



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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30 Days Thankful

If you remember at the end of Deuteronomy, Moses looked out over the land God had promised him. He looked out after a journey of 14,600 days with the Hebrew people. 14,600 days in the desert, 14,600 days of keeping herds of goats and sheep together, 14,600 days of constant whining, “are we there yet?”

This probably wasn't quite what Moses had thought would happen after 40 years! The last 230 days have not been what we'd planned either! Like the Israelites, we too feel like we're wandering; yes, we complain, and wish for different circumstances. But what Moses knew, and what we should remember – God is with us!

Like many of you, I've run out of adjectives to describe covid-time. But one adjective I want to keep to describe myself is hopeful! Dr. Greg Jones who presented at a recent Zoom conference I was part of told about a friend who said, “It's our time – the church's time. Not a time of fantasy, but of vision. Rooted in God, we can be hopeful...Shaped by the hope of Easter and the power of Pentecost, we can set loose the surprise of Christianity, and the heart of Methodism.” Hope! And yes, we can begin, even in uncertainty.

One way we can do that is, to change the lens we look through. In troubled times, it's hard to be grateful, but if we'll but look, there are so many reasons to be thankful.

You're invited to participate in an experiment - **30 Days Thankful**. What would happen to us, if we, age 3-103, intentionally looked with a fresh perspective of gratitude. We've got a way to help you.

Each day, a sentence or two will be put before you to direct your prayers, your thoughts. You'll be encouraged to write a brief (often just a couple of words!) answer. We have a small booklet you can use. We'll also be posting on Facebook each morning, or you can request a daily email with the short question. Three options – we'll help you get started. Let the office know if you need a booklet, or the emails. (448-4701 or egumc@goldfieldaccess.net) Facebook will begin November 1. Just like and follow. — Pastor Alaire

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Ministers: ALL MEMBERS

Custodian: Amy Hunt

The women's group of EGUMC is recognizing and refreshing their logo and purpose statement. The focus is on reaching out and helping others; that has not changed. Written plans are available; talk to Betty or Melody if you have not received an e-mail, or one in the mail.

They will meet November 5, 2020 @ 9:30 a.m. to finalize their plans. All women are invited!!!

Dial-A Devotion



Tuesdays

515-448-3355

November 3– Beverly McVicker

November 10– Pat Moser

November 17– Paul Wilde

November 24– Bev Wilde

Reminder: Upper Room
booklets for November/December
are available at the church



Charge Conference

Sunday, November 1

2:00 pm at church on Zoom.

Copies of the report will be available, just ask.

A big thank you to SPRC for the anthurium plant on Clergy Recognition Sunday. It is a delight and an honor to be in ministry with all of you!

New times, new ways, and we're going forward!! Thank you all!!

—Pastor Alaire

Watch the midweek emails for info about ordering poinsettia plants for our sanctuary in Advent. We've purchased a new tree through Memorial gifts - and have some amazing visuals being planned.

Missions Update:

We are delivering to Ingathering -68 Personal Dignity Kits and 75 School Kits, with a value of \$1,932.00. Processing and other cash gifts will be added to total.. Wow!!! Thanks!!! We have also received some cash gifts for the Mobility carts. We will be sending it to them mid-November. You have helped so many with this project over the years; you may still contribute .



Methodist Middlers YOUTH GROUP

Join us to discuss middle school matters
and applying God's word in your everyday life.

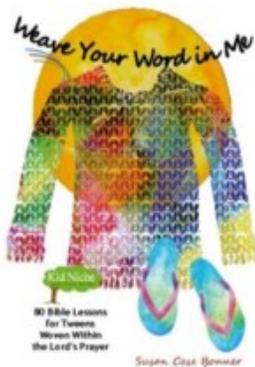
Youth in grades 5th – 8th Welcome!

Snacks, crafts, games & conversation

Wednesdays after school 3:30-5:00

November 4th / 11th / 18th December 2nd / 9th / 16th

Our journey together will walk us through the lesson "Weave Your Word in Me"



CONNECT.



GROW.



SERVE.

Confirmation is underway.

**November meetings will
be:**

November 4 and

November 18,

both at 6:00 pm.

**Open to anyone 7th grade
and older!!**

Thanks to all who made donations, shared Facebook posts, came and shopped, called friends, baked treats, and especially all those who physically worked-before, during and especially AFTER the rummage sale. You are much appreciated!! You earned \$2800 for our ministries supported through our budget. Not too shabby!

