

Elmer United Methodist Church



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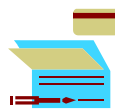


March Birthdays Happy Birthday to All!!!

- 1st Sherry Bucolo & Robin Riddle
- 3rd Sophia Hagen
- 7th Eva Platt, Shelly Stokes & Jane Pedrick
- 8th Ryan Chapman & Daniel Locke
- 9th Tom Daly
- 10th Holly Hall & Nicholas Larcombe
- 11th Brenda Zeck
- 13th Amil Still
- 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 Joanne Daly, Erin Zane & Daniel Evans
- 26th Michael Hall & Kelsey Johnson
- 27th Gary Bucolo
- 28th Dean Wentz, Eric Bramell & Frank Locke, Jr.
- 29th Kristin Bryan & Brittany Timberman
- 30th Jennifer Kulig & Emily McDonald
- 31st Tricia Elliott & Chuck Greene

Altar Flowers

You may sign up for Altar Flowers in the back of the sanctuary. There is a calendar with slips of paper on the table. Altar Flowers may be placed in memory of, or in honor of a loved one or as a celebration. If you have any questions, please see Pat Hall...358-3177



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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Dear Friends,

Last week I spoke about the people Jesus gathered around Him for support and to do His ministry. The event in His life was going up a mountain with Peter, James and John. This journey blossomed into a spiritual event in which they were all blessed and Jesus was equipped to come down and set His eyes on Jerusalem, where He would be crucified. This Sunday, March 2, we begin our own journey through Lenten to Good Friday and Easter. This year the journey is called 40 Days of Community. It is an opportunity for us to meet in small groups, reflect on the importance of being in community with others, and grow in our relationships with one another.

I invite you to participate with us. We are forming a number of groups that will meet weekly from March 2 to April 12. There is an individual devotional with daily readings and questions on which to reflect. I will preach on the weekly topics at the beginning of each week. We are choosing music and some short skits to go along with the message on Sunday morning. And as we have done in the past, we will have a midweek fellowship supper at the church. This year we are trying the supper on Tuesday nights. Please join us for any or all of these opportunities.

This study comes from Rick Warren, who first became famous for his book, The Purpose Driven Life, in which he describes five purposes for which God has created each of us. 40 Days of Community demonstrates that without community we cannot accomplish God's purposes for our lives. Try living with us for these 40 days and see if your life and your walk with Jesus become deeper and richer. I believe if you give it a chance you will find a deeper meaning to your life as we live together.

Growing in His Grace with You,
Pastor Dave Repenning

<u>Attendance:</u>	Early Service	Morning Service	Sunday School
Feb. 2	23	96	33
Feb. 9	28	116	38
Feb. 16	29	109	38
Feb. 23	24	92	38
<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>S.School</u>
Feb.2	\$6,511.00	\$1,544.00	\$58.26
Feb. 9	\$3,062.35	\$450.00	\$46.15
Feb. 16	\$4,051.00	\$486.00	\$21.50
Feb. 23	\$3,691.86	\$487.00	\$33.50

Our Lenten Study Begins

March 2nd - April 12th

"40 Days of Community"

By Rick Warren

Deepen your understanding of how God uses other people for your good and your growth and learn how God can use you to bless others, cultivate deeper relationships with those around you, and learn to fulfill God's purposes in community.

Leaders, Hosts & Participants Wanted

Sign up in the back of the Sanctuary
(3 - 8 people per small group)

Lenten Season Small Group Schedule

*During Sunday School in the Chapel
Led by Pat Hall*

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

*7pm Mondays at the home of Bill Hunt
408 Broad St, Elmer*

*6:30pm Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall
after the Dinner*

*7:45-9pm Wednesdays at the Hangar
Led by Donna and Joe Stemberger*

*7pm Fridays at the Harz'
Mill Street, Elmer*

*5:30pm Tuesday Evening
Fellowship Dinners*

Soup-n-Chili Dinner and Hymn Sing

5pm Sunday, March 30, 2014

MENU:

Three kinds of Soup to choose from
Chili

Salad, Bread & Dessert

To benefit Vacation Bible School

See Todd Chapman for tickets \$8.00



HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES:

TOPIC: CAN YOUR PET MAKE YOU SICK?

It is a well known fact that people who have pets are happier and live longer than those who don't. Pets can make us feel better when we are sick, but sometimes pets get sick, and this leaves us wondering if we might be able to catch whatever disease they might have.

