

# Elmer United Methodist Church



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<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>S.School</u>
Sept. 2	\$4,376.00	\$817.00	\$
Sept. 9	\$5,641.00	\$934.00	\$
Sept. 16	\$3,175.00	\$988.00	\$22.28
Sept. 23	\$2,661.00	\$279.00	\$27.00



## October Birthdays Happy Birthday to All!!!

- 1st Olivia Hagen
- 2nd Lee Sutton & Terry Both, Jr.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Hunter Batten
- 7th Ron Amme
- 8th Dori Irelan, Abigail & Cooper Willoughby & Jay Hennessey
- 10th Angelina Montana, Bobby Richards, Erika Evans Borbely, Matthew Wildman, Herb Black & Bob DePalma
- 12th Jessi Baldosaro
- 14th Jay Bucolo
- 16<sup>th</sup> Todd Batten, Sr.
- 17th Athena Eberl & Melissa Hemsley
- 19th Gia Shimp, Larry Wriggins Jr., Al-Jo Voeckler & Darla Timberman
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Sharon Zeck & Layla Cooper
- 24<sup>th</sup> Alkmini Schneider & George Mottola, IV
- 25th Mary Jane Horner & Justin Snyder
- 26th Matthew Richards
- 27th Theresa Wriggins & Bobby Griffith
- 28th Jade Batten
- 30<sup>th</sup> Todd Chapman
- 31st Stefanie Fox & Connor Rodriguez

### OCTOBER 2012

### Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, said "The world is my parish." His emphasis was that sharing Christ was not just with his neighbors, or with the people who come to church. His call to share Christ was with anyone anywhere. He practiced that by preaching on the street corners, reaching out to coal miners, ministering to the poor, and traveling from town to town to share the Good News of Christ.

Today Christianity is spreading around the world. Many Methodists continue to be a part of this expansion of Christianity. The expansion went from England and mainland Europe to the Americas, Asia and Africa. Now it's coming back with missionaries from Asia and Africa who reach out to people in the United States and Europe.

This summer we had our annual visit with Richard and Beverly Felmey, missionaries in Haiti through *Feed My Sheep Ministries*. We also heard from four other missionaries. The Felmey's have been encouraging us to send another team of people from Elmer to visit Haiti and witness what God is doing there. My wife, Barb and I are planning to make this visit in January. To date, six others have expressed an interest in going on this trip and we have a tentative date of January 10-14. Such a trip will be a spiritual awakening for some of those who go, and the blessings they receive will come back to us as they share their stories and deepen our connection as a congregation with the people we already serve in Haiti.

If you are at all interested in this trip, please join us for an informational time on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 PM. We will discuss in more detail what we will do, fund raising, and immunizations. We'll also set up time for future meetings and receive a copy of the Felmey's visitor guide. A light supper will also be shared.

For more information or to let us know you are interested in going to Haiti, please contact Leah Bucolo (609-247-8828) or me (856-358-0135). We will need to get firm commitments and start making reservations soon. If you are not going to go, we still need your support with your prayers, encouragement and financial support. Our first fundraiser will be a yard sale on Elmer Harvest Day, October 20<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall.

Yours in Peace,

Pastor Dave Repenning

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>Morning Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Sept. 2	13	74	
Sept. 9	18	110	
Sept. 16	21	141	52
Sept. 23	24	105	42

### Church Conference

7:00pm Thursday, October 18th

SPR Committee meets at 6:00pm

Reports due in by Sunday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

**The Soup Ministry** will resume the first week of October. If you're interested in making or delivering soup, please contact Joe Stemberger ([mayorstem@gmail.com](mailto:mayorstem@gmail.com)) or Todd Chapman ([topcat1369@comcast.net](mailto:topcat1369@comcast.net)). Soup should be placed in the church refrigerator on Wednesday night (the church is open for Wednesday Nite Owwt and choir rehearsal) for delivery on Thursday. Containers are available in the kitchen. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this ministry.

