

Elmer United Methodist Church



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Dear Friends,



Happy Easter,

Easter begins with Easter Sunday: April 5th this year. It is a holiday with many symbols of new life - beginning with Jesus rising from His death. The season ends on Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate God empowering the early Church (This year it's May 24th). As we have been preparing for Easter, many of us have been studying "Be the Message." It has provided us with challenges and new insights into what it means to be a Christian. As we have met in small groups a few people have shared with me how much they have been blessed and changed through the group studies. They provide a place to grow, to find hope, and to receive support in life's journey. Thank you to those who have hosted, led, and participated in the groups. You are making a difference. In fact the whole *Be the Message* study has emphasized that we make a difference by taking small steps.

To see individuals grow and change is exciting. Our Easter celebration will lift up our newness in Christ. I expect each of us to be a little different this year as we hear the message and begin to see it in the lives of those around us. But I'm not just talking about listening to a message. It is a new way of being and responding to the world around us as we get to know better Jesus Christ and become more like Him. Some may think this begins with an evangelical church service, reading the Bible every day, praying regularly, being in a small group or going to church on Sunday morning. All of these are important and are the food that feeds our growing spiritual being. Like the food you feed children as they grow. It isn't just the carrots, or the meat, or the milk and cereal. It is everything together contributing to a healthy body.

As we grow in Christ we are challenged to do two things: 1) expect and ask God to do big things; impossible things that you could never do on your own, 2) Step out in faith and begin to act in the power and strength of God dwelling in you. It begins with small steps. We have been challenged in our studies to love the one in front of us. Two Easter events come to mind where simple people did what was before them and then saw great things happen on Easter Sunday when Jesus rose from the dead. First is Joseph of Arimathea. On Good Friday he asked Pontius Pilate for the dead body of Jesus. Took Jesus off the cross and placed him in a tomb. The tomb was then sealed by a

huge stone. Secondly, on Easter Sunday three women went early to the tomb of Jesus with spices to prepare Him for a proper burial. When they arrived, the huge stone had been rolled away, the guards were gone and an angel told them Jesus was not there. One of them, Mary, sat by the tomb weeping and was the first person to see the risen Jesus Christ.

What is the big stone in front of you today? What is the obstacle keeping you from rejoicing? Join with us this Easter season and come expecting God to do something great in your life.

Believing in the Christ who is alive in us.
Pastor Dave Repenning



<u>Attendance:</u>	Early	Morning	S. School
Mar. 1	23	94	29
Mar. 8	25	96	23
Mar. 15	26	105	30
Mar. 22	25	90	



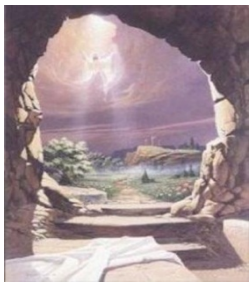
<u>Stewardship:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>S.School</u>
Mar. 1	\$6,654.25	\$1,694.00	\$7.50
Mar. 8	\$3,422.00	\$547.00	\$4.00
Mar. 15	\$3,194.26	\$419.00	\$11.00
Mar. 22	\$2,415.00	\$487.00	



April Birthdays Happy Birthday to All!!!

1st	Jaime Pitman
2nd	Hailey Neher
4th	TJ Laury
5th	Allison Wentz
6th	Courtney Dilks & Robert Wolfe
8th	Heidi Priggemeier & Jesse Stemberger
9th	Ian Abbey
11th	Christina Richards & Christine Bishop
14th	Arlinda Saul
15th	Jenna Filippoli & Evelyn Becker
16th	Herb Dilks
17th	Toby Irelan
18th	Taylor Brown & Robert Moore, III
19th	Bonnie Bishop, Rebecca Hardman & Benjamin B. Timberman
21st	Thomas Masters
23rd	Delaney Dilks, Karen Both & Ashton Mottola
24th	Cheryl Yago
25th	Connor Richards
26th	Fletcher Nelson
28th	Hannah Hitchner & Sam Walker
29th	John Timberman





"If the Grave Could Shout"

An Easter Cantata
By Jason Cox
4:00pm

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2015

...There would never be a greater display of God's love than this; that while we were sinners, Christ would die for us that we might be reconciled to Him by the death of His Son. I've heard people stand in sacred places and remark, "If only these walls could talk." I can't help but think what the walls of the empty grave where Christ was buried would say. I believe if the grave could shout, it would shout, "He's alive!"



I pray this music reminds you of the finished work of Christ and that through it you can encounter the hope, joy and salvation found in Him, our resurrected Savior.

- Jason Cox

Please join us for our cantata service involving all of our choirs. We invite you to stay for our covered dish supper afterwards.

Brenda and Bill Gaunt will be in the Chapel on Sunday, March 29th after services to take your order. \$7.00 each. Checks (preferable) may be made out to Elmer UMC.



