

# The Messenger

## October 2023



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### SENDING HOPE TO A SCHOOL IN TANZANIA

For the Oct./Nov. mission project, the Elmwood and Murdock churches will be sponsoring students in the Tumaini (Hope) Evangelistic Primary School in Kiruani, Tanzania. This five-building school provides more than 200 young students with transportation, two meals per day and education focused on math, science and reading curriculum led by nine teachers. The school also provides morning worship and a weekly Bible class. Most families cannot afford the cost of education for their children, so the school is supported through Blessed2BlessU Ministries in Fremont, NC (led by a Methodist minister) and through donations from other churches and groups. The cost to sponsor one child for one year at Tumaini school is \$360. We hope to collect enough cash donations through this mission project to support two or three students. Learn more about the Tumaini school [here](#). Please consider making a donation to support students at Tumaini School in Tanzania.



**CORRECTION: We apologize that this “thank you” was not also addressed to Ebenezer UMC in last month’s newsletter and we thank you for your support!**

We would like to start by saying THANK YOU for your support the last couple of years by helping to provide students with free books. It has been a highlight for many!!! Year after year, our hearts smile at their excitement to take a free book home and share it with their family. Reading is important each year, and we want to continue to spread the love of reading with our students.

Blessings to Everyone,  
Carae Oehlerking, Title One Reading E/M School and Cathy Stewart, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Elliott Elementary



*Thank You*

Thank you for providing the food and the service for Alan Stubbendick’s funeral. We appreciate everyone for thinking and praying for our family.

The Stubbendick Family

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, October 21, 2023, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Location: Old Village Town Hall Building  
113 West E Street, Elmwood

### Elmwood Community Center

The Center is open for meals at noon 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.

Our Sunday breakfast buffet will be on October 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They will continue each month on the third Sunday.

### Elmwood Rescue Fundraiser

Waffle Man on Sunday, October 8, 2023

8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Elmwood Fire Hall, free will donation

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday, October 23, 2023, 12-6:00 p.m.

Elmwood Fire Hall

### Veterans' Day Pancakes & More!!

Saturday, November 11, 2023, 7am to 12:30pm

Elmwood Fire Hall

## UWF CORNER

The Elmwood UWF will meet on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. at Donna Clements' and Carolyn Oehlerking will provide the lesson.

Murdock UWF will meet on October 4th at 5:30 p.m. for their usual meal and meeting at the church.

### *Upcoming Event at Elmwood Cultural Arts and Learning Center*

*221 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Elmwood*

*Saturday, October 14, 2023*

*8 a.m. to 12 p.m.*

*Sponsored by Syracuse Area Health/EMMA/E-M FB&A*

## EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 29, 2023, 1-2:30 p.m.  
St. Paul UMC, Elmwood



### October Birthdays-Elmwood



Andrew Rorie – October 2

Etta Vogt – October 3

Audriana Romero – October 8

Derick Vogt – October 9

Jerry Fleischman – October 12

Robert Frederickson – October 10

Dominick Leone – October 12

Martha Bornemeier – October 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

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

Estelle Rase – October 6

Kylee Synovec – October 10

Renea Panska – October 14

Evelyn Schafer – October 14

Michelle Chesnut – October 18

Joyce Hammons – October 23

Matt Rase – October 25

David Baumeister – October 28

Wayne Luetchens – October 29

Lane Mills – October 29

## PASTOR'S PEN



October is here! Which means fall is here! Which means we are that much closer to the first snow of the second half of the year! You all know how much this makes me happy. The truth really is that I am just excited for cooler weather, although this year has not had a lot of extreme heat so I don't have a lot to complain about. On a different note, though, I love October! Not just because it is my birthday month, although that is a great bonus. I love October because it just feels good to me! I love the changing colors of the trees and the cooler mornings. It has a crispness about it. Although all the plants are preparing to go dormant for the winter, it has always felt like a time that is ripe for fresh beginnings to me. There is such hope in the air. I know that seems counterintuitive because fall is not a time when the weather or environment seem to be preparing for newness but rather preparing for a deep sleep. And still, I feel there is hope.

Maybe it is the fact that nature is preparing for what is next. In the changing of the leaves and the birds flying South, and the flowers going to seed, they are saying there will be a new beginning. These are all signs of hope and faith that Spring will come again, and the circle of life will continue. As humans we also have seasons where it seems like everything we knew or have worked for is ending or changing. Everything has a life cycle. The problem with us is that we often see an end coming and instead of celebrating the end of planting seeds for what is next, we become doomsday about the whole thing. Trust me, I am just as guilty as the next person.

However, when we look at nature, it is not mourning the end of the season; it is preparing for what is next. You can almost see the changing of the leaves as a celebration. A successful season is ending and so turn up the color and joy! The trees know they have to weather the storm that is winter. It might look bleak at times, the snow might bury it, the days are short, and the darkness can seem overwhelming. But the tree has faith that it will make it through the winter and will be able to bloom again in the Spring.

We can learn so much from nature and the way God created it. There is harvest, a celebration of what was and then what is coming anew. Isaiah 65 says "See, I will create new heavens and new earth. The former things will not be remembered nor will they come to mind." Spring will bring about new life, and Fall is the time to prepare for that to happen. To have hope that it will come about. God has promised it will happen. So let us celebrate the harvest, prepare for the winter and have great hope and faith in God for what is next!

Until Next Time,  
Pastor Michelle



## CHOIR SINGERS AND BELL RINGERS NEEDED

Bell practice starts at 6:30 p.m.

on Wednesdays

Choir practice starts at 7:30

p.m. on Wednesdays

Both at Elmwood St. Paul UMC



# Elmwood Rescue Fall Fundraiser



Come join us for our 22nd annual Waffleman *and more!*

*All you can eat Belgian Waffles, toppings, sides, and drinks!  
Free will donation*



WAFFLEMAN 8am - 1pm  
SILENT AUCTION 8am - 1pm  
RAFFLE DRAWING 1:30pm



\*scan QR Code for linktree to raffle tickets and auction items

**SUNDAY, October 8, 2023**  
**Elmwood Fire and Rescue Station — 601 N 4th St. Elmwood, NE**

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR



**For a better, healthier, happier you!**

**Free health screenings, Health care experts on site  
Bake Sale, Door prizes and giveaways, much more**

**Location: Elmwood Cultural Arts and Learning Center  
Saturday, October 14, 2023, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**Sponsored by Syracuse Area Health/EMMA/E-M FBLA**

# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Worship Service – E 10:35am Worship Service – M World Communion	2 1:30pm UWF - E	3	4 5:30pm UWF – M  6:30pm Bell Practice  7:30pm Choir Practice	5	6	7
8 8am-1pm Waffle Man 9:00am Worship Service – E  10:35am Worship Service – M 2:00pm Charge Conf.	9 <i>Columbus Day</i>  7:00pm Church Council - M	10	11 6:30pm Bell Practice  7:30pm Choir Practice	12	13	14 8am-12pm Health and Fitness Fair
15 9:00am Worship Service – E  10:35am Worship Service – M 1:00pm UMYF	16 7:00pm Church Council - E	17	18 5:30pm Youth Bible Study – M  6:30pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	19	20	21 9-11am Food Pantry Distribution
22 9:00am Worship Service – E  10:35am Worship Service – M	23 12-6pm American Cross Blood Drive	24	25 6:30pm Bell Practice  7:30pm Choir Practice	26	27	28
29 9:00am Worship Service – E  10:35am Worship Service – M 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck 1-2:30pm Trunk or Treat	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>	1 6:30pm Bell Practice  7:30pm Choir Practice	2	3	4



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Tuesday, October 31, 2023