



The Messenger

NOVEMBER 2019

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WORSHIP HELPERS FOR NOVEMBER

ELMWOOD

November 3

Greeters: Shirley Bornemeier, Robert Bornemeier
Ushers: John Oehlerking Family
Scripture Reader: John Oehlerking
Communion Servers: Shirley Bornemeier, Barb Minch
Worship Refreshments: Jim and Judy Hendrix

November 10

Greeters: Lyn Kopf
Scripture Reader: OPEN
Worship Refreshments: Bonnie Drake

November 17

Greeters: Tom and Karen Rase
Acolytes: Madden Vogt
Scripture Reader: OPEN
Worship Refreshments: OPEN

November 24

Greeters: OPEN
Ushers: Dave and Drake Spohr
Scripture Reader: Lori Spohr
Hanging of the Greens after Worship

MURDOCK

November 3

Greeters: Hanson Family
Ushers: Dave and Angie Friesell
Scripture Reader: Sherry Farmer
Donut Time: OPEN

November 10

Greeters: Tom Lawrence
Ushers: Gene and Bette Backemeyer
Scripture Reader: Kelli Brewer

November 17

Greeters: Jake, Brooke & Mason Butler
Tiffany and Dakota Glasshoff
Ushers: OPEN
Scripture Reader: Angie Friesell

November 24

Greeters: Linda Glantz
Ushers: Dave and Angie Friesell
Scripture Reader: Angie Friesell

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Murdock's Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Elmwood's Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

UMYF NEWS

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



Come eat Waffles and play some Board Games
St. Paul United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 10, 2019, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bess Streeter Aldrich House

During the first half of November, Primitives Exhibit with demonstrations in the Garden. During the second half, they will be decorating for Journey into Christmas in December.

Shop at Bits and Pieces

Sunday, November 10, 2019, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Pancakes and More, Elmwood Fire Hall

Sunday, November 10, 2019, 7 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Hosted by American Legion Post 247

Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, November 16, 2019, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Elmwood Community Center

Monday Night Out-Buffer Dinner

Monday, November 25, 2019, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Elmwood Community Center

Community Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 27, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

St. Paul UMC - Elmwood

UMW CORNER

Next Meeting - Elmwood

Monday, November 4, 2019, 7:00 p.m.

Location: Barbara Minch

Lesson: Bonnie Drake,

World Thank Offering

Next Meeting - Murdock

Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 5:45 p.m.

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



November Birthdays-Elmwood



Harvey Vogt – November 1

Marilyn Reed – November 3

Nancy Vogt – November 4

Megan Tiedeman – November 4

Brooklynn Romero – November 4

Ronnie Schwartman – Nov. 6

Onalee Schwartman – Nov. 7

Virginia Hoyt – November 10

Tegan Stephens – November 11

Jared James Blunt – Nov.11

Susan Ernst – November 12

Jayden Kollars – November 13

Pam Bornemeier – November 15

Mariann Fleischman – Nov. 16

Lindsey Hansen – November 16

Josh Schweitzer – November 18

Susan Rorie – November 20

Tammy Brummer – November 20

Dave Spohr – November 22

Doug Frahm – November 28

Lou Allgayer – November 28

Carmen Stephens – November 30



November Birthdays-Murdock



Diane Mills – November 2

Marlene Rikli – November 8

Laura Rikli – November 14

Benjamin Murdoch – November 16

Amanda Hartman – November 18

Marlene Stutheit – November 18

Barb Livers – November 23

Earl Chesnut – November 23

Cindy Schmitt – November 27

Liz Murdoch – November 28

Dan Bornemeier – November 30

PASTOR'S PEN



Happy November!

I think that November is maybe my favorite month of the year, and that is a big thing to say when realizing that my birthday is in October. November means that fall has been here for awhile; the leaves have changed colors and we are preparing for snow. I LOVE snow!

November also brings Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving might be my favorite holiday. It holds such great memories for me. I remember going to my grandparent's house to eat Thanksgiving lunch. All my aunts, uncles, cousins, sometimes great aunts and uncles would all gather in my grandparent's house. The house was always jammed full; one because there would be like 50 people there and although in my childhood I thought their house was huge, I now realize it was not that big. :-)

Anyway, we would all be there eating an amazing potluck style lunch and then someone would break out the cards. Pitch games would just break out, and so would begin the laughter, making fun of someone that would make the wrong play or ribbing when someone went set. The kids would usually venture downstairs to play. The floor would turn to "lava" and couch cushions would end up all over as our safe places. And although my grandparents on my Dad's side have been gone for over 10 years, our family continues to get together once a year, so the warm memories continue.

I can also recognize that this season does not have great memories for everyone. I know that this time when social media is filled with "30 days of Thankfulness" there are people that struggle with what that looks like. This month we will be studying the book of Habakkuk. Our sermon series is titled "When God Doesn't: The book of Habakkuk." We will be looking at what happens when it seems that God is silent or doesn't care about His people. We will explore what happens when we give way to our complaints and wait patiently for God's divine plan to take shape.

