# **Get Involved**

Dismantling Racism

"You cannot dismantle what you cannot see. You cannot challenge what you do not understand." Layla F. Saad

After reading the above quote by author Layla F. Saad, I was struck by the realization that many people in our society do not understand what racism or "dismantling racism" means; therefore, they do not know how to challenge racism.



The following resource, "Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race" is one resource that will help the reader gain a basic understanding of racism and also recognizing racism in the United States.

#### Last Week's Worship Service:

We are so glad to celebrate with 41 people in in-person worship and 38 people through YouTube.

#### PARENTS DAY OFF PRESCHOOL



Please continue to use the Prayer Guide to pray for PDO staff, students and families!



#### Happy Birthday!



1/28 Doreen H. 1/29 Jim R.

1/30 Larry V. 1/31 Randy B.

2/1 Audrey F. 2/2 Crystal C.

# Serving Him! Prayers & Liturgy

01/28 Brian C. 02/04 Penny K.

#### Greeters

01/28 Karen O & Lee R. 02/04 Kathie S & John W.

#### **January Coin Offering**

**Broadway Meals** 



#### FREE ZOOM TRAININGS:

**Saturday, January 27, 2024** 9 AM - 12 PM (CT)/10 AM - 1 PM (ET)

and/or

**Saturday, February 10, 2024** 8 AM - 11 AM (CT)/9 AM - 12 PM (ET)

# LEADERSHIP UNIVERSITY



# WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

Staff Parish

Finance and Trustees
Church Council/Single Board
Growing Young (Youth Ministry)

Children's Ministry

Lay Leadership
Messy Church

Digital Church

Outreach: Food Pantries & Beyond Planned Giving and Endowments



# **Welcome Guests**

All are welcome here!

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

For more information please see our website at: https://eheights.org or see our Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/evangelheightsumc/

# This Week at EHUMC

#### Sunday, January 28, 2024

9:30 am | Worship Service (Sanctuary) Town Hall Meeting (Sanctuary)

#### Tuesday, January 30, 2024

11:30 am | Intercessory Prayer (Lounge)

#### Thursday, February 01, 2024

6:30 pm | Bells Rehearsal

7:30 pm | Choir Rehearsal

See our website for the complete calendar.

# **Prayer List**

- Audrey F. Prayers for healing and comfort for a broken hip.
- Candice D.- friend of Kathie's has been given a clean bill of health.
- **Sherry K.** prayers for successful hernia surgery on 1/18/24.
- Danielle and family (a friend of Nan's)- Danielle's mother passed away 12/20.
- The Fredenburg Family as they mourn the passing of Lorraine.
- Patrick C. prayers for health issues.
- The Thomas Family mourning the loss of Bill Thomas.
- **Becky-** grieving the passing of her daughter, <u>Jeanette</u>.
- Ernest and Dawn K.- Good health for brother-in-law, Rick, and 96 year old mother, Betty.
- **Julie** (*Jill's sister*) who is struggling with her health.
- **Anthony B.-** grieving the loss of his 54 year old nephew, Christopher, who recently passed away.
- Chris- awaiting news on his disability income eligibility

  See our website for the compete list.

# **Pastors Page**

The Mission of Evangel Heights United Methodist Church: To equip, nurture, and reach out in order to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Evangel Heights Family and Friends, "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you..." (Philippians 1:6 NRSV)

**Town Hall Meeting.** We will have the first of several Town Hall meetings this Sunday. The leadership will present the 2024 ministry and mission of Evangel Heights through the lens of the 2024 Budget.

Following the worship service, we will gather in the Lounge and Narthex for coffee, hot chocolate, tea and refreshments. The Town Hall meeting will begin at 11:00am in the Sanctuary.

**Congregation and Friends Fellowship.** Save the Date! February 11, 2024. More information to follow.

Listen and Learn. One expectation of a United Methodist is to participate in "active engagement with our world." One form of engagement is meaningful conversations with individuals and/or groups who may have different opinions. Evangel Heights Family and Friends, I want to extend an invitation to you to participate in the Lenten book study, Our Hearts Were Strangely Luke Warm. The discussions may be uncomfortable. Discomfort is the price that we all must pay to discover new information about the United Methodist Church, our nation and the world. The online study will take place during the month of February. More information is found on FaceBook or our website under NEWS.

**Pulpit Exchange.** I am excited about the pulpit exchange that has been taking place this month between several of the South Bend clergy and myself. The Sermon Series "United" has been our focus. The Sermon Series was launched on Sunday, January 14 th . My sermon's focus is "United in Mission." Due to the cancellation of our services on Sunday, January 14th , I was not able to preach my sermon at EHUMC.

On Sunday, January 21st , I exchanged pulpits with Rev. Brian Durand of Clay UM Church. On Sunday, January 28th , I will exchange pulpits with Rev. Vickie Van Nevel. Her sermon will focus on "United Through Grace."

The pulpit exchange is a part of the South Bend pastors' commitment to create opportunities for us to fellowship together, learn more about one another, work collaboratively, and, along with our congregations, to fellowship together, and to address issues that are of importance to our community.

You may recall that we had the opportunity to be with several of the South Bend UMC congregations at the *Better Homes* play on November 8, 2023.

**Prayer Concerns, Birthdays, etc.** In an effort to communicate information about our members and friends and at the same time maintain the privacy of our members and friends, the Church Council is in the process of determining how we can share the joys, concerns and other information with you, EHUMC, without infringing on your privacy and the privacy of others. We will keep you informed.

**God is Calling.** Evangel Heights Family and Friends, God is calling us to a closer relationship with God. In addition to the devotionals that we read and the podcasts that we listen to, how much time are we setting aside to pray, to read and study God's word, and to listen to God?

**Discipleship Formation.** How is it with your soul? Are you taking care of your mental, physical, spiritual, and emotional self? Are there resources that you need to assist you with taking care of yourself? If so, let's talk.

**Homelessness.** Thank you for your ongoing donations of coats and blankets for the guests at Broadway Christian Parish.

**Thank you.** Evangel Heights Family and Friends. Your prayer support is appreciated. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as your pastor. Thank you, too, for your commitment to Jesus Christ which is demonstrated by your involvement at Evangel Heights United Methodist Church through the sharing of your gifts and time within and beyond the four walls of our congregation.

As we move forward, let us pray, "Lord, interrupt us to be fearlessly obedient to your plans; challenge us to act on those opportunities."

Let us continue to trust God for the impossible! "Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matthew 19:26)

**Remember.** Our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (Ephesians 6:12, NRSV)

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Joy in the Journey, Pastor Michelle