COLLECTION FOR WOMEN'S SHELTER

Maggie Schlotthauer, a recent ECUMC Confirmand, is a member of the RWEA (Recognition of Women's Efforts and Achievements) Club at MFHS. The club is collecting these items for The Women's Center in Waukesha:

- Shampoo or conditioner (any type)
- Pads and Tampons
- Disinfectant wipes
- Children's water bottles
- Wired Ear-buds

Please consider supporting Maggie's efforts and our community by donating! Items are due 12/12.

If you have any questions, please contact Maggie at maggie.schlotthauaer@gmail.com.



You can give items directly to Maggie or to Nate and

Amy Schlotthauer any Sunday morning. Thank you and we really appreciate your generosity!

PLEDGE DRIVE UPDATE

Thank you for your timely commitments to the 2026 pledge campaign for ECUMC. It is so helpful as the church plans for next year.

Here is a comparison to last year's pledge giving: 2025 - 109 pledges - \$410,175

2026 - 108 pledges - \$426,978



(as of 11/24/25) What a wonderful blessing!

ECUMC THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 30 (1st Advent Sunday)

8:30 AM Sanctuary Worship (S)

8:30 AM Children/Youth Sunday School (V)

8:45 AM Adult Sunday School (CL)

10:00 AM Celebration Hall Worship (CH)

Monday, December 1

10:00 AM Staff Meeting (FH)

6:30 PM Green (CL) & Missions (FH) Teams

7:00 PM 4:12 Singers (MR)

Tuesday, December 2

5:45 PM Children's Team (FH)

6:30 PM Spirit Ringers (MR)

6:30 PM Trustees (CL)

Wednesday, December 3

10:00 AM Bible Study (FH)

6:30 PM Soup, Stories, & Song (CH)

Thursday, December 4

10:00 AM Advent Study (FH)

5:00 PM Advent Study (FH)

6:00 PM Women's Choir (MR)

6:30 PM Men's Choir (MR)

7:00 PM Chancel Choir (MR)

Friday, December 5 (Office closed)

10:00 AM Bible study (Z)

3:00 PM Celebration of Life (Bill Gay)

6:30 PM Women's Fellowship (FH)

7:00 PM Women's Advent Service (S)

Saturday, December 6

1:00 PM Club 4/5 (YR)

<u>Sunday, December 7</u> (2nd Advent Sunday)

8:30 AM Sanctuary Worship (S)

8:30 AM Children/Youth Sunday School (V)

8:45 AM Adult Sunday School (CL)

10:00 AM Celebration Hall Worship (CH)

11:00 AM Confirmation Class (YR)

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SOUP, STORIES, & SONG STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY Wednesdays (12/3, 12/10, 12/17) @ 6:30-7:30 PM

We'll enjoy a light meal together in Celebration Hall, sing a carol or two, and Pastor Matt will tell a Christmas story. The Kitchen Klub will provide soup and salad and various Ministry Teams will supply desserts.



Bring the whole family - and invite others to join you.

Note: ECUMC's annual Church Conference will be on Wednesday, December 10, at 7 PM in Celebration Hall in conjunction with that week's Soup, Stories, & Song. Everyone will be informed of our proposed 2026 budget and the individuals nominated to positions of service in the church.

ADVENT STUDY STARTS THIS THURSDAY

Thursdays (12/3, 12/10, 12/17) @ 10-11 AM or 5-6 PM Investigation is the motivation for Lee Strobel's *The Case for Christmas*. Is the nativity story true? What does the Bible actually say (and NOT say)? How accurate is it?



Choose the morning or afternoon session in Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to do additional reading (not required), books are available for \$5 in the church office. *Choir members - bring your dinner to eat between 6 and 7.

A QUIET ADVENT SERVICE THIS FRIDAY, 12/5

ECUMC women gather this Friday for our contemplative service of Advent preparation in the Sanctuary at 7 PM. Come early if you'd like for refreshments in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM.

Please invite someone to join you! This service is best for women pre-teen and older.

