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The Monthly Newsletter of the Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church

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Reason of Season

Dear Emmetsburg
 First United
 Methodist Church
 families,

Merry Christmas!
 May the peace of
 God that descended
 through Christ's
 birth overflow into
 your homes!



Among the many terms used around Christmas time, I love "the reason for the season." I believe we are all familiar with the reason; it is Jesus Christ. He is the Redeemer who came to this earth to atone the sins of the whole world. Since his birth has opened the way for the whole world, and you and I can be saved. What a joy!

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." - Luke 2:14

A band of scholars (Magi) came from the East following a star. They saw the child in the arms of Mary, and kneeled to worship him. Then they presented gifts: gold, frankincense, myrrh.



It feels as if 2018 just began yesterday, but we are already in December! It's indeed very chilly, but the heat of all the festive activities seem to be relieving this cold just so slightly.

"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." - Matthew 1:21

Our church looks beautiful with decorations inside and the nativity scene in the front yard. On the 22nd, the Sunday school children are planning an event to celebrate Christmas

with a program called "Christmas Hope." On the evening of the 24th, we will gather as a church family to celebrate the birth of Christ. I pray that only God will be glorified, and I give thanks to all those who are helping prepare for our events.



Sisters and brothers of Emmetsburg First UMC, let us prepare the room and welcome our Savior in this season. Let us praise God with all our hearts for his wonderful salvation for the world. Let us pray for his peace to be all around the world!

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Hojin



At the moment baby Jesus was born, a great company of heavenly hosts appeared with angels to shepherds in the field, and praised God.



Building Update



Work has started on the Family Life and Mission Center. Walls are being erected and the structure should be enclosed in the next few weeks, weather permitting. If all goes well, we can expect to be using the new building in April. The dream will soon be a reality.

With this project, we have an exciting opportunity for new ministries in our community. We will be able to provide a gathering place for families, receptions, fellowship, meetings, classrooms, weddings, funerals, and church services. We will be able to offer a site for new events and opportunities we haven't even thought of yet!



As outlined previously, funding for the project will be a combination of congregation financial support, proceeds from the Endowment, and short-term financing from the local lender. Most important will be congregation financial support.

The more contributions received from the congregation, the less will be needed from the Endowment and/or lender. Over \$50,000 in new pledges were received in the recent survey put forth to the church membership.



Economically it makes sense to borrow from ourselves. Our return on investment of the Endowment, although consistent in the past, could be multiplied immensely with the service to the community in this ministry. In order that previously funded projects by the Endowment can continue, the Finance Committee has proposed that continued support for the non-budgeted projects financed by the Endowment will come from the revenue received at the annual Harvest Auction. The Endowment committee task force would then be able to continue to fund these special requests going forward. Church leadership has every intent

to refund the Endowment in the future and continue the important work the funds it generated have allowed.

What is our ministry in the community? In a recent Sunday message, Pastor Hojin referred to the project as the Family Life and Mission Center. This is a great opportunity to unite as Christians and members of the First United Methodist Church to support this project, and to support our ministry Mission in Emmetsburg and the area. Please consider renewing or increasing your pledge, and fulfill any pledge already made by year's end. If you have not yet made a contribution to the project, now would be an opportune time to do so with construction underway. Memorials have already been offered and graciously received. The more support we receive from the congregation, the less we will have to borrow, and the faster we can refund the Endowment.

If you had misgivings of the project, please reconsider and support this exciting ministry of First UMC. Now that work has begun, we ask that you join in the growth of our Church and our Mission. We hope and pray that the entire congregation can take ownership and be part of this ministry. We enclose a pledge form on which to indicate your contribution. Please return it to the church office at your earliest convenience.

First UMC Finance Committee and Building Committee.



