

The Messenger

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SON SHINE CHILD CARE CENTER



Water day is a favorite activity at Son-shine and with finally getting some warm weather we have been able to have a couple fun filled days enjoying the water.

This year we were blessed to have been gifted a splash pad that is fun for all the kids, even the older babies get out and enjoy some sun and water time.

With the 4th of July just around the corner the teachers have lots of fun and creative crafts to celebrate the holiday with the kids.

God bless America!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, July 17, 2021, 9:00–11:00 a.m.
New Location: Old Village Town Hall Building
113 West E Street, Elmwood

Elmwood Community Center

The Center is open for noon meals 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 on weekdays.

Elmwood Pie Bike Ride

1st and 3rd Thursday in July and August
Start in Eagle or Wabash and ride the MoPac to Elmwood so you can get Pizza by the Slice at Quonset or Convenience Store and then dessert pie slices in the park sponsored by civic groups.

St. Paul UMC will provide the pie slices on July 15th so you can volunteer to bake pies and/or help with serving them.

UMW CORNER

Elmwood UMW will meet again on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for our potluck event. Please bring your favorite dish and your own table service. It will be a great time to finally get back together.

Murdock UMW will meet at the church on Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at 5:45 p.m.

Elmwood Farmers' Market

**Bess Streeter Aldrich Park
Saturday Mornings 8:00 – Noon**

Vegetables and Produce, Baked Goods
Gourmet Coffee and Artisan Teas
Homemade Artisan Soap, Candles
Crafters and local vendors



July Birthdays-Elmwood



Ed Blunt – July 1
Marcie Poteet – July 1
Michael Vogt – July 4
Christine Kunz – July 6
Claire Ernst – July 6
Sarah Kraeger – July 6
Thomas Rase – July 7
Faith Offner – July 7
Wayne Althouse – July 8

Kirsten Struble – July 8
Donna Clements – July 9
Richard Hawks – July 10
Heath Vogt – July 15
Suzie Allgayer – July 16
Sherry Stubbendeck – July 18
Jacob Stewart – July 18
Sidney Brummer – July 19
Bruce Kraeger – July 19

James Hendrix – July 19
Walter Oehlerking – July 19
Marion Wenzel – July 20
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



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
Nathan Miller – July 31

PASTOR'S PEN



Happy July!

What a month July is! We start with a bang, almost literally. Fireworks and celebrations of our Independence kick off this month in such an interesting way. Somehow it feels like the true kick off of summer; but in reality, we are halfway through the summer break for school. It is also a time for vacation and family reunions. I suppose in a way July is just overall a month of celebration, maybe because of the way it starts. When the mood of the month starts on such a high note, we want the feeling to last. We want to celebrate and party for as long as we can.

July also starts a new appointment year for United Methodist clergy. For me it marks the beginning of my third year here in Elmwood and Murdock and I could not be more grateful. Nick, the boys and I could not imagine being happier anywhere else. You as a community have surrounded us in such a way that we instantly felt welcomed and comforted. I pray that others that move into this community feel the same sense of welcoming as my family did, but it can't just be a prayer. It is a way that we carry ourselves when dealing with others. When we approach people that we don't know, how do we approach them? When we deal with someone that we are unsure about, how do we approach them?

I know that when I enter a community. I have the advantage as clergy in that I have a built-in way to see people and get to know them. At the same time, it makes me wonder how we are treating others that have moved into our neighborhood. Just the other day I noticed we have some folks that moved into a house across from the church in Murdock. I wonder if anyone has welcomed them to the neighborhood yet. How are their other neighbors treating them? Do they feel that this community is as warm and open as I felt when we moved here 2 years ago?

For the next month we are continuing to work through the Ten Commandments. For the month of June, we discussed how we interact with God directly and for the next month we are discussing how we interact with each other. We will look at how God wanted us to treat each other and how even in a world thousands of years after God originally gave these commandments to the Israelites, they are still relevant to how we interact today!

Romans 13:10 speaks so perfectly to how we should treat our neighbors. It says "*Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.*" So, in this month that we start off celebrating our independence, I encourage you to make sure you are doing all in your power to not cause harm and show love to all those around you.

Until Next Time,

Pastor Michelle Chesnut

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

God's word can live in me and flow through me to others.

God rejoices in my acts of kindness.

June-July Mission Project

For our June and July church mission project, we will be supporting Tabitha's Threads with their school supply backpack program. Tabitha's Threads is a nonprofit in Weeping Water that serves low-income families throughout Cass County, including in many in Elmwood and Murdock. One of their most needed services are the school supply backpacks they provide to around 100 Cass County kids every fall. We are collecting common school supplies and personal care supplies to fill backpacks for elementary, middle and high school students. Please consider donating the items listed below or you may make a cash donation to support our Tabitha's Threads mission project. To learn more, view this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDsYkNORPYI>. Contact kareykoehn@gmail.com with questions.

Tabitha's Threads School Backpack Program Wish List

Five Star 5-subject notebooks
Five Star 3-Three subject notebooks
Crayola crayons and colored pencils
Number 2 pencils
Black or blue ink pens
small bottles of hand sanitizer
deodorant for teen girls or boys
brushes and combs
small packages of makeup remover wipes
full size bottles of shower gels
full size bottles of shampoos and conditioners
travel size bottles of teen girl/boy shower gels and shampoos

The July/August issue of The Upper Room is now available so you can pick up a copy for your devotion time. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call the church office with your request.



July 4th Celebration in Murdock

7:30 a.m. Knights Fun Run at Elmwood Park
10:00 a.m. Murdock Museum open and Other Activities
11:00 a.m. Parade on Murdock Main Street
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lions Club Lunch in Old Fire Hall
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pie/Ice Cream Social, UMC Basement
1:00 p.m. to Midnight Beer Garden, Cornhole tournament, Supper at Murdock Fire Hall
8:00 p.m. to Midnight Street Dance with the Aston Dugan Band

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 5:30pm Joint Worship Service at Murdock UMC
4 <i>Independence Day</i> All Day Activities in Murdock	5	6	7 5:45pm UMW - M	8	9	10
11 9:00am Worship Service – M 10:35am Worship Service - E	12 6:30pm UMW Potluck - E	13 7:00pm Church Council - M	14	15	16	17 9-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution
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