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The Church Window



December
2018

“What Can I Do?”

Do you remember the Brady Bunch singing “Time To Change”? (Ok, for some of you it may be before your time.) Some of the lyrics from the song go like this:

“Autumn turns to winter, And winter turns to spring.
It doesn't go just for seasons you know, it goes for everything.
When it's time to change, you've got to rearrange,
Who you are and what you're gonna be.
Sha na na na na na na na na, Sha na na na na...
Day by day you're facing the changes you've been through,
A little bit of living, a little bit of growing all adds up to you.
And if you want to reach your destiny,
Then here's what you can do.

It is the Advent season, a time of change, a time of preparation, a time of transformation, a time of hope. When God comes to us in any meaningful sense, things happen. The world we know and our image of ourselves – all of this must be transformed. God intervenes not to help us with our lives but to remake them.

This is what happened to our world when God sent Jesus to be among us. However, the beginning of the gospel is not the birth of Jesus but of John the Baptist, who called Israel to prepare for their longed-for deliverance by repenting and seeking God's forgiveness. In the power of the Holy Spirit, Christian believers continue to prepare for the Lord's coming by striving to be “pure and blameless in the Day of Christ” (Philippians 1:10). To know God is to repent, to have our minds hearts and lives changed.

John the Baptist tells us that we must repent and change our lives. We cannot remain the same but must seek to grow and be transformed and become closer to God through a stronger faith. If we want to reach our destiny, this is what we need to do.

You see, it turns out that God has a job for us to do. We must become the people God created us to be. God not only commands our repentance, but God also came among us to bring it about.

God has also been present among us in other ways. Change is not always easy but many times through change we can grow. January 1 there will be some changes for Fennimore UMC. The Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church is realigning our churches based upon location and school districts, thus Fennimore and Stitzer will become a two-point charge. I will be serving both churches and we will also have an Associate Pastor appointed by the Conference who will begin serving also January 1.

This is a work in progress and the leaders of both churches have been meeting and will continue to meet as we work toward how we can be in ministry together. It is an exciting time and there is no doubt that God is at work. What can you do? Pray for God's guidance and pray for the Good News to continue to transform us and our communities.

Pastor Bud

December 2018 Mission

Angel Tree:

We are sponsoring the Angel Tree again this year which helps with the Grant County Holiday Project. As we've done in previous years, we obtain names of individuals and/or families that are in need of assistance to have a little bit of Christmas Blessings! Social Services indicates the needs of the families and tries to choose necessary items vs. wants.

We ask that the gifts you purchase be wrapped, bagged, and labeled with the angel, so we know what gifts go with the various angels, so they can be picked up or delivered. Please have the gifts returned

NO LATER THAN

Wednesday, December 12th.

Local Food Pantry:

The December Mission Offering that is collected will be given to the Local Food Pantry to help assist families with food and other necessities.

**Truly I tell you,
whatever you did for one
of the least of these
brothers and sisters of mine,
*you did for me.***

Matthew 25:40

In your time
of sorrow, my
Thoughts
ARE WITH YOU

Our deepest Christian Sympathy to the
Families and Friends of:

Dick Hentschel



United
Methodist
Women

UMW News:

A reminder that we hold our Potluck Dinner and last meeting of 2018 on Wednesday the 5th at 6:00 PM here at the church.

We would love to see you there!

Also, we still have a few covers/quilts available to purchase. They make wonderful warm gifts. Please see Marilyn Brodt, Harriet Brun or stop into the Church Office.

The UMW wish you all a very Merry Christmas!

May this upcoming NEW YEAR fill your hearts with faith and hope for a better tomorrow. May God guide you every step of the way!

November 2018
Attendance

November 04 — 198
November 11 — 169
November 18 — 144
November 25 — 206

Who's Serving in December?

Ushers

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
12/9/2018	Freymler's	Confirmation
12/16/2018	Winkers'	Connie Neal Sandy Knapp
12/23/2018	Hunt's (9:00 AM)	
12/30/2018	Judy and Carl Nelson (9:00 AM)	

Kid's Time

Date	8:00 AM
12/9/2018	Krista Demo
12/16/2018	Confirmation
12/23/2018	Confirmation
12/30/2018	?

Greeters (Sanctuary)

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
12/9/2018	Roberta Galer	Confirmation
12/16/2018	Torgerson Family	Connie Neal Sandy Knapp
12/23/2018	Handfelt Family (9:00 AM)	
12/30/2018	Audrey Doan (9:00 AM)	

Communion Assistants

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
12/2/2018	Burkum's, Rands' Racheal Loy and Logan O'Brien, Audrey Doan and Lori Budzinski	Sandy Knapp Linda Stephenson

Liturgist

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
12/9/2018	Carmen Burkum	N/A
12/16/2018	Karla Witzig	Connie Neal
12/23/2018	Michael Hunt (9:00 AM)	
12/30/2018	Judy Nelson (9:00 AM)	

Acolyte

Date	8:00 AM	10:30 AM
12/9/2018	Brogan/Corbin Demo	Ethan Sheckler
12/16/2018	Ava Winkers	
12/23/2018	Drew Torgeson	
12/30/2018	?	



Remember our Friends at:

Orchard Manor
Doris Schneider

Good Samaritan Center
Nip Leffler, Dave Lindow, Gerry McReynolds,
Dennis Freymiller, Jeannette Schneiderwind

Sunset Fields
Donna Blackbourn and Paul Rector

Morningside
Cheryl Burr

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, December 8:
Christmas Program Practice
9 to 11 AM

Sunday, December 9:
Christmas Program
10:30 AM

Sunday, December 16:
Jesus' Birthday Party
9:00 AM

Class Christmas Parties
(During Christian Education)

Sunday, January 23 and 30:
No Christian Education

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank You for allowing us to share God's
Love with your children!

Youth Impact is going strong!

We meet on Sunday nights from 4:30 to 6:30 PM in the FUMC Basement. Activities vary from week to week, but there is usually some combination of food, games, and spiritual-growth too. All students in grades 6-12 are welcome. Bring a friend! In December, we will meet as usual on Dec. 2, 9, and 16, but then we won't meet again until Sunday, January 6. Also note that on December 16, we will be Christmas Caroling* from 1 to 4 PM (families are welcome to join us), and then the Youth will have a Christmas party at the usual 4:30-6:30 PM time. Bring a wrapped gift (worth \$5 or less) for a fun "White Elephant" game!

*If you know anyone who would enjoy some Christmas Caroling, please let Chelsea in the Church Office know. We will compile a list of homes for caroling!

Call or email Katie Volz-Oyen with any questions!

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Join us this Christmas!

Service Times:
3:00 PM
5:00 PM
11:00 PM

