



The Messenger

FEBRUARY 2020

February



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WORSHIP HELPERS FOR FEBRUARY

ELMWOOD

February 2

Greeters: Lyn Kopf

Ushers: Brettmann Family

Acolytes: Christian and Rebecca Brettmann

Scripture Reader: Laurel McReynolds

Worship Refreshments: Martha Ann Bornemeier

February 9

Greeters: Joe Bornemeier Family

Ushers: Joe Bornemeier Family

Acolytes: Layton and Brady Bornemeier

Scripture Reader: OPEN

Worship Refreshments: Soup Lunch

February 16

Greeters: Suzie Allgayer, Marcie Miller

Ushers: Merle Backemeyer

Scripture Reader: Myrna Bornemeier

Worship Refreshments: Bonnie Brewer

February 23

Greeters: Gary and Shirley Bornemeier

Ushers: Dave and Drake Spohr

Scripture Reader: Lori Spohr

Worship Refreshments: Carae Oehlerking

MURDOCK

February 2

Greeters: Debby Sampson

Ushers: Dan and Liz Murdoch

Scripture Reader: Sherry Farmer

First Sunday Donut Time:

Dave and Angie Friesell

February 9

Greeters: OPEN

Ushers: Dave and Jean Baumeister

Scripture Reader: Mark Buell

February 16

Greeters: Matt, Lori Rase and Daughters

Ushers: Dave and Angie Friesell

Scripture Reader: Lori Rase

February 23

Greeters: Jake, Brooke & Mason Butler

Ushers: Dave and Jean Baumeister

Scripture Reader: Angie Friesell

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Murdock's Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Elmwood's Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Soup Lunch at St. Paul UMC

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Son-Shine Day Care

Shop at Bits and Pieces

Sunday, February 9, 2020, 1-4:00 p.m.
Proceeds benefit the American Legion
Auxiliary to sponsor Girls' State Attendee

American Red Cross Bloodmobile

Monday, February 10, 2020, 1-6:00 p.m.

Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, February 15, 2020, 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Elmwood Community Center

80's Sweetheart Workout

Saturday, February 22, 2020, 7:00 a.m.
See details on page 6

UMW CORNER

Next Meeting - Elmwood

Monday, February 3, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Location: Shirley Bornemeier
Lesson: Joyce Bornemeier,
Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

Next Meeting - Murdock

Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 5:45 p.m.

Soup Luncheon at Dorchester UMC

Sunday, February 16, 2020
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Save the Date for

Blue River District UMW Spring Event
Saturday, April 25, 2020, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Elmwood St. Paul UMC



February Birthdays-Elmwood



Anna Struble – February 5
Kaye Gakemeier – February 6
Hayden Ernst – February 6
Cathy Stewart – February 9
Bailey Cox – February 11
Kevin Huxhold – February 13
Greg Vogt – February 13

Dorothy Pointer – February 14
David Ernst – February 14
Serena Romero – February 16
Tifanie Vogt – February 16
Margie Nielsen – February 18
Dale Kunz – February 23
Jennifer Brettmann – February 23

Laurie Jones – February 23
Jose Romero – February 24
Audrey Cook – February 24
Lisa Wenzel – February 26
Leanne Rorie – February 26
Robert Fleischman – February 28
Joyce Backemeyer – February 28



February Birthdays-Murdock



Debby Sampson – February 6
Marvin Oehlerking – February 8
Jean Thiel – February 8
Kevin Olson – February 10

Steve Henk – February 15
Anita Zierott – February 15
Helen Luetchens – February 18
Ken Glantz – February 28

PASTOR'S PEN



Happy February!

For being the shortest month of the year, February is one that has a lot going on. The Super Bowl kicks off the month, we have Valentine's Day in the middle of the month and even if you don't have a "sweetheart", it is almost impossible to ignore that it is there, and at the end of the month is the beginning of Lent. This year we also get a bonus day because February has 29 days this year!

So how do we use these 29 days? We kicked the year off talking about vision and the importance of having a vision, a focus on God and what He wants for us. But what does that focus look like? I challenge us all to continue to work towards this focus, this vision, to continue to have conversations about what this means for us personally but also as a church.

This month we are going to focus on the book of Philippians, a letter from Paul to the church in Philippi. We are going to talk about joy and how it can be contagious. We will look at what the church was doing and how they were sharing the joy of Christ with others and how we might be able to do the same over 2000 years later. We will rejoice in the faithful work that God is doing in us, focusing on the joy that it brings.

Paul brings joy to the forefront of his letter to the Philippians from the beginning and I have to say that I feel the same way when I think about the people of this community. He says: ²May the grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

³I thank my God every time I mention you in my prayers. ⁴I'm thankful for all of you every time I pray, and it's always a prayer full of joy. ⁵I'm glad because of the way you have been my partners in the ministry of the gospel from the time you first believed it until now. ⁶I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷I have good reason to think this way about all of you because I keep you in my heart. You are all my partners in God's grace, both during my time in prison and in the defense and support of the gospel. ⁸God is my witness that I feel affection for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.

I am certainly not in prison but I am thankful to have you all as my ministry partners and I continue to look forward to what will come next. For being with you all brings me great joy and I am excited to share this contagious joy with you all this month.

Blessings,

Pastor Michelle Chesnut

Thank You!

Thank you all for the wonderful Christmas gifts. My family and I feel very blessed by this community and your gifts were very generous. You made our first Christmas here very special and we look forward to celebrating the holidays with you for many years to come!

-Pastor Michelle Chesnut and family

Please excuse our mess!

We are doing some renovations at St. Paul in Elmwood, new carpet, paint and rearranging so we have things not in the normal place while we get it all put together. We appreciate your patience as we work on improving our space.



