

**A Newsletter for the  
Elmwood and Rock Elm  
United Methodist  
Churches**

**Sunday Services:**

**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

# Pastor's Piece

July 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

By now some of you have had the chance to get away to favorite campsites, or cottages. Some of you are welcoming visitors – family and friends, and enjoying each other’s company. For others it’s a time for tackling all those outdoor projects that you’ve been waiting for the weather to cooperate with. For many this is all added to the fact that you still have jobs that must take priority.

It’s a never ending cycle for sure. Activities always change with the seasons and so busy is busy. While things at church are much quieter, we still gather each Sunday to worship and praise our God and to strengthen our bond as a faith community. For that reason our Sunday morning coffees continue each week. It’s a good time to catch up with each other. I enjoy these times!

With all that we try to cram into each day, I hope you are finding rest and relaxation as well during this summer season. I keep you all in thought and prayer that you feel God’s presence and the movement of the Spirit in your lives. The busyness of life can make it hard for us to discern God’s intentions. Be sure to take the time to connect with God for a few minutes each day through prayer, meditation, reflection and worship. I look forward to hearing about your summer activities and seeing you on Sunday mornings!

Shalom,

*Pastor Meg*





## Does My Prayer Matter? A Testimony

*Rev. Kerri Parker, Executive Director*

YES. I can offer you clear evidence that does. I can say that with much more clarity than anything I say in this ministry. Not only that, but I am writing to urge you to include prayer for your ecumenical neighbors in your personal prayers and in the petitions (sometimes called joys and concerns) of your church.

How do I know this? On the weekend of June 9-11, the Wisconsin Conference of the United Church of Christ (UCC) gathered at Green Lake. The Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (UMC) gathered in Green Bay. I knew I'd be missing my own UCC meeting to gather with the UMC as they faced a significant time of distress in their common life. I asked our Conference Minister if the gathered UCC members could pray for the UMC as they began their work.

Late Friday afternoon, the United Methodists took up the matter of disaffiliation. Forty-three churches had requested to leave the Conference, part of a significant movement that has been brewing for years across the national and global stage. That situation is an article in itself, although it may be enough to know, for today, that any church division comes with no small amount of grief and sorrow.

On Saturday, I sat with the UMC as their business continued. I listened and bore witness from the back of the plenary hall, and in the hallways, and at our display table. Holy conversations happen in many places. I was able to tell people that my purpose there was accompaniment; the reminder that they were not alone. Visiting wider church meetings is a kind of chaplaincy. When WCC staff join you, we are there in a spirit of love, on behalf of a wider community.

Mid-afternoon, it was time for me to come to the podium. Before hundreds of United Methodists, I was able to share words of assurance. From my ecumenical visits, I could say with confidence that this part of the body was seen, known, and loved. It was not alone in its distress. All around the church, people were bearing witness to this time, and accompanying the UMC in prayer. Just as the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the UMC was in session to consider disaffiliations, the Wisconsin Conference of the UCC was in plenary praying for them. This is the power of ecumenism, and ecumenical prayer. We are not alone.

Hearing this brought the audience to tears. This is the simple grace-filled truth of being held by another when we are struggling, of not needing to ask for it, but having it offered freely.

Remember your neighbors. Invite prayer for them. Ask what is going on in their ministry that can use a bit of prayer this week, and add it to your petitions or concerns. This is the church turned outward, connecting, remembering that we are all part of one body, being held in grace, and practicing a grace-filled response.

Your prayer matters. I know this to be true.

*In the above photo, Rev. Kerri Parker presides over communion with Bishop Hee-Soo Jung at the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church's ordination service on Sunday, June 11th. Photo courtesy of Rev. Kris Androsky.*

# My Bible Study

DATE

1

## Pray

Ask the Lord to help you get to know Him more as you read and study His Word.

2

## Bible Reading

What Bible verses am I reading today?

[Dashed box for Bible verses]

3

Learn

What can I learn about God from these scriptures?

4

## Application

— How can I apply what I've learned to my life? —

[Box for application notes]

5

## Questions?

Is there something I don't understand?  
A word I don't know? Write it down for later study.

