

# The Messenger

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## SON-SHINE CHILD CARE CENTER



Son-shine kids have gone back to school!! With that comes saying good-bye to some families that have "outgrown" needing daycare. The laughter and silliness they brought to our days will be missed. These good-byes do allow us to say hello to some new families, and we are so happy to have added 3 new families this school year.

Son-shine has also had a bit of a baby boom and our infant room is overflowing. We have opened a "wobble" room for the oldest of the infants and the youngest of the toddlers. This allows us to accommodate more infants and help ease the transition for babies going from the infant room to the toddler room. We are blessed to be at full capacity and thankful that we get to not only watch these children grow, but we get to play a part in their learning and development.

**Melinda Moyer, Director**

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## UMYF NEWS

(UMYF is for all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.)

Youth Group starts September 15th at 5:30p.m. in the basement of Ebenezer UMC in Murdock. We will offer dinner, Bible Study and fellowship time. All 7-12th graders are welcome to attend. Join us after sports practices. We will have youth group every third Wednesday at Ebenezer and every first Sunday in Elmwood. Please continue to watch for more updates on times for our Sunday events.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, September 18, 2021, 9:00–11:00 a.m.  
New Location: Old Village Town Hall Building  
113 West E Street, Elmwood

### Elmwood Community Center

The Center is open for noon meals or the weekday lunches can be delivered upon request or can be picked up at the center. Call 402-994-2145 to make a request for lunch.

### BBQ Lunch at Trinity Lutheran Church

31104 Church Road, Murdock

Sunday, September 12, 2021

11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Free Will Offering

Proceeds to Lutheran Theological Seminary,  
Novosibirsk, Russia

## *UMW CORNER*

*Elmwood UMW will meet on Monday,  
September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at St.  
Paul UMC.*

**Murdock UMW will meet at the church on  
Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 5:45 p.m.**

### Elmwood Farmers' Market

**Bess Streeter Aldrich Park**

**Saturday Mornings 8:00 – Noon**

Vegetables and Produce, Baked Goods

Gourmet Coffee and Artisan Teas

Homemade Artisan Soap, Candles

Crafters and local vendors



### September Birthdays-Elmwood



Michael Krass – September 1  
Caleb Kraeger – September 4  
Layton Bornemeier – Sept. 6  
Genia Leone – September 7  
Bruce Vogt – September 8  
Michael D.L. Vogt – Sept. 8  
Kathy Frahm – September 8  
Emmie Fritz – September 8

Frank Leone – September 10  
Marvin Stewart – September 11  
Clint Bornemeier – September 14  
Timothy Rorie – September 17  
Coleman Lenz – September 17  
Stella Burrows – September 17  
Austin Hawks – September 18  
Rose Offner – September 18

Dan Bornemeier – September 19  
Breanna Romero – September 19  
Sydney Kunz – September 21  
Kelly Meisinger – September 21  
Jordan Vogt – September 24  
Marthena DeGarmo – Sept. 25  
Gary Vogt – September 29



### September Birthdays-Murdock



Madison Mills – September 2  
Betty Burnham – September 8  
Don Mills – September 11  
Ellen Luetchens – September 26

# PASTOR'S PEN



Happy September!

It is amazing to me that we are almost three quarters of the way through 2021. I remember as a child, I was lamenting to an uncle about time moving so slow and wishing that I could just be older. He responded by telling me that there would surely be a time where I would want time to slow down. Of course at that moment I couldn't possibly believe him; I just wanted to be older. I wanted to be able to do whatever it was that I couldn't do at the time. I wanted to be old enough to live on my own and make my own decisions. And now I look at my kids and think "Where has the time gone? Can it just slow down a little bit? How did we get to Fall when one second ago it was Spring?" I am sure there are many of you that can relate.

This month is filled with the kick off of many things. Choir starts on September 8th. I know that I am not a singer but I am really excited about the possibility of choir and bells starting again. I have really missed the gifts of those that are willing participants sharing their musical talents this last year and a half. Also starting this month is Sunday School. We will kick off Sunday School at both churches on Sept 12th. Murdock will continue to have Sunday School during service at 9am and it will remain at 9:30am in Elmwood. All students ages 3 to Seniors in High School are invited to join us for that.

We will also be kicking off Youth Group this month. It will look a little different than it has in years past. This year we are offering two different youth group opportunities. On the third Wednesday of every month through the school year, we will be meeting at 5:30pm in Murdock. We will be serving dinner and having a Bible study and fellowship time for any and all 7th-12th graders that would like to join us. If you would like to help make and serve the meal for one of these Wednesdays, please contact me. We are always looking for people to help.

Along with our third Wednesday offering, we will also have a Sunday get-together for youth every 1st Sunday of the month starting on Oct 3rd. They will take place in Elmwood. We will have an activity, devotional and meal. All 7th-12th graders are welcome to join us for those events as well. If you would like to help out with those events as well, please let me know.

The years continue to fly by and we continue to look for ways that we can best serve in our community. We are called to be grace-filled people and we will study through the month of September what 2 Peter has to tell us. 2 Peter starts out telling us to build faith through right living stating in verses 5-7: "For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love." I am looking forward to being able to dig deeper into 2 Peter this month with all of you.

Until Next Time,  
Pastor Michelle



**DON'T FORGET!**  
Bell practice starts at 6:30 p.m.  
Choir practice starts at 7:30 p.m.  
On Wednesday, September 8, 2021  
At Elmwood St. Paul UMC



# Sunday School Kick-Off

All Church Families, young and old, children or no children, are invited to attend our Sunday School Kick-Off Fun!

**Date:** Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Right after Church Service

**Place:** Methodist Church Fellowship Hall and north grass area



Food and Fun will be provided for people of all ages!  
Wear your comfortable Church clothes that day!  
Bring your lawn chair.

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## Mission Project – September and October Care Packages for Local Soldiers and College Students

We will collect care package items and cash donations to send to soldiers from our community or those who have family members in our congregation. We will also send care packages to college students who are members of the Elmwood and Murdock churches.

### Items Requested for Care Packages

Beef Jerky	Sunflower Seeds
Candy (no chocolate)	Small foil bags of local coffee
Magazines	Puzzle Books (crossword, Sudoku, etc.)
Postage stamps and notecards	Playing cards or trivia cards
Lip Balm	Runza or Arby's gift cards (for college students)

We will need the contact information for a family member who is a soldier (serving stateside or overseas), for soldiers from the Elmwood Murdock area or you have a college student. Please send their contact information to Karey Koehn to [kareykoehn@gmail.com](mailto:kareykoehn@gmail.com).

Notecards will be available to sign to include with the care packages at each church in October.

# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:45pm UMW - M	2	3	4
5 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	6 Labor Day	7	8 6:30pm Bell Practice - E  7:30pm Choir Practice - E	9	10	11
12 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service – E  11:30am Sunday School Kickoff - E	13 7:00pm UMW - E	14 7:00pm Church Council - M	15 5:30pm UMYF Bible Study – M  6:30pm Bell Practice - E  7:30pm Choir Practice - E	16	17	18 9-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution
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