



Pastor's Piece

January 2024

Happy New Year!

While that is the greeting we hear being shared all around us, we still have seven days of Christmas to experience. As we settle down from the Christmas rush, we should not pack Christmas away yet. Over this next week, my prayer for each of us is that we will take the time to reflect on what God has done and continues to do for us. Consider how our God has given us a gift that far out does anything we may have received in any of those brightly wrapped packages marked with our name.

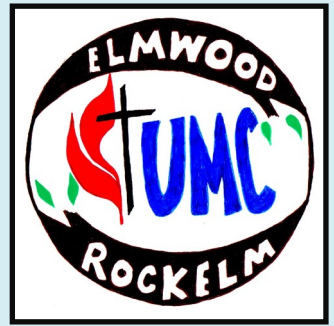
The giving and receiving of gifts is an experience shared out of love and care. When you gaze upon the nativity set whether in your home or at church, think about how unmatched God's love is. What a gift we have been given in Jesus. He came to earth as a vulnerable baby, to live and grow among us, to teach us a way of living that honors God's will for all of humanity. And then he gave the ultimate gift – his life so that we might know the path which leads to the eternal kingdom of God.

Let's journey together in this new year, growing in faith as we come together to worship and enjoy fellowship each Sunday. Our Children will return to Sunday School beginning January 7th. I invite every adult to consider joining our book club when we get closer to the season of Lent. It's an opportunity to nurture relationships and to grow in faith together using a book as our guide. The best thing about these groups is that there is room for everyone. Each of us has something to learn and something to offer and none of us knows it all! Please consider joining when the time comes.

May the PEACE, HOPE, LOVE and JOY we focused on this past Advent surround you in the new year!

Shalom,

Pastor Meg



A Newsletter for the  
Elmwood and Rock Elm  
United Methodist  
Churches

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Rock Elm 9:00 a.m.

Elmwood 10:30 a.m.

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OF INTEREST

- Sunday school for 4K thru 8th grade during the school year
- Youth Group-6th-12th grade
- United Methodist Women
- Contemporary and traditional music

**Open Minds, Open Doors, Open Hearts**



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As the dawn breaks on a new year,  
let us give thanks for all we hold dear:  
our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger  
and our pains, for these are nothing but  
binding chains. Let us live each day in  
the most loving ways, the God-conscious  
way. Let us serve all who are in need,  
regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own  
understanding in our hearts and  
to chant God's name each day.  
Let us lead the world from darkness  
to light, from falsehood to truth  
and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are  
all one, embracing all, discriminating  
against none.

May your year be filled with peace,  
prosperity and love. May God's  
blessings shower upon you and  
bestow upon each of you a bright,  
healthy and peaceful new year.”

**REV. MARCY SHEREMETTA**

woman's day

## Christmas Blessings

by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung



The birth of Jesus  
We are reborn deep  
within our hearts and spirits.  
Come to us with light  
Come to us with life  
Come to this shabby place with peace  
Come to the eternal now, right within us...

The coming of Jesus  
Let there be hope for the world,  
Let even a small smile express happiness.  
To a lonely person, come as a friend,  
Come to Bethlehem  
Yes come....  
Come to the heart of the broken world.

The coming of the Savior  
It brings joy to us,  
so everyone rejoices together.  
The Savior has come,  
let us sing and let the world sing  
Christ light,  
Dawning within us the divine presence.

May we bless one another today  
It's not a slow heart.  
With a bright face, bless each other  
Let me bless my friends  
who have gone down different paths,  
With a loving heart, we wish them to bless.  
May we all be blessed because of Jesus

Happy  
New  
Year

WISHING YOU  
A YEAR OF  
IMMEASURABLE  
BLESSINGS  
AND JOY!

### Author



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Bishop Hee-Soo Jung has served as resident bishop of the Wisconsin Annual Conference since September of 2012. Prior to leading the Wisconsin Conference UMC, Bishop Jung served eight years as bishop of the Northern Illinois Conference (Chicago area).

