversation about who God is calling to be the next pastor of Evergreen United Methodist Church. Please join me in holding them in our prayers during this time of transition.

In the same way, I will be holding all of you in my prayers, and ask that you will do the same for me. Transitions are not always easy, but together, with God's grace, we can continue to share in the important work of the Church.

Thank you for allowing me to journey with you in faith. It has been an incredible privilege to serve as your pastor. I look forward to the next few months together as God prepares Evergreen UMC for its next chapter.

In Ministry Together,

Pastor Jen Tyler



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