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DEADLINE: Please have articles in by January 19. Submit via email or leave in mailbox or office.



ADOPT-A-FAMILY A BIG SUCCESS! EUMC gave food, gift cards, and gifts to **fifteen** families!! We are also thankful for the extra forty pound box of food generously given by a local church. Thank you to all who bought auction items, donated food, bought gifts, and delivered gifts!! **AND** the **BIGGEST** thank you of all to Sherry Bostick, who coordinated this Christmas outreach. It is a lot of work, and she, as always, did a terrific job!

It is yet unknown as to the amount given to the Wonder Wreath charities, but I counted 41 bulbs so far! The mitten tree is also full of your hats, mittens, and scarves!

SOUPER BOWL - Football teams are finishing their seasons in hopes of being one of the teams at the Super Bowl. That means it is also time for the EUMC "**Souper Bowl.**" Beginning January 14 through February 4, place your donations of soups into the EER basket by the Broadway entrance. The chunky soup variety are most appreciated.

VALENTINE CARD SALE - We are excited that Ronda Crist has again volunteered to help our Sunday School students make Valentine cards! Students will begin making cards on January 7. They will go on sale on January 21 and continue to be on sale through February 11. We ask you donate at least \$1 per card. Money will be sent to ZOE Ministry, a charity dear to the heart of Jo Holt, who started this Valentine tradition. ZOE Ministry helps children living in poverty, empowering them to move beyond charity to self-reliance. *Give Dreams* empowers orphans and vulnerable children to transform their lives through ZOE's three-year empowerment program. By purchasing cards, you are empowering children with animals, seeds, tools, and other items they need to leave behind a life of extreme poverty.



WITNESSING God's Love in the Community

Thanks to all of you who participated in Christmas Serve! We think this is our favorite and by the turn out of goodies, so many people to put the gift bags and platters together, and those of you who delivered them and thanked our community holiday workers for serving us on Christmas Eve, you showed that you enjoy Christmas Serve as much as we do! We appreciate every one of you who took the time to give presents to those working for us on this wonderful Eve of the celebration of Christ's birth. Again, much thanks to everyone.

Love you in Christ,
Witness Co-Chairs
Kathy Lycos & Jim Smith



Sunday, January 14, we'll recognize our teachers and other volunteers!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 10th at 6pm for the **American Heritage Girl's Bowling Extravaganza!** Details coming in late January.

Youth Events

FOR THE MONTH

Sunday, January 7

5:30p — 7:00p
Ingle Youth Center
in Harrison St. House

Sunday, January 14

5:30p — 7:00p
Ingle Youth Center
in Harrison St. House

Sunday, January 21

5:30p — 7:00p
Ingle Youth Center
in Harrison St. House

Sunday, January 28

5:30p — 7:00p
Ingle Youth Center
in Harrison St. House

"Come as
you are"



Dear EUMC friends,
 “Life is what happens when you are busy making other plans.” I certainly found that to be true when I spent “7 nights in November” as a patient in the Lake City, FL Medical Center with pneumonia and type A flu. The good part was the excellent care I received. I could not have asked for more. Tom was wonderful, coming to see me and keeping the house going and caring for our Yorkie, Harley.
 I want to thank all of you for the prayers, well wishes and cards sent my way. All were so appreciated. We wish for you a very healthy and happy new year.
 Thank you again. Love, Jo Ann Steinberger

Enon UMC,
 Mom wanted it known that she still considered herself a member of Enon Methodist. Mom would have been pleased with her funeral service. Thanks to Pastor Johnson, her husband and the church members who prepared and served the luncheon.
 God Bless you all,
 Jimmie Hanes & Jan Hanes

Prayer Shawl Ministry



GATHERING:
 Tuesday, January 9,
 2:00p - 4:00p in the Lounge

BLESSING:
 Sunday, January 28,
 both worship services

ALL KNITTERS & CROCHETERS! If you didn't already, please pick up your “Pound of Love” in Rm 6 at your convenience.

A special *Thank you!* to Kari Howard, Lin Tranter and Mary-Ellen Lindsey for providing the pocket prayer shawls for Christmas Serve.

Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry...

