



HESSTON UMC

Weekly News and Updates

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Church Decorating:** There are sign-up sheets in the foyer to volunteer to help decorate the church, beginning Thursday, November 30. We'd like the decorations finished by Saturday, December 2. The sanctuary will not be available prior to the 30th due to work on the sound system.
- **Women in Faith:** The "Thursday" group will be having a cookie exchange on Thursday, December 14. For more information, contact Helen McClain. The "Sunday" group meeting will be Saturday, December 9, at 1:00P. They will meet in the nursery and will be cleaning the toys in there to provide a more welcoming space for families. Anyone in the church is welcome to come help with this project! If you'd like to help, but you're not available on that day, contact Janelle Hahn to find out what project you could do at your convenience.

ADVENT READINGS:

We are looking for volunteers for advent activities. We need **FIVE** different couples/families/individuals to read/light the advent wreath candles during worship during advent. We have the following dates:

December 3, December 10, December 17, December 24 (AM), December 24 (PM). If you're able to participate, let me know if there is a date that will NOT work for you.

Thanks!



In addition, we need readers for the evening Christmas Eve service. We need seven people to read scripture sections and one will include lighting the advent candle. You'll announce the lesson number, scripture reference, then read the description, followed by the scripture passage(s).

Handicap Accessible Door Buttons:

You may be aware that our handicap door sometimes has issues and refuses to open. The toggle switch at the top of the door should be in the "AUTOMATIC" position. If it is and the door is still not working, make sure you are pressing firmly in the center of the button, especially outside. Sometimes it just takes an extra bit of "oomph" to get it to work.





We are collecting “Favorite Holiday Recipes” to create a holiday cookbook for



Advent. If you have a favorite recipe you make during the holidays, please send it to the office so it can be compiled into a cookbook.

This will not be a big, professionally bound cookbook like was done in 2003, but a simple PDF (with print available) of holiday recipes. So far, I have three desserts/snacks and two side dishes.

So—come on! Where’s your favorite recipe???

We could use some entrees and side dishes!

Please submit before Thursday, December 14, so there is time to compile. *If you would like to include a note as to what makes the recipe special, please do so!*

Spring Semester 2024 Scholarship Applications Deadline December 3, 2023

The church is now accepting applications for the Spring Semester 2024 Scholarships.

The Hesston United Methodist church will be accepting college scholarship applications for the 2024 Spring semester. Interested students can obtain an application from the church office or request an electronic copy of the application. Applications must be received in the church office by end of day 03DEC23. Scholarships may be awarded to an applicant enrolled in 12 hours (undergraduate) or 9 hours (graduate) up to 5 times, once per academic year. Proof of enrollment will be required prior to disbursement of funds. If there are questions contact Maynard Herron at herron.maynard@gmail.com or call 620-217-3959.

Cookie Box time: We are once again looking for cookies to deliver as part of our Advent activities. We need 20 dozen cookies to the church by Wednesday, November 29. Part of the cookies will be divided up into boxes to be delivered to members we haven’t seen in a while, shut-ins, and others. Part of the cookies will be used after our caroling excursion (December 10 @ 4:00P; *more info to follow*). These can be left at the office during normal hours or in the church kitchen. A sign-up sheet is on the table outside the office.

From the Missions Committee:

Our next delivery will be **December 4**. Lunch prep will be Sunday, December 3.

~Melinda Jantz



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday next week to:

Katelyn Hamilton

Happy Anniversary next week to:

Bryce and Keather Hansen

**Current Prayer list:**

Perry Koehn (neighbor of Ray/Suzanne Novak; hospice)

Continue to pray for: (Please let me know of any updates/additions/deletions)

Chuck Arens (health), Cayle (Janeen Bezona's son-in-law), Bob Diehl (LeAnn's brother; hospice), Bonnie and Jan (friends of LeAnn), David Clark (Chuck Buechman's nephew; cancer), Paul Hart (friend of Ray Novak; medical issues), Joe Hershberger (fall), Melinda Jantz (surgery/recovery), Kennedy (from Raelene Kite; health), Robert Kinsley (Marge Hamilton's brother; improving but still needs prayer), Lee (Pam Arens' brother; health), Marilyn (Pam Arens' sister; cancer), Carol Peirce (health), Jan Strecker Hedges (former member; health), Jody Schwanke (health concerns)

MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

Medical Mission donations: Medical Mission Team is once again preparing for their mission trip in January. We are beginning to collect monetary donations for them to purchase supplies. Please indicate "medical mission" on the memo line of your check.

~Mission Committee

**Recent Medical Mission Trip:**

Thank you to everyone who prayed for my mission trip. We had a team of 15; 2 from Alaska, 2 from British Columbia, 1 from Michigan, 1 from SC, and the remainder from the Midwest. We did 63 surgeries in the week and had several confessions of faith. Thank you very much. *~Sharon Lehman*

Blessing Box Needs As of November 22:

- "Just add water" mixes
- Tuna Helper
- Canned tuna / canned chicken
- Wide egg noodles (to make tuna and noodles)
- Ingredients to make a complete casserole/dish, such as canned chicken/noodles, 7-can soup, or chicken/rice.
- Spaghetti sauce / spaghetti
- After-school snacks

PLEASE—no glass jars. Please do not place opened and/or partially used items in the blessing boxes. (New Hope will take opened/partially used items.) Thanks!

Additional Notes:

- **Fellowship Hall:** If you would like to reserve Fellowship Hall for an event, please schedule with the office. All upcoming reservations will be listed in this section in the weekly emails.
 - Reserved on Mondays, from 6:30P until 8:00P for scouts
 - Reserved Thanksgiving Day—9A-5P
 - Reserved Saturday, December 2, 4P-8P
 - Reserved Sunday afternoon, January 7
- **Calendar Items:** Please let the office know of meetings that need to be added to the calendar. I'm currently working on **NOVEMBER** and **DECEMBER** items. *Please let me know of upcoming committee meetings and other events we need to put on the calendar. Thanks.*
- **Missions meeting**—December 6, 10:30A
- **Directory Info:** If your information needs to be updated for the directory, please let me know before the end of the month. Updates will be published monthly (if there are changes).
- **Office will be closed** November 23/24 for Thanksgiving.

November 2023

October '23							December '23						
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 9:00A Women's Bible Study 3:30P Bells practice 7:00P Youth	2	3	4 10:00-Noon Advent, Air, Antifreeze Villa Maintenance Garage
5 9:00A Lunch Prep	6 9:00A Lunch Delivery	7	8 9:00A Women's Bible Study 3:30P Bells practice 7:00P Youth	9 2:00P United Women Faith	10	11
12 2:00P Church Conference Trinity UMC Newton	13 5:00P UWF Book of Joy discussion	14	15 9:00A Women's Bible Study 3:30P Bells practice 6:00P Fellowship Meal 7:00P Youth	16	17	18
19 2:00P United Women Faith	20 7:00P Church Council	21	22	23 Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed Thurs/Fri	24 	25
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3	4	Notes Fellowship Hall reserved Mondays 6:30P - 8:00P Fellowship Hall reserved Thanksgiving Day - 9:00A-5:00P				

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2 Cory Lehman	3	4
5 Anna Schertz	6	7 Jace Regier	8 Jody Schwanke	9 Sharyl Hamilton	10 Rollin Camp	11
12	13	14 Raelene Kite	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Bryce & Keather Hansen	29	30 Katelyn Hamilton	1	2
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