December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:45am Sunday School 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship	3 2:15pm PARC Hall Communion 4:00pm Intercessory Prayer @Emerald Oaks 7:00pm Dig In Bible Study	4 5:30-7:00pm *Just For Kix	5 1:30pm Upper Room 1:30pm 345 ALIVE 4:30pm Shekinah Praise Practice 5:30pm Jr UMYF 6:00pm Bell Choir Practice 6:30 pm Sr. UMYF 6:30pm Finance Committee Mtg. 7:30pm Admin Council Mtg.	6 6:00pm Intensified Prayer @War Room	7 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:30am Men's Prayer Group in the Narthex	8
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23 9:00am Adult Sunday School 10:00am Worship	24 Christmas Eve <i>Offices Closed</i> 6:00pm <i>Candlelight Service</i>	25 Christmas Day <i>Offices Closed</i>	26 1:30pm Upper Room 6:00pm Bell Choir Practice	27 6pm Intensified Prayer @War Room	28 <i>Offices Closed</i> 9:30am Men's Prayer Group in the Narthex	29
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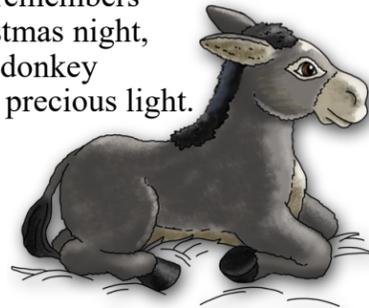
Chapters in Our Life Together



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| 2 Janice Kassel | 19 Katie Kassel |
| Ally Rouse | Amber Embrock |
| 3 Jed Beschorner | 20 Howard Morey |
| Irene Goff | Barbara Goodlaxson |
| 4 Tammy Naig | 21 Jordan Anderson |
| Jim Tonderum | 22 Tammy William |
| 5 Jodi Ward | 23 Ardelle Conner |
| Jaden Ward | Clayton Hoch |
| 7 Steven Hoyman | 24 Vida Krough |
| Cerenady Hoch | Makenna Stevens |
| 10 Tara Clark | Kalla Wilson |
| Jayme Lentz | 25 Carol Ensley |
| 12 Ali Weir | 26 Lois Lowman |
| 13 Bev Salas | 28 Roger Chism |
| 14 Ryan Bare | Allen Jensen |
| Ronia Klootwyk | 29 Aurora Christensen |
| Justine Tonderum | Justin Malm |
| 16 Mya Burns | 30 Brenda Bell |
| 17 Jay Black | Darlene Hankey |
| 18 Marilyn Carlstrom | Taytum Sargent |
| Deena Fries | Dean Ver Mulm |

Just a Little Donkey

Author Unknown
 Just a little donkey,
 but on my back I bore
 the one and only Saviour
 the world was waiting for.
 Just a little donkey,
 but I was strong and proud;
 I gladly carried Mary
 through the chaos of the crowd.
 I brought her to a stable
 where she made a tiny bed...
 A place for Baby Jesus
 to lay His little head.
 I pray the world remembers
 that special Christmas night,
 when just a little donkey
 carried Heaven's precious light.



Candy Cane

Author Unknown
 Look at a candy cane,
 what do you see?
 Stripes that are red
 like the blood shed for me!
 White for my Savior,
 Who's sinless and pure!
 "J" is for Jesus,
 My Lord that's for sure!
 Turn it around
 and a staff
 you will see,
 Jesus,
 my Shepherd,
 is coming for
 me!



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| 7 Steven Schiek & Daunyale Sporaa | 13 John & Shirley Schmidt |
| 12 James & Connie Manwarren | 16 Ken & Janice Kassel |
| | 17 Dean & Carol Simonsen |
| | 18 Steve & Mary Lou Morrison |
| | 19 Aaron & Brittany Hernandez |
| | 23 Larry & Marjorie McAllister |
| | 29 Clifford & Nancy Hinrichs |



Capital Accumulation Campaign

I support the Family Life Center building proposal and will help fund the project by:

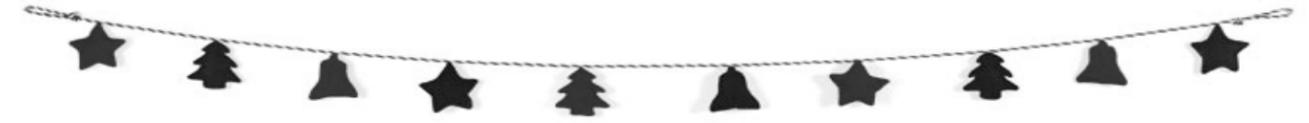
\$ _____ in (additional) total pledged contributions to be paid in installments over a period of time not to exceed 3 years, to be completed by the end of 2021 or before.

