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Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church Monthly Newsletter

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The United Methodist Denomination and ECUMC

You may have heard or seen news about churches leaving our United Methodist denomination because of its stance on the participation of LGBTQ individuals. The leaders of ECUMC, including staff



“Because of the current deep conflict within The United Methodist Church around issues of human sexuality, a local church shall have a limited right, under the provisions of this paragraph, to disaffiliate ...”

The United Methodist Book of Discipline, ¶2553

and members of Church Council, are developing a plan that will help us hear everyone’s opinion about the issue and what it will mean for us to remain United Methodist. Once the plan has been approved by Council, it will be implemented after the New Year, with an intensive focus during the Lenten season.

There will be many opportunities for everyone to share their thoughts and goals for this congregation and to engage in prayer and refectation, discerning a way forward together. We look forward to being in conversation together.

Unified Service & Potluck: Sunday, December 4

The December Unified Service is the 2nd Sunday of Advent. By now, you know the routine: one service in the Sanctuary at 8:30 AM including Communion and some time for conversation and engagement.

We hope your plans will allow you to stay after worship for Intergenerational Learning – GINGERBREAD will be involved! – and a potluck lunch.

Our new worship schedule does not accommodate a time for the extended fellowship hours that used to occur “between services” on special Sundays, so we hope that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to share Christmas cheer.

The Kitchen Klub will provide an entrée; everyone is asked to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. We look forward to spending time together!



December 2020

12/4, 8:30 - Unified Church Service, Intergenerational Sunday School and Christmas Potluck

12/11, 8:30 & 9:45 - Sunday School-Christmas Pageant in Celebration Hall

12/18, 8:30 & 9:45 - All Choir Sunday in the Sanctuary

Christmas Eve, 12/24 -

Sanctuary services @ 1 and 7 PM

Celebration Hall service @ 4 PM

12/25, 8:30 - Sanctuary devotions, carols

1/1/23, 8:30 - Unified Sanctuary service

Pastoral Message

Contact: Pastor Jerome; jeromes@ec-umc.com

Prince of Peace

“Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” — Isaiah 9:6

We begin the season of Advent 2022. Friends, the season of Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year. You can say even Happy New Year today! It is the season of vigilance or, to put it more mundanely, of waiting. For four weeks, we put ourselves in the spiritual space of the Israelites who waited many centuries for the coming of the Messiah. Finally, culminating we celebrate his birth during the joyful season of Christmas.

Isaiah saw a vision of the Lord to come. He saw a wonderful counsellor, prince of peace, almighty God, and everlasting Father/Abba. He envisioned who HE will be. Isaiah identified the ministry of Jesus the Lord in four roles. In Advent, it is paramount that we understand who has come and who is coming. It's all about celebrating the ONE who comes to our hearts, our world, and our church. So that we will not throw the baby with the bath basin! We are called to wait and hope for Our Lord!

Wonderful counselor

Lord Jesus Christ, who was born in Bethlehem (which means *House of Bread*), is the one who offers perfect wisdom and counselling. He is our pastoral counsellor *par excellence* in times of our need, pain, and agonies, hopes and dreams, and all of our life struggles. Thus, we celebrate the arrival of the Most Wise One, the Wonderful Counsellor. Let us await his wise words, listen, and reflect upon them, be comforted by them, and share them with others. And Let His words and body language, and all nonverbal communications of our Lord transform our lives for good in this season of Advent and beyond. May this Advent also challenge us to comfort God's people who live in despair and hopelessness and bring some joy to their lives.

Prince of Peace

Lord Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace. Christ became our Peace in a world that only knew how to wage war and engage in violence. Christ was the Peace incarnate who called his disciples to make peace—“Blessed Are the Peace Makers—They shall be called Children of God” (Mathew 5:9). This is the time we need Peace: Peace in the heart, Peace in the church, Peace in our neighbor, and Peace in the world. We long for a peace-filled Christmas, don't we! Let us celebrate the Prince of Peace with mindfulness and let all peace negating actions and attitudes, structures and feelings be cast away in the name of the Prince of Peace, as we pray for the spirit of longing. May this Advent be a season of Peace making and reconciliation. Let's pray that Prince of Peace will come and dwell in our hearts.