Thank you so much for the prayer shawls you sent to Jackson & Pat Estep. Jackson was overwhelmed by emotion when he received the prayer shawls I could hear the emotion in his voice when he called me. He said Pat (his wife who was seriously ill) had been very restless. As soon as he opened the package with the shawls, he took them both to the hospital and wrapped her in them. He said she calmed down and went right to sleep. Pat passed away and hopefully Jackson can be comforted by his prayer shawl.

Thank you for this wonderful ministry.
 Margaret Clonch

Thank you so much for the beautiful shawl woven in prayer by Lin Tranter and requested by Mary Lu Moss. What a wonderful ministry! The world is blessed to have wonderful and caring people like yourselves.

God Bless, Connie

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and kindness during this difficult time.

The family of Doug Bisher

Thank you so much for the beautiful red prayer shawl and the pocket prayer shawl. I am feeling God's blessings as I go through cancer for the second time. May God bless your church and all those who participate in this wonderful ministry. I will always treasure these items.

In Christian love, Sinda Daugherty

A NEW WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY STARTS JAN. 10TH!

Join us Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Lounge. We’ll be studying *Jeremiah - Daring to Hope in an Unstable World* by Melissa Spoelstra.

Learn to surrender to God's will and rest your hope in Him alone. When we look around at today's world, hope usually isn't the first word that comes to mind. In many ways we live in an unstable world where marriages fail, bank accounts run low, friendships end, and the everyday demands of a fast-paced life get us down. In the Book of Jeremiah, we find God calling out to His people with a message of hope - a message that intentional living is possible even in an unstable world. But how do we do this? Where do we start?

Jeremiah offers women hope for living in an uncertain world by learning to navigate the challenges and circumstances of their lives. This six-week study examines God's words of instruction to His wayward people through the prophet Jeremiah, and provides women six guidelines for intentional living to overcome fear, worry, and doubt as they surrender their wills to God's and put their hope in Him alone. Combining rich study of the Book of Jeremiah with practical life application that resonates with the realities and experiences of today's women, this study inspires all women to dare to hope, remembering that God is rich in mercy and love and has good plans for us.

ENON EMERGENCY RELIEF

During November, the Enon Emergency Relief served 67 households. Eight of the households were new clients with a total of 18 people. In addition, there were the usual “several” helps involving miscellaneous household goods from our donation shelves and some referrals to other agencies.

A total of 203 people were assisted including 67 children. Approximately 46 percent of the adult helps included families with children. Approximately 46 percent of the households served included senior citizens. Family sizes ranged from one 1(19) to eight (1) persons. A total of 1827 meals were provided during November.

Qualified individuals can apply during Pantry hours: Mondays, 2:30pm – 5pm (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday)

The EER phone number is: 864-5555. Questions concerning current needs or other information can be left on the answering machine along with a name and phone number, and someone will reply.

The USDA “Box 60” monthly food distribution served 29 clients. This program provides a monthly box of staple foods to low income senior citizens over 60 years of age.

We have a continuing need for donated food and household goods for our clients. They can be dropped off during our Monday pantry hours. The Enon Emergency Relief also has three yearly food drives to provide some of the needed food for distribution to our clients.

Thanks for your continuing generous support of the Enon Emergency Relief.

Jerry Bennett, President EER



for the cards, goodies, Love Offering and other expressions of love throughout the Christmas season.

With Love & Gratitude,
The Church Staff

Pastor's Corner

Happy New Year!

What resolutions have you made for this New Year? Out of those resolutions how many have you broken? The New Year seems to be a great time for new beginnings, such as getting more exercise, eating better, losing weight, getting more rest, which all sound like a healthier you in 2018!

Now I know these are just a few possible resolutions and there are countless others. All too often our good intentions go by the wayside by January 2nd! What if we journeyed together on a mission to be healthier in 2018!

In I Corinthians 6:19-20 (NRSV), we read these words:

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

God has created us and it matters how we take care of ourselves. We are the temple of the Holy Spirit! What kind of temple are we asking the Holy Spirit to reside in? Health situations occur even when we have done our best to take care of ourselves, but what if we could make some changes and choices that drastically improve our overall health in 2018?

