



Eagle Grove and Goldfield United Methodist Churches

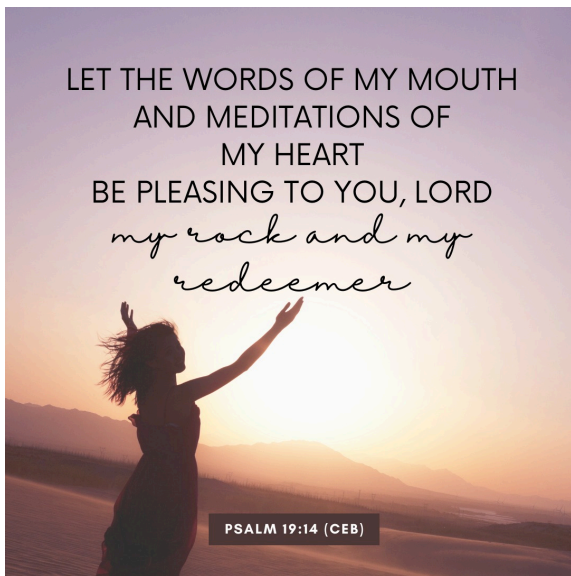
Love God, Love Others, Change the World

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

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October 2024



Church Office Hours

M - Th: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Sundays

Worship: 9:30 A.M.

Fellowship following worship

Sunday School: 9:30 A.M.

Youth Outreach

Wednesdays - 2:00 - 4:30 P.M. (PK- 7th Grades)

Wednesdays - 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. (8th - 12th Grades)

United Methodist Women

First Wednesday of Every Month: 9:30 A.M.

Rotary Ann Social: Third Thursday - 2:00 P.M.

Dial-a-Devotion

A new devotion is recorded every Tuesday morning
515-448-3355

- October 1 - Sharon Seibert
- October 8 - Sharon Seibert
- October 15th - Melody Amonson
- October 22 - Sharon Seibert
- October 29 - Sharon Seibert



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October Birthdays

October 1 - Jerry Becker

October 4 - Ann Wilde

October 5 - Bev Wilde

October 6 - Beverly Vance, Jake Wilde

October 7 - Ivy Helmick

October 9 - Dylan Theilen

October 11 - Dean Helmick

October 13 - Nancy Schnell

October 15 - Stacy Osborn

October 16 - Angie Anderson

October 17 - Amy Hunt

October 18 - Grace Johnston

October 21 - Colton Poncin

October 22 - Patrick Manues

October 29 - Shawn Ahrens

October 4 - Fifth Quarter - until 11:00 P.M.

October 6 - Sunday School - 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

October 7 - Worship Committee - 9:00 A.M.

October 13 - Sunday School - 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

October 16 - Education Meeting - 4:30 P.M.

October 20 - Sunday School - 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

October 20 - Turkey and Biscuit Meal - 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

October 23 - Confirmation - 2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

October 27 - Sunday School - 9:30 - 10:30 A.M.

October 30 - Confirmation - 2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

We are working on filling service volunteers if you or your family are willing and able to help fill positions. We are specifically in need of acolytes and appreciate any volunteers. Please let the office know if you would like to volunteer!



“All is Prayer: How Words and Actions Serve God and Others”

By: Joe Iovino

(www.umcnews.org)

When tragedy occurs, we offer our thoughts and prayers for the victims. When a friend is suffering through a difficult time, we promise to pray for them. When we have a big decision to make, we ask others to pray for us.

The Wesleyan General Rule of Discipleship teaches that a complete Christian participates in both works of piety and works of mercy. The Wesleyan General Rule of Discipleship teaches that a complete Christian participates in both works of piety and works of mercy.

Some will say that instead of praying for victims, we should do what we can to prevent a repeat of the tragedy. When we tell someone about a struggle and they say they will pray for us, a small part of us may wonder if there isn't something more concrete they could offer. When we ask others to pray for guidance, they may instead be quick to offer advice to help with our decision.

So which is it? Should we pray or do something?

For John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, this was not an either/or question. In *A Plain Account of Christian Perfection* Wesley writes:

“Whether we think of or speak to God, whether we act or suffer for him, all is prayer, when we have no other object than his love, and the desire of pleasing him.”

All that a Christian does, even in eating and sleeping, is prayer, when it is done in simplicity, according to the order of God, without either adding to or diminishing from it by his own choice (*A Plain Account of Christian Perfection*, Q 38, 5).

Wesley taught that the complete Christian has a well-rounded spiritual life, sometimes tending to his or her own soul and other times serving others. He called these “acts of piety” and “acts of mercy.”

Acts of piety include things like reading the Bible, going to church, and receiving communion. Acts of mercy are things like offering comfort to others, visiting the sick and in prison, and working to change systems that hurt and victimize people.

For Wesley, acts of both piety and mercy are part of a life of prayer. “In souls filled with love,” Wesley continues, “the desire to please God is a continual prayer.”

Praying for one another

One of the ways we show love for others is by lifting them before God in prayer. Nancy Miles of Madison (Georgia) First United Methodist Church knows the power of these intercessory prayers.

