

# Elmer United Methodist Church



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## Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter,

It seems like Easter is the grand finale of a busy season of Lent. We studied 40 days of community with at least 60 people participating in small group meetings. We had weekly fellowship suppers, a praise group opening worship each Sunday and a drama presentation each week to accompany the worship theme. Palm Sunday was great concluding with our musical cantata and another dinner. On Holy Thursday some of us gathered at the Presbyterian Church for Holy Communion and again we hosted the three hour service on Good Friday. Then there is the Easter Egg Hunt and the less religious activities. After much physical and spiritual preparation, Easter finally arrived.

For me the day started gloriously with the pre sunrise sky in brilliant colors of red, blue, and orange. At the 6:30am service, Pastor Yousef preached and we began singing the resurrection songs. Elmer Presbyterian Church then provided a wonderful breakfast. The 8:30 and 10:00am services had more exciting music and the blossoming of the crosses. I had the opportunity to baptize one adult, to officially welcome and to preach to more people and to visit and renew acquaintances. Finally the day ended with family, friends and a wonderful dinner. It was a great day and a season of blessings.

Many of you are probably glad it is now all over. Well, actually Easter Sunday is not the end of Lent, it is the beginning of 50 days of the Easter Season. Happy Easter, it has begun. All of the Easter Scriptures have the instructions to go and tell the others that Christ is risen.

Our groups from Lent are making plans to go and witness to others, not so much with words but with presence and service. Some will spend more time with people who have difficulty getting out. We are talking about plans to develop new relationships with our neighbors at Lakeside Manor and there are a number of service projects planned. There was a bell choir concert on April 27<sup>th</sup> and on May 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a dinner and auction to benefit the Malaga Camp scholarship program. During worship on April 27<sup>th</sup> we shared some of those projects, and on May 4<sup>th</sup> people will have an opportunity to witness how they have been touched by God during the time leading up to Easter.

Hallelujah! He is alive. My thanks to all who have been and are continuing to witness our risen Lord in many different ways.

May your Easter Season continue to be blessed.

*Pastor Dave Repenning*

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Early</u>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>S. School</u>
April 6	17	127	33
April 13	31	147	41
April 20	27	227	
April 27	21	107	30

  

<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>S. School</u>
April 6	\$2,863.00	\$503.00	\$20.80
April 13	\$6,188.07	\$1,306.00	\$24.50
April 20	\$4,438.00	\$456.00	
April 27	\$4,011.06	\$786.00	\$31.25

## May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to All!!!

1st	Lila Hathaway
2nd	Marissa Moran, Jennifer Hall & Katharine Harper
6th	Courtney Wygor & Bill Gaunt
7th	Stephen Slavoff, Jr.
8th	Linda Herrmann
10th	Margery Kelly
11th	Mason Orzechowski, Stephen Quigg, Harry Hunt, Barbara Slavoff & Stacey Welsh
12th	Nick Repenning & Walt Voeckler, Jr.
13th	Paul Eller, III, Justin Timberman & Cole Batten
14th	Sissy Still, Emily Cooke Clemson & Brenda Gaunt
16th	Justin Harper, Sr. & Michele DuBay
18th	Jesse Pike
20th	Ella Shimp & Carly Timberman
21st	Scott McDonald
22nd	Carla Pitman & Anthony Baldosaro
23rd	Jennifer Richards, June Clemick & Logan Welsh
24th	James Hathaway
25th	Ben Laury
27th	Christopher Weed & Miranda Richmond
28th	Ava Fuller, Reed Bucolo, Gracie Eller & Richard Montana
29th	Joseph Griffith
30th	Dianne Wentzell



## National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 1, 2014

6pm Prayer Service

The Church will be open all day  
for continual prayer.



## Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11, 2014!

**Spuds**

**Soup**

### Join Us for a Super Supper

Soup and Baked Potato Supper and Silent Auction  
Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Fellowship Hall  
Benefit Malaga Summer Youth Camp Scholarships  
Tickets \$10 For info and tickets call or email Patti:  
2 years and under Free  
609-501-0351 or [zwpl@aol.com](mailto:zwpl@aol.com)

**Salads**

**silent Auction**

**Sweets**

Doors open at 5:30pm to begin Silent Auction bidding  
Dinner served at 6pm

### American Red Cross



**Blood Drive**

1:30 – 6:30pm  
Tuesday, May 6, 2014  
In our Church Fellowship Hall

### Vacation Bible School Sub Sale

\$6 each Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>  
Pick up time: 10:30 – 11:30am

Please place your order form in the basket in the back of the church, or contact: Donna Stemberger at [dkstembug@yahoo.com](mailto:dkstembug@yahoo.com) or 358-2509.

## Youth Events

### Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

Float Building and lunch at the Stembergers immediately following Sunday School.



### Memorial Day, Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

Be at the Stembergers at 9am to ride on the float.  
A Covered Dish Picnic with swimming and games will follow the parade back at the Stembergers/Schneiders. In case of bad weather, the parade and picnic are canceled.

## Malaga Camp Youth Rally

6:30pm June 1<sup>st</sup>

No Limits...Matthew 19: 26

Worship Prizes Fun  
Dez Childs Pastor Jason Marshall

Win tickets to see Tenth Avenue North  
All Are Welcome!!

Malaga Camp, Newfield, NJ

[www.facebook.com/malagacampyouthrally](http://www.facebook.com/malagacampyouthrally)



### Malaga Camp Brochures, Registration Forms, and EUMC Camp Scholarship Forms

are now available. Please give completed forms & monies to Kathy Laury by June 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Our church provides Camp Scholarships each year to help our youth participate. If you would like to make a donation towards these scholarships, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

*Mark Your Calendars!!*



## Vacation Bible School

### "Son Treasure Island"

5:45 - 8:30pm

July 7<sup>th</sup> thru the 11<sup>th</sup>

*Ages 3 thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade...and a new youth class!*

## "Wacky Wednesdays"

Return this summer!!

