

Elmer United Methodist Church



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Elmer United Methodist Church exists to give glory to God through:

Exultation in worship

Unity in fellowship to nurture faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Ministry in evangelism and missions

Commitment in service to the needs of others in our community and the world.

We are working on Exaltation and Unity. It is a slow, behind the scenes process. Worship involves the entire church community and for that reason can be one of the hardest things to develop well. Our unity in fellowship and nurture of disciples is also a slow process of rebuilding relationships as we work together in support of one another.

Progress on the second half of our statement of purpose is more obvious. This year we are experiencing a sudden growth of opportunities. We are already doing a lot: Peter's Pantry, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Friday Night at the Hanger, Youth Groups, Youth in Missions, Drama Ministries, Assorted Choirs, Wednesday Nite Owwt, Meals to Shut-ins and much more. In addition we have some new possibilities to partner with others as we reach out to our community and the world.

We have had a number of missionaries visiting this summer and will have three more in September. On Sunday September 9, Rev. Bill Reasner will share about the Pastor's School in Zambia, Africa and the exciting things happening with the ministries of John Enright, son of Ken and Lorraine Enright. That evening the church will have a covered dish supper and visit with Lowell and Claudia Wertz, missionaries to Tanzania, Africa. The following week our weekend is full of things including a visit from Ron and Carol Green of Story Runners, a ministry that trains people to share the stories of the Bible with unchurched people groups in their native language. Ron and Carol will then stay and visit with us at our Sunday School Picnic, which is at 1PM at the home of Ralph and Fran Hughes on Willow Grove Road.

Our ministries with other local groups are also expanding. First the local MAPSA groups (Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse) will be using the Hangar for an afterschool program, Monday

thru Friday from 3-6. This is for 30 youth in grades 6-8 from Upper Pittsgrove, Elmer, and Pittsgrove. Linda Amme will be leading this program. We have already approved and are awaiting a certificate of occupancy for CTF-TV to use the second floor of Peter's Pantry for their internet broadcasting and sound recording studio. They will be looking for people who want to help provide programing. One big thing they keep asking is if anyone is interested in doing a cooking presentation? CTF-TV is also eager to help people make audio recordings, especially music groups. Finally Aldine UMC has begun dialoging with us through Pastor Mike Chapman about doing some ministries together. The most pressing need is to have a young adults group at the Hangar. They already have a core group and an assistant pastor leading that group. We hope to move over to the Hangar by October.

Through these many ministries each of us has opportunities to get involved in one or two ways serving beyond our normal Sunday worship. We are also witnessing how we can work with people from other churches to strengthen all of our ministries and to witness being the true Body of Christ for the world. Thank you for the way so many of you embrace the fullness of Christ's Body, the Church.

Yours with the rest of the Body,
Pastor Dave Repenning

<u>Attendance:</u>	8:30am Service	10am Service
July 1	20	57
July 8	17	104
July 15		
July 22	15	76
July 29	15	70
Aug. 5	27	76
Aug. 12		109
Aug. 19	18	64
Aug. 26	21	51

<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
July 1	\$3,722.00	\$661.00
July 8	\$3,502.00	\$735.00
July 15	\$5,875.10	\$443.40
July 22	\$2,973.40	\$293.00
July 29	\$4,040.00	\$428.00
Aug. 5	\$3,435.00	\$325.00
Aug. 12	\$4,513.00	\$773.00
Aug. 19	\$2,311.00	\$110.00
Aug. 26	\$2,898.13	\$482.00

*Please Mark Your Calendars! Church Conference
7:00pm Thursday, October 18th
SPR Committee meets at 6:00pm*

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to All!!!

