



The Meeting House

Washington United Methodist Church

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We say time is flying by so fast. Yes, we are already here in December, the last month of the year. As we finish off the race of 2018 and get ready for the fast-approaching new year, the old goes out and the new comes in. The regret goes out and the resolution comes in. Of course, some of us may feel regret for something unfinished and some of us may feel satisfied in the same way, even though it is usually few.

However, it doesn't matter what you have done and who you have been. What matters is that you do not stop trying to be the best you can be. For the last few Sundays, we are trying to figure out why we exist here in Washington as a faithful group of people called Jesus' disciples, what our church would look like as we accomplish the mission Jesus entrusted to us, and what we consider the most important: it is about our mission, vision, and core values. I think it is one of the real examples of how much we tried to be who we can be and what we can do.

I believe what we should remember in this season is that God has been, is, and will always be with us. We are not alone. God is with us. We are grateful to God not because of all that we have or all that we have done. Rather, we are thankful to God because God is our God and God has been with us. We are inclined to turn our eyes to the harsh present circumstances we are going through than to God's promise. God is working hard with us, who are endeavoring after what God wants us to be.

Incredibly the Bible is all about hope and vision. Abraham was the man of hope to leave his land, family, and his father's household for the land that God would show him. He had never abandoned the hope even in circumstance of no heir to his legacy. God is the one who gives promise, teaches us how to reach, and opens the door for us. Abraham was the man of vision to take bold steps toward the future God gave promise to him and his family with hope.

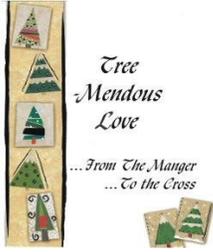
I would like to ask you and myself to raise our head to look at what God wants to show us beyond the horizon of despair and discouragement. I hope we see God's plan for our future by doing something for change because God likes those who try to make progress in their place. God does not see how huge it is for us to do, God only sees how hard we try to go for it.

I pray each and every one of us make changes and progress in our ministry as well as in our lives in the coming year.

God's Blessing and Loving Care to All,

Kwang

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Please join us on Sunday, December 16, at 10:00 am for an all church Christmas Program entitled: Tree-mendous Love From the Manger to the Cross. In this wonderful re-telling of the Bethlehem story, we discover the church janitor, cranky and overworked, trying to hustle people out of church so he can go home! The janitor meets "The Kid" from around the corner and soon the true meaning of Christmas is the center of conversation. There will be a meal after the program in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

HACAP FOOD PACKING



Our church will help pack food boxes for HACAP on Friday, **December 7th at 1:00** at the HACAP location. Contact Dianne Gray if you can help. Her phone number is 653-4816.

GIVING TREE

Every year our church members purchase gifts for care center residents (and some for independent-living residents at the UP complex and Halcyon House). The names we are given are for people with no family in the area or no family at all. The gifts insure that they do not feel forgotten during this season of giving. We will have names on a tree in the Sanctuary as soon as we get them from the care centers. The tags will have gift suggestions and the date the gift needs to be left at the church. Dianne Gray will see that they are delivered in time for the party dates at each location. If you take a name, be sure to notice where to leave information informing Dianne of the name you have and the date by which it needs to be left at the church.



Please let the office know what your departure and return dates are. The database can be programmed so that you will automatically continue to receive the Meeting House and any other mailings, without interruption, at your winter location. If you choose not to receive any mailings while you are away, please let the office know so that mailings can be stopped until you return.



Poinsettia Reminder!

Please get your poinsettia order and payment to the church office by Dec. 2. If you need an order form call the office at 319-653-5446.

Sunday Bulletin Announcements - Due in the church office no later than the preceding Wednesday afternoon.

Meeting House Articles - Due in the church office no later than the 15th of the month (for the following month), regardless of what day the 15th falls on.

All announcements and articles are subject to Pastor approval.

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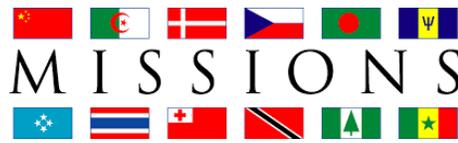
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The Church Office will be closed on December 25th and 26th.





Mission Minutes

The 2018 Ingathering was held at Iowa Wesleyan University on November 3rd. The Washington United Methodist church sent 19 hygiene kits, 19 school kits, \$119.00 cash for toothpaste and postage and 3 tied comforters and old metal doll furniture for the auction. As of now, the total amount credited to our church is \$791.00. Thanks are extended to all who contributed in some way. Let us pray that God guides us to bless even more people next year. Mission-Outreach committee

Meals on Wheels

The Washington United Methodist Church will be delivering the special diet Meals on Wheels for December. Volunteers are needed for the following weeks: Dec. 10-14, Dec. 17-21 and Dec 24 - 28. There will not be a delivery on Christmas Day. Please call Shirley Pfeifer at 653-5283, if you can help.



Christmas Adoption 2018

Christmas Adoption will be our Thanksgiving offering this year. Donations can be put into the offering plate or mailed to WUMC. Checks should be made payable to WUMC but marked on the memo line "Christmas Adoption", and cash should be put into envelopes and marked the same. HACAP will hold Christmas Adoption in the Fellowship Hall on December 17-19th. For additional information please contact the church office at 319-653-5446.



NOTE NAME CHANGE: GROWING HOPE GLOBALLY (fka FRB – Foods Resource Bank) as of Nov. 2018

With Thanksgiving past and the Christmas holidays approaching, let us pause and give thanks for our many blessings, gifts and talents we possess and "Share our Gifts". **Growing Hope Globally** is an ecumenical Christian answer to world hunger. Money raised is sent to third world countries to help them become self-sufficient by producing their own food. This is done by buying tools, seed, fertilizer, etc. and giving it to third world farmers with **Growing Hope Globally** supervision.

