

# Elmer United Methodist Church



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## Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,  
Greetings,

Are you an active Christian or a dedicated Christian? It is possible to be both, but often we mistake activity for dedication. When asked the above question we might begin with a list of the things we do. Perhaps a more accurate way to respond is with a list of things God is doing in you. As I look at my calendar for May and June, there is a lot to do. The Elmer United Methodist Church calendar is equally active. Remember, you don't need to do everything, but among the most important things is Worship. Let me give you a run down on the themes of worship for the upcoming Sunday's.

This Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will hear some more about the early church and how God worked through the disciples. We will also have communion, another practice that dates back to the disciples. On Mother's Day, Pat Hall has designed our service. Many women and children will be involved in the service and Pat will speak. May 17 is observed as Ascension Sunday, a day to focus on Jesus' last instructions to the disciples before Ascending into heaven. The actual Ascension Day this year is May 14 (always 40 days after Easter). May 24th is an extra special day. It is the day before Memorial Day. A patriotic theme would be appropriate. It is also Pentecost Sunday, the day the Holy Spirit came upon the Church and brought to all of us new life in the Spirit. And it is Aldersgate Day, the anniversary of when the founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, had a strange warming of his heart and knew he was saved. We won't try to pack all of this into one day. All of this gives time in worship to remember each other, look back on the early church and the more recent Church, and to proclaim the present power of God in our lives moving us forward.

The very end of May is our Annual Conference, held again at the convention center in Wildwood. Annual Conference is a place where we are connected with brothers and sisters around our area and some from around the world. We also do the business for the Greater New Jersey Area. Those of us who attend conference are moved by the worship experiences. This year's conference is from May 28 – 30. Worship experiences include opening worship on Thursday at 10am., Friday communion on the beach at 7:45am followed by Praise and Worship time and our conference teacher at 8:30am. Also on Friday are a service of remembrance at 10am and Ordination service at 7pm. Saturday morning is another Communion on the beach at 7:45am. Then at 8:30am is praise and worship followed by another teaching session. If you are in the area or wish to take a trip down to Wildwood during these times, please stop and worship with us. I know you will be blessed.

May is the time to prepare for summer. So as we move through May and on to the summer, there will be much more to do: Father's Day, Recognition of Graduates, Jim Hughes,

Vacation Bible School, Wacky Wednesdays, Malaga Camp and Camp Meeting and some vacation time. May each of these be a time of refreshing for you as we walk together with our Lord.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Dave Repenning*

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Early</u>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>S. School</u>
April 5	31	205	
April 12	16	161	17
April 19	19	92	25
April 26	26	96	

<u>Stewards hip:</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>S. School</u>
April	\$5,469.00	\$718.00	
April 12	\$4,514.50	\$1,155.00	\$4.25
April 19	\$3,944.00	\$718.00	\$8.00
April 26	\$4,085.00	\$742.00	\$



## 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 & Shaun Campbell
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 Clemson, Brenda Gaunt & Liam Sepielli
16th	Justin Harper, Sr. & Michelle 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
30th	Dianne Wentzell

Fill a Bottle, Help Save a Life!



*A fundraiser to benefit  
Cornerstone Women's Resource Centers  
...reaching out to women and youth in our  
communities.*



## American Red Cross

1:30 – 6:30pm  
Tuesday, May 5, 2015  
In our Church Fellowship Hall

*Blood Drive*



## National Day of Prayer

**Thursday, May 7, 2015**

7pm Prayer Service in the Chapel

Please come join us as we gather to pray for our nation. God answers prayer, we know, but we must call upon Him to seek His direction and strength through these trying times. Our next generation needs

“One Nation Under God”

The Church will be open all day for continual prayer.

*Mother's Day*

*Sunday, May 10, 2015!*

*Please plan on coming to celebrate our Mothers.*



## Women's Retreat Sub Sale

\$6.50 each Saturday, May 16<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 24<sup>th</sup>

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



Memorial Day, Monday, May 25<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 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. Forms are in the back of the sanctuary.*



**Graduate Recognition Sunday** is June 21<sup>st</sup>. If you or a loved one is graduating from 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> grade, college or post grad please get info to Pat Hall. 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. Thank you.

*Save the Date!!*

*Church Family Picnic*



*July 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Following the Sunday School Hour at the Church*

## Mark Your Calendars!! Vacation Bible School



Come and join the fun!

**Place:** Elmer United Methodist Church

**Date:** July 6 -10, 2015

**Time:** 6:00 pm to 8:30pm

Crafts, music, stories, snacks, games, friends and laughter is waiting for YOU

Register Early! And bring a friend!

You can find forms online at [www.elmerumc.org](http://www.elmerumc.org)

## "Wacky Wednesdays"

Return this summer!!

Beginning July 15<sup>th</sup> thru August 19<sup>th</sup>

Here is our tentative schedule for our Family fun

More Info will come!!

July 15<sup>th</sup>

Mini Golf at Serene Custard Stand

July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Visit the Animal Rescue Shelter  
(The Funny Farm)

July 29<sup>th</sup>

Pool Party at Trish Elliott's

August 5<sup>th</sup>

Canoeing with Pastor Dave

August 12<sup>th</sup>

Wilmington Blue Rocks Baseball Game

August 19<sup>th</sup>

Pool Party at the Stembergers

Check our website for dates and times:

