



# Evergreen United Methodist Church

1120 Evergreen Court, Wahpeton, ND 58075

April, 2019

## UMCOR SUNDAY

(formerly One Great Hour of Sharing)

March 31, 2019

For more than 50 years, United Methodist congregations have been taking part in a special **UMCOR Sunday** offering, which will be **March 31, 2019**, thereby laying the foundation for UMCOR's ministry of relief and hope.

The Methodist Committee on Relief was created by the Methodist Church in 1940 in response to refugee needs arising from World War II. What began as a temporary relief program became a permanent part of The United Methodist Church in 1972. Renamed the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), since that time it has remained a unit of the General Board of Global Ministries.

Today, UMCOR supports work in more than 80 countries. UMCOR's work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more.

Yes, 100 percent of contributions designated by donors go directly to the designated program. UMCOR uses other funding channels to cover non-program related activities such as administrative overhead or communications. One source of that type of funding is the UMCOR Sunday offering.

Donations received by UMCOR through the UMCOR SUNDAY offering, along with other undesignated gifts made throughout the year, cover our costs of doing business. Gifts like yours make it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs.

**UMCOR does not receive United Methodist World Service or apportionment funds**, so without your **offerings**, UMCOR would not exist.

Because we keep operating costs under 10% of our total budget, undesignated gifts may actually exceed UMCOR's administrative needs. When that happens, your support is channeled to underfunded programs, where they're most needed. They also may be used to allow UMCOR to respond to disasters immediately after an event and before funds can be raised.

Because of your donation today, we're ready to respond in times of crisis. UMCOR HAS BEEN REBUILDING HOPE FOR NEARLY 80 YEARS, AND WE THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF THIS LEGACY.

Envelopes will be included with this newsletter and in your bulletins for this **SPECIAL DONATION** on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please consider giving generously!



*On Sunday, March 31*, we will welcome Rev. Dr. Bruce Forbes to Evergreen UMC as we gather for study, worship, and learning.

Rev. Dr. Forbes is Professor Emeritus of

Religious Studies at Morningside College in Sioux City, IA. He has served in higher education in the area of Religious Studies for over 40 years, thus bringing with him a great wealth of knowledge and experience.

Please invite your friends and plan to join us as Rev. Dr. Forbes leads us in a full day of events!

9am Adult Sunday School

10am Worship (Rev. Dr. Forbes Preaching)

11am Potluck & Learn Program:

"Since When Do Easter Bunnies Lay Eggs?"

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## Flowering Plants Needed for Easter

By Deb Schouweiler

The season of Lent is here and the Worship Committee is getting things ready to make our Easter Services beautiful and special as we celebrate a Savior who took our darkness and brought us light.

We would love for all of you to join us in this process by donating either a flowering plant or money that can be used to buy these plants. If you would like to donate cash please put it in the offering with the designation of Easter Flowers. If you would like to donate a plant please have it to the church by April 19<sup>th</sup>.

We will be decorating for Easter week events including Maundy Thursday decorating at 2pm, on April 18<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday decorating at 2pm, on the 19<sup>th</sup>, and Easter Sunday decorating at 10:30 am, on Saturday, the 20<sup>th</sup>. Please call Deb 474-5515 or 474-5975 if you are able to help.



## UMW News

By Kay Nelson, Communications

March 8<sup>th</sup> found a number of our members attending and participating in World Day of Prayer at Breckenridge Lutheran Church. Thank you to all who came out for this ecumenical event.

All the circles were well represented at our March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting hosted by Sunshine Circle. Michelle Eberhardt and Miranda Andel from Richland County Public Health presented a very interesting program on Women's Health.

The **Spring Focus Meeting** will be held on Saturday, April 6 at West Fargo Flame of Faith. Check the narthex for a sign-up sheet if you are interested in attending. We will leave the church about 7:30 a.m. to reach West Fargo between 9 and 9:30. Women from many churches in the district will gather for fellowship, worship, instruction, and singing.