**Son-Shine
Child Care Center**

Soup Supper

Sunday Feb 9, 2020
10:30am-1:30pm

**St. Paul United Methodist
Church**

**Service starts at 10:30am.
Children will sing for parents
during service.**

**Free will donation Soup lunch
to follow.**

Thank you

Words seem inadequate to express our deep appreciation for the kindness, care, and compassion shown to our family during this difficult time. We are so grateful for your thoughts and prayers, cards, visits, memorial donations, and the meals brought in.

Thank you, Pastor Michelle, for your visits to mom in the hospital, for the wonderful service, and for taking the time to truly get to know mom during your relatively short time here.

The meal prepared by the United Methodist Women was delicious. The thought that went in to even the small details of the table decorations, including the recipe books, bread pans, cardinals and red roses, were so fitting for mom. The music was outstanding, and just what mom wanted, thank you, Laurel.

Your kindness has meant so much, and will always be remembered.

The family of Marietta Vogt
Elmer, Susan and Steve Russell, Gary
Sharon, Bill, Andy and Matt Gilg

UMYF NEWS

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



Meet at St. Paul UMC and then we will go to an Escape Room for some adventure.
Sunday, February 16, 2020, 3-6:00 p.m.

St. Paul United Methodist Women

Would like to thank everyone who has served in any capacity to help provide luncheons after a funeral. It would not be possible to provide this service to our church families if it were not for your willingness to provide a salad, dessert, casserole, money and/or time.

We want to thank all of you that are always willing to help set up the tables and chairs and then put them away again or those that come early to scoop the ice off the sidewalks. The thoughtful and wonderful table decorations have also been appreciated. It takes a team and we have one of the best!

Many of you are not there to see the faces of the family members and to hear their heartfelt appreciation. We want you to know that you are a blessing and your talents are very much appreciated. Thank you for all you do!!!

CONGRATULATIONS!

On All Your Hard Work

To Elmwood/Murdock Alumni on the
Chancellor's List

Hayden Ernst (UNO)
Keegan vonRenzell (UNO)
Tyler Oehlerking (UNO)
Megan Hawks (UNK)

Also to Drake Spohr for being
selected as Student of the Week at
Elmwood/Murdock High School by
the Witte Physical Therapy.



SAT. FEB 22 AT 7:00 AM - 8:30 PM

80's Sweetheart Workout



Feb 22 at 7 AM

Ends Feb 22 at 8:30 AM

United Methodist Church

On Saturday, February 22nd at 7 am United Methodist Church will host a FREE "80's Sweetheart Workout" for the Elmwood/Murdock community. This is an all fitness level event lead by Personal Trainer, Shannon Josoff.

Wear your best 80's outfit and bring your sweetheart! (Sweethearts can be any love in your life. If you are not bringing a sweetheart we can pair you with a fabulous partner).

The person with the best 80's workout outfit will win a prize! (The winner will be selected by a judge) The winner will be announced at the social following the workout.

Following the workout will be a social hour with a light breakfast.

*We will be using your "going" response as your RSVP. Please keep it updated so we know the correct amount of food to get for the social hour.

Jesus Is My Valentine

Jesus is my Valentine;
I talk to Him each day.
He never, never leaves me;
and always listens when I pray.
Yes He is my Valentine;
there is no love like His.
He is the heart of all that is;
for Him I breathe and live.
He's a Valentine that never lies;
never hurts or breaks.
He always has forgiven me;
for all my past mistakes.
If you only knew my Valentine;
You would love Him too.
For His love is always perfect;
His love is always true.
So if your heart is longing;
for a love that never ends,
for someone that is faithful;
you know you can depend.
call upon my Valentine;
He'll wash away your sin.
He will be your Valentine;
and your dearest, dearest friend.

by: Susan Y Nikitenko
December 2008

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 11am-1pm Lunch at Unadilla UMC
2 <i>Groundhog Day</i> 9:00am Worship Service-M 9:30am Sunday School-E 10:35am Worship Service-E	3 7:00pm UMW – E	4 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours- E	5 9:00am to 3:00pm Church Office Hours-M 5:45pm UMW- M 6:15pm Bell Practice-E 7:30pm Choir Practice-E	6 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E	7	8
9 9:00am Worship Service-M 9:30am Sunday School-E 10:35am Worship Service-E 11:30am Soup Lunch-E 1:00pm Confirmation-E	10 1-6:00pm Bloodmobile, Elmwood Fire Hall 6:30pm Cub Scouts-E	11 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours- E 7:00pm Church Council-M	12 <i>Lincoln's Birthday</i> 9:00am to 3:00pm Church Office Hours-M 6:00pm Confirmation-M 6:15pm Bell Practice-E 7:30pm Choir Practice-E	13 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15 9-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution
16 9:00am Worship Service-M 9:30am Sunday School-E 10:35am Worship Service-E 3-6:00pm UMYF	17 <i>President's Day</i>	18 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours- E 7:00pm Church Council-E	19 9:00am to 3:00pm Church Office Hours-M 1:30pm Sew 'N Sews-M 6:15pm Bell Practice-E 7:30pm Choir Practice-E	20 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E	21	22 <i>Washington's Birthday</i> 7:00am 80's Sweetheart Workout - E
23 9:00am Worship Service-M 9:30am Sunday School-E 10:35am Worship Service-E	24 6:30pm Cub Scouts-E	25 <i>Mardi Gras</i> 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours- E	26 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 9:00am to 3:00pm Church Office Hours-M 6:15pm Bell Practice-E 7:30pm Choir Practice-E	27 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E	28	29

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