

Pastor's Piece

May 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the weeks following Easter, the book of Acts tells the story of how the followers of Jesus, both disciples and apostles, carried on the ministry of building the kingdom of God that Jesus had begun. Their community of believers grew as they reached out to serve the needs of the lost, the sick, the lonely, the widow, the marginalized, and shared the love of God.

Today we are called to the same mission. As members of a Christian community we are sent out to tell the stories of Jesus the Messiah, our Savior, and his love for each and every one of us. One of the ways in which we can care for others is by participating in the annual "Ingathering". Each year our Bishop invites us to help provide the much needed items that are so important to people who have experienced the loss of home and belongings due to floods, tornados, or fire. This year there are two kits needed. One possibility is to purchase the items that make up personal dignity kits which contain the things necessary for personal hygiene. The other kit contains cleaning supplies. The list of items for either the personal dignity kits or the Home Care Kits is listed below. Items can be brought to the church on Sundays until June 4th. I will take all the kits to Annual Conference June 9 -11 in Green Bay where they will then be taken to the Midwest Distribution Center and sent to places of need.

I pray you will join me along with others of the Wisconsin United Methodist Church, and extend the hand of help and the heart of love to those in need.

Shalom,

Pastor Meg



Lacey Asher has been working hard designing and updating the New Charge Website, please go and check it out, she has done an awesome job! Thank you Lacey!

New updated website: www.ereumc.org

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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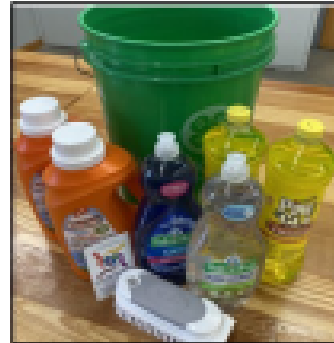
OF INTEREST

- 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



Home Care Kit

- Liquid Household Cleaners - 58 - 80 oz. total
No spray bottles
- Dish Soaps - 42 - 64 oz total
- Liquid Laundry Detergents - 100 - 150 oz total
- 1 Scrub Brush - with or without handle
- 1 - 5 gal Round Bucket with resealable lid



All items must be NEW & Placed in the bucket.

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth - No dishcloths
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multi-packs
- 1 Bar Soap - 3 - 4 oz
- 1 Shampoo - 12 - 19 oz
- 1 Deodorant - 2-3 oz - stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 1-gal Resealable Plastic Bag



All items must be NEW & placed in a 1-gal resealable plastic bag—\$2 donation for razor and toothpaste (**DO NOT INCLUDE DONATION IN BAG**) Give donation to volunteers or mail to Wisconsin Annual Conference.

To provide a kit without shopping or sewing, bring a monetary donation to Annual Conference or send to:

Wisconsin Conference of The UMC
750 Windsor Street, Suite 104 Sun Prairie, WI 53590

Please write check to: Wisconsin Conference add "Ingathering Kit" to memo line



MIDWEST MISSION
DISTRIBUTION CENTER
midwestmission.org



Pursued

By Scott Carlson

“Saul went on one side of the mountain, and David and his men on the other side of the mountain. David was hurrying to get away from Saul and his men were closing in on David and his men to capture them . . . So Saul stopped pursuing David . . . therefore that place was called the Rock of Escape (1 Samuel 23:26 & 28).”

In the book of 1 Samuel, we learn about the early history of Israel. In this story, we meet King Saul, the first King of Israel. He often acted on his own without seeking God. Finally, God became so angry that God chose a new person to become King. We are introduced to David, who loved God and yearned for God. Who often (at least at this point in the story) regularly sought out God and worked to be faithful.

In the scripture referenced today, David is running away from King Saul, who is actively pursuing him. It was a close call. King Saul and his army are literally on the other side of the mountain.

Do you know what it is like to be pursued? Do you know what it is like to be chased?

There have been many times when I have felt pursued by life's challenges. Challenges can come from family, work, health (or countless other places). It is not easy to feel as if we are being pursued. If you have ever felt chased, take heart. We are not the first to have felt that.

When David realized King Saul was turning against him, he continually turned to God for assistance and guidance. In those moments when I have felt pursued by difficulties, I try to learn from David. I seek out God and God's guidance.

One of my regular practices is to pray, read scripture, and journal in the morning. This is often the time for me to bring my hopes and concerns to God. Likewise, when I am being hounded by a problem, I bring this before God as well. I have learned that every time I have brought an issue to God, God has helped me through it.

Prayer:

Loving God, thank you for walking with us through life. There are moments when we face challenges that seem overwhelming; help us seek you and learn from you. Come to touch us where we most need your touch and your grace. Help us to be faithful to you in all we do. In the hope that Jesus offers us. Amen.