Almighty God

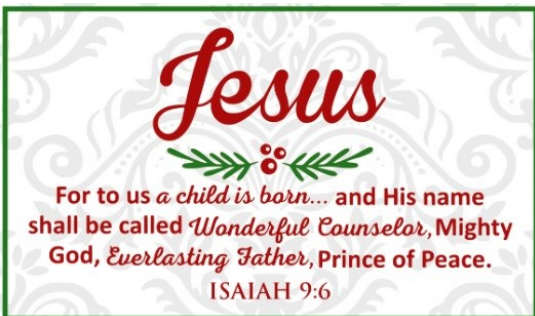
Isaiah makes no mistake in proclaiming that the one who comes is God himself. He is almighty. During this season, we celebrate the God almighty who came to the world like a servant. Lord's servanthood is the power he had; he knew everything in this world was created in and through him, literally the whole universe. That almighty God became a babe. Isaiah called him a “*suffering servant*.” That almighty God can hear the cries of the babies, women, and all people and respond to those cries and answer all heartfelt laments. His almightiness is evidenced through both his miracles of healing as well as his miracle of feet washing of his friends. He shared his almighty acts by challenging the powers in the capital and the temple in Jerusalem whilst empowering the most marginalized in Galilee. We await Almighty God to be born, away in the manger! Born in our hearts!

Pastoral Message Continued

Contact: Pastor Jerome; jeromes@ec-umc.com

Abba Father

Jesus is also our Father/Abba. We can all him dad when we want to and have that intimate and loving relationship with him. God the Father in heaven became Christ the Dad on earth for us. But remember when Jesus was serving on earth, he called God as his Father. But he himself is God. On earth Jesus had FATHER AND SON relationship. As much during this season waiting and hoping, Christ our Father is also waiting for us, compassionately and earnestly, running towards us to embrace us and to be invited to his banquet and celebration. He awaits us to come to him and receive his forgiveness and love; and



he wants us to join his mission to share his love with others.

This is my prayer:

Jesus Christ, wonderful counselor, we await this season to receive your guidance so that we can walk in the paths of justice and righteousness. Jesus Christ, our prince of peace, we await this season to receive your Shalom so that we can be your children. Jesus Christ, Almighty God, we await to receive you as the one who renounced all and became a servant King and best friend for us. Jesus Christ, our Father, we also know you are waiting and hoping for our repentant return to you one more time so that we all have a second chance and be granted your mercy.

Come thou long expected Jesus come, set us Free! **Maranatha!**

Christmas Services

CHRISTMAS EVE, Saturday 12/24 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM: Sanctuary

Two identical services of Scripture, carols, special music, and a Christmas message from Pastor Jerome as well as the candlelight singing of *Silent Night*.

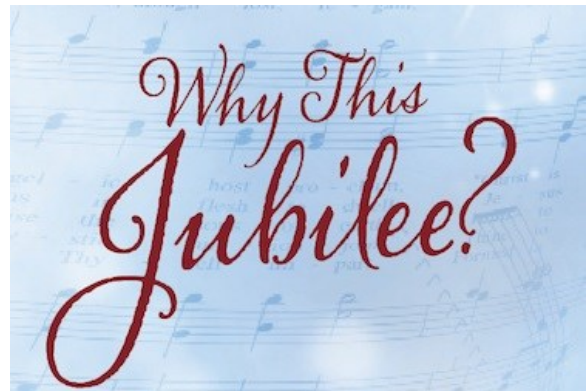
4:00 PM: Celebration Hall

An interactive, informal service with round table discussions about the building blocks of Christmas. Enjoy Scripture, carols, special music, and create-your-own Christmas books.

CHRISTMAS DAY, Sunday 12/25

Can't get enough Christmas carols? Love to hear the Christmas story?

Come back on Christmas Day (Sunday 12/25) for a Sanctuary service and short devotion at 8:30 AM. (No Sunday School or Celebration Worship that day.)



You're also invited to the Special Women's Ministry Christmas Event

Friday, December 9, 2022.
Fellowship and refreshments at 7:00 PM, with the service at 7:30 PM.

Our theme is "Why this Jubilee?" It will be a beautiful evening reflecting on the special music the Advent season brings us. Invite a friend!

RSVP before 12/6 using this link:

[ECUMC Women's Ministry Christmas Event](#)

Administrative Ministry Teams



ECUMC has four administrative ministry teams: Finance, Staff Parish Relations, Trustees and

Stewardship. These teams provide the important support structure upon which all of our active ministries function. If our church were a tent, these teams would be the tent poles.