Community News

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

A new paper Church Directory will be printed in the beginning of 2026. It will include the following information for each family unit:

Name, Address,

Primary Email, Primary Telephone, first names of minor children

This information will be compiled from our Realm records.



NOTE: Tomorrow is the final day for you to opt out of the directory. Please correct Mattie with your request at Church@ec-umc.com or 262-251-3830.

MISSIONS Contact: Mary Klein; Mary.Klein1@gmail.com

STUFF THE SLEIGH FOOD DRIVE The Youth and the Missions Team are holding their "Stuff the Sleigh" food drive until 12/14. Donations will benefit Rooted & Rising.

NOTE: Deliveries will be made weekly as current need is urgent.

MITTEN/HAT TREE Find our Mitten/Hat Tree in Fellowship Hall. Put mittens, gloves, and hats on the tree or in the basket next to it. They will be delivered to Rooted & Rising and other places where they are needed.

GIVE A GIFT IN HONOR OF SOMEONE YOU LOVE New this year: there will be Christmas trees outside the Sanctuary and Celebration Hall and in Fellowship

Hall, with envelopes identifying various ECUMC missions. Inside each envelope, you'll find a card that to announce your gift. It says:

A Christmas Gift in Honor of (RECIPIENT), From (YOUR NAME).

A donation of \$ has been made in your honor to (NAME OF MINISTRY).

Ministry options include R&R Food Center, Falls Area Food Pantry, Habitat for Humanity, BECAS, etc.

Put your donation in the envelope (cash or checks made out to ECUMC with specific ministry in the memo line) and drop it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Then give the card as a gift!

A great way to benefit someone in need and give a Christmas present.

COMMUNITY BANQUET ECUMC is scheduled for clean-up after the Community Banquet on Thursday, December 11. This important mission is held at St. James Church on Town Line Road, Menomonee Falls.

Could you help for about an hour from 6:00-7:00? Come early at 5:30 to enjoy the meal that will be served that evening.

Please let Jean Reif know if you can help with the clean up: 262-224-3699 or jereif9@gmail.com.











CLUB 4/5 MOVIE & COCOA

COMING SOON:

ECUMC 4th and 5th graders are invited for a hot chocolate bar, Christmas movie, and card-making! It's this Saturday, 12/6, from 1-3 PM in the Youth Room. The Matthias family is hosting; email questions to KMatthias2012@gmail.com



ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

Four children have completed Acolyte training and will be recognized next Sunday, 12/7: Cody Hohl, Avery Kostka, Griffin Matthias, and Nolan Zeitler. We're glad they're willing to serve!

YOUTH PARTY

Ugly Sweater Christmas Movie Night is coming up! Come celebrate in style on Friday, 12/12, 6-8:30 PM. Enjoy a nacho bar and

Christmas movie. There will be a **short** parent meeting at 6 PM to share ideas.

CHILDREN'S PAGEANT

ECUMC's 2025 Christmas program Manger Tales will be featured during worship on Sunday, 12/14, at 8:30 and 10:00 AM. Both services will be in Celebration Hall.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING, 12/14

Sunday afternoon, 12/14, from 1-3 PM, families and individuals are invited to go caroling a and brighten the day for someone can't easily get out during the season.

Meet at church to carpool/caravan to local care facilities.

ALL-CHOIR SUNDAY, 12/21

All-Choir Sunday is a musical Christmas celebration featuring all our talented

vocal and bell choirs.

Of course, there will be plenty of opportunity for you to

raise your voices in praise as well.

JOIN US CHRISTMAS EVE!

Wednesday, 12/24

2 PM & 8 PM - Sanctuary 4 PM - Celebration Hall



DECEMBER SCHEDULE CHANGES: Sunday Worship, 12/28:

One service at 9:00 AM (S)

No Sunday School for Children or Youth on 12/28. No Adult class on 12/21 or 12/28.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

Poinsettia order sheets are in your bulletin. Checks should be made to ECUMC with Poinsettia in the memo line. Orders are due 12/7.

