

The Messenger

OCTOBER 2024



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UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OCTOBER SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 6, 2024 (change of date), 3:00 p.m. Meet at Oehlerking's Pumpkin Patch (28614 O Street) for pumpkin carving contest, games and eats.

Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 5:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study at Murdock UMC

Sunday, October 20, 2024, 12:00 p.m. Confirmation at Elmwood UMC

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 5:30 p.m. Confirmation at Murdock UMC



UPCOMING 150TH YEAR CELEBRATION

Sunday, December 15th, is going to be an exciting day during worship service as we enjoy the Sunday School Christmas program as well as celebrating 150 years of ministry and service of the Methodist Church in Elmwood.

For the history portion of the celebration, we need your help with photos of events in the life of our church - St. Paul's, as well as the churches that came before - Methodist Episcopal (ME) and Evangelical United Brethren (EUB). In addition to photos for a power point presentation, we would also like to create a display of wedding photos of couples married in the church - St. Paul's or previous ones.

Please watch for more information to come about the celebration. In the meantime, questions about the history can be referred to Myrna or Bonnie. Photos can be emailed to Bonnie Brewer at bb45231@windstream.net. If you have a photo but need assistance in scanning it, please contact her by email or at (402) 540-1662.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, October 19, 2024, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Location: Old Village Town Hall Building
113 West E Street, Elmwood

Elmwood Community Center

The Center is open for meals at noon 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.

Starting in October, the Center will begin the Breakfast Buffet that always has a variety of delicious breakfast foods. The October date is Sunday, Oct. 13th and the upcoming months will be on the second Sunday of each month. Time is from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We would like to receive reservations for these meals by the Friday before Sunday serving date.

Also in October, we will again have the “Grab and Go” meals on Friday nights. From 4:30 to 6:00 p.m., you can come to the Center and pick up your evening meal (\$6 each) before you go to your Friday night event. First come/first served until the meals are gone. We will not be serving a noon meal on Fridays.

The Little Free Pantry is located between Hufstader Chiropactor and Village Hall. There is now a Free Library located at the G.A.R. Museum.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CORNER

The Elmwood UWF will meet on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 1:30 a.m. at the home of Donna Clements.

Murdock UWF will meet on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the church and will be sharing a meal and program.

The Elmwood and Murdock units of UWF are collecting plastic shopping bags to provide the material to make the sleeping mats for the homeless. If you have some bags to donate, just drop them off at the St. Paul church office or call Carol at 402-310-6627.

The Elmwood UWF collects the Best Choice labels and submits them for a small refund. We would appreciate receiving any of these labels that you might have. They can be found on certain food items at Russ's Market and Super Saver grocery stores. Thank you for the donations.



October Birthdays-Elmwood



Andrew Rorie – October 2

Etta Vogt – October 3

Derick Vogt – October 9

Robert Frederickson – October 10

Jerry Fleischman – October 12

Martha Ann Bornemeier – Oct. 12

Barbara Minch – October 14

Renee Holland – October 14

Rebecca Brettmann – October 14

Karen Rase – October 19

Jeanne Spaulding – October 20

Tyler Rosenow – October 22

John Oehlerking – October 23

Shirley Bornemeier – October 25

Brayam Burrows – October 25

Owen Kunz – October 26

Ryan Rorie – October 29



October Birthdays-Murdock



Aaron Panska – October 2

Estelle Rase – October 6

Kylee Synovec – October 10

Renea Panska – October 14

Evelyn Schafer – October 14

Michelle Chesnut – October 18

Joyce Hammons – October 23

Matt Rase – October 25

Wayne Luetchens – October 29

Lane Mills – October 29

Elmwood Rescue

Fall Fundraiser

Waffles | Sides | Drinks

RAFFLE

DRAWING AT 1:30PM

SUNDAY | **8:30AM**
6 | OCT | **1:00PM**

Elmwood Fire Station
601 N 4th St
Elmwood, NE 68349

** Free Will Donation **
 Proceeds will be used to purchase equipment
 More info: at: www.elmwoodrescue.org

SENIOR LEGACY PARTNERS
Papillion, NE

Will be presenting the big changes that are coming to Medicare in 2025. Join them at the Elmwood Cultural Center when they will break down the new 2025 changes to help you find the best coverage.