Psalms 142 is a good example of the path that we are going to take this month. It starts as a complaint; "I cry out loud for help from the Lord. I beg out loud for mercy from the Lord. (Psalm 142:1) It finishes 7 verses later; "Get out of this prison so I can give thanks to your name. Then the righteous will gather all around me because of your good deeds to me." (Psalm 142:7) Come check it out this month how we get from complaint to praise as we examine the book of Habakkuk and how it is still relevant today.

I give thanks for this great community for the blessings that we have received from you all thus far. I am grateful for this journey and that my family and I get to experience it with you all. Blessings,

Pastor Michelle Chesnut

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The communities of Elmwood and Murdock will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a community worship service on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The service will be held at the Elmwood St. Paul United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to come.

You are invited to be Murdock's 2020 Mission & Outreach coordinator. Please contact Pastor Michelle if you are interested in this rewarding position.

MISSION MESSAGE FROM EBENEZER U.M. CHURCH

Submitted by Linda Glantz

Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Elmwood Food Pantry is in progress. Please check items for expiration dates prior to donating. Food items do not have to be for a Thanksgiving dinner but it is nice this time of year to focus on those kinds of foods: boxed dressings, cans of cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, green beans, other vegetables, mushroom soup, pumpkin, pie fillings, cornbread mix, dinner roll mix, muffin mixes, and the list goes on. Murdock donations will be delivered to Elmwood following the church service on Sunday, November 10th for distribution the following Saturday. Thank you for your contributions...you are making a difference!



Pancakes & More

Sunday, November 10, 2019

7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Elmwood Fire Hall

Free Will Donation

All proceeds will benefit American Legion

Post 247 projects

Including the G.A.R. Hall Museum



Please join Murdock Ebenezer United Methodist Church for a Fall Dinner on

Sunday, November 17, 2019

From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Serving Roast Beef and Ham

Potatoes and Vegetables

Salads and Desserts

Free Will Offering

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA'S CANDY CANE LANE

This year the Candy Cane Lane proceeds are going to the Elmwood Park. If you would like to help with this community project, donations of sweet treats will be gladly accepted.

Bring them to the Elmwood Community Center by 9:00 a.m. Saturday, November 30, 2019. If you need more information, you can contact Kris Shrader. Also, remember to stop by to purchase goodies!

*Thank
you*

*Dorothy Kunz's family wants to thank Pastor Michelle Chesnut for the words of comfort she delivered for my mother. She would have enjoyed the songs that were played by Laurel. The meal after her service was delicious. Thank you to those who helped serve the meal and provide the food. We were able to share many memories of my mother during and after the meal. All of this is greatly appreciated and we will always remember and cherish it.
Dorothy Kunz's Family*

Craft Fair at the Holiday Extravaganza on Saturday, November 30, 2019

St. Paul UMC is participating in the craft fair by having a vendor booth. We are looking for individuals who will create and/or make different crafts for the booth.

There will be a Craft Making Day on **Sunday, November 17, 2019** from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the church. We would invite anyone who is interested in assisting with this project to come that day.

There are still a couple shifts available to work at the craft booth. Volunteers are greatly appreciated.

Please bring your craft item donations to the Elmwood Elementary School starting at 8:00 a.m. Saturday or arrangements can be made for drop off. Please let Linda Blunt know what you are bringing so the display layout can be ready: Call 402-994-3295 or email lmbhearts@yahoo.com.

November 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 All Saints Day 9:00am Worship Service-M 9:30am Sunday School-Elmwood 10:35am Worship Service-E | 4 6:30pm Cub Scouts 7:00pm UMW - Elmwood | 5 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E | 6 9:00am-3:00pm Office Hours-M 5:45pm UMW – Murdock 6:15pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice | 7 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E | 8 | 9 |
| 10 9:00am Worship Service-M 9:30am Sunday School-Elmwood 10:35am Worship Service-E 3:00pm UMYF | 11 Veterans Day | 12 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E 7:00pm Church Council - M | 13 9:00am-3:00pm Office Hours-M 6:15pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice | 14 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E | 15 | 16 9-11am Food Pantry Distribution |
| 17 9:00am Worship Service-M 9:30am Sunday School-Elmwood 10:35am Worship Service-E 11:30am-1:30pm Fall Dinner – M 2:00pm Confirmation-E 2-5:00pm Craft Work Day-E | 18 6:30pm Cub Scouts | 19 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E 7:00pm Church Council-E | 20 9:00am-3:00pm Office Hours-M 1:30pm Sew 'N Sews – M 6:15pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice | 21 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E | 22 | 23 10:00am Preparation of Advent Decorations-E |
| 24 9:00am Worship Service-M 9:30am Sunday School-Elmwood 10:35am Worship Service-E 11:30am Hanging of the Greens - E | 25 | 26 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E 6:15pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice | 27 9:00am-3:00pm Office Hours-M 6:00pm Thanksgiving Service - E | 28 Thanksgiving Day | 29 | 30 All Day Holiday Extravaganza - Elmwood |

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Address Service Requested

Psalms 95:1,2,6

**O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the
rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a
joyful noise unto him with psalms.**

**O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD
our maker.**

