

Elmer United Methodist Church



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Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

Recently someone complained to me, "Where are the younger people? Why don't they step up and take charge? 'We' have been doing the work for years." It is an age old cry heard in many churches. As I try to respond at my age, I hope some of you will continue to try to enlighten me.

A boss I had in the secular world reminded me once that as a person in a leadership position, I should always be training my replacement. I like the term mentoring. If you don't want a job for life, you should be mentoring someone to take your place. Mentoring not when you get tired of the job, but when you start the job. We are the Church. It is always our job to be discipling others. We are called to build them up and train them for the job ahead.

The hardest part of mentoring someone and helping them move into your job is being willing to let go. Letting go permits the new person to apply their new ideas and move on in new directions. It means "my job" may be done totally different than I did it. Mentoring is a call to personally invite new or younger people to take up the responsibility. It also means encouraging them, becoming their support system when they need it, affirming them when they do well, and encouraging their new ideas.

I was excited when I arrived late at the float building project Memorial Day weekend. I heard we couldn't do it because the people we always rely on wouldn't be there. Well, I saw new people already stepping into the vacancies, using their creativity and building the float. We had a great theme and many great people building a very good float. Like every year, it was the best float we ever built.

A part of mentoring involves mixing generations. It is about bringing the whole Church together. We need all generations to be successful. As we begin our summer activities, I encourage you to get involved in the activities that are going to happen. Look at what is happening this summer. Participate where you can and come out to support others when you can't participate.

June is a month of celebrating youth activities. Children's Day is June 9th. Sunday School youth and our Cherub Choir will be participating in worship, and I will be preaching a "young people" centered sermon. June 16th is Father's Day. We will also honor our graduates. John Bucolo will preach on Father's Day. On June 30th we will have the Aldine Praise and Worship Band with us. In July we have Vacation Bible School. It is always a time to meet our greater church family and community. We hope to

continue the idea of a greater family after VBS with Wacky Wednesdays.

Wacky Wednesdays will be a series of Wednesday night events in which all can participate. We begin with our Sunday School picnic. For the second year in a row we will be at Fran and Ralph Hughes' home. They have a great facility with enclosed area for eating, outdoor game space and a big pool. Everyone, young and old, enjoyed last year's picnic, and we are glad we can return this year. We follow the picnic with a Baseball Night, Canoeing at Parvin Lake, Bowling, a Mud Fest, and a Pool Party at the Stembergers.

So please, come out, encourage one another, invite others to participate, pass on your experience, and seek to learn from someone else. We have a wonderful church of talented and exciting people of all ages. Let's take advantage of it.

*Have a great summer with us,
 Pastor Dave Repenning*

<u>Attendance:</u>	Early	Morning	S. School
May 5	17	107	37
May 12	29	142	36
May 19	24	78	27
May 26	21	75	25
<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>S.School</u>
May 5	\$7,005.85	\$1,086.00	\$36.00
May 12	\$4,633.00	\$896.00	\$38.50
May 19	\$4,426.75	\$559.00	\$19.98
May 26	\$2,749.00	\$532.00	\$23.25



June Birthdays Happy Birthday to All!!!

- 1st James Repenning
- 2nd Justin Nolan & Gail Moran
- 6th Holly Slusarz, Karin Abbey & William Snyder
- 7th J. Gresimer
- 8th Arlene Tice, Theodore Nolan & Aaron Nolan
- 9th Donald Bishop & Laura Campbell
- 10th Ryan Schumacher & Sean Daly
- 13th Steven Fox, Stephen Dilks & Scott Snyder
- 14th Tyler Richards, Virginia Atkins & Vicki Dawson
- 15th Elinor Lubrano
- 16th Micah Harper
- 17th Kennedy Steier
- 18th Evan Elliott
- 20th Emily Wozniak, Tyler Kulig & Judy Locke
- 21st Bonnie Kanady & Justin Abbey
- 23rd Linda Garrison
- 25th Ruthie Wozniak, Sarah Slavoff & Jason Bishop
- 26th Eileen Eller & Cassidy Neher
- 27th Dot Somers, Florence Bramell & Daniel Pitman
- 28th Ken Thomas
- 29th Andrea Babcock & Sandi Elliott
- 30th Caitlyn Pitman, Jon Hall, Ed Fuller, Jr.,
 Denny Hardman & Chloey Parish

Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 16th. If you or a loved one is graduating from 6th, 8th, 12th grade or college, please contact Barbara Repenning by June 9th and let her know. Please give her the student's name, grade and place he/she is graduating from and future plans if known.



You may email her at njbrep@yahoo.com or call her at 856-358-7491. Thank you.

Mark Your Calendars!!
ELMER UMC 2013 VBS



Saddle up your horses and get on over to SonWest Roundup!

Ride with us under the deep blue skies. Feel the breezes rise through the shady purple canyons as we head out through this bright wilderness - we're traveling down the trail through the Old Testament stories of Moses to discover God's plan of salvation in Jesus. So grab a sarsaparilla and get ready to join in the jamboree! Join the adventure from 6:00 -8:30 every evening - Pre K through 6th grade. You may register online on our website: www.elmerumc.org.

Place: Elmer United Methodist Church

Date: July 8 - 12 , 2013

Time: 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Snacks, crafts, games, friends...

Register Early! And bring a friend!

Your Spare Change
Can Help Change a Life!

**Kick-Off
May 12**



**Due Date
June 16**

*Baby Bottles to fill are available
in the back of the sanctuary*

*A fundraiser to benefit
Cornerstone Women's Resource Centers
...reaching out to women and youth in our
communities.*

WACKY WEDNESDAYS

Family fun each Wednesday
July 17th - August 21st.

Beginning with our

"Annual Sunday School Picnic"
on July 17th at the Hughes'



Take Me Out to the Ball Game - July 24th

Canoeing with Pastor Dave - July 31st



Bowling - August 7th



Mud Fest - August 14th



Swimming, Hot Dog Buffet & Sundaes - Aug. 21st