

The Messenger

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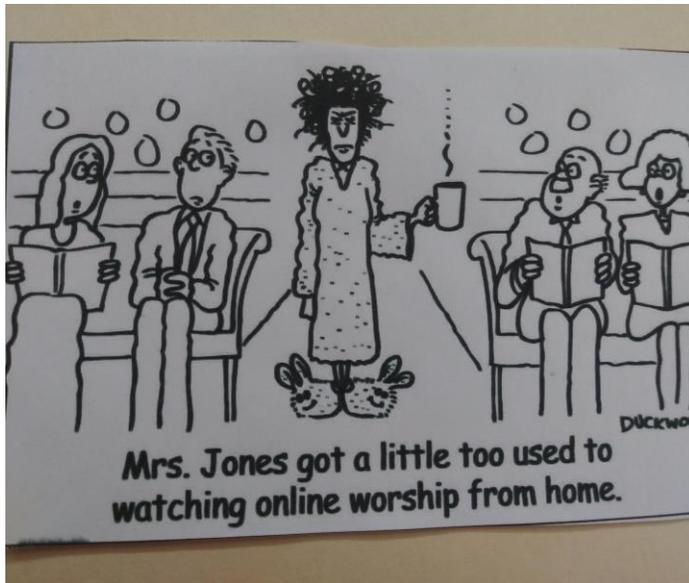
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TRUNK OR TREAT

This event is now scheduled for Sunday, October 25th from 4-6:00 p.m. at the Murdock UMC's parking lot. If you would like to sign up to decorate a trunk, please email Pastor Michelle.

CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE FOR 2021

This year's charge conference will look a little different than the normal session. St. Paul UMC will have an Executive Session on Tuesday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m. and church members are invited to attend. The time for Ebenezer UMC will be announced later.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I am so very thankful for everyone in the Methodist Churches of the Elmwood and Murdock communities. I asked for a few sponsors to help provide books to all students in my classroom. You not only did that, but went above and beyond! You were able to provide books for my class each month, as well as Cathy Stewart's class each month, and one book for each student in the entire Elmwood-Murdock Elementary! The books will be ordered and delivered over the next several months! The smiles on each child's face as they receive a book to take home is priceless. Thank you for spreading God's love and helping everyone to find something positive in life! Thanks again for all of your support!

Carae Oehlerking

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, October 17, 2020, 9:00–11:00 a.m.
Elmwood Community Center

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.

A flu shot clinic will be held at the Center on Thursday, October 15, 2020, starting at 11:30 a.m.

Ebenezer UMC has received a confirmation letter from Epworth Village, stating that Melvin Luetchens has donated to their campaign for school supplies for their children. This donation has been made in the church's honor. Thank you, Mel, for your donation.

UMW CORNER

Elmwood UMW

Elmwood UMW's will meet on Monday, October 5, 2020 at St. Paul UMC, 7:00 p.m. Our lesson will Pledge to Mission Service.

Murdock UMW

We will meet again on Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. We will not be having the usual meal before the meeting.

Thank You

Dear Friends: My sincere thank you for the prayers, phone calls, and the pretty cards. I am recovering at home, doing well.

My friend in Texas sends her love and thank you for the prayers. She has had additional heart surgery; she is home doing well.

God Bless-stay safe, Joyce Hammons



October Birthdays-Elmwood



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

Jerry Fleischman – October 12
Dominick Leone – October 12
Martha Ann Bornemeier – Oct. 12
Barbara Minch – October 14
Renee Holland – October 14
Rebecca Brettmann – October 14
Karen Rase – October 19

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



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 Michelle Chesnut – October 18
Joyce Hammons – October 23
Katie Bornemeier – October 25

Matt Rase – October 25
David Baumeister – October 28
Wayne Luetchens – October 29
Lane Mills – October 29

PASTOR'S PEN



Happy October!

