**The Messenger**

**OCTOBER 2019**

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**WORSHIP HELPERS FOR OCTOBER**

**ELMWOOD**

October 6

Greeters: Merle and Joyce Backemeyer

Scripture Reader: OPEN

Worship Refreshments: Carolyn Oehlerking

October 13

Greeters: Walter and Carolyn Oehlerking

Scripture Reader: Myrna Bornemeier

Worship Refreshments: OPEN

October 20

Greeters: Suzie Allgayer, Marcie Miller

Scripture Reader: Barb Minch

Worship Refreshments: Martha Ann Bornemeier

October 27

Greeters: OPEN

Scripture Reader: OPEN

Worship Refreshments: Joyce Backemeyer

**MURDOCK**

October 6

Greeters: Wayne and Helen Luetchens

Ushers: Dan and Liz Murdoch

Scripture Reader: Sherry Farmer

Donut Time: Bill and Sherry Farmer

October 13

Greeters: Tom and Linda Lawrence

Ushers: Gene & Bette Backemeyer

Scripture Reader: Kelli Brewer

October 20

Greeters: Debby Sampson

Ushers: Dave and Angie Friesell

Scripture Reader: Angie Friesell

October 27

Greeters: Hanson Family

Ushers: Dave and Angie Friesell

Scripture Reader: Angie Friesell

**ANNUAL CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE FOR 2020**

Sunday, October 27, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

New Hope UMC, 1205 N. 45th Street, Lincoln

All Church Members are invited to attend.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Murdock’s Church Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Halloween Party at the Oehlerking’s

Sunday, October 20, 2019

3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Pumpkin carving, volleyball and

cooking over the fire pit

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Bess Streeter Aldrich House**

During the month of October, Primitives Exhibit with demonstrations in the Garden

Also, Beginners’ Genealogy Workshop

Saturdays, October 5 and 19, 2019

1-2:30 p.m., Cost $15

**American Red Cross Bloodmobile**

Monday, October 7, 2019, 1-6:00 p.m.

Elmwood Fire Hall

**Shop at Bits and Pieces**

Sunday, October 13, 2019, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

**Waffleman at Elmwood Fire Hall**

Sunday, October 13, 2019, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Sponsored by the Elmwood Rescue Squad

**Cass County Food Pantry Distribution**

Saturday, October 19, 2019, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Elmwood Community Center

**UMW CORNER**

**Next Meeting – Elmwood**

Monday, October 7, 2019

Location: TBA

Lesson: Pledge to Mission

**Next Meeting - Murdock**

Wednesday, October 2, 2019, 5:45 p.m.

**Blue River District Annual Meeting**

Saturday, October 12, 2019

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

St. Mark’s UMC, Lincoln

**Monday Night Out-Buffet Dinner**

Monday, October 28, 2019, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Elmwood Community Center

**Pancakes and More**, Elmwood Fire Hall

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

Hosted by American Legion Post 247

October Birthdays-Elmwood

Jerry Fleischman – October 12

Dominick Leone – October 12

Martha Bornemeier – October 12

Barbara Minch – October 14

Renee Holland – October 14

Rebecca Brettmann – October 14

Karen Rase – October 19

Nicole Wenzel – October 1

Andrew Rorie – October 2

Danielle Dunker – October 5

Maddie Zeorian – October 7

Audriana Romero – October 8

Derick Vogt – October 9

Robert Frederickson – October 10

Jeanne Spaulding – October 20

Tyler Rosenow – October 22

James Jicha – October 23

John Oehlerking – October 23

Shirley Bornemeier – October 25

Brayam Burrows – October 25

Owen Kunz – October 26

Ryan Rorie – October 29

October Birthdays-Murdock

Pastor Michelle Chesnut – October 18

Katie Bornemeier – October 25

Matt Rase – October 25

David Baumeister – October 28

Wayne Luetchens – October 29

Lane Mills – October 29

Aaron Panska – October 2

Brenda Stewart – October 4

Estelle Rase – October 6

Kylee Synovec – October 10

Renea Panska – October 14

Evelyn Schafer – October 14

Pat Bornemeier – October 18

**PASTOR’S PEN**

Happy October!

 Here we are friends, October! I am anxiously waiting for the leaves to start changing colors and soon harvest will be in full swing. For me it brings great memories of my childhood. I didn’t realize until recently how much I have really missed living in a farming community. It feels more earthy, more human, more humble. It is a place of warmth and greatness.

 When I think about my childhood, I think of the many hours that were spent at the church, whether it was in service, at handbell practice (which my mom played for years), or Christian Education Classes. They are memories filled with so much fun and time of great learning. So, for October my goal is to take us all back to our childhood a little.

 We will be beginning a new sermon series called “Stories They Didn’t Tell You in Sunday School.” We will be looking at stories and characters that played a vital part in the story of the Bible but are often overlooked or neglected when it comes to our Sunday School curriculum. Reasons they are overlooked may have good reasons, such as the concepts are maybe too big for little children or they don’t have favorable characters in them. However, they are so important, so we will talk about what happens when our reputations are not always favorable, what it means when we feel like we may not have the more important part, respect and how trust in God leads to our joy.

 We also have exciting things like confirmation really getting started, youth group events and on the 27th we have the community Trunk or Treat. All are invited to decorate a trunk in a fun, scary or fall theme and pass out candy to our community children. If you want to participate send us an email at the church office or call and let us know.

 As we enter this season of physical harvest, let us remember that the Bible also talks about the soul harvest. Matthew 9:35-38 states: 35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” I challenge you that as we learn about these stories that we don’t focus on often, to think about what part you are playing in the preparing the harvest. I pray that we can explore our parts with some childlike excitement this month.

Blessings,

Pastor Michelle Chesnut

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

MISSION MESSAGE FROM EBENEZER U.M. CHURCH

Submitted by Linda Glantz

The Sunday morning Farmer’s Market is winding down.  It will continue as long as members bring produce to share.  When it ends, the donations will go to the Cass County Food Bank.  Thank-you to those who shared fruits and vegetables and to those who made a donation after making their selection. You are appreciated!

Our collection of new and gently used children’s books will go to UNL’s Children’s Justice Clinic for low income children who are going through difficult times.  Books are used to build rapport.  When leaving, children may select a book to take home. Sunday, September 29 is our last opportunity to donate.  Thank-you for making a difference in the life of a child!

Beginning January 2020, please consider serving as the Mission & Outreach coordinator to continue our service of helping others in need.

Come dressed in your costume to enjoy an afternoon of fun!

Date: Sunday, October 27th

Time: 2:00-4:00 PM

Place: Elmwood Christian Church Parking Lot

\*\*Please park in the Elmwood Park parking lot.

\*\*In case of rain, we will be set up inside the

Christian Church.

\*\*Contact Deb Lenz with any questions at 402-450-3034.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** We would like your help with the second annual Trunk-or-Treat event hosted by the Elmwood Christian Church, Murdock Methodist Church and Elmwood Methodist Church. Let’s continue to make this a fun and safe event for the children of our congregations and communities. Please contact Deb Lenz (402-450-3034) if you will be joining us.

**October 2019**

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|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|  |  | 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E | 9:00am-3:00pm Church Office Hours - M5:45pm UMW- Murdock | 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E |  |  |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 9:00am Worship Service - M9:30am Sun. School –E10:35am Worship Service – E | 6:30pm Cub Scouts - E7:00pm UMW-E | 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E7:00pm Church Council - M | 9:00am-3:00pm Church Office Hours - M6:15pm Bell Practice7:30pm Choir Practice | 1-5:00pm Church Office Hours-E |  |  |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
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