Our **Spring Bake Sale** has been scheduled for Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donuts, cinnamon rolls, and caramel rolls and coffee will be available for a free will offering. You may contact Fern Bailey if you have questions regarding this event.

Our next general meeting of UMW will be held May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Hope Circle will host the meeting. Alinda Bassingthwaite will present a program on Persistent Women.

### Administrative Council Report By Sandy Olson

The Administrative Council meets on the first Monday of even numbered months. We hear reports from all of the other ministry groups in the church and in some cases have final approval responsibilities for decisions suggested by those groups. A recurring item of business in the last few months has been to refine and promote Evergreen's mission and purpose statements. You may have noticed the mission statement banner which has hung on the east wall in the sanctuary most of the time in the last few months. We are working on getting a metal sign with the mission statement and a banner listing our purpose. These will be hung in the fellowship hall to help all of us focus on and live into these statements.

Some of the other items which have been discussed in recent meetings have been final approval of the 2019 budget, setting a policy by which we have agreed that the church van cannot be borrowed by other churches or groups (insurance coverage was a major factor in that decision), organizing the discernment retreat which was hosted by Evergreen UMC in November, and dreams for the future. Members of the council were encouraged to list dreams of any kind. We never know when a dream will become a reality, thanks to members or others who may share that vision.

Please feel free to bring up items you'd like to discuss with any of us on the council. The chairs of all ministry areas, Pastor Jen, and I make up the council.

### Sewing Group Update

By Jean Rubish

The sewing group has taken on a new project requested by the Solar Oven Partners. They are asking for small cloth bags to hold the 4 accessories that go with each oven. Also a large cloth bag that will hold 5 small bags. The bags will be given with each solar oven and the large bag will be returned for reuse.

I was asked to commit our group to so many bags so I went with 200 small & 40 large. We are well on our way. Thanks Gals.



United Methodist Women  
Celebrated 150 Years  
Sunday, March 24



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Monday-Friday  
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### Sundays:

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

### Wednesdays:

5:30 pm, Community Meal  
6-6:45 pm, Wednesday School  
6:30 pm, Youth Group  
6:45 pm, Praise Team  
7:30 pm, Choir

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www.evergreenumc.com

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## Prayer Concerns at Evergreen

Please contact the office to have names added and/or removed from our prayer concerns list.

### Please pray for:

John Eastin, John Dassenko, Bob Spens, 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, 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), Norma Salquist (Sherri's aunt), Gloria Wiederich (sister of Patti Porter & Cheryl Holding Eagle)



## Evergreen Celebrates April Birthdays and Anniversaries

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Nathan Garner             | 16. Beck Schmitt                 |
| 2. Jeff Leinen               | 18. Susan Rittenour              |
| 4. Bob LeClair               | 18. Cody & Rachel Metcalf*       |
| 4. Janice Nelson             | 20. Mike Beeson                  |
| 5. Michael Dassenko          | 20. Margaret Johnson             |
| 5. Brenley St. Aubin         | 20. Don Moffet                   |
| 5. Chris & Janice Nelson*    | 20. Griffin Mahoney              |
| 6. Avalon Werner             | 22. Renee Drewlow                |
| 7. Elaine Maddock            | 22. Ruben Arutyunov              |
| 8. Julie McGovern            | 25. Alicia Blaufuss              |
| 8. Sharon Krueger            | 26. Brody Wolfram                |
| 9. Alicia & Jordan Blaufuss* | 27. Donna Stone                  |
| 10. Barb Foote               | 28. Hayle Wells                  |
| 11. Don & Jennifer Faul*     | 29. Norik & Irina Astvatsaturov* |
| 13. Sam Hill                 |                                  |
| 14. Linda Owens              |                                  |
| 14. John & Elaine Maddock*   |                                  |
| 16. John DeVal               |                                  |
| 16. Sue Miller               |                                  |







## LYDIA PROJECT

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

All the scarves are in, tagged and ready to be taken to General Conference 2019. As you recall we pledged 100 scarves and the knitters, crocheters and those individuals who provided yarn got right on the project. We thank God for each person who helped fulfill our pledge. It was fun to see the number of scarves increase each week. Our grand total is 123 scarves! You did it!