# Happy Anniversary

## January Charge Anniversaries

January 10  
Brandi & Mike Holcomb

January 28  
Gladys & Loren Thompson



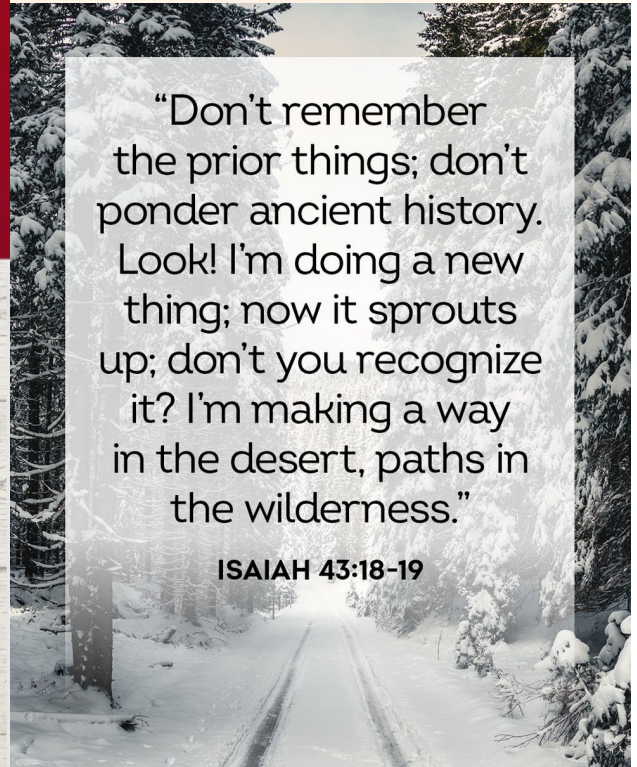
## United Methodist Church Resources

- wisconsinumc.org
- ResourceUMC.org
- UMNews.org
- UMC.org
- wisconsinumw.org
- umcmmission.org
- advance.umcor.org



“Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness.”

ISAIAH 43:18-19



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- January 3-Kadance Holcomb
- January 4-Olivia Stewart
- January 5-Madisy Weaver
- January 6-Pat Solveson
- January 7-Julie Krings
- January 12-Emma Moritz
- January 12-Steve Solveson
- January 12-Janet Williamson
- January 17-Elizabeth DeLong
- January 18-Lily Claflin
- January 18-Karlee Lange
- January 22-Isaac Roesler
- January 23-Logan Christman
- January 28-Paul Churchill
- January 30-Dan Flory
- January 31-Dolly Burns



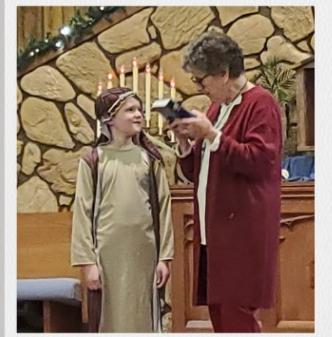
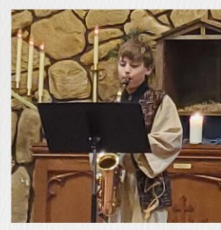
“You crown the year with your goodness; your paths overflow with rich food.”

PSALM 65:11

As the snow falls today, remember that like a snowflake, you're uniquely created by God for His glory. He delights in you.

“The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives.” - Psalm 37:23

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# Kids!



## JANUARY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

THIS SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN IS DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-10. EACH OF THE SCRIPTURES BELOW SHOULD TAKE TEN MINUTES TO JOURNAL. YOU CAN USE THIS PLAN IN CONJUNCTION THE ADULT WRITING PLAN AS A FAMILY DEVOTIONAL, FAMILY BIBLE STUDY, OR HOMESCHOOL CURRICULUM. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THIS TIME LEARNING ABOUT JESUS AS YOU INSCRIBE THE WORD!

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Day 1: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Day 2: Matthew 5:16

