



The Voyager

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church

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Thanksgiving Ingathering

The 41st Annual Mission Ingathering will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2020

What is Ingathering? We hear the Outreach Ladies talk about it every year. They are busy gathering supplies and making stuff for it. But what is it and why do we do it? Below is a brief history of the Ingathering and who it helps and supports.

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“November 1, 1980, the campus at Westmar College in LeMars, Iowa was alive with people bringing blankets, kits, animals, and corn. The people were excited, curious, expectant, joyful and full of questions! What is a Bishop's Ingathering? Art Richardson and Bill Appelgate were elated to see the enthusiasm throughout the day, the result of what had been a casual conversation concerning the hunger and poverty around the world when so many were living in luxury. From that conversation, a committee was chosen to plan a day giving people the opportunity to share their abundance... Records show more than 300 clergy and laity attended the first event and raised \$44,882 in cash and in kind gifts. The

projects being supported were Church World Service, Heifer Project International, Self- Help Tractor, United Methodist Committee on Relief, Iowa Hunger Task Force, & Goodwill Industries. It was the consensus of the committee and Dr. Richardson at the close of the day with so much interest being shown that it was feasible to begin planning a similar event the following year.”

As the program grew:

“The Bishop found it was impossible to attend the program most years due to conflicts, and since it was mainly a laity program, it was decided it should be a part of the Board of Laity. After discussion, it was renamed Thanksgiving Ingathering...”

It was announced in 1983 there would be two sites, the second one to be held at Mt. Pleasant to accommodate people in other areas of the conference. In 1985 there were three sites, Mt. Pleasant, LeMars, and Greenfield. In 1987 the Waverly site was added and finally in 1992 a fifth site was added at Humboldt and an enthusiastic crowd assured the Central Committee this should continue.”

Blessings!

“The stories of the blessings received when the sea container arrives in Nigeria are heart-warming and uplifting. Or the school kit received by a child in another part of the world may be the inspiration to help him or her become a leader needed to serve God and you helped with his or her education. Families have watched all their possessions wash away in floods and have been so grateful for help and material to start over. Since there are still so many in the world who have no need of a suitcase because they have nothing to put in it, our goal must be to be a part of the answer to their needs and not a part of the problem.”

Thanksgiving!

“The Thanksgiving Ingathering is a manifestation of God's loving kindness in addressing hunger problems locally and around the world. Luke 6:31 admonishes us "to do unto others as you would have them do unto you." This outpouring of goods, cash and self reflects our peoples' desire to serve our risen Savior.

The current Sites in Iowa are
Cedar Falls
Cherokee
Greenfield
Mount Pleasant
Webster City

Current Programs supported by the Ingathering:

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE:

A relief, development, and refugee assistance ministry of 35 Protestant, Orthodox, & Anglican denominations in the US. Working in partnership with indigenous organizations in more than 80 countries, CWS works worldwide to meet human needs and foster self reliance for all whose way is hard. In the US, CWS assists communities in responding to disasters.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL:

Works to help hungry families feed themselves and care for the earth. HPI is a nonprofit organization and works in partnership with churches, civic groups & other organizations as well as individual donors.

SELF-HELP INTERNATIONAL:

Continues to introduce digestible protein corn, QPM (quality protein maize) to Nicaragua and Ghana. The seed produces higher yields, tastes good, and is more nutritious. At least 80% of Ghana farmers grow QPM and more than 35,000 farmers in Nicaragua. A Children's Feeding Project is operating in both countries serves QPM porridge to 1,000 children annually in an effort to alleviate malnutrition. Self-Help operates a micro-credit program for nearly 500 women in Ghana and Nicaragua each year. Loans are paid back with interest with 97% return. Women use their proceeds to improve their family's quality of life, especially education for their

daughters. The goal is self-reliance.

MIDWEST MISSION:

MMDC began in 2000 and is a related ministry of the United Methodist Church. Midwest Mission collects, makes, assembles, and restores supplies for humanitarian and disaster relief. The work is done by volunteers who come from all over the U.S. to serve. The 30,000 square-foot facility is located on a 10-acre campus 4 miles south of Springfield, Illinois. It is the second largest of the cooperating depots in the UMCOR Relief Supply Network, and partners with Food for the Poor, Franciscan Mission Warehouse, Christians in Mission, and U.S. South Command donating supplies to humanitarian aid missions in Latin America and Africa.