Bonnie Beeson, Jan Moore  
Lydia Project Co-Chair



Thanks to all who helped fill school backpacks during March.



## MISSIONS NEWS

By Jan Moore

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

### **INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED FRUIT CUPS**



Look for the totes in the Fellowship Hall for your donation.

Thank you to everyone who has helped with donations to the **Back Pack Project**, 57 jars of peanut butter, 21 fruit cups, 18 applesauce cups, 5 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 1 tube of toothpaste, 1 28-oz. jar of peanut butter were collected during the month of March. 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 **packed back pack** bags in March 3 times. We had a wonderful turn out on Monday evenings and accomplished packing approximately 300 bags in 25 minutes each week. Thanks so much to everyone for giving of their time.

The walk for the **Richland-Wilkin Relay for Life (American Cancer Society)** is scheduled for April 13, 2019. As many of our family members and friends have been affected by cancer, we encourage everyone to support and/or take part in the walk. Mission Committee will be taking donations and selling luminaries until March 31<sup>st</sup> before and after services. Thank you for your support in the fight against cancer.

**UMCOR SUNDAY**, the annual drive for donations to fund the administrative costs of UMCOR, will be held March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please give generously so that we can together reach children, families and communities who have experienced devastation in the wake of disaster around the world. Envelopes will be provided in the bulletin that Sunday.

We are working on dates for several **MINI MISSION TRIPS** (1-2 days). We will be donating our time and efforts to pack Solar Ovens in Raymond, South Dakota. Dates have been set for **April 2** and again later in April (TBD). Please talk Harris Bailey or the office if you are interested in going to Raymond. Another option is possibly helping with Clean Up Week at Wesley Acres; and/or working at Spirit Lake. Keep your eyes and ears open, we will let you know what, when and where once we have the information!!

April, 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 31 9 am Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship 11 am, Potluck & Learn w/ Rev. Dr. Bruce Forbes	1 6 pm, Worship Committee 7 pm, Adm. Council Mtg	2	3 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School & Study 6:30 pm, Youth 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	4 9 am, Sewing 7 pm, Staff-Parish Mtg.	5	6 UMW Focus Meeting @ West Fargo Flame of Faith UMC
7 9 am Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship 3 pm, Alphean Concert at St. John's	8	9 7 pm, Joy Circle	10 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School & Study 6:30 pm, Youth 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	11 9 am, Sewing	12	13 Relay for Life
14 PALM SUNDAY 9 am Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship 	15	16 9:30 am, Hope Circle 1:30 pm, Sunshine Circle	17 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School 6:30 pm, Youth 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	18 9 am, Sewing 7 pm, Maundy Thursday Service 	19 7 pm, Good Friday Service 	20 10:30 am, Decorate for Easter
21 8 am, Early Worship 9 am Breakfast 10 am, Easter Worship 	22 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	23	24 5:30 pm, Meal 6 pm, Wednesday School 6:30 pm, Youth 6:45 pm, Praise Team 7:30 pm, Choir	25 9 am, Sewing	26 NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE	27
28 9 am Adult Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship	29	30	May 1 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	May 2 9 am, Sewing	May 3	May 4 9-11 am, Spring Bake Sale @ EUMC





Sympathy to Connie Johnson on the death of her son, Brad Backer. Brad died March 8 and a memorial service will be held at Evergreen UMC on May 11 at 10 am.

Sympathy to Florence & Gary Welhartiky on the death of Florence's mother, Lucile Albert. She died March 16.

Sympathy to Jeanne Osborn on the March 22nd death of her brother, Dick, at Crystal, MN.

Sympathy to the Metcalf families on the March 25 death of Eugene Metcalf. His funeral service will be held at Evergreen UMC on Friday, March 29.



