

The Messenger

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UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 3, 2024, 2:00 p.m. We will be golfing at Grandpa's Woods.

Wednesday, November 13, 2024, 5:30 p.m. Confirmation at Murdock UMC

Sunday, November 17, 2024, 12:00 p.m. Confirmation at Elmwood UMC

Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 5:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study 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. The celebration will include many displays of our past and current history.

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. **Thanks to the people who have already contributed some information.**

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, November 16, 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.

Started in October, the Center began to serve the Breakfast Buffet that always has a variety of delicious breakfast foods. The November date is Sunday, Nov. 10th 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 started 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, November 4, 2024 at 1:30 a.m. at the home of Martha Ann Bornemeier. Bonnie Drake will present the lesson for the day.

Murdock UWF will meet on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the church and will be sharing a meal and program.

The Annual Christmas Luncheon at Murdock will be Saturday, Dec. 7 at noon. Special entertainment will be Jolene McLaughlin portraying Bess Streeter Aldrich in a Christmas Setting.

The Elmwood and Murdock Women in Faith groups now have a loom to make plarn sleeping mats which is another Midwest Mission project. Plarn is plastic yarn made out of plastic grocery bags. The mats form a barrier for anyone sleeping on the ground. A volunteer or 2 or 3 are needed to learn the plarn sleeping mat process.

www.midwestmission.org/loom has tutorial videos. Please let Kelli Brewer know if you are interested in helping with this project. We also need donations of grocery bags if you can save some.



November Birthdays-Elmwood



Harvey Vogt – November 1
Marilyn Reed – November 3
Nancy Vogt – November 4
Megan Tiedeman – November 4
Brooklynn Romero – November 4
Dakota Anstey – November 6
Ronnie Schwartzman – Nov. 6

Onalee Schwartzman – Nov. 7
Susan Ernst – November 12
Jayden Kollars – November 13
Pam Bornemeier – November 15
Mariann Fleischman – Nov. 16
Lindsey Hansen – November 16

Susan Rorie – November 20
Tammy Brummer – November 20
David Spohr – November 22
Charlotte Fritz – November 25
Doug Frahm – November 28
Lou Allgayer – November 28



November Birthdays-Murdock



Diane Mills – November 2
Dakota Glasshoff – November 17
Barb Livers – November 23

Earl Chesnut – November 23
Tiffany Glasshoff – November 24
Liz Mudoch – November 28

**ELMWOOD'S HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA
ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH**



**One of the events that day will be the Candy Cane Lane.
It will be held at the Elmwood Community Center between 9:00am-Noon
And hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Church.
The proceeds from the event will be given to the Community Center.**

**If anyone wishes to donate some candy, cookies or other baked goods for this event,
please drop off the items on Friday, November 29th from 3-4:00 p.m. or before 8:30 a.m.
on Saturday, November 30th. Your donation would be greatly appreciated.**



**American Legion Post 247
Veterans Day 2024
PANCAKES and MORE!!
Saturday, November 9
7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Elmwood Fire Hall**

Free-will donation Take-out available

All proceeds will benefit
American Legion Post 247 programs
including welcoming
American Legion Baseball back to Elmwood

Come and help support the return of
**Legion Ball to the
Elmwood-Murdock Communities!**



