The Voyager

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The Newsletter of the Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Ponderings...

2021 is over...it's behind us!! I hope you made some good memories to treasure as we begin looking to 2022. Each year starts with 365 days of possibility, opportunity, and joy. With the excitement of a new year, we often start with plans, hopes, and dreams for a perfect year. Many of us hope 2022 will be a year of promise and hope. Realistically we acknowledge life isn't easy and there will probably be some difficulties ahead. The promise of Christmas is what sustains us in the year ahead.

God with us is not just a message for Christmas, it is a promise we need year-round. An unknown author wrote:

> "One cry - awakened the world. One birth - changed history. One life - made all the difference."

These are beautiful words that sustain us no matter how the year unfolds. God is with us, God is in us, God is for us. Those are beautiful words and a promise. A promise that no matter what we face this year, no matter what comes your way, no matter what 2022 has in store...God is with you. You are not alone. At the beginning of the year, the thing to ask ourselves has nothing to do with our plans for the year but everything to do with God. None of us have the ability to predict what this year has in store but we do have the ability to put our trust in the One who will be with us through it all! There is nothing wrong with plans, hopes and dreams but we must have a solid foundation already established when the road bumps come along. The time to develop a relationship with God isn't when life gets rough. Instead, we need it established so that when the tough times come we already know God is with us. Now that doesn't mean we can't go looking for God when the tough times come, we definitely should, but if we already have a relationship with Jesus when they arrive we have a solid foundation to hold onto during the tough times. God is our anchor, our foundation, our strength no matter what this year brings. I pray and wish it to be nothing but joy and celebration but life always seems to enter in. Rest assured that God is with you through it all!

Happy New Year,
Pastor Lana
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lanawill@hotmail.com

New Sunday Series begins Jan 9, 2022

"Refuge: Psalm 91"

This four-week series unpacks the four powerful names of God found in Psalm 91: Most High, the Almighty, The Lord and my God. As we think about who God is, we will be challenged to dwell in the refuge of his shadow.

Jan 9: Most High Psalm - 91:1
Jan 16: Almighty God - Psalm 91:4-7
Jan 23: The Lord - Psalm 91:2 & 9-13
Jan 30: My God & My Refuge - Psalm 91:2 & 14-16

Wednesday Worship Schedule

Wednesday Worship returns: Jan 5, 2022
5:30 Small groups,
6:30 Dinner
7:00 Worship.
7:30 High School Youth Group

Jan 5: Chapter 10 -	Standing Tall, Falling Hard; the story of Saul
Jan 12: Chapter 11 -	From Shepherd to King; the story of David
Jan 19: Chapter 12 -	The Trials of a King; the story of David continues
Jan 26: Chapter 13 -	The King Who had It All; the story of Solomon

Scholarship applications are available for the 2022-2023 school year. Completed applications are due to the church office by **March 1, 2022.**

Upcoming Iowa Walks to Emmaus

West Des Moines UMC
West Des Moines, IA

Men's Walk February 10-13
Women's Walk February 17-20

**There is no cost to you to attend the Emmaus Weekend.*

If interested please stop in at the church

The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal.
Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination

- who have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- who may have unanswered questions about their faith
- who understand that being a Christian involves responsibility
- who are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God

The purpose of Emmaus is to develop leaders for the church. Emmaus will inspire, challenge, and equip participants for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others.

Two Ways to Give with your phone!

Venmo or

Vanco Moblie

How to Sign Up for a Personal Venmo Account

1. Download one of our mobile apps: iOS & Android (Venmo does not have a Windows app)
2. Open the Venmo app.
3. Choose your sign up method and create a secure password (between 8 and 32 characters long).
4. Verify your phone number and email

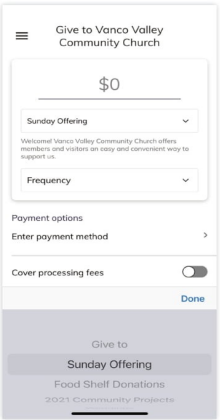
Thank you for your faithful support of the church!

HOW TO GIVE USING VANCO MOBILE

Support our ministries from anywhere. Go to the App Store or Google Play to download the Vanco Mobile app for free.

1. Search for Our Church

Enter our church's name or use the invite code and click **Search**. Then, select our church.



