



## Pastor's Piece

Dear Friends in Christ,

As hard as it is to admit, fall has arrived! I hope you are able to celebrate the beauty that surrounds us as the ever increasing pace of life continues. I know how easy it is to find oneself moving through all the responsibilities of family and work, and suddenly find yourself wondering where the time has gone. I believe God has placed the yearly seasons as a way of reminding us of time and space. God has given us stewardship over the abundance that this life brings. I think the changing seasons is part of the way God helps us bring order to life amidst all the opportunities.

My prayer for all of us is that we enter into this new season with a commitment to bring order out of chaos, to renew our relationship with God in Christ Jesus, and to prioritize our time to allow for our faith to grow. I look forward to spending time with all of you as we worship each Sunday, and work to build the Kingdom of God in our midst, and prayerfully consider how we will accomplish the mission Christ has called us to.

There are so many ways to accomplish this. Won't you join in helping to create a presence in our community that overflows with the love of God?

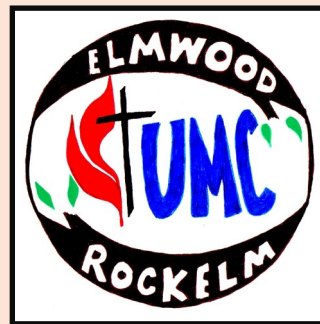
Shalom,

Pastor Meg

P.S. Our Confirmation/Youth Group will be starting again as well. One opportunity will be on October 21. We are invited to a Northwest District Youth Event at Hunt Hill. The day will begin at 10:00am with lots of activities, and if you choose to stay all day, there will be a moon light walk in the evening. Please let me know if your are interested in going!



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



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

**Meg Erickson, Pastor**

**Sunday Services:**  
Rock Elm 9:00 a.m.  
Elmwood 10:30 a.m.

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<http://www.ereumc.org/>

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Elm United Methodist Church

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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

## Revolutionary Forgiveness

by Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

For us, as Christians, reconciliation is a deeply spiritual matter, for the Bible challenges us with ways of healing and being that often run contrary to the teachings of our culture. In Matthew 5:43-48, Jesus says, "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Jesus doesn't leave any room for misinterpretation! We are to love and accept our enemies. We are to pray for the people who have hurt us. We are to treat others the way in which we want to be treated. We are to include every person as our neighbor.

This was radical teaching – and it remains radical, today! Consider the implications: loving those we would never want to befriend, much less spend time with or even break bread with! Loving the person who has preyed on the vulnerable? Forgive those who have hurt us?

The answer is a resounding "YES!" This is an opportunity for us to witness to the power of Jesus Christ in our individual lives and communal body. This ability to love as Jesus teaches us, speaks to the conviction of our faith, the living faith.

- We are called not only to who or what is easy to love – like a puppy or kitten. This is a transformative love that dwells within us from Christ, and flows to all, even the most challenging to love.
- This love is not naïve, blithely suspending reality. It is a love that chooses to act in the revolutionary ways of love, even as it fully recognizes that: harm that has been committed; the pain and anguish are real; and that alienation has occurred. Jesus beckons us to a state of love that forges into the future, and releases us into the newness of life in Christ.

Friends, we have a choice to make. We may choose to focus on a path that is led by our own efforts or those of God. We may focus on how you and I may love our enemies or how Jesus loved his. We may choose to be a forgiving and reconciled people.

*Prayer: Jesus, O Jesus, forgive us for not being a people of revolutionary forgiveness grounded in your love. We ask that our minds and hearts be receptive to the call of love, forgiveness and being one in you. Amen.*



