



# Eagle Grove United Methodist Church

Love God, Love Others, Change the World

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

421 West Broadway Street ~ P.O. Box 101 ~ Eagle Grove, IA 50533

## FEBRUARY, 2019 Eagle Grove United Methodist Church Newsletter

### Weekly Schedule

M-F 9 am—12 Noon

### Church Office Hours

#### Sunday

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour

#### Wednesday

- 5:00 p.m. Praise Band  
Rehearsal (*NEW*)
- 5:50 p.m. Chancel Choir  
Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. SLAM:  
Youth Group

#### Friday

- 9:30 a.m. Covenant Prayer  
Group



GOD'S

GRACIOUS

LOVE

God's valentine sent to us is His Son,  
Jesus Christ, our savior and salvation.

Pastor: Rev. Jim Roth

Admin. Asst.:

Financial Secretary: Denise Helmick

Treasurer: Tracy Crail

Organist: Ann Shriver

Choir Director: Cheryl Ketchem

Custodian: Sara Ell

Ministers: **EVERYONE**

“Challenges to make the Pantry Full of Them”

Dear members and friends of the Eagle Grove UMC church congregation; in the past month we've challenged ourselves with a couple of food pantry ministries for February. Let us continue to encourage one another to fill and fulfill them. The first one is our annual “Soup for the Super-Bowl” campaign. May we all be generous with Sunday donations of soup cans over the next several weeks, filling first our communion rails, then to help make the Eagle Grove community food pantry “full of them” for distribution to residents in our area in need of assistance.

The second challenge in front of us is to support a special ministry event called “Food Pack”. This is a collaborative effort involving the Eagle Grove schools and churches . Imagine an assembly line of compassionate persons at our school that day carefully measuring, filling, and packing hundreds of food bags with nutritionally balanced dry-goods meal ingredients to be sealed, boxed, shipped, and distributed near and far to make many a residential food pantry “full of them.” To help fund this worthy project, let us be generous with our “Noisy Offerings” (last Sundays for the next couple months). Details for the Food Pack event announced at a later date.

The final challenge for February is to be creative with words and phrases (as I try to do, from time to time), specifically for the 2019 Iowa Poetry Association's 74th Annual Contest (submittal deadline is February 28; for categories and rules, go to “iowapoetry.com”). I learned about this contest last year and issued a similar challenge to my previous parish and to myself. The following “first-for-me” poem is what I eventually composed and submitted, with the title being “Try Is Tree.”

To the eye, I see “Try.” Yet to the ear, “Tree” is what I hear.  
Try, for example, this poem sample,  
Submittal for a contest, I hope judged “Best.”  
The creative art called “Poetry” – seems so silly to me.  
So I'll try to rhyme, from time to time.  
This word “Poetry” – now what could it be?  
On Earth Day they say, “Plant a Tree! Plant a Tree!”  
Once an acorn, it gets reborn, “A sapling's joy!” it sings.

“From the earth, to my birth, on to the sky!” is its cry.  
Let’s plant a million more! No, make that a billion more!  
Then forests upon forests, from sea to shining sea.  
Celebrate the first – “A Tree!” Study them all – “Forestry!”  
You see, “Try” is “Tree.” Why, yes, in Poetry.  
And my, oh, my, in Forestry!

And As for my “entry” (yes, another “tree/try” word, as with “ministry” I have a “pantry full of them!”), let’s just say I need to “try, try, again”. Now, as for your creative processes, may you find encouragement and inspiration through prayer and meditation, perhaps immersed in Nature and God’s Word, as I did at Cerro Gordo County’s Lime Creek Nature Center back then, reflecting on these closing verses:

*Delight in the Law of the LORD ...*

*be like a TREE planted by streams of water (Psalm 1:2-3)*

*Christ bore our sins in His body on the TREE*

*so that we might die to sins (1 Peter 2:24)*

In Christ’s Service,

Pastor Jim Roth



## Treasurer's Report

### GENERAL FUND

	December	YTD 12/31/2018
Beginning Balance	6,894	6,874
<b>Receipts</b>		
General Fund	16,494	144,975
Missions	262	4,572
Transfers In	191	30,180
Facilities Usage	0	1,664
Miscellaneous	565	39,644
Other – Turkey Supper	800	6,541
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>18,312</b>	<b>227,576</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Programs	195	2,577
Office	592	5,564
Personnel	9,289	89,273
Building	9,188	38,008
Miscellaneous	0	319
Iowa Annual Conference	0	227
Fundraisers	0	1,950
Reimbursed Expenses	1,119	91,709
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>20,383</b>	<b>229,627</b>
<b>Checkbook Balance</b>	<b>4,823</b>	<b>4,823</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>	<b>4,588</b>	
<b>Excess / (Shortage)</b>	<b>235</b>	

