

# The Messenger

## September 2023

### Hello, September!



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### Aug./Sept. Mission Project Supports EM Students

For the mission project in August and September, we are collecting school supplies and cash donations for students in need at Elmwood-Murdock Schools. All donations collected will be given to the elementary and middle/high school principals to distribute to students in need. Thank you for supporting EM students! A list of requested school supplies is included below.

Glue sticks, crayons (box of 24), yellow #2 pencils, blue or black pens, pocket folders, single subject spiral bound notebooks, colored pencils, pink erasers, markers (12 pack), Kleenex, antibacterial wipes, dry erase markers, ruler, plastic pencil boxes, scissors

The school has also requested donations toward replacing the elementary school's portable keyboard for their music program. If you would like to make a donation toward this, please mark **"school keyboard"** on your donation.



Hello, St. Paul United Methodist Church Members!

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.

Like last year, we would LOVE for each student to receive one free book each month of the school year at no cost to his/her family? We would LOVE for each of our students to be able to bring home one new book each month during the school year from September to May. Children look forward to taking something positive home that they can call their own! **Would you be interested in sponsoring free books?** You could sponsor free books by mailing a donation of \$20.00, or whatever amount you would like, made out to the church so that we can order new books each month! Remember, you can send your check to the church and write in the memo that your donation is to be used for ordering books for children! We are very grateful for all the support the church provides for the community. New books are always so fun and it's a great way to build a lifelong love of reading! Thank you for helping to spread the word of God each day. Let us know if you have any questions!

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

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Cass County Food Pantry Distribution

Saturday, September 16, 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.

We will be starting our Sunday breakfast buffet on September 17, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They will continue each month on the third Sunday.

### Organ Recital

*Cynthia Knosp will be presenting a pipe organ concert at St. Paul United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy some wonderful music.*

## UWF CORNER

The Elmwood UWF will meet on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 1:45 p.m. at the Elmwood Community Center.

Murdock UWF will meet on September 6<sup>th</sup> 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  
Sunday, September 24, 2023, 3:00 p.m.  
Elmwood Community Foundation presents  
**Let's Talk Turkey! (the country, that is)**  
With Jim and Judy Hendrix  
Explore the culture, cuisine, history, etc.*

## UMCOR DISASTER RESPONSE FUND

Due to the numerous disasters lately in the United States, the Disaster Response Fund has almost been depleted. They are asking for donations to replenish this Fund so they can continue to assist the victims of various disasters.

The Disaster Response Team is one of the first response teams that go to a disaster area. It is very important for UMCOR to have the continued ability to provide their services.

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO THIS FUND; INDICATE UMCOR ON THE BOTTOM OF YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO ST. PAUL. THIS IS A VERY WORTHY CAUSE.**



### 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  
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  
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



Do you ever feel tired? Not like “I need a thirty minute nap and I will be good,” tired. But like a tiredness that sinks into your bones. A weariness that almost makes it beyond possible to even function. I mean tiredness that puts a slight haze over everything around you, like you are walking in a fog. Your mental capacity has reached max and you feel like staring at a blank wall might be as much as you can handle.

There are times that I reach this level of tiredness. It usually hits me unexpectedly, although in hindsight, it is probably not that unexpected. It is at times when there is so much going on and I am being pulled in a bunch of different directions. I suddenly realize that there just are not enough hours in the day to answer all the questions, organize all the things and do any of the things that I actually would like to do. But even beyond the physical demands, it is the mental strain; it is worrying about those around you, making sure their needs are met, praying that the world doesn't end when it feels like that is exactly the direction we are headed! This is a weariness that is just more.

Sometimes when I have reached these points of weariness, I think about the characters in the Bible. We have been talking about Paul, and his ministry for the last couple of months and I have to believe there were times when he was probably weary. Or when we talk about Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt, there had to be times when he was weary. And as we venture into our next series where we explore discipleship and the freedoms we have and the responsibilities that come with it, I think about how that can lead to weariness. Which leads to the question of what are we doing about it?

