

# Elmer United Methodist Church



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## Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

Hallelujah, Christ is risen!

Happy Easter Everyone.

I hope your Easter Sunday was a blessed day. Just remember it's not over yet. For the next 7 weeks we will be in the Christian season of Easter. This has traditionally been a time for bringing new believers into the Church and training them in the Christian faith. Often Easter Sunday was the day when people were baptized. It was also a time when people estranged from the Church renewed their faith. We see hints of this every year as many people come back to Church, visit, or make an extra effort to be present on Easter Sunday. This year seemed even more so than other years. We had an abundance of young children and families with us and a number of people who identified themselves as looking for a Church home.

These are the most important people in our worship services. They are searching and learning about their faith and our church in particular. The impression you make with one of these people could be the beginning of their life with Christ. So as I think about new folks in Church, I want to remind everyone, whether seekers or regular worshippers, about the importance of finding clarity in what we do and say in Church.

Visitors, please ask questions. The more questions you ask the better for all of us. I have been pastor here for almost 3 years. There are still things I don't understand and must ask about. We develop habits of thinking our traditions and the language we use is common to all people. In reality, churches have a whole set of words and terms that new people just don't understand. When they use those terms, make them explain what they are talking about.

If you attend church regularly, be aware of the language problem I just mentioned. Remember your HOSPITALITY is the most important thing you can bring as a Christian. Our children and visitors are developing new attitudes about Christ, the Church, and about Elmer Methodist Church. The main thing learned in Church by children up to age 6 is that Church is where nice people full of love meet. Be that kind of person. Visitors often develop an attitude about a church in the first 3 minutes they are at the church. So it's your greeting and not my sermon that really makes the biggest impression.

We often forget the purpose of the Church. We are here and sustained by God to introduce people to Christ and to help them grow as disciples. This Easter Season, let's

rethink how we grow disciples and work together toward that goal. Remember that the beginning of any conversation is the building of an open relationship. Start with the relationship and the rest should flow easily.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Dave Repenning

<u>Attendance:</u>	Early	Morning	S. School
Mar. 3	18	99	39
Mar. 10	28	86	39
Mar. 17	21	137	53
Mar. 24	23	145	39
Mar. 31	27	256	

<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>S.School</u>
Mar. 3	\$5,780.97	\$1,395.00	\$22.95
Mar. 10	\$3,752.25	\$702.00	\$24.00
Mar. 17	\$3,441.25	\$399.50	\$35.50
Mar. 24	\$5,883.25	\$610.50	\$36.25
Mar. 31	\$7,675.51	\$722.50	

## Handbell and Handchimes Choir Concert

Elmer United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

4:00pm



Admission is free  
A freewill offering will be received

## American Red Cross

1:30 – 6:30pm

Tuesday, April 30, 2013

In our Church Fellowship Hall

Walk in or call Florence Bramell

for an appointment 358-2191



**Blood Drive**



### April Birthdays Happy Birthday to All!!

- 1st Jaime Pitman
- 2nd Hailey Neher
- 4th TJ Laury
- 5th Allison Wentz
- 6th Robert Wolfe
- 8th Heidi Priggemeier & Jesse Stemberger
- 9th Ian Abbey
- 11th Christina Richards & Christine Bishop
- 14th Arlinda Saul
- 15th Jenna Filippoli & Evelyn Becker
- 16th Herb Dilks
- 17th Toby Irelan
- 18th Taylor Brown & Robert Moore, III
- 19th Bonnie Bishop, Rebecca Hardman & Benjamin B. Timberman
- 21st Thomas Masters
- 23rd Delaney Dilks, Karen Both & Ashton Mottola
- 24th Catharine Wildman Parsons & Cheryl Yago
- 25th Connor Richards
- 26th Fletcher Nelson
- 28th Hannah Hitchner & Sam Walker
- 29th John Timberman



### HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES ANEMIA

Anemia is a condition in which there aren't enough healthy red blood cells to carry oxygen to your tissues. It is a common disorder; but can be a sign of serious illness. It is sometimes called "tired blood."

Symptoms include: fatigue, weakness, pale skin, a fast or irregular heartbeat, shortness of breath, cognitive problems, numbness or coldness in your extremities, and/or headache. Your heart must pump more blood to compensate for the lack of oxygen in the blood--which can lead to congestive heart failure. Some anemia can lead to nerve damage and decreased mental function.

Risk factors include: a poor diet. (Your body needs iron, protein and vitamins to produce sufficient numbers of red blood cells), having an intestinal disorder that affects the absorption of nutrients in the small intestine, menstruation, pregnancy, cancer, kidney or liver failure, slow, chronic

blood loss from an ulcer or other source can deplete your body's store of iron.

You can help by eating a healthy, varied diet that includes foods rich in iron, folate, and vitamin B-12. Foods rich in iron include beef and other meats, beans, lentils, dried fruit, iron-fortified cereals, dark leafy vegetables, nuts, and seeds. Foods containing Vitamin C help increase iron absorption. Having too much iron in your body is dangerous also.

Treatment can range from a better diet, to lifetime injections of Vitamin B-12, blood transfusions, chemotherapy, a bone marrow transplant, steroids, gamma globulin, removal of the spleen, oxygen, and/or pain-relieving drugs depending on the type and cause of anemia. Sometimes you will need a specialist in Hematology for a proper diagnosis, but if you have symptoms you will need to start with your own physician.

*"Know ye not that your bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost?" I Cor. 6:19*

*Bonnie Kanady, RN*

**The Adult Fellowship** will meet at the church to go out to dinner at Marciano's (947 N. Delsea Dr, Vineland) on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Please let Lee or Bill know if you are coming so they have a count for reservations.

## Youth Activities

### Middlers

Meet every Wednesday at the Hangar  
from 6:30 to 7:30pm

### Junior/Senior High

Gym Nights at the Hangar:  
6:30-8pm Sundays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28



Attention:  
thru 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders!!

Sandi Elliott will be starting a Cherub Bell Choir!! They will practice each Sunday after Sunday School for 15-20 minutes beginning April 7<sup>th</sup>. If your children are interested please see Mrs. Elliott.