



The Messenger

DECEMBER 2019



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WORSHIP HELPERS FOR DECEMBER

ELMWOOD

December 1

Greeters: Walter and Carolyn Oehlerking
 Acolyte: Tucker Guy

Scripture Reader: Laurel McReynolds
 Advent Wreath: Gerry and Carol Wilhelm
 Communion Servers: Linda Blunt

Worship Refreshments: Suzie Allgayer

December 8

Greeters: Spohr Family

Scripture Reader: Barb Minch

Advent Wreath: Dani Dunker and Jack Deibert

Worship Refreshments: Joyce Vogt

December 15

Greeters, Acolytes, Ushers, Scripture Reader and
 Advent Wreath: Sunday School Classes

December 22

Greeters: Donna Clements, Shirley Bornemeier

Scripture Reader: Myrna Bornemeier

Advent Wreath: Dan and Myrna Bornemeier

December 24

Greeters: Joe and Heather Bornemeier Family

Ushers: Joe and Heather Bornemeier

Acolytes: Layton and Brady Bornemeier

Advent Wreath: Joe and Heather Bornemeier Family

December 29

Hymn Sing

Worship Refreshments: Myrna Bornemeier

MURDOCK

December 1

Greeters: Tom and Linda Lawrence

Ushers: Dave and Angie Friesell

Scripture Reader: Angie Friesell

December 8

Greeters: Lucas and Laura Stock and Family

Ushers: Gene and Bette Backemeyer

Scripture Reader: Dave Friesell

December 15

Greeters: Jake, Brooke & Mason Butler

Ushers: Linda Glantz

Scripture Reader: Angie Friesell

December 22

Greeters: Dan and Liz Murdoch

Ushers: Julie Backemeyer

Scripture Reader: Angie Friesell

December 29

Greeters: Charles and Evelyn Schafer

Ushers: Dave and Angie Friesell

Scripture Reader: Mark Buell

*Thank you for volunteering your
 time. It is very much appreciated!*

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bess Streeter Aldrich House

For the month of December, the house will be decorated for Journey into Christmas.

Shop at Bits and Pieces

Sunday, December 8, 2019, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, December 21, 2019, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Elmwood Community Center

The 3B Homestead in Murdock will be presenting The Living Nativity 2019

A fun and meaningful family tradition where you will hear the beautiful Christmas story and interact with the nativity animals.

Three weekends from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Nov. 30 and Dec. 1

Dec. 7 and Dec. 8

Dec. 14 and Dec. 15

UMW CORNER

Next Meeting - Elmwood

Monday, December 16, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Location: Tasha Cox, 3218 310th Street

Annual Christmas Party, bring snack to share



Next Meeting - Murdock

All Ladies are invited to our Annual Christmas Luncheon in Murdock church basement on Saturday, December 7, 2019, 12:00 noon.

Join us for good food, fellowship and singing entertainment.

RSVP by Thursday, November 29th to Kelli Brewer call/text 402-432-3797



December Birthdays-Elmwood



Clayton Miller – December 2

Karen Howard – December 2

John Stephens – December 3

Carolyn Oehlerking – December 5

Gerry Wilhelm – December 6

Patricia Brennan – December 6

Donna Amberly – December 8

Nicholas Brewer – December 8

Ben Spaulding – December 10

Jessie Spaulding – December 10

Dalton Wheeler – December 10

Keith Bornemeier – December 13

Rex Clements – December 15

Scott Rorie – December 17

Debra Lenz – December 18

Wayne Stubbendeck – December 19

Harvey Bornemeier – December 19

Dana Kollars – December 23

James Stubbendick – December 24

Gary Bornemeier – December 26

Jake Cox – December 26

Angelo Leone – December 28

Conner Clements – December 28

Thomas Lenz – December 30

Joel Clements – December 31



December Birthdays-Murdock



Emily Zakaras – December 1

Winona Henk – December 2

Ella Zierott – December 3

Emerson Chesnut – December 5

Jane Leadabrand – December 6

Susan Bober – December 7

Asha Murdoch – December 15

Thad Bornemeier – December 16

Ramona Oehlerking – December 21

Haddie Zierott – December 22

Jeff Backemeyer – December 24

Harvey Mills – December 24

Cindy Mills – December 25

Tim Schmitt – December 26

Steve Cawley – December 27

Whitney Koehn – December 27

Tara Bornemeier – December 28

Melissa Meyer – December 28

Cheryl Patterson – December 29

PASTOR'S PEN



Happy December,

Here we are friends, at the end of another year. When I was a young child, I remember talking to an uncle and telling him how slow time was moving. He laughed and told me to savor the slow movement of time because as we get older time moves faster and faster. As I get older the more the concept of time fascinates me. At times it seems to go by so fast but then there are other times when it seemingly moves at a snail's pace. This time of year is always a time for me that seems to be a time that moves very quickly. There is always so much happening and our calendars fill up quickly with parties, and school programs and family gatherings. It is easy to forget why we are doing all of this.