Join me as we embark on this venture and journey, *A New Me in 2018!*

We will be focusing on Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus, and Friends, looking at the Word to see what God has to say, using resources from Rick Warren's *The Daniel Plan*, and others, plus helping one another.

A journey of a lifetime! Join us! More information will be available soon!

May the Lord Bless You and Keep You this New Year,
Love,
Pastor Jan





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY Church Office Closed	2 6:30 Lion Den 7p Trp 17 Comm.	3 6p PJ Practice 6:30p Girl Scouts 7p Choir Practice 7p Pack 36 Comm.	4 7:30a Men's Breakfast (off-site) 6p Meditation Group 6:30 Webelos 1	5	6
7 2p American Heritage Girls 3:30p AHG Leaders 5:30p Youth Group	8 10a Staff Meeting 6:30p Troop 17 7p Work Areas	9 2p Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30 Tiger Den	10 1p Women's Bible Study 6p PJ Practice 6:30p Girl Scouts 6:30p Wolf Den 7p Choir Practice	11 7:30a Men's Breakfast (off-site) 6p Meditation Group	12	13
14 Recognition Sunday 4p Webelos 1 5:30p Youth Group 6p Girl Scouts 6:30p Bear Den 7p Venture Crew	15 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY Office Closed 6p Webelos 2 6:30p Troop 17	16 1p Susannah Sisters 6:30 Lion Den	17 1p Women's Bible Study 6p PJ Practice 6:30p Girl Scouts 7p Choir Practice	18 7:30a Men's Breakfast (off-site) 6p Meditation Group 6p Pack 36	19 6p AHG Movie Night	20
21 2p American Heritage Girls 5:30p Youth Group	22 10a Staff Meeting 6:30p Troop 17 7p SPRC	23 6:30 Tiger Den	24 1p Women's Bible Study 6p PJ Practice 6:30p Girl Scouts 6:30p Wolf Den 7p Choir Practice	25 7:30a Men's Breakfast (off-site) 6p Meditation Group	26	27
28 1p Buckeye Co. 4-H 4p Webelos 1 5:30p Youth Group 6p Girl Scouts	29 10a Staff Meeting 6:30p Troop 17	30 4p Scouts	31 1p Women's Bible Study 6p PJ Practice 6:30p Girl Scouts 7p Choir Practice	<div style="background-color: #ADD8E6; padding: 10px;"> Sunday Worship (unless otherwise noted) 9a Morning Glory (traditional service) 10a Sunday School 11a Praise Journey (contemporary service) </div>		



EUMC TREASURER'S REPORT		
November		Year to Date
21,679.43	Income	267,208.83
25,534.75	Expenses	279,682.80
-3,855.32	Net	-12,473.97
November Special Offerings		
5.00	\$5 on the 5th	
4,115.00	Adopt-a-Family	
20.00	EER	
55.00	Funeral Meals	
1,228.89	Misc. Capital Improvements	
25.00	IHN	
170.00	Shoe Box Postage	
15.00	Prayer Shawl Ministry	
28.00	Student Day	
20.00	Youth Fund	



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|----|--------------------|----|-------------------|
| 2 | Angelique Ferguson | 15 | Ron Douglass |
| | Maxine Russell | 17 | Joan Gilbert |
| 3 | Trent Buehler | | Keith McConnell |
| | Jimmie Culp | 19 | Elijah Mohr |
| | Alan Lindsey | | Rachel Smith |
| | Cliff Vernon | 20 | Lucille Brewer |
| | Ben Zetocha | | Larry Slusser |
| 6 | Robert Bennett | 21 | Tori Buehler |
| | George Parker, Jr. | | Heather Guisinger |
| 7 | Brian Rigsbee | 23 | Sean Glaze |
| | Emily Ruffner | 25 | Eileen Earnest |
| 11 | Kevin Close | | Kurt Skinner |
| | Mary Edwards | | Nancy Vanderglass |
| 12 | Bob Wolfe | 29 | Maxwell Nickles |
| 13 | Xavier Castin | | |
| | Pat Kavanaugh | | |



- 17 Mike & Pat Kavanaugh
(Happy 60th!)
- 30 Jerry & Harriet Bennett
- 31 Al & Joan Gilbert

*“Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that.”*
—Martin Luther King Jr.