Camp Sunday March 3

- Brenda Lint (above) played guitar with the Praise team
- Paul Lint (right) shared the message and helped serve Communion
- Sharing Holy Communion (below)



**Spring Bake Sale  
with Fresh Donuts  
at Evergreen UMC**

**Rolls & Coffee  
Saturday, May 4th  
from 9am to 11am**



**Monthly Offering  
Through March 24:  
\$21,317.41  
Monthly Need:  
\$20,140.00**



Do No Harm.

Do all the Good you Can.

Keep the ordinances of God (also often known as, “Stay in Love with God”).

These are the three general rules of The United Methodist Church. They are guidelines that should influence every decision we make, every ministry we are a part of, every step of our growth and discipleship. They are intended to work in connection to one another: we cannot do good, if we are doing harm. We are not working in and sharing the love of God, if we are not actively seeking to go over and above to do all the good we can. To live in faith, and to practice that faith through our United Methodist lens, is to seek to faithfully live in accordance with these rules.

There are countless ways we live into this. We seek to grow and stay in love with God through our weekly studies and Sunday/Wednesday school, through worship, and through countless other ministries including United Methodist Women, our congregational care ministry, mission/service projects, and more.

Our commitment to doing all the good we can is closely tied to our mission statement, “To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

In order to make disciples — we first have to *be* disciples. How are you living into your discipleship? How are you doing no harm, doing all the good you can, and loving God, in order to bring about positive transformation to the world?

This Lenten season, I have been reflecting on these three rules. I have been reflecting on the hurt and pain and harm that we experience — and take part in. I have been praying through and wondering how my actions — and inactions — contribute to the corporate sins that happen all around us. I have been praying that God would give me courage and wisdom to step up and be a voice against the pain and harm in our world.

That’s why when I heard of yet another fatal mass shooting in a house of worship — most recently in Muslim mosques in New Zealand, I couldn’t help but to think... we — you and I — are a part of the harm. Every time we hear someone use hateful rhetoric and don’t speak up, we are doing harm. When we encounter racism, sexism, ableism, classism, or any other sort of -ism... and we do not stand against it: we are doing harm. We are allowing those who believe some persons are different and *better* than others. Yet Jesus teaches us that we are to love all of our neighbors. He teaches us that we are to care for “the least of these” — whoever that may be in our lives, communities, or world.

Since Jesus uses the word “love” in an active way (as a verb), I cannot help but to see that to do no harm is not about *inaction*. Rather, it is about how we choose to pair doing no harm, with *actively* doing good. To do good is to act — and often, it is to act with courage and boldness. With God as our guide, I can imagine no better way to do good than to take some risks by speaking up with and for the persecuted in our midst. Those who are different from us, those who are in need, those who are being persecuted (such as Muslims in the above mentioned hate crime).

To stand against hate, is to stand for love. To love God, to act against doing harm, and to do good. With this in mind, I invite you to join me today in renewing your commitment to living into these three rules. One way to do so, is to start by praying to God and seeking forgiveness for places we have fallen short in the past. Please pray with me:



Pastor Jen

*Holy God, forgive us for all the ways we have fallen short. Forgive us for times we have done harm, have not honored you, and have turned away from you. For all we have said and done, O God, and for all we have failed to say or do: forgive us.*

*As we seek your forgiveness, help us to use this gift to turn anew toward you. Guide us onto right paths of action as we seek to be faithful with our words, actions, and deeds. May these our prayers not be empty words, O God, but acts of repentance that lead us toward actions of great love in the days to come. Help us to care for our neighbors, to stand against hatred, and to see all we encounter through your eyes of love and grace. We pray all these things by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.*

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## Holy Week – Easter Schedule

**Palm Sunday, April 14**  
**10 AM, Worship**



**Maundy Thursday Worship**  
**7 PM, April 18**

**Good Friday Worship**  
**7 PM, April 19**



**Easter Sunday**  
**April 21**  
**Worship at 8 AM & 10 AM**  
**Breakfast between services**