

THE GOOD NEWS

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Consecration Sunday & Thanksgiving Harvest Dinner

November 13, 2009
Following 10:45 a.m. worship service



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Hanging the Greens Prepare for Advent

Saturday, November 26th 9:00 a.m.

Join the fun of decorating our church in preparation for Advent which begins Sunday, November 27.

There will be a candle-light Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m., December 24. Advent concludes with worship Christmas Day, Sunday December 25th.



Evansville's Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 23, 2011
Congregational UCC
112 W Church Street
7:00 p.m.

If you would like to bake a pie, please contact Juna Nimz (608.882.5665) or Wendy Pryce (608.882.6830)



Adult Bible Study this Fall

Two Bible Studies will begin Thursday, November 3. One at 8:30 a.m. and another at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. Bring your Bible. If you would like to attend one of these studies, contact Pastor Sue at (pastor@EvansvilleUMC.org) or 608.882.4622.



REMINDER

Newsletter deadline
November 15 for items for
the December Newsletter.



Saturday night, November 5.

Live, Give, Love . . . Beyond all Expectation



Some people ask how we can be a welcoming church. Here is a suggestion for every member of our congregation to practice and reach out to our visitors who are looking for their spiritual home here at Evansville United Methodist Church.

There are three steps:

*First, **introduce yourself** to new people if you think they are visitors. If they have been members of EUMC for a long time, don't feel embarrassed. It's wonderful! You met someone whom you had not known before. If they are visitors, go to the second and third steps.

*Second, **invite** them to Fellowship after the service.

*Third, **get acquainted** with new people by having conversations with them.

Making a difference in other's lives makes intentional works and you are called to do that as a disciple of Christ Jesus. So let us welcome one another in Christ and grow in faith!

In Christ,

Sue Lee 

Parenting Support Group

Those who have teenage (Middle - High School Students) child (children) are forming a parenting support group to share their struggles, encouragement and advice as they ask God's guidance and wisdom. Seven parents are interested in starting this group. The meeting time and day will be decided soon. So stay tuned! If you are interested in joining this group or any questions, please contact Pastor Sue at: pastor@evansvilleumc.org.



Pastor Sue on Vacation November 21-27

For Pastoral care call Wendee Nitz of Asbury UMC, Janesville, WI at 608-752-7961.

Sermons based on Stewardship in November

November 6	Ecclesiastes 4:9-10	The Importance of Church Family
November 13	1 Timothy 6:6-10	Contentment
November 20	2 Corinthians 12:7-10	Grateful Heart - Thanksgiving
November 27	Guest Preacher	





Birthday Celebration, November 6
 Evelyn Thompson will be celebrating her 90th birthday, November 2. Her family is inviting you to help her celebrate with cake and coffee after the late service Sunday, November 6.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Jack Hunt	6 Diane Carlson	18 Sharlene Heacox	24 Carol Ballmer
2 Kara Weaver	10 Carolyn U'Ren	18 Jeff Rosa	25 Erin Meichtry
2 Evelyn Thompson	10 Jim Schoenenberger	19 Grace Faber	26 Alan Eager
3 Richard Waller	11 Milton Krueger	20 Ron Meier	26 Nick Petterson
3 Mallory Isbell	15 Mike Nieman	22 Jessica Karis	27 Astrid Johnson
4 Lou Kay Winger	16 Megan Ringhand	23 Marcia Kremer	28 Lianna Jeske
4 DeEtte Eager	18 Karen Bass	23 Donald Maas	30 Bonnie Fischer

Church Conference

Sunday, November 20

6:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall

Our annual church conference gives you the opportunity to voice your opinions, concerns and/or support for Evansville United Methodist Church. We will be voting on our 2012 leadership team and budget.

Everyone is invited to attend. Reverend Patrick W. Schultz from Milton UMC will serve as the "official" for our church conference. We are fortunate to have this important meeting here in our own church so all members can participate. We hope many of you will attend so you can learn about the decisions being made and the process by which our church operates.

