

Elmer United Methodist Church



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Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

“What happened in the past that was painful has a great deal to do with what we are today.” William Glasser

This was one of the little quotes at the end of an episode of “Criminal Minds.” I don’t remember what happened in the story or what terrible crime was committed. I only remember the quote. Who we are today; the way we think, act and even our understanding of God is shaped by our life experiences.

Knowing this does not justify our poor behavior or the behavior of others. It does however help us better understand ourselves and those around us. Through understanding and God’s grace we can begin the process of changing what is, into what God intended for each of us. We can move toward the Promised Land rather than remain in the bondage of our past.

Since arriving in Elmer three years ago, one of my ongoing tasks has been to develop in all of us an appreciation of our differences. Differences that in part are a product of our life experiences. Understanding the context from which each of us has come helps us accept differences as growing points instead of threats to our being. It empowers us to live and grow in harmony. Several weeks ago a verdict was reached in the George Zimmerman trial for the murder of Trayvon Martin. This past week President Obama made some comments about the case and issues raised by it. There has been a varied response to the Presidents words. Most of the people I know have responded very negatively. “How could the President say such a thing.” “What he said is wrong.” When people share their feelings from their context, it is not fair to say their feelings are right or wrong. We can only compare their understandings of the world with our own perspectives. When we compare and genuinely listen to each other, we begin to have a greater understanding of how people feel and what makes them the way they are. This is important for individuals and more important for groups. Our impressions of other’s actions and motives change as we understand more and more the history behind who they are.

Though this issue has grave national consequences, it also challenges us to look at the people around us. How often do we misunderstand one another. We are being challenged to look at our differences and dialogue about who we are, give validity to each other’s feelings and

perceptions, and seek to find solutions that address all of our needs.

I believe the more we listen to one another, the more we can love, respect, and help each other. The Church is called to be a safe place where we can experience our differences and practice growing together as one in Christ. I have been particularly impressed to see some of you intentionally reach out to understand each other and grow together in God’s grace.

Peace to you all,
Pastor Dave Repenning

John 17:20-21 “My Prayer is... that all of them may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.”

<u>Attendance:</u>	Early	Morning	S. School
June 2	25	93	44
June 9	25	102	34
June 16	26		24
June 23	19	82	
June 30	14	80	
July 7	19	76	
July 14	23	87	19
July 21	20	100	26
July 28	26	102	28

<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>S.School</u>
June 2	\$4,255.30	\$638.50	\$24.50
June 9	\$3,425.25	\$729.50	\$26.50
June 16	\$3,461.25	\$289.50	\$21.00
June 23	\$2,646.25	\$316.00	\$
June 30	\$3,438.00	\$662.00	
July 7	\$4,615.25	\$1,062.50	
July 14	\$4,934.25	\$780.50	\$16.00
July 21	\$3,142.00	\$536.00	\$15.00
July 28	\$3,416.00	\$572.00	\$9.00

Please Mark Your Calendars!!

**Our Church Conference date has been set!!
Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 8:00pm**

SPR Meeting at 7:15pm



August Birthdays Happy Birthday to All!!!

- 1st Jeff Willoughby
- 2nd Tom Hill
- 4th Matthew Snyder, Connor Hemsley
& Michael A. Donovan
- 8th Joan Hathaway
- 10th Chase Elliott, Brittany Orzechowski & Blair Hathaway
- 11th Spencer McDonald
- 12th Robert Halter
- 13th Art Kelly
- 14th Suzie Richards, Lesley Hall & Rev. John Robbins
- 15th John Welsh
- 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
- 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

Do everything in moderation. Remember that friends make you laugh; and laughing is an important part of health. Real friends are there when you need them. I cannot stress enough how thankful I am to the people at EUMC for the cards, calls, food, and all that has been done for me and my family during my recent illness.

"A cheerful heart doeth good like a medicine." Proverbs 17:22

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WACKY WEDNESDAYS

Family fun each Wednesday



Bowling - August 7th

7:00pm at Campani's Legacy Lanes

518 Landis Ave, Bridgeton

2 Games and Shoes - \$7:00 per person

Sign up in the back of the sanctuary

Hosted by Joe Stemberger - 358-2509



HOW TO BE HEALTHY

Being healthy is about physical, mental, and emotional well-being. Maintain healthy eating habits. Eat carbs, protein, and fat to have a healthy heart, a healthy brain, and a functional immune system. To lose weight, you must burn more calories than you consume. Avoid skipping meals. Many people advise eating six mini meals a day instead of three large ones. Fruits and vegetables are packed with vitamins and minerals but also water and fiber, making them take longer to digest. Drink more water to help flush metabolic wastes. Drink more water if you are active or live in a hot climate.

Sleep well every night--at least 7-9 hours in darkness. Small amounts of light interfere with the chemicals that tell your body to rest.

Anyone over the age of 60 or who has heart disease, high blood pressure, or arthritis, should consult a doctor before taking on an exercise program.

Set aside some time to practice an instrument, do art, take photos or whatever you enjoy. Learn how to have a healthy relationship.

Keep your mind limber. Read more, solve puzzles, and improve your memory.

Wash your hands thoroughly after coming in contact with a sick person, using the bathroom, or anything else that could make you sick.

Mud Fest - August 14th

6pm at the Church

Games, mud, mud slide, tug o war, campfire, live music, face painting and fun for everyone.

Mudders bring a change of clothes.

Hosted by Carissa Quinn -

carissamquinn@gmail.com



Pool Party - Aug. 21st

6:00pm at the Stembergers

20 Fourth St, Elmer

Swimming, Hot Dog Buffet & Sundaes

Hosted by Donna Stemberger -

dkstembug@yahoo.com