Generous giving in November and December allowed us to cover the \$8,000 shortfall from year-to-date October and we finished the year by covering all expenses except apportionments. Plans were to pay some apportionments but a large unexpected insurance premium changed those plans. Upon visiting with other insurance companies, we were able to lower that cost and are expecting a refund from the prior company.

While January is not complete yet, it appears we are off to a good start to covering expenses in 2019. It seems all the bills tend to go a up a little at the beginning of each year, so we may have some increases in some of our monthly expenses. If you are unable to attend church service but would like to give, you can drop off your offering in the church office during business hours or you can mail to PO Box 101, Eagle Grove, Iowa, 50533. Thank you again!

### *Prayer Concerns*

*“Dear God, thank you for Your promise made true in Christ Jesus to give strength to the weary and to give freedom from the pains of this life. We ask that you be with our Brothers & Sisters to give them the strength they need and relieve them of their pains. Amen.*

*\*\***Kim Wilcox**, was admitted to a Denver Hospital last week for an extended amount of time.*

*(Barb Johnston, her mother, asked that we keep her daughter in our thoughts and prayers. Kim currently lives in Denver with her children and was just admitted to a Denver Hospital. Barb went out to help with the children while Kim is hospitalized.)*

*Jeanette Thurmond*

*Denny Thurmond*

*Dick Dyas*

*Sharon Neighbors*

*Georgiana Bruhl*

*Susie Russell Long*

#### *Prayer List Policy*

*To add someone to the prayer list, you may call or visit the church office during office hours, or you may announce it during worship.*

*Always get permission from the individual first, otherwise they will not be added to the prayer list.*

*Please be sure to update the church office on the status of the person, so we can be sure to have a current prayer list. If the church has not been updated on the prayer request for 2 consecutive months the request will be removed.*

*If you should have any questions please contact the church office, thank you.*

### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS**

Feb.7	Unit Meeting	9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall <u>1st Thurs.</u> of every month
Feb.14	Naomi Circle	9:30 a.m. Fireside Room <u>2nd Thurs</u> of every month
Feb.14	Ruth Circle	2:30 a.m. Fireside Room <u>2nd Thurs.</u> of every month

*\*\*Officers in charge of refreshments  
for meeting*



## Food Pantry Summary for 2018

### 2018

January \$35.92

February \$824.22 (*Souper Bowl Sunday* donated 420 soup cans)

March \$51.92

April - June \$76.79

July - August \$33.92

September - October \$74.29

November - December \$48.44



Total donations given by Eagle Grove United Methodist Church

to The Food Pantry = \$1145.50

### **Donations for Food Pantry/“Souper Bowl” Campaign**

An appeal for soup cans/mixes through the month of February! *Please bring in soup can or mixes to be donated to the Food Pantry in support of their “Souper Bowl” Campaign. Last year’s total number of soup cans in February was 420. **Hopefully we can surpass that number in 2019!!***



#### **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

*Donations may be placed in the cupboard at the front entrance of the church. The items in this cupboard are meant to go to the Eagle Grove Service Center Food Pantry. If you should need assistance, please contact the service center at 510 S Jackson, 448-3743.*

*For further assistance please contact Pastor Rich Taylor with the Eagle Grove Area Ministerial Association at the Samuel Lutheran Church, 201 N Lincoln, 448-4450*

*Thank you!*

**Thank you for serving your church and congregation by giving your gift**



**A/V Technicians**

**Sun.-February      Sound / Visual**

- 03    McKenzie & Brandon Crail
- 10    Lionel & Emma Johnston
- 17    Brooklyn & Brittney Osborne
- 24

