

# Elmer United Methodist Church



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## Pastor's Corner

Hurricane Sandy, dwindling church finances, the death of a long time member, and three significant goals to accomplish in the coming year; each of these is an important theme deserving its own newsletter. Each is vital to the life of our congregation. Recently we received many suggestions on how to address these needs and which we should focus on. Setting goals based on our needs was easy. Our Administrative Council established three main goals for the coming year based on input from the congregation. They are:

1. Strengthen our Sunday School program.
2. Have more small groups
3. Have more "praise and worship" time in our Sunday Service

How we accomplish this is a different question? As we were establishing the goals, one idea came from our discussions at the Worship Committee meeting; let's have a fellowship dinner with a movie on Saturday night. We had a great roast beef dinner and then saw the movie "Facing the Giants." It was about a failing high school football team with a failing coach. The coach was finally challenged to accept a new theme for his life and for the life of his team, in whatever you do, always do your best, as if you were doing it for the Lord. Paul used this idea in Colossians 3.

*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."* Colossians 3:17

As I think about the challenges before us as a congregation and as Christians, I am excited about the possibilities of what God can do when we are committed to His will. Our commitment (the way we live our lives in Christ) is really the answer to the challenges before us. The result will be God's accomplishment.

We are entering a busy season in the Church and in the world. The Church is gearing up to respond to the needs from Hurricane Sandy, and to providing food and presents for the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas time. We also have our holiday traditions and our normal play, cantata and extra worship experiences along with a late Punkin' Chunkin' event on November 17. In addition we are beginning to see some old faces returning to worship and some new visitors. Paul also reminds us in Ephesians:

*Serve wholeheartedly as if you were serving the Lord.*  
Ephesians 6:7

Let's enter this busy season giving thanks to God and giving God our very best in everything and may we move on to perfection together.

Serving Him with you,  
Pastor Dave Repenning



*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as if working for the Lord, not for men ... It is the Lord you are serving.*  
Colossians 3:23

## Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund

Churches have been asking about offerings in their congregations for our GNJ Sandy Relief.

The Conference leaders have established the **GNJ Sandy Relief Fund**. If you would like to make a contribution to the Fund, please make checks payable to the Elmer UMC and write in the Memo part of the check "Hurricane Sandy" and place in offering plate. We will then forward one check for the total to the conference office. All contributions will be used 100% for relief in New Jersey. Thank you.

## Flood Buckets Are Needed.

The following supplies for Cleaning Buckets will be needed. Please leave items in the chapel. Thank you

Each Cleaning Bucket contains:

- A 5 gallon bucket with re-sealable lid
  - buckets from fast food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned.
  - do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner.
  - advertisements on the outside are acceptable.
- Liquid laundry detergent
  - 2 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottles only
- Liquid household cleaner
  - 12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water
  - no spray cleaners
- Dish soap
  - 16-28 oz. bottle any brand
- 1 can air freshener
  - aerosol or pump
- 1 insect repellent spray
  - 6-14 oz. aerosol or spray pump with protective cover
- 1 scrub brush
  - no toilet-bowl brushes
  - plastic or wooden handle
  - no kitchen or dish brushes
- 18 cleaning wipes
  - handi wipes or reusable wipes
  - no terry cleaning towels
  - remove from packaging
- 7 sponges
  - remove from wrapper
  - no cellulose sponges due to mold issue

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## November Birthdays Happy Birthday to All!!!

- 5 scouring pads
  - remove from wrapper
  - no Brillo, SOS pads or any kind that will rust
- 50 clothespins
  - remove from packaging
- clothes line
  - two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
  - cotton or plastic
- 24 roll heavy duty trash bags
  - remove from the box
  - 30-45 gallon size
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair disposable waterproof gloves
  - rubber or latex
  - remove from packaging
- 1 pair work gloves
  - cotton or leather
  - leather palms necessary

- 1st Candace Corsey
- 3rd Cheryl Baldosaro, Kathy Miller & Braden Moore
- 4th Susan Fuller & Michael Slusarz
- 5th Robert Timberman, Barry Davis & Kellie Macom
- 7th Edward Fuller, IV, Sharon Pike, Jeanette McDonald & Glenn Stokes
- 8th Susan Bucholski, Connor Batten & Joy Sullivan
- 10th Tina Bramell & Robert Boehm
- 11th Megan Chapman
- 13th Bruce Bishop, Lisa Brown & Annie Wildman
- 14th Brianna Hall & Josh Hall
- 16th Dave Repenning, Jr., Eleanor Robbins & Tom Bishop
- 17th Hannah Wygor & Alexis Hall
- 18th Tim Pitman
- 19th Michael Kulig & Karen Snyder
- 22nd Larry Wriggins, III
- 23rd Rich Fackler, Bill Patton & John Lloyd
- 24th Stan Orzechowski
- 26<sup>th</sup> June Bailey & Lilah Moore
- 28th Jared Fox

### Assembling Directions:

Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.

### Important Notes

- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.
- If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted.
- Cleaning buckets are only used within the United States. They are not opened to verify the contents unless there are indications some items have been omitted.