Nancy Brooks, Council Chairperson



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

3 Karl & Harriet Lindroth
 10 Chris Park & Pastor Sue Lee
 16 Mike & Sheryl Nieman



17 Mike & Kami Williams
 26 Bill Peterson & Mary Brintnall-Peterson



Annual Stewardship Campaign



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

**Consecration Sunday
November 13, 2011**

'Honor God with All we Have'

Unto Each of Us Is Given-
The parable of the Talents
Matthew 25:15-18

Stewardship is not a burden, it is a God-given opportunity. We are stewards of everything (money, talents, time, you name it) we have received in our life including our children. Our job as a steward is not to hoard or to ignore them, but to honor God with all we have.

This is an opportunity to find God's will and His abundant blessings which will be the best for us and our family.

God has special delivered to us priceless possessions. How can we use and share these possessions and talents?

We ask for your prayers and look forward to everyone's participation!!

Remember to Sign in!

Please sign the attendance pad in the pew every week you attend worship. Attendance records not only indicate your being an active member of Evansville UMC, but also helps us know if you have not been in church a few Sundays and may be in need of pastoral care. If you are here for worship on Sunday morning, please sign in.



Facebook



Check out the church's Facebook page. Become a friend and join in the fun.



Ecumenical Choir Concert

December 4, 2011
St. Paul's Catholic Church
39 Garfield Avenue

The Ecumenical Choir wishes to invite you to a wonderful celebration in song! Love to sing? Please join our "Christmas Ecumenical Choir". Practices continue every Wednesday from 8:30 - 10:00 p.m. except Thanksgiving week when practice is Monday November 21.

Questions call: Donna Haakinson - 882-4131 or Cathy Nevel 455-2006



Seasons Change Soul Food by Bishop Linda Lee



Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13 (NRSV)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

As we ready ourselves to leave behind the lush, brilliant beauty of summer here in Wisconsin, as well as the season of hurricanes, tornadoes, fires and floods around the country, our text reminds us that there is indeed a time and a season for all aspects of the human experience. Those seasons are personal, denominational, and global.

Change requires creativity

As a denomination and in our conference and congregations, we are in a season of creativity. An old adage says, "Necessity is the mother of invention." Necessity and desperation requires that we do something different now. In order to survive and ensure the continuation of our vital mission and ministries in our communities and the world, we need to be creative; we need to change.

One of the most encouraging words in our text is the reminder that eternity is in our hearts; and the implication that it is in God's hands. So we don't have to worry about what's going to happen. We can do our part; we can give the best we have to give; we can do the planning, preparation and implementation; we can pray and fast and worship God. And, I believe like "the Preacher" wrote: God's gift to humanity is "to be joyful and to do good as long as we live... to eat and drink and take pleasure in our toil." Our toil can be washing the dishes or running the White House, pastoring a congregation or being a faithful member of one. Each of us is called to a unique, particular Divine purpose.

Jesus is with us

In this season in the life of the Church and world, I believe the most important thing we can do is open our minds to new vistas of possibility that God shows us every day. The one constant in life is change. Our joy is knowing that Jesus is in the midst of us in the good times and the hard times, in success and in failure, in gain and loss.

My experience is whatever season of life I find myself in, it's always a good time to trust Jesus for the outcomes.

What is your experience?

In Christ,

Bishop Linda Lee



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH FUNDRAISER

November 5th, the EUMC youth group will be making and selling pasties for a fundraiser. Each pasty is \$6 (enough for 1 or 2 meals), and will be loaded with harvest veggies (onions, rutabaga, potatoes, carrots) and meat (pork, beef) all wrapped in a flaky buttery dough. You may order by contacting the church office at

(admin@EvansvilleUMC.org or 608.882.4622) or Chris Anich (canich@eishome.com or 608.882.0117).

Any parent or other adult wishing to help guide the kids, please contact EUMC Senior High youth group leader, Chris Anich (canich@eishome.com; 608.882.0117).

Order deadline is October 31.