One Hundred percent of our donations are available for these projects as administrative costs are covered by major corporations and other funding sources.

This year we are partnering with the Washington School FFA under the direction of FFA advisor, Trent Steinhart. The students are raising money and researching third world country projects and they will decide which project from the list the funds will be designated to receive the money.

If you would like to make a donation to this project, please make your tax deductible donation to the **United Methodist Church** and **be sure to indicate Growing Hope Globally in the lower left hand corner of your check or envelope so labeled.** Donations are needed by **December 21, 2018**, so your donation can be included in our year-end report and you can be given credit for your contribution. Remember we have all been blessed, so consider your gift to this project. This is our **14th** year in helping relieve world hunger. Thank you in advance for your support. If you have questions, please contact Dave Birney (653-4713) or the Church Office (653-5446). Dave Birney, Washington Growing Project Coordinator

Stephen Ministry Love One Another as I Have Loved You...



When was the last time someone really listened to you? That's one of the ways Stephen Ministers care for others. Stephen Ministers care for those who are making that long journey through the valley of a life crisis.

Every day you see people who are hurting: those who have lost a job, have lost a loved one, have gone through a divorce, or are battling a terminal illness. Stephen Ministers are God's representatives who bring His love to those who are hurting. There's a lot of work to do in God's kingdom. Caregiving is one of the most important jobs God calls us to do - to love others in His name. Our congregation's Stephen Ministry is one way we accomplish God's caring work.

Stephen Ministers are members of our church who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people going through a difficult time. They listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide weekly support for as long as the need persists. Nothing is too large or too small to take to our Lord in prayer. Men are matched with male ministers, and women are matched with female ministers.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, go to stephenministries.org or contact Jean Macenski at 319-653-6949.

Weather Delays/Cancellations

In case of bad weather listen to KCII before you go out to worship service or a church event. During the week keep in mind that if the schools are closed, church events are cancelled and the church office is closed.

December 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Christmas Adoption Shopping
Communion 2 8am Traditional 9:30am Praise Serv. 9:45am ABS 11:00am Traditional 	3 9am Quilters	4 9am Prayer Grp 7:00pm Missions/ Outreach	5 5:15pm Confirmation class 6:30pm MYLIFE Youth 7:00pm Chancel Choir	6 11:30am WAMA	7	8
8am Traditional 9 9:30am Praise Serv. 9:45am ABS 11am Traditional	10	11 9am Prayer Grp 6:30pm Children Ministry Team Mtg	12 5:15pm Confirmation class 6:30pm MYLIFE Youth 7:00pm Chancel Choir	13 6:30 Worship Comm. 6:30pm Trustees	14 12:30pm UMW	15 8am UMM Saturday Kitchen 10am Christmas Program Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
16 8am Traditional 10am Christmas Program	17 9am Quilters HACAP Adoption Fellowship Hall	18 9am Prayer Grp HACAP Adoption Fellowship Hall	19 5:15pm Confirmation class 6:30pm MYLIFE Youth 7:00pm Chancel Choir HACAP Adoption-FH	20 6:30pm Finance Comm Mtg 7:30pm Ad Council	21	22
23 8am Traditional 9:30am Praise Serv. 9:45am ABS 11am Traditional	24 7:00pm Christmas Eve Services	25 Merry Christmas Church Office Closed 	26 Church Office Closed 5:15pm Confirmation class 7:00pm Chancel Choir	27	28	29
30 All Music Sunday at 10:00am	31 9am Quilters					

Thank you to UMW for the cake! Myron Shields



Dear Friends:

I want to thank all of my family, friends and neighbors for their prayers, cards and visits, Pastor Kwang, while I was in the hospital and rehab center. I am walking and getting my strength back slowly. Eugene Steele

General Fund	Actual Income	Actual Expenses
November 2018	17,166	18,107
Year to Date	258,336	261,426

Year-to-Date Financials

December Birthdays!



2
Anna Miller

3
Tate Greiner

4
Diana Hamilton
Debra Lueck

5
Andrew Greiner
Judy Marshall
Jadeyn Moore
Russell Munn
Ann Williams

6
***Robert Ross**

7
Pat Mangold

8
Louise Richards
Mark Thode
John Unternahrer

9
Kirk Bailey
Allen Griggs
Loren Renoux

10
C. Edward Crites
Shawna Manz
Donna Marsh
Mike Williams
Jennifer Young

11
Johnathon Bowles
Layne Moore

12
Bill Chmelar
Layla Schneider

14
Susan English
Caden Greiner
Lyle Moen
***Marion Turnipseed**

15
Ashley Crull
Sherry Massey

16
Robert Bauer

19
Richard Magdefrau
Shirley Textor

20
Kinser Cortum
***Audrey Goldsmith**
Veta Thode

21
Mary Brinning
Jon Coon
Ben Loy
James Soukup

22
Ted Miller

23
Kurt Hinrichsen

24
Lori Bauer
James Davis
***Wendell Eden**
Marie Unternahrer

25
Mark Beatty
Cassandra Vazquez

26
Blake Hartzler

27
Connie Messer

28
Craig Johnson
Nancy McCreedy
Phil Speece
Jackie Wells

29
Sherry Friday

31
Emily Hotle
***Audrey Stark**

***Bold names indicate
90+ birthdays!**



December Anniversaries!



16
Craig & Jennifer Stout

19
Michael & Lisa Carr

22
Fred & Nancy Stark

18
Brant & Autumn Reschly

28
Robert & Karen Crossett

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Sunday Worship

Praise Service: 9:30am

Traditional Service: 8:00 & 11:00am

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