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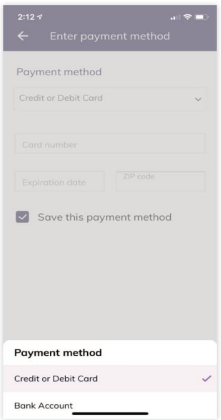

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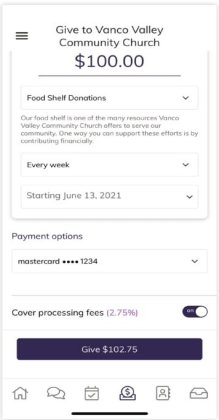
Select a payment method and enter your credit card, debit card or bank account information. You can save this payment method for future donations.



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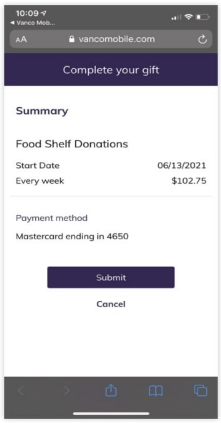
You can choose to cover the donation processing fees by adding a small amount on top of your gift. Click the button to opt in.



5. Complete Your Donation

Review and complete your gift by clicking **Submit**.

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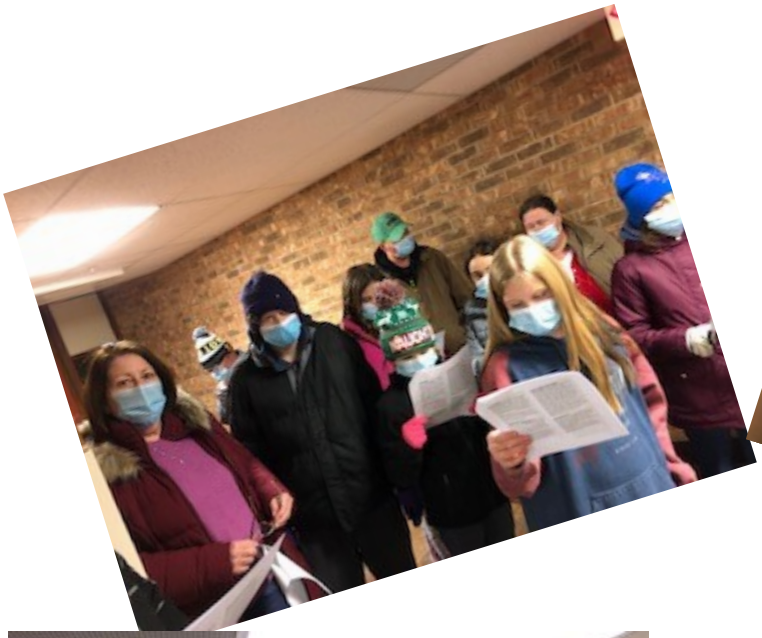
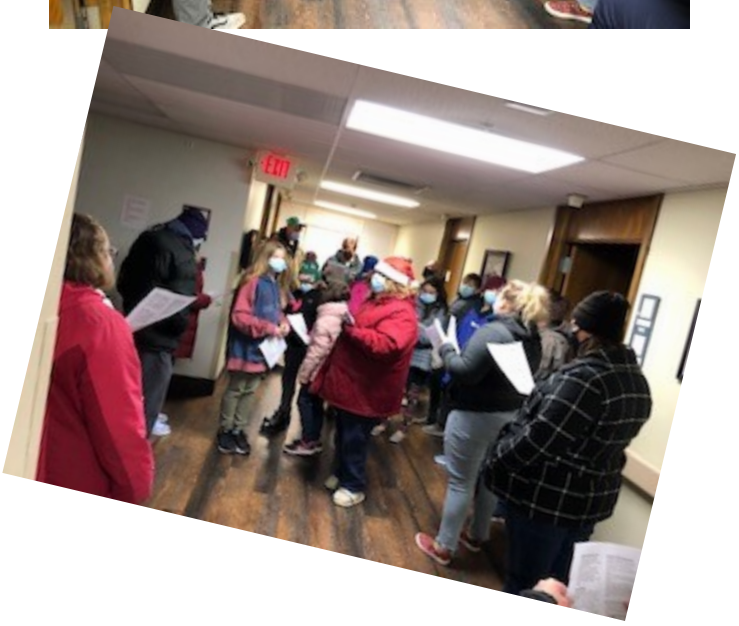
Christmas Caroling





