

The Messenger

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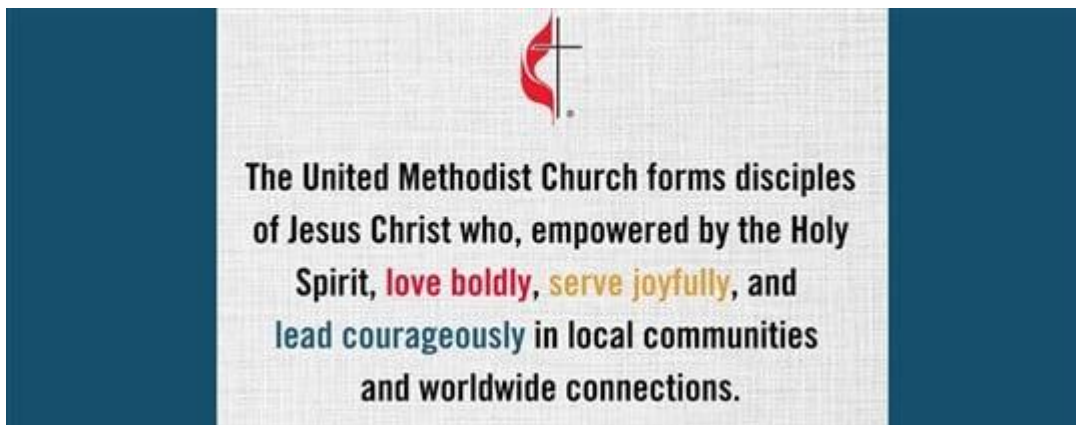
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United Methodist bishops, in collaboration with other church leaders, have made public a new vision statement for The United Methodist Church last week that has been years in the making. Ultimately, the goal is for United Methodists around the globe to unite in living out the vision to “love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously.”



SAVE THE DATES FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**SUNDAY, JULY 13 – THURSDAY, JULY 17, 6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM
ELMWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, June 21, 2025, 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.

Grab “N Go Meals are still happening every Friday during the summer, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. First Come, First Go.

Bess Streeter Aldrich Foundation’s Summer Social and Award Ceremony

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 2:00 p.m.

Featuring Historical Performer: Karen Wayne Drevo
Ice Cream Social after the Presentation

Summer Art Camp with Linda Trundle

At Aldrich House from June 30th to July 3rd

Grades 2-4: 9-11:30 a.m., Grades 5-6th: 1-3:30 p.m.

Cost \$50 includes supplies and snacks

Elmwood Community Garage Sales

Friday, June 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH CORNER

The Elmwood UWF will meet on Wednesday,
June 4, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the Elmwood
Community Center.

The Murdock UWF will meet on Wednesday,
June 4, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the church for
the usual meal and lesson.

Mat Weaving sessions will be held on the 2nd
and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 1:30
p.m. at Ebenezer UMC. June dates are the
11th and 25th.

All are invited to come (men, kids over 12,
other churches, friends). Feel free to come
when you can and leave early. You don’t
have to stay the whole two hours. There are
several different jobs available so switch to
another one when you get tired.

St. Paul UMC has received an invitation to an
open house for Jim and Lynn Wallasky’s 50th
Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, June 28th
from 3-7:00 p.m.

Their home address is 3003 Sunset Dr., Cedar
Creek, NE and phone 402-326-3218.

All Are Welcome!



June Birthdays-Elmwood



Kim Huxhold – June 1
Konrad Huxhold – June 2
Gary Reed – June 4
Elmer Miller – June 5
Tamara Rorie – June 7
Quinton Romero – June 7
Becky Callaway – June 8

Bonnie Brewer – June 9
Jerry Pointer – June 9
April Bacon – June 14
Ashton Ernst – June 17
Katelyn Stewart – June 18
Larry Fleischman – June 19
Lonnie Rorie – June 19

Joel Bornemeier – June 22
Brad Backemeyer – June 22
David Nielsen – June 23
Jared Blunt – June 25
Dan Fritz – June 25
Myrna Bornemeier – June 27

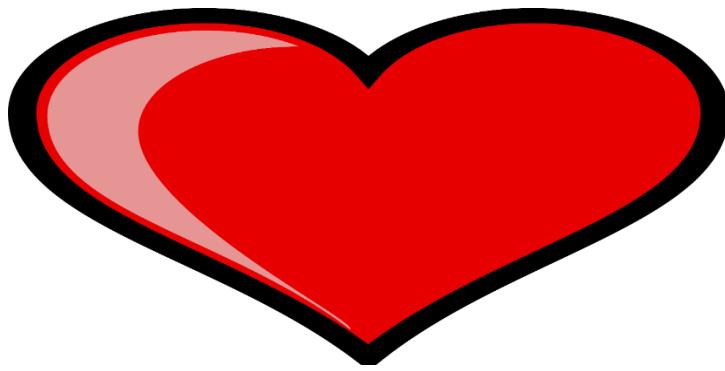


June Birthdays-Murdock



Jim Panska – June 1
Trace Hanson – June 3
Phyllis Buell – June 7
Zoe Zierott – June 10

Lori Rase – June 13
June Stock – June 25
Helen Streich – June 26
David Livers – June 28



*Give from
The Heart*

Donate blood and
help save lives.



