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Dawson
United Methodist Church



November/December
2018



Let's Celebrate Christmas Together!

This time of the year is filled with joy and anticipation because we are waiting for the special day to come to the church! We are waiting with excitement because our church is getting ready to celebrate the birth of a king, our King! Let's prepare ourselves to truly focus on the meaning of Christmas and how it is more than just decorations and presents but a time to truly focus on the Season of Advent. We recently studied John 3:16 which says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." God gave us his one and only Son and it was a perfect gift for the world and it's a gift for all of us. This Christmas let us remember the gift that God gave us, which is his one and only Son and share that gift with others! Invite those who need to hear God's message to our Advent series, "Prepare the Way" because Christmas is a time to experience God's hope, peace, joy and love and what a better time to share with others than this time of the year! Let's spend Christmas together celebrating the wondrous gift God has given to us!

Christmas is a time of hope, peace, joy and love!
Remember to share that gift!

See you Sunday,

Pastor Joey



Family Promise News

It is so exciting to Share that the 2nd rotation of churches has started and Family Promise can now serve 8-10 families at a time. Thank you all for your generosity and continued support of this mission that truly makes a difference right here in our community.

As I update this we are in the middle of our support host week with Crosswinds Church. Your generosity once again provided breakfast and lunch supplies for the guest families. I spent last night with our guests, it is truly a blessing to see the hope and love that this program offers these families. There is always a need for volunteers and opportunities to help. If you have any questions about how you can volunteer ask Mary Lou or Dulcie.

PREPARE THE WAY

ADVENT TO EPIPHANY

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Join us as we journey through the Christmas season from Advent to Epiphany. Starting Dec 2nd, each week we will study the progression of events that happened that first Christmas.

Stand, Refine, Do, Welcome, Arrive, Search and Find ... all stops along the journey as we Prepare the way.

Christmas Luncheon

December 9th following morning worship join us for the all church Christmas Luncheon. Bring your favorite Christmas dish to share with the congregation.



The Jingle Bell Sale is Dec 1st. We can always use more Christmas items for the sale you can bring them in any time before Dec 1. If you can help with the sale or help set up we can always use additional help.

Contact Sheryl Kaufman.



We want to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving Day.



Join us in decorating Dawson for Christmas.
Wednesday
November 28th
from 5 - 7 PM.

Coming Events

Every Sunday

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Morning Worship - 10:45 AM

Every Monday

All Scouts - 7 PM

Every Wednesday

Dawson 3D

Choir Practice 7 PM

Other Events & Meetings

November

18 2018 Church Conference 2 PM

Woodland UMC

1100 West 15th Street

20 Pancake Feed 8 -10

28 Christmas Decorating 5-7 PM

DECEMBER

1 Jingle Bell Sale

9 Christmas Lunch - after worship

16 Teddy Bear Cookie Sale -
After worship

16 Blue Christmas Service 4 PM

24 Christmas Eve Service 5 PM



Our Change for Change offering will go to help with our outreach mission with Anderson School and Christmas gifts for low income families .



Choir Practice
Wednesday
at 7:00 PM

Pancake Saturday Morning - Nov.17 & 1/19/19.



The annual Teddy Bear Cookie Sale will be Dec 16th following worship. Bring a batch of your favorite cookies and buy a wonderful assortment of everyone's favorite cookies.



Our Annual Church Conference Meeting will be held at Woodland UMC, 1100 West 15th Street at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 18.

No pancake feed in December



Winter is for Pancakes





General Conference is Feb. 2019. A handout outlining the important issues on the agenda will be available in Finley Hall.

Additional information and resources are available at www.GreatPlainsUMC.Org/forward in unity.

You may also email delegates at GC delegates@GreatPlainsUMC.Org

We are all encouraged to keep our delegates, leadership, the worldwide church and all of us in your prayers for wisdom and discernment as we face these questions in such uncertain times. May we move forward in wisdom and Grace as we must continue to be the church and to be the hands and feet of Jesus.



I love fall. The colors, the warm days and cool evenings. The sights, the smells, the tastes. We are so very blessed to live where we can experience all the seasons as they change. Fall is a season of preparation also. All are making ready a survival plan for winter. Even in the church it is a time of preparation while we consider service and stewardship and plan the future of our congregation. As our numbers continue to diminish this makes it increasingly more difficult to find the workers to make plans let alone to make them happen. This makes Jesus's statement in Matthew 9 and Luke 10 "the Harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few" just as relevant today as it was then; maybe especially so in our current circumstances. This gives us more reason to "beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers."

As we are just a few days from charge conference and a few weeks away from beginning the third year of our 3-year Revival / survival ALL-IN plan; I must admit it has been frustrating for me and at times hard to find Hope for our future. At times it seems the voice in my head is screaming something has to change! Yet in a quiet moment amidst the chaos I am reminded but as we are taught in Ecclesiastes 3 "There is an appointed time for every season and every event under Heaven." To everything a beginning and an end. God has a plan and all we are really charged with is to beseech him for guidance and help. To continue to be the disciples we are called to be whatever the circumstances. So as we are facing this season of change and moving forward to whatever God has set before us I encourage us all to pray for Dawson, for leadership, for Laborers, for wisdom and discernment, and for peace and fortitude. Ask him how you can serve to fulfill his purpose for Dawson? How can we all together shine his light in our part of the pasture?

Should we be content to sit and wait for come what may? OR should we continue to fight for His Names sake?

Now as we are preparing to enter Advent and the season of celebrating the greatest gift of all, let us do so with hopeful hearts. Rejoicing in the birth of our Savior, sent by God to show us the way! May you be blessed with joy and peace.

We are All in His Service Together
Dulcie

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