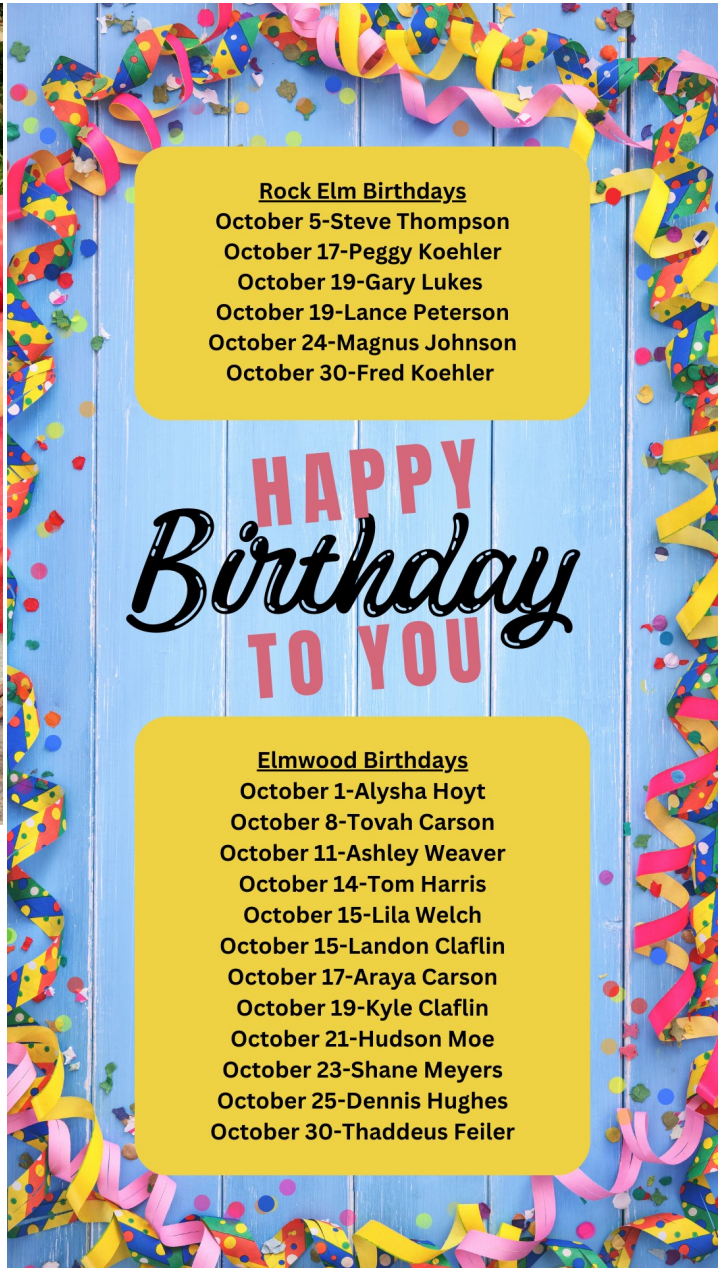
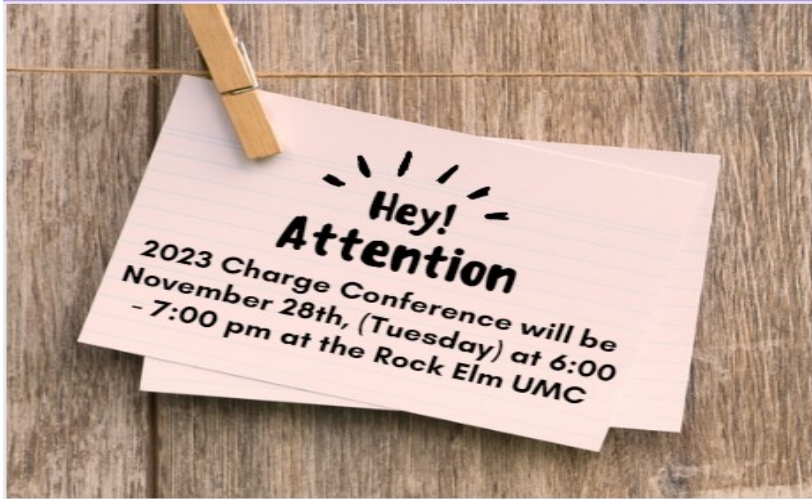
## ANNUAL CIDER MAKING AT FLORY FARM!

Sunday, October 8 at 1:00 p.m.  
Flory Farm: W 1467 530th, Ave. Elmwood

Bring a container to bring some cider home in and a snack to share. If you have backyard apples you want to crush bring them along also.

Also friends, family and neighbors are also welcome!  
It's good publicity for our churches.

Both Workers and watchers are welcome!



### Rock Elm Birthdays

- October 5-Steve Thompson
- October 17-Peggy Koehler
- October 19-Gary Lukes
- October 19-Lance Peterson
- October 24-Magnus Johnson
- October 30-Fred Koehler

HAPPY  
*Birthday*  
TO YOU

### Elmwood Birthdays

- October 1-Alysha Hoyt
- October 8-Tovah Carson
- October 11-Ashley Weaver
- October 14-Tom Harris
- October 15-Lila Welch
- October 15-Landon Claflin
- October 17-Araya Carson
- October 19-Kyle Claflin
- October 21-Hudson Moe
- October 23-Shane Meyers
- October 25-Dennis Hughes
- October 30-Thaddeus Feiler

# IN APPRECIATION OF MY PASTOR, I SUPPORT MY CHURCH

*It's Clergy Appreciation Month!*

**#IGive  
UMC**

## Happy Anniversary

Elmwood Anniversaries

- October 9  
*Julie & Dave Krings*
- October 14  
*Kyle & Elizabeth Claflin*

Rock Elm Anniversaries

- October 11  
*Peggy & Fred Koehler*





**Pierce County Historical Association,  
Pierce County Wisconsin**

A brand new program!! We are very excited to offer our first (of hopefully many) cemetery tours. Join us this fall on Saturday, October 28th at 10am for a history tour of Poplar Hill Cemetery in Rock Elm. Our guide will walk the group through the cemetery, sharing details of Rock Elm area's early settlers, including stories of the Ingalls family, pioneer stories in their own words, some tragedy, and a bit of local mayhem.

