

# The Messenger

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### September mission project for Red Bird Mission



In September, the Elmwood and Murdock churches will be collecting funds to support **Red Bird Christian School**, a part of the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky. Red Bird Mission has been providing ministries in the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in the insolated, rural distressed area. The school allows community youth to get a quality education in a loving Christian environment to escape the cycle of poverty they live in daily. While the United Methodist Church continues to support Red Bird Mission, they have seen a decline in support, making it difficult to continue all areas of ministry they provide. Why is this project so meaningful? Several years ago, members of the Elmwood and Murdock churches completed a group mission trip to Red Bird – which is why this organization remains near and dear to many church members.

Contact [kareykoehn@gmail.com](mailto:kareykoehn@gmail.com) with questions about this mission project.

### UMYF NEWS

(UMYF is for all 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.)



Confirmation is being offered starting the week of September 11<sup>th</sup> at two different times: 12:00 p.m. on Sundays at Elmwood and/or 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at Murdock.

Our normal Wednesday night Bible Study will begin at Murdock on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Our monthly fun event will also start in October; more details later.

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, September 17, 2022, 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.

### Elmwood Farmers Market

Will continue in September.

The hours are 8:00 a.m. to noon each Saturday

## UWIF CORNER

The National Office of the United Methodist Women has changed the official name to “United Women in Faith.” They felt that the name change would include ALL women of other denominations, not just members of United Methodist Church.

The Elmwood UWIF will meet on .  
Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

Murdock UWIF will meet on Wednesday,  
September 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. for our  
usual meal and meeting at the church.

### GOOD NEIGHBOR FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, September 10, 2022, 8:00  
a.m. to Noon  
Elmwood Park

Sponsored by EMMA organization and  
E/M FBLA students

A chance to get coffee and donuts and  
meet the EMMA members

### HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

For a better, healthier and happier YOU!

Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022, 8:00 a.m. to Noon  
Elmwood Cultural Arts and Learning Center  
Sponsored by Syracuse Area

Health/EMMA/E/M FBLA

Health screenings, health care experts, safety

First aid training, much more plus

Salad luncheon at the Elmwood Community  
Center



### September Birthdays-Elmwood



Michael Krass – September 1  
Caleb Kraeger – September 4  
Layton Bornemeier – Sept. 6  
Genia Leone – September 7  
Bruce Vogt – September 8  
Michael D.L. Vogt – Sept. 8  
Kathy Frahm – September 8  
Emmie Fritz – September 8

Frank Leone – September 10  
Marvin Stewart – September 11  
Clint Bornemeier – September 14  
Timothy Rorie – September 17  
Coleman Lenz – September 17  
Stella Burrows – September 17  
Austin Hawks – September 18  
Rose Offner – September 18

Dan Bornemeier – September 19  
Breanna Romero – September 19  
Sydney Kunz – September 21  
Kelly Meisinger – September 21  
Jordan Vogt – September 24  
Marthena DeGarmo – Sept. 25  
Gary Vogt – September 29



### September Birthdays-Murdock



Madison Mills – September 2  
Betty Burnham – September 8  
Don Mills – September 11  
Ellen Luetchens – September 26

# PASTOR'S PEN



Happy September!

As I was trying to decide what to write about this month for the newsletter, I did a quick search to find out what was the national month of September. In case you didn't know, there are a list of things that one should be celebrating or becoming aware of during each month. Some we know more than others, right? October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. February is Black History Month. But did you know there are many things for each month. So I was curious what September held for us. September has a variety of things that are of importance like Childhood Cancer Month and Baby Safety Month, but it is also National Courtesy Month and Better Breakfast Month. I had no idea there was a month that we were supposed to be celebrating better breakfasts. And since when did we need a month to remind us of the importance of being kind? On second thought, Jesus spent much of his ministry trying to teach us how to treat each other so I suppose a month where being kind is at the forefront is not such a bad idea. The point of this all being, however, is that even when we think we have a month figured out, September is the real kick off to fall, sports, changing of leaves, and Sunday School. There is still so much we don't know. People are the same way. We so often think we have people figured out only to realize we don't really know them at all, which is why you should be courteous to people by default. :-)