First United Methodist Church

Regular Monthly Administrative Church Council Minutes

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, at 8:00 pm

In attendance: (8) Jackie Black, Cal Christiansen, Ted Ellis, Brian Garrels, Michelle Kogel, Shayne Kogel, Cindy Magee, Pastor Lana Williams

Call to order: Ted Ellis called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Devotions: Pastor Lana's devotion focused on "Pondering Christmas," by David Jeremiah. One verse in the Bible tells us exactly how to celebrate Christmas, and who better than Mary herself to set the example? Luke 2:19, says "But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." Pondering means "to weigh in the mind, to think about, to reflect on." How wonderful to reflect on the timeless story of Jesus, keeping it in mind and pondering these things in your heart.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from November 10, 2021.
Motion to approve: Cal Christensen,
Approved as written, by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: No Report

Committee Reports:

Nurturing Ministries Planning Team: Jeanelle Stokes No Report

Outreach Ministries Planning Team: Rosie Argabright No Report

Administrative Committees:

Chair of Trustees: Dave Fog/Dan Stokes

Dan Stokes sent an update - the window and patio door are in at the parsonage. Lana stated the washing machine had to be replaced with a new one.

Chair of SPRC: Michelle Kogel/Jodi Ward No Report

Chair of Finance: Shayne Kogel No Report

Chair of Endowment Committee: Brian Garrels

Scholarship letter will be going out on December 15, they will be due back March 1.

Chair of Witnessing: Sarah Frederick Term Begins Jan. 2022

Chair of History Committee: Rosemary Matthews No Report

Pastor's Report: Lana Williams

Christmas Eve Service will be at 7:00 pm, Wednesday Worship went caroling, Sunday, December 19 – Youth will be doing a Christmas Program, December 11-January 3 Lana is on vacation.

Old Business: **None**

New Business: Iowa Conference Vision and Policy Update was discussed.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2022 at 8:00 pm

Ted Closed Meeting with a Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm

Submitted by Recording Secretary: _____

Cindy Magee

Giving through Coops and Financial Investment Institutions

Two additional ways you can give are through your financial investment companies or the proceeds from your grain chacks at the coop.

We appreciate donations from all.

We do ask that if you utilize either of these 2 methods that you call the church to let us know it will be coming. Many times the check arrives without a name on it .

Like the church, these places protect your confidentiality.

They cannot tell the church who donated the funds & the church cannot record your giving for your taxes.

Please make a quick phone call to let the church office know.

Thank you!

EMMETSBURG FIRST UMC
LENT DEVOTIONAL WRITING

A Lent devotional booklet, written by anyone affiliated with Emmetsburg First UMC, will be used Ash Wednesday (March 2) thru Easter (April 17).

We will use a standard format found in the Upper Room:
1) Bible verse, 2) meditation, and 3) a prayer.

Pick up a Writing Guide and/or Template in the Narthex.

Submit your writing by Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022

What will you write about? Maybe it will be something about the year to come, a memory from the past, or an inspirational moment.

Never written anything like this before?!
Give it a try - it can be an enriching spiritual exercise.

To reserve a copy of the Lent devotional, Sign up in the Narthex by February 20.

Questions? Contact Pastor Lana or Jackie Black.

Ministering to our seniors

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.

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

Lilian Cox
Ted Strohman

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

Jackie Donovan #23
Darlene Harris

St. Luke's (Spencer)
1301 St. Luke's Dr,
Spencer, IA 50501

Marjorie(Marj) Solberg
Room D9

Lakeside Senior Care
301 N Lawler St
Emmetsburg, IA 50536
712-852-4060

Burt Hersom
Betty Hiatt

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

Joyce Muller
Helen Merrill #203

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

Pat Anderson #103
Jan Bare #206
Anne Carney #216
Virginia Place #210

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

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please call the church to inform us. The hospital does not and will not call us.

