



Evergreen United Methodist Church

1120 Evergreen Court, Wahpeton, ND 58075

November, 2017



On November 28, United Methodists have the opportunity to extend the spirit of giving thanks into the Advent season through gifts to The Advance.

Together, we can connect our passions with God's mission.

Through The Advance, United Methodists can give to more than 300 missionaries. Donors also can provide support for more than 600 United Methodist-related projects worldwide. As a partner with The Advance, you provide United Methodists and others with a way to build missional relationships through a designated giving channel they can trust. As always, 100 percent of gifts to The Advance goes directly to the designated project or mission.

Help your friends and family celebrate the true meaning of the season by participating in UMC #GivingTuesday on Nov. 28.

This Advent, "Connect Your Passion with God's Mission" through The Advance at umcmmission.org/give.

Upcoming Events at Evergreen By Sandy Olson

- ◆ Please join members of the worship ministry group to decorate the sanctuary after the worship service on Sunday, November 26th. You might get a chance to trim the new and easy-to-set-up Christmas tree (thanks to a generous donor). The worship ministry group will have chili and accompanying dishes for lunch for those who can stay to help. Many hands lighten labor and it will be a time for great fellowship.
- ◆ The Sunday School Christmas program will be presented during the 10 AM worship service on Sunday, December 17th. Parents, if you could have your children at Sunday School as much as possible, it will help them to feel prepared to do their best that day. We love to see them as much as we can, anyway! Thanks so much.
- ◆ Also needed are musicians for the Christmas season.
- ◆ Once again, we would like to have poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for a few weeks of the Advent and Christmas seasons. If you would like to provide a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of a loved one, the church will be happy to order it for you. Stay tuned for more information. An order slip will be included in Sunday bulletins as the season approaches. Thanks so



Sunday, November 5 is All Saints' Day!

Join us for All Saints' Day worship, as we come together to celebrate and honor the saints who have passed on in the last year with a time of prayer, thanksgiving, and candle-lighting. We will also share in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Daylight saving time ends – remember to fall back on Nov. 4

Children's Ministry

- ♦ No Sunday School on Sunday, November 26 (Thanksgiving Weekend)
- ♦ We will be starting to practice our Christmas program songs soon, so we hope to see all the kids as many weeks as we can! The Christmas program will be held on December 17th during the 10:00 am, service.
- ♦ No Sunday School on Sunday, December 24 or December 31.

Sunday, November 12

During the Sunday school hour beginning at 9 am, we will be showing a picture montage of Bonnie & Peder Anderson's trip to Albania.



Sign up to purchase a toy for the Christmas Kids project!

Youth News

By Pastor Jen

November:

Wed. Nov. 8 - 6:45 pm (We will attend Day of Hope events at Wahpeton High School Please arrive at Evergreen just before 7 so we can get there on time!)

Wed. Nov. 15 - 7-8:30 pm @ Zion Chapel

Sun. Nov. 19 - You are invited to attend the 4 pm Community Thanksgiving Worship Service @ Breckenridge Lutheran Church (Pastor Jen will be preaching)

Sun. Nov. 26 - 11:30 am-1 pm — We will help decorate the church for Advent/Christmas, and then play some games! Plus, there will be lunch provided!

December:

Sun. Dec. 3 - 11:30-1 pm Youth Group (Lunch provided)

Sun. Dec. 10 - 11:30-1 pm Youth Group (Lunch provided)

Sun. Dec. 17 - 11:30-1 pm Youth Group (Lunch provided) — Christmas Party!

I look forward to seeing everyone soon!

Our sympathy to the family of Shirley McCann. She died October 28 and her funeral is November 3 at Evergreen UMC.



**Give Thanks to the Lord!
Ecumenical Thanksgiving
Celebration**

Sponsored by the Richland/Wilkin Ministerial

**Sunday, November 19, 4 PM
@ Breck Lutheran Church (301 6th St. N.)**

Coffee and desserts after the Service.

Everyone is invited.



Deck the Halls!

**Come,
decorate the
Church for
Advent &
Christmas after
the Sunday service on
November 26.**

UMW News "A Call to Community" by Denise Eastin, Communications

Preparations for our Fall Bazaar were going at full tilt early in October, especially with the date of Bazaar moved to Saturday, October 21st. Thank God for dedication to purpose and an extra measure of Stamina and Good Humor to see us through to that eventful day! And what a day it was. Beautiful Fall weather blessed us all as we arrived at church to welcome the Community in to enjoy the hospitality of our volunteers with good food, shopping, and DONUTS. Thank you to all who participated, donated, and prayed for our success.