Here at the church, September kicks off the start of Sunday School on Sept 11th at both Elmwood and Murdock. We are also starting choir and bell choir up again on Sept 7th. Confirmation will get underway the week of Sept 11th as well. After a few months of summer craziness, I always think it is nice to get back into the swing of a routine, both for school and with church. Also, if you are looking for a way to get involved, we can always use more help with Sunday School, Confirmation and Youth Group. Just trying to give you more opportunities to practice being courteous this month and beyond.

Throughout the month of September, we are exploring the different criticisms that Jesus experienced. We often don't focus in on what other people were saying to and about Jesus that was not positive. Almost everywhere he turned he faced people questioning what he was doing and why. It often seemingly went against the way people were taught. He was teaching a new way of life, which meant change and of course with change comes critics and hard feelings. So, we will be digging into some of the adversity that Jesus faced during his ministry and how we might use these examples when exploring where we are as individuals and as a church in the 21st Century.

Jesus and the Bible have much to say about being kind and loving to each other, but I will leave you with just this one: "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them." I invite you to celebrate National Courtesy Month as Jesus would this month.

Until Next Time,  
Pastor Michelle



## WORSHIP SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Are you feeling like you could assist with the Sunday worship services but don't know how to get started??

There are many opportunities to assist the ministries at church: Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group, Scripture Reader, Choir member, Communion Server, and many more.

A sign-up sheet will be at the back of the sanctuary so please prayerfully consider to be service to our church by signing up. Thanks

## JOIN THE CHOIRS

**POSITIONS OPEN:** Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass—no others need apply

**PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:** Must be able to carry light, musical notes, part way across the church. Must have sufficient vision to see the director twenty feet away. Don't worry, not many in the choir have attained this requirement.

**EXPERIENCE:** No application accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed, or whistled in the tub or shower.

**WAGES:** Satisfaction and joy in God's service

**FRINGE BENEFITS:** Social Security—we promise you the security of social fellowship with other members of the choir

**HOURS:** One hour on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings, second and fourth, with occasional opportunities for overtime (at above mentioned wages).

**VACATION:** Missed rehearsals and church services are primarily a matter of conscience.

**RETIREMENT:** No particular age, but is generally determined by printed notes getting too small, notes too high, church too hot (or cold).

**REHEARSALS:** One hour a week on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. starting the first Wednesday after Labor Day and ending sometime in April.

**APPLY:** By attending the next rehearsal on September 7, 2022

**BELL CHOIR:** Come join us at our next rehearsal at 6:30 p.m. on the 7<sup>th</sup>.



### **DON'T FORGET!**

Bell practice starts at 6:30 p.m.

Choir practice starts at 7:30

p.m.

Starting On Wednesday,

September 7, 2022

At Elmwood St. Paul UMC



## **WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

On Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m.

The teachers are excited to work with your children in order to continue to spread the word of God!

Welcome back on the 11<sup>th</sup> to Minute To Win It Games

# September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 9:00am Worship Service – M  10:35am Worship Service - E	5 Labor Day	6 1:30pm UWIF - E	7 5:30pm UWIF – M  6:30pm Bell Practice  7:30pm Choir Practice	8	9	10 8:00am-Noon Good Neighbor Festival – Elmwood Park
11 9:00am Worship Service – M  9:30am Sunday School - E 10:35am Worship Service – E 12:00pm Confirmation - E	12 7:00pm Church Council - M	13	14 5:30pm Confirmation – M  6:30pm Bell Practice  7:30pm Choir Practice	15	16	17 9-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution
18 9:00am Worship Service – M  9:30am Sunday School - E 10:35am Worship Service - E	19 7:00pm Church Council - E	20	21 1:30pm Sew 'N Sews – M  6:30pm Bell Practice  7:30pm Choir Practice	22	23	24 8:00am-Noon Health and Wellness Fair Learning Center with Lunch at Community Center
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