



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Epworth United Methodist Church

Wednesday, December 4th, 2019

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

I love Christmas. I love everything about it: the music, the decorations, the treats, and the snow---well maybe NOT the snow—but I do love Christmas. Probably the thing I love the most is how everyone seems to be just a little happier and more in the giving spirit. Maybe that's because of the music, decorations and treats. There really is something magical about the Christmas season, and for Christians it starts with a little baby born in a barn full of animals. We know where the 'magic' comes from. It comes from the anticipation of the coming Christ child and the knowledge of who that baby is. We know that he is the Messiah sent from the Heavenly Father to redeem the world.

We celebrate the birth of Jesus and in doing so we enjoy everything about Christmas. However, it is so very easy to get caught up in the things of Christmas and become stressed and burdened, losing sight of the true meaning of Christmas. My hope and prayer for you this Christmas season is for you all to feel the joy and peace that comes from knowing our Savior. May you enjoy the happiness of the season but not lose sight of true meaning of this season.

Tonight is Epworth's Country Christmas Celebration. I hope to see you all out and about enjoying the festivities. Start with a warm bowl of soup and stroll through the live nativity. Visit our Bethlehem village at the church and then patronize our local businesses. It will be a great night!

Blessings this week.

Pastor Julie

This Sunday at EUMC

Worship Leaders

Preaching: Pastor Julie Schubert

Pianist: Melanie Mausser-Shaluly

Reader: John Peiffer

Ushers: Peiffer Family

Tech: Chris Tomas

Child Care: Lindsey Demmer, Lynn Neal

Scriptures:

Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon:

Getting Ready

Connect With Us

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Upcoming at EUMC

Wednesday- December 4th:



TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT!! 5-7:30 p.m.
Visit the community of Epworth
and enjoy a **FREE** evening of food, fun,
and holiday festivities!

Sunday- December 8th:

10:00 a.m.- Worship, 2nd Sunday of Advent. Board Meeting following.

2:00 p.m.- Caramels with the Cooper's and chili supper for Youth Group.

Monday- December 9th:

5:30 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Meal/Bible Study at Paul and Shelly Rollins' Home

6:00 p.m.- Men's & Women's Bible Studies

Tuesday- December 10th:

5:15 p.m.- Mat Yoga in Church Basement

6:30 p.m.- Chair Yoga

Wednesday- December 11th:

3:15 p.m.- 7:15 p.m.- LOGOS Ministry

Theme: Unfrozen: Do you want to meet a Savior?

7:00p.m.- Financial Peace University with John Peiffer

Thursday- December 12th:

6:30 p.m.- UMW Cookie Exchange at Lisa Dallefeld's Home.



Church Announcements



UMW cookie exchange
at Lisa Dallefeld's Home

Thursday, December 12 @ 6:30p.m.

Bring a batch of Christmas cookies to share. All women are welcome!

Please help the children enrolled in our Backpack program over the holiday break.

EUMC Outreach will be distributing an extra bag of food to the Backpack recipients, we need your help to collect these food items. Please return to church by December 15th.

Thank you for supporting EUMC Backpack Mission!





My name is Todd Troutman and I am the current SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) chair. Feel free to contact me if you have questions, joys or concerns in relation to our staff which includes Pastor Julie and Amy, our Administrative Assistant. I can be reached by e-mail at ttroutman@beckmancatholic.org or by phone at 563-590-6706.

My wife Andrea and I live in Dyersville and are the parents of four grown kids, Kyle, Lia, Ty and Lexie. I have worked at Beckman Catholic for 35 years as a Science teacher, Athletic Director, Coach and Dean of Students.

A couple of fun things about me - my favorite meal is Chad's pizza and Mt Dew, and my bucket list includes traveling to Oregon to attend the NCAA Division I track and field championships. If money were not an issue I would spend the fall travelling the US attending HS football games on Friday nights and College football games every weekend.

My favorite Bible verses are both from Chapter 4 of Philippians – “Worry about nothing, but pray about everything (4:6)” and “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (4:13)” My hope for our church is that it continues to be a place for people to come to feel the presence of the Lord.