



Arlington United Methodist Church

NEWSLETTER

December 2017

We Are Grateful for Our Veterans!
Thank you for your service.



We honored our veterans at our November 12 worship service. The children handed out flags after learning what a veteran was. We focused on this verse from John 15:13, ***“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”*** Pictured are Roger Icenogle, Marvin Powers, Bill Hughey, Ray Millard and Ken Gompert.

Help Local Families Enjoy Christmas!



Prairie Pride Food Pantry

is sponsoring three families who need help with purchasing Christmas presents. How can you help? Pick an angel from the

ANGEL TREE

and purchase the listed items (or donate money & we will shop). Return the presents to the church by December 15.

**For more information,
call Peggy Morse
608-697-5880**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Bible Study
Wednesdays, 3-4 p.m.

Join us as we study Isaiah.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

Sunday, December 10
after worship

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, Dec 10, 4:30 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
224 N Main St, Poynette

PRAIRIE PRIDE FOOD PANTRY

Wednesday, 4-5:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9-10:30 a.m.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Sunday, Dec 3, 10 a.m.

Joseph of Bethlehem

Sunday, Dec 10, 10 a.m.

Mary & Elizabeth

Sunday, Dec 17, 10 a.m.

Journey to Bethlehem

Sunday, Dec 24, 10 a.m.

The Manger

Sunday, Dec 24, 7 p.m.

Candlelight Service

Michele Hopp

Lay Supply Pastor

608-370-4216

pastor@arlingtonumchurch.org

If you would like to meet with Michele, please call or email her. She would be happy to visit you at home. Please let her know of your needs.

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The Arlington United Methodist

Church exists to make disciples

of Jesus Christ for the

transformation of the world.

Be Still

by Michele Hopp



Many of you are weathering storms. Some of you are battling illness. Some of you have a sick spouse or family member. Some of you have lost a loved one. Some of you are having financial difficulties. Some of you are having relationship problems.

Did you know that as we go through life's storms, God wants us to have peace? But how is this possible?

God gives us the answer in Psalm 46:10. He says, "**Be still, and know that I am God.**"

In other words, withdraw from the world, be quiet, tell God what you need, and trust God to take care of you.

Notice that God doesn't say, "If you find some spare time, be still and know that I am God" or "You might want to think about being still and knowing that I am God." Instead he commands us to, "Be still, and know that I am God." Be quiet, trust in me, I'll take care of you.

Back in Bible times, God's people, the Israelites, were slaves in Egypt for 400 years. As slaves, they were treated cruelly. When the Egyptian leader, Pharaoh, finally released them, they thought that the worst was behind them.

But while on the road to freedom, the Israelites learned that Pharaoh had changed his mind. He didn't want to let them go. He wanted to kill them instead. Pharaoh and his army chased after them by chariot. The Israelites had gotten as far as the Red Sea, but they had no way to cross it. They were trapped. Pharaoh and his army were behind them. The Red Sea was in front of them. They were "between the devil and the deep blue sea." They were doomed to die one way or another.

They pleaded with God to help them. And do you know what God told them to do?

In Exodus 14:14, we read God's words to the Israelites. He said, "**The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.**"

Be quiet, trust in me, I'll take care of you. I will fight for you.

And then God parted the Red Sea. The Israelites traveled safely across. Pharaoh and his army perished as God allowed the sea to flow back as they crossed.

Isn't this a great example of how God cares for his people?

The next time you are in the middle of one of life's storms, try dealing with it God's way – be still and know that He is God. And in the quiet, you will learn to lean on God and trust him, and you will experience peace.

**Great
Christmas
GIFT IDEA
That Supports
Our Church!**



**Kwik Trip
Gift Cards**

Looking for a great Christmas gift idea? Buy that special someone a Kwik Trip Gift Card and at the same time you will be supporting our church!

The Kwik Trip Scrip Gift Card Program allows our church to purchase Kwik Trip Gift Cards at 10% off the face value. Our church then sells the Gift Cards to you at face value and we keep the profit. We also earn an additional 10% rebate for in-store merchandise purchases!

Gift Cards come in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100 & \$200 and can be used at the pumps or for any in-store purchase.

To get a card for yourself, or to buy one as a gift, contact:

Sally Stewart
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Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!



Thank you, Ray & Jan Millard, for installing the snow fence! It will help to keep the sidewalks clearer when the prairie wind blows this winter.

CANDY CANE TREE



Many thanks to Monique Duerst for setting up a Candy Cane Tree for our food pantry patrons. Now the children can enjoy a Christmas treat while their parents shop in the pantry.

***Congratulations to our
LAY SERVANTS***

Monique Duerst
Sue Falk
Cynthia Morse
Connie Wilsnack

We are grateful for your leadership and look forward to seeing where God leads your ministries!

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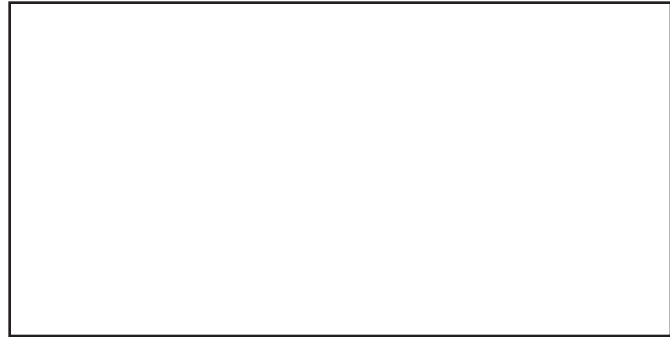
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Sunday Worship: Experience God!

- Worship Time 10 a.m.

Come As You Are!



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