Youth Group FUNDRAISER



Mark Your Calendar

Sunday School youth K-12 will present their Christmas Program of songs, readings, and maybe some humor, during the 10:45 service on December 18. Make a note on your calendars, tell your grandparents, aunts and uncles.

Parents: Be sure to have your children attend Sunday school each week so they can learn songs, get assigned readings if they want, get their costume for the final scene, and be part of the great energy of presenting for the congregation. If you have questions, contact Roni Harper at 608-882-6264

Sunday School Program



Make a Joyful Noise! Join the Glory Notes

Glory Notes will rehearse November 6 at noon, and will perform in church on November 27 (Thanksgiving weekend.) If you play, or ever played, an instrument in band or orchestra and would like to play with a small ensemble, please contact Roni Harper at 882-6264 or glorynotes@evansvilleumc.org.

Let Roni know ahead of time so she can have enough music parts ready-- Roni says "we'd love to have you join us in making joyful music. We usually rehearse the 2nd and/or 4th Sundays of the month (but not this November)."



Glory Notes

Poster Contest



Sunday School Poster Contest

"How Can I Make God Smile" is the theme of the Sunday School poster contest. Kindergarten thru 5th graders made posters that are on display in Fellowship Hall thru Sunday, November 13. Be sure to attend church Sundays, October 30 and November 6 so you can vote for your favorite poster. Special stickers will be provided that you can put on the poster of your choice. There will be 3 winners - 1 from each of the following groups: K-1; 2-3; and 4-5 grades. Winners will be announced Sunday, November 13th during worship.



SIGN OF THANKFULNESS

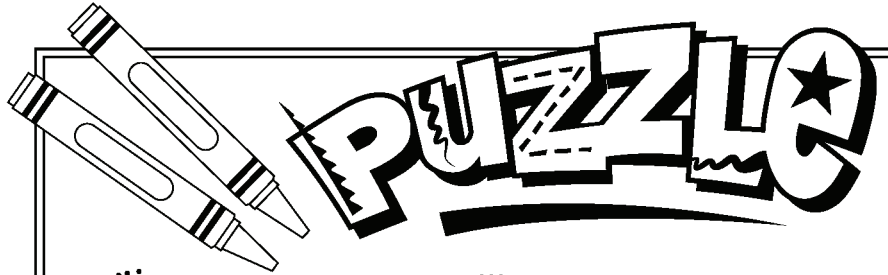
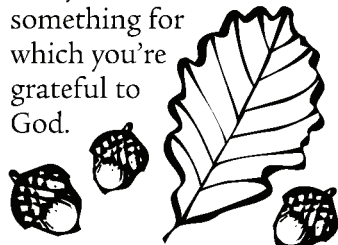
Create this festive sign, which will serve as a yearlong reminder to be grateful.

What you need:

- Hole punch
- Large piece of cardboard or cardstock
- Twine
- Twigs
- Glue
- Acorns, leaves (real or silk) and raffia

What you do:

1. Punch two holes in the top of the cardboard.
2. Thread twine through the holes and tie it in a knot (for hanging).
3. Using twigs, spell out "Be Thankful," "Thank God" or a similar phrase about gratitude. Glue the twigs onto the cardboard.
4. Decorate the sign by gluing on acorns, leaves and raffia.
5. Hang up your sign. Whenever you see it, think of something for which you're grateful to God.



Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.


Directions: In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

1. Give Take Grab	2. peanut praise pear	3. temple house LORD	4. proclaim past present	5. name boy lad	6. ruin destroy make
7. pine acorn known	8. train nations bus	9. done donut muffin	10. Sing Sleep Yawn	11. she him girl	12. sun praise moon
13. tell fast slow	14. red all blue	15. horrible dreadful wonderful	16. acts sisters aunts		

"_____ to the _____, _____ his _____ ;
 _____ among the _____ what he has _____ .
 _____ to _____, sing _____ to him; _____ of _____ his
 _____ ." PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. LORD, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts.
 Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, NIV)