[Wavy box for questions]

6

## Scripture Memory

A verse to memorize is:

[Dashed box for scripture memory]

7

## Respond

Thank the Lord for what you learned in this Bible study time. Ask the Lord for help in areas of your life where you need His help. Maybe there's a sin that you need to confess, ask forgiveness for and repent of. Consider others that are in need of prayer.



# LET'S CELEBRATE

## Happy Anniversary!!

July 11-Sue & Steve Thompson  
July 12-Pat & Steve Solveson  
July 24-Laila & Jim Martin  
July 26-Deb & Scott Feiler

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

July 5-Leah Asher  
July 8-Muranne Mooney  
July 11-Trenton Kendall  
July 11-Dick Ligerding  
July 12-Kathy Miller  
July 12-Sue Pelzel  
July 13-Debra Feiler  
July 14-Arlen Holt  
July 15-Finley Mauler  
July 22-Adam Carson  
July 25-David Krings  
July 26-Mark Churchill  
July 28-Casie Lukes-Mauler



## ROCK ELM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL 2023



THURSDAY EVENING  
SIT-DOWN SOCIAL  
PTS/QTS AVAILABLE AT THE SHED  
SERVING FROM 4-7 P.M.



### July 27—128 Years

Rock Elm UMC, N5591 170th ST,  
Elmwood, WI 54740  
Six miles west of Elmwood or 13  
miles east of Ellsworth, 1/2 mile  
off Hwy. 72, north on 170th St.

Homemade Ice  
Cream  
Fresh Pies  
Sandwiches!



**Where?** Elmwood UMC 307 Main St.  
**When?** July 29th ~ For Grades 1-5

For information, call or contact

**Pastor Meg**

**715-639-3208 (leave a message)**

or visit our website at

**ereumc.org**



Dear Family,

At Food Truck Party VBS, your students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they get on a roll with God. They will become Chefs and discover how we can turn to God in prayer every day to meet our needs and how we can join God in providing for the needs of others.

After a high-energy Opening Assembly time, the Chefs make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Daily Specials to equip your Chefs for an active life with God. Your Chefs will also discover our Main Course (Bible memory verse), which will remain with them in their faith long after VBS.

The students will expand on what they've discovered by making their own art projects at the Craft Station, singing new songs at the Music Station, exploring the wonders of God's creation at the Science Station, playing games at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty treats at the Snack Station. Along the way, the Chefs will hear about our mission project as their response to a call for action!

Join us as we get on a roll with God at the Food Truck Party!

Join us at Elmwood United Methodist Church

on July 29th through It's a one day event!

from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

To register or to find out more about Food Truck Party VBS, call the church office at

No need to preregister! If you have questions, please call Pastor Meg at 715-639-3208(leave a message!)

or visit the church website at [ereumc.org](http://ereumc.org)

Sincerely,  
Your Food Truck Party VBS Team

MIDWEST

disaster relief • education



MISSION

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June 16, 2023

Dear at Rock Elm UMC - Elmwood, WI,

We want to express our sincere gratitude for your generous donation of the Personal Dignity Kits to the ministry of Midwest Mission at Wisconsin Annual Conference.

Your gift makes it possible for us to continue our mission of actively showing God's love in a practical way to those who need help in their time of crisis. Your donation may help someone who needs basic hygiene resources to keep them clean and safe from disease, or a newborn who needs the warmth of a blanket and a mother who needs the handmade diapers and washcloth to help care for her infant. Your gift may help a father who needs the nutrition of a rice meal to get through a hard day's work and to feed his family, or it might provide Home Care Kits to a community in the aftermath of a hurricane, tornado, or fire. Your donation extends our outreach and makes a tremendous impact on so many lives.

We are honored to have you as part of our family of supporters. Your donation allows us to create more opportunities for meaningful change for others to have a better future. With your gift, we continue to send hope and empowerment around the world and around the corner. Your prayers and your support matter.

Yours in Christ,

*Chantel Corrie*

*Thank you!*

Chantel Corrie  
Executive Director

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# Hear My Voice

## JULY PRAYER PROMPTS

TO ENCOURAGE, STRENGTHEN, AND INSPIRE YOU AS YOU JOURNAL YOUR PRAYERS TO THE FATHER.