If you haven't yet experienced Bazaar, I urge you to come work with us next year. You'll encounter a good feeling of camaraderie ... a joy knowing you participated in working for Mission Projects around the word, as well as an awe in contributing to the General Fund of EUMC.

The next Executive Meeting of UMW will be held Thursday morning, November 2nd with Mary Schradick presiding. We will meet at 9am in the Fireside Room.

The next General Meeting of UMW will be held Thursday, November 9th at 7pm. This will be our 2018 Installation of Officers meeting. All outgoing and incoming officers should be in attendance, if possible. Lois Berndt will present a program entitled, "Refreshing Ourselves". Hope Circle will offer refreshments.

November is "Thank Offering" time – remember your offerings when you attend Circle meetings this month.

The UMW Prayer Vigil for November is scheduled for November 9th between 2pm and 2:45pm. Our subject is: Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (MNCH). "Every day, 19,000 children die from preventable and treatable ailments, such as pneumonia, diarrhea, malnutrition and malaria. A quarter of a million will die this year during pregnancy and child birth because they lack access to proper health facilities or health workers or because women do not have a say in their own reproductive health.

Program goal: The overarching goal of the MNCH program is to improve access to quality MNCH services through an integrated, grassroots approach that addresses the root causes of ill health for mothers and children.

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Evergreen Celebrates November Birthdays and Anniversaries

4—Stewart Gripentrog	19—Philip Parnell
6—Kiki Beschorner	21—Edith Wawers
7—George Bassingthwaite	22—Kelsey Richels
8—Lana Arutyunov	23—Bev Stone
9—John & Charlene Gange*	25—KrisCinda Erickson
11—Liana Agayev	25—Kaytlyn Johnson
12—Marty & Debbie Boyer*	25—Peder Anderson
14—Laura Dokken	26—Bonnie Beeson
14 - Cody Metcalf	*Denotes anniversaries
14—Steve & Donna Krogh*	
15—Kevin & Kathy Hudson*	
17—Trevor Stevens	
17—Meaghan Wolfgram	
18—Hunter Rittenour	
19—Roberta Whitehead	





Boxes of Mac and Cheese Needed for November "One Thing"

by Jan Moore

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 November the "ONE THING" collection is:



BOXES OF MAC & CHEESE

Thank you to everyone who has helped with donations to the Back Pack Project, during the month of October we collected 88 cans of soup, 56 fruit cups, 2 peanut butter, 12 applesauce and 10 oatmeal packets. In addition we delivered approximately 40.5 pounds of food to the Food Pantry.

Missions Committee met for a meeting and decided the 2017 Christmas Eve offering will be donated to the local Food Pantry and UMCOR for recent disaster relief.

The Ministerial Association is presenting Bob Upgren, pro-athlete, speaker, master chalk artist. He brings art, humor, and challenging content to bring a fresh perspective on personal leadership, purpose and creativity. This program is coming up in November at the Breckenridge (Nov. 7) and Wahpeton Schools (Nov. 8) as well as an evening presentation for the community.

The KIDS COUNT MIRACLE OFFERING challenge was made by Bruce Ough, Resident Bishop of the Dakotas-Minnesota Episcopal Area. This challenge has two parts:

1) a cash offering goal has been set at \$100,000 of which 80% will go to support church-school partnerships and 20% will go to help our new churches send children and youth to camp;

2) a pledge to volunteer in service to the children in our communities of 10,000 volunteer hours. Churches were asked to report on their volunteer efforts throughout the year. Evergreen Missions Committee has set our volunteer hours at 400 hours and will be posting a thermometer on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall to monitor our success. Please keep track of hours you donate to help out in any events with/for children. We already donate hours to packing backpacks! Look for any opportunities. We will ask periodically.

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

-Albert Schweitzer

Monthly Offering Totals

for October:

\$21,148.00

Monthly Need:

\$19,002.00

Noisy Bucket Offering: **\$94.65**



Annual Charge Conference

9:30 am,

Saturday,

November 18



Please join us on **Saturday morning** at 9:30 am, Nov. 18. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Randy Cross, has invited several area churches to join us at Evergreen for one large group charge conference during this time. Together we will take care of the business of each church, as well as share in some time of teaching and learning together.