\$ _____ Total amount of financial support. I understand this contribution is in addition to my regular tithing and customary financial support of First UMC.

Contributions can be of cash; however, gifts of stocks, bonds, or other financial instruments, as well as farm commodity proceeds can also be accepted and may be of favorable tax consideration for the donor. Please contact the church office for more info.

Name: _____

Contact phone / email: _____



Christmas Memorial Service

Hosted by
 First United Methodist Church
 December 16, 2018
 5:00 PM-7:00 PM



The Ministerial
 Association and Hospice of
 Palo Alto County will
 provide a Holiday Service.

Ornaments are provided by area
 funeral homes.

Free will donations can be made at the
 service or at Palo Alto County Community
 Health to benefit the Hospice program.

Christmas Hope Sunday School Christmas Program

Dec 22nd at 5pm

*Followed by a
 Community Supper*

*Free Will Offering
 to support
 VBS*



MUSIC MINISTRY OF CHURCH ORGANS



Throughout history, the organ has been a part of the heritage of Western Christianity. The organ is an integral part of the music ministry and the spiritual life of all Christian Churches. Music and the organ are part of the worship service itself. Music is one of the methods by which the congregation expresses its faith.

In 1955 our congregational forefathers had the *faith* and *foresight* to *invest* in a pipe organ, so that we would have the benefit of that instrument for generations to come. This is something we should be very proud of. Today, we are the keepers of that organ for the church and for the next generation.

The Pipe Organ is an investment in our church in the same sense as the building itself, the roof, the heating and air conditioning, the reception room, etc. And now the new Family Life Center comes under the same category—it is an investment in our church. We have the same responsibility for our organ as we have for the maintenance, care, and respect of any other feature of the church. Today our organ is worth approximately \$200,000. It is the best organ in the town of Emmetsburg.

A Brief History on Our Organ

- “When the First Methodist Church of Emmetsburg was built in 1872 on its present site,



there were thoughts about a musical instrument for the church. In 1876, the first reed organ was placed in the church, which had a single keyboard.”

- “In 1890 the first pipe organ was installed which was a Gift of Col. And Mrs. E.S. Ornsby. During the early days it was necessary to had pump the bellows to create wind pressure to blow the pipes.”
- “By 1912 a new Estey organ was installed, which after renovation was the one which burned in the church fire on June 4, 1947.” The \$6,000 was collected from the insurance on the organ and was used in the building of the new church in which our new organ is housed today.
- “Interest continued to grow after the fire of 1947 in having a new organ until during the Spring of 1954 an organ committee was appointed by The Official Board to look into buying an organ.”
- “On August 19, 1954, the contract was let for Ernest M. Skinner, Inc. to build the organ and delivery was made to the church March 14, 1955.” The organ was used for the morning service on Sunday, March 27, 1955. The dedication of the organ was held on May 22, 1955. The total cost of the organ was \$14,885.

The Console

“Our organ is a two manual and pedal pipe organ, designed by Frederic Heyer Casander and built by Earnest M. Skinner, Inc. of Reading, Mass. To fit the particular tonal resonance of our building.

The entire organ is under expressive control of the organist and is located in chambers on each side of the chancel. All of the major tonal families are represented in the instrument, namely, the Diapasons, the Flutes, the Strings, and the Reeds. The console has been made to match the rest of the chancel.”

Maintenance

Most pipe organs can last from 100-200 years with regular maintenance. They will need to be rebuilt after about 50+ years; then they are good for another 50 years of service. For example, there are leather pneumatics that control the valves which let air into each of the 900 or so pipes when played by the organist. When they wear out, they must be replaced. The bulk of the organ will last indefinitely.