2nd	Lisa Hardman
3rd	Miriam Gibson & Christie Willoughby
5th	Leah Bucolo
7th	Jean Bishop
9th	Steve Richards & Jeremy Theopulos
10th	Benjamin G. Nolan & Carter Nelson
12th	Peggy Parish
13th	Beth Timberman & Gayle Johnson
14th	Charmaine Sutton
15th	Betty Garrison, Lynn Boehm & Patty Gresimer
16th	Patti Schneider, Karen Bucolo, Madyson Adler & Ed Wygor
18th	Maxwell Lloyd & Ahnika Eberl
19th	Alice Nelson, Mark Herrmann & Patricia Zane
20th	Harriet Laury, David Hemsley, Jr., Kylie Parish & Kristin Kortonick
21st	Benjamin Bishop
22nd	Lillian Nolan, F.C. Adams Jr., Dallas Dilks & Katelyn Kulig
23rd	Alex Baldosaro
24th	Ben Nolan
25th	Harley Parish, Mia Abbey & Carole Patton
26th	Rebecca Dilks
28th	Elaine Pfeffer
29th	Jason Brown & Alex Canale

Youth Group News

CALLING ALL MIDLERS!!

If you are in grades third through sixth, join us at the Hangar each Wednesday night from 6:30-7:30. We will also have special events monthly. Contact Donna Stemberger for more information, 358-2509 or dkstembug@yahoo.com.

COOKIE BAKING

Friday, September 14th

Meet in the church kitchen at 7pm to bake cookies to distribute around town on Sunday, September 16th

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP SUB SALE

Saturday, September 15, 2012 \$6.00 each

Pick Up Between 10am – 11am at the Church



Contact Donna Stemberger to order. dkstembug@yahoo.com



8:30 – 10am JR HIGH YARD SALE

Several families will be holding a yard sale in the church parking lot in the morning. Tables are \$15. Checks may be made out to Elmer

UMC Youth Ministry. Feel free to contact Barb Reppenning or Donna Stemberger if interested

COOKIE OUTREACH

5pm Sunday, September 16th

All youth and families are asked to meet at the church following the Church Family picnic to distribute cookies and information about our church and its ministries throughout town. We need lots of help to reach every home. Anyone wishing to donate cookies to the cause should bring them to the church on Friday night to be bagged.



ANNUAL ALL YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF FOR ST. JUDE'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL

12:30pm Sunday, September 23rd

Autumn has arrived and it's time for our annual kick-off. Join us as we bicycle for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. We will ride out to the Bucolos for a picnic, returning to the church parking lot at 3:30pm. Sponsor sheets are available on the downstairs bulletin board and at the Hangar. Any questions, please contact Donna Stemberger at 358-2509 or dkstembug@yahoo.com.



Church Family

Covered Dish Picnic

At the home of Ralph and Fran Hughes

640 Willow Grove Rd, Pittsgrove

1pm, Sunday, September 16, 2012

Bring your bathing suit and towel, place settings and beverage.

The Sign-Up Sheet is located in the back of the sanctuary.

(Hotdogs, Hamburgers & Rolls will be provided)

Women who have been to *Women of Faith...*

Beth Moore will be speaking from simulcast at the Aldine UMC Church on Sept. 15. Call 358-8956 to reserve a seat. Cost is \$35.00. Any questions please see Pat Hall.

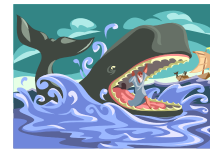
OUR COOKBOOKS ARE HERE!!!!



Please see Karen Snyder, Al-Jo Voeckler or Jane Cooke to purchase. The proceeds will go to the Youth in Missions. \$10 each. Please make checks payable to

Elmer UMC Missions.

Elmer United Methodist Church *Women's Retreat*



Jonah

November 2-4, 2012

Bird in Hand, PA

For a brochure, please see Donna Stemberger, Barbara Reppenning or Linda Dilks.

Your brain has the consistency of gelatin. It is cushioned from jolts and bumps by the cerebrospinal fluid that it floats in, inside your skull. A violent blow to your head can cause your brain to slide forcefully against the inner wall of your skull. The sudden stop of a car crash can bounce your brain off the inside of your skull. This can result in bleeding in or around your brain and the tearing of nerve fibers. Any blow to the head can cause a concussion, with or without other injuries; but a blow to the head is not necessary to cause it. A baby can have a concussion from being violently shaken. Concussions share one common factor: they temporarily interfere with the way your brain works. They can affect memory, judgment, reflexes, speech, balance, and coordination. They don't always involve a loss of consciousness. People who have had a concussion double their risk of developing epilepsy during the first five years after the injury.

