

The Lighthouse

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From the Pastor's Study...

Dear Friends,

Advent is here ... and Christmas is coming! Once again, we who are people of faith, find ourselves watching and waiting for that which we know has already come, is already here, and is to come again. How wonderful it is for us! Despite all we see in the world, and maybe even in our lives, we can live in hope, for God is already among us.

Sister Joan Chittister shared this thought in an Advent reflection:

"Ruben A. Alvez wrote, 'Hope is hearing the melody

of the future; faith is dancing to it today.'

The real Christmas gift, for which Advent is the process, is learning to hum hope, learning to dance the divine."

It seems to me she has summed up, not only the experiences of Advent and Christmas, but

the reality of the faithful life – lived throughout the whole of the year.

We are people of hope – able to hear God's song even into the future, because

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"In the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God ... Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together. (Isaiah 40:3-5)



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we know the past and the present. We have already seen the faithfulness of God, throughout the tradition, and in our own lives. We are people of joy – able to dance to God’s music, even amid the struggles and sorrows of today, because we know, ultimately, God is among us – right here and right now. And we are people who continue to live in all we know – listening and dancing, learning and growing – because we know our God is a God of grace and glory.

Come! Let us prepare the way of the Lord together – that we, too, might “hum hope, and dance the divine!”

Wishing you the peace and wonder of Christmas!

Pastor Susan

Adopt-A-Family Gift Wrapping night will be held on Thursday, December 19, beginning at 6:30 PM. Bring your own scissors.



November Ad Board Meeting Notes

2020 Budget was reviewed & approved.
Church will participate in six special United Methodist Sundays. More information to follow.
New counter tops & cabinets will be installed in the coffee area (to add cabinetry and counter space).
A new washing machine will be purchased for the parsonage.
AED has arrived. Training pending.
Ad Board looking into more church involvement in community events.
Denise Farnham and Darcy Carnahan will serve as co-chairwomen of the funeral dinner committee.
The old fellowship hall will not be available the week of December 20 due to use by the Angel Tree and Adopt a Family Committees using hall for sorting and wrapping Christmas gifts.

Year End Report for UMM

The UMM want to thank everyone who helped with their mission efforts in 2019. Because of those efforts, the UMM were able to provide \$3,405 this year to “Growing Hope Globally”. The soup and pie luncheon received \$880.50 in donations

Many provided large checks of support, equaling another \$2,100 in donations. And the Pancake & Sausage Supper, held earlier in the year, raised \$424.50 in donations.

This is our way, and your way, through your support, of helping educate people to help themselves. The UMM want you to know that over 82% of the monies donated to the organization go directly to growing projects, and that the organization is not administrative heavy, like many organizations, allowing more of your money to reach those in need.

The recent Port A Pit Pork sale, and the summer Chicken sale, were not as profitable as years past. As a result, the UMM were only able to contribute \$375 to the Edgerton Cub Scouts, and \$375 to the Adopt A Family project. While these may sound like generous amounts, it is down from what they have been able to do in the past. So please consider these organizations, if you wish to donate money to a local mission. To donate to Adopt A Family, make checks out to “Adopt a Family” and give them to Ted Hill. To contribute to the Edgerton Cub Scouts, make checks payable to EUMC Cub Scouts Pack 29, and give them to Sandy Wood.

The UMM will next meet on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 8 am., to plan and organize the Pancake and Sausage Supper, which is tentatively set for February.

Youth & Scouting News



The Edgerton Children's Handbell Choir is off to a good start, having performed twice during morning worship services. Ruth Mayer and Janice Hill have done a great job working with the children.



Girl Scouts of Troop 10487 are helping prepare the 40 food baskets to be handed out at Christmas. AirWay Manufacturing helped collect some of the food needed. They will meet on Dec 5th to assemble the baskets.



Scouts BSA and Cub Scout Pack 29 recently helped the Eyes of Freedom group by walking in an honor parade Sun the 17th and then helping unload and set up the display. Then Troop 29G got a tour of the display at the school on Mon night during their meeting time. All the Scouts learned about the great sacrifice these young men gave. As Leaders it is our duty to teach them about respect and honor and this was a great way to show them those points of the Scout Law.



Edgerton Troop 29G

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/3 Jim McPike

12/7 Mary McCarthy

12/14 Ronnie Richardson

12/20 Matt Koerner

12/21 Keira Anderson

12/22 Iva Peverly

12/22 Pam Coffman

12/31 Delores Traxler

12/19 Ken & Marilyn Slesman

12/26 Roger and Shirlee Strup

12/29 Scott & Diane Clark

12/30 Pastor Susan Kronbach & Barry Mickey



PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Pam Monosmith

Gloria Korsgaard

Theresa Helbert

Adelind Zolman

Elton Monosmith

Dee Gilbert

Jim Bowsher

Ruth Mayer

Joan Riehle

Travis Hawkins

Jacob Schlosser

Pearl Warner

Roger Strup

Karlyn McPike

Kenny & Marilyn Slesman

Delvain Kittle

Hyla Sharrock

Family & Friends of Richard "Smitty" Smith

Edgerton Liturgists

12/1– Denise Farnham

12/8– Iva Peverly

12/15– Linda Engel

12/22– Karlyn McPike

Christmas Eve– Karlyn McPike

12/29- ?

Worship Happenings in December:

Join us each of the Sundays in December as we light our Advent Wreath, and look forward to the coming of Christ ... still and again!

Join us Christmas Eve, 7:00 pm, for our traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.