MOBILITY WORLDWIDE:

A transportation device formerly known as Personal Energy Transportation (PET) is a sturdy, hand-cranked wheelchair. It has a heavy metal frame and wooden bed; uses wheelbarrow wheels; is shipped partially disassembled and with a tool kit for repairs and spare parts; comes in two sizes-adult and junior; is powered by a hand-crank with a 21 to 26 gear ratio with #35 machine chain; is shipped with a seat belt and instruction packet; and is made by volunteers in eight workshops across the USA, but parts are interchangeable. It is now in more than 90 countries of the world. The cost of a PET is \$250.

DISTRICT HUNGER RELATED AGENCIES:

Each of the eight districts has a modest sum of money for distribution to hunger related agencies within the district. Contact your District Representatives for more information. Call your District Office for the name of your Ingathering Representative or look in the Ingathering booklet.

Our Outreach people supported by the church and our circle groups work all year to raise funds, make items such as layettes and school bags, collect school supplies, baby supplies, and do numerous things to support our local community as well. Ingathering is an important tool to help those throughout the world that are hurting, impoverished, oppressed, hungry, or otherwise in need. It is really amazing the ways God accomplishes things through small groups of caring individuals!

If you would like to know more about how you can support Ingathering or to get involved with our local outreach group, contact Rosie Argabright 852-3610 or the church office 852-2154.

**Excerpts taken from the Iowa United Methodist Conference page about the history of the Ingathering.*



Pastor Appreciation Month

(A lesson in appreciation)

During a church anniversary celebration, a pastor overheard a group discussing various congregational leaders over the years. Her ears perked up when an older member said, “Whenever someone asks which of our pastors I liked best, my answer is always, ‘The one we have at any given time is my favorite.’”

What a relief for the pastor to hear — and what a great lesson for Pastor Appreciation Month. God sends each shepherd to us with a specific set of spiritual gifts and then works through those gifts to bless us.

-Anonymous



Christmas Giving Tree

Time is quickly approaching for the Christmas Giving Tree project. With attendance being down due to COVID 19, the question becomes how do we continue this wonderful ministry to those most in need in our community. We would like your input and how best to proceed with having this ministry. Normally we have the tree in the Narthex

with an identification #, description, and need or interest. You would take a tag, sign it out on a sheet on the table by the tree. You return the gift by the specified time. We can continue to do it this way as we are all used to this method. If we do, we will need you to come in either on Sunday for Worship Service or sometime during the week to pick up your tags and return your gifts. The church is open Monday-Thursday during the day.

If you have another suggestion, we would love to hear from you soon. Our main goal is to give Christmas to those in need in our community.



Stamp Ministry



I send used postage stamps, when I get an large envelope filled to the Alliance Stamp Ministry in Fort Myers, FL. They like them to have 1/3 inch around each stamp but that's not always necessary. They in turn, sell these and the proceeds go toward having Sunday School material made for Spanish-speaking children. This has been going on for many years and they have purchased over one million dollars of these materials. I get a letter



of thanks and update on their ministry every year. It only costs the postage for me to send them in and it's a very worthwhile project.

Our church got involved in this ministry, when Marvin Duhn brought an article from the Readers' Digest into the church secretary many years ago. I saw the article and I thought it was a neat project.

In the past, every time they have sent a letter, I have posted their letter on the bulletin board and will do so again when I get the next update.

Some of you already participate in this unique ministry. I want to thank

you for your time and dedication to collecting and donating stamps to this ministry.

This is a great ministry to do with kids or as a family. Explain to your children, who benefits from these used stamps and how just cutting and collecting stamps can help Spanish-speaking children to have Sunday School materials too. As a family you can cut out the stamps and put them in an envelope. When you have filled the envelope, just drop it off at the church.

