**The Messenger**

**AUGUST 2019**



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**WORSHIP HELPERS FOR AUGUST**

**MURDOCK**

August 4

Greeters: Jake, Brooke & Mason Butler

Ushers: Dave and Angie Friesell

Scripture Reader: Angie Friesell

August 11

Greeters: Hanson Family

Ushers: Gene & Bette Backemeyer

Scripture Reader: Sherry Farmer

August 18

Greeters: Backemeyer Family

Ushers: Linda Glantz

Scripture Reader: Kelli Brewer

August 25

Greeters: Tom and Linda Lawrence

Ushers: Dave and Angie Friesell

Scripture Reader: Angie Friesell

**Elmwood information not available.**

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**THOUGHT TO REMEMBER**

Even when my prayers seem unanswered, God still loves me. Even when I don’t understand why the answers to my prayers are slow in coming or come in different ways than expected, I still believe that God is faithful and loves me.

**Elmwood Worship Refreshments**

**On Sunday Mornings**

August 4 – Myrna Bornemeier

August 11 – Dani Dunker

August 18 – Susan Ernst

August 25 – Sharon Kunz, Lyn Kopf

And Marietta Vogt

**UMW CORNER**

**No Meeting in August for either**

**Elmwood or Murdock UMWs.**

**Elmwood UMW is planning to attend**

Full Circle of Fine Friends with Patsy Clairmont, Anita Renfroe and Jan Silvious Friday, September 27, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Westside Church Omaha

Tickets have been purchased so contact Shirley Bornemeier (402-440-3969) or Donna Clements (402-430-2504) for more details.

**Next Meeting - Murdock**

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2019, 5:45 p.m.

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Elmwood Car Show**

Saturday, August 3, 2019, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Cass County Fair**

Tuesday, August 6 – Saturday, August 10

Schedule of events at [www.cassfair.com](http://www.cassfair.com)

**Shop at Bits and Pieces**

Sunday, August 11, 2019, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Cass County Food Pantry Distribution**

Saturday, August 17, 2019, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Elmwood Community Center

**16th Annual Ice Cream Social**

Sunday, August 18, 2019, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Elmwood G.A.R. Hall

**Monday Night Out-Buffet Dinner**

Monday, August 26, 2019, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Elmwood Community Center

**Elmwood’s Monthly Financial Report**

Previously the Elmwood Newsletter contained a financial report but it will no longer be included in the monthly newsletter. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please contact the church office by phone (402-994-6735) or email (stpaulelmwood@gmail.com).