Easter Bake Sale

Banana Bread (plain) \$6.00

Banana Bread w/Walnuts \$7.00

Coconut Muffins (1/2 Doz) \$6.00

Benefits the *EUMC Music Fund*

To order, please call Todd Chapman (856-692-5816)

Orders will be ready for pick up on

Palm Sunday, March 29th after the 10am Service



We will blossom the Cross for Easter Sunday morning again this year. If you have flowers in your yard that you can bring with you that morning we would appreciate your contribution.



The Sub Sale held on Saturday, April 18th

Pick up at the church is 10:30 to 11:30am.

\$6.50 each

JOIN US FOR A SUPER SUPPER

SPUDS



SOUPS



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SWEETS

AND A

SILENT AUCTION

ELMER FIRE HALL

110 Penn Street, Elmer, NJ

APRIL 11, 2015

TICKETS - \$10 each

2 years & under Free

Doors open at 5:30 pm to begin Silent

Auction bidding

Dinner served at 6pm



**Dinner & Auction Benefit
Malaga Camp
Summer Youth Camp
Programs**

For Tickets, Call 609-501-0351 or



Easter Egg Hunt

10am Saturday, April 4th At the Church

We would appreciate donations of jelly beans, small chocolate eggs, small toys, stickers, etc. that can be used as "egg stuffers." Please leave them in the basket in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you

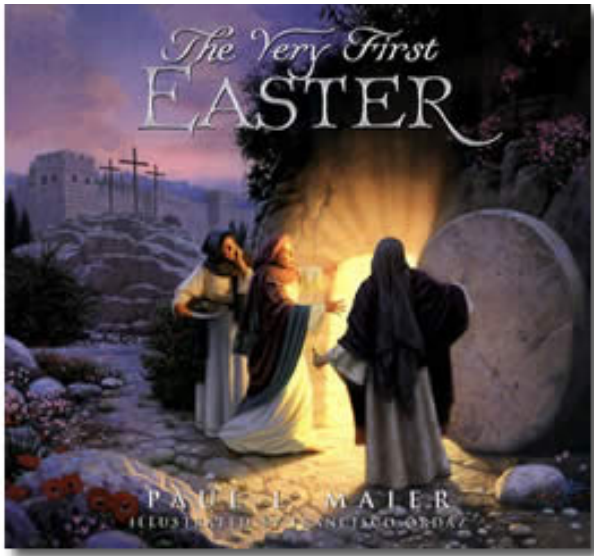
Sponsored by the Sunday School

Easter Lilly 2015 Dedications

Honor a Loved One at Easter



Help us beautify the sanctuary as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection! Lilies may be purchased in **honor** of or in **memory** of a friend, or loved one.



Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 29th

4pm Cantata Service

"If the Grave Could Shout"

By Jason Cox

Followed by a Covered Dish Supper

Holy Thursday – April 2nd

7:30pm Community

Communion Service

Elmer Presbyterian Church

Good Friday - April 3rd

12 Noon - 3:00pm

"Seven Last Words of Christ"

Elmer United Methodist Church

Easter Egg Hunt – April 4th

10:00am

Elmer United Methodist Church

Easter Sunday – April 5th

6:30am Easter Sunrise Service

Home of Fritz & Joan Harz

Elmer Lake on Mill St

Breakfast will follow at the

Elmer Methodist Church

8:30 & 10am Morning Worship Services

11:15am Sunday School



Paul and Kathy Gregowske Trans World Radio

Word was recently received from Paul and Kathy Gregowske who serve with Trans World radio in Guam. The Antenna Switcher Project is progressing slowly but steadily. Last September the concrete pad for the project was scheduled to be poured with trucks ready to go but the weather did not cooperate. The day brought a record rainfall of almost seven inches which inundated the site. In the days that followed even more rain continued so that trucks could not get in and the pour was postponed.

Much of the work is dependent upon the weather and available supplies so they have to be flexible. Since it was the rainy season Paul was able to get a lot of work done on indoor maintenance.

Finally in February a break in the weather came and after six months of waiting and nine days of dry weather the field was ready for the concrete to be poured. On February 14 the long awaited pad was completed and the following week the antenna switches arrived. There is wiring and changes to antenna lines yet to be done but the project is moving forward.

Trans World Radio is communicating the Gospel in more than 230 languages, in 160 countries, from multiple high-power radio transmitters, FM and AM stations, and digital sources to media devices able to access the internet.

TWR is celebrating the anniversary of TWR Cambodia. On January 15 they celebrated 14 years of reaching the Cambodian people with the Gospel of Jesus. The Gregowskes say that they are privileged and blessed to be a part of this ministry for eight years.

Over 60 years ago on February 22, 1954 TWR International began broadcasting the Gospel into Europe from Morocco. Fifty years ago broadcasts began from Swaziland reaching Africa. Later came broadcasts from Guam to Asia, then Sri Lanka, and the Indian subcontinent. Next came transmitters in Benin, which covers N. Africa. In 2013 transmitters were able to reach Pakistan, Afghanistan and North India.

Trans World Radio speaks Hope the World.

Submitted by
Al-Jo Voeckler
Missions Chair

The Adult Fellowship will meet at the church parking lot on Monday, April 6 at 3:15pm. We will travel to the Pegasus Restaurant. We must be there by 3:40 or else!!!