



Eagle Grove and Goldfield United Methodist Churches

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May 2023

On April 30, we will confirm 5 youth into full membership in the UMC. They are:

Azlyn Nadine Amonson—Josh and Yalonda Amonson

Myka Lynn Anderson—Mike and Angie Anderson

Adelie Jo Helene Poncin—Amanda Poncin, Jake Pamperin

Taytum Olivia Edwards—Blake and Brittany Sadler

Isaac Jay Sadler—Blake and Brittany Sadler

They have studied and learned much. Their retreat in February was an incredible experience.

At the retreat, they wondered, and questioned and learned. The group also wrote a letter to Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai, who began her ministry in the Iowa Conference in January, 2023. They expressed their concerns: hunger, being a welcoming place for everyone, and the need for a social media campaign to tell everyone what United Methodists stand for – “We believe this is on the church because if we do not step in then who will?”

Bishop Kennetha replied; their concerns are hers as well, especially their support of the ministry of inclusion. She wrote, “I believe the church must make space at the table for everyone. Everyone should be able to feast at God’s banquet table no matter who they are or what others think about them. In fact, the Bible tells us that we should treat the very least as if they were Christ himself (Matthew 25:40). She loved the idea of the social media campaign, and is passing that on to the conference communications team! A real connection was made.

Thanks to their families and mentors- Stacy Osborn, Alana Alt, Dirk Helmick, Colton Poncin, and Kaye Calligan and Tracy Crail for support and teaching. This remarkable class has tremendous leadership potential because of their faith. God is leading them!

Join us for worship and a reception in Fellowship Hall following. Baskets will be out for cards and well-wishes. Peace Out!



Confirmands led worship service on April 16. They included an Agape Meal of cookie and juice! Yum! God’s love nourishes us.



When we talk about church camp, there's excitement and energy. Kali Tomlinson, Camp Program Coordinator, was here on Wed, April 19, to answer questions and get the kids excited; she returns on **Sunday, April 23**, for a **joint Goldfield/Eagle Grove UMC's service at 10am**. After worship, we'll trek to downstairs for fellowship time - muffins and fruit for everyone. This will be a time for conversations, questions and registrations getting filled out!

Last year, EGUMC sent 14 campers to our Iowa camps at Wesley Woods and Lake Okoboji. Thanks to your generosity, and conference camperships, almost all of the camp fee of \$500 was covered by YOU! (that's up only a very little this year – they're trying to keep it affordable). The donation jar will be out through May. Your gifts are appreciated. We're going to repeat our Bake Sale during the Chamber's Women's Day Out.

When: Saturday, April 29. Open for sales 10am until gone!

Where: we'll be set up at **Rails**

How you can help:

- a.) **donate** baked goods, jams and jellies. You're wonderful chefs, and that makes a difference. You can drop off items for the sale, plated or boxed, ready-to-sell at **Rails**, 5:30pm – 6:30pm or 8:30am – 9:30am, not the church, please).
- b.) **Come and buy.** Donations, with suggested prices for bigger items (cinnamon rolls, etc).

All the proceeds will go to the campership fund! It matters. A week at camp is often life-changing.



Hands-on Mission

Check out our loom, set up in our chapel. We're weaving grocery sacks into sleeping mats for those in need. We regularly weave on Tuesdays, 10-11:30, and other times are scheduled and posted on Facebook. Give 30-60 minutes and make a difference.

If you have bags to donate, please lay flat-you can just stack them up. That helps a lot!



We'll present new Bibles to our 3rd and 4th graders in worship Sunday, May 7th.

Dial a Devotion for May 2023

May 2—Kurt Knudsen

May 9—Paul Wilde

May 16—Marilyn Sill

May 23—Joe Stein

May 30—Sharon Seibert

Friendly reminder that if you would like to help with the Dial a Devotion, please contact Amy at the office or Sharon Seibert. We could really use more volunteers.

Thank you!

You may be aware that there are United Methodist congregations that have or are going through the process of disaffiliation from the UMC. Wonder what that's all about?

We're having an informational Q&A gathering, Sunday, May 7, 5:30-6:30pm here at the church. Rev. Jena Finch-Manchester, pastor at Ft Dodge Trinity UMC, will be here to guide us, as she has done in several other congregations. Curious? Come and listen; bring your questions. She'll have accurate answers, or be able to get them for you.