August Birthdays-Elmwood



Barbara Leefers – August 4

Cassie Vogt – August 5

Angela Vogt – August 5

Damicka Stephens – August 7

Curt Backemeyer – August 8

Marietta Vogt – August 8

Saranne Vogt – August 11

Milton Leefers – August 12

Joyce Vogt – August 22

Payton Frahm – August 24

Meagann Schweitzer – August 27

Lori Kerns – August 27

Jack Delbert – August 29

Austin Meisinger – August 29

Drake Spohr – August 30

Joshua Bornemeier – August 12

Gary Wheeler – August 13

Bill Fleischman – August 15

Alan Stubbendick – August 16

Delaney Frahm – August 18

Troy Callaway – August 19

Megan Hawks – August 21

Sherryl Vogt – August 21



August Birthdays-Murdock



Carla Olson – August 1

Spencer Koehn – August 4

Nancy Luetchens – August 5

Tom Brewer – August 6

Chesney Murdoch – August 9

Lois Oliver – August 10

Christine Schmitt – August 11

Julie Synovec – August 12

Nora Meyer – August 13

Cody Bornemeier – August 14

Sherry Farmer – August 14

Jacquelyn Miller – August 16

Angie Friesell – August 17

Brandon Luetchens – August 18

Logan Hartman – August 20

Hailey Stock – August 22

Brooke Butler – August 24

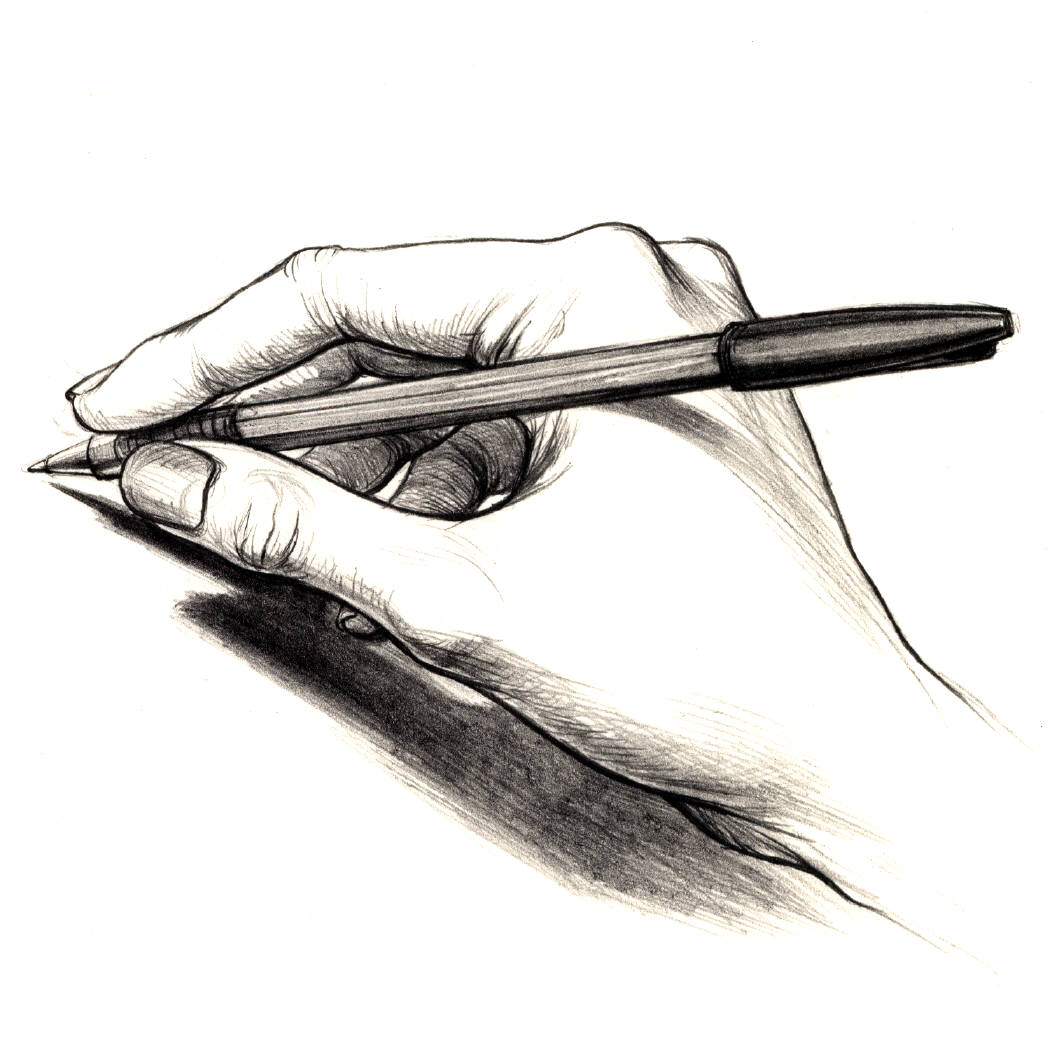
Vivian Rase – August 27

Annie Miller – August 28

Julie Backemeyer – August 29

Deb Snyder – August 29

**PASTOR’S PEN**



Hello,

August is here! Can you believe it? I feel like just yesterday the kids were getting out of school and the promise of summer was here. Now we are looking at time of county fairs and the beginning of another school year. I know for my oldest son, Emerson,  it is a time that he has been looking forward to since May. He is excited to make new friends, learn new things and have new adventures. Not to mention the start of fall sports!

I often reflect on the lessons on which he will be learning in his first year of school. When we, as grown ups, look at these lessons of being kind, listening, counting and writing basic words as simple. Matthew chapter 18, verses 3 and 4 states “And Jesus said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” Once we have learned things, we sometimes forget what it took for us to learn it. We forget the steps it took for us to get there. We are reminded in the scripture that we are to be lowly and humble like children. Open to learning what we don’t know and what we sometimes didn’t know that we didn’t know.

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement, said that there are three general rules in which we as Christians need to follow. They are: Do Good, Do No Harm, and Stay in Love with God. These might seem easy but as humans we struggle with these on a daily basis.  In the month of August, we are going to explore these rules in more depth in our next sermon series entitled “3 Simple Rules for being a Methodist.”

We hope that you join us for worship on Sundays at 9am in Murdock and at 10:35am in Elmwood. If you are unable to be with us in person, we post our sermons on the churches’ facebook pages and on our new website www.elmwoodmurdockumc.org.

Blessings,

Pastor Michelle Chesnut

**MOWING SCHEDULE**

**FOR ELMWOOD**

**CHURCH PROPERTY**

Week of:

July 28-Aug. 3 Dan Bornemeier Family

August 4-10 Dale Kunz

August 11-17 OPEN

August 18-24 Owen Kunz for Dave Spohr

August 25-31 OPEN



**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Murdock’s Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Elmwood’s Church Council meeting will be held on Monday, August 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Crafting Begins



**The First**

**“CRAFT Work Day”**

**St. Paul United Methodist Church**

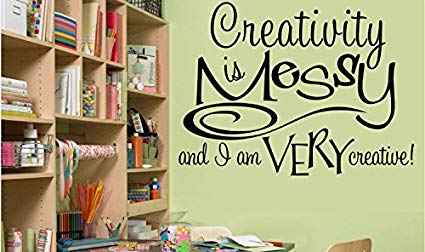
**August 24, 2019**

**9am-3pm**

Come help for a couple of hours or the day!

**Brings your ideas as we look for other crafts**

**to make in the near future.**



**All items will be made for the Craft Fair being held during**

**the “Holiday Extravaganza”**

**on November 30th, 2019**

**at the EM School in Elmwood**

**August 2019**

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| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
|  |  |  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|  |  |  |  |  | 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal-E | 4:00pm Wedding-E |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 9:00am Worship Service-M  10:35am Worship Service-E |  | 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E | 9:00am- 3:00pm Church Office Hours - M | 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E |  |  |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 9:00am Worship Service-M  10:35am Worship Service-E |  | 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E  7:00pm Church Council-M | 9:00am- 3:00pm Church Office Hours - M | 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E  Public School Starts |  | 9-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution - Elmwood |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
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| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
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Elmwood-Murdock Public Schools start again on August 15, 2019.