The Parish Voice

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 9:00am *Morning Glory* Traditional Service 11:00am *Praise Journey* Contemporary Service
 10:00am Sunday School for all ages Church Website: www.enonumc.com



A NEW CREATION



The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.



Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

T H I E R O E F Q O R X E I D F A M N Y A O N
 S E I L S I T N C V H R K I S D T T B H E W N E
 Q W C D R E Y A T M I O C N H F A S W C O R
 M E G T H W E O F L D X H A S S G Z O N L
 E T J H E W N E Q W I D S H R E R O E

! 2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

2018 ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chair of Administrative Council Brenda Close

Ex-Officio Members:

Pastor	Jan Johnson
Lay Leader	Sharon Norman
Lay Delegate to Annual Conference	Carol Watchorn
Alternate Lay Delegate	Kathy Ranft
UMW President	<i>to be elected by UMW</i>
EUMC Historian	Nancy Schlicher

Administrative Leaders:

Church School Superintendent	Lin Tranter
	Heidi Rigsbee
Communications Co - chairs	Marti Ventolo
	Dennis Carter
Music Director	Bill Howard
Finance Chairperson	Jerry Bennett
Pastor-Parish Relations Chair	Mike Bennett
Trustees Chairperson	<i>Dave Norman</i>
Financial Secretary	Judy Webb
Membership Secretary	Sharee Nieder
Treasurer	Jay Maxwell
Council Secretary	Lisa Clinch
Worship	Kay Smith
	Sherry Castin
Memorial Committee	Rick Hughes
Preschool Advisory Bd Rep	Jennifer Kitchen

Ministry Program Leaders:

Nurture Co-Coordinators	Jane Leonard
	Don Rayome
Outreach Co-Coordinators	Lee Ann Ellsworth
	Todd Lewis
Witness Co-Coordinators	Kathy Lycos
	Jim Smith
Member At-Large (18):	Vickie Nickles

Other EUMC Leaders Not Elected by Charge Conference

(Listed here for your information, not all of these positions/offices have membership on the Administrative Council.)

Administrative Assistant	Sharee Nieder
Nursery Coordinator	Vickie Nickles
Boy Scouts	Bob Cathcart
Girl Scouts	(vacant)
American Heritage Girls	Bob Cathcart
Youth Leader	Elana Elmore
EUMC Preschool Director	Allison Wade

***Names in bold are new in office/position; names in italic means by virtue of other position.**

2018 EUMC ADDITIONAL ELECTED LEADERS

(Chairperson only is a member of Administrative Council)

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson - **Mike Bennett**

Lay Member to Annual Conference - *Carol Watchorn*

Lay Leader – *Sharon Norman*

Class of 2018

Mike Bennett
Suzie Clendenin
Mary Lively

Class of 2019

Vicky Shimp
Heather Bailey
Jacob Grant

Class of 2020

Terre Todd
Jane Leonard

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson: *Dave Norman*

Class of 2018

Jack Hanna
Dave Norman
Mike Ranft

Class of 2019

George McClennen
Dave Aills
Sherry Castin

Class of 2020

Bob Wolfe
Don Leonard
Vickie Nickles

COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP (NOMINATIONS)

Chairperson: Pastor Jan Johnson

Vice Chairperson:

Lay Leader: *Sharon Norman*

Class of 2018

Bernadine Jines
Vickie Nickles

Class of 2019

Lin Tranter
Fran Henry

Class of 2020

Harriet Bennett
Terri Burgoyne-Jenks

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Chairperson: Jerry Bennett

Pastor: Jan Johnson

Sharon Norman
Carol Watchorn
Dave Norman
Dave Markeson

Bob Lively
Jay Maxwell
Judy Webb

Mike Bennett
Ed Royer
Bill Seward

EUMC PRESCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD

Pastor *Jan Johnson*
Preschool Director: *Allison Wade*
Preschool Parent: TBD

EUMC Trustee Member: *Dave Norman*
EUMC Member: To be appointed by
Preschool Advisory Board