

Elmer United Methodist Church



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Dear Friends,

Last week we had a wonderful three days with Rev. Steve Seamands and the Aldine Praise band led by Mike Chapman. The band blended so well with the themes of Steve's talks and the movement of the Holy Spirit. On Monday night Steve asked people to come forward for healing. It was so appropriate for me because that morning my daughter, Danielle, had her wisdom teeth out and 2 days later my wife, Barb, had knee surgery. Meanwhile I was preparing this week for a total knee replacement for myself. But Steve's call for healing went deeper than teeth and knees.

Steve called us to come forward for healing of life experiences, broken relationships and even broken souls. My greatest healing was something I had not even thought was an issue. Over twenty years ago someone had been a thorn in my flesh. Well, in less than 24 hours after meeting Steve, I heard him talk about this person two different times. I found myself going to the altar to turn over to God this man and his negative place in my heart. It was the most important thing I did during our renewal services.

On Monday night many people came forward for anointing and prayer for healing: some with physical needs and many others with hurts of relationships, pain from past experiences and damage to heart, soul and mind. I am sure, like me, some came forward with pain that has been hidden away for a long time, perhaps totally forgotten. Each time one of these secret hurts is acknowledged and healed we experience a little more spiritual health. It is kind of like losing a pound or lowering your blood pressure a couple of points. It may not even be perceivable, but you become a little more healthy. As each of us takes many of these little steps, other people will begin to acknowledge they can see our healing happening.

As we approach Easter at the end of March, we will be continuing a study called, *Celebrate Jesus*. Our worship will follow the theme of Jesus and his qualities. We will have small groups and study journals to guide us on our journey. We will also be having fellowship dinners on Wednesday nights. I hope the fellowship and studies will deepen our relationship with Christ.

After Easter I will be leading a more in depth study based on Steve Seamand's book, *Wounds that Heal*. It is about taking our deepest wounds to the cross and allowing the cross of Jesus to transform them into opportunities for

growth. As I saw people coming to the altar during Steve's services, I was overwhelmed by our cumulative needs and the amazing potential for healing and growth for all of us. I also was reassured that God continues to do great things among us and to lead us into His strength and Holiness. Like the healing I expect in my knee with surgery this week, I also expect much healing among us. I know each will also require much work and discipline. I look forward to the challenge and our great reward in Christ Jesus.

Yours in the power and love of Christ,
Pastor Dave Repenning

<u>Attendance:</u>	Early Service	Morning Service	Sunday School
Feb. 3	21	127	
Feb. 10	21	187	37
Feb. 17	26	139	25
Feb. 24	27	142	37
<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>S.School</u>
Feb.3	\$3,408.00	\$480.00	\$
Feb. 10	\$3,951.95	\$914.00	\$26.55
Feb. 17	\$5,990.75	\$489.00	\$16.90
Feb. 24	\$4,219.25	\$418.00	\$35.55



March Birthdays Happy Birthday to All!!!

- 1st Sherry Cooper & Robin Riddle
- 3rd Sophia Hagen
- 7th Eva Platt, Shelly Stokes & Jane Pedrick
- 8th Ryan Chapman & Daniel Locke
- 10th Holly Hall & Nicholas Larcombe
- 11th Brenda Zeck
- 15th Pat Hall & Lonnie Riddle
- 16th Joe Stemberger
- 19th Elinor Dilks
- 20th Lisa Campbell & William Hunt
- 21st Cara Hardman, Devon Dilks & Frank Garrison, III
- 24th Caitlin Thomas & Lynda Davis
- 25th Erin Zane & Daniel Evans
- 26th Michael Hall & Kelsey Johnson
- 27th Gary Bucolo
- 28th Dean Wentz, Eric Bramell & Frank Locke, Jr.
- 29th Kristin Dilks & Brittany Timberman
- 30th Jennifer Kulig & Emily McDonald
- 31st Tricia Elliott & Chuck Greene

The Audit Committee is requesting that all bank books be turned into the church office **as soon as possible**. The checkbooks & statements are needed. It is necessary that **ALL** books be reviewed to maintain our non-profit status. The audit is for 1/1/12 - 12/31/12. Thank you



Easter Bake Sale

- Banana Bread (plain) \$6.00
- Banana Bread w/Walnuts \$7.00
- Coconut Muffins (1/2 Doz) \$6.00
- Benefits the *EUMC Music Fund*



To order, see any HandBell or Senior Choir Member
Orders will be ready for pick up on

Sunday, March 24, 2013 directly after the 10am Service



HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES:
COPD

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease refers to a group of lung diseases that block airflow and make breathing difficult. The two most common conditions are: chronic bronchitis and emphysema. Chronic bronchitis is an inflammation of the lining of your bronchial tubes which carry air to and from your lungs. Emphysema occurs when the air sacs at the end of the smallest air passages in the lungs are gradually destroyed.

Symptoms of COPD include: Shortness of breath on exertion, wheezing, chest tightness, excess mucus in your lungs, a chronic cough that produces clear, white, yellow or green sputum, cyanosis (blueness) of the lips or fingernail beds, frequent respiratory infections, lack of energy, unintended weight loss in later stages.

The main cause of COPD is tobacco smoke. Another cause is when women are exposed to fumes from burning fuel for cooking and heating in poorly ventilated homes. Other factors that lead to lung damage include cigar smoke, secondhand smoke, pipe smoke, air pollution and workplace exposure to dust, smoke or fumes. There might be a genetic susceptibility to the disease which causes low levels of a certain protein. Some people can be treated by replacing the missing Aat protein.

