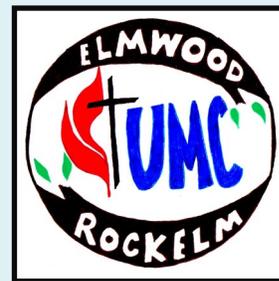




# The Good News



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A Newsletter for the  
Elmwood and Rock Elm  
United Methodist Churches

Dear Friends,

We find ourselves in strange times. We hear this virus that has us staying home being compared to the Spanish Flu of 1918. It too swept through the country and even the President of the United States contracted it. The country survived that time and I know we will survive this time.

I have witnessed people working with each other and cooperating in a way that warms my heart. I have witnessed you being the church for others even though we are practicing social distancing. Our school children are having classes online, and this week we will be attempting confirmation and Bible study via ZOOM (video conferencing). As we get used to this new way of doing things we will continue being the church. I thank God that we have technology that allow us to do things in ways they couldn't even dream of in 1918.

One of the things I hold onto in times like these is that God is still as God always has been. God saw us through 1918, SARS and MERS in 2003, N1H1 in 2009 and will see us through this new pandemic. "Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress." Psalm 71:3

On other news, we will continue to offer Sunday services via You Tube. I am planning to expand the service to include music and prayers. If you have specific prayers that you would like me to pray for please send an email to [ereumc@gmail.com](mailto:ereumc@gmail.com). I will not mention names on the You Tube because it is a public channel and I want to protect privacy. However, we will have a time of prayer and know that I know the names and God knows as we pray together. Many of you have offered feedback and suggestions. Thank you for those. I have even received comments from people who live away and don't normally come to our services. This has opened up new possibilities for us and we might continue this even after we are able to hold normal services again.

Also, please consider your donations. The church will still need to function financially. You may mail your donations to P.O Box 52, Elmwood, WI 54740, or you may use the giving feature on our website, [ereumc.org/online-giving](http://ereumc.org/online-giving). At the Elmwood church you also have the option of signing up for our EFT or auto-giving service. There is a form later in this newsletter. You can fill it out and send it to the church PO box. Thank you for your continued support of your church.

Be sure to care for each other. You are all precious in His sight and you caring for one another is a precious sacrifice that God honors. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

May God keep you and bless and surround you with His peace.

Pastor Mike

## Sunday Services:

Rock Elm 9:00

Elmwood 10:30

Michael Weaver, Pastor

Jeanne Friedell, Secretary

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## OF INTEREST

- Sunday school for elementary children during worship service
- United Methodist Women
- Contemporary and traditional music
- Open minds, open doors, open hearts

## Our Mission Statement

**Connecting** - Inviting new people, welcoming them into the life of the church with active hospitality.

**Growing** –Providing opportunities to experience meaningful worship and to grow in one's faith.

**Serving** - Risk-taking mission and service in the community.

Check out our web-site: [ereumc.com](http://ereumc.com)



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## Easter Week Schedule

April 5	Palm Sunday via Virtual Church
April 9	Maundy Thursday Service-Cancelled
April 10	Good Friday Service-Cancelled
April 12	Easter Sunrise Service-Cancelled
	Easter Service via Via Virtual Church

# CONNECTING, GROWING, SERVING

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

Deuteronomy 7:9

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## GIVING

*The love of money is the root of all evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. (1 Timothy 6:10)*

Rev. Molly Baskette has written an interesting devotional ([www.ucc.org/daily\\_devotional\\_the\\_burden\\_of\\_money](http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional_the_burden_of_money)) in which she states that, "Church people often tell me that money is a private matter, but what they really practice with money is secrecy, not privacy."The problem, according to Pastor Baskette, is that fear, shame and secrecy about money do the work of evil just as much as our love of it.

Yes, some things need to be secret: like the recipe for Coca Cola or the identities of spies. However, many of our institutional practices at church become distorted because we, the members, have unhealthy relationships with money. We may think of the person who loves money as a monumental striver, always trying to get richer, never having enough. But those who love money also may long for more and then feel ashamed of that longing, or they may not balance their checkbook and live in fear of the debt collector (and feel ashamed), or may desire to be generous, but cannot let go (and feel ashamed).

We want to keep these things secret. But, shame is not a healthy relationship with money and secrecy is not a healthy relationship with God or our fellow Christians. The Lenten/ Easter season is a good time to recognize our shortcomings, confess them to God, ourselves, and maybe others, and to repent. That is, to try to do things differently in the future.

Many United Methodist churches provide courses on personal finance and getting out of debt. If yours does not, please contact us at the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation.

*Jim Wells, Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation*

# Birthdays and Anniversaries: April

## Birthdays-Rock Elm

10 Zoe Peterson  
 15 Jenny Bechel  
 18 Betty Olson, Kelli Miller  
 21 Kain Peterson  
 26 Dayn, Drew & Dylan Lukes  
 29 Pat Ginsbach

## Birthdays-Elmwood

4 Tessa Asher  
 10 Mike Christman  
 16 Ryden Carson  
 19 Samuel Hoyt  
 26 Joshua Ginsbach  
 27 Addie Morrell  
 29 Wayne Larson



## Anniversaries-Elmwood

9 Tim & Heather Shock  
 29 Doug & Marie Gavin

### Daily Scripture Readings

April 1 Judges 6:11-16	April 9 2 Peter 3:1-9	April 17 Genesis 15:5-15	April 25 Psalm 119:105-112
April 2 Isaiah 43:1-3	April 10 Luke 18:15-17	April 18 1 John 3:1-3	April 26 John 14:15-31
April 3 Psalm 105:1-6	April 11 Matthew 28:1-10	April 19 John 20:11-22	April 27 2 Timothy 4:1-8
April 4 2 Corinthians 5:16-21	April 12 Philippians 3:7-11	April 20 Psalm 23:1-6	April 28 Psalm 118:5-9
April 5 John 17:13-26	April 13 Psalm 16:5-11	April 21 Luke 22:39-43	April 29 Matthew 20:29-34
April 6 Psalm 34:1-8	April 14 Colossians 3:12-17	April 22 Numbers 11:21-30	April 30 Micah 6:6-8
April 7 Revelation 22:1-5	April 15 2 Corinthians 12:7-10	April 23 2 Kings 5:1-15	
April 8 1 Peter 2:18-24	April 16 Matthew 8:23-27	April 24 2 Corinthians 4:11-5:4	

## April Calendar

Because of the uncertainty caused by the Corona Virus, we request that you consult the calendar on our Website for updates to the church schedule. Go to [ereumc.org](http://ereumc.org), and choose the “News and Events” tab.

## Staying Connected

Our Sunday worship services are now being done by Virtual Church. Virtual Church are a collection of video recordings of worship services conducted by Pastor Mike. They will be made available each week. You can access them from your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Each week we will send out an email with the link to the latest video. You can also access them through our Facebook page (the Facebook page is also accessible from the website [ereumc.org](http://ereumc.org)). You can go to You Tube and search for Elmwood Rock Elm United Methodist Church Wisconsin and find the channel there. (Be aware that there are other Elmwood UMCs. You want the one in Wisconsin. )



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Elmwood WI

Rock Elm UMC located at:  
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Elmwood WI

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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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