

Elmer United Methodist Church



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Making Disciples for the Transformation of the World.

This is the statement of purpose for the United Methodist Church.

Not only being a Methodist, but being a Christian is foremost about being a disciple of Christ and helping others become and grow as disciples of Christ. In fact the Gospel according to Matthew closes with these instructions to the followers of Jesus. "Go make disciples of all *people*, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

As summer comes to a close we are beginning to recharge our activities for the fall. We can be a very busy church. It is a good time to think about why we do the things we do. The bottom line should be that our activities are for the purpose of making and building up disciples of Jesus Christ.

On Sunday September 7th we will emphasize some of the ways we do this, especially with our young people. It is Rally Day. **Rally Day** marks the return to regular Sunday School. During worship we will introduce students and teachers. 3rd grade students will receive Bibles, and we will offer specially a prayer for our students returning to school. We will also pray for their teachers and the backpacks the students will carry with them to and from school.

Be with us as we get back into fall mode and begin looking more diligently at our commitment as disciples, the ways we grow, and the opportunities before us.

Kids, come with your backpacks and let us pray for you. Adults, come to find ways to grow as disciples. Everyone, come to worship and share in fellowship. We will have a special time for fellowship over food after the 10 AM service. Teens, come and find out about our new conference youth weekend: **I G N I T E**. This year we will be meeting at Wildwood Convention Center from Friday Oct. 3 to Sunday Oct. 5. Also the ages for the weekend have been expanded to age 12-18. Finally, everyone, come to rethink how you are being the best disciple of Christ you can be. Let this fall be a time of recommitting ourselves and our families to being greater disciples of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dave Repenning

Sunday School Rally Day

Celebration on Sunday, September 7th!!

During the 10am Morning Worship Service our children will be introduced to their new teachers.... Bibles will be given to our new Third graders... And a Blessing of the Backpacks will be given so remember to have your child bring his or hers in!! Following the service we will have a Brunch down in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour. If you would like to help with the brunch please see Mary Lou Timberman (358-2153).

Thank you!!

Please Mark Your Calendars! **Church Conference**

7:00pm Tuesday, September 30, 2014

SPR Committee meets at 6:00pm

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study

will begin on September 16th. We will be studying "Acceptance and Gratitude: Spiritual Practices for Everyday Life" from the series Everyday Matters Bible Studies for Women.

Books are \$4 and can be obtained from Donna Stemberger (dkstembug@yahoo.com or 358-2509). Now is a good time to join our small group - the beginning of a new study. We meet every Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 a.m. at the Kountry Kitchen.

Our SOUP MINISTRY resumes October 1st. Please contact Joe or Donna Stemberger if you are willing to make soup or deliver it. It would be great to have 2 volunteers/groups for deliveries each week. We have some new people on the list and it takes time to deliver. Those making soup usually have three or four turns throughout the year. To volunteer, contact them at majorstem@gmail.com or dkstembug@yahoo.com or 358-2509. Thank you

<u>Attendance:</u>	8:30am Service	10am Service
August 3	21	83
August 10	27	58
August 17	26	66
August 24	19	

<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>
August 3	\$4,732.36	\$1,186.00
August 10	\$2,647.50	\$586.00
August 17	\$2,220.00	\$359.00
August 24	\$3,455.00	\$357.00

September Birthdays Happy Birthday to All!!

2nd	Lisa Hardman
3rd	Miriam Gibson & Christie Willoughby
5th	Leah Bucolo
7th	Jean Bishop & Charles Volkmar
9th	Steve Richards & Jeremy Theopulos
10th	Benjamin G. Nolan & Carter Nelson
12th	Peggy Parish
13th	Beth Timberman & Gayle Johnson
14th	Charmaine Sutton
15th	Lynn Boehm & Patty Gresimer
16th	Patti Schneider, Karen Bucolo, Madysen Adler & Ed Wygor
17th	Jennie Bea
18th	Maxwell Lloyd & Ahnika Eberl
19th	Alice Nelson, Mark Herrmann & Patricia Zane
20th	Harriet Laury, David Hemsley, Jr., Kylie Parish & Kristin Kortonick
21st	Benjamin Bishop
22nd	Jackson Clemson, Lillian Nolan, F.C. Adams Jr., Dallas Dilks & Katelyn Kulig
23rd	Alex Baldosaro
24th	Ben Nolan
25th	Harley Parish, Mia Abbey & Carole Patton
26th	Rebecca Dilks
28th	Elaine Pfeffer
29th	Jason Brown
30th	Belinda Hunter



Denny and Dolly Bowerman
World Gospel Mission
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Denny and Dolly Bowerman serve with World Gospel Missions for the Native American Indian Ministry in Peoria, Arizona. They work with the children at Kids Club where they teach lessons on the resurrection along with playing games fairly, following rules and directions, taking turns, and being honest. Special activities for different holidays are planned as well.

This past June they joined with a disaster relief team in El Reno, OK where a category 5 tornado took the lives of several children in the school there last year.

Please pray for Denny's mother, wisdom for helping the special needs of the children they have, the children's family situations, and that the parents who are seeking Jesus will find Him.

Submitted by
Sandi Elliott
Missions Committee



Fall Fun Ahead All Youth: Our Annual St. Jude's Bike-a-thon

will be held on Sunday, September 21st immediately following Sunday School (12:30). Gather with your bicycles in the church parking lot. Lunch and swimming are included. Sponsor sheets are on the downstairs bulletin board. No sponsors? No problem. Ride anyway. Family and friends are welcome to join us as we ride for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

The Hangar is open every Friday evening for students in Grades 7th thru 12th.

Sunday School SUB SALE

Saturday, September 20, 2014 \$6.00 each
Pick Up Between 10:30am - 11am at the Church
Contact Donna Stemberger to order.

dkstembug@yahoo.com

Any questions, please contact Donna Stemberger at 358-2509

Attention Youth ages 12 – 18



October 3 – 5, 2014

in Wildwood, NJ at the Convention Center
Featuring Worship Group, "Starfield" from Canada
Keynote speaker: Preston Centuolo

Age level group sessions.

\$60 plus \$10 food voucher \$81/night lodging
Our youth has not attended a weekend rally for a few years and those who attended in the past said it was a blessed spiritual weekend. Let's encourage our youth and their friends to attend.

For more info, please see Donna Stemberger.

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Website: www.ignitenj.org

Women's Retreat

Featuring

Women of Faith Video Series

"Joy-Filled Life"

"Moses" at Sight and Sound Theatres

November 14-16, 2014

We have a limited number of rooms and tickets!!

Please see Donna Stemberger, Pat Hall, Barb Repping or Charmaine Sutton for your brochure.

Registration form and a \$50 deposit reserves your spot!!