



# Eagle Grove United Methodist Church

Love God, Love Others, Change the World

“Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World”

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You might be asking why we need Lent. After all, we’ve been through the “lentiest Lent that has ever lented,” as someone said last year. And, in fact, all of 2020 was about as Lenten as we can imagine. Sackcloth and ashes-worthy, tearing of the garments and repenting in the dust; yeah, been there, done that, still wearing what’s left of the t-shirt. And self-reflection? What else were you going to do during the months’ long pandemic and lock-down? Physical distancing brought out a lot of introspection, don’t you think? Yeah, maybe we can give Lent a miss this year. - Rev. Dr. Derek Weber, I find myself suggesting we can look through different lenses, get a fresh perspective. I daresay, perhaps we can look at this season - what we do, why we do it – in a new way. For many years, I have thought about Lent as a season about me, rather than about God. It’s been a time to dwell on my sinfulness, rather than worshipping God’s holiness. Lent became more about what I do with what I need, than about what God wants. I worked to get in touch with what I believe I need to do or to be, and less about what God is calling me to be and do. Of course, this is a time for inward reflection, and repentance. On Ash Wednesday, we begin as we remember we are not God. And Lent is a time to repent, to turn in a new direction. We can turn to our great, amazing, awesome God; a God who wants justice, and peace, a God who gives hope. In Epiphany, we remembered we are lights in this world...that’s still true. We can look inward, and discover new ways to share and be that light. Lights illumine and shine all around. Slowing down, reflecting, and discovering new directions as we look forward. Remember, we know what comes after Good Friday! ——Pastor Alaire

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**Dial-A-Devotion**  
**Tuesdays– 515-448-3355**

**March 2– Marilyn Helmick**

**March 23– Sharon Seibert**

**March 9– Joe Stein**

**March 30– Kurt Knudsen**

**March 16– Beverly McVicker**

**Lenten Lunches** – Feb 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25.

An Eagle Grove ecumenical tradition continues, 2021-style. You will be able to take time at home (whenever you have lunch, or supper!), and hear a brief reflection shared by one of the Eagle Grove pastors. Their thoughts will be shared on our church's Facebook page each Thursday, at about noon. The scheduled speakers are listed on the calendar in your Lenten mailing.

It is a good thing to stop for a moment, listen and reflect with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Having a way to continue this tradition virtually is a good thing.



Please remember in your thoughts and prayers the family and friends of **Gladys Kroon** who passed away on February 6, 2021. If you would like to send a card, you can send it to her daughter at address below:

**Judi Leberman**  
**1310 Hale McGinty Dr.**  
**Neosho, MO 64850**

**Clark Funeral Homes** is the funeral home that they are using. They are also based out of Neosho, Missouri.

**Something new for you—**

The weekly Sunday sermon is now available by phone— just call 515-212-2802. The newest one will be up by about 7am on Sundays (before actual worship!), and remain all week. The phone number for access will always be the same.

**Thank you for your  
continued support.  
Remember to check out  
giving through Tithly on our  
webpage.**



BLANKET THE WORLD WITH *Love!*

Our outreach giving project this Lenten season is Church World Service blankets. In 2020, over 15,000 were given to those in emergencies just in the US. This can be an excellent way to take intentional, regular time each day. Decide a amount you can give every day - \$.25, \$1...whatever. Put that same amount in a bank, a jar, every day. Pray for the person(s) who will receive your blanket. Your daily PrayFast-Give calendar in the Lenten mailing has some additional ideas. Daily giving like this is perhaps a new “discipline” for each of us. It’s a great way to include children, grandchildren. We’ll give you more instructions next month. For now – stay warm and safe, and be part of this small action that gives others warmth and shelter.

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Look what some of our youth created for those who  
live at Rotary Ann.  
Thanks, kids, for spreading love.