Fourteen women worked at Midwest Mission in Pawnee, IL 3 days in OCTOBER. We carpooled leaving Murdock at 8 am & arriving about 4:30 pm on Monday October 7. The dorm is comfortable & we are blessed to have a woman in our group that cooks for us. She spoils us. We had beautiful weather that week. Women from Grand Island, Milligan, Lincoln, Omaha, Council Bluffs, & Elmwood-Murdock were Jesus' hands & feet Oct 7-11. Some of the tasks completed include counting rice meal bags & rolling 60 bags together, making personal dignity kits, cleaning & inventorying equipment returned from an offsite event that made rice bags, sewing blankets, verifying cleaning kits, prepping bleacher boards to make school desks, building school desks, sorting items, and working in the bike shop. Some of our group went on a very informative tour of the 3 warehouses & the campus. During break times, the full-time staff talked to us about their jobs, how Midwest Mission works, & who they work with. They have 12 employees: 9 full time & 3 part time. It is amazing the amount of humanitarian items that they ship to help those struggling in the United States & internationally. Every item leaving Midwest Mission is touched by a volunteer. We, as volunteers, are enriched in many ways when we support Midwest Mission. 1 Peter 4:10-11 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Our group always has a lot of laughter & great fellowship. Thank you to Ramona Oehlerking and Phyllis Buell, who went for the first time with me to Midwest Mission.

There is room on the next trip which is April 7-11, 2025.

PASTOR'S PEN



Happy November,

It is hard to believe that we are almost done with 2024, a mere short 2 months until Christmas! But for now the focus should not be on Christmas but on Thanksgiving. I know that I have talked before about how Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. It remains to be the truth. There is just something really great about this celebration where really the main reason to get together is food. Oh and seeing the family too. ☺ I would say that I don't need to hash out the finer points of Thanksgiving again, I will save that for a future newsletter letter but what about the broader topic of thanks.

I think that the act of giving thanks is sometimes underestimated. Growing up, my Mom did her very best to teach us the importance of a thank you card. I remember sitting down after birthdays, Christmas, any time where gifts had been given and writing thank you notes. They were never my favorite thing to do. Some because I never really knew what to write. Partly because they didn't feel like they had a purpose. Maybe because I was young and had never really received a thank you note before. And despite my Mom's best efforts that habit really did not stick. I have the hardest time writing thank you notes. Although to be fair, I have a hard time sending anything that I may write. Just ask Carol about how every month we have to have the discussion of this letter. So often I write things down and never send them. I have whole notebooks from when I was in college with letters to my Grandma and friends that never got sent. I am not sure what the hitch is but that is a side discussion for a different day.

Giving thanks is important and although that thank you note has kind of been lost with me; giving thanks is not. I try to be very intentional about my thanks giving. I will sometimes send thankful texts but I mostly like to give thanks in person or over the phone. I like people to hear my gratitude. I like them to hear the authenticity of the message that I am trying to send. I want people to know that I appreciate them, their presence in my life, the gifts that they share with me, who they are and what they bring to the table.

There are of course times where I can't thank everyone individually for something, the time it would take would be too much if I thanked each of you every time I felt gratitude for the gifts that you all have given me. I feel so honored to be here, in these two congregations, with each of you. You all play a huge part on my journey and I am grateful for the gift that I have been given to be the person that you all call Pastor.

October was Pastor Appreciation Month, and both congregations gifted me with very nice thoughtful physical gifts. Thank you for those. Above that I am thankful for the trust, respect, willingness to try new things and enthusiasm that you all bring to the table. This has and continues to be a dream appointment and I hope that we get to spend many more years together. So, this November I am thankful for you all. I will work this month on thanking you all in person as I see you; but if somehow I don't get to you this month, please accept this letter as my thanks and know that I am praying for you and lifting my thanks for you to God.

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



November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00am Worship Service – M 9:30am Sunday School – E 10:35am Worship Service – E 2-5:00pm UMYF 3:00pm Church Charge Conference	4 1:30pm UWF – E	5	6 5:30pm UWF – M 7:30pm Choir Practice	7	8	9
10 9:00am Worship Service – M 9:30am Sunday School – E 10:35am Worship Service – E	11 <i>Veterans Day</i> 7:00pm Church Council - M	12	13 5:30pm Confirmation – M 6:30pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	14	15	16 9-11am Food Pantry Distribution
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24 9:00am Worship Service – M 9:30am Sunday School – E 10:35am Worship Service – E	25	26	27 6:30pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	28 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	29	30 Elmwood’s Holiday Extravaganza

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Thursday, November 28, 2024