(Crails are 1st Sunday of month, Johnston are 2nd, Osborne are 3rd. 4th Sunday of each month still not taken. Please contact office if interested)

**Greeters**

**Sun.-February**

- 03    Kurt Knudsen
- 10    \*\*Needs Volunteer
- 17    \*\*Needs Volunteer
- 24    Don & Donna Chambers

**Worship Leader**

**Sun.-February**

- 03    Tracy Crail
- 10    Kerry Ketcham
- 17    \*\*Need Volunteer\*\*
- 24    Dave Poncin



**Dial A Devotion**

(515)448-3355



**Tues. February**

- 05    Kurt Knudsen
- 12    Marilyn Helmick
- 19    Bev Walters
- 26    Bev Wilde

**Worship Acolytes**

**Sunday-February**

- 03    Myah & Tatum Edwards
- 10    Braeden & Adelle Pamperin
- 17    Tarissa Middleton & Azlyn Amonson
- 24    \*\*Needs Volunteer

**Ushers**

Dean Helmick and Dirk Helmick

**Nursery Attendants**

- Carol Porter
- Deann Morgan



Get **Invol**ved  
unteer

**Please let the office know if you are able to help out with all areas**





# February 2019 Happenings

February

Fri. 01      9:30 Covenant Prayer

Sun 03      9am Sunday School  
 1030am worship service  
 (communion –1st Sunday of each month)

Tues. 05

Wed. 06      9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 (Communion—1st Sunday of ea mth)  
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship  
 11:45 a.m. SPRC Mtg.  
 5:00 p.m. Praise Music Practice  
 5:50 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
 6:30 p.m. SLAM Youth Group

Thurs. 10    9:30 a.m. Naomi Circle  
 2:00 p.m. Ruth Circle

Fri. 11      9:30 a.m. Covenant Prayer

Sun. 13      1145 a.m. Admin. Council Mtg.  
 (2nd Sun. of each month)  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship

Fri. 18      9:30 a.m. Covenant Prayer

Sat. 19      7:00 a.m. Men’s Breakfast Mtg.  
 (held at Family Table-\*Every 3rd  
 Sat. of ea. Month)

February –continued:

Sun. 20      9:00 a.m. Worship Committee  
 (3rd Sunday of ea. Month)  
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship

Wed. 23      5:00 p.m. Praise Music Practice  
 5:50 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice  
 6:30 p.m. S.L.A.M.

Fri. 25      9:30 a.m. Covenant Prayer

Sun. 27      9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:30 .a.m. Worship Service  
 (Children’s Choir &  
 Noisy Offering– Last Sunday of  
 month)  
 11:30 a.m. Fellowship

<b>Attendance</b>		
<u>2019</u>		<u>Sunday Worship</u>
Jan.	06	68
	13	71
	20	56
	<u>27</u>	<u>59</u>
<b>JAN. TOTAL:</b>		<b>254</b>



Heartfelt thanks go to everyone for the beautiful poinsettias displayed in our Sanctuary during the Christmas season . They represent the celebration of the lives of loved ones.

*(This lists ALL that participated)*

**In Memory & Honor & Celebration:**

Dixie Ralston, Wife	<i>by</i> Jim Ralston
Dixie Ralston, Mother & Juanita Ralston, Grandmother	<i>by</i> Dave & Kellie Poncin & Family
Steven Wesselink, Brother Art & Fran Wesselink, Parents Shirley Lovstad	<i>by</i> John & Sue Wesselink
Marge & Chuck Bartley	<i>by</i> Their Family
Denae Schaumburg, Daughter Clyde & Edna Helmick, Parents Cecil & Laura Wilde, Parents	<i>by</i> Dean & Marilyn Helmick
Our Grandparents	<i>by</i> Chad & Ann Wilde
Darwin Anderson & Gary Meyer	<i>by</i> Chad, Ann, Jake Wilde & Amanda & Eric Meyer
Mike & Nellie Adams, Parents Cecil & Laura Wilde, Parents	<i>by</i> Clarence & Betty Wilde
Our Children & Grandchildren Larry Brott	<i>by</i> Kelly & Melody Amonson <i>by</i> Gloria Snyder
Jim Sr. & Audrey Roth, Father Family & Grandfather	<i>by</i> Pastor Jim & Lou Ann Roth &