

# Elmer United Methodist Church



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world. In the next weeks we will be challenged to begin that transformation with ourselves. How can we transform the world if we are unwilling to be transformed personally? Our personal futures and our future as a congregation is dependent upon being transformed by the Good News of Jesus Christ. What is it worth to you? Come step out and allow the transformation to begin.

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Dave Repenning

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Early Service</u>	<u>Morning Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Jan 5	22	77	41
Jan 12	37	153	36
Jan 19		84	30
Jan 26	27	110	
<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>S.School</u>
Jan 5	\$5,003.75	\$1,433.00	\$18.82
Jan 12	\$4,683.25	\$537.50	\$15.50
Jan 19	\$4,847.00	\$592.00	\$19.46
Jan 26	\$3,316.00	\$586.00	\$



Dear Friends,



Let me rehash some ideas from my sermon on Matthew 4: 12-24. It is the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and He starts by saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near." When I think of the word "repent" it implies confessing some terrible sin, seeking forgiveness, and never sinning again. It is very clear that repenting involves a change in one's life. It is more difficult for one not living in obvious sin to see a need for change or a desire for change. We tend to think, "We are good people who have lived the same way for a long time. Why should we change?"

Perhaps the answer to "why" lies in the rest of the sentence. "...for the kingdom of heaven is near." Opening ourselves fully to God's kingdom is risky for an individual and for a congregation. It is a movement into an uncomfortable area and a step into the unknown. Those things we already know and are used to are so much more comfortable and predictable. An example might be someone who has had a long term medical problem. They don't choose treatment such as surgery because they don't know what things will be like after the cure happens. It seems better to live with the pain one knows rather than the pain we don't know, even if it promises to make life better. So we stand against change.

This week our worship committee will meet. We don't meet often, but hopefully we will look at some of our needs and how we need to change our worship. The intention will be to better reach people with the Good News of Christ. It is about bringing this Good News to those who haven't heard it before. Therefore our decisions should be about what will make others comfortable and not necessarily how to please ourselves. It is a big step to move from "what do I want" to "what is best for others" especially those who have not yet come to church.

Jesus' first message was addressed to those who would be His disciples and the leaders of what would become the church. He called them, not from a life of terrible sin, but from a life that was not bearing fruit for the Kingdom. He called them into a life serving God and others. Their lives drastically changed when they dropped everything and followed Him. How have our lives changed? I know the word "change" is scary and often ugly. So let's ask how have we been "transformed by the renewing of our minds?" The Gospel is about the transformation of the



February Birthdays  
Happy Birthday to All!!!



2nd	Evan Nolan & Mike Kortonick
3rd	Elaine Masters
4th	Dodie Collins & Dawn Montero
5th	Julie Wriggins
8th	Katie Cooke Ayd, Ed Fuller, III & Jessica Mottola
9th	Jillian Wriggins
10th	Luke Stemberger & Cyndi Nolan
11th	Diane Riddle
12th	Ed Pitman & Terry Both, III
13th	Brooke Fuller
14th	Brandie Wriggins
15th	Madison Brown & Keely Milligan
17th	Cheyenne Riddle, Linda Jiménez & Tyler Irelan
18th	Dominic Hall
19th	Drew Dilks & Herb Stiles
22nd	David Bramell, Marc Adams & Delaney Chapman
23rd	Doug Cooper
24th	Bette Ann Kulig & Joe Hall
25th	Kathy Laury, Evan Pike & Todd Batten, Jr.
26th	Samuel Atkinson
27th	Bryce Priggemeier, Jr.

Mark Your Calendars!!  
Annual Fundraising Day

Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sub, Soup and Yard Sale

Start putting aside your treasures that you are willing to donate!!



**Middler Sub Sale**  
**Saturday, February 15<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)

**Men's Night Out!!**

7:00pm February 8, 2014  
 At the Hangar

Come out and play some volleyball, shoot pool  
 or play pinochle!!  
 Bring a dessert and something to drink!!  
 Any questions, please see Dave Zeck  
 358-3010



**WEDNESDAY NITE OWWT**

As we experience the harsh, cold winter, let's remember the abandoned pets and strays at our local animal shelters. The shelters are experiencing serious needs due to the increase in animals they are caring for. Wednesday Nite Owwt is adopting animal shelters in the area.

Can you help by donating old/used blankets, comforters, towels, rugs or heating pads? The following items are desperately needed:

**Cleaning Supplies**

Anti-bacterial hand soap (any type)  
 Spray bottles (16 oz-22 oz)  
 Bleach  
 Dishwasher detergent (powder only)  
 Laundry detergent

**Grooming**

Clippers for dog & cat hair  
 Nail clippers for cats & dogs  
 NO FLEA/ TICK PRODUCTS  
 Lint Brushes (disposable)

**Food Items**

NO rawhide bones!  
 Canned cat food with pull tops  
 Guinea, hamster, ferret & gerbil food  
 Iguana food  
 Dog & cat treats  
 Wild bird seed

**Animal Supplies**

Safe dog and cat toys  
 Rubber dog toys  
 Catnip toys  
 Kitty litter

**Miscellaneous**

Old Newspapers  
 Clothesline & pins (clip kind)  
 Paper towels  
 8 X 10 tarp  
 AA batteries

**A COLLECTION BOX** for items will be located in the Sunday School area in Fellowship Hall, at the back of the Sanctuary and at the Hangar. Should you have any questions, please call Linda Thomas at 856-881-2631.



**HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES:  
 IMPLANTED PACEMAKERS**

For more than 50 years, pacemakers have been used to maintain a steady heart rhythm in hearts that beat too slowly. They have gotten smaller, more durable, and loaded with more features.

A heartbeat starts with an electric signal from the heart's natural pacemaker, the sinoatrial (SA) node. This specialized group of cells acts like a spark plug and is located in the right upper chamber (atrium) of the heart. The electric signal from the SA Node passes through the right and left atria, causing the atria to contract. This squeezes blood into the heart's two lower chambers (ventricles). Then the electrical signals go the AV Node (The heart's junction box). The atrioventricular AV node stalls the electrical signal for a second, allowing time for the ventricles to fill with blood. It then sends the signal through pathways called bundle branches to the ventricles, causing them to contract and pump blood to the body.

For your heart to function properly, the heart's chambers must work in a coordinated fashion and beat 60-100 times a minute, but many factors can disrupt the heart's electrical system. Medications can cause arrhythmias, as can aging of the heart muscle, electrolyte problems, sleep apnea, thyroid dysfunction, and many others. Pacemakers are used for arrhythmias that result in a slow heart rate.

If the heart beats too slowly, the brain and body don't get enough blood flow. Symptoms may include dizziness, confusion, fainting, extreme fatigue, and shortness of breath.

Pacemakers are sometimes used to manage difficult-to-control rapid arrhythmias such as atrial fibrillation. In atrial fibrillation the heart's upper chambers quiver and race. The racing signals pass through the AV node, causing the main pumps to beat too rapidly. In this case an ablation (cautery) can be done to slow all impulses from the atria. Since the main pumps are electrically disconnected from the atria, they no longer race, but usually beat too slowly. A pacemaker is then used to restore a normal heart rate. Pacemakers for a slow heartbeat have one or two insulated wires (leads) that run from the pulse generator to the inside of the heart. If your heart is beating too slow or in an uncoordinated way, the pacemaker starts sending electrical impulses to get your heartbeat back on track.

If you will be using a pacemaker, your physician will tell you about the precautions you need to know.

This material was taken from the Mayo Clinic Health Letter.

*"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." Prov. 17:22.*

*Sonnie Kanady, RN*



## Attention: Anyone Responsible for a Church Related Checking or Savings Account:

The church audit committee is ready when you are: ☺

**Please provide: Photocopy of Register for  
"December 2012 THRU January 2014"**



**Please Provide: COMPLETE Monthly statements for "December 2012 THRU January 2014"**

\*Please make sure to check your beginning statement (January 2013) as well as your ending statement (December 2013)

If your REGISTER DOES NOT balance out to match your STATEMENTS, please provide DETAILED information, clearly marked as to WHY. You can hand them in to any member of the audit committee OR to the main church office. Please provide your name and telephone number in case we have any questions. If you need them returned by a certain date, please specify that so we can be sure to complete your audit promptly. If you have ANY questions, please contact an audit member.

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### Trans World Radio (TWR)

Speaking fluently in more than 230 languages and dialects, TWR exists to reach the world for Jesus Christ. Our global media outreach engages millions in more than 160 countries with biblical truth. For nearly 60 years, God has enabled TWR to lead people from doubt to decision to discipleship. Whether through high-powered radio, emerging digital platforms or face-to-face interactions, TWR leaves a lasting spiritual footprint.

Testing is scheduled to take place on a new transmitter in Central Asia. The PANI project has been in process for a while now, and more than 200 million people will now have another means of hearing about our God and His Son, Jesus Christ and Christ's sacrificial death for them. We have the world's greatest message, and folks all over the world need to hear it.

In addition to the radio outreach, TWR also has a website - [TWR360.org](http://TWR360.org), which is continually being discovered by more and more people around the world. This media platform has been expanded by adding the Hindi language to the first five languages available on the website. What is really neat about the website is that it allows programs that are produced or aired on transmitters of limited range to be able to minister to people well outside the range of the radio signals. Very soon, two or three more languages will be added, with more in process. Continually, listeners tell of accidentally finding TWR programs.

Our congregation supports Jim and Roberta Hill, who have dedicated their time and resources to this important ministry. The various ways of supporting the Hills are all needed, whether by time (prayers, letters, emails) or by other provisions (financial support or other tangible means). As one Romanian listener said, "Thank you for your ministry, and I pray that God will bless you in everything you do so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can reach as many people as is needed in our times." TWR is truly a unique, global ministry that can virtually touch the entire world.

Submitted by  
Rich Fackler  
Missions Committee



**I Corinthians 13**  
**"The Love Chapter"**



*1* Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.  
*2* And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.  
*3* And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, [a] but have not love, it profits me nothing.  
*4* Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;  
*5* does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;  
*6* does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;  
*7* bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.  
*8* Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.  
*9* For we know in part and we prophesy in part.  
*10* But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.  
*11* When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.  
*12* For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known.  
*13* And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.