This Advent we are doing a sermon series called Modern Advent Adventures. We are going to explore why we have some of the traditions that we have. We will explore things like the purpose of Christmas lights and the importance of gifts and a good dose of anticipation as we wait for the birth of a baby. Our children will also be performing a Christmas program on the 15th of December during the services. I am very excited for that particular Sunday.

With all the hustle and bustle of the season, it is important for us to continue to remember that the reason we are all busy is because we have once again procrastinated to get our work done until the last minute... wait that is not right. The reason is because over 2000 years ago, a baby was born to show us how to live, how to love and how to be the best humans we can be.

Luke 2:1-7 tells the story like this: 1In those days Caesar Augustus declared that everyone throughout the empire should be enrolled in the tax lists. 2This first enrollment occurred when Quirinius governed Syria. 3Everyone went to their own cities to be enrolled. 4Since Joseph belonged to David's house and family line, he went up from the city of Nazareth in Galilee to David's city, called Bethlehem, in Judea. 5He went to be enrolled together with Mary, who was promised to him in marriage and who was pregnant. 6While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby. 7She gave birth to her firstborn child, a son, wrapped him snugly, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the guestroom.

Let us not forget what we should be preparing for: the birth of a child that will change the world. In a time where it is not always cheery for everyone, let us work to spread joy and cheer to those we encounter. Reminding them that it is time of great Thanksgiving, hope and love. I cannot express how thankful I am this holiday season to have you all in my life and in the life of my family. We are truly blessed to be a part of the community and look forward to spending many of holiday seasons with you.

Merry
Christmas

Pastor Michelle Chesnut

*Healthy Congregations
Supporting intentional, effective congregational
and community health ministry in Great Plains
United Methodist Churches*

The Elmwood/Murdock Community Holiday
Workout and Social Hour

On Saturday, December 21st at 6:30 am the
United Methodist Church will host a FREE
"12 days of Christmas workout" for the
Elmwood/Murdock community. This is an all
fitness level event lead by Personal Trainer,
Shannon Josoff.

Wear your most festive holiday outfit and the
3 best dressed (winners selected by a
holiday judge panel) will win prizes! The
winners will be announced at the social
following the workout.

During the social hour, a light breakfast will
be provided.

Please RSVP online
at <https://facebook.com/events/527070264522551/?ti=icl>. *We will be using your "going"
response as your RSVP.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Murdock's Church Council meeting will be
held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Elmwood's Church Council meeting will be
held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

*Thank
you*

*To everyone who participated in the
Trunk or Treat event on October 27th. We
hope everyone had a good time and this
will be an annual event for the Elmwood
and Murdock communities.*

*Thanks to everyone who helped last
Sunday to put up the Christmas
decorations at St. Paul UMC. The work
always goes a lot easier with the many
hands that helped.
Also, thanks to Laurel and Linda for
providing the delicious lunch after the
decorations were completed.*

A giving of time is always a gift!

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES Tuesday, December 24, 2019

Ebenezer UMC-Murdock Service
At 5:00 p.m.

St. Paul UMC-Elmwood Service
At 6:30 p.m.

UMYF NEWS

(UMYF is for all 7th-12th graders.)



Meet at Murdock UMC for lunch
and then go ice skating
Sunday, December 15, 2019, 12:30-3:30 p.m.

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Worship Service-M 9:30am Sunday School-E 10:35am Worship Service-E	2	3 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E	4 9:00am to 3:00pm Church Office Hours-M 6:15pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	5 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E	6	7 12:00pm UMW Annual Christmas Luncheon-M
8 9:00am Worship Service-M 9:30am Sunday School-E 10:35am Worship Service-E	9 6:30pm Cub Scouts - E	10 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E 7:00pm Church Council-M	11 9:00am to 3:00pm Church Office Hours-M 6:15pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	12 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E	13	14 11:00am Fellowship Hall Reserved
15 9:00am Worship Service-M 9:30am Sunday School-E 10:35am Worship Service-E 12:30-3:30pm UMYF 1:00pm Confirmation-E	16 6:30pm UMW Christmas Party - E	17 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E 7:00pm Church Council Meeting - E	18 9:00am to 3:00pm Church Office Hours-M 6:00pm Confirmation-M 6:15pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	19 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E	20	21 6:30-8:30am Healthy Congregations Ministry 9:00-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution
22 9:00am Worship Service-M 10:35am Worship Service-E	23	24 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E 5:00pm Eve Service - M 6:30pm Eve Service - E	25 Christmas	26 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E	27	28
29 9:00am Worship Service-M 10:35am Worship Service-E	30	31 New Year's Eve 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E				

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