Finance: This team oversees paying our bills and making sure our donations are used wisely and carefully for our ministry purposes.

SPRC: The Human Resources function of the church supports our staff and acts as a liaison between the congregation and the staff.

Trustees: This is a hands-on ministry that keeps our building and grounds functioning and beautiful.

Stewardship: This team encourages and supports our membership commitment of time, talent, treasure, and service.

Each of these teams needs volunteers to dedicate a few hours per month to maintaining these vital structures. We are especially inviting members who have never served on a ministry team to step-up and volunteer. No special skills are required but dedication. Are you a people person? Handy with a wrench? Enjoy working with numbers? Would like to get to know new people? You may have an interest in the work of these teams.

Contact
Pastor Jerome or
Rollin Kring if you
would like to know
more.



DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

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ADVENT STUDY: *Prepare the Way for the Lord*



Adam Hamilton's study on Advent includes such topics as the role of the elderly in ministry, unanswered prayer, the Dead Sea scrolls, infertility, and friendship among generations.

What on earth could these topics have to do with Advent???

Come and find out!

An abbreviated session is offered on Thursdays via Zoom from 7:30 – 8:00 AM on

December 1, 8, 15, and 22.

An hour-long, in-person session will occur Tuesdays from 5:15 – 6:15 PM on November 29, December 6, 13, and 20.

Come to one or several sessions.

Reading the participant book is helpful, but not required.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Contact: Ethan Hletko; EthanH@ec-umc.com

December 4th - Unified Church Service followed by Intergenerational Sunday School. The Children's Ministry Team will be leading the events this Sunday. Many kid friendly activities are planned that include decorating gingerbread crosses.

December 11th - Christmas Program

December 18th - All Choir Sunday

December 25th - Merry Christmas

Nativity Finger Puppets

The Children's Ministry Team will be giving out finger puppets for Advent. Each week children will receive a puppet to add to their bag, receiving the last one on Christmas Eve. Because there will be a lot going on in the month of December and no Sunday School will be held, please look for our table set up and location spots in the ECUMC news.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Contact: Bill Follmann; BillF@ec-umc.com

Friday December 9th Crossroads and Tribe assemble gift baskets for elderly / homebound. Also, ugly Christmas sweater and Karaoke singing to Christmas songs. Look for more details via e-mail.



Sunday, December 11 – Christmas Program at both services in Celebration Hall

Sunday, December 18 – Sounds of Christmas – music Sunday, both services in Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25 and Sunday, January 1 – One Service at 8:30 in the sanctuary – No youth events or confirmation on either of these two Sundays



Wednesday, Dec. 21st – Deadline to sign up to go to the Winter Youth Retreat at Camp Lake Lucerne on January 20-22.

See Bill for more details!



MUSIC MINISTRIES

Beginning Handbell Workshop

Did you miss our first handbell workshop? Did you love our first workshop and want to play more? It's not too late to try handbells! Perhaps you want to try them out before committing to one of our handbell groups?

We will be having a Beginning Handbell workshop which will meet Sundays at 10:45 in the music room beginning Sunday, March 12. We will conclude the workshop by playing at a service April.

This workshop is for everyone, young and old alike! We will learn basic handbell techniques and play some fun music, so come and join us!

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Bell at (262)628-7746 or jonamybell@sbcglobal.net



December Display

Have you seen the display case in the ECUMC narthex? Dorthy Follmann is currently displaying her collection of unique manger scenes, angels, and cardinals. They're beautiful! Please take some time before or after worship to take a look.

Now it's your turn to adopt the display case! In keeping with our mission to engage the congregation through experiences, service, and faith that enrich our ECUMC family, we'd like to see your creativity. If you're interested in sharing your collection or a hobby, January is the time for you! Start the new year at ECUMC with your gifts.

Contact the office to reserve the display case.

MISSIONS and MINISTRIES

Pam Laurion; pbslaur@aol.com

**You are invited to
A TASTE OF HONDURAS DINNER
Saturday, January 14, 2023
5:00 P.M. at ECUMC**

The dinner will support the mission Hearts and Hands for Honduras. Its mission efforts include but are not limited to: operations of two feeding centers (up to 150 children per day), support of a school for special needs children, sponsorship of nearly 125 children to attend school, partnerships with the local school, church, and hospital, in addition to many other outreach ministries.