Thank you for your participation.
Rosie Argabright

First United Methodist Church
Regular Monthly Administrative Church Council Minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 2020, at 7:30 pm

In attendance: (8) Rosie Argabright, Jackie Black, Dilene Larson, Cindy Magee, Rosemary Matthews, Lois Stanley, Troy Strohman, Myram Tunncliff,

Call to order: Troy Strohman called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Devotions: **No Devotion** (Pastor not in attendance due to his birthday)

Secretary's Report: Minutes from August 12, 2020. Motion to approve: Dilene Larson, Approved as written, by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Lois Stanley reported the August, 2020 Treasurer's Report, General Fund Balance: \$10,461.36, Motion to approve: Rosie Argabright, Approved as presented, by voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Nurturing Ministries Planning Team: Dave Ballman and Cindy Magee No Report

Outreach Ministries Planning Team: Rosie Argabright

Rosie reported school kits and health kits for InGathering will be the project for September. Layettes will be completed in October. They will all be delivered to Cherokee in November.

Witness Ministries Planning Team: No Report

Administrative Committees:

Chair of Trustees: Lisa Siebrecht and Ruth Hand No Report

Chair of SPRC: Danielle Ditch No Report

Chair of Finance: Troy Strohman

Finance Committee met tonight and decided not to have the Annual Harvest Auction due to Covid Restrictions. Motion to move \$9,222.27 from Building Fund Account to Trustees Acct to make payment. Building Fund Account will then be closed. Lois Stanley, Approved as presented, by voice vote.

Chair of Endowment Committee: No Report

Lay Leadership Vice Chair: No Report

Chair of History Committee: Myram Tunncliff and Rosemary Matthews

Myram read an article regarding the humor in our church through the years.

Memorial Committee: No Report

Other Committee/Additional New Business: None

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 7:30 pm

Troy Closed Meeting with a Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Submitted by Recording Secretary: _____
Cindy Magee



Harvest Auction Update

Like most everything else in our lives, Covid-19 has impacted our annual Harvest Auction and dinner. The Finance Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel the Harvest Auction and dinner this year. The Finance Committee is asking that you be mindful of this in your giving. Auction funds were used for budget needs, as well as special requests, which include camp scholarships, outreach, and youth activities. We are asking you to consider giving what you might have spent at the auction, so we can keep up with our financial needs and obligations.

Respectfully,
Lois Stanley, Treasurer
Troy Strohman, Finance Chair
Finance committee members

Sunday School Update

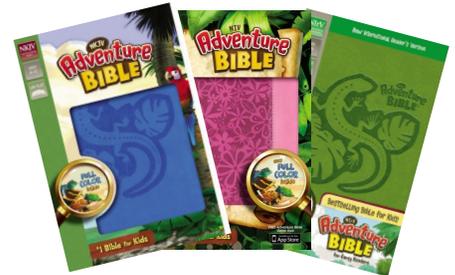
We had our first Sunday School service on September 13, 2020! Alas, attendance was not what we had hoped it would be. In the interest of best serving our youth and to keep everyone safe, we will be offering Virtual Sunday School via Facebook for the foreseeable future. Every

week the teachers will post a Virtual Sunday School video. Watch the video, participate and do the activity. Take a picture of yourself or your kids doing the activity and/or your finished craft. Send the picture to Sarah Strohman or Jodi Ward, who will track these as attendance. Points will be awarded that can be applied towards additional camp scholarship funds for your child. Later this fall the Sunday School teachers will re-evaluate holding classes in person again. We will keep you updated via bulletins, Facebook, and newsletters.



Youth Bibles Awarded

During the Sunday Service, our teachers gave 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students their bibles. These bibles were given to those in 4th and 5th grade who would have received their bibles last year and to those entering 3rd grade this year. Present to receive their bibles at church were Kysen Kogel and Noah Hernandez. Following the service bibles were delivered to Ayden Fehr-Opheim & Makenna Burns. If your child is in 3rd grade or above and has not received their youth bible, contact the church and we will get a bible to them.





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

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

Lakeside Assisted Living

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

Anna Beth Magee

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

Jackie Donovan #23
Florence Malm #22
Louise Sackett # 16

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

Lilian Cox
Mae Stevens
Ted Strohmman

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

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

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

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

If you are home bound, in a nursing home, or feeling alone and would like a visit; please let Pastor Hojin know or contact the church office at 852-2154 or umcsecretary@iowatelecom.net



Hospital Visitation

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!

David (Richard Hall's uncle)
Marilee Taylor Willis
Edgar Molina (Cousin-in-law of Tony Salas)
Shannon Bass
Ardelle Conner
Howard Morey
Irene Goff
Pat Manwarren

Lincoln Coakley (grandson of Joann Coakley)
Ron Della Croce (son-in-law of Irene Goff)
Steve & Lynne Farnsworth
Carol Ensley
Deb Nissen (sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)

*The loved ones of those who passed away including:

Janice Kassel

*Those who have been hospitalized or are in long term care facilities

*Hospital & nursing/assisted care facility staff, essential workers, & our military members.

