

# Elmer United Methodist Church



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Dear Friends,

Jane, my friend in Milford, has been working with me to settle the estate of our friend Maryann. With bills piling up and the mortgage company wanting payments we have been feeling great pressure to sell her house. Jane didn't know what to do, so she began praying the Prayer of Jabez. It is something we studied together about ten years ago.

*"O that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain."*

It is not a complicated prayer, nor is it specific. I almost wondered what it had to do with selling a house, but several days after beginning to pray this prayer, we got an offer on the house.

Simple prayers prayed consistently lead to results, and sometimes the results are surprising. As I have been studying prayer over the summer, I have come up with my own prayer. In June I began walking around the church once a day and saying:

*Lord, bless this church and make it a blessing to the community. Anoint the pulpit and give me two legs to stand on.*

The more I pray the prayer, the more I begin realizing how blessed we are and the many ways we bless others through our various ministries. At our Church Conference on Monday we lifted up many of our blessings. Children were the first thing on our list, especially their excitement about finding coins to support a school in Haiti. Our music programs were lifted up as well as our small groups and the faithfulness of those in leadership positions. Besides being blessed, we are a blessing to Elmer and the surrounding area; the soup ministry, Peter's Pantry, the Hangar outreach, and many more group and personal ministries.

The real thing about prayer is not how eloquently one prays. It is one's commitment to pray often and to be open to hearing God's response. The simple prayer leads me off on tangents in different directions each day; sometimes it is for individuals, sometimes for group needs. A daily act of lifting up your voice to God makes a difference. It can accomplish great things.

There is a small group of folks from our church who use the prayer room on the side of Peter's Pantry at 21 Church

Street. We pray every Wednesday at 6:30 PM. Would you join us? Would you set aside some other time to pray? We also have two women who gather in the prayer room another time each week. They not only pray for themselves, but for needs of the community. Having a partner or group to pray with can help you pray more consistently and to hear more from God.

Right now we are preparing for an outreach with Billy Graham called My Hope America. It will focus on an event in your home on the evening of November 7<sup>th</sup>. Pray that the Holy Spirit would prepare us to be receptive and touch us and our friends on that special day. Surround yourself in prayer or ask me or someone else to help you. And may God bless us all.

Praying for you,  
Pastor Dave Repenning

<u>Attendance:</u>	Early <u>Service</u>	Morning <u>Worship</u>	Sunday <u>School</u>
Sept. 1	19	74	
Sept. 8	16	109	
Sept. 15	28	121	16
Sept. 22	26		
Sept. 29		96	36
<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>S.School</u>
Sept. 1	\$4,006.25	\$1,234.50	\$
Sept. 8	\$4,094.25	\$642.50	\$
Sept. 15	\$5,131.75	\$661.50	\$16.25
Sept. 22	\$3,276.00	\$426.00	\$
Sept. 29	\$4,521.00	\$774.00	\$35.75



## October Birthdays Happy Birthday to All!!!

1st	Olivia Hagen
2nd	Lee Sutton & Terry Both, Jr.
5th	Hunter Batten
7th	Ron Amme
8th	Dori Irelan, Abigail & Cooper Willoughby & Jay Hennessey
10th	Angelina Montana, Bobby Richards, Erika Evans, Matthew Wildman & Herb Black
12th	Jessi Baldosaro
14th	Clayton Bishop & Jay Bucolo
16th	Todd Batten, Sr.
17th	Athena Eberl & Melissa Hemsley
18th	Evan Elliott
19th	Gia Shimp, Larry Wriggins Jr., Al-Jo Voeckler & Darla Timberman
22nd	Sharon Zeck & Layla Cooper
24th	Alkmini Schneider & George Mottola, IV
25th	Mary Jane Horner & Justin Snyder
26th	Matthew Richards
27th	Theresa Wriggins & Bobby Griffith
28th	Jade Batten
30th	Todd Chapman
31st	Stefanie Fox & Connor Rodriguez

**Peter's Pantry** is in desperate need of peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, boxed macaroni and cheese, and soup. Please no vegetables, pumpkin, cranberry sauce, or beans. Thank you for your continued support. We had 62 families in September which depleted our cupboard of the items listed above.



### Harvest Day Yard and Sub Sale

6 – 8:30pm Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am – 1pm Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

If you have items to donate for the yard sale, they would be greatly appreciated!! Please leave them in the corner of the fellowship hall any time throughout the week from September 30<sup>th</sup> on. Questions – Please contact Leah Bucolo – 609-247-8828

**The Evangelism Committee** will have a “table” at the Yard Sale. We would like to offer Christian books and Bibles. If you have any books or Bibles that you could donate, we would greatly appreciate them. Please leave them in the Fellowship Hall during the week of the sale. Thank you.