A group will be heading back to Tocoa, Honduras in May 2023 to work on these projects and would love your support.

Even though this meal is called "Taste of Honduras", you will recognize it more as 1, 2, or 3 corn/flour tortilla tacos with toppings (beef, chicken, or cheese), rice and beans, guacamole, salsa & chips, dessert, and drink. There will be a short program about Hearts and Hands for Honduras and the exciting things happening in the mission.

Although RSVP is not mandatory, if possible, please let us know how many will be coming and how many beef, chicken or cheese tacos you would like. You can let me know by return email or just respond via this link: <https://forms.gle/uFqHjwfTgFRaQnaw8>

There is no charge for the meal, but we are gratefully accepting donations to support the Honduras Mission. This is a family friendly event – we would love to see you there!

Shelley, Kelly & Anne
Hearts and Hands for Honduras
Wisconsin Team Leaders
shelley@botchek.com
262-389-0213

Three Opportunities for Sharing Christmas Joy

Angel Tree

Prison Fellowship partners with churches each year to allow prisoners to "give" gifts to their children. Last year it was an online donation; this year we return to purchasing and delivering gifts. We partner with Albright Methodist church on this program.

Northcott Neighborhood House

We will be purchasing gifts to be presented at their Christmas party.



Summerfield UMC

Summerfield could use more winter coats, boots, and gloves to give to needy individuals who come to the meal program at the church. Donations of used items are welcome.

Or contribute to our "Build a Jacket" display: \$5 for a zipper, \$7 for a hood, \$8 for a sleeve, or \$10 for the front or back.



A display for these Christmas gift-giving opportunities is in Fellowship Hall.

Please sign up to purchase a gift for the Angel Tree or Northcott. **These need to be returned no later than December 11 to give time for delivery.**

Any questions contact Pam Laurion.

Green Team

Doug Walters; doug3walters@gmail.com

Help the Pollinators

At our intergenerational event on October 2nd we learned how important bees are to pollinating many plants, including ones we depend on for food. Many other insects like butterflies depend on pollination for their survival and they help us in the process.

Rick Kohlmann from the Emmanuel Green Team is establishing an area in the back lot of our church to grow native plants, including many that are important for pollination. He could use some help with planting and weeding this area to get the plants established. If you can help Rick with this project, email him at richard.kohlmann71@yahoo.com.

Holiday Season Green Tips

The Green Team is sharing these tips from The United Methodist Creation Justice Movement, which provides these Tips as a tool to equip church members, families, and individuals to respond to God's call to care for creation and do justice with our neighbors. For more about the UM Creation Justice Movement, go to umcreationjustice.org. **Choose any one or more to try to incorporate into your Christmas celebrations this year.**

Let There Be Light!

No wonder we celebrate the birth of Christ in the darkest days of the year. Jesus came as the light of the world. However, God has been in the business of lighting up the world from the beginning of Creation (Genesis 1:3-4). Look at a traditional nativity scene. See the sheep, the donkey, the cow, maybe even a camel? All creation rejoices in the divine light!

Christmas is a special opportunity to recognize God's light and love—not only for humans but for all creation. Our response is to love in return.

Christmas lights are symbols of the Light that came into the world with the birth of Christ. Enjoy them and **use LED's**

wherever you can to take care of the world that Jesus lit up with his presence. **Use and reuse gift bags** rather than wrapping paper. While it might be fun to

rip and tear into a wrapped present, the fancy paper itself is most likely to be laminated with plastic, foil, glitter, or other non-paper materials that contaminate a recycle bin. So, go for the bags!

Give presence, not just presents. Give an adventure, an experience that can be shared, talked about, and remembered long after the usual "stuff" has been covered over in the landfill.

If you are caught in the dilemma of plastic versus cut versus live and want to **make the Christmas tree tradition more ecofriendly**, go for an artistic one made of wood. Scroll through these [possibilities](#). Enjoy the creativity of the artisans and the simplicity of a "tree" that is natural, easy care, and long-lasting.

Cut down on holiday food waste, which is a [key driver of climate change](#).

Send leftovers home with guests after a gathering. Take your own takeout container when you meet friends for a dinner out. Compost.

These simple actions show you care for the earth, for your family and friends, and for all who are and will be affected by climate change.