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30pm Education	2 7:15pm Choir	3 8:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study	4 6:30 Parenting Group	5 Turn Clocks back Youth making pasties for fundraiser
6 8:30a & 10:45a Worship 9:30 Sun School 10:00 Choir Pr. Communion SS Poster Cont. 12 Glory Notes	7 6:30pm Finance	8 6:00pm Events 7:00pm Worship	9 6:30pm Council	10 8:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study	11	12
13 8:30a & 10:45a Worship 9:30 Sun School 10:00 Choir Pr. Consecration Sunday Harvest Dinner Announce	14	15 Newsletter Items Due in Office	16 7:15 pm Choir	17 8:30am Bible Study 7:00pm Bible Study	18	19
20 8:30a & 10:45a Worship 9:30 Sun School 10:00 Choir Pr. Birthdays & Anniversaries 6:00 Church Conference	21	22	23 6:30pm Trustees 7:00pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service	24 Thanksgiving 	25 9:00a Newsletter Assembly	26 9:00am Hanging Of the Greens
27 UM Student Day 8:30a & 10:45a Worship 9:30 Sun School 10:00 Choir Pr. Glory Notes Guest Pastor	28	29 7:00pm Hospitality	30			

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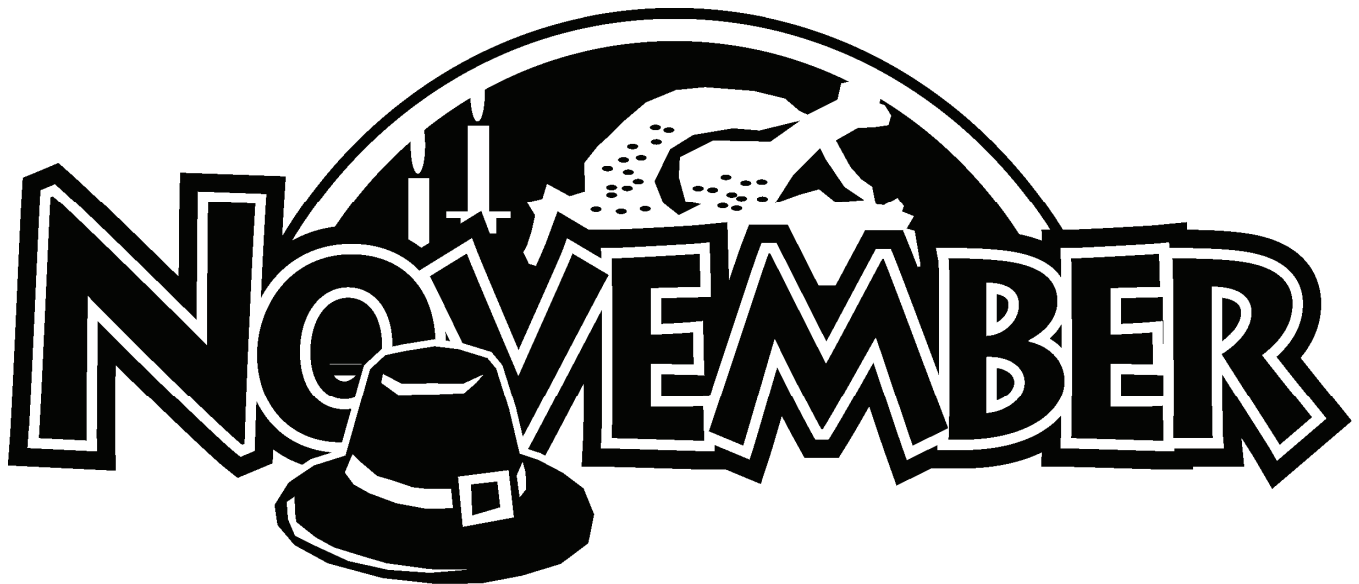
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Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church



Our Mission

In response to the challenge of Christ, the mission of the Evansville United Methodist Church is to:

Nurture the minds and spirits of our Congregation;

Invite others into participation in the life of our church; and

Reach Out to the human and spiritual needs of the people in our community, nation and world.