



# 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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## July/August 2021



Kids who have completed PreK - gr 7 can join in the fun at VBS, July 19-21. At *Wilderness Escape*, they'll go on an exciting journey with God's people, the Israelites, as they learn about crossing the Red Sea, Passover, and the 10 Commandments.

Registration is online; check our FB page for the form. There is no cost and supper is included.

Everyone is invited to come to the sanctuary on Wednesday evening, 7:45pm, for the closing worship time to hear and see what they've learned.

Families around the world still raise some of the animals that were tended in Moses' time. During VBS, kids will be bringing quarters (or more!) for Heifer Project, a program that helps families help themselves as they raise cows, pigs, llamas, bees and more. Kids can help other kids all around the globe!

On Wednesday night, families (and anyone else), will be invited to make financial gifts that will be given to EG Schools, to help underwrite student activity tickets; one more way we adults can help our children and youth locally. If you can't come Wednesday evening and would like to be part of either of the offerings, you can send your gift to the church office. Just specify where it is to go. Come, join the fun and learning.

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### Kids, Youth And Adults – In Mission Together.

Mission projects are great for kids, youth, and adults to work together on. This year, the Mission Team is asking us to consider bringing in needed items, several of one item, or making a financial gift. The women are making bags; supplies are coming in; the youth and kids will put them together! Our Ingathering gift will truly be from the whole church.

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Ingathering



### As of July 15, most needed kit items are:

- “regular” 1-subject spiral notebooks (the \$.25 ones)
- pencil sharpeners (the \$.50 ones preferred, not 6/\$1)
- Boxes of 24 crayons or 12 colored pencils
- New hand towels and washcloths
- 15-18oz shampoo    2-3oz deodorant
- Regular size bars of soap

Yes, kit contents themselves are a little different than last year; an updated list is on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please bring listed size only. We'll update our needs list next month. THANKS!

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Pastor: Alaire Willits

Office Secretary: Amy Hunt

Financial Secretary: Denise Helmick

Treasurer: Tracy Crail

Organist: Ann Shriver

Choir Director: Cheryl Ketchem

Custodian: Amy Hunt

Ministers: ALL MEMBERS

## Information to know:

- Church office is now open Wednesdays from 10-11:30, or other times by request.
- Attendance registration continues on clipboard at the main door. (Pads not in pews).
- Offering basket in back of sanctuary (not passed through the congregation during worship).
- Masks are optional (depending on your personal status).
- Worship in-person, and on Facebook live @ 10:00 a.m. Lighting and sound updating are in process.
- Fellowship coffee has resumed. If you can help, call or email the office.
- Garbage collection paid by the church has been suspended. If you have trash from a meeting or event, you will be asked to take care of it yourself. (We are recycling a lot, and we are not generating enough to justify the monthly cost.)
- Weekly updates will come through the office through email. The bulletin will always be posted by Saturday.

**-July 17th** -Methodist Men meet at Family Table 7:00 a.m.

**-July 18th** –Ad Council Meeting after worship  
VBS setup after worship

**-July 19th-21st**– VBS 5:30 p.m.– 8:15 p.m.—dinner is included

**-August 5th**– UWF Meeting 9:30 a.m.

**-August 8th**– Maggie Wright preaches

**-August 15th**–



Craig Kruse sings inspirational songs and hymns to the glory of God. His purpose in ministry is to share the love of Jesus Christ through his music. He currently attends Southside Christian Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Craig's style varies from Southern Gospel to Light Country to Inspirational to Big Band, and his smooth sound will soothe and delight the audience. Craig has recorded three CDs, and will be available at his concerts or by email at [CraigKruseMusic@cox.net](mailto:CraigKruseMusic@cox.net).

## **Dial-a-Devotion**

**515-448-3355**



## **Prayers & Concerns**

- VBS leader, workers & kids
- Families coping with hunger & limited resources
- Family and friends of Jim Seibert

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## **List of graduates 2021**

- Paige Wilcox graduated June 11th  
Granddaughter of Tom & Barb Johnston
- Jacob Wesselink graduated  
Grandson of John & Sue Wesselink
- Cael Wesselink Eagle Grove High School
- Brian Adams graduated with a Masters in Gifted Education from Arizona State  
Grandson of Sharon Seibert and the late Jim Seibert
- McKenna Woods graduated from Iowa in Dept. of Education  
Granddaughter of Sharon Seibert and the late Jim Seibert
- Olivia DeCrane graduated from Indiana  
Granddaughter of Gwen Johnson

I want to share a website with you that is available to send a short message to residents in a nursing home. The website is called [happygram.org](http://happygram.org), is very user friendly, free to use and can be accessed on your computer or your phone. A picture can also be sent with the message, but that is optional. These messages are printed and delivered by the staff to the residents at the nursing home. Gwen Amonson's friends and family have sent her many happygrams that she keeps in a three-ring binder; in fact, she has received so many happygrams that she will soon be needing another binder! I've attached three happygrams that Gwen has received in the last couple weeks, so you have an idea of what they look like. These happygrams really brighten the day for the whoever receives them!

I just thought that some of you might like to send a note to Gwen or anyone else that you know. Please let me know if you have any questions.

—Diane Amonson

We would like to congratulate Alecia Anderson who was crowned Wright County Fair Queen. We wish her the best of luck as she goes to Des Moines to the Iowa State Fair to compete.