Give Fair Trade Presents

Buying Fair Trade provides the creators—farmers, laborers, and artisans—fair prices and stable incomes, reduces poverty, improves working conditions, and promotes environmentally sustainable practices. It's a just and good deal for all! If you like coffee, explore the Velasquez Family Coffee website (vfamilycoffee.com). There is a United Methodist connection there! In the U.S. alone, coffee drinkers throw away 50 billion coffee cups every year! The [Zero Waste Store](#) has **a sustainable solution—a reusable glass coffee cup** with a grab-band of natural cork upcycled from wine corks.



A Note from the Office

Contact: taran@ec-umc.com

Dear Emmanuel Community UMC Family,

This week I shared the news that I have submitted my resignation effective January 9, 2023. When I accepted this position, the SPRC hired me to staff the office between 9 AM and 1 PM Monday through Friday and to complete essential tasks with me working 16- to 18-hours per week. Soon after my hiring we realized that those hours were not realistic, as they were based on the needs of the church during Covid-19. I then changed to a schedule of 20-hours per week. Over the course of the last few months, I have been approved to work 25-hours per week but have been working up to 32-hours per week. I was given the opportunity to work these additional hours, as necessary. However, my family and I prayerfully decided that my stepping down at this time is what is best for our work-family balance. I believe it also the most appropriate time. The Realm Team has been working hard behind the scenes to learn and implement the new membership and accounting software. Any necessary training for my position in the office would require the financial and time investment of additional hours.

I have such mixed emotions writing this message. After being fortunate enough to be able to stay home with my kids the entire time they were growing up, I wanted to explore what being an "empty nester" meant for me. In my time at Emmanuel Community UMC, I found that I have a purpose. I have proven to myself that I have skills which I haven't lost and found strengths I didn't know I had. Most of all, I have developed close friendships with many ECUMC members. When I interviewed for this position, I asked the group of people interviewing me what they like best about ECUMC. Each one of them said that "It feels like family." They described it correctly. Not only have you warmed my belly with potlucks, YAHAS lunches, a sample from Summerfield, birthday treats, homemade bakery, gifts from your gardens, and tea from Fiddleheads - you have warmed my soul with the gratitude you have expressed for the work I have done. My favorite moments working here have been the ones

where you have stopped in to say hello. I am blessed to have become part of your family. Pastor Jerome especially has become a wonderful boss, friend, and mentor. He is a blessing to this church, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work alongside him and the rest of the staff.

I will be here until January 9th. It will allow the SPRC to discern what the needs are for an Administrative Assistant at Emmanuel Community UMC. It also allows for all planning and implementation of worship services for Advent, Christmas, and the first two weekends in January to take place. The SPRC has faced challenges this year, but I have faith that you will support them as they find the best candidate for Administrative Assistant and will volunteer to help out in the office if asked.

Share the Job Posting!

The Administrative Assistant provides a ministry of hospitality, part-time office coordination, and communication to the entire ministerial staff, church congregation, and external contacts of Emmanuel Community church.

The job has been posted on Facebook. Interested applicants can apply on the ECUMC Facebook page or online following this link: https://www.facebook.com/jobs/job-opening/672007527839069?source=post_timeline



I am available to answer any questions regarding the position and job duties.

Thank you for the grace and kindness you have shown me. It has truly been a pleasure working at ECUMC and I look forward to sharing the holiday season with you.

Blessings and peace,
Tara Nooyen
Administrative Assistant

YAHAS

Mary Jo Karnath; akarnath@wi.rr.com

We will meet on Dec 15 after 11:00 am. We will have a Potluck lunch. Plan to bring a dish to pass. Sign up on Bulletin Board. We need a count for supplies for making Christmas cards using Stamp in Up Products.

Books Between Bites

Books B/T Bites: We will be reading "The Giver of Stars" by Jo Jo Moyes. The Friday group will meet at Ally's Bistro at 1:00 pm in the back room. The Tuesday group will meet on Dec 27th, with the place to be determined.

THANK YOU!

We are grateful to the hardworking and dedicated volunteers who have tended our church grounds, flower beds, flowerpots, and portico. Many hours of weeding, watering and attention have kept our ECUMC grounds looking well cared for! Thanks to all who generously gave their time and talent!

Scrip/RaiseRight Ends January 1

Remember there are only a few weeks left until the Scrip/RaiseRight program ends at ECUMC. Order your Christmas Gifts NOW. Contact Mary Klein with questions or to place an order (mary.klein1@gmail.com).

