



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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September 2022



HAPPY FALL!!

Unique to United Methodism is the annual Charge Conference, dating back to John Wesley. This year, both our congregations will meet Sunday, October 9, 2pm, at Trinity UMC, Ft Dodge, with other churches in our circuit and our new District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Michel Lundula.

As part of the preparation, each council brainstormed priorities for the upcoming year. Eagle Grove is going to focus on connecting with families of youth and children, and develop ways to re-engage and strive for more participation in outreach activities locally as well as their global partners. Goldfield determined they want to continue working together to grow their mission outreach, continue outreach through Facebook live, growing and connecting with each other, and find ways to collaborate with Eagle Grove UMC.

These are priorities that involve everyone in the congregations, not just councils. New ideas for studies and new outreach projects came up. Both groups will assess and evaluate throughout the year, changing and adjusting as they go. Your participation, in person as well as virtually, and your on-going support of each church’s budget is necessary – we pledge our prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness. Let’s be hands-on as together we work to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. YOU, each of you, ARE THE CHURCH!

Pastor Alaire

Worship in September will be times to look at stories, those Jesus told, and our own. In Eagle Grove, as part of our regular Sunday worship, we’ll dedicate the prayer garden (outdoors, weather permitting) on September 18, and baptize Callen Helmick, son of Cody & Jenna, on Sept 25.

Services in Eagle Grove are at 9:30am Sundays; in Goldfield we worship at 11am. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you!

Many thanks to those who are sharing a devotion on Dial A Devotion. We invite and encourage you to share a devotion with the community. Contact church office 515-448-4701 if you wish to be a part of this ministry.

Dial a Devotion September 2022

September 6—Kurt Knudsen

September 13—Marilyn Sill

September 20-- Joe Stein

September 27—Paul Wilde

College Care: A very important service is to support our college youth—beginning the next area of their education in preparation for their career.

It is important to encourage them with cards and maybe a care package.

Please consider sponsoring one of these youth. At the present time we do not have addresses for all of them. If you wish to be a sponsor we will supply all information needed to be in contact with them. Contact the office at 515-448-4701 or Sharon –515-293-2599.

Thank you for sharing in their lives.

Emma Johnston—UNI

Collin Spangler—ICCC will live at home.

Cael Wesselink—UNI

Cadence Stephens—Wartburg— Her address will be starting September 3:

Cadence Stephens

100 Wartburg Blvd.

Clinton Hall South -Room #204

Waverly, IA 50677

These presently have sponsors:

Alecia Anderson—UNI

Brittany Osborn—University of Iowa

I apologize if we have inadvertently missed someone—please contact church office or Sharon with that information.

Fellowship Coffee—

Share your goodies after church service! Contact office 515-448-4701 or Sharon 515-293-2599



United Women of Faith Salad Luncheon

Beautiful tables, delicious food and wonderful fellowship made for a very successful event!

The United Women of Faith hosted the annual salad luncheon on August 11. Approximately 125 diners enjoyed a wide variety of salads and bars. The table decorations had beautiful themes including peacock to cow, Easter to Autumn, plants, tractors, whimsical and fun!

Assistance with serving and cleanup from our youth was greatly appreciated. Thanks, as well, to all who purchased tickets and contributed food, time, service and prayers.

Profits will be used to fund the mission work of the United Women of Faith.



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Eagle Grove Office open Tuesdays from 10:00 am-11:30 am

Dial a Devotion 515-448-3355

Sermon by phone- 515-212-2802



Prayers for students, teachers, and families as a new school year begins. Prayers for all those in our community who are facing financial challenges. EGAMA is still receiving financial gifts to help some students in need of clothing – amazing how quickly kids grow. Those gifts can be given through our church (designate “Closet”).

Prayers for those coping with illness and/or rehab including Derricklee Harms; Steve Asche; Kurt Knudsen’s sister, Jane; Roger Schipull; and all those in our congregations having procedures and testing, and treatments.

Prayers also for the family of Kris Zeller (services in WI); family of Bonnie Snyder (service Wed, Aug 31, Goldfield), and Bunny Elkin (visitation will be Fri, Sept 9, @10am, with the Celebration of her life following at 11am).