Beginning July 16<sup>th</sup> thru August 20<sup>th</sup>

Family fun:

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

Bicycling Traveling Supper

Family Movie Night

Canoeing with Pastor Dave

Swimming, Hot Dog Buffet & Sundaes

Check our website for dates and times:

[www.elmerumc.org](http://www.elmerumc.org)

**Graduate Recognition Sunday** is June 15<sup>th</sup>. If you or a loved one is graduating from 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> grade or college, please contact Pat Hall or Linda Thomas by June 1st and give them the info. Please provide the student's name, grade and place he/she is graduating from and future plans if known. You may email Pat [uhland3@comcast.net](mailto:uhland3@comcast.net) or call 856-358-3177. You may email Linda [lthomas@folsomschool.org](mailto:lthomas@folsomschool.org) or call 881-2631. Thank you.

*Save the Date!!*

## Church Family Picnic



June 29<sup>th</sup>

Following the Sunday School Hour.  
at Ralph and Fran Hughes'

640 Willow Grove Rd, Pittsgrrove



## HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES: OPERATION SMILE

Operation Smile is a non-profit organization that grants free surgical operations to people who have cleft lips or cleft palates--in 60 nations.

You have probably seen videos of children who are badly disfigured by these conditions given a new lease on life by volunteer doctors. Each surgery costs \$240.00 complete, or it is possible to pay for supplies.

You can find information on [www.SmileTrain.org/health](http://www.SmileTrain.org/health) about the causes of cleft lip and palate. Some causes could be drug and alcohol use, infections, lack of Vitamin B folic acid, and seizure meds. Children who have cleft palates are at a greater risk of developing ear infections.

*Who should be on the cleft team?*

1. A surgeon to perform necessary surgeries.  
(oral/maxillofacial surgeon, craniofacial surgeon.)
2. A pediatrician to monitor overall health and development.
3. An otolaryngologist (ear, nose, and throat doctor)
4. An audiologist who assesses hearing.
5. A nurse to help with feeding problems and provide ongoing supervision of the child's health.
6. A speech-language pathologist who assists with speech and feeding problems.
7. A pediatric dentist.
8. An orthodontist to straighten teeth and align the jaw.
9. A psychologist, social worker or other mental health specialist to support the family.

Smile Train changes the world one smile at a time.  
41 Madison Ave., 28<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10010

*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."*  
*Romans 12:12*

*Bonnie Kanady, RN*



## Missions Report

### Delbert and Sandy Groves in Zambia, Africa

Delbert and his wife, Sandy Groves are two United Methodist missionaries that Elmer UMC supports. They serve in Kitwe, Zambia, Africa at the New Life Center which was established in 2001 through Delbert and Sandy's efforts. It has grown into a resource for the young United Methodist Provisional Conference of Zambia.

The center's outreach ministries include the New Life Press, health education, PET Zambia (handicap bikes for mobility), a learning and computer lab, English instruction, instruction in new church construction and other training ministries. The Groves also host volunteer-in-missions work teams.

In their latest ministry update Delbert and Sandy ask for prayer for their annual Holy Spirit Encounter and Lusaka Crusade from April 23 to May 5th (happening now!). This is always a very exciting soul winning time of

encouragement for the leadership of the church! Evangelist Blake Lorenz and his team are there again this year as well as Rev. Timothy Machtel and his team from Florida.

In the past year and a half they have seen over 2000 pastors and leaders baptized in the Holy Spirit and say yes to the call of God to Ring the Bell of Christ's return in Zambia, Cuba, Congo, Haiti, Israel, and the United States.

Reflecting on his work in Africa, Delbert says, "Christ not only saves us from our sinful, selfish nature but He heals the body and mind so we can discover all that He has for us to live out a new life filled with purpose and hope. I love watching God work!"

Barbara Repenning  
Missions Committee

## Our Commitment to Lakeside Manor

The recent Lenten study, 40 Days of Community, challenged us to identify a group in town and do an outreach to that group. Thursday morning Caring and Sharing group chose Lakeside Manor. We have learned that this home fulfills a very specific need for seventeen people with mental illness who have no place else to go. It is a privately owned facility which receives **NO** government funding. It is run solely on the rent paid by the residents. There is a very real possibility that Lakeside may close at the end of June because there just is not enough money to run the home and do the upkeep and maintenance that all old houses require. This will leave the residents to be placed in facilities that are not as suitable as Lakeside or possibly homeless.

The Thursday morning group has made a commitment to adopt the seventeen residents for as long as Lakeside remains open. This means we will help to provide snacks, holiday gifts and personal items. Another way we can help is to lower daily living expenses. We can do this by providing items needed to run a house of seventeen people – everyday household items.

We are asking for our church family to help. If you feel led to join Thursday morning Caring and Sharing group in committing to help Lakeside you can do this when you shop for groceries. Every time you buy one of the items on the following list buy one for Lakeside. Bring it to the church and place it in the box in the foyer.

In Pastor Dave's sermon he stated that if you can do the project on your own it's not big enough. This project is a big one. Helping Lakeside remain open will require God's help and the dedication of our church family.

Jesus said, "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" *Matt 25: 40*

**Laundry Detergent – Bleach – Fabric Softener Sheets – Toilet Paper – Paper Towels - Hand Sanitizer – Dishwashing Liquid – Bars of Soap – Cleaning Products – Aluminum Foil - Clear Wrap – Baggies**  
Name brands are not necessary. Store brands work just as well.

Thank you,

Patti Schneider