CONSIDER USING P.R.A.Y AS YOU JOURNAL.

P - PRAISE \* R- REPENT \* A - ASK \* Y-YIELD




1. A PRAYER FOR A NEW MONTH.
2. PRAY OVER YOUR GOALS FOR THE MONTH.
3. LORD, I THANK YOU FOR THIS NEW MONTH . . .
4. I GIVE YOU GLORY THAT YOU . . .
5. YOU SAVED MY LIFE, LORD. YOU DELIVERED . . .
6. I PRAISE AND WORSHIP YOU FOR . . .
7. LORD, MY FAVORITE THING ABOUT YOU IS . . .
8. FATHER, TODAY I AM THANKFUL FOR . . .
9. LORD, TODAY I AM WORRIED ABOUT . . .
10. FATHER, TODAY I AM EXCITED FOR . . .
11. LORD, TODAY I AM LOVING . . .
12. FATHER, TODAY I AM NERVOUS ABOUT . . .
13. LORD TODAY I AM BLESSED BECAUSE . . .
14. FATHER, TODAY I AM READY FOR . . .
15. LORD, YOU SHOWED YOUR LOVE WHEN . . .
16. JESUS, YOU SHOWED YOUR PEACE WHEN . . .
17. LORD, YOU SHOWED YOUR GRACE WHEN . . .
18. JESUS, YOU SHOWED YOUR KINDNESS WHEN . . .
19. LORD, YOU SHOWED YOUR FAITHFULNESS WHEN . . .
20. JESUS, YOU SHOWED YOUR JOY WHEN . . .
21. LORD, YOU SHOWED YOUR MERCY WHEN . . .
22. FATHER, TAKE CARE OF . . .
23. LORD, SHOW ME WHY . . .
24. FATHER, YOU ARE AWESOME BECAUSE . . .
25. LORD, PLEASE DELIVER . . .
26. FATHER, PLEASE HOLD UP . . .
27. LORD, GIVE GRACE TO . . .
28. FATHER, HELP US TO . . .
29. LORD, PREPARE MY HEART FOR . . .
30. PRAY A PSALM OVER YOUR LIFE.
31. FATHER, I THANK YOU FOR THIS MONTH . . .



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# July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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>						
2. <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	3.	4. 	5.	6.	7.	8.
9. <b>9:00 AM</b> Rock Elm In-Person Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Elmwood Live Stream and In-Person Service <b>11:30am-2:00pm</b> Youth Group @ Elmwood UMC	10.	11.	12. <b>9:00 AM</b> Rock Elm Ad Counsel Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Elmwood UMW Meeting <b>7:00 PM</b> Elmwood Ad Counsel Meeting	13.	14.	15.
16. <b>9:00 AM</b> Rock Elm In-Person Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Elmwood Live Stream and In-Person Service <b>11:30am-2:00pm</b> Youth Group @ Elmwood UMC	17.	18.	19.	20.	21.	22.
23. <b>9:00 AM</b> Rock Elm In-Person Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Elmwood Live Stream and In-Person Service	24.	25.	26. <b>4:00-7:00 PM</b> Rock Elm Ice Cream Social	27. <b>4:00-7:00 PM</b> Rock Elm Ice Cream Social	28.. UFO days 	29. <b>2:00-4:00 PM</b> UFO days Food Truck VBS 
30. <b>10:00 AM</b> UFO Days Outdoor Worship Service at Elmwood with the Lorn and Royce Band followed by a pie and Ice Cream Social 	31.					

# AUTHORIZATION FORM

Elmwood United Methodist Church

For: Donations, Tithes and Offerings



FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	ENVELOPE/DONOR #		DATE	
Effective date of authorization: ___/___/___				
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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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"/> _____
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CHECKING / SAVINGS	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: _____ Valid Routing # must start with 0, 1, 2, or 3 Account Number: _____ 0225 30769 0 00 000 0000 <small>Routing Number      Account Number      Check Number</small>	
	I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to my account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.			
Authorized Signature: _____		Date: _____		

If using a checking account, please attach a voided check at the bottom of this page.

**Elmwood UMC Address:**  
307 S Main Street,  
Elmwood, WI

**Rock Elm UMC located at:**  
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.



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