The afterschool program for K-middle school pauses April 25. We were in ministry with about 35 kids who came, ate, laughed, ate, created, ate, and learned about the Fruits of the Spirit, and ate. Did I mention they ate? We appreciate the snacks and cash donation from UWF – do you realize how much food they can consume in 3 hours?

Thanks to the volunteers who gave countless hours through the school year (3 hrs a week + prep and cleanup time!): Nicole Nicoletti-Calvert, Amanda Schorzmann, Marybeth Russell, Carol Porter, and Donna Chambers. Paulette Cirksena, Melody Amonson, and Diane Amonson were able to help out the first part of the year (their schedules changed, and we couldn't get replacements :(

If you haven't checked out the lower level hall in the Ed Bldg, take a walk over. Nicole's design, and many, many hours from the middlers, and the leaders have made an amazing art work.

For the next few weeks, there's an obstacle course down there, made by the middlers for the elementary kids, to teach Psalm 23.

Summer plans are beginning. What would you like? When can your kids gather? And, most importantly, can you help, please? Let us know asap.

Pastor Alaire will be a Midwest Mission in Chatham, Illinois May 1st through the 6th. She will be available by text or email.

She will also be on vacation May 24th through June 1st. She will be unavailable during that time.



Iowa Annual Conference of the Iowa United Methodist Church is June 2-4 at RecPlex in West Des Moines and also Hybrid

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Summer's coming...

Remember hearing about all the coats and boots we collected last winter? *The Closet* (set up through EGAMA) helped about 100 elementary kids stay warm and dry, thanks to your generosity.

Those kids have grown, and the temperatures have changed. These same kids need shorts, t-shirts, socks and tennis shoes. Our vision is to get them 3 outfits, shorts and t-shirt. Here's our plan, and you can help:



a.) You can purchase new ATHLETIC SHORTS, girls or boys, elementary child sizes and donate.

b.) You can purchase socks (no show, or quarter), for shoe sizes child 10 – 4. Solid, colored, pattern... crazy!

c.) We will also accept nearly-new, gently-used, freshly-laundered ATHLETIC SHORTS, girls or boys, elementary sizes (the ones your child has outgrown).

d.) Cash gifts will be appreciated and can be sent directly to Samuel Lutheran Church, 201 N Lincoln, Eagle Grove (check made out to EGAMA). We will be purchasing new t-shirts locally, and tennis shoes as the social worker sees a need. We may also need to buy athletic shorts in some sizes. We need 250-300 pairs!



Socks and shorts can be dropped off at your church before May 10. We are not accepting used t-shirts or tennis shoes. No toddler sizes, please. Use your judgement on “elementary” sizing. Kids Sm, M, L, XL and adult Sm would be good.

To clarify the about the shorts – they have to meet the school dress code (not too short!), and we're not accepting jean shorts, or others shorts with buttons/zipper. The basic athletic shorts are easier to fit, and with about 100 kids who are in need, it's the only workable option right now.

The clothing and shoes will be distributed through the social workers, so needs are being accessed. We know this is a real problem kids growing so quickly. General wear and tear takes a toll as well.

Thanks for opening your hearts! *The Closet Team*

On Sunday, May 7, we will recognize our high school and recent college graduates. They are:

EGHS

Brandon Crail—Tracy & Tracy Crail

Brentcint Middleton—Rod & Sonya Middleton

Trenton Sorensen Kelly & Karrie Sorensen

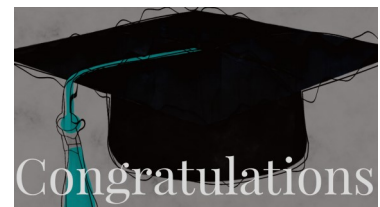
Johnny Pamperin—Amanda Poncin, Jake Pamperin

College

McKenzie Crail—Dec. 2022 ISU—BS, Human Development & Family Services

Brittney Osborn, 2023 U of Iowa, BS, Therapeutic Recreation

Alecia Anderson, 2022, UNI, BS, Biology/Chemistry



—Goldfield Women meet Wednesday, May 3rd @ 9:30am @ the church.

—UWF meeting is Thursday, May 4th @ 9:30am in Fireside Room

—Methodist Men meet Saturday, May 20th @ 7:00am at Family Table

