

November 16, NEWS

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Sanctuary Worship

Recorded live at church, 10:30am Sundays, and posted online afterwards. Until we can meet in-person, once again. Find us on the church website, ec-umc.com.

On YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCITwxGiUUFV-OqYLXSR1p5w/>

On Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EmmanuelCommunityUMC>

Invitation to Celebration Worship

Zoom in to Intergenerational Celebration Worship at 8:30am Sundays.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5199054487?pwd=alNkUkZROUMzQWlodWF4ZnczNIJrUT09>

December 13, Outdoor Worship Service

Christmas Lessons & Carols at The Promised Land Ranch

W187 N8581 Maple Road, Menomonee Falls

Join the ECUMC family on Sunday, December 13, at 10:30 am for a Celebration of Christmas!

NEW VENUE: Gather at *The Promised Land Ranch*.

- Wear your boots and imagine Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem
- Wrap up in blankets to recall the swaddling clothes that wrapped the newborn King
- Open your chair in front of the barn and remember that God's son was born in a stable
- Say hello to the sheep and picture the humble shepherds who first received the Good News
- Sing your favorite carols, joining the angel chorus "GLORY to GOD!"

We are so excited to have this opportunity to be together in the safety of the outdoors and hope that everyone will be able to worship together. Unfortunately, due to the terrain, opportunity for worshipping in cars is extremely limited, but the service will be broadcast on 87.9FM. Watch for more details soon.

The Promised Land Ranch & Preserve

Some of you may remember ECUMC member "Farmer Vic" Hellman who operated The Ranch from 1964 to 2006 as both a farm and recreational area for the community and also a residential home and day facility for his son and others with disabilities.

The current owners of what is now called *The Promised Land Ranch + Preserve* (PLRP) are working to rehabilitate the grounds and its facilities to continue that dual mission. They have harvested their first crops of organic pumpkins, corn, and sunflowers and are currently restoring the barns, indoor riding arena, hiking trails, and ADA accessible mini golf course. A food pantry is open and equine therapy is being offered.

The Grand Opening of the PLRP, which was purchased in February 2020, was delayed because of the pandemic, but work is going on and the goal is to have many areas open to the public next

summer. (www.thepromisedlandranchandpreserve.com) A special offering for PLRP, in addition to our Christmas offering, will be collected at the December 13th outdoor service to assist their mission and thank them for the use of their beautiful grounds.

Women's Ministry Advent Calendar

Our team is preparing homemade Advent Calendars with daily devotions. This is a quick, yet beautiful, way to connect with God each day this Advent season. The devotional materials come from Adam Hamilton's book series, "The Journey".

Sign up by November 25 to receive one:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CAFA622A0FC1-advent>



Advent Reflection Series

We will be hosting a 3-week Advent Reflection Series. These will be approx. 20-minute sessions that can be viewed on-demand. Watch for more details on how to view these beginning on December 3rd!

Questions? Contact Peg Heinen (pegheinen@yahoo.com).

ECUMC's Drive-Thru Christmas Experience: Saturday, December 5th, 5:30-7:00pm

We will all be missing the spirit of giving and receiving that we celebrate during the Christmas season here at Emmanuel Community. It is going to be difficult to capture the joy of Breakfast with Santa & Gift Making Workshop, the Cookie Walk and other festivities this holiday season. It is also a challenge to collect gifts to support the Angel Tree Network, Northcott Neighborhood House and the Menomonee Falls Food Pantry when we can't be in the church building together. We are excited to offer a Drive-thru Christmas Experience which will allow us to capture the spirit of the season.

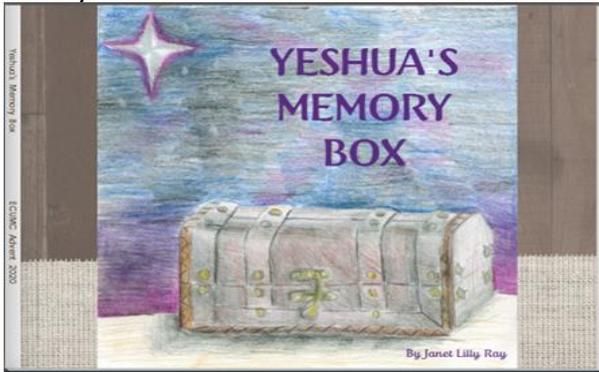
At this event, you can pick up gift making kits for kids, drop off Angel Tree presents, see live animals, grab a cup of hot cider, enjoy some light displays, drop off food pantry donations, wave to Santa and more! We hope you join us in the spirit of giving and receiving this Christmas season.

If you have questions about the event or if your group would like to participate, contact Angie Sardina (angies@ec-umc.com).

An Advent Gift You Will Want to Share

This beautiful hardcover book, written and illustrated by our talented church members, will be the focus of Advent Intergenerational Worship. The book, wooden treasure box, and all the treasures mentioned in the book will be available to pick up at church beginning Sunday, November 22nd.

Reading the book and exploring the treasures will surely become an annual tradition for your family.



Watch your email for complete details or contact (Karenb@ec-umc.com).

Missions

Mission Giving Opportunity: Christmas 2020

Many of you that grew up in the Menomonee Falls area remember The Ranch. Founded in the 1960s by Victor Hellman, (then a member of ECUMC) is now known as *The Promised Land Ranch and Preserve*. The property had gone dormant for a time but was purchased last year by America Farms, Inc. and is now being renovated. They are dedicated to bringing people together to experience community and enjoy nature as they focus on providing opportunity to children and adults with disabilities and pre-existing conditions. The 80-acre property on Menomonee Ave and Maple Rd includes horse stables for boarding and equine therapy, barns, walking trails, group home residence, wood shop, mechanic shop, and 18 hole mini-golf course.

Please consider helping them. A donation can be made by check made out to ECUMC with "Ranch" in the memo line. The Missions team will match congregational donations up to a total of \$4000. Thank You!

Also, watch for more information coming-up about Angel Tree and Northcott, Christmas Giving.

Just ONE item - Items needed for the homeless of Milwaukee

Because the outdoor service was cancelled Sunday please drop off any Just ONE Items in the bin outside the front doors of the church. Items being collected this month are:

- warm thick winter gloves
- small travel size deodorant
- handheld can openers

All items will be handed out to those who are homeless or in shelters in Milwaukee. Thank you for your support

Robert Greske

May 22, 1929 - November 14, 2020

Member and choir singer since February of 2000 here at Emmanuel Community.

An intimate family gathering will be held at Krause Funeral Home later this week.

Curtis Haddix funeral can be viewed on the Schmidt and Bartelt obituary page...

[<https://www.schmidtbartelt.com/obituaries/detail.aspx?id=14220>] of Curtis Haddix, click on livestream.