Concussions are common, especially if you play a contact sport such as football. Every concussion injures your brain. You need to wear a helmet during recreational activities such as bicycling, motorcycling, skiing, horseback riding, skating or engage in any activity that may result in a head injury. Wearing a seat belt may prevent a head injury during a traffic accident. Make your home fall proof. Keep your home well lit and your floors free of clutter that might cause you to trip. Falls around the home are the leading cause of head injury for infants, toddlers and older adults. Protect your children by padding countertops and edges of tables, blocking off stairways and installing window guards. Use caution in swimming areas. Read and follow posted safety rules at water parks and swimming pools. Don't dive into water less than nine feet deep. If you are older, wear sensible shoes to prevent falls.

Signs and Symptoms of a concussion can include: confusion, amnesia, headache, dizziness, ringing in the ears, nausea or vomiting, slurred speech, and fatigue. Later symptoms can include: memory or concentration problems, sensitivity to light and noise, sleep disturbances, irritability, depression. Nonverbal clues of a concussion in children: listlessness, tiring easily, irritability, crankiness, change in eating or sleeping patterns, lack of interest in favorite toys, loss of balance, unsteady walking. See the doctor if there is prolonged headache or dizziness, vision disturbances including pupils that are dilated or of unequal size, nausea or vomiting, seizures, loss of consciousness, blood or fluid discharge from the nose or ears.

Treatment includes rest. Healing takes time. Use Tylenol rather than aspirin, ibuprofen, Advil, Motrin or other non-steroidal drugs because they can increase the risk of bleeding.

The doctor will do a neurological exam checking your memory and concentration, vision, hearing, balance, coordination, and reflexes. The standard test to assess post-concussion damage is a computerized tomography (CT) scan. You are more likely to need a scan if you are age 65 or older, if you have fallen from a height of more than 3 feet, were in a motor vehicle crash, under the influence of alcohol or drugs, unable to recall the accident, have trouble with short-term memory after regaining consciousness, or you vomited, had a seizure, fractured your skull, or have bruises, scrapes or cuts on your head and neck. You may need to be hospitalized overnight for observation. If you go home, someone should

check on you for at least 24 hours. You need to be awakened every two hours to make sure you can be roused to normal consciousness.

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

Bonnie Kanady, RN



Our Summer Mission Trip

A couple months ago, Pastor Dave spoke about the missions and calling of Methodists. He shared with the congregation that Methodists are known for their hospitality and outreach. During that sermon, we listened and learned that our mission statement is to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world," based on the Great Commission declared by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew.

A month later, the congregation prayerfully sent out a team of nine people willing to follow through with our church's calling. Each of us unique, complete with different personalities and gifts, yet standing together for one reason: To transform the world. The team left for a week Sunday morning, August 5th for the twelve hour drive down to work on the women and children's shelter, Jacob's Well, based in Utica, Indiana.

Jacob's Well is focused on the spiritual, emotional, and physical wellbeing of their participants. Their program is Christ-centered with a strong philosophy of restoration, providing safe, temporary housing for single women and mothers struggling with the inability to be self-sufficient in caring for themselves and their children. Some are recently released from jail. Others are in abusive relationships. Still more are homeless.

While there, our team from Elmer was able to sand, prime, and paint kitchen and pantry cabinets, prime and paint the laundry room and recess area for the children as well as doing some landscaping. During the week, we also found time to reconnect with Edge Outreach and help them with their Shoeman Project, a program that recycles old shoes, using the funds to provide pure water to third world countries.

The week was full of inspirations and new beginnings not only for our team but also for the partnership and friends we made at Jacob's Well and Edge Outreach. We cannot wait to go back next August, and see what they have in store for us to work on next year. Also, please do not be bashful to join our team. God has given us each different gifts and new opportunities on the worksite because He longs for us to be more intimate with Him through faith and service. Please feel free to contact Sandi Elliott or myself to take part in next year's trip.

Submitted by Katelyn Dilks
Missions Committee