

EATON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Pastor Olympia's Letter

The Christmas season is upon us. A season in which there is much thought and concern put into the concept of gifts. Many children and some adults focus upon and delight in the anticipation of what gifts they may get during this season. People run around from store to store consumed with getting the "right" gifts for all of those on their lists.

Too often in the hustle and bustle of what is going on at this season, we forget the most important gift of all - Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16). The Bible relates to us the wonderful truth that Jesus Christ came to save us from our sin and that Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life and died a cruel death on the cross of Calvary to be our Savior.

This is an exciting time in the Eaton Church and community. It is exciting to see new families coming out to church. It is also exciting to see Lord's answer to prayer regarding church mission in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We are so grateful and thankful to God for answering the prayer and are looking forward into the beginning of the year with more opportunities and church vitality.

This is also a time of opportunities. It is a time for us to use the opportunities of this season to share with others the true meaning of Christmas. It is a time for us to use the opportunities of this season to gather together and worship Christ "the new born King."

Whether you are a regular attendee or whether you have not been out for awhile, we would like to encourage you to attend during this Advent and Christmas seasons at 11:00 am worship service.

I will host an Open House on Sunday, December 11 after worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The Christmas Cantata and Children Program will be on Sunday, December 18 at 11:00 am. We will also have a worship service on Christmas Day at 11:00 am.

On Christmas Eve the service will be at 7:00 pm, we will have the March to the Manger, a special offering that will go UMCOR.

May God give you a blessed Christmas in which the gift of Christ remains foremost in your heart.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Pastor Olympia V. Tukutau

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 11 –

Pastor's Open House
at noon

Dec. 18 –

Communion.
Cantata with
Children's Program
during worship.

Christmas Eve –

service at 7:00 pm

Christmas Day –

service at 11:00 am

Jan. 8 - Potluck and
Church Council

Jan. 12 – UMW at 1:00

YOUTH GROUP

Grades 6-12 meet every
Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

**NO YOUTH GROUP on
Dec. 21 & 28**

Please contact Camille at
Camille.youthleader@gmail.com
if you would like to provide
dinner for the youth on
Wednesday nights.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Special Music</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Fellowship</u>	<u>Children's Church</u>
12/11	Communion	PJ Bindley	Cuthbert Family	Open House	Kim R. & Anita Ervin
12/18	Cantata	Kim Robinson	Helen & Bill Phillips	Ken & Mary Vance	Children's Program
12/24	Julie Green,	Joseph Messmer	Mary & Ken Vance	NONE	NONE
Anita Ervin & Luke Pickett					
12/25	Neil Johnson	Dave Cuthbert	Earl & Shirley Stewart	NONE	NONE
1/1				Pickett	Kim R. & Mary Vance
1/8				Potluck	Kim R. & Matt Pickett
1/15				OPEN	Kim R. & OPEN
1/22				OPEN	Kim R. & Mary Vance
1/29	Youth	Youth	Youth	Panera	NONE (Youth Sunday)

FACTS & FIGURES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
11/6	37	\$1528
11/13	31	\$578
11/20	40	\$859
11/27	42	\$645
12/4	31	\$945

SCOUT NEWS

Boy Scouts meet each Monday at 7:00 pm

Cub Scouts meet each Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Girl Scouts meet every other Friday at 4:00 pm

Please join us at 10:00 for
Adult Sunday School
Worship and Children's
Church at 11:00.

December Birthdays

- 5 Misty Cole and Harvey Tukutau
- 12 Wendy Messmer
- 16 Luke Pickett
- 21 Juan Carlos and Jim Morgan
- 26 'Epeli Tukutau
- 29 Amber Pitts

December Anniversaries

- 30 Dennis & Wendy Messmer

January Birthdays

- 4 Sophia Morrell and Dave Cuthbert
- 7 Earl Stewart
- 19 Helen Phillips
- 23 Heather Pickett
- 28 Jeff Green

CHURCH COUNCIL AND POTLUCK

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