Spring **NEW**
Silk Flower
Estravaganza

**Fundraiser for
Mission Restoring Hope**

No need to Water.

Prices to fit every budget

HANGING BASKETS
MEMORIAL FLOWERS
MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS
PORCH POTS
INDDOOR PLANTS
WALL PLANTERS
SUCCULENTS
FAIRY GARDENS
FAIRY GARDEN KITS

Dates:

Friday May 5th Noon-6pm

Saturday May 6th 8am-3pm

Sunday May 7th 11am-2pm

Location

Boyceville

United Methodist Church Parking

By

Andy Pafko Park on HWY 17D
804 St.Johns Street

missionrestoringhope.org

Facebook:Mission Restoring Hope

NEW

Silk Floral Sale

Fundraiser

For a Cause

& Festival

Baskets, Pots, Memorial Flowers, Fairy Gardens

MAY 6TH | 9AM-4PM

UM CHURCH PARKING LOT HWY 170
BOYCEVILLE WI | BY ANDY PAFKO PARK

FOOD | MUSIC | FLORALS

**200+
ITEMS**



For more information, visit missionrestoringhope.org

Funds go to fund Mission Restoring Hope



Farewell & Gratitude

Come celebrate your gratitude and memories of Superintendent, Barbara Certa-Werner with us!

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023
10 - NOON
First United Methodist - Rice Lake
1221 Wesley St, Rice Lake, WI 54868

IN LIEU OF GIFTS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO MAKE A DONATION TO HARBOR HOUSE. SELF-CARE GIFTS ARE ALSO WELCOME.



YOUTH GROUP/CONFIRMATION DATES:

- SUNDAY, MAY 7
- SUNDAY, JUNE 4
- SUNDAY, JUNE 25
- SUNDAY, JULY 9
- SUNDAY, JULY 16

MEETING AFTER CHURCH FROM 11:30 AM TO 2:00 PM



ELMWOOD COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS

May 7.....	Potluck
March 14.....	UMW
March 21.....	Stacy Flanders
March 26.....	OPEN

Coffee Time

We would like to have a coffee fellowship after worship at least twice a month. Please sign-up below. Coffee is provided by the church (you will have to make it). Bring whatever munchie you like: cake, bars, cookies, cheese & crackers, etc. Thanks!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Charge March Birthdays

- May 5-Scott Feiler
- May 6-Matthew Pieper
- May 7-Elizabeth Claflin
- May 10-Finley Flanders
- May 12-Brittany Peterson
- May 12-Sheryl Kendall
- May 13-Michael Roesler
- May 16-Marie Gavin
- May 16-Micheal Miller
- May 16-Kenton Miller
- May 19-Janet DeMarce
- May 20-Sonja Flory
- May 21-Mary Jacobson
- May 23-Abigail Krings
- May 23-Dan Roesler
- May 28-Katie Miller-Chang

Happy Anniversary

Charge March Anniversaries

- May 5-Pat & Ralph Ginsbach

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Old Testament

Books of the Law (Pentateuch)

- Genesis
- Exodus
- Leviticus
- Numbers
- Deuteronomy

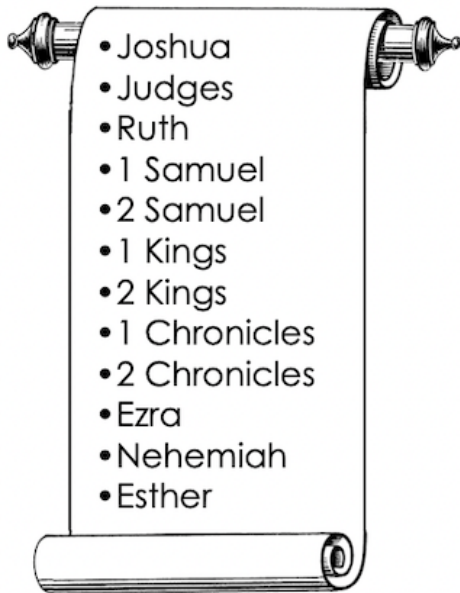


Books of Poetry & Wisdom



Books of History

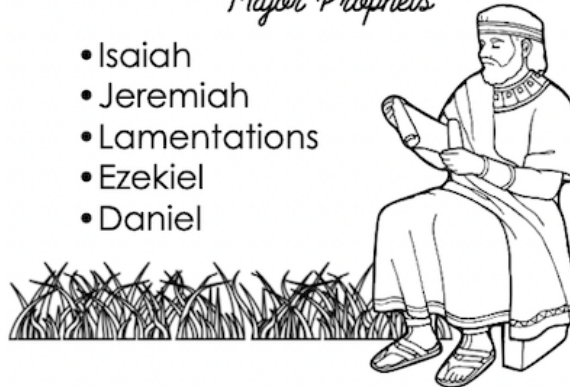
- Joshua
- Judges
- Ruth
- 1 Samuel
- 2 Samuel
- 1 Kings
- 2 Kings
- 1 Chronicles
- 2 Chronicles
- Ezra
- Nehemiah
- Esther