Tour admission \$20/person. Proceeds going to help fund the maintenance of the early settler's graves by our Rock Elm Old Settler's Club. Purchase your tickets in advance from our website store (link below) or RSVP to info@piercecounthistorical.org to save your spot and pay with cash at the event.

(Please note - Tour involves 60-90 minutes of walking/standing. Attendees should plan to arrive 10-15 minutes early to check-in)

For more Information and Tickets

Pierce County Historical Association Website: <https://piercecounthistorical.org/>

Tickets: [https://piercecounthistorical.org/product/poplar-hill-cemetery-tour?fbclid=IwAR2L8k\\_VMdfkww8AHjr\\_naONJyJT4gzPMS2qvlRMuzDMjQ2tcYYT2BkVgcY](https://piercecounthistorical.org/product/poplar-hill-cemetery-tour?fbclid=IwAR2L8k_VMdfkww8AHjr_naONJyJT4gzPMS2qvlRMuzDMjQ2tcYYT2BkVgcY)



THU, NOV 2 AT 12 PM At Rock Elm UMC

**Rock Elm Old Settlers Club Annual Meeting**



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

# HARVEST DINNER

TURKEY DINNER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS!

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023**  
**4:00 PM TO 6:30 PM**

**ELMWOOD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**307 SOUTH MAIN STREET, ELMWOOD, WI**

**DINE-IN OR CURBSIDE PICK-UP**  
 (NO PRESALES THIS YEAR)  
**\$12.00 - ADULTS**  
**\$6.00 - KIDS (AGES 5-12)**  
**KIDS 4 AND UNDER ARE FREE**

**CALL OR TEXT FOR DELIVERY IN AREA**  
 (DELIVERY IS FROM 4:00PM-5:30PM)  
**715-828-3559 OR 715-690-7965**

## 7 INSPIRING QUOTES BY Women of the Bible

..... Simple, Yet Beautiful .....

- 1 "GOD HAS MADE ME LAUGH..."  
 - Sarah (Genesis 21:6)
- 2 "I WILL GO."  
 - Rebekah (Genesis 24:58)
- 3 "THIS TIME I WILL PRAISE THE LORD."  
 - Leah (Genesis 29:35)
- 4 "THE LORD YOUR GOD, HE IS GOD IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE..."  
 - Rahab (Joshua 2:11)
- 5 "YOUR PEOPLE SHALL BE MY PEOPLE, AND YOUR GOD MY GOD."  
 - Ruth (Ruth 1:16)
- 6 "MY HEART EXULTS IN THE LORD..."  
 - Hannah (1 Samuel 2:1)
- 7 "BEHOLD, I AM THE SERVANT OF THE LORD..."  
 - Mary (Luke 1:38)

SEE THE FULL QUOTES AND LEARN MORE AT:  
[WWW.LIVINGFREEINDEED.COM](http://WWW.LIVINGFREEINDEED.COM)

### ELMWOOD COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS

October 1.....Potluck  
 October 8.....Elizabeth Claflin  
 October 15.....Char Kerg  
 October 22.....Tovah Carson  
 October 29.....Knegendorf Family

November 5.....Potluck  
 November 12.....Flanders Family  
 November 19.....Asher Family  
 November 26.....Hoyt Family

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!

*Coffee Time*



A PASTOR DEVOTED TO  
*giving so much,*  
 GOD ONLY KNOWS ALL THE  
 SOULS THAT YOU TOUCH.  
*Committed to serve*  
 WHEN YOU ANSWERED  
 GOD'S  
 CALL  
 YOU PROVE IT BY BEING  
*a servant to all.*

# YOUTH KICK OFF

**UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH  
NORTHWEST  
DISTRICT  
YOUTH**

**SATURDAY**  
OCTOBER 21ST, 2023  
12:00PM - 8:30PM

**HUNT HILL**  
N2384 HUNT HILL ROAD  
SARONA, WI 54870

**HIKING  
CANOEING  
FELLOWSHIP  
WORSHIP  
MEET DS  
GLOW HIKE**

**FALL KICK OFF TO CONFIRMATION**

TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION:  
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/NUJ8S8AK6QXHR5NCA](https://forms.gle/NUJ8S8AK6QXHR5NCA)