### Harvest Day Hangar Sub Sale

Pick Up Between 10:30 – 11:30am at the Church  
\$6.00 each To order please contact Pat Hall  
856-358-3177 or [uhland3@comcast.net](mailto:uhland3@comcast.net)

**Auditions for the Christmas Musical** will be held on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 to 4pm in the Fellowship Hall. Children in grade 1 through adults are encouraged to audition. We will be performing the Musical, "Miracle on Main Street" on December 7 & 8. We need lots of kids and adults for this show. We need you! Hope to see you there!! Questions?? – please contact Ed Pitman, [ecpmouse@gmail.com](mailto:ecpmouse@gmail.com)



### American Red Cross

Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

*Blood Drive*  
1:30 – 6:30pm in our Church  
Appointments are preferred  
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS

Or sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

Enter Sponsor Code: Elmer

There is also a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

### Jr/Sr High Keswick Retreat Sub Sale Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

Pick Up Between 10:30 – 11:30am at the Church  
\$6.00 each To order please contact Donna Stemberger: 856-358-2509 or  
[dkstembug@yahoo.com](mailto:dkstembug@yahoo.com)

### Help Light our Church Steeple!!

Dinner and an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing  
Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5pm



Tickets: \$10.00

Menu: Grilled London Broil

Parsley Potatoes

Green Beans

Corn

Salad

Apple Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream

*Proceeds will go towards the cost of lighting our church steeple and decorating our sanctuary for Christmas.*

*For tickets, please see Todd Chapman*

### Women's Retreat: November 1-3, 2013

*Living Out Your Faith*

*(Studying the book of Ruth)*

*Bird-in-Hand Theatre*

*presents a Musical Comedy*

*"The Half-Stitched Amish Quilting Club"*

*Please see Donna Stemberger or Barbara Repenning for your brochure!!*

### Mark Your Calendars!!

Our Ninth Annual Punkin' Chunkin'

Beginning at 11am

Sat., Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>

at Zeck Farm,

91 Pinyard Rd, Monroeville

**GAMES, FOOD & HAYRIDES!!**

Come join us for a day of family fun!!



### The Thursday Morning Women's Bible

**Study** will continue their college ministry. They would like to have the names, addresses, and birthdates of the college students in our congregation to keep in touch with them and let them know we are thinking and praying for them. Please give info to Kathy Laury: [kathleenlaury@gmail.com](mailto:kathleenlaury@gmail.com) or 358-6019. Thank you.



## Ron and Carol Green Campus Crusade

Ben and I call Ron and Carol Green good friends. They have been instrumental in our Christian walk, especially in our young adult days. The Greens have worked with Campus Crusade for many years as missionaries. Having to raise their own support, they send thanks to our church for the funds we have sent over the years. Last year they were able to visit us the day of our Sunday School picnic and enjoyed spending the day and visiting with many of us.

Ron now has a role as the global translation partnership person. His role is mostly concentrating on what the Jesus film is calling, Mission 865. There is a belief that there are 865 languages left, with 50,000 speakers or more that have no access to the Gospel.

He works with CRU as well as other partners to work on translations of the Jesus film in those languages. He is also the global representative for the Luke Partnership. The Luke Partnership was started under Ron's leadership about 15 years ago. This partnership is with several other Bible translation organizations. They all join forces and work on the book of Luke, when they are done Bible translation, then the Jesus Film can be translated. It's been a very successful process through the years and Ron is so grateful to be a part of it once again.

Carol's role is with the Magdalena film. She helps women with strategies after the Magdalena film is finished. She works with the national staff in all of Africa and the "stan" countries. (That would be Afghanistan, Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhtan, etc. ) These strategies are for follow up after the film is created. Sometimes it will be using storying along with the Magdalena film. Sometimes it will be literate materials - whatever the nationals need in order to make them successful in their ministries. They want to see the nationals having the tools to be able to see new believers growing in their faith and multiplying disciples.

Submitted by Kathy Laury  
Missions Committee



## HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES: INFLUENZA

IT IS AGAIN TIME TO GET THOSE FLU SHOTS!!!

Influenza is a respiratory infection that can cause serious complications, especially to young children and older adults. Flu shots are the most effective way to prevent influenza. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone age six months or older be given the flu shot annually. Having the flu is no fun and usually involves feeling just awful, with a headache, sore throat, and cough. You will need to replace fluids with juice, jello, and possibly Gatorade.

It takes up to two weeks to build immunity after a flu shot, then your immune system produces antibodies that will protect you from the virus. Antibody levels start to decline over time, therefore you need the shot every year. New strains of the flu evolve quickly so flu shot manufacturers have to decide which viruses to target. The 2013 flu shot will offer protection against H1N1 (swine) flu, and two other influenza viruses that are expected to be in circulation this flu season. A new vaccine that protects against four strains of the virus will be available, as well as a high-dose flu vaccine for adults age 65 and older.

Vaccination is especially important for people at high risk of complications including: pregnant women, older adults, and young children.

Chronic medical conditions can also increase your risk of complications from influenza. These include: asthma, COPD, cancer or cancer treatment, Cystic fibrosis, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, kidney or liver disease, and obesity.

People who shouldn't get the flu shot? Check with your doctor if you are allergic to eggs. There is a flu vaccine that doesn't contain egg proteins for use in people 18 and older. The flu vaccine isn't recommended for anyone who had a severe reaction to a previous flu vaccine. Most side effects are mild. When you go for your flu vaccine, you will be given information to read and sign that you have read it.

The flu can be spread by sneezes of someone who is infected. If you or your children are sick, stay home. Be sure to wash your hands and get your flu shot. Flu season is October until May. It is time!

*"Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." I Cor. 6:20*

*Bonnie Kanady, RN*