This event will be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 3rd, 11th and 18th at the Cultural Center, 144 N. 4th St., Elmwood.



American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

**WILL BE AT THE ELMWOOD-MURDOCK HIGH SCHOOL ON
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2024 FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**

PASTOR'S PEN



Happy October!

I am not sure if I have ever said this before, but October might be my favorite month. There are many reasons for this: fall is in full swing, the trees are really starting to change colors, harvest is fully underway, Halloween is always a good time, and of course my birthday is this month. ☺ But truly I just love the cooler weather; you all know my love for life when it gets cool/cold and although it is often seen as the end of the growing season, it just feels new and crisp to me. Although we are putting our flower beds, gardens and fields to bed, there is so much potential for what is next. All the hard work of the growing season is done, and it is a time to celebrate the harvest and dream about what is to come next. I think we sometimes skip the step of celebrating what we have done. In this world that is so much go, go, go. Always having to think about what is next, what we are going to accomplish, what is the next big thing, how we can make it work and push things forward. I think we forget to really take a moment to reflect on where we have been.

This year at the Annual Conference, St. Paul UMC in Elmwood was lifted up for having served in ministry in the community for 150 years! To think that the church has been in the community, serving its people, loving and showing grace for 150 years is incredible. Think about how the world has changed in those 150 years? My grandfather turned 100 this year, and when I talk to him about his childhood, and the things that he has lived through, it is hard to fathom. To think about driving a horse and wagon 10 miles to school each day. To know that after 8th grade, he was done with formal education because he was needed on the farm. That he would pick every ear of corn by hand in the field. He served in WWII, a time that seems so distant to me but yet, he lived through it. Now think about our church. Our church was in this community 50 years before my grandfather was even born. Our church was in our community formally 7 years after Nebraska became a state. It has been here for all of it. We have been here to serve a community still dealing with the aftermath of the Civil War! It has stood the test of time, through both World Wars, Vietnam, Korea, both Iraq wars. We continue to serve our community through three centuries. I don't know that I can fully understand the scope of what that really means, other than it is a true display to me that God is eternal.

It matters not what is happening here on Earth, God is also present. God is here to help heal communities that are torn apart by war, or personal strife. God is here when the community is fighting over combining schools and other services and when they celebrate great triumphs and sporting wins. God is here to see the creation of new inventions and technologies and for when we realize that personal connections are better than any technology. God is here and He wants us to show how He is present in our community. We will celebrate being in the community for 150 years in December; preparations are underway. But let us not forget what this celebration is really about, the eternity of God and His presence here. May He continue to show His presence to us as we go forward here for the next 150 years!

Until Next Time,
Pastor Michelle



CHOIR SINGERS AND BELL RINGERS NEEDED

Bell practice starts at 6:30 p.m. on
Wednesdays

(except the first Wed. of month)

Choir practice starts at 7:30 p.m. on
Wednesdays

Both at Elmwood St. Paul UMC



October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:30pm UWF – M 7:30pm Choir Practice	3	4	5
6 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service – E 11:30am Special Church Council – E 3:00pm UMYF	7 1:30pm UWF - E	8	9 6:30pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	10	11 11:00am to 1:00pm Feed the Farmers – E Coop	12
13 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	14 Columbus Day 7:00pm Church Council - M	15	16 1:30pm Sew “N Sews – M 5:30pm Youth Bible Study – M 6:30pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	17	18	19 9-11am Food Pantry Distribution 9:00am to 1:00pm UWF Blue River Fall Meeting - E
20 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service – E 11:30am Food Exchange - E 12:00pm Confirmation - E	21 7:00pm Church Council – E 12-6:00pm Bloodmobile	22	23 5:30pm Confirmation – M 6:30pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	24	25	26
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Thursday, October 31, 2024