

Elmer United Methodist Church



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JULY - AUGUST 2012



Greetings,

Two months ago as I prepared for a vacation, I shared that I had sought to reconcile two relationships. I received positive responses from these people and spent my vacation having fun, and visiting with not less than 12 different people who I had not seen in a long time. We had reunions and a couple of important healings for me.

Well I am ready for another week of vacation and the beginning of summer. Though I had a lot of fun and did much on my last vacation, I missed out on the renewal that comes from spending time not doing, but being open to God and God's grace. Where in our busy lives do we find that time to stop and give God a chance to speak and to minister to us?

On Father's Day I shared about going canoeing by myself from Centerton to Parvin Lake. At one point on this journey I paused to take in the beauty and open myself to God. As I go on vacation I am looking forward to time in Maine with my grandson, Enishi and his parents, Nick and Mika. I will also spend time on the Maine coast and canoeing at least one new river. More importantly I plan to take more time to be still and open to God speaking to me. When I rush to accomplish things, it leaves little time to be guided by God. Vacation is a time to remember to slow down.

It is now summer. Some of life seems to slow down over the summer. I hope each of us can take time, not just on vacation, but over the summer to discover new ways to be still and notice God's input in our lives. I'm really feeling a lack of that (or a thirst for it). I am also planning to spend another week at camp with the Pinelands Center this year. We will take High School students for the same 50 mile canoe trip I took last year. This is a time of being away with opportunities to be still with God. As I think about it, last year I spent 3 of 4 days with the group, but by myself in the canoe. That's at least 15 hours and 34 miles of paddling (I don't know how many strokes) by myself. No wonder I felt so connected and peaceful at the end of the trip.

The real issue is not getting away alone, it is being still in the middle of your busy day. It is about developing habits to open to God as you wait in traffic, stand in line at the store, watch little children play, visit the post office, or cook a meal. Every moment we pause and every monotonous thing we do, open to share it with

God and allow God to come to you. Let me know what happens, and this summer, may we all grow in God's Peace and find the strength and renewal we each need.

Peace to you all,
Pastor Dave Repenning



July Birthdays Happy Birthday to All!!!

- 1st Addison & Alexa Shimp
- 2nd Jenette Wildman
- 3rd Linda Thomas, Donna Stemberger & Eva Ireland
- 4th Trina Richards
- 6th Kara Stemberger & Kimberly Chapman
- 7th Julia Garrison & Diana Donovan
- 8th Andrew Clemick
- 9th Mary Lou Newkirk & Susan Steier
- 10th Joey Bucolo, Anthony Barthetaletti & Red Horner
- 14th Zachary Schneider & Joan Harz
- 15th Georgeann Batten
- 16th Annette Evans
- 17th Pastor Dave Repenning, Keith Elliott, Paula Fackler & Nicole Stemberger
- 18th John Hathaway, Danielle Montana & Allison Wildman
- 19th Lucy Stiles, Dylan Hall & Brennan Richmond
- 20th Julia Brown
- 21st Cloe Elliott, Matthew Cooper, Sara Rodriguez, Tom Parish & Peggy Canale
- 25th Ethan Adams
- 26th Aylani Eberl, Emma Pike, Jesus & Julio Jiménez
- 27th Lee Lacy & Nichole Hall
- 28th Robert McGill, Jessica Filippoli
- 31st Grace Hennessey & Karen Wolfe

August Birthdays Happy Birthday to All!!!

- 1st Jeff Willoughby
- 2nd Tom Hill
- 4th Matthew Snyder, Connor Hemsley & Michael Donovan
- 8th Joan Hathaway
- 10th Chase Coyle, Brittany Orzechowski & Blair Hathaway
- 11th Spencer McDonald
- 13th Art Kelly
- 14th Suzie Richards, Lesley Hall & Rev. John Robbins
- 16th Arthur Harper, Jesse Hunter & Earl Hitchner
- 17th Elyse Coyle, Debbie Schwartz, Lisa Bishop & Brooke Batten
- 18th Jim Hall, George Mottola, V & Ashley Hannah
- 19th Emily Greene, Zane Cooper & Linda Dilks
- 20th Elden Evans & Kirby Layton
- 22nd Savannah Nolan, Claire Corsey & Mabel Lago
- 23rd Curtis Elliott
- 25th Michael Kulig & Erica Wriggins
- 26th Christian Montero & Austin Zeeman
- 29th Jane Cooke
- 30th Burry Timberman, Jr.
- 31st Christine Hill, John Fisler & Robin Cooper



Joy in the Harvest
Claudia and Lowell Wertz

Joy in the Harvest is the name of the newsletter published by Lowell and Claudia Wertz who are serving our Lord in Kigoma, Tanzania. The most recent newsletter states that they had a great response to an offer for matching funds to Joy's general account and gifts totaling \$13,239.70 were received.