“I had cancer in 1996 and I started receiving prayer cards from Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta. Our daughter-in-law was a member of their intercessory prayer team,” Nancy continues. “It blew me away that people I didn't even know were lifting me up.”

The cards and prayers also impressed her husband Jack. He told Nancy, “When you get well, we are going to start a prayer ministry here in Madison.”

In 2016, the Miles are in their 19th year of leading this ministry that has grown to include 100 members of their congregation volunteering to pray one hour a week. After praying, the congregants send handwritten notes, much like the ones Nancy received years before.

"The importance of those cards," Jack says, "can't be overstated. Some recipients have taped all the cards they've received and they become a headboard over their hospital bed," he reports. Another told Nancy, "I can't get rid of the cards you wrote for my mom."

Prayers and Squares of Englewood United Methodist Church leaves loose strings at the corners of each square on the prayer quilts they make, creating places where others can "tie" their prayers to the quilt.

Each month "our servants gather to help with the various tasks involved with creating a prayer quilt," Parker reports. These special quilts feature loose threads called "ties" in the corners of each square.

When complete, Parker displays the quilt with a card describing for whom the congregation will be praying. "Our congregation is invited to offer a loving, silent prayer for the recipient and then tie that prayer to the quilt with a square knot."

Since 2012, "we have made, prayed over, and given this wonderful gift of love to 68 saints," Parker reports. "Each quilt has 96 ties and often there are multiple knots on each tie," she continues. "The number of prayers is countless. God is the only one who knows for sure."

Prayer quilt recipients often take them to treatment or the hospital. It is quite a source of comfort to be literally blanketed in the prayers of your church.

Relationships

It is also a blessing to be part of a team that is praying.

Jack reports that his time with intercessory prayer "drives home the truth of how important it is to communicate with our Father in heaven on a regular basis, because of the wonderful things that does to the relationship that we have with him."

Nancy agrees. "One of the ladies in our original group said, 'It's the best hour of the week for me,'" she remembers.

Jane Parker reports that Prayers & Squares not only wraps folks in the love and prayers of God's people, it also encourages members of the congregation to develop deeper prayer lives.

Focusing people in prayer for others not only deepens our relationship to God; it brings those who are praying together.

"I can best describe it as a connectedness," Parker explains, "a bond with each of our souls and hearts that didn't seem to exist as fully as it does now."

These connections come while uniting in prayer, working on quilts, writing cards, and performing other loving acts. "All is prayer," Wesley wrote, "when we have no other object than [God's] love, and the desire of pleasing him."



For more resources, including current news, reflections, and podcasts, visit www.umc.org.

A Message From the Pastor

Dear Beloved Church Family, I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

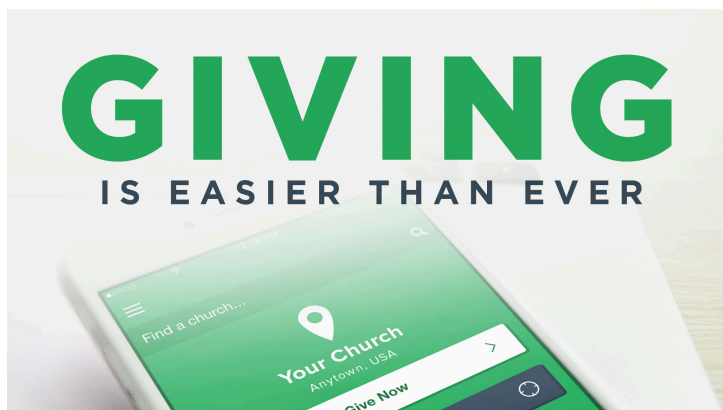
As we step into the month of October, we are excited to get on a new worship series titled "The Kingdom of God Revealed." Throughout this month, we will explore the profound teachings of Jesus as recorded in Mark 10, exploring what it truly means to live as members of God's Kingdom.

As we gather for worship this month, we want to remind you how deeply valued you are within our church family. Your presence and participation are what make our community vibrant and loving. We also sincerely miss those who haven't been with us and we would love to see you back in church, sharing fellowship and worship together.

May God bless you abundantly this October, and may His Kingdom be revealed in your hearts and lives.

With love and blessings,

Pastor Laurene Banza



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Tithe.ly offers a way for members to give to the church through a downloadable app or on their website.

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Youth Ministry Updates

The 5th Quarter activities following home football games have been a success! On September 13th, 181 kids attended to enjoy friends, fun, and food in a safe and welcoming environment.



The Wednesday After-School Kids' Club began on September 11th. Kids in grades PK through 7th have been enjoying learning about God's love for us through the use of candy metaphors. All kids are welcome from 2:00 - 4:30 P.M.



The 8th-12th grade group also began on September 11th from 5:30 - 7:00 P.M. Students focus together on understanding God's love and creating a community of support.

Beginning Wednesday, September 11th, 2024

Eagle Grove United Methodist Church
421 West Broadway

YOUTH GROUP

EVERY from
WEDNESDAY 5:30-7 PM

8th - 12th Grade

- Dinner provided -
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