



# 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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As the teenagers in my family are getting their driver’s licenses, I can’t help but remember what my dad always told me. “It costs just as much to fill the top half of the tank, as it does the bottom half.” Like most teenagers, I remembered that - sometimes! Of course those were times when gas was \$.32 a gallon - and I might have had \$1 to my name!

I recall one of my cars – the gas gauge didn’t work! I don’t think I ever walked, but I know I had a piece of paper to track of when I put gas in, and try to write down where I went. I survived, but I think that car was traded pretty quickly.

Bryce Mayo writes *In these Covid-19 days, your gauges are broken. Your patterns of behavior, routines, and rhythms have all been disrupted. What you have formerly used to judge how you were doing personally (emotionally, physically, and spiritually) are no longer reliable...Don’t trust your broken gauges and assume your tank is emptier (or fuller than you think!*

We need spiritual energy – gas – to get through day by day. And, honestly, some days, I probably better stop and refill! My dad’s advice – drive with the top half full. Days seem to go a little easier, with less worry.

How do we keep our spiritual tanks half full, rather than half empty? Mayo suggests *giving yourself grace – lots of it. Breathing deeply – repeat regularly. Resting well – more than you think you need. Loving deeply – your family, friends, and church community...and letting them love you.*

I don’t know about you, but I get can also fill up with a quick prayer, a morning or evening devotion, a little quiet time, a phone call or two – and a little sunshine.

I know for me, and many of you, worship is a great filling station! If you’re not yet coming in person, I understand. Check us out on Facebook at Eagle Grove UMC. Both the sermon, and the full worship service are there, along with some other thoughts to “fill you up”! You can link through our church webpage as well, even if you don’t have FB installed. AND printed copies of the service can be mailed to you – just “drive by” your phone, call the church and leave a message!

I’m “filled to the top” whenever I have communion – the bread and cup give me what I need for days and nights of worry and stress, joys and delights!

We’ll be celebrating World Communion on the first Sunday we resume worship in the sanctuary. We’ll carry the elements out to you in the pew, wrapped and safe. AND – plans are coming together to bring the elements to your home, if that’s your preference.

We gotta keep the top half of our tanks filled. Our gauges are “broken”, and no one knows when the new ones will be in stock. New times, new ways! What works for you?—Pastor Alaire

Pastor: Alaire Willits

Office Secretary: Amy Hunt

Financial Secretary: Denise Helmick

Treasurer: Tracy Crail

Organist: Ann Shriver

Choir Director: Cheryl Ketchem

Ministers: ALL MEMBERS



**ALL CHURCH**  
**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**at the Parsonage**

**Thursday, October 8th**

**12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, October 9th**

**8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 10th**

**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**

**If you have items to donate  
contact:**

**Barb Johnston @**

**515-571-0826**

**or**

**Peg Hill @**

**515-293-1016**

**Dial-A Devotion**

**Tuesdays**

515-448-3355

October 6– Janet Kramersmeier

October 13– Kurt Knudsen

October 20- Marilyn Helmick

October 27– Sharon Seibert



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- After prayer and much stress, the reentry team determined that due to a spike in covid cases in the area, worship will return to the parking lot, Sundays, at 10 am, using the 88.3FM in your cars, at least through October 4.

The building itself is closed through October 5, and will reopen when the schools return to in person or hybrid scheduling. Any meetings of more than 6 or 7 people will need to either meet outside, or electronically. We'll keep you updated via the midweek emails.

Please mask, distance and sanitize. This latest spread was not from the kids in school, but rather from general community contacts- that's us! We all need to be responsible. It's a easy to show we love our neighbors.

- Prayers for the family and friends of Kay Derscheid who passed away September 4th.

- Prayers for the family and friends of Dick Larson  
(brother to member Betty Conaway and great-uncle to Amy Hunt)

-Prayers to the family and friends of Ruth Benton who passed away September 19 in Arizona.

## October Missions

While worshipping in person may feel, and indeed may be limited, our mission outreach continues, stronger than ever! In October, we have not one, but two projects that we can help others through.



Ingathering is coming up Nov 7. We have about 75 school kits almost ready and are working on between 40 and 50 Personal Dignity Kits

(formerly health kits). Items needed by Oct 15 are:

new washcloths, shampoo (15-18 oz), and deodorant (2-3 oz), toothbrushes and toothpaste (2.5oz +) and nail clippers.

You may want to give cash- it will be used to purchase what's needed to fill out, and for the processing costs of \$2/kit.



Also this month, we'll recognize Worldwide Mobility Sunday, and receive monetary gifts for P.E.T. (personal energy transportation) Carts. What a huge difference they've made in lives all around the world. Over the past 10 years, EGUMC has purchased 52 carts, making mobility a reality! We'll share some info on October 18 about the project or you may check out their website

<https://mobilityworldwide.org/>

You may make your contributions for either or both of these projects during October. Just indicate your wishes on your check or envelope. We haven't forgotten about the CWS blankets – watch for info soon. Missions are alive and making a difference! On behalf of all the lives that will be changed,

**THANK YOU!**

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Many thanks to Sara Ell for all the time she has served at Eagle Grove UMC. Countless hours, using so many talents. She has asked to no longer be our custodian; other obligations and jobs in her life are taking her time and attention. Thanks especially as she helped us begin to navigate the logistics around sanitizing in this Covid-19 time.

Trustees will be evaluating custodial needs and making decisions as to how our custodial needs will be tended to.

**Women of the congregation are invited to meet Thursday, October 15, at 9:30am, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be discussion about "re-organizing" to be more engaged in local (church and community) outreach, as well as continuing our global missions. New times, new ways. Come, be part of the conversation. We will mask and keep distance.**

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Eagle Grove UMC will hold its charge conference in our sanctuary on Sunday, November 1, at 2pm, meeting via Zoom with our District Superintendent Rev. Ron Carlson.

The primary responsibilities of the charge conference in the annual meeting shall be to review and evaluate the total mission and ministry of the church (¶¶ 120-124, Book of Discipline), receive reports, and adopt objectives and goals recommended by the church council that are in keeping with the objectives of The United Methodist Church. All members of the church are encouraged to attend.

In preparation for charge conference, the nominating committee has been working on a slate of officers and ministry teams and committees. If you'd like to help plan missions, spiritual formation, worship – or any other ways we'll be discovering to make disciples in these new times, talk to Melody Amonson or Pat Manues.

Church Council will meet to finalize reports for charge conference on Wed, Oct 16, 6:30pm.

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## **CONFIRMATION INFORMATION:**

The re-launch of confirmation is here! Anyone in 7th grade and higher may join in, meeting Wednesdays, 6-7pm.

Pastor Alaire has more specifics. [alairew@gmail.com](mailto:alairew@gmail.com)

Do you know confirmation needs all the congregation in order to be successful? Here's how:

- if you know a youth who might be part of this, contact Pastor Alaire. She'll follow up.
- you may be asked to help out - as a mentor, or as someone the youth ask some questions of. (What do you remember about church when you were growing up? Why is church important? and more.) These will come in emails, notes and cards, knowing we have visiting restriction.

- pray for us. You know prayer works; please include our class as you raise concerns, and give praise!



**CONNECT.**



**GROW.**



**SERVE.**