Our major rebuild occurred in 2008, (53 years after its installation) so our organ should last at least until 2058 before another major rebuild is needed again. Of course, there will be repairs along the way. Our pipe organ has had major repairs in 1983, 1991, 2004, 2008. The major rebuild in 2008 included new stop and combination actions, new pipes, re-leather the worn out reservoirs, and rewiring the entire organ. It now has 21 ranks (sets of pipes) and about 900 pipes.

The temperature of the building does affect the sound of the pipe

The Gift of Grain

Tis the season for figuring out the special gifts you want to bestow on your loved ones this Christmas. It’s also the season when many of us consider the financial gift we want to donate to our favorite charities before the year ends. This year, consider giving the gift of grain, says Paul Neiffer, a CPA and principal at CliftonLarsonAllen and author of the blog The Farm CPA on Farm Journal’s Agweb.com.

Under the former tax law, gifting charities with grain only reduced your farm operation’s taxable income and wasn’t considered a charitable donation by the IRS. Now, under the new tax law, you might be able to achieve both.

Here’s a before-and-after tax law example Neiffer developed and shares here for your consideration:

Under the old law, assume Mary and Bill—who don’t itemize their



deductions—gave \$10,000 of grain out of Bill’s Schedule F farm operation, and that he was under the wage base. The \$10,000 of grain donated reduced the couple’s Schedule F income, which resulted in saving \$1,530 of self-employment tax. Plus, since they were in a 25% tax bracket they saved about \$2,500 of income tax. They also live in Iowa and saved about \$700 of state income tax. On top of it, they were still entitled to their standard deduction of \$12,700 (under 2017 numbers). By making a \$10,000 grain gift, they saved about \$4,700 of combined SE and income taxes.

For 2018, grain is an even better option for Mary and Bill to give. They still get around the same amount of tax savings (their tax bracket likely dropped to 22%). However, in this case, their standard deduction will increase to \$24,000, which will shelter about

an extra \$10,000 of income (although they won’t get any exemption deduction).

Also, some states would allow Bill and Mary to contribute grain to a charity and then get a credit against their state income tax. “This can almost be a double deduction,” Neiffer says. “Bill and Mary would not get any charitable deduction for the grain; however, this grain gift effectively reduces their state income taxes by the value of the gift.

“This means that in some states (such as Iowa) Bill and Mary would be allowed to reduce their state income tax liability by up to the value of the grain gift, which could be as high as \$10,000,” Neiffer adds. “As you can see, gifting grain can be very powerful and under the new tax law it can even make more sense.”

11/18 from Farm Journal’s Agweb.com:



We Are The Church!

With the Alaskan earthquake still in mind, it reminded me of our log church known as the church of 1,000 trees in Palmer, Alaska. It was built by the members with the men cutting down the trees and the women peeling the bark. They built it on mud sills as they didn’t have the finances for a basement. Later when the money was collected, the huge log structure was jacked up and put on pylons so the basement could be constructed

beneath. So, this one Sunday we sat in the church high above the open hole when a strong earthquake hit. The building swayed, the logs creaked and groaned, the wagon wheel chandeliers whirled round and round above our heads and our organist ran down the aisle screaming, “I can’t stand it!” The church survived.

This brought to mind an annual report of that church in the 1960’s which could apply to the

Emmetsburg United Methodist Church. The speaker finished with,

“Success or failure for a church is not added on an adding machine. But, where do we begin when we are dealing with humanity? Perhaps we must begin and end with ourselves. For the church can be no more or less than what we have been For we are the church!”

-Myram Tunncliff

Harvest Auction 2018



organ, so maintaining the temperature in the sanctuary is important. Therefore, it is usually tuned twice a year- spring and late fall.

Miscellaneous Facts



Organists and congregants are often quite surprised at the improved sound after a rebuild.

Today, the pipe organ is basically the same as hundreds of years ago, with a few improvements, such as electric blower motors, some electronic elements, and different methods of controlling the keys and stops.