## Fellowship Time

Beginning in October we will have Fellowship Time on the first and third Sunday of each month after both worship services. Please join us for refreshments in the chapel.

## Dinner and a Movie

6pm Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>

Please watch bulletins for more details!!

Church Directory Photo Dates:  
Friday, Oct. 12 and Saturday, Oct. 13  
Remember you can schedule yours online at  
[www.elmerumc.org](http://www.elmerumc.org)

Also, if there are any businesses that would like to be referenced in the Directory, please contact Leah Bucolo, [leahbucolo@yahoo.com](mailto:leahbucolo@yahoo.com)

### Elmer United Methodist Church Honoring Veterans

The Elmer United Methodist Church is currently putting together a memorial album with pictures and information about our veterans. We appreciate the veterans and families who have provided their stories and photos for the album. A new floor will be installed in the fellowship hall and entry way in memory and honor of our veterans. Donations can be sent to the church (Elmer UMC, P.O. Box 375, Elmer, NJ 08318); please indicate that it is for this project.

The floor will be dedicated on Veterans' Day, Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. A luncheon will follow. All veterans and their families are cordially invited to attend the dedication and the luncheon. For more information, please contact Harriet Laury at 358-6481.

### Wednesday Nite Owwt

FIND OUT ABOUT JESUS AND YOUR FAITH, SING SONGS, PLAY GAMES, HAVE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.

*Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by me."* John 14: 6

WHEN: Wednesday, October 3, 2012  
TIME: 6:30pm to 7:30pm  
WHERE: Elmer United Methodist Church  
COST: \$10 per child  
\$20 cap per family  
AGE: 3 yrs. old (must be potty trained) to Second grade

Middlers (3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade) meet at the Hangar every Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30pm

For more info please call  
Linda Thomas (881-2631)

### Ranch Hope Fashion Show

Luncheon, Bake Sale and Bazaar

At the Ranch Hope Cafeteria  
October 26, 2011 at 1:00pm  
Donation - \$10.00

For Tickets please see Florence Bramell 358-2191 or Harriet Laury 358-6481.



### Junior/Senior High

**Malaga Youth Rally  
Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**

Leaving the church at 3pm till 8:45pm. We will go to Wawa afterwards (please bring money for a snack)

**Gym Nights at the Hangar**  
7 – 8:30pm Sundays, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

### Senior High Sub Sale at the Church

Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

Please meet at the church from 8:30 – 10am

Pick up time is 10 – 11am

### Bonfire

### Food, Games and Hayride

At the Zeck Farm

6pm Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

Will be a great time for all...don't miss it!!

### Harvest Day!!

### Haiti Mission Trip Fundraiser Yard Sale

6:30 – 9pm Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

8am – 12pm Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

If you have items to donate for the yard sale, they would be greatly appreciated!!

Please leave them in the corner of the fellowship hall any time throughout the week from October 15<sup>th</sup> on.

Questions – Please contact Leah Bucolo – 609-247-8828



### American Red Cross

Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

*Blood Drive* 1:30 – 6:30pm in our Church  
Appointments preferred

please call Florence Bramell 358-2191

**Table Tennis (Ping Pong) Tournament  
Coming in October at the Hangar  
on Friday Nights!!**



New Tribes Mission  
PJ and Heather Garton  
Serving Missionaries in Training

Early this summer, we had the privilege of hearing from PJ and Heather Garton while they were in the midst of their travels. They logged more than 5000 miles in their van over a four week period and our church was one of four which got to enjoy the blessing of their speaking before the congregation. Since returning to their Missouri home on July 20<sup>th</sup>, they have been busy preparing for the fall semester at the Missionary Training Center (MTC) and their various roles in that ministry.

For PJ it will be work teams to coordinate, kickoff meals to prepare for the start of MTC semester, and assisting the development and mobilization team as they expand their programs and services. For Heather it will be recruiting, training, and coordinating the childcare team as they care for the 35+ children in their program. She is also involved in the Awana Cubbies program at their church. For the Missionary Training Center itself, they will be welcoming 50 new students and 70 returning students. They are also expecting to complete construction on four student apartments and a large multipurpose building.

