

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| 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: | Bob Bluhm |
| Usher: | Joan Jensen |
| Greeter: | Ann Chandler |
| Liturgist: | Bobbi Dunn |
| Coffee Hour: | Louise Sivula & Janis Davisson |
| Counters: | Mary Mantz & Margaret Treiber |
| Communion: | NA |
| Memory Café: | NA |


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

Servers for Next Sunday, December 1st

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| Assistant of the Day: | Lonny Holleman |
| Usher: | Lonny Holleman |
| Greeter: | Vera Senn |
| Liturgist: | Linda Bryant-Smith |
| Coffee Hour: | Mary Holleman |
| Counters: | Linda Bryant-Smith & Marilyn Grass |
| Communion: | Christy Price & Vera Senn |

SUNDAY WORSHIP

November 24, 2019– 9:45am



I myself will gather
THE FEW REMAINING
sheep from all the countries where
I have driven them.
I WILL BRING THEM BACK
to their pasture...

Jeremiah 23:3, CEB



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

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| <u>Happening Today!</u> Worship, 9:45am with Pastor Don Dunn <i>Christmas Decorating</i> Garden Oasis Service, 3pm | <u>Monday, November 25</u> |
| <u>Tuesday, November 26</u> Quilters, 9am <i>Thanksgiving Service, 7pm</i> | <u>Wednesday, November 27</u> Bible Study, 2pm |
| <u>Thursday, November 28</u>  | <u>Friday, November 29</u> |
| <u>Saturday, November 30</u> | <u>Sunday, December 1</u> Worship, 9:45am with Pastor Don Dunn <i>United Methodist Student Day</i> |



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| • Quilters, 9am | Dec 3 |
| • Grief Support, 6pm | Dec 3 |
| • Bible Study, 2pm | Dec 4 |
| • Kiwanis Sale Set Up, 5-6pm | Dec 6 |
| • Men's Breakfast, 8:30am | Dec 7 |
| • Kiwanis Sale, 9am - 2pm | Dec 7 |

Prayer List for the Week

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
- 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

Announcements...

- **Decorating Work Party is TODAY.** Carla Ryan needs some willing (including ladder climbers) volunteers to help decorate the sanctuary, Narthex and Fellowship Hall for the Christmas holidays. Volunteers can enjoy some time at Fellowship Hour and then the work begins. There will be hot soup and rolls ready for volunteers when they need a break from work or when the work is done.
- **Beginning December 1, we will be doing individual advent boxes for the food banks in both Ephrata and Soap Lake. The idea is that you add something to your box each day off the list that will be provided on the last Sunday of November. You can do these boxes yourself or go in on a box with someone. Please give whatever you feel comfortable giving. You need not do everyday. The boxes will be put on the altar on the first Sunday in January to coincide with Epiphany. They will then be distributed to the food banks.**
- His Helping Hands of the Ephrata Foursquare Church. New distribution center location is 110 W. Division St. (Old Haley's Office Supply). Open Saturdays & Mondays through January 31st from 10am to 2pm. Donations of winter clothing & gear, blankets, sleeping bags, and hygiene products are gratefully accepted.
- **Celebrating Birthdays In November:**
Mary Holleman (29th)
- **Celebrating Birthdays In December:**
Ed Warren (3rd), Pastor Don Dunn (5th), Ed Rogers (11th), Russell Wentworth (18th), Darryl Pheasant (30th)
- **Celebrating an Anniversary in December:**
Alan & Mark Fulk, (29th) - 30 years
Tom & Vi Baars, (31st) - 8 years
- **Important Upcoming Dates, Mark Your Calendars:**
Thanksgiving Worship Service, 7pm - November 26th
*** (Offering for Lazarus Project during Thanksgiving Service)
Office Closed for Thanksgiving Day - November 28th
Kiwanis Set-Up and Sale - December 6th & 7th
Memory Café, 1:30pm-3pm - December 9th

In you, Jesus, "all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17). Move us, your body the church, to hold in love any who feel broken. Amen.

Prelude

Introit

Welcome Announcements Friendship Pads

Call to Worship

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for God has looked favorably on God's people and
redeemed them.
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for God has called us God's own beloved and called
each of us by name.
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship.
Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!

Opening Prayer

Praise Team

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God,
we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus
the king and model for our lives.
We have been quick to call on others
to follow the ways of Christ
yet slow to do the same.
We have been bold in demanding generosity,
mercy, and forgiveness
yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion,
love, and compassion.
Forgive us, O God.
Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to
be more Christlike
in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6 (pew Bible page 553)

Choir

Scripture: Colossians 1:11-20 (pew Bible page 833)

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
All: Thanks Be to God. Amen.

Message: "Christ The Cosmic Ruler"

***Hymn: (TFWS) #2181 "It Is Well With My Soul"**

Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version: Hymnal Page 881

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering

***Doxology**

***Closing Hymn: (TFWS) #2220 "We Are God's People"**

***Benediction**

Postlude

*Please join us for our
fellowship, refreshments, and
Christmas decorating
after worship!!!*