# Youth Group Dates Coming Soon!

Dear Friends,

The N.W. District Committee is planning our next District Wide Youth Event. Once again we will travel to Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary N2384 Hunt Hill Rd. Sarona, WI. ([hunthill.org](http://hunthill.org))

Our event starts at noon so bring your own bagged lunch. D.S. Peace will be at this event to introduce himself to everyone, family and youth! Pastor Samuel Subramanian will talk briefly on the upcoming trip to India, January 12th - 22nd, 2024. There will be hiking, canoeing, fellowship, scavenger hunt and snacks. At 6 pm - 8:30 pm, Hunt Hill is holding a "Glow Hike". This event will occur rain or shine. Cost \$5/person or \$20/family (up to 2 adults and 4 kids). For more details on the "Glow Hike", please go to: <https://hunthill.org/glow-hike/>. The N.W. District still has over \$500.00 of grant money to help out families so that they can attend and have "Family Fun"!

Sincerely,

The N.W. District Youth Committee - Pastor Paolo Vasquez, Pastor Samuel Subramanian, Pastor Hakki Min, Pastor Meg Erickson, Pastor Jean Waldron and Carrie Romsos

Hunt Hill II Link for video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaQ03xlr4Xs>

Sign up: <https://forms.gle/yLPybWNEXq2heq7j7>



## My Prayer List:

Ways I will pray for my family and friends:

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Ways I will pray for my world:

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Ways I will pray for my community:

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Ways I will pray for my church:

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Ways I will pray for myself:

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Ways God has answered my prayers:



# Prayer

Prayer- Communion with  
God as you seek to worship  
Him more deeply

## 30 DAYS IN THE WORD

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|--------|----------------------|--------|----------------------|
| Day 1  | Psalm 102:17         | Day 17 | Matthew 26:41        |
| Day 2  | James 5:13           | Day 18 | Proverbs 15:8        |
| Day 3  | James 1:7            | Day 19 | Psalm 17:6           |
| Day 4  | James 5:16           | Day 20 | 1 Timothy 2:1-2      |
| Day 5  | Ephesians 1:18       | Day 21 | Isaiah 59:2          |
| Day 6  | Romans 12:12         | Day 22 | Jude 1:20-23         |
| Day 7  | 2 Chronicles 7:14    | Day 23 | Psalm 141:2          |
| Day 8  | 1 John 5:14-15       | Day 24 | Psalm 145:18         |
| Day 9  | Ephesians 6:18       | Day 25 | Luke 21:36           |
| Day 10 | Jeremiah 29:12       | Day 26 | Luke 18:1            |
| Day 11 | Job 22:27            | Day 27 | Matthew 7:11         |
| Day 12 | John 17:15           | Day 28 | Luke 22:40           |
| Day 13 | 1 John 1:9           | Day 29 | 1 Thessalonians 5:17 |
| Day 14 | 1 Thessalonians 5:17 | Day 30 | Colossians 4:2       |
| Day 15 | Matthew 6:5-8        |        |                      |
| Day 16 | Matthew 5:44         |        |                      |

*Seeking God Daily*

READ AND PRAY ABOUT EACH  
VERSE. JOURNAL EACH  
DAY ABOUT WHAT GOD  
IS TEACHING YOU!



# October 2023

Submissions for the calendar and newsletter can be sent to by the 29th of each month: [ereumc@gmail.com](mailto:ereumc@gmail.com)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. <b>WORLD 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	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
8. <b>9:00 AM</b> Rock Elm In-Person Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Elmwood Live Stream and In-Person Service <b>1:00-3:00 PM</b> Apple Cider making at the Flory's	9.	10.	11. <b>6:00 PM</b> Elmwood UMW Meeting  <b>7:00 PM</b> Elmwood Ad Council Meeting	12.	13.	14.
15. <b>9:00 AM</b> Rock Elm In-Person Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Elmwood Live Stream and In-Person Service	16.	17.	18. <b>9:00 AM</b> Rock Elm Ad Council Meeting (Tentative time)  <b>6:00-8:00 PM</b> Confirmation Class	19.	20.	21. <b>12:00-8:30PM</b> District Wide Youth Event Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
22. <b>9:00 AM</b> Rock Elm In-Person Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Elmwood Live Stream and In-Person Service <b>1:00-3:00 PM</b> Circuit 7 & 8 Laity Planning Even Trinity UMC Elm Mound, WI	23.	24.	25. <b>4:00-6:30 PM</b> Harvest Dinner at Elmwood UMC	26.	27.	28. <b>10:00 AM</b> Poplar Hill Cemetery Tour
29. <b>9:00 AM</b> Rock Elm In-Person Service <b>10:30 AM</b> Elmwood Live Stream and In-Person Service	30.	31.				

# AUTHORIZATION FORM

Elmwood United Methodist Church

For: Donations, Tithes and Offerings



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**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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