Day 3: Isaiah 43:18-19a

Day 4: Romans 13:12

Day 5: Hebrews 10:23

Day 6: Hebrews 10:24

Day 7: 2 Peter 1:3

Day 8: Romans 12:2

Day 9: Psalms 34:8

Day 10: 1 Chronicles 4:10

Day 11: Joshua 1:6

Day 12: Joshua 1:8

Day 13: Psalms 119:16

Day 14: Hebrews 12:1b

Day 15: Jeremiah 29:11

Day 16: Ezekiel 36:26

Day 17: Ezekiel 36:28

Day 18: Philippians 3:14

Day 19: Hebrews 12:11

Day 20: Ecclesiastes 3:11

Day 21: Isaiah 60:19a

Day 22: Revelation 21:5

Day 23: Hebrews 4:16

Day 24: Psalms 51:10

Day 25: Psalms 118:24

Day 26: Proverbs 19:21

Day 27: Psalms 20:1

Day 28: Psalms 20:4

Day 29: 1 Corinthians 15:57

Day 30: Romans 8:28

Day 31: 1 Chronicles 16:11

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# January

## New Beginnings

**Day 1:** Ecclesiastes 3:11

**Day 2:** Isaiah 40:31

**Day 3:** Jeremiah 29:11

**Day 4:** Job 8:7

**Day 5:** Philippians 3:13-14

**Day 6:** Isaiah 43:18-19

**Day 7:** Lamentations 3:22-23

**Day 8:** Ephesians 4:22-24

**Day 9:** 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Day 10:** Psalm 40:3

**Day 11:** Ezekiel 11:19

**Day 12:** Matthew 26:27-29

**Day 13:** Isaiah 65:17

**Day 14:** Romans 6:4

**Day 15:** Colossians 3:9-10

**Day 16:** Revelation 21:5

**Day 17:** Acts 3:19

**Day 18:** 2 Chronicles 7:14

**Day 19:** Ezekiel 36:26

**Day 20:** Isaiah 58:12

**Day 21:** Hebrews 12:1-2

**Day 22:** 1 Peter 1:23

**Day 23:** Hebrews 4:16

**Day 24:** Romans 12:2

**Day 25:** Matthew 7:7-8

**Day 26:** John 10:10

**Day 27:** Philippians 4:6-7

**Day 28:** Galatians 6:14-16

**Day 29:** Psalm 98:1-3

**Day 30:** 1 Peter 1:3

**Day 31:** 1 John 2:17



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# January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
7. <b>Communion Sunday</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Rock Elm In-Person Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Elmwood Live Stream and In-Person Service	8.	9.	10. <b>5:00 PM</b> Elmwood United Methodist Women Meeting  <b>6:00 PM</b> Elmwood Admin Counsel Meeting	11.	12.	13.
14. <b>9:00 AM</b> Rock Elm In-Person Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Elmwood Live Stream and In-Person Service	15.	16.	17. <b>6:00-7:30 PM</b> Confirmation and Youth Group @ Elmwood UMC	18.	19.	20.
21. <b>9:00 AM</b> Rock Elm In-Person Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Elmwood Live Stream and In-Person Service	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.
28. <b>9:00 AM</b> Rock Elm In-Person Service  <b>10:30 AM</b> Elmwood Live Stream and In-Person Service	29.	30.	31. <b>6:00-7:30 PM</b> Confirmation and Youth Group @ Elmwood UMC	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f08080; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p><b>Submissions for the calendar and newsletter can be sent to by the 29th of each month: <a href="mailto:ereumc@gmail.com">ereumc@gmail.com</a></b></p> </div>		

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Elmwood United Methodist Church

For: Donations, Tithes and Offerings



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Type of authorization: <input type="checkbox"/> New authorization <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation amount <input type="checkbox"/> Change donation date <input type="checkbox"/> Change banking information <input type="checkbox"/> Discontinue electronic donation			
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City		State	Zip
Email Address			
DATE OF FIRST DONATION: ____/____/____	FREQUENCY OF DONATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Monthly – 1 <sup>st</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 <sup>st</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 <sup>th</sup>	FUNDS: <input type="checkbox"/> General/Operating <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____	AMOUNTS: \$ _____ \$ _____ \$ _____  Total \$ _____
<b>CHECKING / SAVINGS</b>	Please debit my donation from my (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Savings Account (contact your financial institution for Routing #) <input type="checkbox"/> Checking Account (attach a voided check below)		Routing Number: _____ <i>Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3</i>  Account Number: _____ 
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Authorized Signature: _____			Date: _____

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Elmwood WI

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5591 170th Street  
Elmwood WI  
(about 6 miles west on HWY 72)

Rock Elm Mailing Address:  
PO Box 52, Elmwood, WI  
54740

Our worship style is a blend of traditional and new. We combine older hymns with praise choruses. You can come as you are, people dress from semi-casual to casual. Blue jeans are very acceptable. If you come from a church background, been away for a long time, or maybe have never been to church, you will feel welcome here.



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

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