Holiday Shop with Amazon Smile

With the holiday shopping season starting up, now is the perfect time to use the Amazon Smile link. This is the exact same Amazon with the exact same price. The difference is that if you use this link instead and select your charity as "Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church" OR "Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church Foundation" if you'd like to donate to the ECUMC Foundation instead. We receive 0.5% of your purchase every time those brown boxes with the smiley face end up on your doorstep! This won't cost you a thing and you're giving to the church indirectly. Please sign up using this link: "<https://smile.amazon.com/>

CONTACT THE PASTOR

Pastor Jerome Sahabandhu

Lead Pastor

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*Please reach out if you need pastoral care (in person or remotely).
We want to help.*

CHURCH OFFICE

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Hours: Monday–Thursday, 9 AM–1 PM

ALL MEMBER CONTACT DATA UPDATE

We are in the process of transferring membership data into our new Realm software. Would you please help us by making certain that your contact information is correct and current?

There are 2 ways to do this.

- 1. Email the names, addresses, telephone contacts, and email to:
Church@ec-umc.com.***
- 2. Call the church at 262-251-3830 to update this information.***

Holy Cross Christmas Concert

In the mood for some MORE holiday music and festive cheer? Join Holy Cross for a spectacular Christmas celebration featuring a concert for all and audience sing-alongs.

When: Saturday, December 10 at 7:00 pm

Where: Holy Cross Lutheran Church W156N8131 Pilgrim Road, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Note: A free-will offering will be collected to support future Christmas Concerts
Music from:

- * The Chancel Choir
- * Heavenly Sounds Handbell Choir
- * Spirit of Harmony Acapella Ensemble
- * Flute Angelics
- * The Celebration Band
- * The Holy Cross Orchestra

For more information, please visit holycrosslutheran.org



How Can I Engage? So many ways, we need your help!

In just the few weeks since it has opened, we have seen a considerable increase in families visiting the Community Food Center, which is exactly what we expected and hoped for. As such, we are in even greater need of your food donations. Staple foods and non-perishables are always welcome, and we are also placing a major emphasis on fresh produce and other healthy options. In addition to the food, we also keep a supply of much-needed hygiene items that you can help us maintain. Lastly, as the Wisconsin winter prepares to bear down upon us, we gratefully welcome your contributions of new or clean, gently-used hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, coats, fleeces and hoodies and new socks and underwear. Reach out with any questions and we'll gladly coordinate with you on a donation drive!

With gratitude,

Bill

Bill Schmitt

Executive Director

Looking for volunteer opportunities in the Menomonee Falls community?

Are you a student in need of additional volunteering hours? Our neighbors at "The Promised Land Ranch" in Menomonee Falls offer weekly opportunities (typically on Saturday mornings) to lend a hand and get involved. If you are interested in helping with cleanup or repair projects for a one time or on a continual basis, please contact Matt Kons (kons22@yahoo.com) who can help connect or coordinate the ways you'd like to volunteer in the coming weeks.

Stewardship Moment

Contact: Anna Thompson; annavbthomp@gmail.com

“The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind.”

(2 Corinthians 9:6-7a)

Are you seventy-two or older? Or do you know someone seventy-two or older? If you are, what ministries are you most passionate about? Don't pass up the chance to make a special gift this year! You can make a distribution directly to our church from a Traditional IRA to provide the seed money to start a ministry or tithe. Some members of our church already make use of this option. The IRA distribution is a special giving option that is only available to persons seventy-two and older. Call your IRA administrator today and request to have your Required Minimum Distribution for 2022 sent directly to Emmanuel Community UMC, Menomonee Falls. This gift will benefit our ministry and will *NOT* be included in your gross income for tax purposes. What types of IRAs qualify? Only Traditional IRAs qualify. Where can I make Qualified Charitable Distributions from my IRA? Only to qualified public charities. All United Methodist Churches and United Methodist Ministries are qualified public charities. You may make an outright gift to EMUMC. On the next page is a sample letter to use to donate your IRA to the church. Please let the church know if you are sending a gift in this manner.