If you have symptoms of COPD and a history of exposure to lung irritants, your doctor may recommend these tests: Pulmonary function tests. During this test you will be asked to blow into a large tube connected to a spirometer. The machine measures how much air your lungs can hold and how fast you can blow the air out of your lungs. A chest X-ray can show emphysema and rule out other lung problems or heart failure. A CT scan of your lungs can be used to determine if you might benefit from surgery. Arterial blood gas analysis measures how well your lungs are bringing oxygen into your blood and removing carbon dioxide. A surgeon can remove small wedges of damaged lung tissue. This creates extra space in your chest cavity so the remaining tissue works more efficiently. Or you might choose to have a lung transplant.

If there isn't enough oxygen in your blood, you may need supplemental oxygen. Some people use oxygen all the time, and some use it when sleeping or during activities. A pulmonary rehabilitation program combines education, exercise, nutrition advice and counseling.

There are several medications that can help relieve coughing and shortness of breath and make breathing easier. Bronchodilators relax the muscles around your airways. Inhaled steroids can reduce inflammation. Antibiotics help fight respiratory infections. Using a humidifier may help to clear your airways. Use protective equipment if you work with lung irritants.

Living with COPD can be a challenge. Your family and friends may have difficulty adjusting to some of the changes you will face. Share your fears and feelings with

your doctor, friends and family. You could also join a support group.

"If God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31.

Bonnie Kanady, RN

Youth Schedule

Middlers

6:30-7:30pm Wednesdays at the Hangar

Junior/Senior High

5:30pm Sunday, March 3rd

Youth Gathering at Olivet

Please meet at the Hangar. We'll return by 8pm

Volleyball Tournament at Ranch Hope

Sunday, March 10th

All Youth Groups

Ranch Hope Bowl-a-thon

Sunday, March 17th

Meet at the Hangar at 3:30pm.

Registration forms available from any leader. You need \$30 in donations to participate. See any youth leader if you need help getting donations.

The YCW Class will meet at the Dodge's on
Tuesday, March 12th at 12:30pm.

CALENDAR PARTY



6pm Saturday, March 2, 2013

Tickets for the calendar party are available from the table hosts. They are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 10 and under.

There will be a soup and sandwich supper followed by the movie "Joyful Noise". Please support this fundraiser to keep our afterschool program at the Hangar open. All proceeds will go to the program which is in conjunction with MAPSA - Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse. Our hosts are:

January	Leah Bucolo
February	Sandi Elliott
March	Pat & Jim Hall
April	Linda Amme
May	Cyndi Nolan & Lynda Davis
June	Rich & Paula Fackler
July	Barbara Repenning
August	Kathy Laury
September	Donna & Joe Stemberger
October	Cheryl Baldosaro & Charmaine Sutton
November	Mary Lou & Beth Timberman
December	Barbara Luciano & Joanne Mathers.

“Upon This Rock”

The Passion...of Christ as witnessed by Peter

The Question...to Peter from bystanders,
“Do you know this Man?”

The Call...through Peter, the Rock, for all of us to build
Christ’s church and lead others to Him.

An Easter Cantata
By Pepper Choplin

4pm Sunday, March 24, 2013



Upon This Rock depicts the events of Holy Week while revealing Peter’s personal perspective on the significance of each. Jesus’ appearances to His disciples during those confusing and discouraging post-resurrection days are also included, as the plans for building God’s church and spreading the Gospel are beautifully and dramatically portrayed. Truly, the events of Holy Week, Easter, and beyond had an extraordinary impact on Peter, just as they do on us today and for all eternity.

Please join us as all the choirs participate in the cantata service on Sunday, March 24th at 4pm.

“And so our love, our love for Christ...Will be the cause, the reason why we live our days...To walk in faith...Faith in the rock...the Solid Rock.”

CELEBRATE JESUS!

Lenten Season Adventure

SMALL GROUPS

*7pm Sundays at the Parsonage
Led by Pastor Dave and Barbara*

*7pm Mondays at the home of Bill Hunt
408 Broad St, Elmer
Led by John Bucolo*

*10:30am Tuesdays in the Church Parlor
Young Adult Women
Led by Trish Elliott*

*6:30pm Wednesdays, in the Church Parlor
Led by Pat Hall*

*5:30pm Wednesday Evening
Fellowship Dinners*

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 24th

4pm Cantata Service

“Upon This Rock”

By Pepper Choplin

Holy Thursday – March 28th

7:30pm Community

Communion Service

Elmer Presbyterian Church

Good Friday - March 29th

12 Noon - 3:00pm

“Seven Last Words of Christ”

Elmer United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday – March 31st

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service

(Watch bulletin for location)

Breakfast will follow at the

Elmer Methodist Church

8:30 & 10am Morning Worship Services

11:15am Sunday School



Easter 2013 Dedications

Help us beautify the sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus’ resurrection! Lilies may be purchased in **honor** of or in **memory** of a friend, family member or loved one. If you wish to do so, please call Elinor Lubrano 856-279-8107 \$6.50 ea. Checks (preferable) may be made out to Elmer UMC.

Secret Sisters Luncheon

1:00pm Sunday, March 10th

In the Fellowship Hall

Please bring a covered dish, a NICE gift and a WHITE ELEPHANT gift. Any questions, please contact Dodie

Collins – 856-494-4687