A radio JOY FM broadcast license has been applied for with the Tanzania government and the Wertzzes have purchased used radio equipment at a great price. More equipment is needed but they are getting closer to having a signal in the air.

The Wertzzes will be on furlough beginning this August and are planning to speak about their mission work at Elmer UMC later this year.

Lowell has had surgery to correct a blockage in the urethra which was needed to correct a scar tissue blockage as a result of a dozen previous surgeries. Most of April was spent in Pretoria Urology Hospital in South Africa. Following surgery the prognosis is excellent and he has returned to work in Tanzania.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) is the heart and soul of sports; more than 300,000 students are reached through 8,088 school campuses. FCA provides over 3000 free ministry resources on-line and partners with ministry leaders in 80 countries.

FCA has expanded to assist with training, resource expansion, mission trips and partnerships including Operation Mobilization SportLink and the International Sports Coalition.

FCA has distributed 1,516,400 Bibles worldwide and shares inspiring stories of faith and sports.

FCA's version is to see the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes.

Global Partners, Albania - Dawn & Ken Bishop

Ken and Dawn Bishop serve with Global Partners in Albania. Their Teen group is growing as more teens invite friends to attend. Children's Bibles are being read for the first time as reading is uncommon in Albania due to the lack of books. A monthly service is being held and the women share a meal after reading Acts 2 at a previous gathering. The women pray for community, salvation of the community and for each other. They testify to neighbors, defend their faith and teach their children how to pray. English Camp is taking place this month (July 2 through July 6) for those 14 to 19.

Monthly Meeting, Women's Meeting, Teen Meeting and daily visitations draw the lost through God's Word and prayer.

The Bishop specifically asks that we pray against human trafficking, drugs, pornography, wide spread corruption and for pregnant women who end their pregnancies in abortion.

Ken and Dawn's daughter, Eva, 18, has graduated

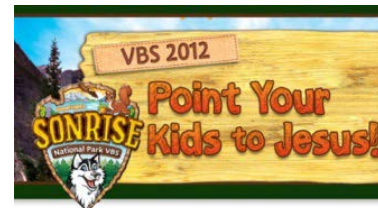
from High School. She and Dawn will arrive in California on July 8. They will attend the Pacific Southwest District Conference in California on July 10 and 11. Eva will attend a MK Transition Seminar in Ohio on July 15-27 and begin Architectural classes with a minor in Youth Ministry at Judson University on August 28. While in the United States, Dawn will travel to Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, and Vermont to visit supporters.

Stephen, 12, is dreading boredom this summer and looking forward to freedom because there is no school, and he is happy to get his own room. Joshua, 16, is dreading Eva leaving and looking forward to Camp in Erseka, Albania.

Submitted by Al-Jo Voeckler
 Missions Treasurer

<u>Attendance:</u>	Early Service	Morning Worship	S. School
June 3	29	95	18
June 10	21	228	Brunch
June 17	19	72	
June 24	26	86	
<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>S.School</u>
June 3	\$5,051.00	\$815.00	\$23.00
June 10	\$5,214.00	\$527.00	Brunch
June 17	\$2,181.00	\$522.00	
June 24	\$3,350.00	\$743.00	

ELMER UMC 2012 VBS



Please join all the Sunrise National Park adventurers for tons of fun!

Elmer United Methodist Church

5:45 - 8:30pm July 9th-13th, 2012

Snacks, crafts, games, friends...

Register Early! And bring a friend!