To try and communicate some of the scope of their ministry beyond the MTC, they also wanted to report on what some of their former students are doing! One couple is currently doing survey work in Paraguay; another is learning language in the Philippines; another is discipling new believers in Papua New Guinea; and another is learning trade language and culture in Mozambique. It's just a scant few of the students they've trained who are out in the field bringing the Gospel to peoples who have never been exposed to it before, but they hope it helps underscore just what an impact your support has. It really does ripple out across the entirety of the globe.

Want to get involved?

**-Prayer-**

- \* they are desperately in need of more help in the childcare program; pray that the Lord will encourage and embolden more helpers to come and love on all the little ones
- \* their staff and students are entering into the high-stress period of a new semester; pray for them as the spiritual warfare they endure increases as they prepare themselves for ministry throughout the world

**-Volunteer-**

They are always looking for work teams to come and help at the Missionary Training Center.

**-Giving-**

NTM missionaries are supported entirely by the individuals and churches who come along beside them; at present, they have a significant need for further financial support in order to meet their approved ministry budget.

If you'd like to drop them a note of encouragement, their email addresses are [Phil\\_Garton@ntm.org](mailto:Phil_Garton@ntm.org) and [Heather\\_Garton@ntm.org](mailto:Heather_Garton@ntm.org), their web address is [http://ntm.org/Phil\\_Garton](http://ntm.org/Phil_Garton) and their phone number is 573-836-3966.

Submitted by John Hathaway  
Missions Committee



HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES:  
MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

Myasthenia Gravis is a chronic autoimmune neuromuscular disease characterized by varying degrees of weakness in the skeletal (voluntary) muscles of the body. The name is Latin and Greek in origin and means, "grave muscle weakness." Most individuals with myasthenia gravis have a normal life expectancy. The muscle weakness increases during periods of activity and improves after rest. Muscles that control eye movement, facial expression, chewing, talking, swallowing and breathing are often involved in the disorder. The muscles that control neck and limb movement may also be affected, as well as cause an unstable or waddling gait.

Myasthenia gravis is caused by a defect in the transmission of nerve impulses to muscles. It occurs when normal communication between the nerve and muscle is interrupted at the neuromuscular junction--the place where nerve cells connect with the muscles they control. Normally when impulses travel down the nerve, the nerve endings release a neurotransmitter substance called acetylcholine.

Acetylcholine travels from the neuromuscular junction and binds to acetylcholine receptors which are activated and generate a muscle contraction. Antibodies prevent muscle contractions from occurring. Myasthenia Gravis is an autoimmune disease because the immune system, there to protect you, mistakenly attacks itself. The thymus gland, lying in the chest area beneath the breastbone, plays an important role in the development of the immune system in early life. In adults with myasthenia gravis, the thymus gland is large and abnormal. Some individuals develop thymomas (tumors of the thymus gland) that can become malignant.

Symptoms are not immediately recognized as myasthenia gravis. The degree of weakness varies among individuals. It occurs in all ethnic groups. It most commonly affects young adult women under 40, and older men over 60. It is not directly inherited or contagious.

It can be diagnosed by several tests: special blood tests, electromyography (EMG), CT or MRI may be used to identify the presence of a thymoma, and pulmonary function testing helps to predict whether respiration may fail and lead to a myasthenia crisis needing a respirator.

Myasthenia gravis can generally be controlled. There are many drugs that can be used to improve muscle strength and to suppress the production of abnormal antibodies. A thymectomy (the surgical removal of the thymus gland) may cure some people.

There is quite a bit of research being done. The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke has the primary responsibility for conducting and supporting research on brain and nervous system disorders.

*"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine."*  
Prov. 17:22

Bonnie Kanady, RN