The question is often asked if the electronic organs will ever replace the “wind blown” pipe organ. The answer is that technology is getting much better at imitating the pipe organ, but it will never perfectly duplicate the pipe organ sound.

The **largest pipe organ ever built**, containing more than 32,000 pipes, is the Main Auditorium

Organ in Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey, built by the Midmer-Losh Organ Company between 1929 and 1932.

The world’s **oldest** playable pipe organ is located in the Basilica of Valere in Sion, Switzerland. Built around 1390, it still contains many of its original pipes.

The **largest operational** pipe organ 28,482 pipes, is the Grand Court Organ at Macy’s in Philadelphia.

There are 4 Families of Sounds in an organ:

Principles, Flutes, Strings, Reeds
Below are other terms you may hear when referring to an organ or organ music.

Stops:

- 8’ pipe is equal to the Middle C Octave.
- 4’ stop, plays 1 octave higher
- 2’ stop, plays 2 octaves higher
- 1’ stop, plays 3 octaves higher
- 16’ stop, plays 1 octave lower
- 32’ stop plays 2 octaves lower

Registration: setting up multiple stops to be played together. Piston/ pre-sets
General Pre-Sets: Change the stops in all manuals and pedals at the same time.

Individual Pre-Sets: Change the stops on only the Swell, Great, or Pedal

Expression (Volume) Pedal: Opens & closes shutters to change the volume sound.

Crescendo Pedal: Stops are gradually added to the registration as you press the pedal.

Sforzando button: Gives the full organ registration with push of one button.

Coupler: Couple voices from one manual to the other or to pedals: Sw to Gt 8’. Plays the Swell on the Great manual.

-Taken from Rosemary Matthews presentation to Young at Heart in November 2018.

“Beautiful music ... is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.” —Martin Luther

Silent Night is 200 years old!

“Stille Nacht” or “Silent Night” was first played as a song for Christmas Eve Mass at St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, Austria, in December 1818. The words were written by Joseph Mohr, a priest, and the music was composed by Franz Xaver Gruber.

“Silent Night” is a song that has connected people around the world, with its message of peace for 200 years – It has transcended national borders, language barriers and religions. In 2011 UNESCO listed “Silent Night as an Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Since “Silent Night” was written in German, there have been many versions translating it into English over the years. Today, most hymnals contain versions derived from a translation by Episcopal minister John Freeman Young (1820-1885) from around 1859. If you are interested in seeing other English translations of “Stille Nacht,” visit the website: www.silentnight.web.za/translate/eng.htm



Above is a copy of the only known surviving autograph of the song by Joseph Mohr. It is housed in the Salzburg Museum in Salzburg, Austria.

First United Methodist Church
Regular Monthly Administrative Church Council Minutes
Wednesday November 7, 2018, at 7:30 pm

In attendance: (13) Rosie Agrabright, Jackie Black, Danielle Ditch, Mike Embrock, Brian Garrels, Ken Kassel, Kent Klootwyk, Cindy Magee, Pastor Hojin Shin, Lisa Siebrecht, Lois Stanley, Troy Strohman, Myram Tunncliff,

Call to order: Troy Strohman called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

Devotions: Pastor Hojin Shin's devotion focused on being thankful in any and every situation.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from October 10, 2018, Motion to approve: Mike Embrock, Approved as written, by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Lois Stanley reported the October, 2018 Treasurer's Report, General Fund Balance: \$7,139.75, Motion to approve: Brian Garrels, Approved as presented, by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Nurturing Ministries Planning Team: Dave Ballman and Cindy Magee

Cindy reported on youth group activities:

345ALIVE – Group is going well, 18-21 kids each week. I will be gone for several weeks so we are looking for volunteers to help with 345 Alive. We will have a meeting immediately following church on Sunday, November 11.

Jr UMYF – Group still is having 18 kids each week.