*All individual prayer requests will be listed for 6 weeks. At which time they will be removed from the list. If you wish for a name to remain, be removed, or to be put back on the list, please contact the church office at 712-852-2154. Thank You!

Chapters in Our Life Together



OCTOBER Birthdays

2	Arlene Aldrich Jon Jamison	8	Clay Shirk Judy Sample	26	Kiersten Duhn Marcie Frevert
3	Madelyn Anderson	9	Kathy Heng Marshall Lewis		Kyle Malm Cole Shirk
4	Howard Argabright Owen Rouse	11	Connie Manwarren	28	Larry Leners Madison Burns
6	Alyvia Curry Carter Hudson	12	Rachel Duhn Troy Hall		Florence Malm Matthew Hill
7	Nancy Hinrich	15	Wendell Duhn	29	Missy Hall
		16	Rich Rouse	30	Wade Lundgren
		19	Bonnie Whitney	31	Virginia Place
		25	Brennan Duhn		

OCTOBER Anniversaries

3	Larry & Julie Leners	13	Chris & Kari Mammen
7	Dick & Judy Sample	27	BJ & Darci Curry

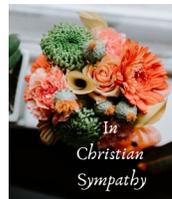
*If you see that your name is not listed
or there is an error,
please call the church office.*

NOVEMBER Birthdays

1	Mackenze Kinnetz	5	Jameson Fehr	12	Debbie Kassel
2	Joann Coakley Mark Strohmman Steve Morrison Ana Shirk	6	Allison Miller Justin Burns Seth Black	13	Dan Zeigler
3	Rozeanne Saxton	7	Jackie Black	16	Hazel Hoch
		8	Birttany Hernandez Addison Fehr-Opheim Dick Sample	19	Rosemary Culbertson
		10	Kim Gustafson	20	Kourtney Kogel
				22	Creighton Zeigler
				24	Anthony Fehr
				28	Tannya Strohmman
				30	Betty Sue Strohmman

- 6 .Hojin Shin & Gloria Lee
- 9 Douglas & Margaret Miller
- 11 Mark & Angie Strohmman
- 18 Troy & Missy Hall
- 20 Dale & Lisa Siebrecht
Dean & Dawn Jensen
- 22 Darrin & Trisha Adams

Our sympathies to the family of Janice Kassel who died on September 19, 2020. Services were held September 26, 2020 at Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church. Graveside ceremony and burial were at Silver Lake Cemetery in Ayrshire.



October & November Liturgists

- 10/4 Michelle Kogel
- 10/11 Sarah Frederick
- 10/18 Jodi Ward
- 10/25 Danielle Ditch
- 11/1 Susan Embrock
- 11/8 Sarah Strohmman
- 11/15 Sarah Frederick
- 11/22 Danielle Ditch
- 11/29 Michelle Kogel

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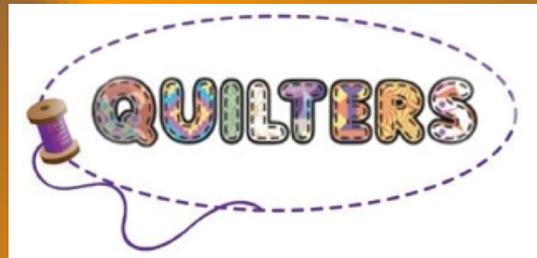
Wednesday Night Youth Groups

6:30-8:00 PM

JR UMYF Church Basement
Sr UMYF Family Life Center

Charge Conference Date

November 8, 2020
6:30 PM
Family Life Center



2nd and 4th Tuesdays
8:00 AM
Family Life Center

AUTUMN SCHEDULE

8:30 AM Early Service @Family Life Center
9:00 AM Virtual Sunday School
10:00 AM Worship in the Sanctuary
11:30 AM Confirmation Class meets on ZOOM
[Zoom.us/j/7128522154](https://zoom.us/j/7128522154) Meeting ID: 7128522154 Password: 712UMC