The answer is and should be a simple one. We should be turning to Christ. God wants to be there, to help guide us through our weariness. Honestly, He wants us to rely on him before the weariness even happens but especially when we have reached max capacity. In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus even says this about our human weariness: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” So, then the question is are we giving up our yoke to Christ? Again, the answer should be easy, but I often find it more difficult than it should be. We are told by society that we are supposed to be able to handle it all on our own. But the truth is that we can't nor were we made to, nor does God want us to.

As the fall season revs up and gets busy and you find yourself weary, I pray that you remember that this is not a journey of one but of many and that Christ is ready to take the burden, whatever it might be.

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 7:00  
p.m. on Wednesdays

Both at Elmwood St. Paul UMC  
Starting Wednesday,  
September 6, 2023



Dear Youth (grades 7-12) and Parents,

UMYF events will be starting soon for 2023-2024. On the 3rd Wednesday of the month, starting September 20th, we have a time of fellowship, supper, and Bible study at Ebenezer UMC. As students finish with practices and activities after school, they can join us at Ebenezer starting around 5:30 (feel free to bring friends). We will try to eat between 6:00 and 6:15 (we will adjust time based on the youth coming to the event). Then we will have a short Bible study, finishing by 7:00. They will be fed and ready to finish school work by 7:00, with some new spiritual learning. Then on the first Sunday of the month (most of the time) we will have our regular fun activity starting October 15th. Don't forget that youth Sunday School at St. Paul is starting September 10th. Below is the UMYF schedule for the year.

**ST. PAUL AND EBENEZER UMC UMYF 2023-2024**

**Wednesday, September 20, 5:30-7:00 (Ebenezer)** - Scripture Talks: Lesson 1 - Understanding Salvation

**Sunday, October 15, 1:00-6:00 (meet at Ebenezer)** - Camp Fontanelle and Fast Food stop in Fremont

**Wednesday, October 18, 5:30-7:00 (Ebenezer)** - Scripture Talks: Lesson 3 - Experiencing Forgiveness

**Sunday, November 5, 4:00-7:00 (St. Paul)** - Scavenger Hunt for Food Pantry and supper

**Wednesday, November 15, 5:30-7:00 (Ebenezer)** - Scripture Talks: Lesson 21 - Power in a Name

**Sunday, December 3, 3:00-5:00 (St. Paul)** - Make gingerbread houses and Christmas Minute-To-Win-It games

**Wednesday, January 17, 5:30-7:00 (Ebenezer)** - Scripture Talks: Lesson 19: For Such a Time as This

**Sunday, February 4, 3:00-6:00 (St. Paul)** - Make your own pizza and Bunko

**Wednesday, February 21, 5:30-7:00 (Ebenezer)** - Scripture Talks: Lesson 17: Defeating Dream Busters

**Sunday, March 3, 1:00-4:00 (St. Paul)** - Board Games and bring an appetizer/finger food to share

**Wednesday, March 20, 5:30-7:00 (Ebenezer)** - Scripture Talks: Lesson 14: The Many Faces of the Media

**Sunday, April 7, 1:00-5:00 (St. Paul)** - Bowling at Sun Valley and Fast Food eats

**Wednesday, April 17, 5:30-7:00 (Ebenezer)** - Scripture Talks: Lesson 27: Jesus as a Youth



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# September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> 9:00am Worship Service – M  10:35am Worship Service - E	<b>4</b> Labor Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:30pm UWF – M  6:30pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10am-12pm Workshop at Learning Center
<b>10</b> 9:00am Worship Service – M  10:35am Worship Service – E  First Day of Sunday School  3:00pm Organ Recital	<b>11</b> 1:30pm UWF – E  7:00pm Church Council - M	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:30pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 8-11:00am Food Pantry Distribution
<b>17</b> 9:00am Worship Service – M  10:35am Worship Service - E	<b>18</b> 7:00pm Church Council - E	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5:30pm Youth Bible Study – M  6:30pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 9:00am Worship Service – M  10:35am Worship Service – E  3:00pm Hendrix’s travel presentation	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30pm Bell Practice 7:30pm Choir Practice	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 9:30am-12pm Workshop at Learning Center

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# LABOR DAY



Monday, September 4, 2023