Sr UMYF – Group will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. (No more changes in time) They will eat later than the Jr. UMYF. They have been learning more about the Lord's Prayer, to go along with Pastor's sermons. Pumpkins scattered around the church were painted Gold (prayed the most), Silver (met the middle mark), White, need to pray more. If they pray more, they can respray their pumpkin! This group packed the bags for Feed Our Kids-Emmetsburg. (Aprx. 200+ bags)

Outreach Ministries Planning Team: Rosie Argabright

Rosie reported the Soup Super \$754.45, thanks to all who attended. The Ingathering kits were delivered to Cherokee and the Adopt a Family Christmas Tree will be up soon.

Witness Ministries Planning Team: No Report

Administrative Committees:

Chair of Trustees: Lisa Siebrecht and Ruth Hand

Lisa reported the following: Gator Plumbing completed the line from the sum pump to the sewer line. Thanks to Howard Agrabright for leveling the parish yard. Ruth has been working with the audio-visual system, it is now hard wired.

Chair of SPRC: Danielle Ditch

SPRC Committee met, working on completing job descriptions and annual reviews.

Chair of Finance: Brian Garrels

Brain gave a summary of the money/pledges for the new Family Life Center. A report will be given in a future newsletter, and at the Harvest Auction. Harvest Auction is planned for Sunday, November 18, still need items for both silent and regular auction. Encourage all to attend, open to the public.

Chair of Endowment Committee: Kent Klootwyk - No Report

Bible Studies that are Happening this month!

Dig In To God's Word Bible Study

"The Case for Grace"
by Lee Strobel.

Mondays
7pm

All are welcome to join us!



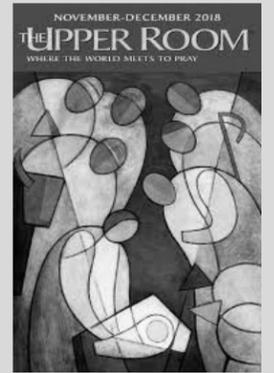
Digging
DEEPER

Upper Room Bible Study

Wednesdays at
1:30 p.m.

At Emerald Oaks

Study is open to
anyone desiring
fellowship and
growth.



Refreshments are not served
but we do have food for the soul!

Emerald Oaks
2603 17th St, Emmetsburg

YOUTH GROUP MEETING TIMES

345 ALIVE 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM 1st & 3rd Wednesdays (When school has early dismissals)

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM 2nd, 4th, and 5th Wednesdays

Jr. UMYF 5:30 PM-7:00 PM Every Wednesday

Sr. UMYF 6:30 PM- 8:00 PM Every Wednesday

Youth groups will **not** meet if school is cancelled or out for breaks, such as Thanksgiving, Winter (Christmas & New Year's, Spring Break, etc.). Remember to always check with your youth group leader or the church office, if you have any questions.

Youth Leaders:

345 ALIVE Cindy Magee

Jr. UMYF Kari Anderson & Karen Sargent

Sr. UMYF Susan Embrock



Every morning at 8am.

We encourage everyone to come and pray in the way that is most comfortable for you.

The sanctuary is opened at 8am but you can come anytime throughout the day.

Prayer Groups!



Intensified Prayer Meeting

every Thursday at 6pm in the "War Room" at Ruth Hand's.



Potluck & Prayer

Emmaus 4th Day group meets on the 4th Sunday of every month at 5pm at Emmetsburg First UMC.

If you have any questions contact **Sarah Strohman** for further details.



Intercessory Prayer Group Mondays at 4:00pm Emerald Oaks

Doris Gustafson's or Florence Malm's apartment.

We pray for

- anyone who needs God's healing powers or comfort
- peace for our world
- our country and our community
- our churches and leaders
- anything or anyone who needs God's love and care.

So we pray for you and send God's Blessings to each of you!

Lay Leadership Vice Chair: No Report

Chair of History Committee: Anne Carney and Myram Tunnicliff

Myram passed around a memory book from Harlan Place from when our current church was built. She also read part of the handwritten history of the Ladies Aid: first organized in 1877 as Ladies Social Union, Object: to promote social life of church and add to its finances. 1910 the name was changed to Ladies Aid.