The viruses that give animals coughs, colds, and the flu are different from the ones that cause these illnesses in people and they don't spread back and forth between humans and animals. Illnesses that affect pets include:

- 1) Common colds and upper respiratory illnesses that aren't contagious to other cats or dogs.
- 2) Canine Parvovirus causes vomiting and diarrhea in dogs and can make children sick with a low grade fever or cold-like symptoms.
- 3) Canine bordatellosis (Kennel cough) can cause serious respiratory complications for your dog and is highly infectious to humans.
- 4) Heartworms will be fatal to your dog or cat but are not transmitted to humans.
- 5) Lyme disease: Animals get Lyme disease from ticks, just as humans do.
- 6) Lice: lice can infect pets as well as people.
- 7) Mange or Scabies: is caused by mites and is highly contagious. It needs to be treated as soon as possible to prevent secondary infections.
- 8) Toxoplasmosis is caused by a parasite. Pregnant women should not empty the kitty litter due to their compromised immune systems.
- 9) Salmonella usually does not make animals sick, but it can be found in the feces of some pets, especially reptiles and turtles, and is dangerous to children who put things in their mouths. Don't eat undercooked or raw meat, and wash hands and cooking utensils thoroughly after handling raw meat.
- 10) Rabies is the most severe and serious infection that can be passed from animals to humans. It is important to have your pets vaccinated against rabies and avoid contact with stray or wild animals. If you are exposed--seek treatment!

Pets are an excellent source of companionship, but it is important to keep them healthy. Make sure their shots are current. Don't be concerned about catching a minor virus, but contact your veterinarian or healthcare provider if it looks serious.

"Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's"

Bonnie Kanady, RN

Salad Bread Dessert

Benefits Vacation Bible School

See Todd Chapman for tickets \$8.00



Joy in the Harvest

Joy in the Harvest is one of the missions our church supports. It is a Christian mission dedicated to serving Christ in

Africa. Their motto is "...so they may know Jesus..." This mission was founded in 1992 and is in Tanzania, Africa which is in eastern Africa. It's a Christian organization that is participating in the "Great Commission" of Jesus Christ to go and make disciples of all the nations.

This mission is made up of hundreds of volunteers. The work goes forward based on what many ordinary people, serving their extra-ordinary God can accomplish. The salaried staff missionaries - some living in Tanzania and some living in the U.S. are:

Lowell and Claudia Wertz- they have been missionaries in Africa since 1980. They have two grown children who were raised in Africa. The mission where they live and work is in Kigoma, Tanzania near the countries of Congo, Burundi and Rwanda. These three countries have experienced brutal civil wars in recent years which resulted in hundreds of refugees coming to their area in Tanzania. The Wertz's have an exciting ministry helping the poor, assisting refugees, providing vocational and apprenticeship training and other areas.

Mary Schott is a special assignment missionary currently directing the *Trees for Tanzania Project* focused directly on helping the poor.

Melinda Bendle is the Joy in the Harvest office manager. She is the support person in the USA and is responsible for all business matters in the USA and for maintaining good relations and communications with the individuals and churches supporting Joy in the Harvest.

If you'd like to read more about this ministry, go to www.joyintheharvest.com.

Middlers

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

Annual Fundraising Day

Yard Sale Preview

6:30-8:30pm Friday, March 21st

Yard, Sub & Soup Sale

9am-12noon Saturday, March 22nd

Soup will be available for purchase when you pick up your subs or visit the yard sale on Saturday.

To order subs: contact Donna Stemberger 358-2509 or dkstembug@yahoo.com. \$6 each

Donations of yard sale items may be brought to the church and left in the Fellowship Hall any time after Sunday, March 16th.

Nancy Timberman Scholarship Award

Queen's Tea

12:00pm March 15, 2014 \$25.00 each

Tables of Four

Program: Alice Paul portrayed

by the American Historical Theater.

Friends Meeting Annex, Woodstown

Call Mary Lou Timberman for tickets: 358-2153

Sponsored by The Salem County Branch of the AAUW

Cinderella Cheesecake!!

The Hangar is selling Cinderella Cheesecakes for Easter Plain, Almond Amaretto, Mango, Washington Cherry, Pineapple, White Chocolate Peanut Butter, Southern Pecan, Pumpkin, and Egg Nog \$18 each

No Sugar Added (all natural plain, gluten and trans fat free) \$21 each

Sampler - 2 slices of each flavor except the Egg Nog \$21

Contact Jennifer 856-896-8510 to order by April 9th

Pick up is April 17

Soup-n-Chili Dinner and Hymn

Sing

5pm Sunday, March 30, 2014

Soup

Chili

