

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Led by:	Pastor Don Dunn
Choir Director:	Margaret Treiber
Musicians:	Carla Ryan, Vocals Bob Del Mar, Guitar Betsy Pecka, Piano Joseph Hernandez, Vocals
Assistant of the Day:	Lonny Holleman
Usher:	Denis Plew
Greeter:	Vivian Plew
Liturgist:	Vera Senn
Coffee Hour:	Mary Holleman
Counters:	Denis Plew & Louise Ingebrigtsen
Flowers:	NA
Communion:	NA

Special thanks to those contributing their time and talents for our worship.

Servers for Next Sunday, October 27th

Assistant of the Day:	Bob Bluhm
Usher:	Ann Chandler
Greeter:	Beverly Hasper
Liturgist:	Bobbi Dunn
Coffee Hour:	Barb Deycous
Counters:	Mary Mantz & Louise Ingebrigtsen
Flowers:	NA
Communion:	NA

SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 20, 2019– 9:45am

The Parable of the Persistent Widow



The United Methodist Church of Ephrata
“We Serve God by Serving Others”



WELCOME TO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF EPHRATA!

If this is your first time with us we'd like to thank you for visiting! If you did not receive a Welcome Brochure from a greeter when you entered be sure to pick one up from an usher as you leave. The brochure has more information on our church and its ministries.

At the time of our offering do not feel pressure to put anything in the offering plate. While you are welcome to give, you are our guest and we simply want you to enjoy your time with us!

Hearing assistance available. If you are hearing impaired and would like to use an assisted listening device, please request one from the ushers.

Prayer requests cards are located in the pew box. If you have a need or celebration, fill out the card and place it in the offering plate.

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

OUR CHURCH STAFF

Pastor.....Don Dunn, pastor@umcephrata.org
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Church office hours are Monday - Wednesday 9am-1pm, Thursdays 9am-12pm

<u>Happening Today!</u> Worship, 9:45am with Pastor Don Dunn	<u>Monday, October 21</u> UMW, 11:45am (Mommy Yum Yum's)
<u>Tuesday, October 22</u> Quilters, 9am <i>Get It Together @ ESC, 9:30am</i>	<u>Wednesday, October 23</u> Newsletter Folding, 9am Bible Study, 2pm
<u>Thursday, October 24</u> Community Dinner, 5:30pm	<u>Friday, October 25</u>
<u>Saturday, October 26</u>	<u>Sunday, October 27</u> Worship, 9:45am with Pastor Don Dunn Garden Oasis Service, 3pm



- Quilters, 9am Oct 29
- Get It Together @ ESC, 9:30am Oct 29
- Bible Study, 2pm Oct 23
- Trunk or Treat, 4pm - 6pm Oct 31
- Men's Breakfast, 8:30am Nov 2
- Fall Auction (during coffee hour) Nov 3

Prayer List for the Week

Announcements...

Prayers for Health, Healing and Well-Being:

- Rayce & Tiffany Barnes
- Tabatha
- Susan Aldridge
- Julea Dunn
- Marie Marsh
- Dick Ross
- Francie Hernandez
- Shirley Johnson
- Kathleen Neuberger
- Kierra Smith
- Jeremy Warren
- Ralph Schonder
- Camilla Hatch
- Mark Neihenke



Prayer requests for long term health problems:

Bob St. Clair Jr, Ed Sivula, Doug Jensen, Ron Gardner, Steven Grass, Brian Davisson, Renee Muse, Al Davisson, Steve Smith, Justin Townley, Gail Catlow, Joe Hatch, Eleanor Gausman, Dan Anderson, Randy Senn, Ed Warren, Marlene Fisk Warren, David Prince, Abbie Thorndike, Dennis Ackerman, Amy Torrens-Harry, Eric Moulton, Mike Dell, Tom Pheasant, Jessica Smith



Prayers for our military personnel at home, abroad, and their families: Chris Wash, Kevin Harmon, Michael Oliveira

- **Trunk-or-treat is coming! October 31st we will host another Trunk-or-Treat event in our church parking lot along the alley. The Evangelism committee is offering three ways to be involved in this event:**
 - ⇒ **#1 NEED...PLEASE** Donate large bags of Halloween candy to have when “trunks” run out. Put these in the tub inside the church office.
 - ⇒ Sign up to decorate your trunk and hand out treats. This is lots of fun!
 - ⇒ Be a helper!... we still need an additional 2-3 helpers to hand out hotdogs, monitor beverages, and wrap hotdogs. Please let either Vera Senn or Christy Price know if you can help with the set-up, food prep, distribution or clean-up for this event.
- **The Evangelism Committee is hoping to begin a new service to our Congregation. We would like to be able to offer transportation to and from the doctor, dentist, and physical therapy appointments, etc. to those who cannot drive and need help with getting to their appointments. We need volunteers. This will be on an as needed basis. If you would be interested in helping with this outreach. Please contact Vera Senn at vmilouise@gmail.com or call/text (509) 750-1014**
- **Celebrating Birthdays In October:**

John Morris (2nd), LaRae Ryan (2nd), Allison Pheasant (3rd), Tom Baars (12th), Mary Fulk (13th), Joe Hatch (13th), Kathy Trieber (13th), Sara Price (19th), Robert Cegnar (21st), Ed Yount (25th)
- **Celebrating Anniversaries In October:**

Lonny & Mary Holleman (49 years on the 3rd)
Mike & Tresa Poe (19 years on the 14th)
- **Important Upcoming Dates, Mark Your Calendars:**

Trunk or Treat, 4pm-6pm on October 31st
Fall Auction - After Worship on November 3rd
All Saints Sunday - on November 3rd
All Church Planning Meeting - During coffee hour on November 10th
Friendsgiving Potluck - During coffee hour on November 17th
Christmas Decorating Party - After coffee hour on November 24th

Loving Spirit, sometimes I'm eager to be here; sometimes, reluctant. You know my mood today. Please nourish me with the Bread of Life to empower my serving in the days ahead.

Prelude

Introit

Welcome Announcements Friendship Pads

Call to Worship

No matter how far from God we seem to be,
we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how many obstacles we face in life,
in the church,

we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how hard it is to continually pray and
work for justice,

we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord,

when I will forgive and restore my people;

when I will equip them for every good work;

and when I will grant justice, for I hear their cries day and night.

Opening Prayer

Praise Team

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

we confess that we do not meditate on your commands
and teachings all day long.

We do not keep your word before us always and in all things.

Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth

and wander toward easier options.

Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours.

Forgive us for growing weary in following you;

for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice;

for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world.

Tune our ears to the sound of your justice.

Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace.

Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever.

We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Scripture: Psalm 119:97-104 (pew Bible page 438)

Choir

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5 (pew Bible page 843) &
Luke 18:1-8 (pew Bible page 742)

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks Be to God. Amen.

Message: "Hearing and Responding"

***Hymn: (TFWS) #2128 "Come and Find the Quiet Center"**

Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version: Hymnal Page 881

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering

***Doxology**

***Closing Hymn: (TFWS) #2130 "The Summons"**

***Benediction**

Postlude

***Please join us for refreshments and
fellowship after worship!!!***