Note from Mary Jane Pratt McWilliams regarding a recent visit –“My Home Church makes me happy!”

Memorial Committee: No Report

Other Committee/Additional New Business:

PAC Hospital Hospice asked us (UMC) to host the ecumenical service this year on December 16.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Troy Closed Meeting with a Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Submitted by Recording Secretary:

Cindy Magee

A story of Thanksgiving and gratitude

Being almost Thanksgiving I wanted to share this. So last year about 2 weeks before Thanksgiving I posted on a For Sale group wanting to donate a Thanksgiving meal. At that time I was broke myself and wasn't sure where I was going to get the money to pay my bills. When I posted I didn't realize the response

I would get from many locals. I was sad in my heart that I could only share with one family. Please remember this year that there are people out there that don't have money for a sit down meal. I get people take advantage of the situation but there are others that actually need the help. So please donate if you can. I'm looking for another family again so if you

know of someone please inbox me. Thanks. They will remain anonymous. Any friends that would like to help, let me know.

This story is taken from the post of Kristine Frerichs who is again reaching out to help a family in our community. If you wish to help her out you can contact her directly or through the church.



Lakeside Assisted Living
401 N. Lawler Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-4060

Anna Beth Magee
Shirley Leverenz

Emmetsburg Care Center
2405 21st Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-4266

Lilian Cox
Bev Hankey
Vida Krough
Mae Stevens
Ted Strohmman

Emerald Oaks Assisted Living
2603 17th Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-8408

Mary Etta Baxter #57
Gwen Carmichael # 20
Jackie Donovan #23
Doris Gustafsen #8
Rosabelle Johnson 1
Florence Malm #22
Louise Sackett # 16

Below are the addresses of our members, who are in area nursing homes or assisted living facilities.

Please visit or send a card to brighten their day. They would love to hear from you.

PARC Hall
3201 1st Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-5520

Joyce Muller
Paul Kooker
Lois Lowman
Vi Sampson
Pearl Whitmore
Helen Merrill #203

Willow Ridge
3203 1st Street,
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-5480

Pat Anderson #103
Anne Carney #216
Virginia Place #210



If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the church to inform us.

The hospital does not and will not call us.



Lord, have mercy on them, strengthen them in their weakness; protect and guide us!

Gary Hopkins (father of Deb Opheim)
Vida Krough
Kari & Olivia Hampe
Deb Weir
Rick Jones
Doris Malm
Lincoln (grandson of Joann Coakley)
Gene Twait
Richard Henrichs
Vicki Ellis
Will Farlow
Irene Goff
Bernice Hersom
Carol Ensley
Nancy Hinrichs
Joyce Muller
Scott Sanne (Grandson of Pearl Whitmore)
Philip Christenson (brother of Marge Solberg)
Kort Freeman
Lois Lowman
Ted Strohmman
Jane Stevens
Vi Sampson
Marjorie Solberg

Deb Nissen (sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)

*The families of those who have lost loved ones this past year including: Ethel DeJung, Shirley Weisbrod, Bette Miller, Vicki Truog, Mary Helen Morling, Jim Coakley, Cindy Kassel, Betty Jo Priest, Orval Hankey, Ellen Saxton, and Luke Rouse

*Those who have been hospitalized and our military members.

Opportunities to Serve, Pray, Learn & Fellowship with Others!

Join the Chancel Choir!



Practices: the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month at 9:00 a.m.,
Sing: during the worship service following practice.

Singers of all ages and levels are welcome. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required.

High School students are encouraged to join for community service.

Choir Director - David Fog
Accompanist - Kelley Fog

The church is open to all
Stop by anytime for
COFFEE
from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.



Classic Quilters

In the Church narthex at 4:00pm
On the 2nd & 4th Thursday every month.

Anyone who enjoys quilting is welcome to join us.



You are invited to join Bell Choir!

The Bell Choir practices on Wednesdays at 6:00pm and performs the 3rd Sunday of each month during the worship service. The ability to read music is helpful, but not required.

Bell Choir Director- Melanie Flynn