Prayer Requests:

Family of Irene Goff
Family of Jim Bramley
Rosemary Matthews
John Schmidt
John Kerber
Nancy Hunsaker
Darrell Leverenz
Carol Ensley
Lincoln Coakley
-(grandson of Joann Coakley)
Deb Nissen
-(sister-in-law of Deb Wickman)

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

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

*Students of all ages and staff at schools and colleges. Students away at college as well as those at home.

*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

1 Laura Blanchet
Mackenzie Sargent
2 Candy Bisenius
3 Norma Shaffer
George Tonderum
4 Cindy Magee
6 David Fog
Dean Simonsen
8 Maureen Horsley
9 Gerard Ruiz
Beckam Shirk
11 Mary Lou Morrison
12 Ted Ellis
13 Vicki Schmidt
14 Linda Strohman
18 Tricia Adams
21 Mary King
Mark Weisbrod
23 Betty Hiatt
24 Heath Hoch
25 Paul Richerson
29 Jeremy Ward

Anniversaries

7 Howard & Rosie Argabright
24 Alan & Tracey Mattice
26 Linda & Ted Strohman
Wendall & Judy Duhn

Sympathies to the family Jim Bramley who died on December 18, 2021 Services were held December 28, 2021 at Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church.

Sympathies to the family Irene Goff who died on December 21, 2021. Services were held December 27, 2021 at Emmetsburg First United Methodist Church.

Sunday, January 2
10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)
Monday, January 3
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
Tuesday, January 4
12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
1:00PM-3:00PM Horizons (FLC Hall)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
4:30PM Just For Kix (Basement)
Wednesday, January 5
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:30PM Wednesday Worship Activities
Thursday, January 6
1PM-3PM Horizon's (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)
Sunday, January 9
9:00AM Adult Sunday School (Library)
10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00AM Sunday School (Church Upstairs)
11:00AM Confirmation (FLC Classroom)
6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)
Monday, January 10
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
2:00PM Bible Study-Gospel of Ruth (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
Tuesday, January 11
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
4:30PM Just For Kix (Basement)
Wednesday, January 12
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:30PM Wednesday Worship Activities
7:30PM Finance Committee (Narthex)
8:00PM Admin Council (Narthex)

Thursday, January 16
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:30PM Bells Practice
7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)
Sunday, January 16
9:00AM Adult Sunday School
10:00AM Worship Service (Sanctuary)
11:00AM Sunday Brunch (FLC)
11:00AM Confirmation (FLC Classroom)
6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)
Monday, January 17
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
2:00PM Bible Study-Gospel of Ruth (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
Tuesday, January 18
12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
1:00PM-3:00PM Horizons (FLC Hall)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
4:30PM Just For Kix (Basement)
Wednesday, January 19
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:30PM Wednesday Worship Activities
Thursday, January 20
1PM-3PM Horizon's (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:30 Bells Practice
7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)
Sunday, January 23
9:00AM Adult Sunday School (Library)
10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00AM Sunday School (Church Upstairs)
11:00AM Confirmation (FLC Classroom)
6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)
Monday, January 24
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:00PM Just For Kix Lyrical (Basement)
Tuesday, January 25
12PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
4:30PM Just For Kix (Basement)
Wednesday, January 26
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:30PM Wednesday Worship Activities
Thursday, January 27
1PM-3PM Horizon's (FLC)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:30 Bells Practice
7:30PM AA Meeting (FLC)
Sunday, January 30
9:00AM Adult Sunday School (Library)
10:00AM Worship (Sanctuary)
11:00AM Sunday School (Church Upstairs)
11:00AM Confirmation (FLC Classroom)
6:00PM Boy Scouts (Church Basement)
Monday, January 31
12:00PM Card Club (FLC-East Classrooms)
3:00PM Coffee Time (Narthex)
5:00PM Just For Kix Lyrical (Basement)

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JanuaryWorship Service Volunteers

January Computer Worship Helpers

1/2
Anderson Family
1/9
Duhn Family
1/16
Ditch Family
1/23
Hudson Family
1/30
Kogel Family

Wednesday Night Worship Services

Peyton Fay

Video & Livestreaming

Keaton Duhn

Communion Stewards

**No Communion in January*

January Liturgists

1/2
Jodi Ward
1/9
Marilyln Carlstrom
1/16
Michelle Kogel
1/23
Danielle Ditch
1/30
Sarah Strohman