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**JULY 2019**

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**WORSHIP HELPERS FOR JULY**

**ELMWOOD**

July 7

Ushers: Dale Kunz

Scripture Reader: OPEN

July 14

Greeters: Donna Clements, Marcie Miller

Ushers: Dan and Myrna Bornemeier

Scripture Reader: Myrna Bornemeier

July 21

Greeters: Walter and Carolyn Oehlerking

Scripture Reader: OPEN

July 28

Greeters: Merle and Joyce Backemeyer

Scripture Reader: Barb Minch

**Murdock information not available.**

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For Sunday, July 21, 2019, 12:00 p.m.

To welcome Pastor Michelle and her family to our communities.

Bring your favorite dish, your table service and fellowship together at Elmwood Park.

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Shop at Bits and Pieces**

Sunday, July 14, 2019, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Cass County Food Pantry Distribution**

Saturday, July 20, 2019, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Elmwood Community Center

**Monday Night Out-Buffet Dinner**

Monday, July 22, 2019, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Elmwood Community Center

**UMW CORNER**

**Next Meeting - Elmwood**

**Monday, July 15, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**

# Location: Martha Ann Bornemeier

Potluck Supper and Fellowship

**Next Meeting - Murdock**

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

We will not meet in July and Aug.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Elmwood Christian Church**

**July 8-12, 2019, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Theme: Rolling River Rampage**

**Looking for Volunteers: 5 Adults and 2-3 Student Helpers Per Day**

**If you are interested in helping, please contact Carae Oehlerking.**

July Birthdays-Elmwood

Marion Wenzel – July 20

Marge Clements – July 23

Barbara Miller – July 24

Spencer Stewart – July 25

Clint Poteet – July 25

Barbara Frederickson – July 28

Jim Kerns – July 29

Marshall Vogt – July 30

Vanessa Callaway – July 31

Lois Bornemeier – July 31

Donna Clements – July 9

Richard Hawks – July 10

Heath Vogt – July 15

Suzie Allgayer – July 16

Sherry Stubbendeck – July 18

Jacob Stewart – July 18

Bruce Kraeger – July 19

Jim Hendrix – July 19

Walter Oehlerking – July 19

Sidney Brummer – July 19

Ed Blunt – July 1

Marcie Poteet – July 1

Craig Cox – July 3

Michael Vogt – July 4

Chris Kunz – July 6

Claire Ernst – July 6

Sarah Kraeger – July 6

Faith Offner – July 7

Thomas Rase – July 7

Wayne Althouse – July 8

July Birthdays-Murdock

Mike Hanson – July 2

Jean Baumeister – July 5

Mel Luetchens – July 5

Dustin Meyer – July 9

Randy Bornemeier – July 10

Mike Koehn – July 14

Kim Streich – July 20

Jon Luetchens – July 26

Harper Murdoch – July 26

Donna Stock – July 26

Nathan Miller – July 31

**PASTOR’S PEN**

Hello,

Let me begin by introducing myself. I am Pastor Michelle Chesnut. I am beginning my tenure here at Elmwood St. Paul and Murdock Ebenezer United Methodist Church and I am so excited! I grew up on a farm just South of Hay Springs Nebraska in the panhandle and am happy to be serving in a rural community. My husband Nick, our 4 boys: Emerson (5), Earl (3), Easton (2) and Emmett (2) and I are happy to be joining these two communities and continuing to grow in Christ together.

For the last 4 years I have been serving at the Director of Campus Ministries at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I loved working with college students but am looking forward to ministry in the local church and the different challenges that presents.

As you will notice there have been a few changes that have already happened, we have changed the worship times to 9:00 a.m. in Murdock and 10:35 a.m. in Elmwood on Sunday mornings. The newsletter may also look different as we are doing a combined newsletter to help us stay more connected to each other. So much of these communities are already connected and I am so happy that the churches are now also yoked in this way. I am sure that these will not be the last of the changes that you will see but I hope that we are able to grow into these changes together.

Ecclesiastes 3 says for everything there is a season. This is our season of new beginnings. We cherish what is behind us and look forward to what is next and how we are striving for what John Wesley called Christian perfection. I am always happy to hear your suggestions on what ministries you would like to be involved in. Come grow with us! I am filled with anticipation and excitement to see where God takes us next!

Please join us on July 21st for a welcome potluck lunch after worship at the Elmwood city park. Bring a covered dish and enjoy fun, food and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there.

Blessings,

Pastor Michelle Chesnut

 **MOWING SCHEDULE**

 **FOR ELMWOOD**

 **CHURCH PROPERTY**

 Week of:

 July 7-15 Owen Kunz for Gary Bornemeier

 July 14-20 OPEN

 July 21-27 Owen Kunz for Dave Spohr

 July 28-Aug. 3 Dan Bornemeier Family

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Murdock’s Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Elmwood’s Church Council meeting will be held on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY AT MURDOCK**

**ALL DAY ACTIVITIES INCLUDING**

Breakfast at Bulldogs, Dillon Synovec Memorial Run, 4-Man Tractor Pull, Petting Zoo, Parade, Lions Club lunch, Ball Games, Fireworks and

**ESPECIALLY THE PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL IN THE**

**BASEMENT OF EBENEZER UMC, MURDOCK**

**FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.**

**\*July 2019**

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| **Sun** | **Mon** | **Tue** | **Wed** | **Thu** | **Fri** | **Sat** |
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|  |  |  |  | Independence DayAll Day Activities in Murdock12-3:00pm Pie and Ice Cream, Murdock UMC |  |  |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 9:00am Worship Service-Murdock10:35am Worship Service-Elmwood |  9:30-11:30am | 7:00pm Church Council - MurdockVACATION |  BIBLE | SCHOOL |  |  |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 9:00am Worship Service-Murdock10:35am Worship Service-Elmwood12:00pm Welcome Potluck | 7:00pm Church Council Meeting - Elmwood |  |  |  |  |  |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |  |  |  |
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