You can find forms online at

www.elmerumc.org

Things Needed for VBS: Fabric pens, one inch scrub sponges, clear contact, sequins, cotton swabs, 5 cm. black pompoms, white card stock, raffia, 6 inch ceramic tiles, chenille wires, 5mm wiggle eyes, clip clothespins, 9 inch round balloons to blow up, white bar soaps, 4 inch (10 cm) nails, 7 inch (17.5 cm) nails, saw tooth picture hangers with nails.

HEALTHCARE Ministries



PESTICIDES--REDUCE YOUR
CHILD'S CHANCES OF
PESTICIDE POISONING

This topic has been requested by two different people. It is a big topic to cover in one page.

A pesticide is any bait, liquid, powder, or spray used to kill a pest (ants, germs, cockroaches, flies, mice, rats, or termites). One of the simplest ways to prevent pesticide poisoning is to store household products out of a child's reach. Children can come into contact with pesticides stored or applied in their homes, yards, day-cares, schools, parks, or on pets. Children often touch things and put their fingers in their mouths. They crawl and play on floors, grass, or in spaces that might contain pesticides. They may be exposed to pesticides used in and around their homes through rodent control, cleaning products, lawn and garden products, insect repellents, and pet products.

Some signs of pesticide poisoning: headaches, dizziness, muscle twitching, weakness, tingling. If your child shows any signs, call your poison control center right away. Post the national hotline phone number, 1-800-222-1222 near every phone in your home.

Before using the product, read the label first. Follow the directions for its use. Use child-resistant packaging correctly. Install safety latches on cabinets. Keep pesticides in their original containers that can't be mistaken for food or juice. Teach children that pesticides are poisons and are not to be touched. Wash your own hands thoroughly because poisons can be absorbed through the skin.

Children may face potential exposure to the pesticide chromatic copper arsenate (CCA) used on wooden play structures, picnic tables, decks, and patios. CCA is intended to protect wood from dry rot, mold and termites since the 1940's.

Lab studies show that pesticides can cause health problems, such as birth defects, nerve damage, cancer, and other effects that might occur over a long period of time. These effects depend on how toxic the pesticide is and how much is consumed. We don't really know what the effects will be. DDT was banned in the US in 1972 after it was killing off fish and birds, and causing decreased fertility in women. What will the results be in the next 30 years from the products we are using now? More asthma? More cognitive decline?

I would not personally use pesticides around children, and I worry about mosquito-control planes polluting the air. Some people have bad reactions from contact with this-- even bug-treated shelf paper. If you use any of these toxins and have severe reactions, read the label and call poison control for information. Have a safe summer!

"Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."
1 Cor. 6:20

Bonnie Kanady, RN

Summer Sub Sales

July

Saturday, July 16th - Our monthly sub sale will benefit our **Youth in Missions Team to Kentucky**. Please place your order form in basket in the back of the church, or contact Donna Stemberger, 358-2509 or dkstembug@yahoo.com.

August

Saturday, August 20th - August's sub sale will benefit the **Middlers**. Please place your order form in basket in the back of the church, or contact Donna Stemberger, 358-2509 or dkstembug@yahoo.com.

Youth in Missions

On August 5th, we will send a mission team to Louisville, Kentucky to work on a homeless shelter for women. We will have a fundraiser to help defray the cost - a Calendar Party on Sunday, July 15th. This will keep the cost per person to a minimal amount. Please support our mission team hosting a table at the Calendar Party in July. **A Sign-up Sheet is located on the downstairs small bulletin board.**

For more information, contact Sandi Elliott, Youth in Mission Coordinator, at 358-0452 or robertelliott@comcast.net.

For our mission trip we are collecting small (sample size) personal care items like you get at hotels/motels when traveling). Ex. Shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste/lotion, dental floss, tissues, small books with Biblical messages, etc. We are putting together bags of these things for the women at the homeless shelter. Also, for the children - any travel size games (Uno, Scrabble, etc.) or children's books. These things may be gently "used." Thank you for your continued support and prayers. Any questions, please see Linda Thomas, 856-881-2631.

Life Touch Photography Pictorial Directory Dates

August 3rd and 4th October 12th and 13th
Portraits will be taken at our location. Please plan for one hour for check-in, photography and portrait selection. You will view your images and have the opportunity to purchase portraits. (without obligation). If you have any questions, please see Leah Bucolo.

Mark Your Calendar!!

Church Family Picnic

2pm Sunday, August 12
At Parvin State Park