American Red Cross

Blood Drive
Elmwood Murdock Communities
Elmwood Fire Hall
Thursday, June 26, 2025
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit
RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Elmwood Murdock
to schedule an appointment.

FUTURE DATES: August 25, October 25, December 16, Noon to 6:00 p.m.



Pie Ride
Thursday June 5, 2025
Elmwood Aldrich Park
Serving from 5pm - 8pm
St. Paul United Methodist Church
Serving Homemade Pie and MORE!
Apple Cherry Peach Pecan Blueberry
Strawberry- Rhubarb Black Raspberry Rhubarb
Mixed Berry and possibly more flavors
Brownie Sundaes and Root Beer Floats

Slice of pie	Ice Cream	Bottle Water
Brownie Sundae	Krispy Bars	Root Beer Float

We will have Grab and Go containers available.
Everyone is invited to enjoy some Delicious pie/Dessert!
Bring your lawn chair Performing 6pm – 8pm at the Gazebo
Great way to enjoy your summer at the park with great Food and FREE Music.

Proceeds to the Bea Streeter Aldrich Mural project and the Elmwood Learning Center

The Pie Ride sign up sheet is on a clipboard on the table in back of the church for donations and workers.

PASTOR'S PEN



When I was a kid, I no doubt loved summer. It was a time of no school; and although I liked school, not having school was of course better. Summers meant going to my grandparents' house where my Dad farmed with my Grandfather. We would either stay in the house with Grandma, or we were in the shop or on a tractor. There was always so much to do and so many adventures to go on. There were often visitors at my grandparents' place and always games to play. I learned my love of cards and board games there. We spent endless hours with my Grandma at the house; by the time I can remember she was wheelchair bound because of her arthritis. She didn't let that slow her down; she was sharp of mind and spirit and although I don't ever remember really talking about religion with my grandparents, I knew that they were of strong faith.

How you might ask, did I know if it was never outright spoken? It was in their attitudes, towards the earth, animals and others. Their house was always a place of love, of acceptance, of wisdom and of advice when it was needed. It was also a house filled with laughter, love and happiness. People often visited my grandparents, neighbors, family, people that they had met at one time or another that would stop in to say hello. They were always met with a friendly face and a table that was ready to visit around. I often say I had the ideal childhood, not because we had a lot but because we had a family that loved each other as well as the people that crossed their paths. The environment I experienced at my parents' house as well as my grandparents' house was one that showed what true love and faith meant. I pray that the house that I am raising my kids in, will have a similar feeling for them as they reflect back as adults. The homeyness and love that I still feel radiating from those memories are ones that I very much cherish and am thankful for.

This month we are working through the different words and definitions of love in the Greek language; from a protective, familial love to a charitable love, we are exploring at what it truly means to love each other as God loves us. The English language does not do justice to the feeling that one gets when they truly feel accepted, protected, seen and like their needs are being fulfilled by others. We use the word love for so many things, so many feelings in so many situations but we all know there are different kinds of love. I don't love chocolate the same as I love my family...well maybe ;-). The feeling of love can take so many different forms and I am excited to be looking at a few different ways that we can define it. Maybe find a few new ways to talk about the love that we have for God, the love that He has for us and the love that we have for each other and ourselves.

I am blessed that I have been the recipient of so many forms of love. My family has always been one that has been open to showing that they care, maybe not with their words but with their actions. John 13 reminds us: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." We are charged to show others we are Christians not just with our words but more importantly with our actions. As we explore these forms of love this season, may we continue to explore how we can show the world the love that God shows us.

Until Next Time,
Pastor Michelle

THOUGHT TO REMEMBER

I CAN BLESS OTHERS BY
RESPONDING JOYFULLY
WHEN GOD CALLS ME TO
HELP THEM.

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	2 1:30pm UWF – E	3	4 5:30pm UWF – M Great Plains	5 Annual 5-8:00pm Pie Ride	6 Conference 8am-5pm Garage Sales - E	7 4:00pm Hawks Wedding – E 8am-3pm Garage Sales - E
8 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	9 7:00pm Church Council - M	10	11 1:30pm Mat Weaving - M	12	13	14
15 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	16 7:00pm Church Council - E	17	18 1:30pm Sew 'N Sews - M	19 5-8:00pm Pie Ride	20	21
22 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	23	24	25 1:30pm Mat Weaving – M	26 12-6:00pm Bloodmobile	27	28
29 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service – E 11:30am 5 th Sunday Potluck - E	30					

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Sunday, June 15, 2025