November, 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:30 pm, Newsletter folding 6 pm, Confirmation 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm, Choir	2 9 am, Sewing Day 9 am, UMW Executive Com.	3 8:30 am - 3:30 pm - Day Camp VBS @ Bethel	4 REMEMBER TO..... 
5 ALL SAINTS' 9 am, Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship	6 6:30 pm, Administrative Council Meeting	7	8 6 pm, Confirmation 6 pm Praise Team 6:50 pm, Youth Group to attend Day of Hope @ WHIS 7 pm, Choir	9 9 am, Sewing 2-2:45 pm, UMW Prayer Vigil 7 pm, UMW	10	11
12 9 am, Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship (Noisy Bucket)	13	14 7 pm, Joy Circle	15 6 pm, Confirmation 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm, Choir 7 pm, Youth Group	16 9 am, Sewing	17	18 9:30 am, Annual Charge Conf. Meeting @ EUMC
19 9 am, Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship 4 pm, Thanksgiving Service @ St. John's	20	21 9:30 am, Hope Circle 1:30 pm, Sunshine Circle	22 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm, Choir NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DEADLINE	23 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26 9 am, Coffee (No Sunday School) 10 am, Worship 11 am, Decorate for Christmas 11:30 am, Youth Group	27	28 UMC #Giving Tuesday (see article)	29 12:30 pm, Newsletter folding 6 pm, Confirmation 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm, Choir	30 9 am, Sewing 7 pm, Staff-Parish Meeting	Dec. 1	Dec. 2
Dec. 3 9 am, Sunday School & Coffee 10 am, Worship 11:30 am, Youth Group	Dec. 4 6:30 pm, Worship Committee	Dec. 5	Dec. 6 6 pm, Confirmation 6 pm Praise Team 7 pm, Choir	Dec. 7 9 am, Sewing	Dec. 8	Dec. 9

2017 Fall Bazaar: By Dianne Millar

Many thanks to those who helped in any way with the fall bazaar!! We had a great day sharing our hospitality with family and friends from the Twin Town communities and surrounding area. Donuts, a variety of baked goods and canned goods, craft/sewing projects, and donations of jewelry and other items to Grandma's Attic offered something for everyone. As of October 31, 2017, our net profit from the bazaar was \$4901.44. It has not yet been determined how many dozens of donuts were sold so UMW has not yet paid Evergreen UMC their share of the bazaar profit. Overall, another successful bazaar for UMW's designated mission projects and the ministries at Evergreen UMC. Thank you!!



Pastor's Ponderings

Ah, November. One of my favorite months.

To be honest: I'm never quite ready for the arrival of winter. I'm not ready for these colder temps, or for the frost that greets us each morning. I'm not ready for that white stuff that falls from the sky, either, but it's better than rain and icy roads this time of year, so I try not to complain.

As we set our clocks back this week and the days grow shorter, it's easy to focus on the things we do *not* love about this time of year. Yet at as with all things, all times, and all seasons of our lives, there's another side, isn't there?

For the month of November especially, as Thanksgiving draws near, one of the things I like to focus on from the other side, is a gift, that keeps on giving: *gratitude*.

I've shared before I that I have a tradition for the month of November that involves daily journaling, posting, or even taking a photo of something (or some one) I am grateful for. I do this every year, because I have found that doing something every day to express and remind me of the importance of gratitude in our lives brings out a deep, almost unmatched joy that comes from within. As the practice begins and builds up, it all but penetrates my being, helping me shift from focusing on the daily rhythms of life, into the daily opportunities and gifts of life. A shift that has, in and of itself, become something I am *grateful* for.

From time to time, this shift has made me wonder... if not for Thanksgiving, how might this season be different. What might keep us from living fully into it?

Which is why, rather than the same-old themes of gratitude this year we hopefully already know how to explore, I have decided we should take it a step further. For two weeks during November (November 12 and 19), we are going to shift from focusing only on that which we are grateful for — and also focus on things that *keep us* from our gratitude.

During this two week series titled, "Enemies of Gratitude," we will name things like *nostalgia* and *disappointment* that can be healthy in their own time and place, but can also keep us focused on the wrong things. My hope is that we will use this time to discover new ways to be mindful, and new ways to let go of things that hold us back.

I hope you will join me as together this month especially, we reflect all that we are grateful for, staring — and ending — with God's abundant love and grace.



On the journey together,

Pastor Jen

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Some of our youth braved the cold to help out at Zoo Boo, a great annual event at Chahinkapa Zoo! October 30.

Everyone was asked to dress in a Christmas themed costume.