

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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Living
FAITH

Living Faith – the title of a sermon series I’ll begin Aug 29, and carry through September. The book of James will serve as a base, as we consider how to be disciples of Jesus.

I know each of us are trying to do this, in ways large and small. The serious question now – *What can we do in these times of uncertainty?* A couple of options are in front of us here at EGUMC:

✦ We can show the school teachers and support staff our support and concern. Last fall, we created gift bags; this year, UWF are getting items together for a gift – a mug filled with small gifts (pen with a stylus, ChapStick, some sweet treats, and a note of support). This project costs about \$5/mug, and we have 200 staff to include. So, two ways you can Live your Faith. First, help assemble them, and second, contribute to the cost. Simple ways to touch lives here in the community.

✦ We hope to resume 5th quarter. The first would be Friday, August 27, after the game. Because this involves many folks being face-to-face with the youth, it’s literally up in the air because of Covid. Once school begins, we don’t know what will change, if anything. To hold this great event, we’ll need lots of volunteers to be in the building with the kids, as well as many, many homemade treats. We’ll keep you posted via email...for now, email or call the church if you’re willing to help out. A signup sheet is will be out.

✦ Beyond our community, Ingathering for Mission will be November 6. We’re assembling school and personal dignity kits. Lists of specific items are in the entryway, and in this newsletter. Any and all financial gifts will be appreciated. I’m guessing we’ll have over 150 kits, and we need \$2 each for processing. Plans are to invite the children and youth to actually put them together.

Regardless of age, hands-on outreach feels real! Living our Faith is not a one-and-done, but a day-to-day growing. We have opportunities for everyone, via a comfortable, safe way! Take your pick...and be a difference-maker. –*Pastor Alaire*

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United Women of Faith Luncheon and Guest Speaker

_____An exciting opportunity for fellowship and learning is coming to the Eagle Grove faith community! The United Women of Faith (formerly United Methodist Women) will be hosting a noon luncheon with guest speaker Jennifer Dukes Lee. Jennifer is an Iowa native and is the author of Growing Slow: Lessons on Unhurrying Your Heart From an Accidental Farm Girl. (Description of the book below)

This fantastic event will be:

Monday, **September 27th**

Eagle Grove United Methodist Church.

A delicious meal will be served at **11:30 - 12:15**

Jennifer's presentation to follow at **12:30**.

The tickets for meal and speaker - **\$20.00**.

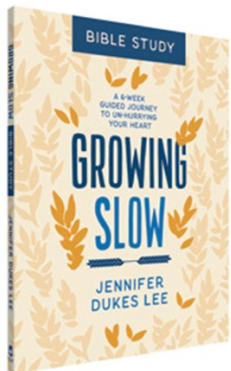
Only 100 reservations for meal and speaker available.

Tickets will be available through:

United Methodist Church office, 448-4701,
421 W. Broadway, Eagle Grove, IA 50533
Melody Amonson 851-0317,
Eagle Grove Greenhouse - in person purchase

It takes time to grow

Good Things



We want to believe that a slower life is possible, but we're afraid of what we'll miss if we don't keep up the pace. So we bend to the pressure and overlook the gifts of rest and slowness. But what if we could grasp the high reward of good things, grown slow?

This study reveals how land is a picture of our steady growth into claiming the promises of God.

The land is more than just a backdrop for the stories in the Bible. It is a central character in the magnificent narrative, from the very beginning when the creator God used dirt to make life on a farm called Eden. Jennifer weaves these biblical lessons into her own experience of the importance of land, gleaned from her fifth-generation farm. The land--both then and now--teaches us how to un-hurry our hurry-sick hearts

Book Study Opportunity

We will kick off the study of Growing Slow by Jennifer Dukes Lee with her presentation on September 27th. A 6 week study of this book will continue at the church Tuesday mornings beginning October 5. Books and study guide will be needed and will be available for purchase at the luncheon, as well as online. For more information and/or to sign up for the study, contact facilitator, Melody Amonson 515-851-0317.

Dial-a-Devotion

Tuesdays

September 7—Bev McVicker

September 14—Paul Wilde

September 21—Marilyn Sill

September 28—Joe Stein

The weekly Sunday sermon is now available by phone— just call

515-212-2802. The newest one will be up by about 7am on Sundays (before actual worship!), and remain all week. The phone number for access will always be the same.



Ingathering Kits

Personal Dignity Kit - \$13 value

- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Bath Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush – Single, wrapped
- 1 Bar Soap - 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 15-18 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump

School kits - \$16 value. We have bags!

- 3 Notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8"x 10 1/2"
- 1 Ruler - 12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils - unsharpened
- 1 Pencil Sharpener
- 1 Eraser - 2" or larger
- 1 Box 12 Colored Pencils
- 1 Box 24 Crayons
- 1 Pair of Student Scissors

Questions, questions...

And the answer is we're working on it! Plans are in process to begin Wednesday after school groups for elementary kids and middlers. Exact starting date – still a little uncertain, but coming in September! We don't know about Sunday morning – talking with families to see who's interested, looking for adult volunteers to assist. When we have more answers, plans will come together. A few new ideas may gel as well! Watch our FB page, and your email.

For adults, know that the UWF luncheon will serve as a kickoff for the Tuesday morning women's group, led by Melody, in person, in October. Sunday morning? What would you like to be part of?

Covid, vaccines, and masking make planning difficult. The real question – what would YOU like to participate in?

Ask...give suggestions, and let's see what can come together. Where 2 or 3 are gathered...



We're scheduling baptisms into the fall. If your family is interested, contact Pastor Alaire 712-212-5333, or alairew@gmail.com to make arrangements.

