

Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known

Sunday, November 15, 2015

9:00am Worship

(*)Please Stand as Able

Bold Print All Say In Unison

GATHERING MEDITATION ON TODAY'S WORSHIP

Tithing has more to do with faith than finance. But tithing makes little sense, unless you are a person of faithfulness and devotion, or hope to be. Tithing makes little sense, unless you are yearning for God's will in your life. Tithing makes little sense, unless you are seeking a way to thank God for priceless gifts and to share them with others. But if any of these qualities of a disciple describe you or the person you want to be, tithing, or a step toward the tithe, makes a lot of sense.

Heather Entrekin, Prairie Breeze

"What can I do with my (God-given) treasures to further the work God wants me to do as a Christian? What can I do with my Treasures to help spread the Good News? What can I do with my Treasures to reach out to those in need? Today I will pray over these questions and listen for God's response."

GREETING

Please Sign and Pass Welcome Pad

PRELUDE *Shine on Us*, Debbie/Michael W. Smith Nancy Dickinson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: What joy it is to have you here today!

P: We have come from very busy lives, filled both with joys and difficulties.

L: Welcome to this place in which God will ease your burdens and celebrate your joys with you.

P: We have come to find hope and peace in our lives.

L: Whatever has happened this week in your life, know that God is with you and offering you peace, rest and blessing.

P: Thanks be to God who accepts us as we are, and thanks for the warm welcome in this service of worship. AMEN.

***PRAYER**

Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day. AMEN.

***HYMN**

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

UMH #399

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts and our talents, and wonder what you would do with these offerings. We don't think that we have much to give. So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities present to serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a difference. We think that we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth in order to truly please and serve you. How foolish we are! Forgive us when we stop listening to your healing and comforting words and focus on our anxieties. Heal us, Lord. Help us know that you have given to us such blessings and that these blessings are truly wonderful and meant to be used to joy and service to others. Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to you and to receive your gentle touch and healing grace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has given to each one of us such blessings and talents. With joy we bring these gifts to God. You are blessed by God's absolute love for you. Rejoice in that love and find healing and hope. AMEN.

***HYMN**

"Jesu, Jesu"

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***GOSPEL READING**

MARK 12:38-44

MESSAGE "STEWARDSHIP OF Treasures" Rev Barbara Wells

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Sometimes we feel like we have nothing to give. Sometimes we feel like this world just takes. It drains us dry, Lord. We sometimes feel like we just don't have enough to go on. Not enough money, not enough energy, not enough hope. But we know better - we have you, and you give. Lord you give us so much. You give us shelter and daily bread. You give us families and friends. You give us hope, love, and faith. You give us yourself. You meet us where we are. It might be in prison. It might be in the boardroom. It might be in the ditch. It might be in the courtroom. It might be in the judge's chamber. It might be on the streets. It might be in our homes.

It might be in a homeless shelter. It might be in a cathedral.
It might be a storefront. You meet us and you give. So what we
have, we give to you. Like the widow who gave all she had, we
know we can't beat your giving. We have enough, and we give to
you In Jesus' name. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER (See Enclosure)

SPECIAL MUSIC *All That We Have*, Gary Ault Nancy Dickinson

OFFERING

Special Music *Awesome God*, Hugh Mullins Nancy Dickinson
Doxology "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH#95

*HYMN "Let Us Be Bread" UMH#2260

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Thank you for worshipping with us.
Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a coffee, goodies and
friendship— located downstairs below the Sanctuary.*

WE WELCOME YOU!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are glad you are here!
Please complete the information in our Friendship Book (black folder)
located at the end of the pew along the center aisle.

COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am worship service
and prior to the 10:30 am worship service, for coffee and snacks. This is a
great time to greet visitors and connect with your church family.

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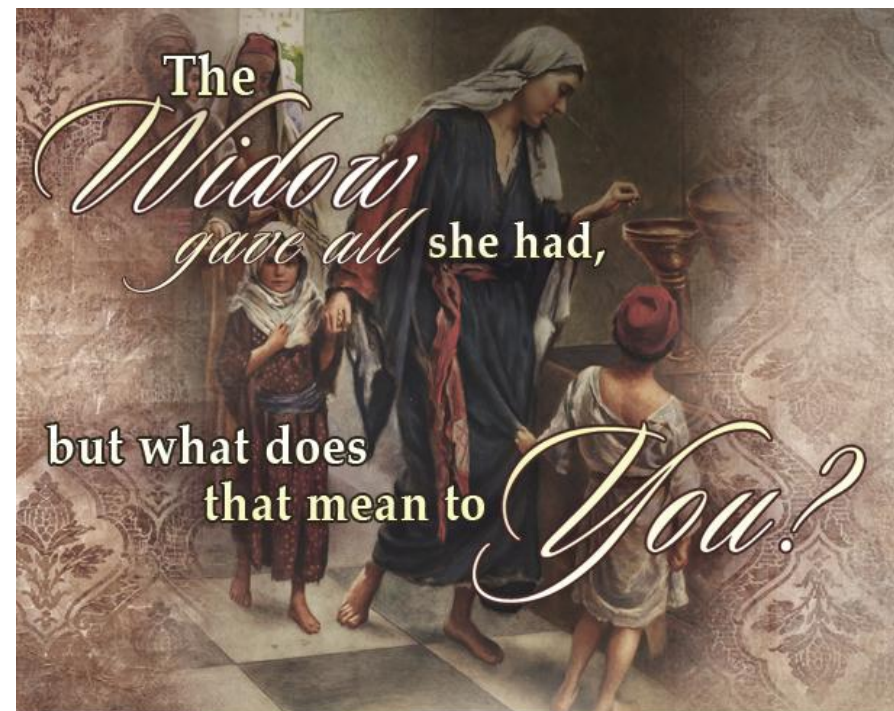
To make an appointment with Pastor Barb, call her at 608-931-6804

THIS WEDNESDAY!

Church Charge Conference – November 18th

Potluck dinner 5:30pm/devotional worship 6:00pm/ Meeting 6:30pm.

MY OPPORTUNITY FOR GIVING... *Stewardship as a Way of Life*



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