



## EVENTS

**2/4** - Communion  
Sunday

**2/12** - Church Council  
Meeting, 7 PM

**2/14** - Ash Wednesday  
at Edgerton United  
Methodist

**2/18** - Homecoming  
Sunday

*Worship with us Sundays at 10 AM*

## LITURGISTS

**2/4** - Holly Gould

**2/11** - Tracy Tronnes

**2/18** - Krista Kim

**2/25** - Mary Lou Behring

## BIRTHDAYS

**2/5** - Aubrey Dominguez

**2/7** - Leia Maves

**2/7** - Logan Campbell

**2/21** - Lizzy Gould

**2/28** - Jill Sanderson

## Lenten Worship Services

**Ash Wednesday** - February 14, 7:00 p.m.

The Edgerton United Methodist Church will host the Ash Wednesday Service with the invitation for our church to attend. Pastor Tiff will be preaching. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season.

**Maundy Thursday Service** - March 28, 7:00 p.m. at Edgerton UCC

We will remember Jesus with his disciples at the Last Supper with scriptures and a short message by Rev. Bates. This service will conclude with the dimming of the lights and a time of quiet reflection and prayer.

**Good Friday Service** - March 29, 7:00 p.m.

Our church will host the Good Friday Service with the invitation for the Edgerton United Methodist Church to attend. Pastor Dan Whitford will be preaching.

**Easter Morning Service** - March 31 - 10:00 a.m.

With joyous hymns, scripture lessons, and sermon we remember the Good News that Jesus arose from dead and is alive in our faith community today.

## Lenten Bible Study

Pastor Tiff is planning a series of discussions based on five stories from the Gospel of John. We will explore how the writer of John weaves together a series of stories or signs of the revelation of Jesus as the Christ.

**Depending on interest, there might be two sessions each week: Tuesday from 12:15 - 1:00 and Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. You are invited to attend either session each week.** You are welcomed to bring your lunch to the afternoon session. The goal is to have at least four participants at each session. You may switch sessions on any given day as the same scripture will be presented on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week. Members from the Edgerton United Methodist Church may attend the Tuesday session.

**Session 1:** The Wedding at Cana - John 2:1 - 12 February 20+21

**Session 2:** Nicodemus Visits Jesus - John 3:1 -21 February 27+28

**Session 3:** Jesus Heals of the Sabbath - John 5:1-18 March 5+6

**Session 4:** Feeding of the Five Thousand - John 6:1-15 March 12+13

**Session 5:** The Death of Lazareth - John 11:1-27 March 19+20

Please let Reverend Tiff know if you are planning to attend. You are welcomed to bring along friends and family members, and a lunch to the afternoon session.

# HOMECOMING SUNDAY

Everyone is invited to attend Homecoming Sunday at 10:00 on February 18th. And everyone means **everyone!** Church members, family members, friends of the congregation, neighbors, and folks we haven't seen for a while. It will be an opportunity to gather as a congregation and celebrate the good news of life in our faith community. February 18th is the first Sunday of the season of Lent and the service will be centered around readings from passages from the Psalms. We will explore how the Psalms speak to everyday life and how God touches our lives every day. I hope you will make a special effort to attend on February 18th and bring along a friend or neighbor. We will have a special coffee hour after worship.

Let's celebrate us,

*Reverend Tiff*

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

- Looking ahead to next month, we will host a special hybrid worship service. on March 10. Rev. Tiff will be leading the service which will include the music you know and love, and will include a virtual sermon from Rev. Shawn Stapleton. There will be a special listening session with leadership and the FIO team immediately to follow. You are invited to share in this exploration with us and provide feedback or concerns as we navigate this journey together in faith.
- The Church Council will be purchasing new Bibles for the sanctuary. These will be the New Revised Standard Version which replace the current Bible that dates back to 1960's. There is a sample copy of the NRSV Bible in the back of the sanctuary. Please direct any comments to a member of the church Council or Rev. Tiff. You may send your donations to the office with "Bible Fundraiser" in the memo line.
- We are still looking for ushers and liturgists to volunteer their time. Please reach out to the office or a member of council if you would like to contribute to our services!
- We, as well as many others, have been having issues with phishing emails. These emails are not coming from Rev. Tiff's email address, but bot-generated generic gmail names like "pastor139580@gmail.com". Even though they may have Tiff's name in the "Sent" portion, they are **not** from him. If you receive a spam email, please contact the office, report the email as spam, and block the email address.

# THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who assisted with church activities and functions last month! We appreciate everyone who lends their time, talent, and ideas to our church.

A special thank you to Krista Kim, who filled in on piano as well as the FIO team who are working tirelessly to lead us in navigating our journey towards finding a new settled pastor.





Lastly, all attendees at the Annual Meeting and our Shared Ministry fellowship. We appreciate your time spent with us and value your feedback!

*May God now send us back down the  
mountain of our worship.  
We have been changed.  
We can't be silent anymore.  
We have seen the Light of the World.  
Go, and share the radiance of love.*

## YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL

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## CHURCH COUNCIL

Dec. 11, 2023

**PRESENT:** Rev. Tiff, Connie Wiersma, Bruce Morris, Tracy Tronnes, Jill Sanderson and Mary Lou Behring.

Connie called the meeting to order. Rev. Tiff shared a prayer from a book written by Frank Ramirez. The minutes from November were reviewed. Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Tracy seconded it. Motion was approved.

**MINISTERS REPORT:** Tiff has been busy preparing services and music. He is happy about the pop-up choir. Tiff has some sound equipment that he would like to use here. He will plan to bring it in after the holidays. Our special services for Advent will be a Blue Christmas service on Thursday Dec. 21, at 6:30, and our candle light Christmas eve service will be held at 4:30 on Sunday the 24th. There will be a special offering on Christmas eve for the "Christmas Fund"/ formerly Veterans of the cross which provides for retired ministers of the UCC. An envelope will be provided in the bulletin. No morning services will be held. Tiff has been thinking about having a "Homecoming Sunday when all parishioners will invite several folks that we haven't seen in worship lately. A date of February 18th is being planned. There was mention of several folks that may be interested in joining the church. A date will be planned soon to meet after church for a discussion for those interested.

**COMMUNICATIONS/KATHLEEN:** Kathleen will be staying on as our office coordinator/Communications director. The printer in the office will be repaired when she gets to the office on 12/12. The poinsettia orders need to be turned in by the 17th. Kathleen will be working on editing the constitution changes to be voted on at the annual meeting on Jan. 28, following worship. A potluck will also be held following the meeting. Connie would like to get together with Kathleen and update the Communications duty list.

The budget committee has been selected for 2024. The team will be: Tracy Tronnes, Bruce Morris, Eric Kim, Holly Gould and Todd Campbell. The nominating committee is Tracy Tronnes, Mary Lou Behring, Jill Sanderson and Connie Wiersma.

The search and call team are planning to have a Coffee/meet and greet with Shawn Stapleton on Saturday, Jan 13, from 9:00am-11:00. This will be a discussion about shared ministry and ideas to think about as we try to determine if this is something our Congregation is interested in. The following day Shawn will preach the sermon for us. This is NOT a day we will be voting on anything. It will just give us a better understanding about shared ministry and Shawn is willing to come and help us with ways of learning what it is all about.

The church received a nice letter from outreach thanking us for the donation made by our "Peanut Fellowship" We are on for the Meals on Wheels program from Dec. 18-29. We are still looking for some volunteers!

**DIACONATE:** Mary Lou stated that we decided to change the name of the team to “Worship Team” It helps people understand what we do.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Jill is getting ready with her team for the children’s program that will take place on Sunday Dec. 17th during worship. She also stated that her group will take care of adult education.

**TRUSTEES:** Bruce stated that the last 2 windows for the fellowship hall will be done in the next few weeks. There is \$380 left in the piano fund. The money will be added to the music budget. We are still hoping for more pledges to come in.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Tracy stated we are keeping on budget and getting the bills paid.

Tracy made a motion to adjourn, Bruce seconded it. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Lou Behring