Spirit-filled Wednesdays

Kindg – gr 8



This year, we’ve created a 2-block plan, working with the weekly early dismissal, and the activities and sports the kids are part of.

2pm – 3pm ... BREAK (FOOD!)... 3:20-5pm

Learning via many different ways - drama (in a newly created space); handbells for gr 5-8; lots of music, both traditional and new; paint, chalk, fabric, writing and drawing; and all sorts of games and adventures, both inside and outdoors!

Students need to get registered; the form is on our Facebook page. We need a fresh form from every family this year.

Those who are part of middle school athletics or have other on-going commitments will be dismissed at the break. Everyone else can stay until 5-pm.

Confirmation

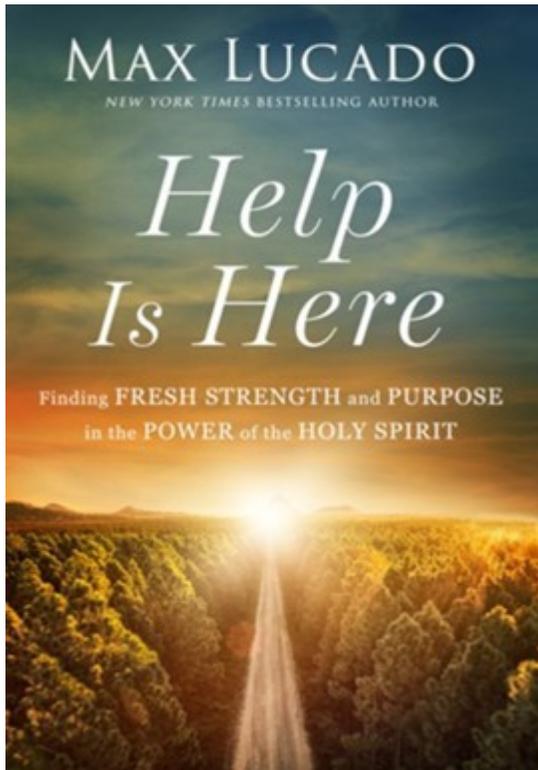
for students gr 7-8 and older.

We’ll meet twice a month, exploring our faith, and what it means to be a member of the UMC, completing our reflecting and questioning in the spring.

Wed, Sept 14, 6:15pm

Informational meeting for student and a parent or family member.

Please contact Pastor Alaire 712-212-5333 or [alairew@gmail](mailto:alairew@gmail.com) if you, or someone you know would be part of this year’s group.



Bible Study - Help is Here by Max Lucado

This new release book on the Holy Spirit will be offered as an in person study. We will begin September 21 and continue for 6 Wednesdays in the fireside room at the EGUMC - 9:30.

Hard cover book -\$15.00

I would love to have you join for a time of learning and sharing in Christian fellowship. Please notify Melody to sign up by Sept. 7- 515-851-0317.

Bills pile up. Savings accounts go down. Marriages go south. Pandemics rage. Work goes off the rails. Stress goes off the charts. Suddenly, you feel powerless to calm life's chaos. It's all too much to take on by yourself. But pastor and bestselling author Max Lucado has great news for you--Help Is Here.

Now more than ever, we're all weary from the loads we carry and the challenges we face. We have questions we cannot answer and problems we cannot solve. We'd hoped that life would be an invigorating adventure or an inspiring journey. We never expected to grow so tired so quickly. But Max teaches us that we can find fresh strength and purpose in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Bible makes more than a hundred references to the Holy Spirit, and Jesus says more about the Spirit than he does about the church, marriage, finances, and the future. But do we really know the Spirit? In Help Is Here, Max will give you the tools and encouragement you need to:

- Learn who the Spirit is and how the Spirit can help
- Become joyful, enthusiastic, and empowered as you draw closer to God
- Confidently take on any difficulty with the power of the Spirit
- Discover your unique gifts and purpose to further God's kingdom

Help Is Here reminds us that our Good Shepherd doesn't just feed us; he leads us. He does more than correct us; he directs us. God keeps us on track--and best of all, he's commissioned the Holy Spirit to guide us down the winding roads of life, wherever they may lead us.

No more walking this path alone. No more carrying weight you were not intended to bear. It's time for you to enjoy the presence of the Holy Spirit and experience the vigorous life he offers. You can rest easy knowing that Help Is Here