It seems like we were just in the heat of summer and suddenly here we are in the heart of fall! My favorite season of cool weather, the changing of colors, fall sports and Halloween. I love getting the opportunity to dawn my favorite hoodie and head outside to walk around, watch the harvest and just enjoy the changing of the season.

The church continues to be in a season of change as well. The last seven months we have been doing church differently. We moved to all online; we went from seeing each other every week, having a solid church routine to a completely new way of life. A life that takes place online, a life of isolation and separation. Then September came and we started worshiping back in person but it too was different. We all had to wear masks; there was no singing. Although some are now back in the building, we are sitting apart and it still feels different. In some ways that is how life always is right? Life is nothing but constantly changing. The more I have listened to people say we are living in a new world, or exploring uncharted territories, I think, aren't we always? I mean sure life before the middle of March might have been more predictable than where we are now but at the same time it has always been uncharted. We have never been here before and even if that global pandemic had not happened, we would still have never been in the exact place we would be. Even in times of the Bible they were living in uncharted territory. They didn't know what was coming even when it was spelled out to them. Jesus told the disciples that the Holy Ghost would come to them, they could not have predicted what that would look like. Acts 2 explains the happenings of the Holy Ghost entering the scene. It says ²"Suddenly a sound from heaven like the howling of a fierce wind filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be individual flames of fire alighting on each one of them. ⁴They were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them to speak."

This month we kick off our new sermon series called "Holy Ghost Stories." We will explore the different ways the Holy Ghost presents itself to us and how we might struggle with it and the role that it plays in our lives today. In a time where things in our daily lives don't always seem so light, I hope this series will bring some lightness.

We continue to explore this new adventure and new life as we have for many years in the past and even if the future is less predictable than it once was, the Holy Ghost is always with us and we will get through it together.

Until Next Time,
Pastor Michelle Chesnut

October Mission Opportunity!

We are collecting Christmas items for Cathy Stewart's class! Cathy Stewart teaches in Lincoln at a Title 1 school. Her kids often don't have much of a Christmas and we want to help. In the month of October, we are going to collect small items that the kids can give to their families for Christmas. We are collecting small games (ie. Uno, Skipbo, Phase 10), hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, blankets, or crafting items that the kids could use to make their family members crafts. You can bring your donations to church on Sundays if you are attending in person. If you are not that is fine; the totes that were in front of the churches in Elmwood and Murdock will remain there and you are welcome to drop off your donation at any time there as well. Or contact Pastor Michelle and she will happily arrange for a pick up. Thanks for your continued support and consideration as we work to make the world a better place as we show others the love of Christ through our actions.

THANK YOU NOTE FROM RESIDENTS OF LOUISVILLE CARE CENTER

Cyril Alan Bob Betty
Doc Nancy Ingeborg Barb
Viola Louse Gining Pat

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Dear Pastor Michelle,

We wanted to thank you and your entire church for sending our care center your DVD's. There ~~was~~ were 12 residents watching on Sunday! Beautiful music, Great sermon as always!! Such a blessing to us!!



Coloring Book
for Me

BARB M.

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:00am Worship Service - M 9:30am Sunday School – E 10:35am Worship Service - E	5 7:00pm UMW - E	6	7 6:30pm UMW - M	8 7:00pm Bible Study Via Zoom	9	10
11 9:00am Worship Service - M 9:30am Sunday School – E 10:35am Worship Service - E	12 <i>Columbus Day</i>	13 7:00pm Church Council - M	14	15 7:00pm Bible Study Via Zoom	16	17 9-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution 10am Blue River Dist. UMW Ann. Meeting Via Zoom
18 9:00am Worship Service - M 9:30am Sunday School – E 10:35am Worship Service - E	19	20 6:00pm Executive Session for Church Charge Conference – E	21	22 7:00pm Bible Study Via Zoom	23	24
25 9:00am Worship Service - M 9:30am Sunday School – E 10:35am Worship Service – E 4-6:00pm Trunk and Treat - M	26	27	28	29 7:00pm Bible Study Via Zoom	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>

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Saturday, October 31, 2020