- Job
- Psalms
- Proverbs
- Ecclesiastes
- Song of Solomon

Major Prophets

- Isaiah
- Jeremiah
- Lamentations
- Ezekiel
- Daniel



Minor Prophets

- Hosea
- Joel
- Amos
- Obadiah
- Jonah
- Micah
- Nahum
- Habakkuk
- Zephaniah
- Haggai
- Zechariah
- Malachi

New Testament

Gospels

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John



Letters (Epistles)

- Romans
- 1 Corinthians
- 2 Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- 1 Thessalonians
- 2 Thessalonians
- 1 Timothy
- 2 Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon
- Hebrews
- James
- 1 Peter
- 2 Peter
- 1 John
- 2 John
- 3 John
- Jude



History

- Acts



Prophecy

- Revelation

Name: _____

Books of the Bible

C H O S E A H B K 1 O J N A H U M T R V R J A V
N 1 S A M U E L Y J E E F H J M A L A C H I E Y
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Malachi
Nahum
Joel
Jeremiah
Psalms
2 Chronicles
1 Samuel
Numbers

Zechariah
Micah
Hosea
Isaiah
Job
1 Chronicles
Ruth
Leviticus

Haggai
Jonah
Daniel
Song of Solomon
Esther
2 Kings
Judges
Exodus

Zephaniah
Obadiah
Ezekiel
Ecclesiastes
Nehemiah
1 Kings
Joshua
Genesis

Habakkuk
Amos
Lamentations
Proverbs
Ezra
2 Samuel
Deuteronomy



Learning to Trust

May

- Day 1: Proverbs 3:5-6
- Day 2: Psalm 9:9-10
- Day 3: Psalm 20:7-8
- Day 4: Psalm 112:7
- Day 5: Psalm 28:7
- Day 6: Proverbs 29:25
- Day 7: Proverbs 15:20
- Day 8: Joshua 1:9
- Day 9: Jeremiah 17:5-6
- Day 10: Jeremiah 17:7-8
- Day 11: Psalm 31:1-2
- Day 12: Psalm 37:3-4
- Day 13: Psalm 37:5
- Day 14: Psalm 55:22
- Day 15: Isaiah 26:3-4
- Day 16: Isaiah 40:28-29
- Day 17: Isaiah 40:30-31
- Day 18: Isaiah 41:10
- Day 19: Isaiah 41:13
- Day 20: Psalm 118:8-9
- Day 21: Psalm 91:1-2
- Day 22: Psalm 32:10-11
- Day 23: Psalm 56:3-4
- Day 24: John 10:27-28
- Day 25: John 14:1
- Day 26: John 16:33
- Day 27: Luke 8:48
- Day 28: Luke 11:9-10
- Day 29: Philippians 4:6-7
- Day 30: Romans 8:28
- Day 31: 1 John 5:14-15

Kingdom Bloggers

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1.	2.	3. 9:00 AM Rock Elm Spring Clean up Bring rakes and gloves	4.	5.	6.
7. Communion 9:00 AM Rock Elm In- Person Service 10:30 AM Elmwood Live Stream and In- Person Service 11:30 AM Charge POTLUCK 11:30am-2:00pm Youth Group @ Elmwood UMC	8.	9.	10. 5:30 PM Elmwood UMW Meeting 6:30 PM Elmwood Ad Counsel Meeting	11.	12.	13.
14. 9:00 AM Rock Elm In- Person Service 10:30 AM Elmwood Live Stream and In- Person Service 8th Grade Graduation and Mother's day	15.	16.	17.	18. 2:00 PM Worship service at the Heritage of Elmwood	19.	20. 10:00AM- 12:00 PM Farwell for Pastor Barb
21. 9:00 AM Rock Elm In- Person Service 10:30 AM Elmwood Live Stream and In- Person Service	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.
28. 9:00 AM Rock Elm In- Person Service 10:30 AM Elmwood Live Stream and In- Person Service	29.	30.	31.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #e0e0e0;"> <p>Submissions for the calendar and newsletter can be sent to by the 29th of each month: ereumc@gmail.com</p> </div>		

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.



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

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