## Community Thanksgiving Service

7:30pm Wednesday, November 21, 2012  
At the Elmer Presbyterian Church



### THANKSGIVING PUMPKIN BREAD SALE

Plain Bread \$6.00

Walnuts & Raisins \$7.00

Benefits the Elmer UMC Music Fund

Please see any Handbell Choir Member to order.

Pick Up Date: Sunday, November 18, 2012

## Youth Schedule

### Middlers

Meet every Wednesday evening

6:30 - 7:30pm at the Hangar

### Junior/Senior High

Gym Nights/Bible Study at the Hangar

6:30-8:30pm Sundays, November 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>

Dodge ball, kick ball, and basketball.

### Funplex in Mt. Laurel

Sunday, November 18th

4:00pm Meet at the Hangar

Go carts, rides and games. Please bring \$10 for dinner.

### Shop for Homeless Children

Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

Meet at the Hangar and please bring money for dinner.

## Hangar Sub Sale at the Church

Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

Pick-up is from 10:30-11:30am

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>Morning Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Oct. 7	29	89	36
Oct. 14	21	92	25
Oct. 21	21	108	45
Oct. 28	21	93	
<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>S.School</u>
Oct. 7	\$4,826.25	\$1,011.00	\$27.25
Oct. 14	\$2,225.00	\$178.00	\$15.50
Oct. 21	\$3,875.60	\$479.00	\$19.50
Oct. 28	\$3,513.75	\$291.00	



## Ranch Hope

Ranch Hope was founded in 1962 by Rev. David Bailey after a speech to an organization about youth in trouble. He felt challenged to do something.

A farmer sold him 100 acres of farmland for the first home. In 1964, the first boy came from the Woodbury Probation Office. Within a short time, 12 more came. Rev. Bailey and his wife were the first house parents. In the years that followed Ranch Hope has expanded to 130 acres to care for the young men.

Four additional cottages were added with two house parents for 8 boys. They now have a house for girls called Victory House located in Williamstown, NJ.

Ranch Hope receives support for the boys by the Thrift Shop at Cowtown where clothing and furniture are sold.

To raise money each year, they have a bowl-a-thon and a rodeo night at Cowtown. Several auxiliaries have had fashion shows, bake sales, greeting card sales and other activities to raise money for the ranch. A letter is sent out each year for private donations.

Submitted by Florence Bramell  
Missions Committee



### HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES:

**LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE:  
AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL  
SCLEROSIS (ALS)**

ALS is often called Lou Gehrig's disease after Lou Gehrig, a hall-of-fame baseball player for the New York Yankees. He was diagnosed with ALS in the 1930s. People in England and Australia call ALS Motor Neurone Disease. The French refer to it as *Maladie de Charcot*, after the French doctor Jean-Martin Charcot, who first wrote about ALS in 1869. Amyotrophic means that the muscles have lost their nourishment. When this happens they become smaller and weaker. Lateral means that the disease affects the sides of the spinal cord where the nerves that nourish the muscles are located. Sclerosis means that the diseased part of the spinal cord develops hardened or scarred tissue in place of healthy nerves.

Lou Gehrig's disease damages motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord. Motor neurons are nerve cells that control muscle movement. Upper motor neurons send messages from the brain to the spinal cord, and lower motor neurons send messages from the spinal cord to the muscles. The neuromuscular system enables our bodies to move and is made up of the brain, many nerves, and muscles. Things that we do every day like breathing, walking, running, lifting and reaching for a glass of water are all controlled by the neuromuscular system.

Over time, Lou Gehrig's disease causes the motor neurons in the brain and spinal cord to shrink and disappear, so the muscles no longer receive signals to

move. The muscles become smaller and weaker. Gradually the body becomes paralyzed.

Someone with ALS can still see, hear, smell, and feel touch. Most people who develop ALS are between 40 and 70 years old. The disease is different for every person who has it. Muscle weakness, tripping, falling, dropping things, difficulty in speaking, or twitching are some of the early signs. As the disease progresses, eating, swallowing and breathing may become difficult.

Diagnostic tests include: an electromyogram or EMG, X-rays, MRI, spinal tap, and blood and urine evaluations. Sometimes a muscle or nerve biopsy is needed. Tests are done to rule out other possible conditions.

There is no way yet to prevent or cure this disease. Medications can control symptoms and some drugs can slow the development of the disease. Physical therapy can help people cope with muscle loss and breathing problems. A power wheelchair can enable a paralyzed person to get around. A ventilator can help someone breathe. It is normal to feel overwhelmed and sad if you or a family member is living with this disease. Everyone will need help and encouragement. Do not lose hope.

People with this disease can think clearly, can maintain relationships with friends and family, and should be treated respectfully and normally.

*"For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."*

*1 Corinthians 6: 19-20.*

Bonnie Kanady, RN

### Our Eighth Annual Punkin' Chunkin'

11am to 5pm Sat., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>

at Zeck's Farm,  
91 Pinyard Rd, Monroeville

**GAMES, FOOD & HAYRIDES!!**



We invite you to join us for an afternoon of clean family fun. We have activities for all ages such as a pumpkin seed spitting contest, a skillet tossing event, a scarecrow building contest and more. Food and Drink available for purchase. Our catapult event judges distance and accuracy of launching pumpkins.