If you wish to use your IRA to establish a permanent endowment fund, contact the:

Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation
750 Windsor Street #305
Sun Prairie, WI 53590-0620
888-903-9863 or wumf@wumf.org

Dear IRA Custodian,

In late December 2015, Congress passed, and the President signed into law legislation that made permanent the ability to distribute directly from an IRA to a qualified charitable organization. As the owner of IRA account # _____ that is in the custody of your organization, I request that you transfer from that account the sum of \$ _____ to the:

Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church,
N84W16707 Menomonee Ave,
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051.
Treasury Tax ID Number:39-6070114

It is my intention to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from my IRA to be sent directly to EMMANUAEL COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH at the address listed above. It is also my intention that this distribution ___ will / ___ will not (choose one) fulfill part or all my IRA required minimum distribution for year 20 _____. This letter is sufficient authorization for you to make this QCD gift. However, if you require any further documents completed, please promptly send those to me.

Cordially yours,

_____ (Signature)

(Print Name and Address)

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Please share times and dates of meetings. The online calendar is the most up-to-date listing of events — only if groups, teams, and committees share their meeting information along with any changes.

Here is the link to the ECUMC Calendar:

<https://www.ec-umc.com/calendar/>

SAY IT WITH FLOWERS!

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Are you interested in having flowers placed on the altar in the Sanctuary of in Celebration Hall to celebrate a milestone or to honor a loved one? The new 2023 Flower Reservation Chart is out! Please contact the office or Judy Newman at newman9641@aol.com or (414)861-8134.

Don't forget that the first Sunday of the month is when we share ONE UNIFIED COMMUNION SERVICE. This takes place in the Sanctuary. Following the service, we participate in an All-Ages Intergenerational learning experience and then a meal. We would love to see you!

December 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 8:30 AM Sanctuary Worship 8:30 AM Sunday School 9:45 AM Celebration Service 5:30 PM Confirmation	28 9 AM Offertory Counters	29 10 AM Staff Mtg. 5:15 PM Advent Study 5:30 PM B/B/B 6:30 PM Spirit Ringers	30 10 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Christmas Program Rehearsals 6:30 PM Prayer Group (Z) 6:30 PM Children's Ministry Mtg.	1 7:30 AM Advent Study (Zoom) 6 PM Women's Choir 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7 PM Chancel Choir	2 Office Closed 10 AM Bible Study	3
4 — COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30 AM Unified Worship 9:45 AM Intergenerational Sunday School 10:30 Potluck 5:30 PM Confirmation	5 9:30 AM Sew and Sews 6:30 PM Ministry Team Mtgs.	6 10 AM Staff Mtg. 5:15 PM Advent Study 6:30 PM Spirit Ringers	7 10 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Christmas Program Rehearsals 6:30 PM Prayer Group (Z) 6:30 PM Trustees	8 7:30 AM Advent Study (Zoom) 6 PM Men's Choir 6:30 PM Women's Choir 7 PM Chancel Choir	9 Office Closed 10 AM Bible Study 7:00 Women's Ministry Worship	10 9 AM Christmas Program Rehearsal
11 — YOUTH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 8:30 Celebration Worship 9:45 Celebration Worship 5:30 PM Confirmation	12 9 AM Offertory Counting 5:30 PM Stewardship 7 PM Finance	13 10 AM Staff Mtg. 5:15 PM Advent Study 6:30 PM Spirit Ringers	14 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Prayer Group (Z) 6:30 CHARGE CONFERENCE	15 PATHWAYS DUE 7:30 AM Advent Study (Zoom) 11 AM YAHAS 6 PM Women's Choir 6:30 PM Men's Choir 7 PM Chancel Choir	16 Office Closed 10 AM Bible Study 1 PM B/B/B 7 PM Game Night	17 9 AM All Choir Service Rehearsal
18 — ALL CHOIR PROGRAM 8:30 Sanctuary Worship 9:45 Sanctuary Worship 5:30 PM Confirmation	19 9:30 AM Community Care 7 PM Church Council	20 9:30 AM Comm. Care 10 AM Staff Mtg. 5:15 PM Advent Study 6:30 PM Spirit Ringers 6:30 PM SPRC	21 10 AM Bible Study 6:30 PM Prayer Group (Z)	22 7:30 AM Advent Study (Zoom) 6 PM Men's Choir 6:30 PM Women's Choir 7 PM Chancel Choir	23 Office Closed 10 AM Bible Study	24 1:00 PM Worship (S) 4:00 PM Worship (CH) 7:00 PM Worship (S)
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